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places and faces

THE FORMAL swearing in of Michael Reddy as the Wayne-Westland school board's newest member has been postponed to Tuesday night, Nov. 13.

Reddy, appointed to a board vacancy Tuesday, was originally scheduled to have been installed tonight.

LOCAL ATHLETES did well in the recent Michigan soccer tournament held for disabled youngsters as part of the state's Special Olympics.

The Eagles II team, coached by John and Chad Gwizdak with skills instruction handled by Carol Painter and Marlene McGee, won the first-place gold medal in the tournament held at the General Motors Technical Center in Warren.

Making up the team were Kelli Donnell Dikes, Danny Gregory, and Cristle Gwizdak, Jeff Kessler, Brent Killingbeck, Michael Lundy, John McHugh, Marlana Miaszkowski, Roy Mohrlock, John Norton, Aaron Shackelford, Jennifer Tamas, Paul Reed, Michael Woodman, Neal Woodman, Jimmie Lankton, Charlie Peter, Rachel Gwizdak, Todd Gwizdak, and Nicole Dittmar.

From the Northwest ARC (Association of Retarded Citizens) unit, the Lazars and Blazars each won the second place silver medals in their categories.

The Special Olympics is a year-round community-based program of sports training and competition for mentally impaired children and adults. In Michigan, more than 20,000 athletes take part in Special Olympics.

REMEMBER DENNY McLain, the Detroit Tigers' 31-game winner in the 1968 championship year?

Besides appearing on a local cable-TV sports program, McLain will come to Westland on Sunday, Dec. 2, to take part in a baseball cards/comic book show at which the items will be sold and/or traded.

Other guests will be Jeff Albrecht, William Messner-Loeb, Matt Feazell, and Tim Dzon.

The event, sponsored by the Wayne-Westland Citizens of Education, will have its show held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Bailey Recreation Center, on Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

Admission fee is \$2 with no charge for autographs.

Table rentals are \$30 each with interested persons to call 721-4469 for information.

MARGE STAUDENBAUR of Westland won the runner-up title in the Impromptu Speech Contest held on a district level by Toastmasters International.

The event was held recently in Monroe.

Staudenbauer represented the Holy Smoke Master Toastmaster Club of Westland.

She also joined with fellow club-member Jeanette Litogot, who won the runner-up position in the humorous speech competition.

The Westland club swept three of four titles earlier in the month in the area contests, held to qualify clubs for the division competition.

The Holy Smokes Club holds a dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays in Denny's Restaurant, on Wayne Road at Cowan, Westland.

City's cable drama isn't on television

By Leonard Pogor
editor

The hottest drama in Westland won't be seen on local TV screens.

The drama is a behind-the-scenes dispute over claims that Continental Cablevision violated its franchise agreement with the city.

The company has denied the claims, said Kayelen Perry, general manager of the firm's Westland and Dearborn Heights systems.

The allegations were made by Dennis Fas-

sett of Cable Management Associates, a private consultant retained by the city to monitor the agreement. He summarized his views in a memo to City Council President Thomas Brown two weeks ago.

The city attorney's office agreed. In a July 1989 letter to then-Mayor Charles Griffin, assistant city attorney Keith Madden said that the company violated the agreement by falling short of minimum local programming requirements.

THE COUNCIL recently held a study session with Continental officials and Mayor Robert Thomas to discuss the company's performance.

Commenting on charges that the Continental installed a smaller cable system than promised, Perry said that the technology to provide a system with greater channel capacity wasn't available when the system was built in 1984.

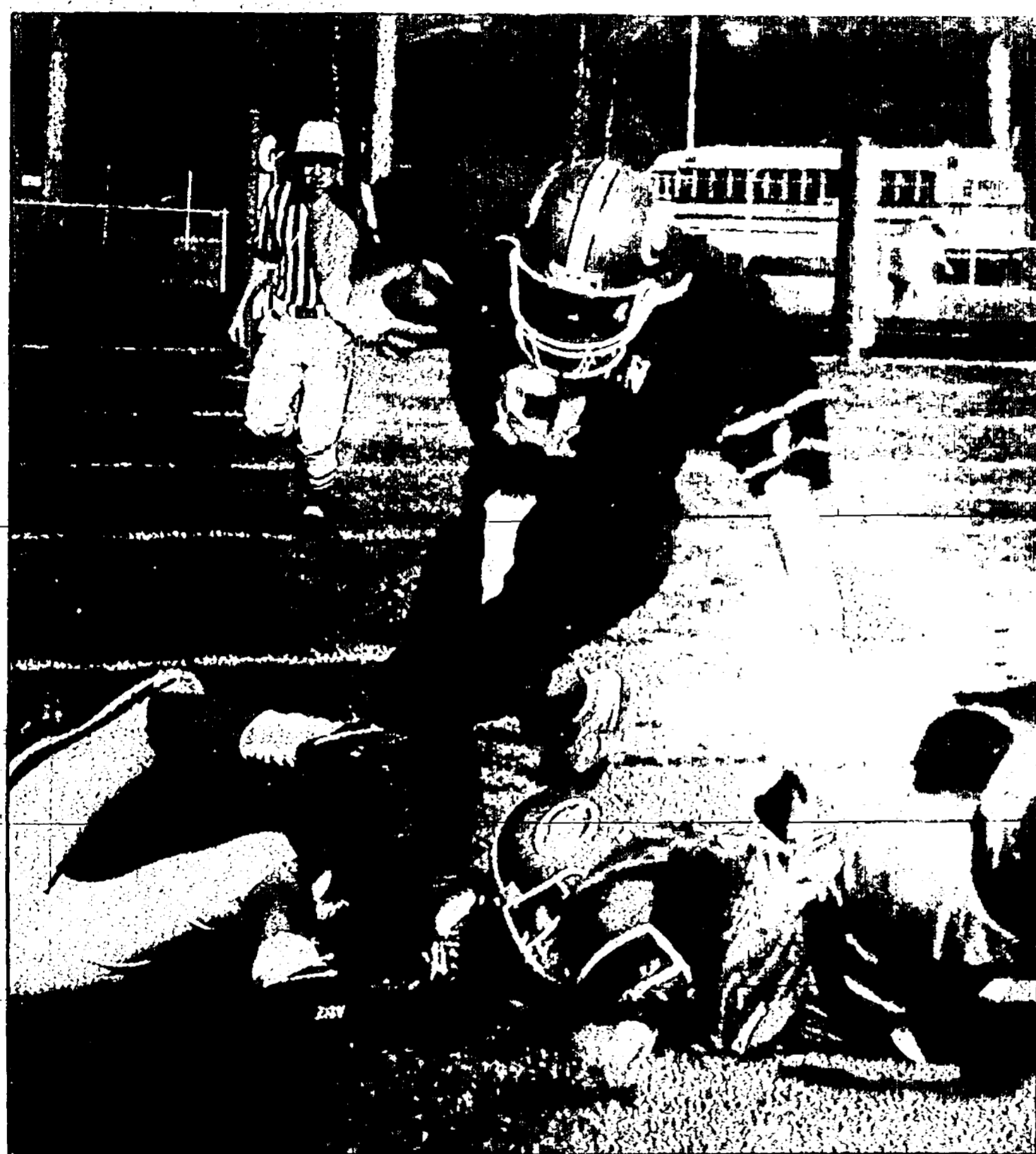
She said the city was notified of the change

in plans at the time the community was being wired.

Perry stressed that cable technology has changed substantially since the Westland system was built and that there will be many more changes in the next five years.

"It doesn't make any sense and there is no reason to modify the system now," said Perry, noting that 58 of the 60 channels are programmed.

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Glenn season ends

ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Westland John Glenn running back Tad Quatlander finds the going tough Saturday as Plymouth Canton shut down the Rockets attack in their Class AA Region II semifinal

playoff game. The visiting Chiefs foiled a late comeback by Glenn to hand the Rockets a 22-16 defeat. For more on the game please turn to Page 1C.

Halloween holdup no treat for store

By Todd Schnelder
staff writer

It was a trick but no treat for two employees at the Hollywood Video store when a gunman wearing a gorilla mask and his accomplice made off with \$2,310 in a Halloween-night robbery.

A Westland police detective said Friday that such crimes are not uncommon.

"People just figure they can pull something like that and then blend right in with the scenery," said Detective Sgt. Lennis Hayes.

Hayes said he is just beginning his investigation into the robbery and that there are no suspects.

Robert Curtin, manager of the video store at 2370 S. Wayne Road, said Wednesday's robbery was "the first time we've had any trouble in

the three years we've been here."

Another man owned the store without problem for two years before that, he said.

A store employee told police the masked man came up to the cash register at 8:50 p.m. Wednesday and announced the holdup. The bandit pulled a dark handgun, possibly a .38-caliber revolver, from his jeans and demanded "all of the money," the employee said.

AFTER THE clerk opened the cash register, the gunman ordered him and a second employee to lie on the floor while he came around and scooped up \$310 in cash, the clerk told police.

While they were on the floor, the workers heard a second man beckon the gunman into a back room.

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Airport expansion is hot county race

By Wayne Pool
staff writer

There are dozens of candidates on the Wayne County ballot, but the hottest race involves a bond issue for airport expansion.

Pro- and anti-expansion forces will be campaigning through election day in a race that could come down to a few hundred votes.

"Our polls show it could be very close," said deputy Wayne County Executive Michael Duggan, who is heading the pro-expansion forces.

"Right now, it looks like a dead heat."

AT ISSUE is \$100 million in bonds for Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport.

Through an often-overlooked provision of state bond law, a citizens group opposed to airport noise was able to circulate petitions — ultimately putting the issue on the ballot.

Since then, county officials have picked up endorsements from area

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Principal: Cooperation builds success

By Leonard Pogor
editor

Paul Derwich feels that a successful school must have a partnership of parents and teachers working together.

Principal of Nankin Mills Elementary School since early 1988, Derwich said he doesn't believe in the "trickle down" theory of management in which the person at the top sends orders down through the organization.

"The 'trickle down' theory doesn't work in education," Derwich said. "I need the opinions of the teachers, parents and students to assess the school's needs."

"Then we set priorities and in that way, everyone buys in (to the programs)."

AS PART of his strategy to devel-



Paul Derwich (right), who joined with teachers, students and school administrators in donning construction crew hard hats during a groundbreaking ceremony, likes to talk about building a partnership at Nankin Mills Elementary School.

people

op his school partnership, Derwich, 45, puts a high priority in providing a visible role model.

There were two recent examples last week.

Tuesday, he presided over a ground breaking ceremony for the school's instructional materials center, to be completed next summer.

He donned a construction worker's hard hat and made sure that students played key roles in the ceremony.

The next day, he donned a genuine surgical suit to portray a medical doctor in the school's annual Hallow-

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Mediator to join district's contract talks

A state mediator will join contract talks between the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and the union representing its teachers beginning Thursday, school officials said.

No further bargaining sessions had been scheduled beyond that, however, Superintendent Dennis O'Neill said Friday.

"We want to see how (the initial session with the mediator) goes and we'll go on from there," O'Neill said.

"We want to do anything we can to get the situation resolved."

Charles Jamerson, of the Michigan Employment Relations Commission, has been assigned as mediator for the talks.

JAMERSON WAS unavailable for comment Friday, said a spokeswoman at the MERC office in Detroit.

The mediator was requested by teachers during

an Oct. 29 union meeting at Wayne Memorial High School.

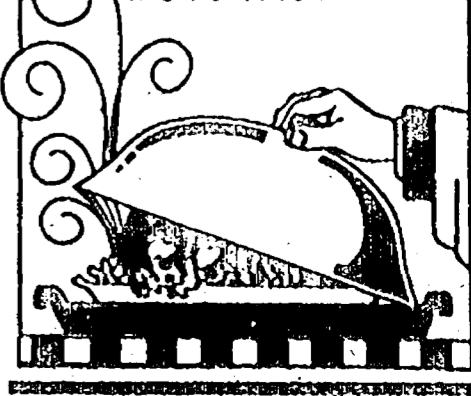
The teachers voted to keep working, but authorized a strike if talks break down.

Some 1,050 full- and part-time members of the Wayne-Westland Education Association have been working without a contract since the start of the school year on Aug. 27.

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Consultant Mark McPherson, director of Daedalos Investigating agency in Grosse Ile, was among a group of people who tried to contact Houdini's spirit 12 years ago, during a seance in the Detroit hospital room where the magician died.



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer

Mystery still haunts the death of Houdini

By Amy Rosa
staff writer

Warning: This should not be read alone, at night, while fierce winds howl, and particularly by the flickering flame of your jack-o'-lantern.

Unless, of course, you're brave enough to curl up with a good ghost story as it was meant to be read.

This is the tale of the Great Harry Houdini, and his mysterious death in Detroit on Halloween 1926. But there is a new twist to this old ghost story, including the appearance of the magician's ghost 12 years ago, and the circumstances surrounding his death in the old Grace Hospital.

As history tells it, Houdini essentially came to Detroit to die that October 54 years ago. Houdini, hailed as the greatest magician and escape artist of all time, had come by train from a show in Montreal. But he was very sick when he arrived, having been diagnosed with acute appendicitis.

How Houdini got appendicitis in the first place is an interesting aside. According to the book "Death and the Magician", while in Montreal, Houdini was visited in his dressing room by a student named J. Gordon Whitehead, who wanted to know if it was true that Houdini could take the hardest punch in his stomach without harm. Houdini had often accepted such a challenge.

But before Houdini had time to brace himself, Whitehead punched him in the stomach with all his strength and struck him three times

more. The student eventually had to be pulled off by others. Houdini's soreness gave way to pain and then agony, and by the time he arrived in Detroit he could barely stand.

But the stubborn magician, loath to disappoint a sell-out crowd, refused to be hospitalized until after his show here. The 52-year-old's performance was unmatched, and what it cost him no one knew. Audience members never suspected it would be his last show.

IT MAY NOT, HOWEVER, have been his last Detroit appearance.

On Oct. 31, 1978 a group of people held a seance at Harper-Grace Hospital in room 401, the room where Houdini died. Those present, a mixed bunch of believers and skeptics, wanted to try contacting Houdini's spirit in that death room before the entire wing was to be torn down. Appropriately they called it "The last Houdini seance." They also claim to have succeeded.

One of the 10 people present was Grosse Ile's Mark McPherson, who essentially led the seance. McPherson, a long-time Houdini scholar and now investigator of mysteries and psychic phenomenon, was himself a skeptic. Yet he searched for spiritual "proof" of the life beyond.

Recounting that day 12 years ago, McPherson said the group made contact not only with Houdini, but two of his friends as well — Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Harry Price. Doyle, of course, was the creator of Sherlock Holmes, and Price was a

student of ESP and the occult.

Those three men have always interested McPherson, he said, because they were students of spiritualism and psychic phenomenon. Doyle and Price were devout believers, while Houdini spent much of his life trying to debunk psychics. Secretly, though, Houdini had always hoped to find a true psychic who would put him in touch with his beloved dead mother. Both Houdini and Doyle promised they would find a way to come back after their deaths.

Among other things, Houdini, who was reached under his birth name Ehrich Weiss, told the gathering he would be reborn as his own great-grandnephew, to bring the world even more dazzling feats of magic and escape artistry.

Houdini also said that many of his escape tricks were performed through "bilocation" — the ability to be in two places at the same time. Many had always believed he possessed supernatural powers, even though while alive he denied this.

The disappearance of Houdini in Detroit on Halloween 54 years ago remains a mystery to many who have followed the career of the man hailed as the greatest escape artist.



The Great Harry Houdini, early 20th century magician and escape artist, incorporated death-defying bridge jumps into his acts. The first bridge jump he ever attempted was in Detroit in 1906, from the Belle Isle Bridge.

4 face drug, gambling charges in plant probe

By Joe Bauman
staff writer

A three-month undercover investigation at the General Motors Delco Products plant in Livonia ended Wednesday with the arrest of four employees on narcotics and gambling charges.

The investigation was conducted by an undercover plant informant working in conjunction with police intelligence bureau officers.

The plant, on Eckles between Schoolcraft and Plymouth, employs many western Wayne County residents.

Police said the four arrested were:

- Norman Davis, 49, of Detroit, charged with four counts of delivery of cocaine;

- Michael Golmski, 36, of Livonia, charged with two counts of delivery of LSD;

- Betty Woods, 35, of Detroit, charged with two counts of cocaine delivery;

- Charlie Williams, 40, of Detroit, charged with one count of violating the city's gambling ordinances.

NOT GUILTY pleas were entered on behalf of the four defendants at their arraignments Wednesday before 16th District Court Judge James McCann. Preliminary examinations are scheduled for Thursday.

A fifth employee, Nicholas Curry, 30, of Romulus, arrested outside of the Delco plant in October, in connection with the investigation, has pleaded not guilty to four counts of delivery of LSD, said Livonia police Sgt. Pete Kunst.

Curry also faces a preliminary examination on the charges in Livonia district court later this month.

All of the charges, except for the gambling offense, are felonies.

Kunst said General Motors placed an informant in the facility posing as an employee in an attempt to gather information about a homicide that took place inside the plant in January, as well as report on any narcotics and gambling activities there.

"It was our understanding that the person's primary function was to try to gather information about the homicide, and that secondary to that was to investigate other offenses. We were able to build a case against the employees on information provided

by the individual inside the plant."

KUNST SAID the undercover investigator made several narcotics buys inside the plant and also became involved in an illegal numbers game.

Arresting officers confiscated small amounts of cocaine and marijuana during the arrests, and Kunst said police believe the numbers operation involved at least \$300 a day.

"The arrests Wednesday closed this phase of the investigation," Kunst said.

It is not known whether the informant was successful in uncovering any information regarding the Jan. 14 shooting death of Jason Bickel of Westland.

Bickel, a 22-year-old security guard at the building, was found laying in a hallway in the office area of the plant shortly after he responded to an alarm on an open door.

Bickel had been fatally shot once in the head at contact range. The victim had taken a new job and was working his last shift at the Delco plant when he was gunned down.

No arrests have been made in the homicide, and police are continuing their investigation.

Residents express concern over future school financing on survey

By Mario Chestney
staff writer

A majority of the 403 residents who completed a telephone survey for the Livonia school district in September believe that the biggest problems facing the district in the years ahead will be financial.

In the survey, the district's finances topped such other educational concerns as curriculum development and drug abuse as the top challenge for the district in the years ahead.

"There's no question, that is a very immediate concern," said Superintendent Joseph Marinelli, whose district includes the northern section of Westland.

"But if they perceive we're spending money wisely, they'll be willing to finance the district."

THAT BELIEF appears to be

Livonia School District

The Livonia School District includes the northern section of Westland.

borne out by the residents' answer to another question on the survey, what should the district do if it continues to lose state aid?

One-third of the residents said the district should ask for more millage.

Another one-third said the district should cut its costs by tightening its belt.

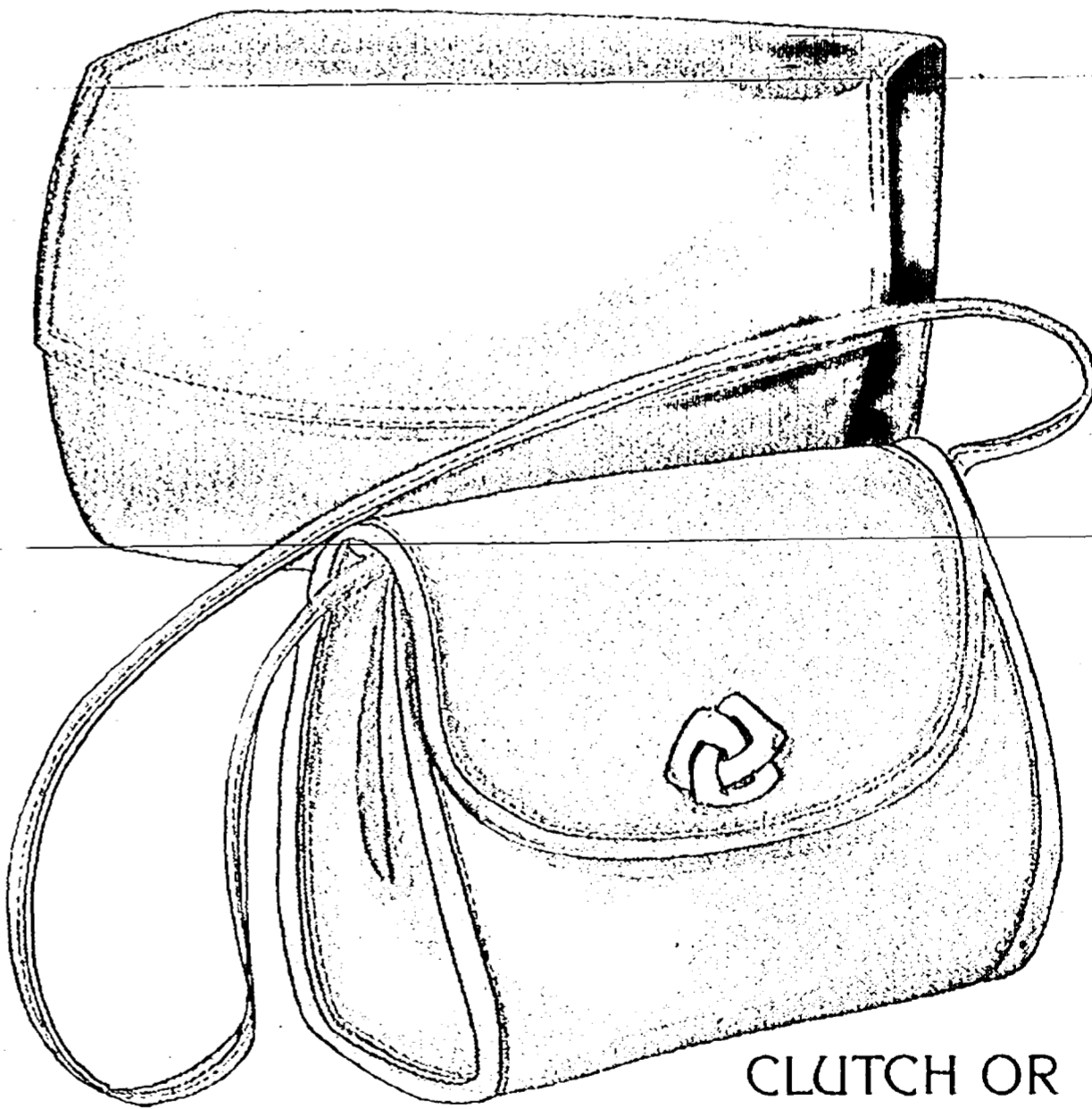
And the last one-third couldn't say how the district should solve the problem.

The survey is one of the tools school officials will use to make sure the district is on the right educational path toward the 21st century.

Through the survey, school officials hope to learn how residents want to see the school system changed.

Five of the questions on the survey dealt with finances. More than half the residents answering the survey rated Livonia as being either excellent or good in the way it handles its finances.

"Livonia citizens are more positive than their counterparts around the state in judging how well the schools manage their money," said Ned Hubbell, who developed and conducted the survey for the Michigan Department of Education's Project Outreach.



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Consultant says cable firm breaking its pact with city

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One problem, according to Thomas, is poor communications between Fasset and the cable company. Thomas said that problem will "weigh heavily" on his recommendation to the council on whether Fasset's contract should be renewed.

The contract expires next March 1, but can be canceled with 90 days' notice.

THE MAYOR said the problem between Fasset and Continental seems to be due to a "personality difference" and that the relationship "hasn't gotten better" in recent months.

Continental told the city that "it didn't want to deal" with Fasset and that it "couldn't communicate" with him, Thomas said.

"I told Continental that we need to resolve the problem and not to get into a battle or fight over it," he added.

"I realize there is a friction between Continental and Fasset, which makes it difficult to find out if there are any violations or if the company owes us anything."

Thomas added that he intends to meet in the next few weeks with city attorney Charles Bokos to discuss the dispute over the franchise agreement, determine if there were any violations, and determine the city's options.

Then the city administration will meet with Continental to discuss the problem.

While he wouldn't elaborate on a possible course of action, Thomas did say that Fasset's suggestion that the city has lost several million dollars in cable services "is not correct."

In his Oct. 18 letter to the council president, Fasset said Continental built a system with a capacity of 60 channels instead of the 76 channels called for in the agreement.

THE AGREEMENT, Fasset said, also requires 520 hours a year of local programming, or 10 hours a week.

Fasset declined to discuss the franchise agreement dispute with Continental, saying only that the city "is discussing what position it should take."

In a legal opinion issued July 18, 1989, the city attorney's law firm said that the company violated the agreement and caused "a breach of contract."

Fasset claimed in his memo to the council that the "lost programming Westland residents are not receiving has a value of over \$2 million over the life of the franchise."

He also claimed that the company "saved the additional \$3.7 million cost associated with building the 76-channel system," quoting a company official.

Halloween holdup no treat

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The pair ransacked the storeroom and stole \$2,000 from a night deposit drawer before fleeing through the back door, the employees told police.

Curtin, who said he wasn't present during the robbery, said his employ-

ees told him the masked man had been in the store a few minutes earlier.

"First he came in alone and there was some joking about trick-or-treat and wasn't he kind of old to be dressed like that," Curtin said.

"Then he left the store and came

back with the other guy."

The gunman was described by the employees as white, 5 feet 9 inches tall with a medium build. He was wearing a white T-shirt and jeans, they said.

Neither employee could provide a description of his accomplice, police said.

Volunteers sought for tax story

We need volunteers to help us with a story trying to chronicle how tax hikes to cut the budget deficit will affect our residents.

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Generally, we are looking for

three different type of family units to track spending habits for our readers: a couple with school-age children, a single working person, and a retired person or couple.

While Congress has yet to come up with a specific plan, tax increases are expected to be part of everyone's budget.

Program planned for single parents

"Bouncing Back," a four-part program designed to help single parents overcome the hurt and confusion after a divorce or break-up of a relationship, will start Tuesday night.

The program, open to the public without charge, will take place on the consecutive Tuesday nights of Nov. 6, 13, 20 and 27 at Westland's Stottlemeyer Elementary School, on Marquette, one-half mile south of

Ford and four blocks east of Wayne Road.

Planned and sponsored by the Huron Valley Regional Council of the Parents Without Partners, the program will take place 7:30-9 p.m.

THE WORKSHOPS are designed to be a non-professional support group for the divorced or separated. Speakers at the workshops will be

people who attended similar programs and were trained as facilitators.

The speakers will deal with the different backs of "bouncing back," said Kelly Gorney, PWP council spokeswoman.

For more information about the program, contact Gorney at 532-1088 during the evening.

obituaries

ELAINE MARIE FIXLER

Services for Mrs. Fixler, 66, of Westland were Oct. 31 from the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, with the Rev. H. Dalton Meyers of Covenant Com-

munity Church, Redford, officiating. Interment was in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

Mrs. Fixler died Oct. 28 in Garden City Hospital.

Survivors are her husband, Glenn; two sons, Robert and Thomas; daughter, Carol Ellen Wendt; five grandchildren; and two brothers, Edward and Charles Berg.

and G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City, with Pastor Jerry Yarnell of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton officiating. Burial was at Parkview Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Pike died Oct. 25 in Garden City Hospital.

A homemaker, she was a Garden City resident for 38 years. She was a member of UAW Ford Retirees Local 182 and enjoyed bowling.

Survivors are her daughter, Patricia Blair; son, Leighton; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and sister, Bess Verboncouer.

GRACIE BELL PIKE

Services for Mrs. Pike, 81, of Garden City were Oct. 30 from the R.G.

community calendar

GARDEN CLUB

Monday, Nov. 5 - The Garden City Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. in the Log Cabin at Garden City Park, Cherry Hill at Merriman. The meeting will feature a canning demonstration by Georgia and Ageline Scappatucci. For information, call Jan at 422-0884 or Daisy at 427-5365.

FRANKLIN BOOSTERS

Tuesday, Nov. 6 - Franklin High School Vocal Music Boosters will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 508 in the school.

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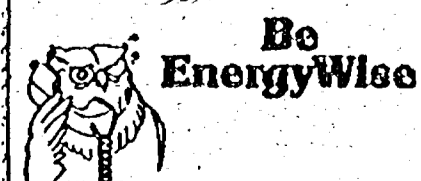
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Drunk driving laws' effectiveness questioned

By Janice Brunson
staff writer

On the eve of enacting tougher drunk driving laws in Michigan, critics suggest new laws are unnecessary, will not target repeat offenders who pose the greatest danger on the highways and may be unconstitutional.

The proposal, a reform package of five bills now under consideration by the state Senate, includes provisions that empower police to confiscate driving licenses prior to conviction and limits judicial discretion in sentencing.

Tougher laws are needed, according to Rep. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, because "judges are not exacting middle-range punishments. This ups minimum sentences for a serious crime that should be treated more seriously. Drunk driving is not victimless."

Honigman is chairman of the

House committee that approved the package and sent it to the full House for final approval.

Birmingham attorney Robert Larin said existing laws are adequate and reform, if enacted as proposed, will result in "legal terror," because of a "tremendous opportunity for abuse."

Under the new law, motorists stopped for drunk driving must automatically submit to a breath test or lose their license on the spot, whether they are legally intoxicated or under the influence.

Breathalyzers, Larin said, are owned and certified by state police. Training to operate them is restricted by law to police officers. Although the tests are extremely sensitive, double testing for accuracy ceased two years ago.

SUCH A LAW "lets the officer make two judgments that the defendant is drunk and there is no right to refuse a breath test," said Livonia

district judge Robert Brzezinski.

"These are points to be decided by a judge and jury. That's why we're elected, to determine the facts and find the truth. Defendants have a right to explain their side."

"Everybody's against drunk driving. But let judges do their work. If the legislature wants to take over, they should do it, but then don't expect us to rubber stamp everything they enact," Brzezinski added.

Farmington Hills district judge Frederick Harris said that if enacted, "the constitutionality of the law will ultimately have to be decided in the courts. I'm sure it will be tested."

Both judges said present sentences for drunk driving offenses reflect judicial discretion and are based upon sentencing guidelines established in Michigan's circuit and recorder courts.

New reform legislation would eliminate judicial discretion in sen-

tencing, including the important area of restricting driving privileges. The proposal calls for an automatic 30-day suspension. (It also calls for a mandatory 48 hours in jail and 10 days community service for second convictions, up to 15 years in prison if the event of a death as the result of an accident, and up to five years in prison in the event of incapacitating injury.)

REFORM CRITICS say automatic suspensions of 30 days will create a new category of unlicensed motorists. Those favoring reform say the law will reverse the tendency by judges to impose lax sentences.

Sentencing trends since 1987, however, are towards harsher sentences, based on figures maintained by Michigan State Police.

During the past three years, the average fine for drunk driving has gone from no fine in 1987 to \$400 in 1989. In the same period, the aver-

age fine for impaired driving has nearly doubled, from \$300 to \$500.

In addition, full or partial suspension of driving privileges remained steady from 1987 to 1989 — 180 days for drunk driving and 90 days for impaired driving.

In an analysis of drunk driving in Michigan, Marilyn Peterson of the House Legislative Analysis Section said figures in recent years indicate fewer arrests for drunk driving and declining traffic-related death rates. Still, alcohol continues to figure in half of all fatal accidents, drinking either by the driver or a passenger, she said.

Opponents and proponents of reform agree harsher laws are unlikely to affect repeat offenders.

"The real deterrent is the likelihood of getting caught," Honigman

said, but most motorists who drink and drive are not caught.

Attorney James Jacobs of the New York University School of Law, an authority on the subject, disagreed.

"Drunk driving is the most commonly prosecuted offense in our lower criminal courts."

"Strong citizen concern and the enactment of implied consent laws, which pressure arrestees to provide breath samples on pain of license forfeiture, have joined with restrictions on pre-trial diversion to produce a very high conviction rate."

"Drunk drivers now constitute the largest offender category on probation. Under mandatory sentencing laws, they are also becoming an increasing presence in jails and state prisons."

Drunk driving is tragedy for driver, victim

By Janice Brunson
staff writer

Elizabeth Granger's nightmare started Easter morning 1988.

Rushing to meet three adult children for holiday brunch, Granger, a soft-spoken woman of 57, ran a red light in Westland and hit another car, killing one occupant and crippling another for life.

Coping at the time with a divorce, the recent death of both parents and the suicide death of a close friend, Granger was drunk.

One year later, she pleaded nolo contendere to felonious driving and

vehicular manslaughter, and was sentenced to 5-15 years in prison.

The former Southfield resident, once employed as a records supervisor in an area hospital, described herself as a once "active member in my community, church and children's schools." She is now incarcerated at the Florence Crane Women's Facility in Coldwater.

"My dearest hopes and prayers are to survive this harsh ordeal and return to a life with my family, to my work in a hospital and to all the normalcy I miss so much," Granger wrote recently in an account of life since the sentencing.

Her hopes and prayers may very well never be realized.

TWO FAMILIES have been destroyed, said Granger's sister, Rosemary Millon of Livonia, who visits Granger monthly in prison. "It's heartbreaking."

Granger's accident of April 3, 1988, continues to be devastating for occupants of the car she hit.

Driving to Easter Sunday church services, Gary Madar's car was

struck at 10:39 a.m. Madar received minor injuries, but his mother, Doris Madar, 61, was killed. His wife, Elizabeth "Betsy" Madar, 27, was critically injured and is now a quadriplegic, requiring 24-hour care.

As for Granger's sentencing: "My sister is accepting (her fate) very well," Millon said.

"She is the exact opposite of someone you'd expect to be involved in something like this."

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Keep Burger Center open, autism expert says

By Wayne Poal
staff writer

The man who gave "Rainman" its authenticity has also given a vote of confidence to Burger Center, Wayne County's embattled school for autistic children.

The Garden City-based center should remain open according to Bernard Rimland, director of the Institute for Child Behavior and an adviser to the award-winning film. Praised for its sensitivity, "Rainman" depicts the relationship between an autistic adult and his non-autistic brother.

Burger Center, Rimland said, was one of the best facilities of its kind in the nation.

"This kind of center fulfills a need," said Rimland, who paid a late October visit to Burger Center. "There's a core of excellence here."

The only school of its kind in Michigan, Burger Center is at the heart of a controversy involving mainstreaming of special education students.

While the aging building will remain open next year, its long-term future remains in doubt.

AT ISSUE is whether autistic children should attend their own school or be "mainstreamed", like other special education students, into standard school buildings and classes.

Statewide, public school district have looked at placing students in the "least restrictive environment", said state special education director Richard Baldwin.

"We don't have a policy of mainstreaming per se," Baldwin said.

"But, since 1984 we've had a 13-step process for evaluating what's best for the child."

The process includes discussions with teachers, parents, school administrators, district psychologists and other mental health officials.

Those who favor mainstreaming say it encourages special education youngsters to function in the outside world, while increasing other youngsters' awareness to their special needs.

While mainstreaming is gaining widespread acceptance, Rimland remains critical of the approach.

"I think the (mainstreaming) ideology is fine, if it's not taken to the extreme," he said. "My feeling is that there are people who would rather see the ideology succeed than see the children succeed."

The ideal approach, Rimland said, involves both mainstreaming and center-based programs.

"MAINSTREAMING is like having a lot of medical clinics, they're great — but you need a hospital, too," he said.

The often-baffling nature of autism adds to the mainstreaming controversy.

Characterized by low ability to relate to others, diminished speaking skills and an almost robot-like dedication to daily routine, autism has only been acknowledged by the state as a distinct disability since 1980.

Almost all autistic children have either learning or emotional disabilities as well, experts say, making diagnosis even more difficult.

Burger's age and leaky roof is also an issue. Part of the building dates

to the early 1940s, but the roof over a 1950s building wing poses the most problems.

Leaks were patched for the coming school year — 11 patches appear in one hallway.

While programs are supervised by the Wayne County Intermediate School district, the center is staffed by Garden City Schools employees.

Some 218 students, age 3-26, attend Burger Center programs. Students are bused from throughout the county.

Rimland's visit provided an overview of center activities. In one room, he watched as an energetic young teacher taught adolescents how to roll along walls, swing from a jungle gym, and power scooters across the floor — all in an effort to improve students' motor skills. In another room, he looked on as older

students conducted woodworking activities.


Initially, a research psychologist, Rimland's involvement with autism studies began more than 25 years ago when his son was diagnosed as developmentally impaired. Upon study, Rimland learned the boy, now 34, was autistic.

"What I found was that the field was full of appalling ignorance," he said.

Rimland's San Diego-based institute publishes, "Autism Research Review", a quarterly newsletter devoted to autism-related issues.

His local visit was financed in part by Burger Center officials and by an area parents group devoted to keeping the center open.

"Having him here is a major event for us," said parents group leader Kenneth Howse of Livonia.



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— Bernard Rimland
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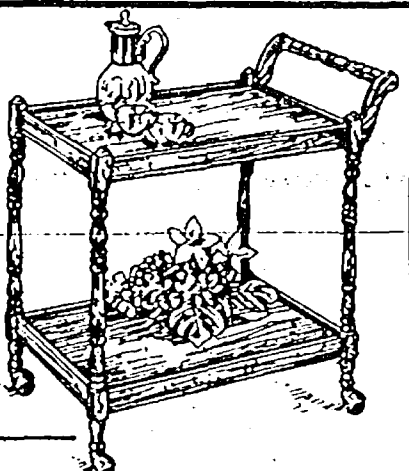
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Attorney blasts state delay in school lawsuit

By Tim Richard
staff writer

An attorney told his 56 school district clients that the state Court of Appeals has failed for seven weeks to take the first step in their \$72 million suit against the state.

"It borders on being scandalous," said Dennis Pollard, who filed the suit Sept. 13. He asked the appellate court to assign the Macomb Circuit Court their request for a preliminary injunction to prohibit the treasury from cutting their state aid.

"The court routinely could decide what forum to send adjudication of an injunction. Where's it going to be heard? We haven't heard. You have no access to anyone (in the court hierarchy) with any information," Pollard told a meeting of his 55 superintendent clients Thursday.

"In 'Duran' we had a decision (on assignment) within a week," said

Pollard, referring to a similar suit he won on behalf of Fitzgerald School District in Macomb County against the state.

Pollard predicted the case could drag on 10 years or more.

Pollard wants the appellate court to assign the new case to the same judge — George Deneweth — who upheld the school on ever major legal point.

TEN PERCENT of the state's 562 school districts — mainly in the metro suburbs and along the Great Lakes shores — are suing the state over the 1990 aid act. The law "recaptures" \$72 million of aid for special education teaching and transportation, bilingual teaching and Social Security.

The schools contend the Legislature violated the 1978 Headlee amendment to the Michigan Constitution by failing to pay for programs the state mandated.

"That 'recapture' offends me," said Lawrence J. Nichols, superintendent of Royal Oak, previous superintendent in Livonia. "It says somehow we managed to sneak in, in

the middle of the night, and stole it. The state government has failed to fund its own — not our — formula."

"Recapture" is a term coined by legislators.

The suing districts include Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton and South Redford.

THE DISTRICTS all are "out of formula," meaning they receive no general state aid. The "recaptured" money was put into general state aid in a bill engineered by Reps. William Keith, D-Garden City, and James O'Neill, D-Saginaw, and Sen. Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron.

"We've been portrayed as 'filthy rich, greedy districts,'" said Farmington Superintendent Michael Flanagan, whose district is also part of the suit.

"But in the long run, the in-formula districts will benefit. If they (legislators) can take it away from us, they can take it away from the rest."

The meeting was held in Gill Elementary School, in what Flanagan called the "modest" southern end of the Farmington district.

MANY PLAINTIFFS say they must ask local property tax increases or resort to layoffs to balance their budgets.

"Definitely next year we're into layoffs," said Rochester Superintendent John Schultz, predicting a \$3 million revenue loss. The district has no plans to ask for a tax increase.

Flanagan said Farmington's \$5.8 million loss is "devastating."

Royal Oak's Nichols said legislative leaders are talking about either statewide sharing of industrial and commercial property taxes or "dramatic" further cuts in categorical aid.

One superintendent asked Pollard if the appeals court's long delay were connected to the gubernatorial election.

"We have no idea what's going on," Pollard replied.

Both Gov. James Blanchard and his challenger, Sen. John Engler, supported the categorical aid cut. They and legislative leaders see it as necessary to reduce the funding gap between the richest districts (\$8,000 per pupil) and the poorest (barely \$2,500).

Nichols said that since 1978 the

state had routinely underfunded categorical aid, but usually by only \$20 million. This year the underfunding leaped.

"Sad? Sordid? Yeah, I think so — a tale littered with broken promises."

REP. KEITH, chair of the House Education Committee, has made no secret of his desire to end all categorical aid. His district includes Garden City and Inkster, both in-formula school systems.

Before the bill was passed, Keith said his idea is to put the "recap-

"It borders on being scandalous."

— Dennis Pollard
attorney

ture" money into formula aid and increase the number of districts in the formula.

Currently about 70 percent of districts are in-formula. Keith would increase that to 80 or 90 percent.

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Here are hair raising traffic talea

A TRAFFIC expert for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments told a yarn that would curl my hair if I had enough to curl.

He was consulted by a county to prepare a report on where traffic accidents occur. He dutifully pulled out and analyzed the crash data.

He made two copies of the report and sat down with the county officials and the designated "risk manager." It's standard procedure. You learn where your problems are and systematically improve the road conditions to reduce damages, injuries, deaths — and lawsuits.

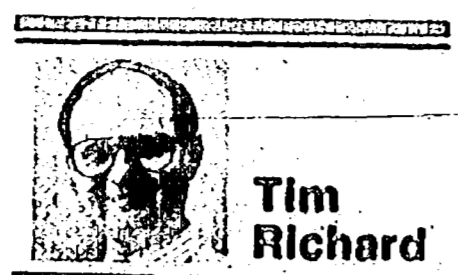
At the end of an hour, the county's risk manager asked the SEMCOG consultant, "Are these all the copies of the report?" The SEMCOG consultant said he had the only other copy.

"May I have it?" asked the county official. The consultant gave it to him.

The county official dropped both copies in the trash basket and ignited them with a match.

"Now we don't know where our problems are," he said.

It meant that the county couldn't fix its problem areas. And if an in-



Tim Richard

jured person sued on the basis that a road was defective, the county's alibi could be that it had had no "constructive notice" of the road defect.

The SEMCOG staffer won't reveal the identity of the county. SEMCOG is financed by dues paid by member governments.

SHOCKING AS the story is, it's typical of a lot of what passes for traffic engineering in southeast Michigan.

A normally intelligent person would assume local governments and voters want to provide safe roads so we don't smash up our vehicles and get hurt. Wrong.

I had heard about the stretch of 14 Mile Road that is unpaved but never had occasion to go there until we picked up a friend in Farmington Hills to attend an event on Tele-

graph Road.

"Go up to Maple (15 Mile) and come back on Telegraph," said our friend. "You'll bang up your nice car on 14 Mile."

It was a total of four miles out of our way with fuel \$1.35 a gallon. I wish there were a way to bill that cost to the folks who prevented the paving job. So does our friend, who drives four miles out of her way on weekly trips to her temple.

That's another example of the cost of bad traffic engineering — wasted fossil fuel.

BRUCE MADSEN, the honcho at the Oakland County Traffic Improvement Association, has produced a terrific 20-minute videotape on useless stop signs, a favorite device of people who deliberately seek hazardous roads.

There is such a stop sign in front of my house. It stops traffic on a heavily traveled residential street that is 4 1/4 miles long. Drivers are expected to stop for a stub of a street that is only one block long and has no driveways feeding into it.

Naturally, after dusk hardly anyone stops at the useless stop sign.

Through the bedroom window, we can hear 20 cars buzz through for every one that stops.

Goofy teenagers? Hah! The cops stopped violators one night, and they were mostly middle-aged adult males from the neighborhood.

But that was once. The other 364 evenings a year, drivers buzz past the stop sign.

Madsen's film calls such stop signs counterproductive, giving pedestrians and kids on bikes a false sense of security.

My city has put up hundreds of such counterproductive stop signs. I wish the city council would view TIA's film. I've written about it before.

But maybe, like the county risk manager who burned all copies of the SEMCOG analysis and the folks along potholed 14 Mile, the council doesn't want safer streets. They would have to make changes that cost tax money. Better to knock on wood and pray that St. Christopher will protect travellers.

Tim Richard reports regularly on the local implications of state and regional news.

from our readers

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Schools are appreciated

To the editor:

I would like to thank the residents of Livonia and the fortunate Westland residents, who may not already know, to learn to appreciate all the wonderful opportunities the Livonia school district has to offer us.

With the number one concern of the district being the education of the young, I feel Superintendent Joseph Marinelli has brought with him new ideas for the future success of our education system by asking those parents whose children attend the Livonia district what they feel could help in the education of their children. In past experiences I have found that this is a perfect way to evaluate exactly what is needed in keeping the high standards as well as introducing the new advancements in any program.

Another area I am personally finding to be beneficial is the adult education program that offers recent graduates the opportunity to take classes, at no expense to the student under 20 years old, that teaches these young adults about new employment skills that are needed in the job market.

There are many of us parents who try to instill the importance of further education in our children only to be frustrated by their lack of interest or maturity in realizing the necessity of education in this technical "specialized world" we live in today.

And finally another service offered by the Livonia Schools that I just recently participated in for the first time was a trip to a place I had always thought about visiting. The program made it affordable to me and some friends and it was a wonderful experience. I would like to acknowledge the staff member Jeannie Loftis who did a great job of organizing the group and with her enthusiastic attitude made those who joined this trip feel that we were all amongst friends and helped make the trip a total success.

I look forward to the next outing I will be able to participate in because I had such a good time and look forward to meeting more nice people who have the same interests that I do.

The programs I have mentioned are only a few of the wonderful opportunities offered to us in the district and I would like to thank all of those people who have made the Livonia school system one of the best education systems in our state.

Andy Taylor, Westland

Mill backers appreciated

To the editor:

The Friends of Nankin Mill would like to thank the local merchants who helped to make our Second Annual Wine and Cheese Reception at the Nankin Mill a great success.

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Denise Ann Mehelich, reception committee

Column earns his accolades

To the editor:

I would like to thank you and the Observer & Eccentric for publishing the heartbreaking column written by Judith Berne on Oct. 18.

She made people aware of the plight of the mentally ill and the anguish and anxiety of the parents and relatives of those who are unfortunate to be afflicted with this dreadful illness.

It's finally come out of the closet, thanks to sympathetic writers like Judith Berne. Bravo to Judith Berne, you and to O & E.

Fred Ratzlch

No job parity for women is outrageous

To the editor:

The American Association of University Women finds it reprehensible that 36 years after "Brown vs. Board of Education," Congress may establish separate and unequal categories of relief for the victims of discrimination in its Civil Rights Act of 1990. Equitable remedies for women who have been discriminated against are central to our nation's commitment to equal justice.

AAUW believes that the cost of discrimination should be borne by those who discriminate — not by the victim. The Civil Rights Act of 1990 will require employers who inten-

tionally discriminate on the basis of sex to pay the same cost they would pay if found guilty of other forms of blatant discrimination. That seems to us a matter of parity and of simple justice.

For too many years, women have paid the cost of employment discrimination. They've paid in emotional distress and physical illness. They've paid in limited opportunities, low wages and reduced pensions. Each time a working woman is subjected to biased hiring and promotion practices or on-the-job harassment, she pays the cost of discrimination.

Until equal remedies are available for all victims of discrimination, women will continue to pay a higher price for discrimination than others. To ask them to continue to accept treatment as second-class citizens is not only unfair, but outrageous; it is a mockery of civil rights. We urge passage of a Civil Rights Act that en-

sures equal treatment and remedies for all Americans — including women.

AAUW, founded in 1881, is the first and largest organization working for equity and education for women and girls, with more than 135,000 members, 1,800 branches and divisions in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam.

Donna M. Rhinehart, president Birmingham AAUW

Blanchard to protect right to abortions

To the editor:

We all know that the two gubernatorial candidates want to reduce

crime, improve education and cut taxes. The only difference between the two on these issues is how it will be done, who will get credit and how will it play politically.

But there is a big difference between Gov. James Blanchard and John Engler on the abortion issue. Gov. Blanchard believes this a personal decision best left to women and their families. John Engler, on the other hand, believes politicians should make this decision for all women.

The choice here is very clear. Gov. Blanchard will protect our rights. John Engler wants to restrict our rights. In this day and age of people losing more and more control, it's important for us to take a stand on this issue of personal freedom and individual liberty.

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GOP contender travels far to fight long odds

By Brian Lysaght
staff writer

Judy Miller admits she faces long odds to defeat Michigan's ever-popular Secretary of State, Richard Austin, but the Republican from Bloomfield Township says she is determined to try anyway.

Miller points to her car's odometer as proof of her efforts so far to oust Democrat Austin. She's driven 5,000 miles in less than two months.

Along the way, the former Birmingham city commissioner and soon-to-be former state representative has learned the difficulty of campaigning for statewide office. Her state House district, the 65th, which includes Birmingham and Bloomfield Township, is tiny by comparison.

Miller's itinerary last week includes Grand Rapids, Jackson, Flushing and Alma, and she will be in Lansing on Election Day, Tuesday. There she will join the rest of the state Republican ticket: John Engler, the gubernatorial candidate who chose Miller; Engler's lieutenant

governor selection, Connie Binsfeld; and his attorney general selection, Cliff Taylor.

"IT'S BEEN a very broadening experience for me," Miller said in an interview last week. If she doesn't win, she will return to her Bloomfield Township condominium, but she isn't revealing any plans beyond that. Miller represented the 65th District for six years.

Miller, 54, is given little chance of winning. Austin, 77, has been re-elected five times. The man whom drivers — and voters — see smiling from photographs in secretary of state offices was elected in 1970.

He trounced his last Republican opponent, Weldon Yeager, a former Bloomfield Township trustee, in 1986. Austin swept 82 of 83 Michigan counties and collected 1.6 million votes.

Miller is hoping for a better showing, though she seems realistic about her chances.

"It's a longshot no doubt about it. But there's no doubt also that I am

the strongest candidate ever fielded by the Republican Party."

"MONEY? THERE'S not a lot of money," she said. Her campaign is centered on public appearances and a press packet sent to local newspapers and radio stations around the state, she said. She is concentrating on predominantly Republican areas of Michigan.

Miller said she would be a more active secretary of state than Austin, who rarely visited the legislature.

"I think he's resting on the laurels of what he did when he first came in to office," she said.

The Department of State could operate more efficiently and offices could be made "more user friendly," she said.

AMONG HER proposals:

- Increase the effectiveness of branch offices by better computer use, better staffing and more convenient hours and locations.
- Abolish the officeholder expense funds that legislators can set up, which she said allow for too

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She said Gov. James Blanchard has failed to provide leadership in Michigan, and that Engler would. Miller, who is pro-choice, said she found it easy to look beyond the abortion issue in supporting Engler, who is pro-choice. She said that Engler has a long record of appointing women to positions of power.

and heated race. Miller said she and Honigman have yet to resolve differences from the primary.

"David and I have not really talked since the election," she said.

Miller said she is prepared to leave political office if Austin wins. She said her husband, Steven, continues to teach chemistry at Oakland University, and the couple would remain in their Bloomfield Township condominium.

She said she did not know her exact plans if not elected, but would not rule out another run for political office.

"I've always gone into something with the idea that it's the right thing to do for now," Miller said.



Judy Miller, GOP hopeful

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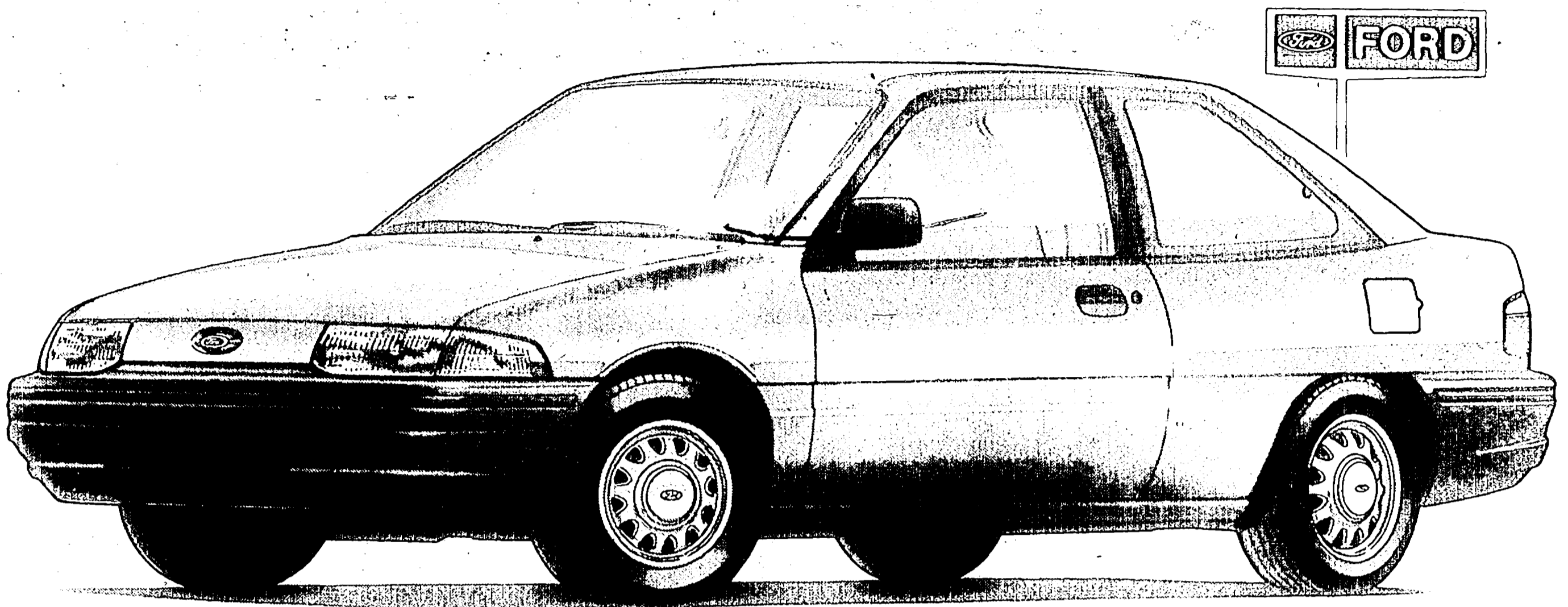
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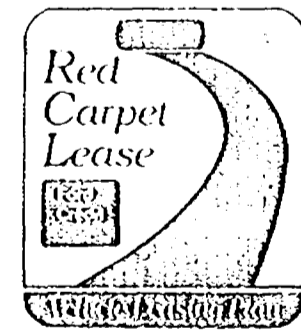
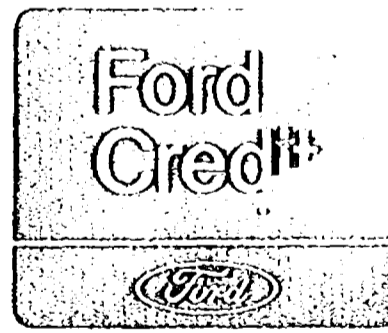
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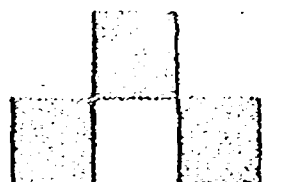
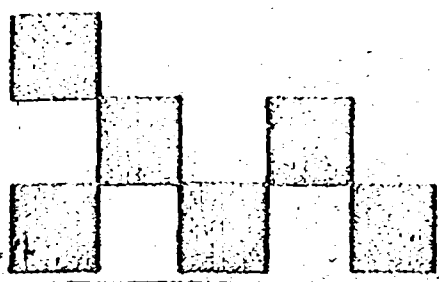
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Never try to change tradition

If there is one thing I have learned, never tamper with tradition.

I once met a fellow food writer who always cut her turkey in half before roasting it. Finally, one holiday her husband said, "Why do you do this?" and she replied, "Because that's the way my mother did it." The husband then went to the grandmother and said, "Why do you do this?" and she said, "Because my oven was too small."

Hardly a column goes by without some mention of Wyandotte where I grew up, or my momma, and, believe me, when it comes to tradition, you never argue with a woman wearing a babushka and wielding a rolling pin.

Take last Thanksgiving, for instance. Families have been known to revolt at the sight of a strange dish. Marriages have become unglued because one partner preferred oysters in the stuffing.

Last year, I tried to bring some homemade cranberry relish to dinner. Now you have to realize that this batch of cranberry relish was made with two pounds of fresh-picked cranberries culled from a recent trip to Maryland and hand carried on the airplane to avoid smashing. The bowl was leaded Austrian crystal, hand wiped with a special \$6 towel purchased just for crystal from some trendy mail-order shop on the West Coast. The recipe was made without the use of my Cuisinart and the berries were hand mashed. Even the orange peel was fresh dried from a dehydrator pulled from the bowels of the fruit cellar.

WHEN MOMMA hosts Thanksgiving, as she has done for the last 39 years of my life, you learn never to ask, "What can I bring?" You just make something and bring it. Last year I said to myself, "She always serves Ocean Spray Cranberry Jelly, so I'll surprise her with a homemade cranberry jelly that will blow the Ocean Spray away."

When I entered, carrying the sparkling bowl and its ruby red contents, Momma smiled and said, "Oh, that's nice." After the obligatory round of pre-dinner aperitifs, it was time to bring forth the bounty. As usual, all the women scurried into the kitchen. Not wishing to feel un-macho, I kind of slithered off the couch, mumbling something about the fact that I had to use the facilities. Then I turned left instead of right and headed into the kitchen. It was there I found my older sister, Rosie, preparing to open the Ocean Spray can on the old hand-cranked, wall-mounted swing-away can opener. "Dear sister," I interrupted, "This year I made homemade cranberry relish so there will be no need to open a can."

I should have known better. Momma shrieked and almost dropped the Corning casserole of canned yams baked with marshmallows.

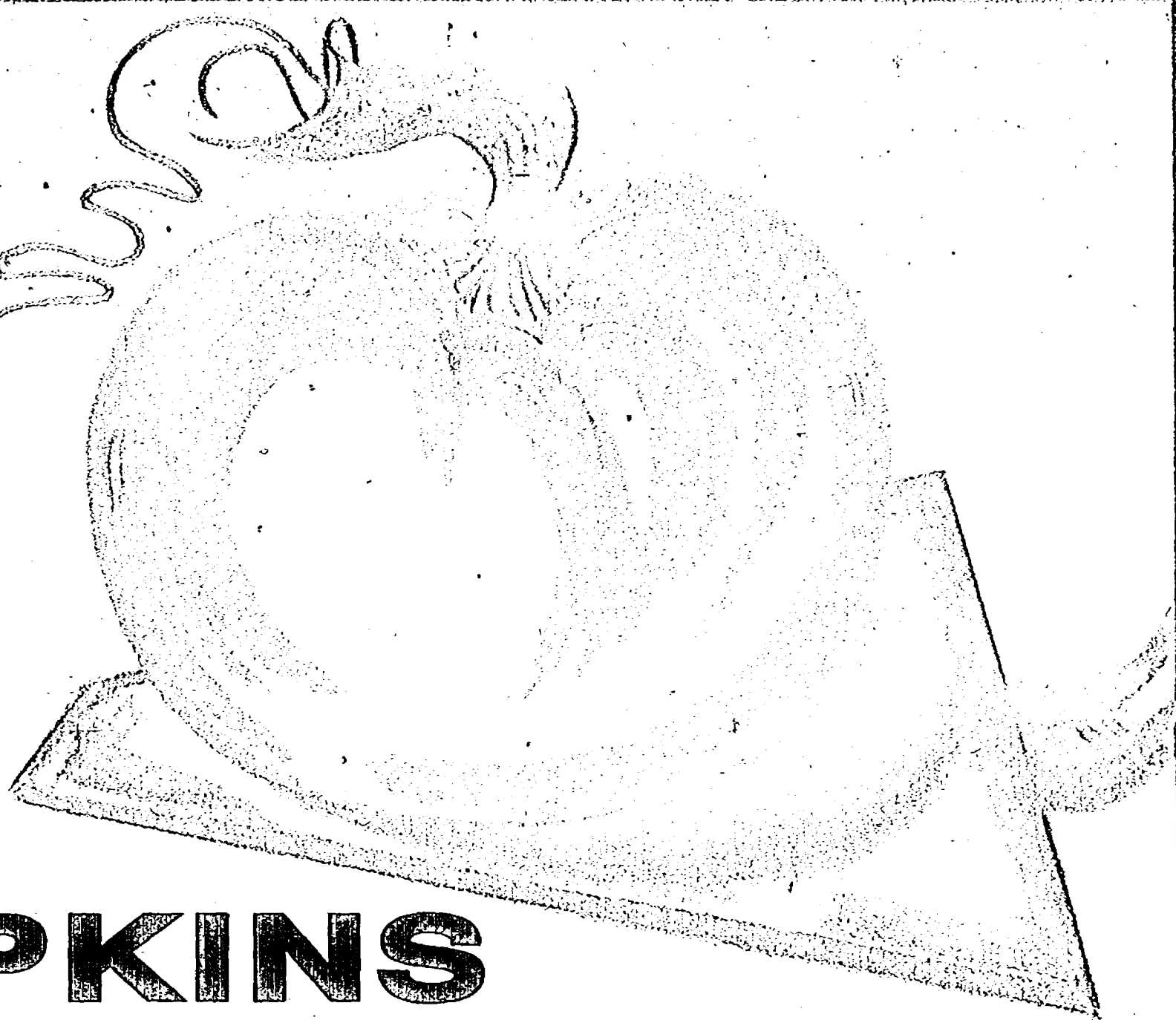
"Mind your own business, Lee," (Momma has always called me Lee when she is angry about something) was her retort. "Every Thanksgiving we served Ocean Spray and we will continue to do so as long as God grants me the ability to be here." At that moment she set down the bubbly casserole and whisked the can from Rosie's hand, only to open it herself.

THIS WAS ONE dish that had come straight from the can. While watching her position it on the Currier and Ives side dish, it almost looked like she was checking for the faint indentations on the cranberry jelly made from the side of the can.

I was going to attempt suggesting that this year's Thanksgiving dinner be at my house.

This column just changed my mind.

Pie PUMPKINS

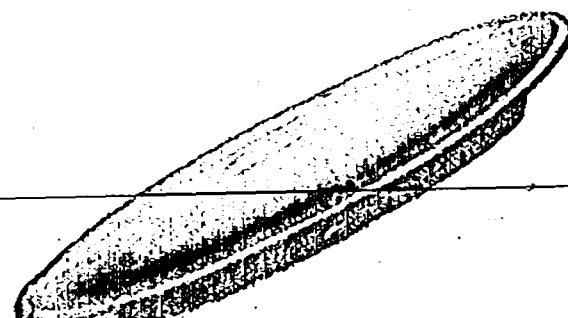
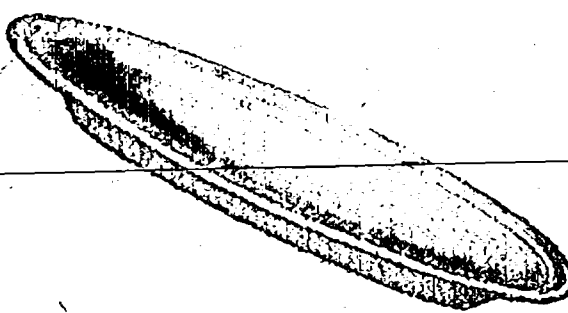
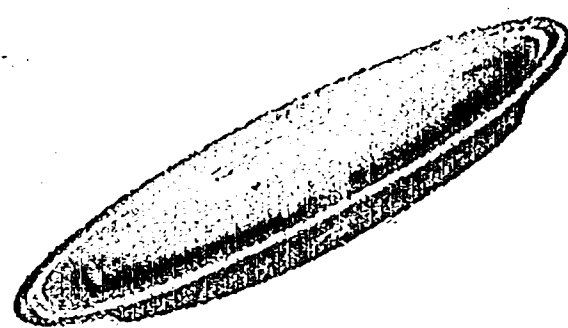


Growers recommend sugar baby pumpkins as best for cooking

By Larry Janes special writer

Three little pumpkins lying very still in a pumpkin patch on a great big hill. The first one said: I'm very very green but I'll be orange for Halloween. The second one said: I'm on my way to be a jack-o-lantern guy. The third one said: Oh me oh my today I'll be a pumpkin pie!

— a seasonal kindergarten rhyme



WHEN GROWING UP, my exposure to pumpkins was either culled from a pumpkin-patch selection that later would turn into a monstrous jack-o-lantern or something from a can that ended up in a pie gracing our Thanksgiving Day table.

Little did I know (or care) that statistics claim there are four different species of pumpkins and that each species contains more than 25 various strains. The pumpkin belongs to the gourd or melon family. Their cousins include the proliferous squash and those monstrous hill-climbers, the cucumbers.

The pumpkin is one of those lowly fruits (caught you — it's not a vegetable) that subscribes to Andy Warhol's theory that everyone is famous for 15 minutes of his or her lifetime. Seems that the pumpkin's popularity peaks during the last two weeks of October and then is rarely seen or heard from until next year.

The pumpkin has even been mocked during the Thanksgiving holidays. When you see pumpkin in a can, it better say 100 percent pumpkin because some crafty old geezer of a food processor seems to think it doesn't taste very good alone and therefore must be mixed with butternut and acorn squash.

THEN AGAIN, you probably never knew there are two basic kinds of pumpkins. The first and most widely known is, of course, the jack-o-lantern pumpkin, grown exclusively for table decoration. The flesh of the jack is very stringy and has about as much flavor as a ball of kite string.

The jack's counterpart is known as the "sugar brown baby" because instead of being grown for its girth, it is harvested small. The edible meat is only stringy from whence the seeds are attached. Once the seeds and seed strings are removed, the meat can be cooked into a very tasty dish.

It's anyone's guess as to why pumpkins are so popular around the end of October, but rumor has it from a few local pumpkin growers polled about their stock that the harvest moon makes cooking pumpkins so flavorful.

Apparently the "light" frosts make the fruit of the pumpkin sweeter. As the vines begin to wither, all of a sudden the pumpkin gets these shots of adrenaline, causing all the natural sugars to give it one last shot. But the sugar pumpkin grower has to work fast.

Perhaps sugar-pumpkin growers meet and secretly sit around their television sets, watching the weathercast. When the almanac and weather reporters beckon a "hard" frost, growers click into a frenzy trying to get as many pumpkins out of their fields as possible before the frost begins to destroy what's left of the crop. Many pumpkins are left in the field to help seed next year's crop.

IF YOU THINK pumpkins ultimately end up gracing the front porch or in a pumpkin pie, try again. Trendy gourmards who enjoy eating turtle eggs and eel liver prize the pumpkin blossom as a true delicacy. These trendoids look for fully opened blossoms to make sure no bees are trapped inside. They then dip the blossoms into a batter and deep fry for one minute.

Next to the meat of the pumpkin itself inevitably ending up in pies, soups, breads and muffins, the next important by-product is the seeds. Some purists like to boil them first while some claim the only way to make good pumpkin seeds is to dry them for three days before roasting.

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Proud as Peacocks of Amish turkeys

By Joan Boram special writer

It's always a pleasant feeling to anticipate a trend, especially when you're 20 years ahead of the rest of the world.

Marilyn and Jerry Peacock are much too nice to act smug, but Peacock's Poultry Farm has been selling Amish poultry and beef, supplied by the same 12 Amish farmers, since 1970.

"It was before Amish was 'in,'" says Jerry Peacock, "and before people were concerned about chemicals and additives. My father, Thomas Peacock, was looking for a reliable source of farm-raised poultry and beef, and someone put him in touch with the Amish in Indiana.

"The chickens, turkeys, ducks and beef we sell are raised and sold without any chemicals or preservatives. It takes a full 12 weeks to raise a chicken without chemical help, as opposed to eight weeks with injections."

Jerry and wife Marilyn are the third Peacock generation to run the business. Located next to the Peacock home, which was formerly the Peacock farmhouse, the store also sells Amish jellies, jams and relishes, as well as Amish potato chips, butter, cheese

and brown eggs. There's even Amish popcorn in small burlap bags. All are produced without chemicals or preservatives.

"WE HAVE a family policy," says Jerry. "We don't sell anything that we don't like, so we can give an honest opinion. If one likes something and one doesn't, we'll carry the item."

"There's just one exception to the rule," adds Marilyn. "The candy. It was so good, we ate it all. The Amish women make it by hand, and the chocolate was so creamy and the mint so fresh that we just couldn't keep away. Finally, we just quit carrying it."

"People have to be careful about poultry that's called Amish," she cautions. "Federal Compliance Law states only that a bird has to be killed in Amish country. It can be raised anywhere, under any circumstances."

"One of our longtime customers, who is allergic to chemicals, bought some Amish chicken at a large grocery chain and reacted to the chemicals in it. Consumers should ask for some proof that the poultry was actually raised by the Amish."

The Peacock family — including Lora and Cyndi (fourth generation) and Cyndi's kids (fifth-gen-

eration Shawna, 27 months, and Nicholas, 16 weeks) — is gearing up for the holidays. Nicholas is a mite young to get into the spirit of the season, but Shawna is already adept at helping her mother put the eggs on the shelf.

HOLIDAYS MEAN "turkey" at Peacock's, which sells at least 30,000 of them, wholesale and retail, in a seven-week period. This year, for the first time, the Peacock turkeys, raised especially for them, are wrapped in a cryovac vacuum bag. Each bag carries the Peacock name and specifies "Amish raised."

"It's important that the turkey be sealed in an air-tight bag because they're not frozen and there are no preservatives," says Cyndi, as she feeds Shawna slivers of creamy Baby Swiss cheese.

Every Peacock turkey has an oven timer that pops up when done. Amish turkeys cook faster than ordinary turkeys — about 12 minutes per pound, and they're much juicier than others, as well.

"You want to see a madhouse? Come out here the week before Thanksgiving. Cars are lined up on Rochester Road with their parking lights on, waiting for someone to pull out of the park-

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Amish turkeys from Indiana are packaged for Peacock's Poultry Farm in Troy. Amish popcorn and Yoder's jams are other offerings at the retail store.

Photo by Jim Ridor

Recipe stands test of time and tummies

Sometimes I wonder if telephone directories aren't beginning to replace cookbooks. What with the fast pace of life today, many people opt for dialing "M" for meals, preferring to order out for a dinner that will be delivered rather than preparing it themselves.

Frozen dinners also have had their impact felt in the kitchen, with meal preparation often consisting of pulling a tray out of a box and zapping it in the microwave for the allotted time.

Although these are fast ways to get food, all of this dining and ordering out does change the way in which we live and eat, as well as the way we cook. Ultimately, it is bound to have an effect on the way in which we share and pass on recipes from one generation to another.

It was with great pleasure I received a letter from Gina Morgante-Raupp, who included a recipe for a dish that has been a family tradition through four generations. Originally prepared by Morgante-Raupp's Italian-born Grandma DiLeo, this dish has successfully withstood not only the test of time but also the test of many tummies. Based on that information, I knew it had the right stuff to qualify for being this week's Winner Dinner.

Hailing from Farmington, Morgante-Raupp is a buyer in purchasing in the Climate Control Division of Ford Motor Co. Currently she is one month into what will be a six-month medical leave, the first time in years she hasn't been working or going to school. Besides housebreaking her brand-new English springer spaniel, she has attended training sessions presented by the Oakland County Literacy Council and is looking forward to spending a few hours each week helping to teach another adult how to read.

WITH SO MUCH spare time on her hands while she has been convalescing, she also has been doing some sewing at home for the Dominican Monastery in Farmington Hills. Morgante-Raupp's love of cooking comes to her naturally, as her grandmother was a noted cook and her



SHARON LEMIEUX/staff photographer

Gina Morgante-Raupp of Farmington is the fourth-generation member of her family who has been making Grandma DiLeo's Bread Crumb Roast.



family-tested winner dinner
Betsy Brethen

mother, Frances, cooked for the nuns at the Mary Magdalene Convent in Hazel Park for 12 years. Married and the stepmother of four grown daughters, she loves to travel with her husband. The couple especially

enjoys staying in Bed and Breakfast inns throughout the United States and Canada. The two have become particularly fond of Santa Fe, N.M., and are considering retiring there someday.

Thank you, Gina Morgante-Raupp, for sharing your time-tested family recipes with us, and congratulations on being this week's Winner Dinner. Wishing you continued good health, I'm sure that your grandmother would be pleased to know that her recipes were shared with so many people.

Observer & Eccentric Winner Dinner

Recipes

GRANDMA DILEO'S BREAD CRUMB ROAST

This dinner has a stew-like consistency because everything is cooked in one pan, making it quick and easy to prepare. For entertaining, the recipe may be doubled and prepared well ahead of serving.

Trimmed round steak, cut into serving-size pieces, may be used in place of the chicken for a different taste treat. The chicken dish takes only 1 hour to cook but you would need to increase the cooking time for tougher cuts of meat.

- 1 chicken, cut in pieces — round steak may be substituted
- 2 large potatoes, cut into chunks
- 1 medium onion, quartered
- 1 cup Italian seasoned bread crumbs
- ¼ — ½ cup grated Parmesan or Romano cheese
- 1 can peas, 17-ounce size

Sauce

- 1 can or jar of all-purpose Italian sauce, 15-ounce size (Morgante-Raupp recommends the Dei Fratelli brand)
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- ¼ teaspoon oregano

Place meat, potatoes and onion in a roaster pan or 13-by-9-by-2 baking dish. Add 1 or 2 inches of water and cover. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Remove the cover and drain almost all the liquid at the bottom of the baking dish. Mix the drained peas in with the sauce and pour that mixture over the chicken. Cover and bake at 375

degrees for an additional 20 minutes. Remove the cover and sprinkle the bread crumbs over the baked mixture. Spread the grated cheese on top of the bread crumbs and place the entire dish under the broiler until the cheese starts to melt and the bread crumbs are lightly browned. Serve with Italian bread.

GREEN BEAN SALAD

A refreshing change from the tired and true tossed salad, this green bean salad is easy to make and gets better the longer it has to marinate.

- 1 pound fresh, cooked green beans or 1 can straight or French cut green beans, 17-ounce size
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon salt-free seasoning (Mrs. Dash)
- ¼ cup red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 2 tablespoons sesame seeds, optional

After cooking and chilling the green beans, sprinkle them with garlic powder, minced onions and salt-free seasoning. Add wine vinegar, olive oil and sesame seeds, and chill.

MANDARIN CAKE

- 1 cholesterol-free pound cake
- Low-cholesterol mandarin orange frozen yogurt
- 1 can mandarin orange segments, drained, 16-ounce size

Slice the pound cake and top with a scoop frozen yogurt. Spoon the mandarin orange segments on top.

Shopping List

- 1 chicken, cut in pieces (round steak may be substituted)
- 2 large potatoes, cut into chunks
- 1 medium onion, quartered
- Italian seasoned bread crumbs
- Grated Parmesan or Romano cheese
- 1 can or jar all-purpose Italian sauce (Dei Fratelli brand), 15-ounce size
- 1 can peas, 17-ounce size
- Salt
- Sugar
- Pepper
- Oregano
- 1 pound fresh green beans or 1 can straight or French cut green beans, 17-ounce size
- 2 green onions
- Garlic powder
- Salt-free seasoning, Mrs. Dash
- Red wine vinegar
- Olive oil
- Sesame seeds, optional
- Cholesterol-free pound cake
- Low-cholesterol mandarin orange frozen yogurt
- 1 can mandarin orange segments, 16-ounce size
- 1 loaf hard crust Italian bread

Notes

cooking calendar

DEMONSTRATIONS

Several demonstrations are scheduled this week at the Williams-Sonoma cooks' shop at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. The Tefal Fryer will be demonstrated from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. today (Monday, Nov. 5); whole wheat bread from the National Bread Bakery, 1-3 p.m. Wednesday; a French Bean Dish, 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. Thursday; and a Rice Cooker and Seven-

Grain Rice, 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. Friday. For more information call the store at 953-0515.

KETTLE CREATIONS

Weight Watchers will present free cooking demonstrations featuring soups and chowders that are hearty yet low in fat and calories. Warm bread and muffin recipes also will be featured.

The "Kettle Creations" cooking demonstration of "Soup-er Selections" will be 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12; 10 a.m. Thursday,

Nov. 15, and 9:30 a.m. and noon Friday, Nov. 16, at the Weight Watchers Center at the Wonderland Shopping Center in Livonia. Call Weight Watchers at 1-800-487-4777 for further information.

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Winners

Chef Nedra Baldori (left) of the Gratzl Restaurant in Ann Arbor was the Grand Prize Winner in the Commodity Cuisine Competition for Michigan chefs at the "Holidays at the Emporium" nutrition and food seminar held Thursday at the Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The first prize winner, who was not present, was Chef Mark Brethauer, representing Roy's Steak House in Saginaw. Brethauer is now associated with Zehnder's of Frankenmuth.

(Below, right) second prize went to Chef Jim Milliman, a former Livonia resident, of Hattie's Grill in Suttons Bay. (Below, left) third prize winner was Thomas Tontapanish (pictured) and Chan Dechuwan (not pictured) of the Bangkok Club in Southfield.

The contest to create a Michigan meal was sponsored by the Michigan Apple Committee, the Michigan Beef Industry Commission, the Dairy Council of Michigan and the Michigan Potato Commission.

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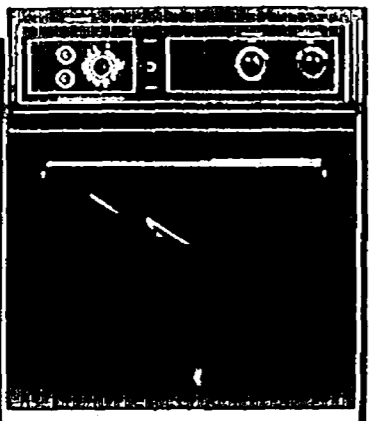
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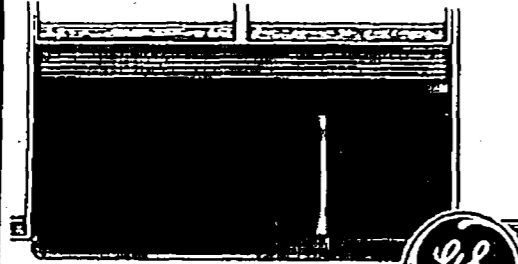


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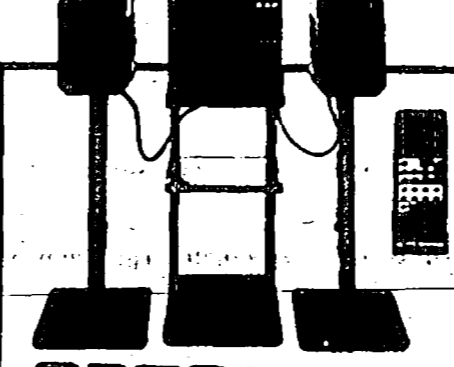


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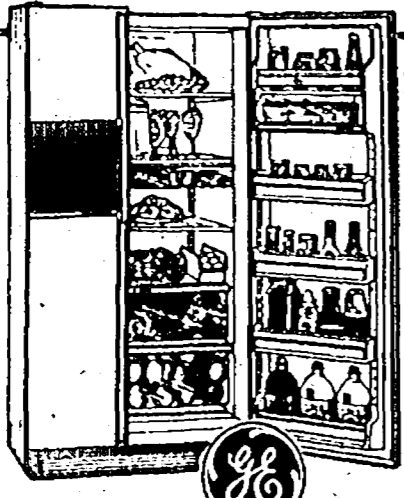


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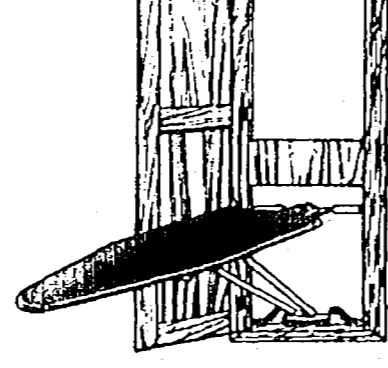



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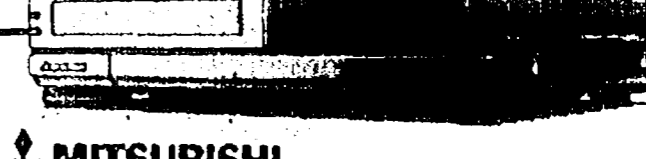
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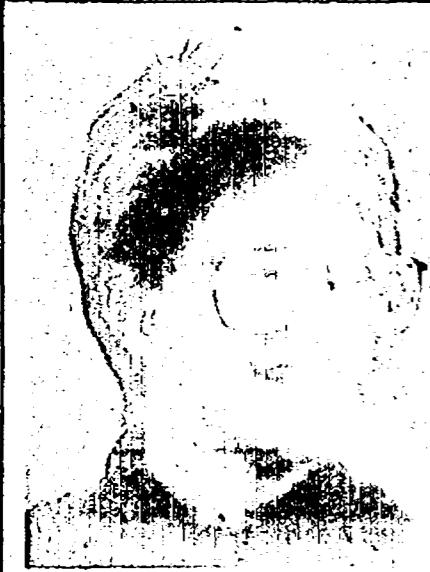
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'You go through a lot of pain, but the friendships last forever. Everybody will stay in touch.'

— Jenifer Danner
U-M crew captain



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Alix Filson of Bethesda, Maryland hoists the boat up along with her teammates after an early morning practice session on the Huron River.

Extra effort

U-M's Danner makes ultimate sacrifice

JENIFER DANNER and I are like two ships passing in the night.

Sportswriters are essentially night owls.

Meanwhile, Danner, captain of the University of Michigan women's rowing team, is a morning person. The Folgers type, perky in the early morning.

I hopped in my car at 7 a.m. for the 25-minute drive from Livonia to Ann Arbor on a bone-chilling 28-degree morning. I questioned myself whether I had both oars in the water. It was late October, but it was definitely already winter.

It was dark to boot, but I could sense I was near the Huron River. The only sign I needed in my quest to locate the U-M rowing squad was a tiny in-let street called Lake Shore Drive.

"You turn left where it says 'Triangle Towing,'" reminded Danner, a former swimmer and track athlete at Churchill High.

This Lake Shore Drive wasn't exactly the kind I remember in Chicago or Grosse Pointe. The shocks on my car absorbed a minor tremor, potholes everywhere. At least if my car quit, I wouldn't have to go far to have it towed away.

I COULD SEE the faint images of the four-man and eight-man boats as the fog slowly began to lift from the Huron.

I knew I was in the right place. The creaky dock, which wobbled badly, was loaded with pairs of tennis shoes. Somebody was out there practicing.

I wondered immediately why someone like Danner, a full-time student at a major university, would get up at dawn each morning and go through this rigorous routine.

Danner and her teammates belong to a club team. They're not on any type of athletic scholarship, have no tutors and must shell out nearly \$1,000 out of their own pockets, competing in a sport which gets little or no recognition on campus.

U-M coach John Anderson, a Minnesota native working on his MBA, offered a few reasons why Danner and her teammates are so dedicated as I took a ride in his small motor boat.

Although my nose was runny and my hands numb, making it difficult to take notes, Anderson made it clear why Danner, only a sophomore, excels.

"She's the stroke of the boat," the coach explained. "She sets the pace for the rest of the group. She's the best because she's the most competi-



Brad Emons

tive. She's very tough. She controls the race."

SELF-MOTIVATION is the key to success in any sport and that holds true for Danner. Once the fall season, which is mostly 3-mile endurance-type races, concludes, Danner moves indoors over the winter, working out on rowing machines and lifting weights.

"She'll do that little extra," Anderson said. "She'll go out and run four or five miles, or do steps (at Michigan Stadium or Crisler Arena). She's always in great shape."

Danner, however, must be in sync with her teammates, perfecting her technique, while trying to work on balance and timing.

On this morning, much to my surprise, none of the rowers wear gloves. Certainly their hands had to be blistered and raw?

"You can't wear gloves," Anderson said. "You have to have good sensitivity with oar. Sure, they get a lot of blisters."

As the sun creeps slowly in, Danner and her four teammates, including coxain Shannon Bettridge of Manhattan, N.Y., spin up and down the tranquil Huron. It's serious business, no laughing or giggling or eyes wandering off at the fall colors. Danner is completely focused. It's total concentration during the two-hour workout.

WHILE BETTRIDGE calls out a cadence, Anderson monitors the boat, offering instructions over a megaphone.

It's been a week since Danner and her teammates hitched their boats to a trailer and scrunched into a van for a weekend regatta in Boston.

Danner's eight-woman crew won the week before in Elkhart, Ind., beating out such schools as Notre Dame and Purdue. Jenifer's parents, her good luck charm, were there to watch.

But the Boston trip was not quite so successful. Danner's crew collided with some Canadians, in what ironically could be called a "minor international incident."

"Races take most of the time, they take the whole weekend," said Danner, who spends approximately 20 to 22 hours per week training. "The Boston trip was real fun (sarcastically). It was a 14-hour ride, with no rest, and then we go out and don't even finish. Then we drive back 14 hours and get back Monday morning. One of the girls had to take a test that morning at 8:20 (a.m.) and we got in around in at 8. But at least the company was good."

So what prompted Danner to join U-M's crew?

"When I was a freshman I saw a sign on campus to join," she said. "I couldn't go into swimming, I was just bored out of my mind. I didn't want to waste hours so I signed up. You can always make time." (Danner also works 10 hours per week working in the school cafeteria.)

THE FEELING OF camaraderie is strong among Danner and her

teammates. They do fund-raising activities together, such as raffles and selling T-shirts at U-M football games. They travel together (Florida trip in the spring for sprint races), while interacting socially at parties and at team functions.

"It's like a coed fraternity," says Jenifer. "You go through a lot of pain, but the friendships last forever. Everybody will stay in touch."

Rowing also is physically rewarding, according to Danner.

"It's the perfect combination, you've got to have strength and endurance," she said. "It (rowing) works all the muscles. The only way I can describe it is that if you go out and run four or five miles and then lift weights."

Once practice ends, Danner and her four teammates hoist their 180-pound boat, all in unison, over their heads, before walking it back to the storage area.

The girls discuss the morning practice before hopping on their 10-speeds for a ride back to campus in preparation for classes.

"I must admit, when I was coming down that big hill this morning on my bike it was pretty nasty, my hands iced up," Jenifer says.

THE REAL MOTIVATION for Jenifer, however, is running that perfect race.

"It's hard to describe, but it's a low noise, you hear the water," she said. "You're on the boat and it's a low-hum sound. It sends chills down your back. Everything comes together."

"And winning, of course. That's what makes it worth it."

While Danner shoves off on her bike, I head for the warm car. The sun glistens on the Huron while I bump along Lake Shore and on to Main Street before hitting M-14.

I was still cold, but I at least on this morning I felt like a real writer again.

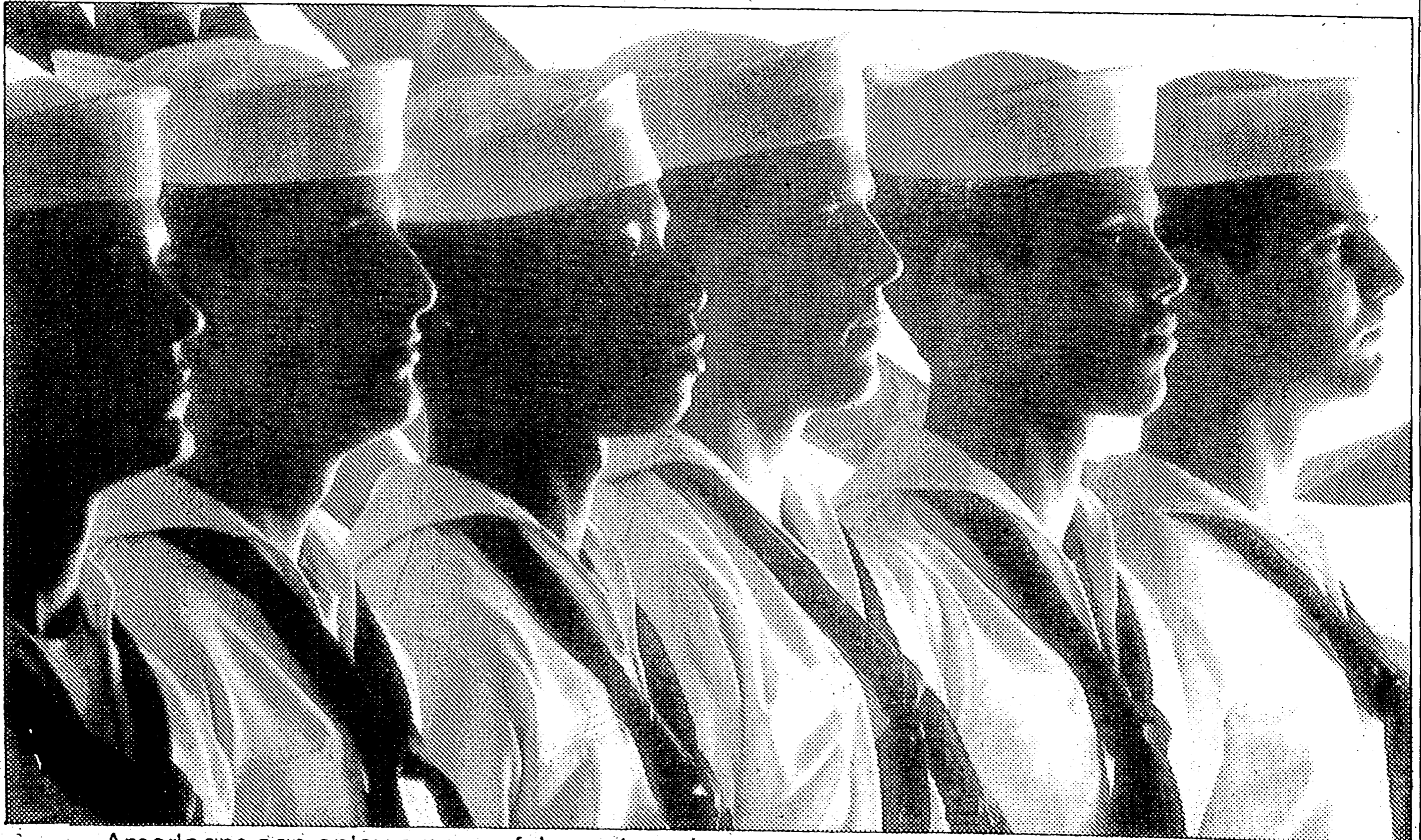


GUY WARREN/staff photographer

The University of Michigan women's rowing team members work out on the Huron River, perfecting their technique, balance and timing.

The sub-freezing temperatures wouldn't keep the squad from a vigorous workout.

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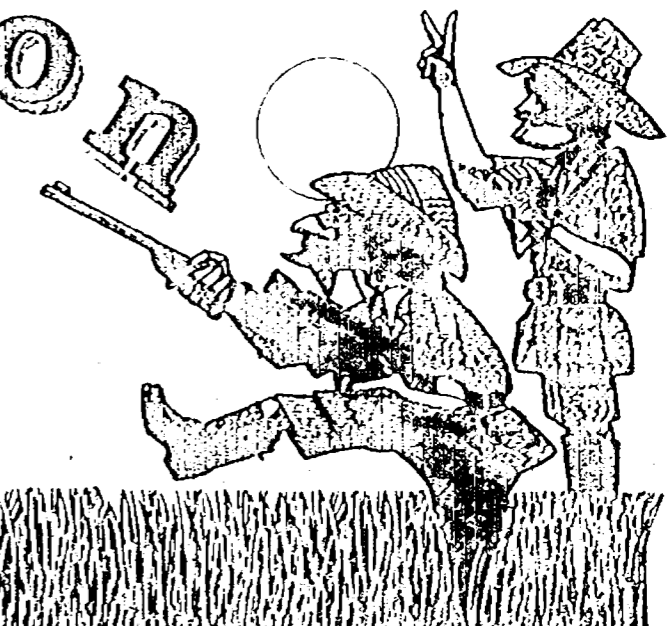


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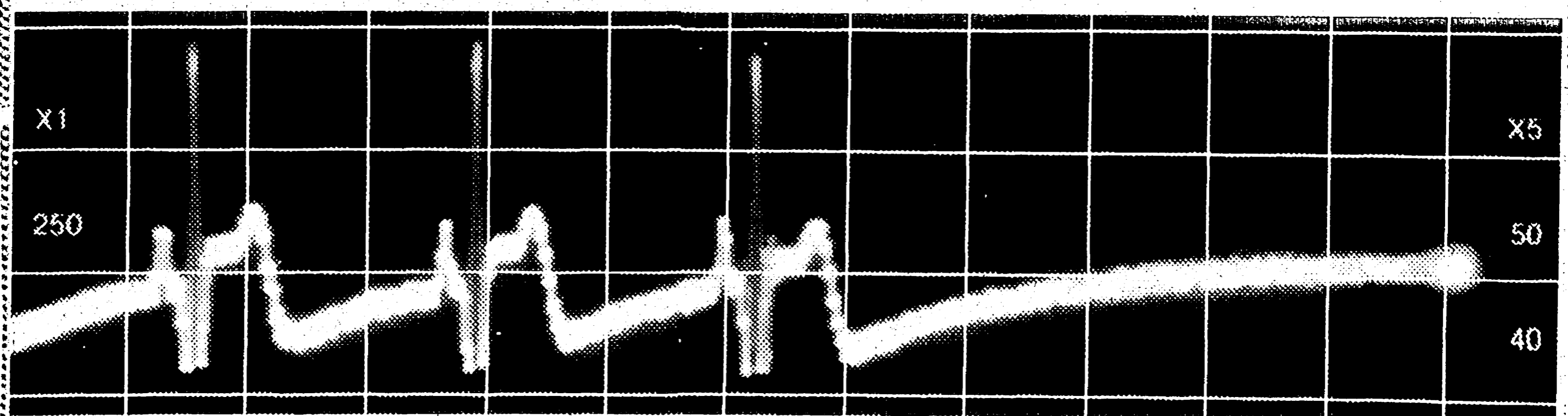
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Rock'em, sock'em

Professional indoor soccer is coming back to the Motor City . . . Cobo Arena to be exact. The Detroit Rockers, the latest entry in the National Professional Soccer League, opens its home schedule this Saturday and for more on Motown's newest sports team, see Page 6D.

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There may be a nip to the air, but the water is a nice 102 degrees in the hot tubs at the Oasis.

Rubba dub-dub, let's go hot tub

By Anahid Derbabian
special writer

Imagine lounging comfortably in a basin of rapidly bubbling water, while the sun shines brightly overhead.

Or, picture snowflakes gracefully falling downward on a cool winter's eve, as gurgling, steamy water envelops your body.

This exhilarating fantasy is actually no fantasy at all. At the Oasis Hot Tub Gardens in Ann Arbor, secluded hot tubs provide pleasure to people of all ages.

"It is a place for friends and families to come and relax, a place to escape from the mundane, daily routine," said Kathryn Burns, manager of the Oasis Hot Tub Gardens.

Dan Antor, Bob Lakey and Ken Schroder are the owners. They started the company in Kalamazoo in August 1989. Its prosperity prompted them to start a second one in Ann Arbor. This new place, on South State Street, has been open for about six months.

The owners picked up on the hot tub idea during their travels to Arizona and New Mexico, where hot tubbing is a prevalent activity. They felt people would enjoy a "one hour vacation."

There are 12 hot tubs at the Ann Arbor locale. Sunlit days, moonlit nights and delicate breezes accompany hot tubbers who choose one of the Garden's 10 outdoor spots. Two indoor tubs with skylights are also available.

EACH TUB offers complete seclusion, whether tubbing alone, with the family, with a group of friends, or with that special someone.

'It is a place for friends and families to come and relax, a place to escape from the mundane, daily routine.'

— Kathryn Burns

Each outdoor tub has a theme, and the decor reflects it. Themes include northern (winter themes), South Pacific, Asian and Mexican.

"We have people who come back and try every garden," said Burns.

Choose a garden, and step inside. A private, spa-like dressing room with shower, mirror, cushioned seating, and hangers for clothes provide comfortable arrangements for before and after hot tubbing. A second door opens to the outdoors, where the hot tub gurgles refreshingly. High walls ensure absolute privacy. A wooden deck surrounds the tub and simple decorations reflect the garden's theme.

When entering "Casablanca," hot tubbers behold a multi-colored tarp draped above the square hot tub, resembling a caravan tent. The tarp permits the sky to be seen above. Patterns in pink, yellow and turquoise decorate the walls and tarp.

"Ball Gardens" features bamboo branches and branch-woven baskets next to a square tub. A yellow, turquoise, red and black print of a bamboo tree hangs on the wall.

Hot tubbers may choose either jets or bubblers with the push of a button. Jets provide a strong water force to relieve aching muscles and can be enjoyed simply for basking in the energy of the waves. Jets shoot out from the sides of the tub.

SHOULD HOT tubbers prefer a softer, more tranquil experience, they may press the bubblers button. Bubblers spurt out from the tub's bottom.

Young children all the way to those in their 60s appreciate the Oasis Hot Tub Gardens. Young children must be accompanied by parents.

Normally, Sundays bring families in after church. Friday and Saturday nights generally attract couples. Groups of friends and single tubbers come in at all times to take part in this rejuvenating activity, Burns said.

"Families come here because they're not watching TV, and it's not your typical evening of going to the movies, eating a bag of popcorn, and sitting in a row not talking with each other," Burns said. "Our hours are set up for people who work any type of shift. It's a great get-away especially when you've had a real hard day."

"Not only are you away from it all, no one can reach you by phone. It has a therapeutic effect. Whether you plan to or not, you're forced to relax."

The Oasis Hot Tub Gardens in Ann Arbor follows strict swimming pool guidelines for cleanliness. It is also regulated by the health department which checks the water regularly,

and conducts surprise water samplings.

BROMINE IS used to disinfect the water, eliminating chlorine's strong odor. In addition, water in the tubs circulates constantly. Every eight minutes each tub goes through a filtration system.

"If you're in the water for one hour, the water has turned over six to seven times, and when you get out the water turns over again," said Burns.

An electronic, chemical water monitoring system continuously measures the pH and bromine levels in the water, maintaining a constant level. Water is also physically monitored every two hours.

Tub water levels are three feet deep. The maximum water temperature — 102 degrees — is a comfortable temperature for hot tubbing in the winter.

"This is what keeps you warm in the winter, especially when there's freezing temperatures outside," said Burns. In summer, tub temperatures are turned down to 98-100 degrees.

In the winter, a maintenance crew clears fallen snow off the decks surrounding the tubs, so entering and leaving the tub is an easier task.

Burns anticipates a similar pattern of success at the newly opened Ann Arbor location, as Kalamazoo experienced. From September through May, Kalamazoo's hot tub demand is at its peak.

"PRIMARILY FALL, winter, spring has been the main season," Burns said. "Basically, more people hot tub when the weather is colder."



It's the next best thing to being in the South Pacific; the only thing missing at the hot tubs is hula dancers and exotic fruit drinks.

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MOVING PICTURES

'Ladder:' Riveting success

By Dan Greenberg
special writer

For an absolutely sensational, riveting film experience, see "Jacob's Ladder" (A, R, 115 minutes). It will leave you limp but redeemed and rewarded.

Bruce Rublin, associate producer and scenarist of "Ghost" — destined to be this year's top box office draw — performed those same chores on "Jacob's Ladder," once described as the best unproduced script kicking around Hollywood.

"Jacob's Ladder," however, is a very different film, appropriately described as the dark side of "Ghost," which it ultimately will replace at the top of the box office charts. The reason is simple. "Jacob's Ladder" will appeal to virtually every segment of the viewing public.

Jacob Singer (Tim Robbins), a Vietnam veteran has left his wife, Sarah (Patricia Kalember), and is living with Jezi (Elizabeth Pena), a co-worker at the post office. Notwithstanding his Ph.D. and comfortable home, Jacob has changed his lifestyle dramatically in his effort to come to grips with his Vietnam war experiences.

Robbins' masterful light touch characterizes this dark and somber fellow, Jacob, who carries the tragic baggage of Vietnam while looking for salvation. That perfect counterpoint is the hallmark of director Adrian Lyne's ("Fatal Attraction") style, a style of dark and brooding images emphasized by rapid cuts and tight, intense close-ups emphasizing character, atmosphere and the torment of the human condition.

UNLIKE SO much of the graphic violence currently popular in motion pictures, "Jacob's Ladder" deals realistically and appropriately with our violent world and has the good grace to do so with restraint. The dark images and hellish visions are not on the screen for their own sake but to make important points about life and death, love and hate, damnation and redemption. Also, Lyne has



Shirley MaLaine stars as the colorful Aunt Z, whose irrepresible sense of fun and penchant for pranks unwittingly lands her family in the middle of the town's pursuit of a miracle in "Waiting for the Light."

excellent instincts about when to cut away from the gross and repelling images.

Above all, "Jacob's Ladder" is about redemption of the human spirit. Reconciliation and liberation are at hand for all who will accept a state of grace. Louis (Danny Aiello), Jacob's chiropractor, notes, "It all depends on how you look at it."

"Jacob's Ladder" appeals to all those intent that the tragedies of Vietnam not be repeated. As well, the film will grip those concerned with the difficulty of finding a path through life in our tortured cities. Those determined to mature and discover their places in society and those troubled by the role, if any, of the human soul also will be rewarded by "Jacob's Ladder."

The film is marred only by a gratuitous end title about the Pentagon which does not interfere with this intense experience, one which will grab all viewers, no matter what their interests of concerns may be in this, or other, lives.

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ALTERNATIVE VIEWING

'Days' links past, present

By John Monaghan
special writer

A trio of construction workers strategically place explosives along a brick wall. The resulting blast, with confetti-like debris, blows a hole through time to the stone streets of a village in the Middle Ages.

Juxtaposition of time and place is the key to "Book of Days," an enjoyable first feature from New York performance artist Meredith Monk. It plays this weekend at the downtown Tele-Arts Theatre.

A good portion of the film finds an unseen interviewer posing a series of revealing questions. Monk, a small woman with a Keaton-like stone face, plays the town madman. She answers only with wild eyes.

On this level, "Book of Days" accomplishes what high school history teachers long for. It provides a modern perspective on the past. The robed citizens field questions — "Who built the house you live in?" to

"What's a star?" to "Are you happy?"

MEANWHILE, A young girl has visions and feels compelled to carve images of cars and airplanes in sand and stone. Her grandfather, worried for the girl, listens attentively to her to her prophetic ramblings, then teaches her a wordless song to root her in her own time.

Aside from the interviews, there is little dialogue in "Book of Days." Images unreele slowly. Many of them are extremely beautiful, some funny. The camera pans over medieval artifacts until it ends on a package whose inner contents are revealed through airport security X-ray.

Monk filmed the historical sequences in the preserved medieval village of Cordes, France. She shoots in extra crisp black and white, contrasting the garish colors of the modern day which imposes every so often.

"Book of Days" draws obvious

parallels between plague-filled streets and the modern AIDS virus. There is also a Jewish subtext as some citizens blame the Jews for the plague.

The premise is a good one for Monk whose music draws on heavily textured medieval style choirs but is also way ahead of its time. Her repetitive vocal tones provide the background music for the film.

AS WITH her stage work, Meredith Monk won't garner the national attention that David Byrne, Sandra Bernhard or Laurie Anderson did with their first features. In many ways, however, this is a much more unique and compelling effort.

"Book of Days," only 75 minutes long, will be seen in an edited form on PBS. Catching it at the Tele-Arts, you'll be able to see her short film, "Ellis Island," which pays tribute to the 16 million immigrants (including Monk's grandparents) who entered this gateway to the United States.

SCREEN SCENE

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 colossally bad
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Double feature — "Woman in the Window" (USA — 1944) and "A Foreign Affair" (USA — 1948), starting at 7 p.m. Nov. 9-10. Two rarely screened films from great directors. In Fritz Lang's "Woman," Edward G. Robinson falls in love with the subject of a painting (Joan Bennet). When he meets her, he becomes involved in murder. In the second film, a comedy directed by Billy Wilder, Jean Arthur plays a reporter sent to investigate conditions in Berlin after World War II. Instead she falls in love with John Lund and tangles with Marlene Dietrich.

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"Master of the House" (Denmark — 1925), 1 p.m. Nov. 8-11. For his early silent film, Carl Dreyer shot in claustrophobic sets to relay the story of a couple who goes to extremes to

keep living in a tiny flat. As part of a tribute to the great director. (\$2.50/ recital hall)

"West Is West" (USA — 1989), 7 and 9:30 p.m. Nov. 9. The first feature from David Rathod finds a young student from Bombay experiencing a strange and bewildering San Francisco. (\$4/auditorium)

"Man of Iron" (Poland — 1981), 3 and 7 p.m. Nov. 4. Andrzej Wajda's sequel to "Man of Marble" (shown last weekend), a young documentary filmmaker charts the upheavals in Poland in the early '80s. (\$4/auditorium)

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"To the Limit" (USA — 1990), through April 1991. The latest big-screen Omnimax film combines amazing footage of a mountain climber, skier and ballet dancer with the inner workings of the human body.

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"Open City" (Italy — 1946), 7 p.m. Nov. 5. The Italian underground movement during World War II is recounted with documentary-like clarity by director Roberto Rossellini. With Anna Magnani.

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"New York, New York" (USA — 1977), 10 a.m. Nov. 6. Martin Scorsese presents a bittersweet romance between a singer and a disturbed jazz musician in the 1940s. Robert De Niro and Liza Minelli are in top form, but the film is coldly stylized and fails to successfully mix playful musical comedy and brutality. A noble flop. As part of the mall's continuing tribute to movie musicals.

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Meet the Rockers . . . as in soccer

By Larry O'Connor
staff writer

Detroit Rockers: Rock'em, sock'em soccer has arrived. Professional indoor game, returns to the Motor City on Satur-

day, Nov. 10, at Cobo Arena. The Rockers host the Milwaukee Wave. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Yes, that's right, we said returns.

Remember the Detroit Lightning of the Major Indoor Soccer League

who played at Cobo in 1979-80? Don't feel bad, judging by the low attendance, only the players seemed to remember to show up at the games. That hastily assembled outfit only lasted one season. Ten years later, the newest entry

in the National Professional Soccer League opens its home campaign a whole lot wiser and better prepared.

Never heard of indoor soccer? Well, think hockey on Astro-Turf. Better yet, think Steve Yzerman-

like marksmen blasting a leather, hexagonal ball into the net. Think of more carooms than a pinball game. Think of battle-weary goalkeepers facing more point-blank shots than wooden ducks at a National Rifle Association-sponsored gallery.

For people already familiar with the indoor game — after all plenty of sophisticated soccer people live in the Observer & Eccentric area — this is a chance to see some of the best players in the country.

More importantly, though, this is yet another opportunity to see if professional soccer will float or sink in Detroit.

The cemetery of professional soccer franchises is quite crowded. Tombstones with Detroit markings read: Detroit Cougars (1968); Detroit Express (1978-80) resurrected again in the American Soccer League 1981-83) and the Detroit Lightning of the Major Indoor Soccer League (1979-80).

AT ITS height in the late 1970s, pro teams such as the New York Cosmos and the Tampa Bay Rowdies played before crowds of 70,000.

Today, professional outdoor soccer has been largely relegated to high school stadiums before crowds of a few hundred diehards.

Soccer, they told us, was the sport of '90s. They were wrong.

"Soccer never failed," said Paul Scicluna, part owner of the Detroit Rockers. "Soccer was never given a chance. American people were given a recycled product."

Indoor soccer is seen as the short-term answer. Unlike the outdoor game, goals come in bunches

indoors where the action is fast and furious.

The game is played on 200-foot by 85-foot surface (same as ice hockey), surrounded by dasher boards and Plexi-glass.

Scoring in the NPSL is similar to basketball. Most goals are worth two points with shots outside the yellow line (blue line in hockey) worth three points. Penalty shots are good for one point.

Also, the nets have been enlarged this season to eight feet high by 14 feet wide.

Along with the high-paced action, soccer's indoor cousin has taken on the look of rock music video production. Teams are usually introduced amid dry-ice smoke, strobe lights and the theme from "Star Wars."

"I DON'T know about the dry ice," said Ian Parratt, director of public relations. "We'll probably just stick with the lights."

The game also has its fair share of characters. One easily recognizable player broke the league scoring record last season with 167 points (two three-point goals, 39 two-point goals, 16 one-point goals and 67 assists).

Drago did all that without so much as two hairs to rub together on his head. The chrome-domed Yugoslavian has signed with the Rockers this season, joining an already formidable offensive threat that features former Express star Andy Chapman and NPSL veteran Dan O'Keefe.

"We've got some really good players," said Brian Tinnion, coach of the Rockers. "Dan O'Keefe has to be one of the most underrated players in the league. Drago and Andy (Chapman) speak for themselves."

"I think we have firepower and goal scoring ability."

The Rockers displayed Detroit's latest venture into professional soccer with a sneak-preview party at Cobo Arena. An estimated 800 people turned out, watching the Rockers play two intra-squad matches.

Afterwards, kids swarmed onto the field to get autographs. Lines around Drago and Chapman were particularly long.

ALL OF which served a heavy dose of optimism to the team's owners. Gus Moffat, Scicluna and Tinnion have all been involved in soccer — both on an amateur and professional level.

Instead of talking about championships, though, Rockers personnel speak of "sticking around long enough to establish a base of support."

For ticket information, call 473-0440.



photos by BILL HANSEN

Randy Prescott of the Detroit Rockers out recent pre-season game at Total Soccer West jumps Bill Galka of the Dayton Dynamo in a in Farmington Hills.

Rockers 1990-91 Home Schedule			
NOV.			
Sat. 10	7:35	Milwaukee Wave	
Sat. 17	7:35	New York Kick	
Wed. 21	7:35	Atlanta Attack	
Sat. 24	7:35	Dayton Dynamo	
DEC.			
Sat. 1	7:35	Illinois Thunder	
Thur. 27	7:35	Chicago Power	
Sat. 29	2:05	Canton Invaders	
JAN.			
Fri. 18	7:35	New York Kick	
Fri. 25	7:35	Hershey Impact	
Thur. 31	7:35	Chicago Power	
FEB.			
Sun. 3	4:05	Dayton Dynamo	
Sat. 16	7:35	Milwaukee Wave	
Thur. 21	7:35	Hershey Impact	
Sun. 24	2:05	Illinois Thunder	
MAR.			
Sun. 3	2:05	Chicago Power	
Fri. 15	7:35	Canton Invaders	
Fri. 22	7:35	New York Kick	
Sun. 24	4:05	Hershey Impact	
Thur. 28	7:35	Illinois Thunder	
Sat. 30	7:35	Atlanta Attack	



Detroit Roker Erik Enyedy, a native Detroit who played soccer at Oakland University, turns on the speed as he heads down field with the ball in a exhibition game.



photos by BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Yucca plants, adobe style walls and strategically placed clay pots give a Southwest feel to one of the hot tubs at the Oasis Hot Tubs in Ann Arbor.



A cheap "Adventures In Paradise" is as close as the hot tub with the South Pacific atmosphere at Oasis.

Hot tubs provide 'oasis' from cold

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Kalamazoo books solid on Friday and Saturday nights all winter long."

Reservations are booked back-to-back at the Oasis Hot Tub Gardens. Hot tubbers can call one day ahead of time during the summer months to book a tub.

"People would be well advised to call about a week in advance during the winter months; it's a drag for us and for them when we have to say, 'Sorry, we don't have anything available,'" said Burns.

And Valentine's Day was exciting at the Ann Arbor Gardens.

"Between noon and 4 p.m. half the hot tubs were filled; from 4 p.m. until 2 a.m. we were booked solid, all 12 tubs, even with the terrible weather outside," said Burns.

An intercom is available in the dressing area should hot tubbers have questions or desire a change in water temperature. Intercoms provide hot tubbers with a link to the outside world without leaving their garden seclusion.

Prices vary, depending on the day of the week and the number of hot tubbers. For two people, the price is \$9-13 per person, per hour. Week-

days are less than Friday and Saturday nights. The more hot tubbers in the group, the lower the per-person price.

OASIS HOT Tub Gardens will open four new tubs in the fall. Eventually, each garden will receive more decorative attention.

The gardens will soon bring in a licensed masseuse. Fruit juices, fruit drinks and mineral water are sold at the desk.

"There is a man who comes to Oasis all the way from Ohio. We also have regular people who come from Ann Arbor, Toledo, Jackson, Ypsi-

lanli, Lansing and the Detroit area," Burns said.

The owners believe the gardens' growth can be attributed to more than the comfort of hot tubs and pleasant surroundings.

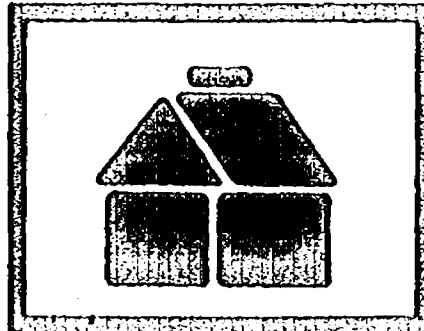
"Ultimately, it is the continuing efforts of our staff that is responsible for our past and future success," they said.

The Oasis Hot Tub Gardens is open noon to 1 a.m. Sunday-Thursday and noon to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. To reserve a hot tub, call 663-9001.

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● RUBINER GALLERY

Wednesday, Nov. 7 — Paintings/watercolors/drawings by Richard Jerzy, professor of art at the Center for Creative Studies, are on display through November. Reception for the artist 7-9 p.m. Wednesday. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

● BELIAN ART CENTER

Wednesday, Nov. 7 — Works on paper by Susan Hinds will be on display through Nov. 24, 5980 Rochester Road, Troy.

● ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY

Friday, Nov. 9 — Original paintings by Marc Brown for his book, "The Family Read-Aloud Christmas Treasury," are on display to Nov. 21. Reception for the artist 5-7 p.m. Friday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 580 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

● LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

Friday, Nov. 9 — "Animal Dreams," a one-person show by artist/poet Donna Munro of Grand Rapids, continues through Dec. 14. Reception 6-9 p.m. Friday. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 29 W. Lawrence, Pontiac.

● PRESTON BURKE GALLERIES INC.

Friday, Nov. 9 — "Images of Detroit" by Clayton Lewis continues through November. Reception 7-10 p.m. Friday, 240 E. Grand River, Detroit.

● SYBARIS GALLERY

Friday, Nov. 9 — "Metals," featuring furniture, sculpture and vessel forms by six of the country's best-known metalsmiths, continues through December. Reception 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 301 W. Fourth, Royal Oak.

● JOYEMERY GALLERY

Friday, Nov. 9 — "Furniture/Sculpture," works by eight nationally known artists, continues through December. Art historian Hope Palmer will give a talk on "New Objects" 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday. For tickets and reservations, call 880-1444. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, until 8 p.m. Thursday, 131 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

● BIRMINGHAM TEMPLE

Friday, Nov. 9 — Annual juried fine art show and sale features works by 125 artists in a variety of media. Preview, \$10, is 7-8 p.m. Friday; reception, \$5, is 8-11 p.m. Friday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Free admission before noon, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills.

● DEERFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Saturday, Nov. 10 — "Holidays at Deerfield," a juried craft show, will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. one day only, 3600 Crooks, Rochester Hills, between South Blvd. and Auburn Road.

● ROUTE 10 GALLERY

Saturday, Nov. 10 — Functional and non-functional furniture, paintings and installations by Judith Ann Corba and Nicolas van Krijdt will be on display through November. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday and until 9 p.m. Thursday, 32430 Northwestern, Farmington Hills.

● CHINESE CULTURAL CENTER

Sunday, Nov. 11 — "China: Impressions and Dreams," recent paintings by renowned Chinese dissident artist Yoncum Li (also known as Bo Yun). Reception for the artist 4-6 p.m. Sunday. Continues through November. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. The exhibition is hosted by the Chinese American Educational and Cultural Center, 2300 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor.

● SOUTHFIELD CIVIC CENTER

Monday, Nov. 12 — Works by three computer artists, Jack Bergeron, Laura Lee Hayes and Bob Brill, are on display through Nov. 23 in the Parks and Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. All three artists have a background in the arts.

● U-M DEARBORN

"Spatial Visions: Paintings by Linda and Donald Mendelson" will be on display through Dec. 2 in the Mardigian Library, Evergreen Road between Ford and Michigan, Dearborn. She teaches at the Center for Creative Studies and he's on the Oakland Community College-Orchard Ridge art faculty.

● G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY

Paintings by Peter Pinchbeck are on display through Dec. 1. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 161 Townsend, Birmingham.

● LIVONIA CITY HALL

Fall art show of VAAL, Visual Arts Association of Livonia, continues through Nov. 16. Marjorie Chellstorp is the juror. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Five Mile and Farmington roads, Livonia.

● PRINT GALLERY

Original antique posters by artists such as Cappello, Villemot and Collin are on display through December. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, until 9 p.m. Thursday, 29203 Northwestern, Southfield.

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She shares her love for Southwest

By Corinne Abatt
staff writer

IT'S A paradox that Michigan born and bred artist Cathy P. Aten should create and bring an exciting exhibit of her Southwestern art back to her home area.

But she did, and her vivid paintings on wool at Mesa Arts of Franklin, make a strong dramatic statement about that part of the country.

How did that happen? Why isn't she painting lakescapes, harbor scenes and sand dunes and with overtones of Chippawa Indian designs? Where did she pick up the Southwest influence?

Questions such as that come to mind before meeting her. When she tells her side of the story, it becomes perfectly natural.

Aten, in her mid 30s, grew up in Bloomfield Hills. She attended Kingswood School, where studied art with Robert Kidd and Ray Fleming.

She has a degree in textile design from Center for Creative Studies of Detroit. Her father, Roger Aten, was head of styling for GM before he died about 16 years ago. Her mother, Beverly Aten, still lives here as does her grandmother Mary Whiting.

ATEN HAD a successful career as a fabric designer going in Boston, but when some friends returned from a trip to the Southwest and told her about it, she was immediately interested.

"I didn't know what it was like, but I felt a call to go. I drove there and it felt like home. I just knew everything would be taken care of."

"I didn't worry as soon as I moved to the Southwest. My aesthetic changed so much that a gallery in Boston wouldn't take my work because they said they couldn't sell Southwestern art. My life changed so much for the better," she said, adding that she still wonders how it happened that she has such a wonderful life.

Her perspective on life changed and that, in turn, changed her art.

"My spirit gets very big there. . . My first reaction to the southwest was that I felt very vulnerable, the land was so big. It gave me a perspective of what we are in the world, which is not much. I like that."

She lives in Santa Fe, "in Billy the Kid's mother's old house," and she likes that, too.

She still does her large paintings on wool as she did in Boston, but now they reflect her environment, her love of the wide outdoors, the ancient marks or drawings she may find on a rock as she rides her horse in the desert, the brilliance of the sunsets, the geometric designs of the Plains and Pueblo Indians and her own inner responses.

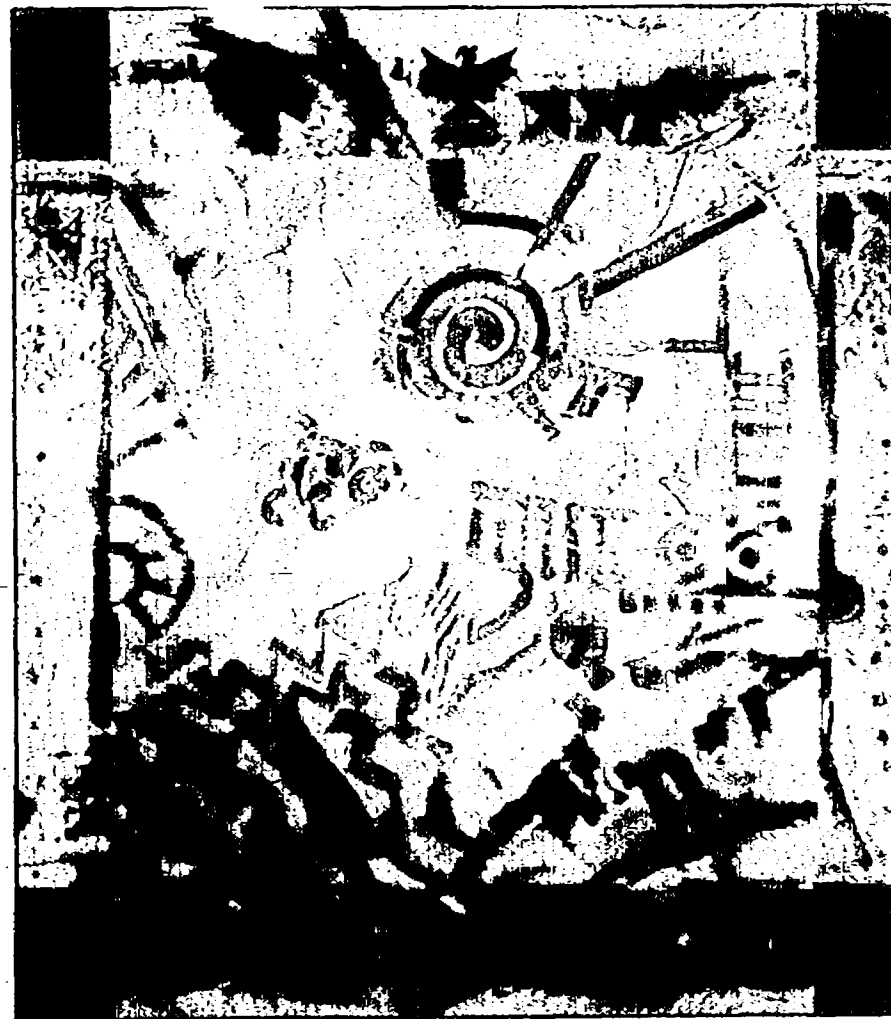
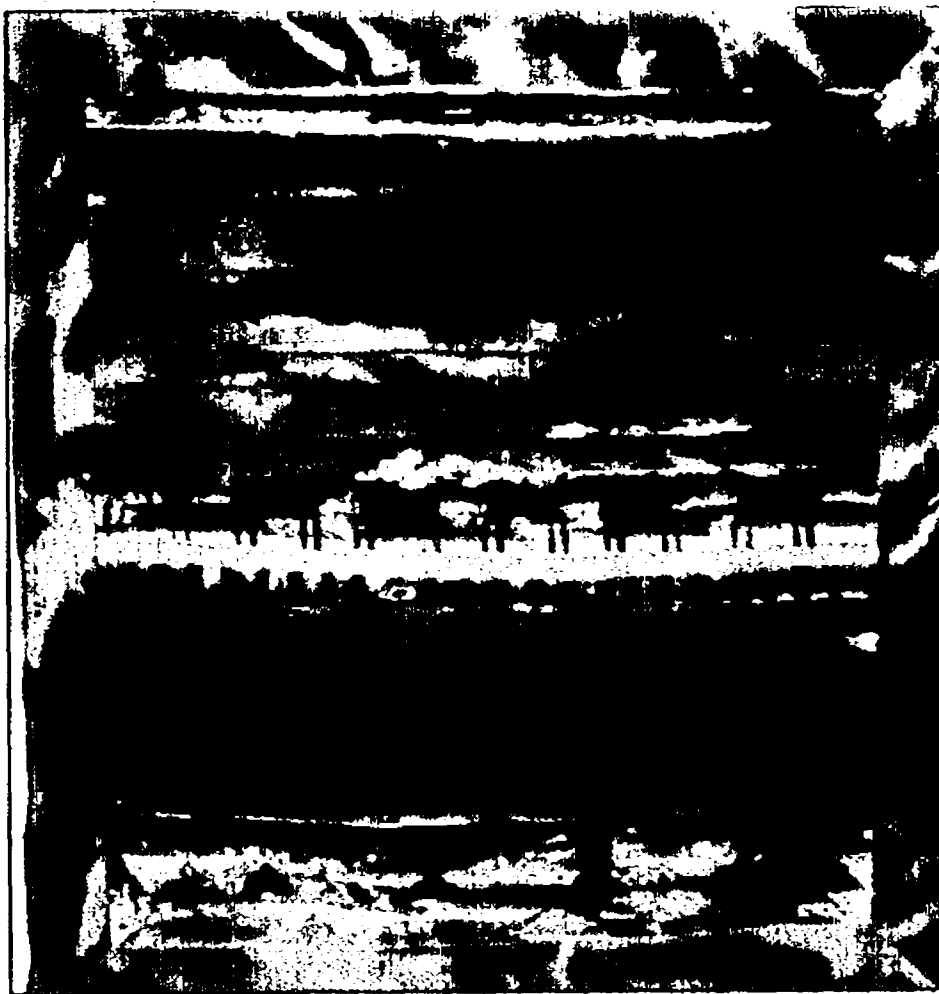


Textile artist Cathy P. Aten designed the fabric for the jacket she's wearing. She designs fabric for clothing as well as for custom upholstery.

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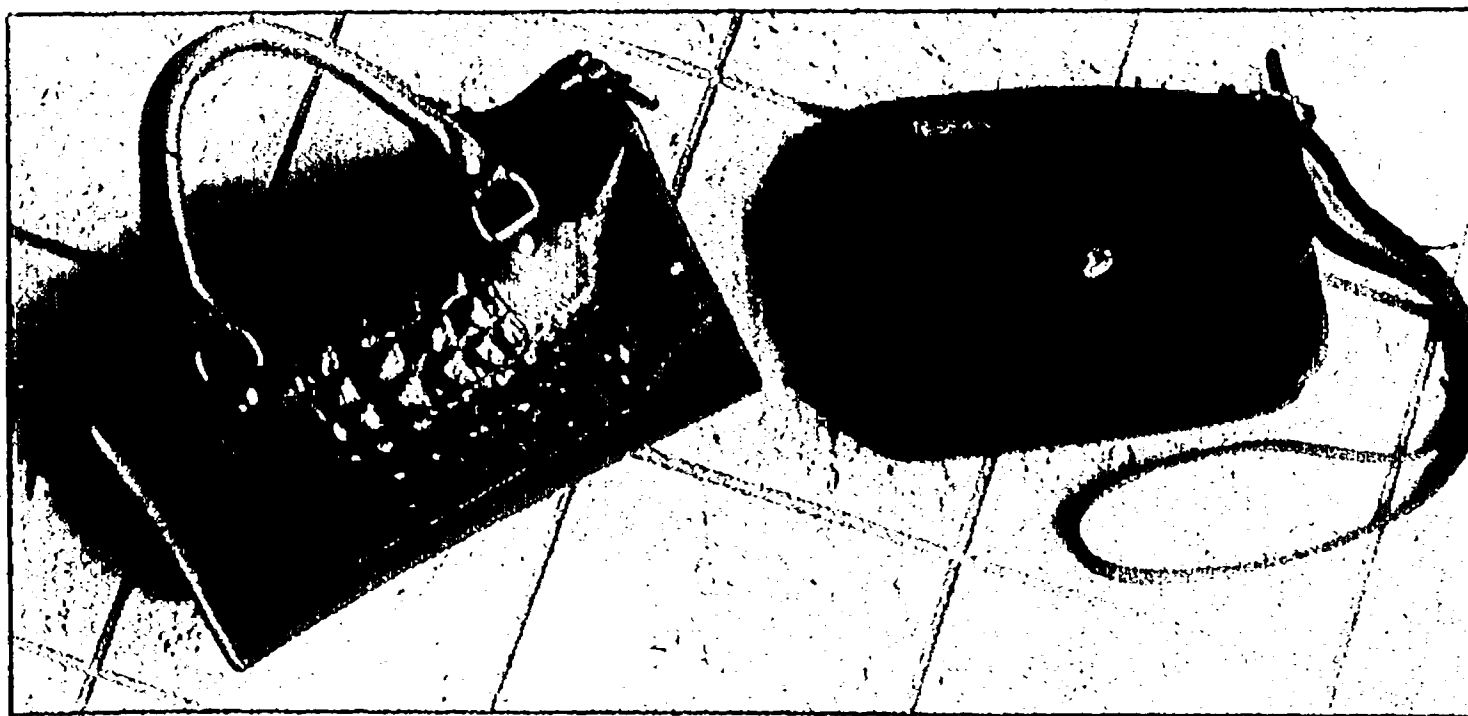
Cathy P. Aten said she feels comfortable working in a linear form as illustrated in this painting on wool with animal forms reminiscent of cave paintings.



This painting on wool, with a highly charged emotional appeal, combines hard edge and geometric designs, with personal symbols and broad sweeps of color.

At Laszlo's

The satchel-type purse (left) by Brahmin is made of partly embossed buffalo calfskin and comes with a removable long shoulder strap (\$169). It was named "Find of the Year" by Accessories magazine, a trade journal. The smaller purse, by Laura, is made of vegetable-tanned cowhide (\$93). They're at Laszlo's of Birmingham, not Jacobson's as incorrectly stated in last Thursday's Finery special section.



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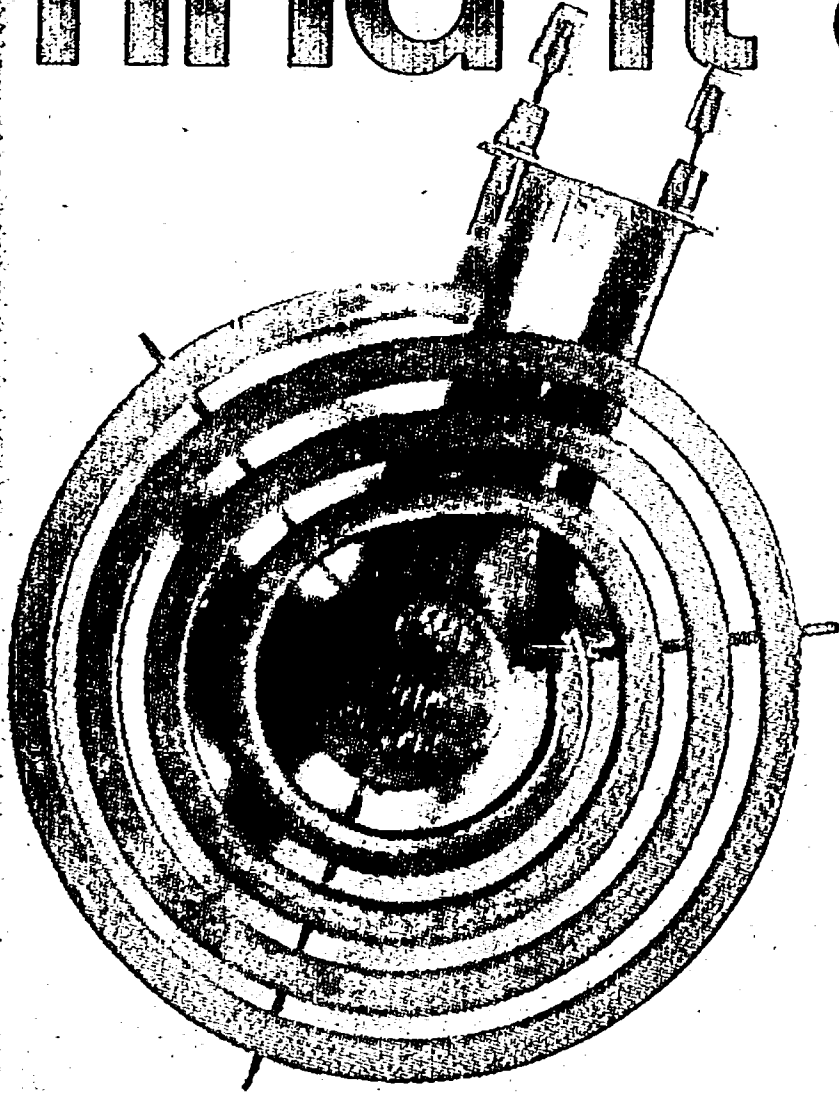
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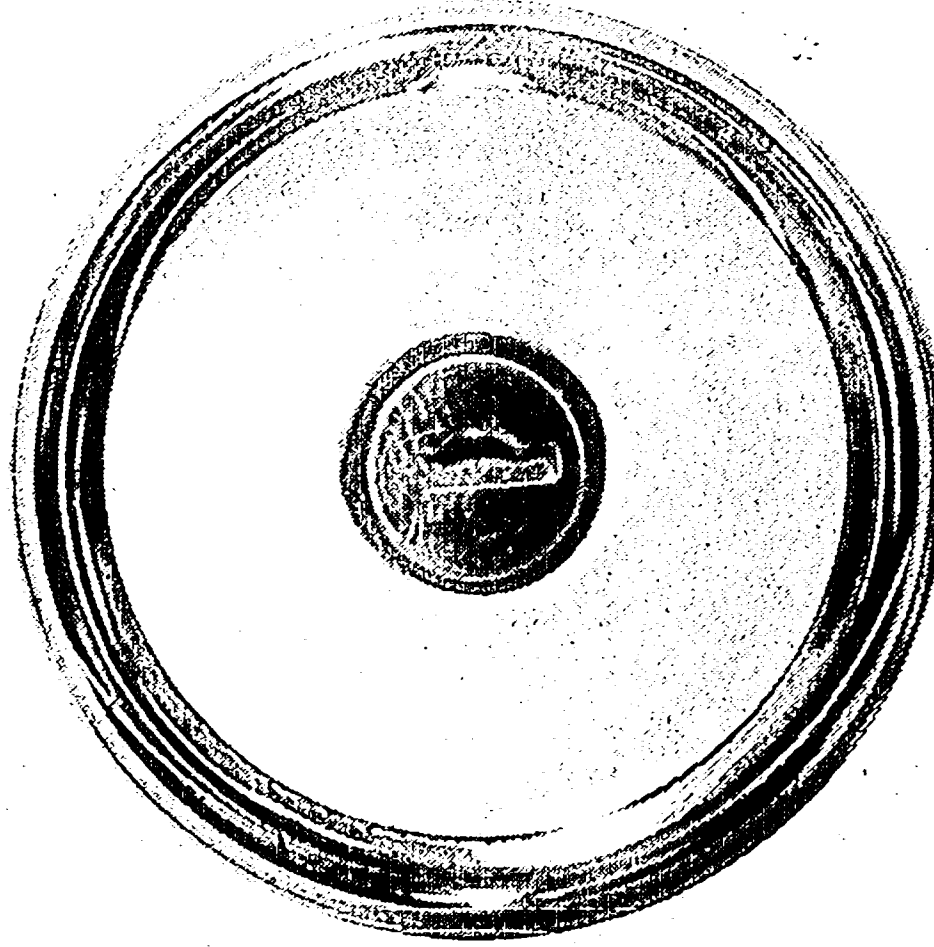
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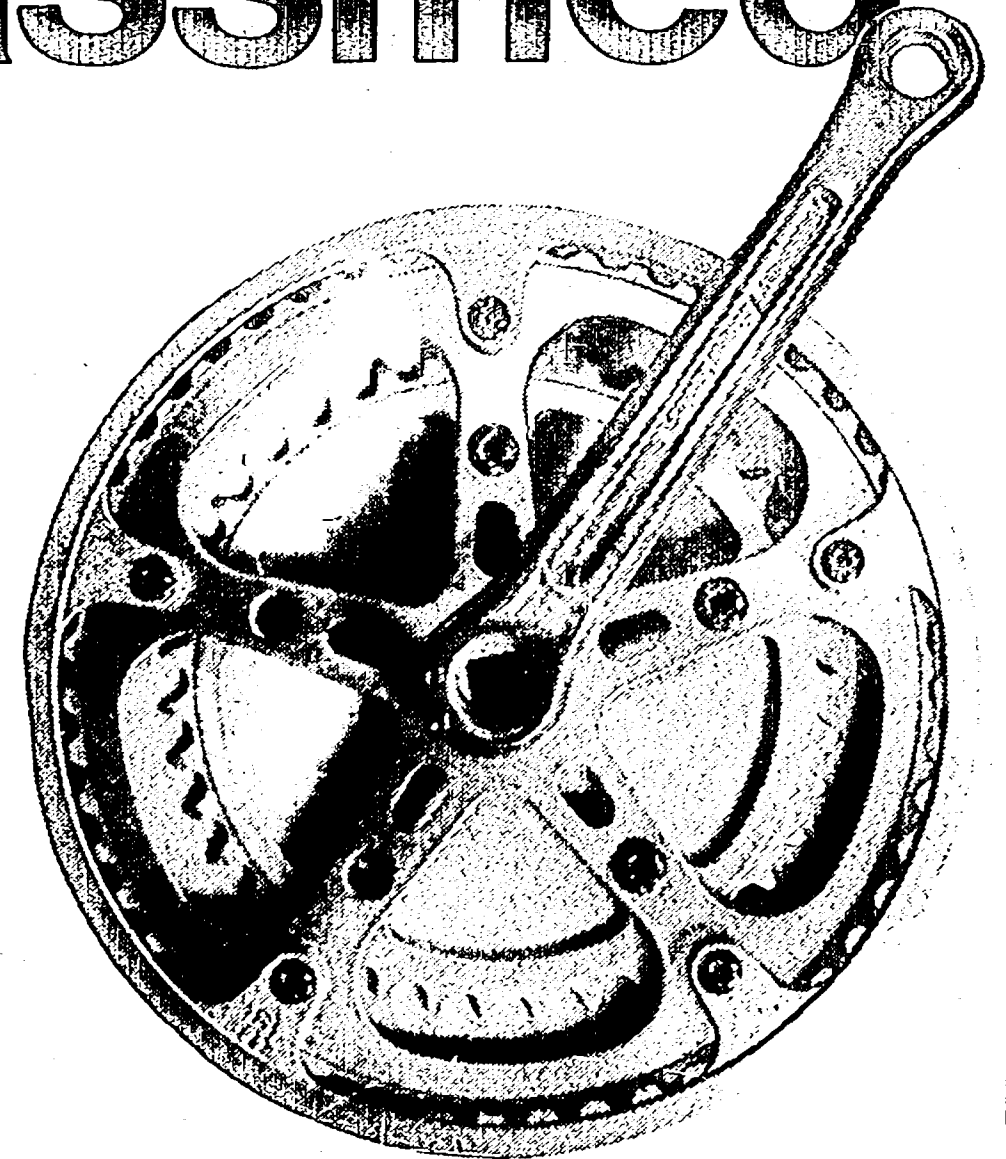
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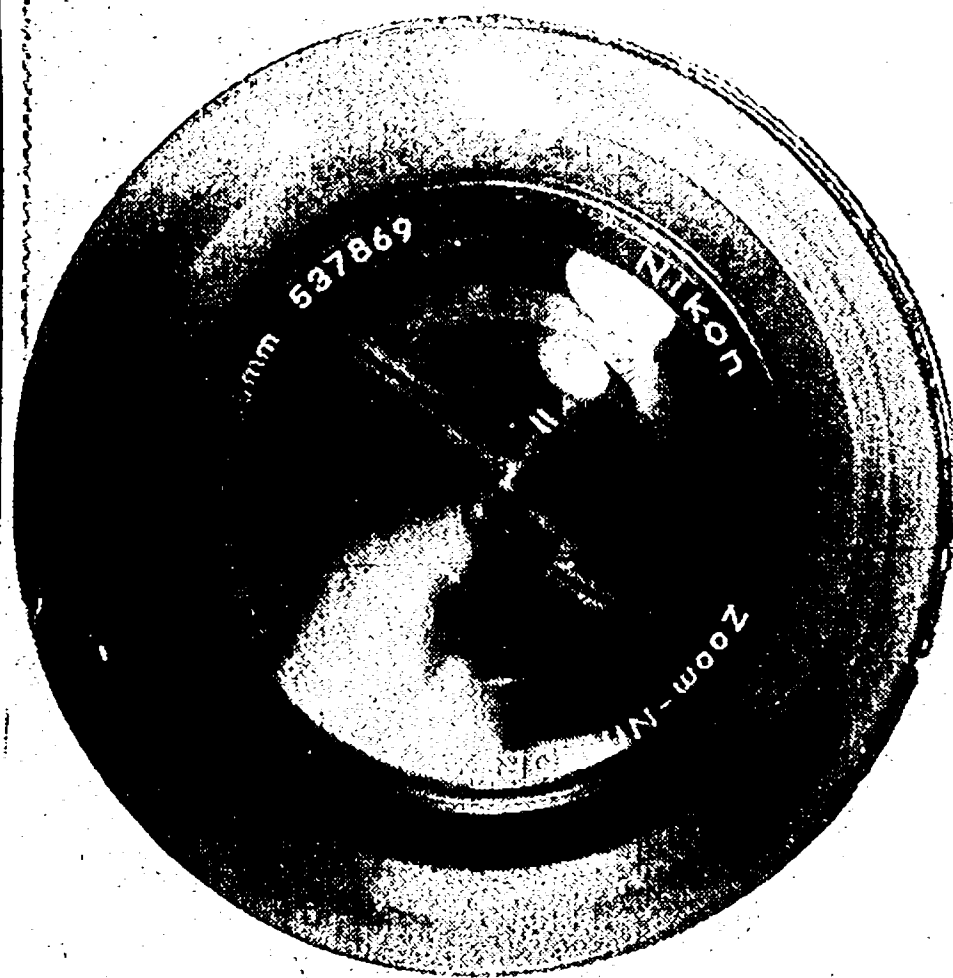
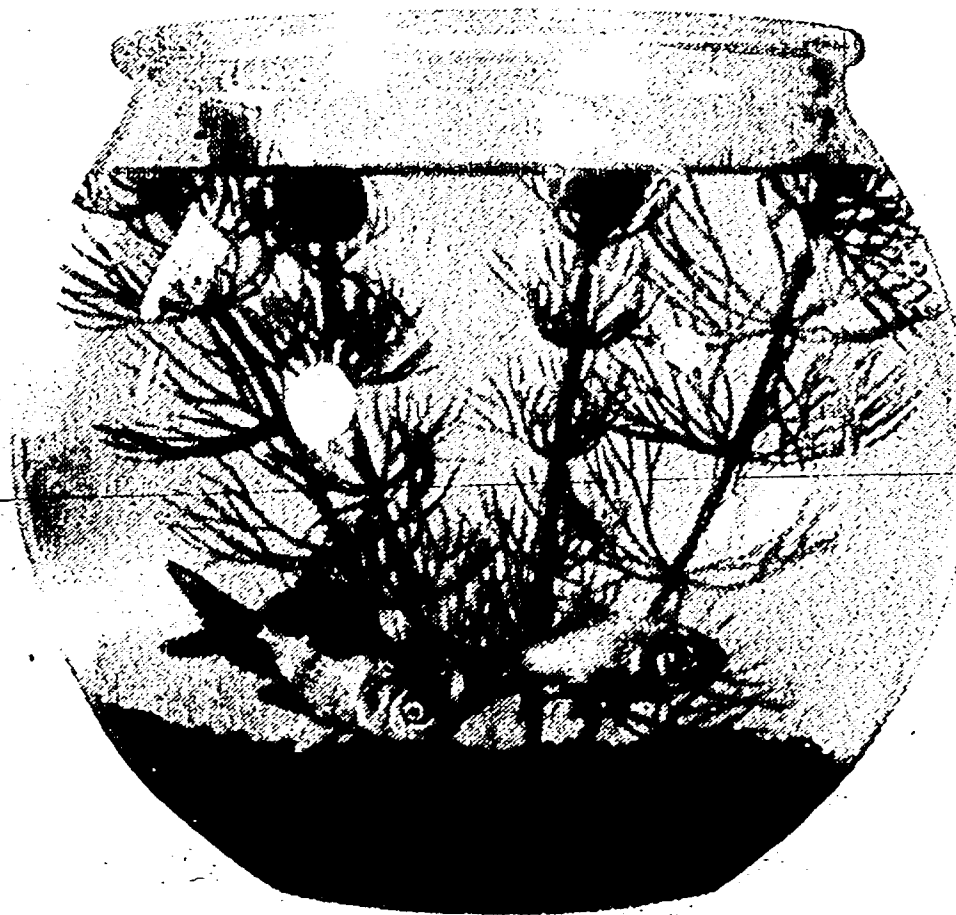


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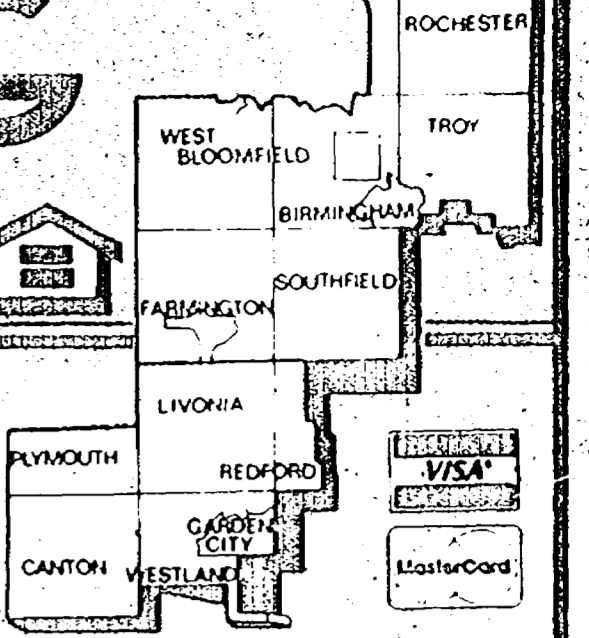
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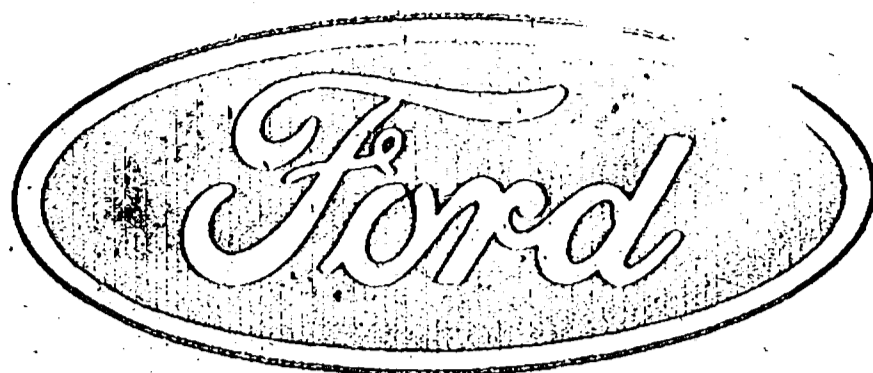
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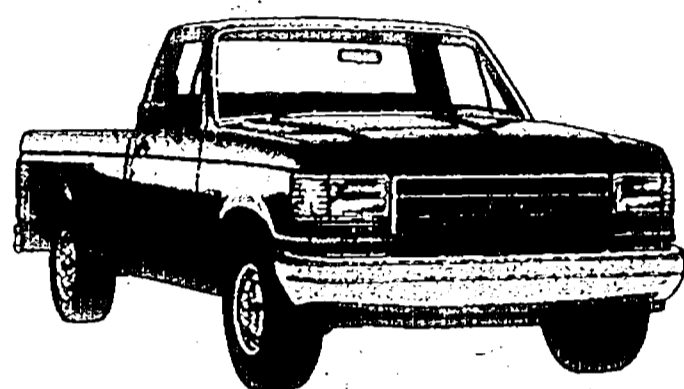
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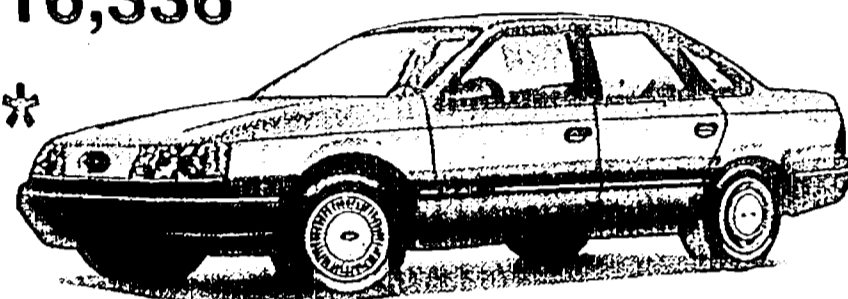
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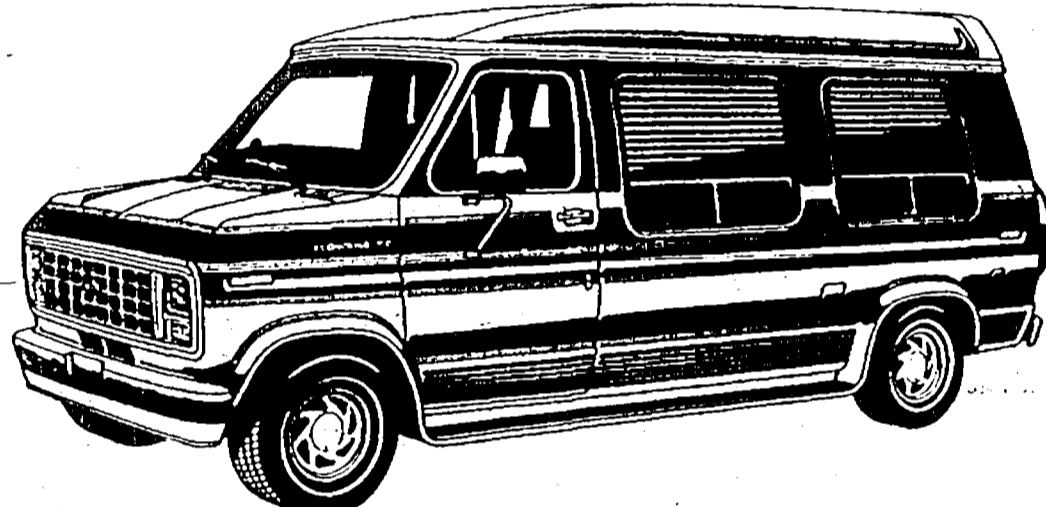
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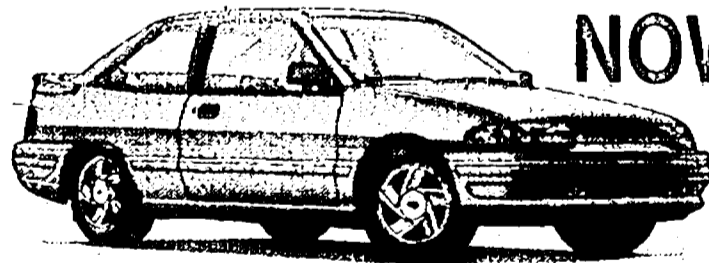
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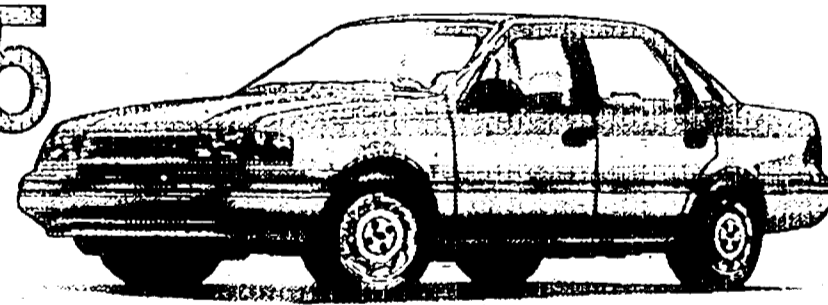
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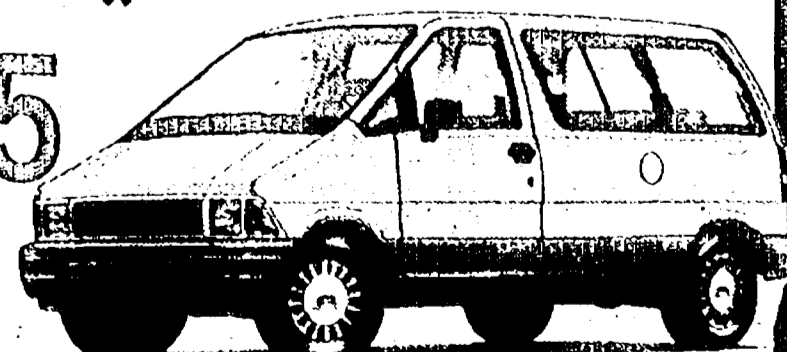
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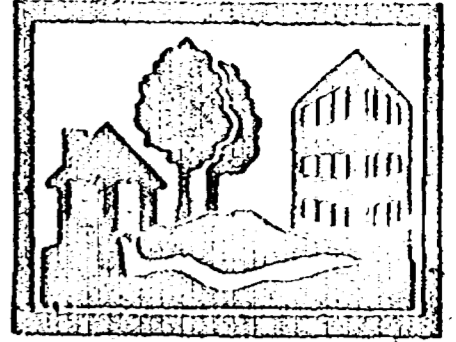
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Zoning perplexes land owners

By Doug Funko
staff writer

People don't have unrestricted rights to do whatever they want with their property. And there's no guarantee that a community will retain its flavor at one particular moment for all time.

Those are the big lessons Ron Figlan tries to impress upon students in his adult education class on zoning and land use at Oakland Community College.

"There are a lot of people who don't realize zoning is a binding and legal document," he said. "It controls the use of land. A lot of older people feel, 'It's my land, I pay taxes. Why can't I do what I want with it?'"

"There needs to some control by the community so uses will be compatible," he said.

Figlan, a planning technician for the city of Troy for 20 years, has taught a six-week course at OCC for several years.

"I would go up to the counter every day (at work) and talk to real estate people," he said. "They wanted to know, 'What's zoning, how do you change it?' I found myself standing up there a half hour giving them lessons in zoning."

"I SAID, 'I wish I could talk to them all at once.' I called Lawrence Tech, OCC, Wayne State. They said they didn't have a class that offered that," Figlan said.

"OCC called back and said, 'Would you like to teach?' I said, 'Why not?'"

Figlan described the class as general rather than specific because procedures are different in every community. Initially set up for real estate professionals, students have included plan commissions, architects, landscapers, zoning inspectors and bulldozers.

Figlan's course outline addresses kinds of land uses, zoning districts, variances, site plans, and municipal departments involved in the process.

"We look at a site through the eyes of the owner, the eyes of a real estate agent and the eyes of the city," he said.

FIGLAN SPENDS a lot of time answering real-life questions posed by his students.

"There might be a problem with dogs or a teenage boy working on cars keeps me up all night — what do I do?" Figlan said. "They ask questions getting into concepts and philosophies, social aspects of planning. Concrete and steel vs. trees."

"I like to hear other peoples' views, their side of the story," he said. "I guess you could look at planning as very precise — a building must be set back X amount of feet, there has to be X amount of trees."

"There's another aspect of planning, the psychological and sociological effect building has on planning in a community."

Figlan said he's surprised by how

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— Ron Figlan

naive many people are about zoning matters.

"WHAT I'VE heard often is, 'I bought this house and property behind me was nothing but trees and woods. Now you're proposing a sub behind there.'"

"What can you do to a developer who meets all the requirements for whatever zoning you're looking at? How can you deny him?" Figlan said.

Another situation that often surfaces — not enough attention is given to potential growth or change before moving in.

"A majority of people look at that house and property and take a casual look around the area and that's it. Especially if you're going to spend \$250,000 for a house, look at what's going on or what could go on."

Some property owners don't become aware of development and rezonings that may impact their lifestyles until it's too late to have effective input, Figlan said.

"YOU GET in right at the beginning when it goes to the plan commission for public hearing," he said. "When you get in earlier, it's possi-

ble the plan commission may make a recommendation subject to Joe Blow's recommendation or question."

Judith Anderson, a West Bloomfield planning commissioner, recently took Figlan's class to see how other municipalities approach the planning process.

"It's a fun class for anyone interested in the community," she said. "It gives insight into what's done and why and how planning for the future is done as far as zoning, roads and things."

Dennis Randt, who accepted a job last summer as a zoning inspector for the city of Farmington Hills, took the course to get a perspective on suburban zoning issues.

"He didn't stick to zoning issues," Randt said. "He went into other issues — tax bases, assessments, etc. Land management, in general, was the most enjoyable part. He gave perspective on that."

Figlan expects to start the next session of his course in January at OCC Orchard Ridge, Farmington Hills. Contact the office of continuing education at 471-7541 for details.



Zoning provides control by a community to ensure land uses will be compatible.

Kickback allegations

I am a member of a condominium association who has been closely observing the actions of the board of directors as they relate to several contracting firms hired by the board on major projects. I believe that the company is giving kickbacks to at least the president of the association. I don't have any direct proof except a strong gut feeling. How do I confront the board about my suspicions?

Like corruption in government, there is always the ugly possibility of corruption in the governance of a condominium association, but it is hard to prove and, hopefully, very rare. Contractors who offer kickbacks to general contractors may also offer them to board members. Often service-related entities may also be inducing these uncompensated volunteer directors to look their way for business.

I would learn as much as you can about the relationship between the contractor you suspect and the board or managing agent that hired him. For example, what the decision made to hire him, who made it — the board as a whole, the president or managing agent, if there is one. Put your questions in writing but be careful because you don't want to slander someone by falsely accusing him or her of taking payoffs. Be discreet but thorough. Your inquiry may itself have a chilling effect on any imprudent conduct that may be going on under the table.

Our association has a policy against "ghetto blasters" and the like being used in the clubhouse. Is it enforceable and if so, how?

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Can you explain what is meant by the phrase — obtaining a title policy "without exceptions" when buying a condominium? Aren't all title insurance policies the same?

Not all title policies are the same; not all title insurance companies are the same. But there are certain expectations to most standard title insurance policies that are issued to ensure the owner that he or she has marketable title to the property purchased free of any liens or encumbrances except as listed on the "schedule to the title policy — the purchaser's mortgage."

But "standard exceptions" that are excluded from the protection to the title policy include such things as unrecorded mechanic's liens, survey errors, boundary disputes. If you ask for a policy without exceptions, these "standard exceptions" to the policy will be deleted. You may have to pay more for the policy, but it is well worth it.

Check standard policy for examples of exceptions.

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Institute pushes builder licensing

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

The problem? Too many builders, not enough licenses.

It's a widespread problem, according to Bill Lawson, principal partner of the Michigan Builders Institute, based in Rochester Hills, which teaches builders licensing seminars throughout the state.

Many small builders and remodelers who work on smaller projects, he said, are unlicensed and therefore working illegally.

The solution? Make them take the state licensing test.

Sounds simple, Lawson said, but there are problems involved. "There are a lot of builders who just don't like the tests."

Many builders are either intimidated by the state test or don't see the need for it, Lawson said. "Most builders are hands-on builder types, not sit-and-read types."

"I know more builders that are unlicensed than are licensed," he said.

Lawson, a partner in Michigan Home Builders Inc. and a builder himself, conducts seminars throughout the state, mostly through adult

and community education programs put on by school districts. Lawson has worked in industrial design, urban planning and as a real estate broker in addition to being a builder.

Seminar participants are given a crash course in everything needed to pass the test, Lawson said, which has resulted in a 95 percent passing rate. Seminars range in cost between \$115 and \$150, depending on the school district sponsoring the seminar.

Seminars are either 16 or 32 hours in length, and address all areas covered by the state builder's license exam, he said.

PAUL BORK, Lawson's partner and fellow instructor, has worked as a landscape architect, a city planner and a broker as well as being a builder.

Which isn't to say that unlicensed builders are incompetent, Lawson said. "They just aren't test-taking people."

Most unlicensed builders know how to construct a home, but the state exam doesn't test that ability, Lawson explained. "It measures a builder's knowledge about state laws, inspection requirements con-

struction liens and insurance.

"When you apply for the state exam, they don't ask if you know how to build from the ground up," Lawson said. "Basically, they want to make sure you don't get into trouble."

Actually, a builders license may be more important for the builder than the person who hires the builder, he said. Under state law, an unlicensed builder can get stuck with the bill for services rendered over \$600.

"People who are in the building trades and are unlicensed are considered handymen for projects under \$600," he said. "For projects over \$600, an unlicensed builder can't collect if a person refuses to pay — even in court because the work was done illegally."

Lawson said there are basically four types of people who take his courses. Obviously, the builder who is already active in the profession, but doesn't have a license, is a prime candidate for the class, but people considering becoming builders also make up a significant number of students.

THEN THERE'S the home fix-it

person who sees a license as a discount ticket for building materials, he said, adding many building material/lumber yards offer discounts for licensed builders.

The fourth type of person who may wish to get a builder's license, he said, is someone acting as a contractor to build their own home. Lawson said although someone building their own home does not need a builder's license, knowing the ins and outs of building is always helpful, and getting financing is sometimes easier for a licensed builder.

Lawson also said people can also benefit from having a builder's license in slower building times, because a builder's license is also required for large remodeling projects — which are more likely to increase.

Upcoming sessions include seminars in Brandon/Ortonville Nov. 26; Lake Orion Nov. 26; Wayne/Westland Nov. 27 and Jan. 8; and Novi Jan. 14. Call local community education groups for times and costs. The institute's number is 651-2771.

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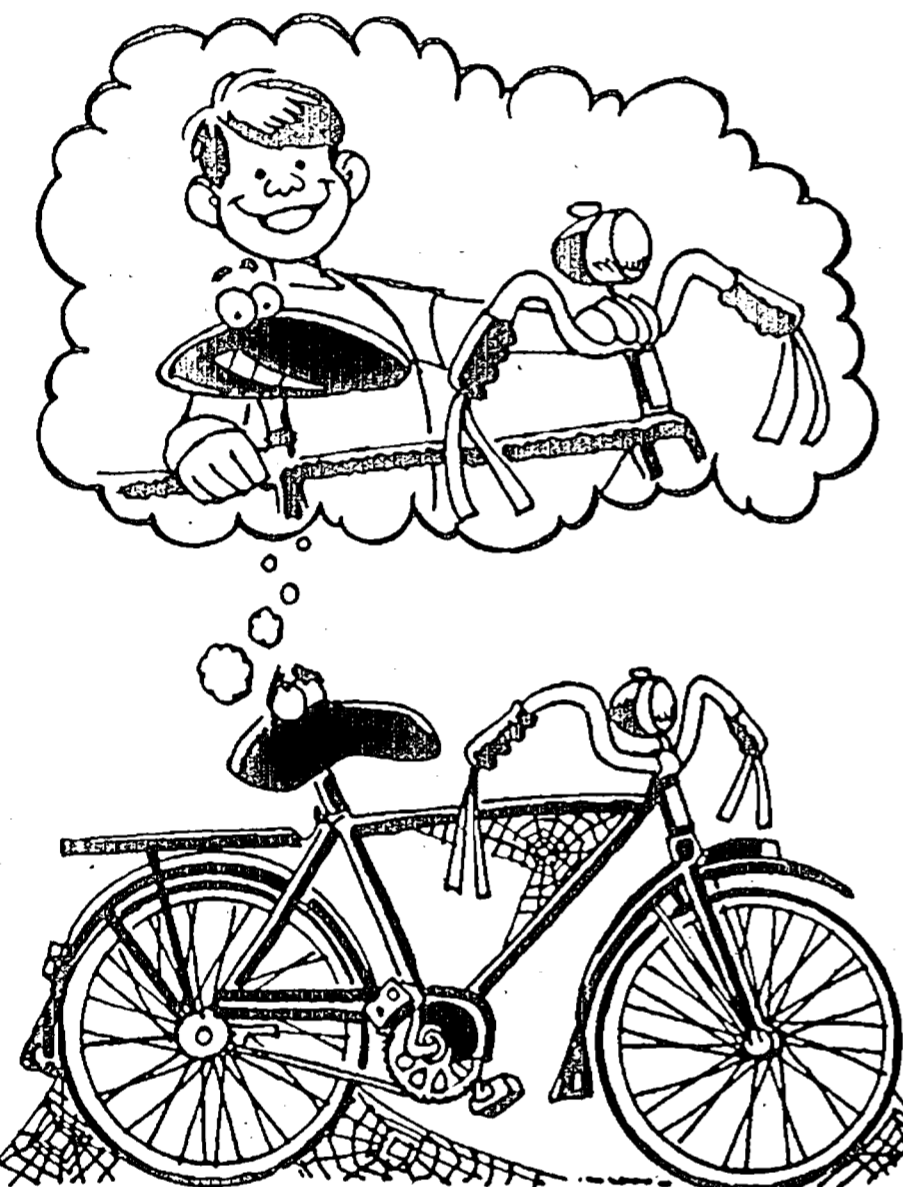
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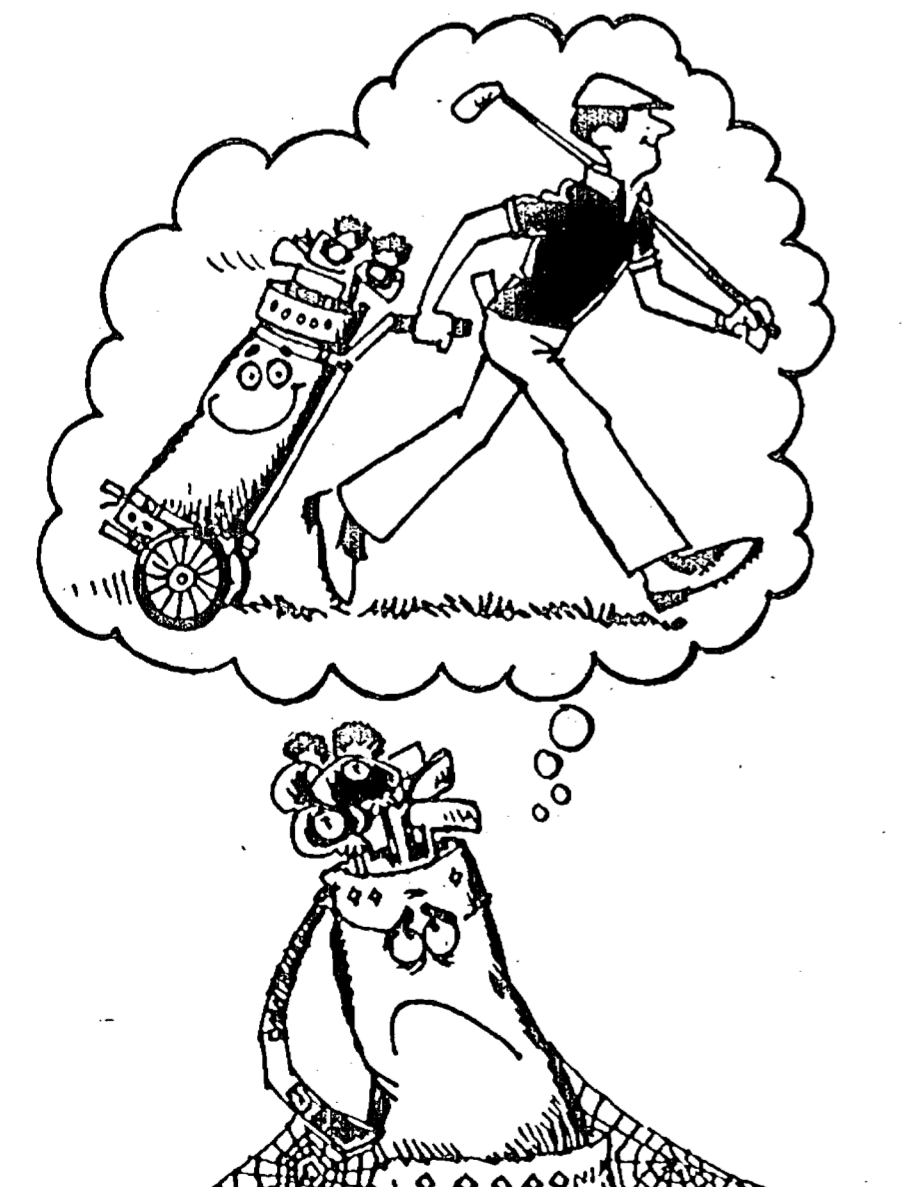
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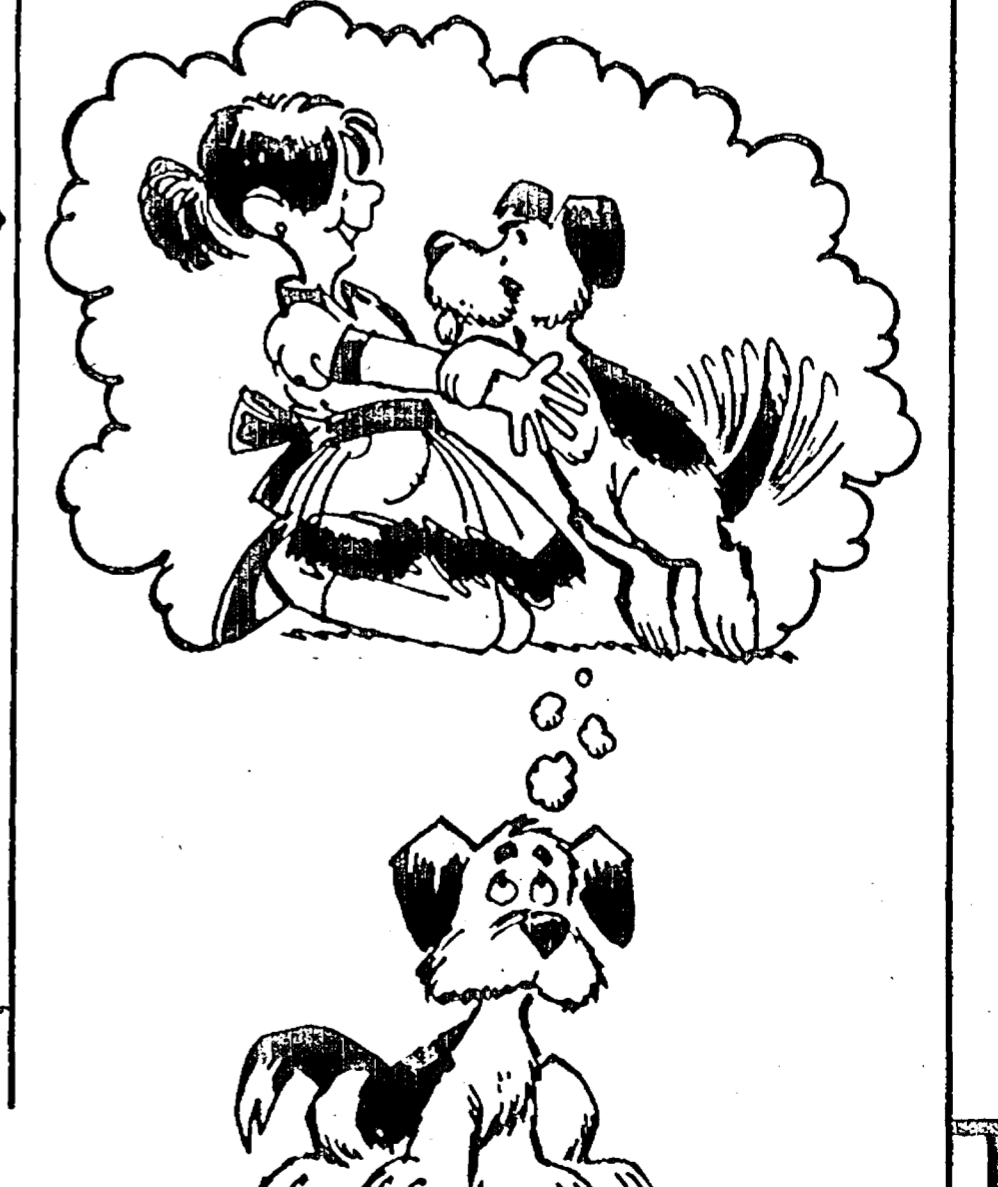
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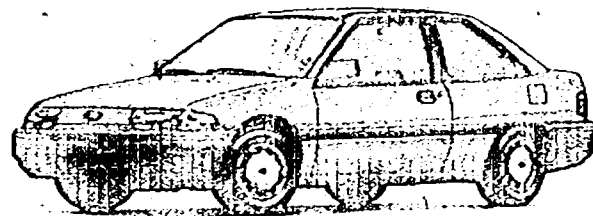
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WAS \$10,031
IS \$7,916*

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WAS \$11,679
IS \$9,330*

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\$500 REBATE

Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, auto transmission, air conditioning, AM/FM stereo cassette, light group, convenience group, console, body side molding, deluxe luggage rack, CHILD SAFETY LOCKS. Stock #5518.

WAS \$12,171
IS \$9,770*

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GT HATCHBACK**



\$500 REBATE

Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, tilt steering wheel, speed control, auto transmission, air conditioning, rear window defroster, luxury convenience group, console, FM stereo cassette, aluminum wheels, sport performance bucket seats, console, light group, rear spoiler, body side molding, tachometer and fog lamps. Stock #5806.

WAS \$13,821
IS \$11,051*

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WAS \$17,892
IS \$13,501*

\$1800 REBATE

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Power steering, power brakes, super cooling, air conditioner, privacy glass, rear window washer-wiper, speed control, tilt steering wheel, dual captain chairs, AM/FM stereo cassette, electric rear window defroster, power convenience group, exterior appearance group, clear coat paint. Stock #4975T.

WAS \$17,621
IS \$12,797*

\$1300 REBATE

**NEW 1990 TAURUS
GL 4 DOOR**



Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, auto, air conditioner, clear coat paint, AM/FM stereo, tilt steering wheel, instrumentation courtesy lights, digital clock, body side molding, exterior accent group, CHILD SAFETY LOCKS. Stock #7701.

WAS \$15,370
IS \$11,701*

\$1300 REBATE

**NEW 1991 TAURUS GL
STATION WAGON**



Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, auto, air conditioning, AM/FM stereo cassette, speed control, rear window defroster, light group, power door locks, power driver seat, power windows, rear facing rear seat, cast aluminum wheels, clear coat paint, CHILD SAFETY LOCKS. Stock #3028.

WAS \$18,201
IS \$13,532*

\$500 REBATE

**NEW 1991 TEMPO
GL 4 DOOR**



Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, auto, air conditioning, power door locks, tilt steering wheel, poly cast aluminum wheels, rear window defroster, light group, AM/FM stereo cassette, floor mats. Stock #5815.

WAS \$12,734
IS \$9,594*

\$1100 REBATE

**NEW 1990 F-150
STYLESIDE PICKUP**



Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, auto, air conditioning, AM/FM stereo cassette, light group, convenience group, XLT, power door locks, power windows, sliding rear windows, chrome rear step bumper, deluxe two-tone paint, vent windows, anti-lock brakes. Stock #7863T.

WAS \$16,647
IS \$11,401*

\$1100 REBATE

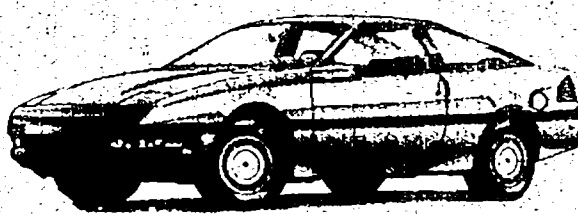
**NEW 1990 F-250
STYLESIDE PICKUP**



Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, anti-lock brakes, handling package, convenience group, AM/FM stereo, sliding rear window, auto trans, rear step bumper, courtesy lights. Stock #4272T.

WAS \$16,495
IS \$11,202*

**NEW 1990 PROBE GL
DOOR HATCHBACK**




\$1000 REBATE

Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, rear window defroster, console, body side molding, AM/FM stereo, group cover, side window demister, performance instrument cluster, dual reclining seats. Stock #1503.

WAS \$11,920
IS \$9,696*

**NEW 1990 PROBE GT
DOOR HATCHBACK**



\$1000 REBATE

Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, auto, console, spoilers, body side molding, 15" aluminum wheels, Goodyear Eagle tires, cargo cover, overhead console, light group, AM/FM stereo, rear window defroster, tilt steering. Stock #7604.

WAS \$15,768
IS \$13,030*

**NEW 1991 EXPLORER XL
4X2 2 DOOR**



50 NEW EXPLORERS AVAILABLE!!!

Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, XL trim, overdrive transmission, interval wipers, dome light, instrumentation, scuff plates, front & rear stabilizer bars. Stock #5119T.

WAS \$14,204
IS \$11,864*

**NEW 1991 EXPLORER 4X4
EDDIE BAUER**

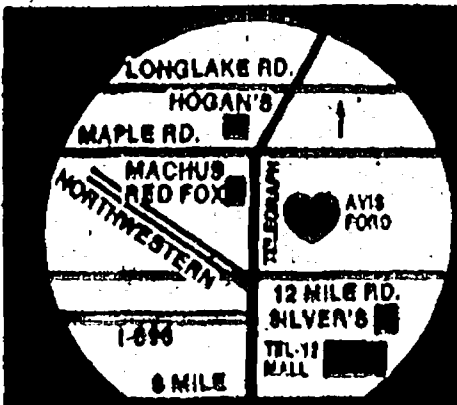


50 NEW EXPLORERS AVAILABLE!!!

Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, power windows, power door locks, overdrive transmission, air conditioning, premium AM/FM stereo cassette, performance axle, trailer towing package, super cooling, touch drive, tilt steering wheel, speed control, cast aluminum wheels, roof rack, floor mats, light group. Stock #5154T.

WAS \$23,017
IS \$19,344*

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