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School tax election expected in March

By Todd Schneider
and Leonard Pogor
staff writers

District wins OK for special election

Wayne-Westland Community Schools probably will ask a third time for a tax increase to bail out the financially troubled district.

The Wayne County Clerk's office Wednesday approved the district's request for a special election March 13.

Previous requests were soundly defeated in February and again in June.

The current tax rate is \$39.38 per \$1,000.

One mill brings in \$1.4 million in

combined property tax and state aid revenues, said Superintendent Dennis O'Neill.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS said ballot language and other details haven't been discussed.

The school board hasn't taken action concerning another tax-increase election.

Two citizen committees have discussed a potential ballot proposal in the past month but haven't concluded how much of a tax-rate increase

to seek, O'Neill said.

But most committee members believe the school district should ask for more than the 2.75 mills that expired in June, he said.

The two groups, the Funding Effective Schools Committee and the superintendent's advisory committee, want a tax increase that will protect educational programs, he said.

THE CITIZENS' groups also agreed that "we must get (union)

contracts behind us" before the next tax election.

Neither the district nor any of the eight employee unions have approved contracts.

The next regularly scheduled school board meeting is Monday, Dec. 10. A study session previously scheduled for tonight was canceled.

Three separate proposals totalling nearly 8 mills were rejected by voters in February. The June proposal, which carried a combined renewal and increase of 7.75 mills, was also

turned down.

School board members briefly considered a third tax-increase election this fall. Their proposal, which was tied to teachers accepting a one-year salary freeze, was rejected by the Wayne-Westland teachers union.

TEACHERS HAVE been working without a contract since school started Aug. 27.

The board approved \$5 million in administrative, staff and program budget cuts last spring to cope with a \$7 million deficit for 1990-91. The remainder was made up with a \$2 million surplus.

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places and faces

THE THANKSGIVING

spirit was extended to 255 Westland and Garden City families last month by members of the mens' club of Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church.

Angelo Plakas, club president, said 25 members took part in the effort, dubbed Project Outreach, by preparing and delivering turkey dinners to needy families in the two communities.

The club, formed two years ago, will make a similar donation for Christmas.

The church is on Joy, east of Newburgh.

DAVE MOLINA will get his Doritos.

The Westland native, serving in Operation Desert Shield with the 101st Army Airborne Division out of Fort Campbell, Ky., was one of 44 division members who wrote to Frito Lay, Inc.

The troops cited a dearth of their favorite triangle-shaped tortilla chips in Saudi Arabia.

By way of response, the folks at Frito Lay agreed to ship 250,000 bags of Doritos to the Persian Gulf, enough to feed most of the troops stationed there since August.

THE REV. Douglas Keith Thompson was installed recently as pastor at Salem National Lutheran Church in Westland.

Thompson earned a Master of Divinity Degree from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Thompson and his wife, Madeline, and daughter, Heidi, live in Westland.

WESTLAND CENTER

will host the Horizon Band in concert 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

The Burger Center choir will play an encore performance of its annual holiday concert at the center 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13. The choir first appeared in a center concert last month.

The concerts are part of ongoing holiday activities at the shopping mall.

SANTA CLAUS is coming to the Wayne-Westland YMCA Saturday Dec. 15 for the Y's annual Christmas hot dog luncheon.

Children will be able to sit on Santa's lap and also have their picture taken with the red-clothed, bearded one. There will also be songs and special holiday activities.

There will be two scatings, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Admission is \$4 for Y members and \$7 for non-members. Advance reservations are required.

To make a reservation call the Y, 721-7044.

SPEAKING of Christmas

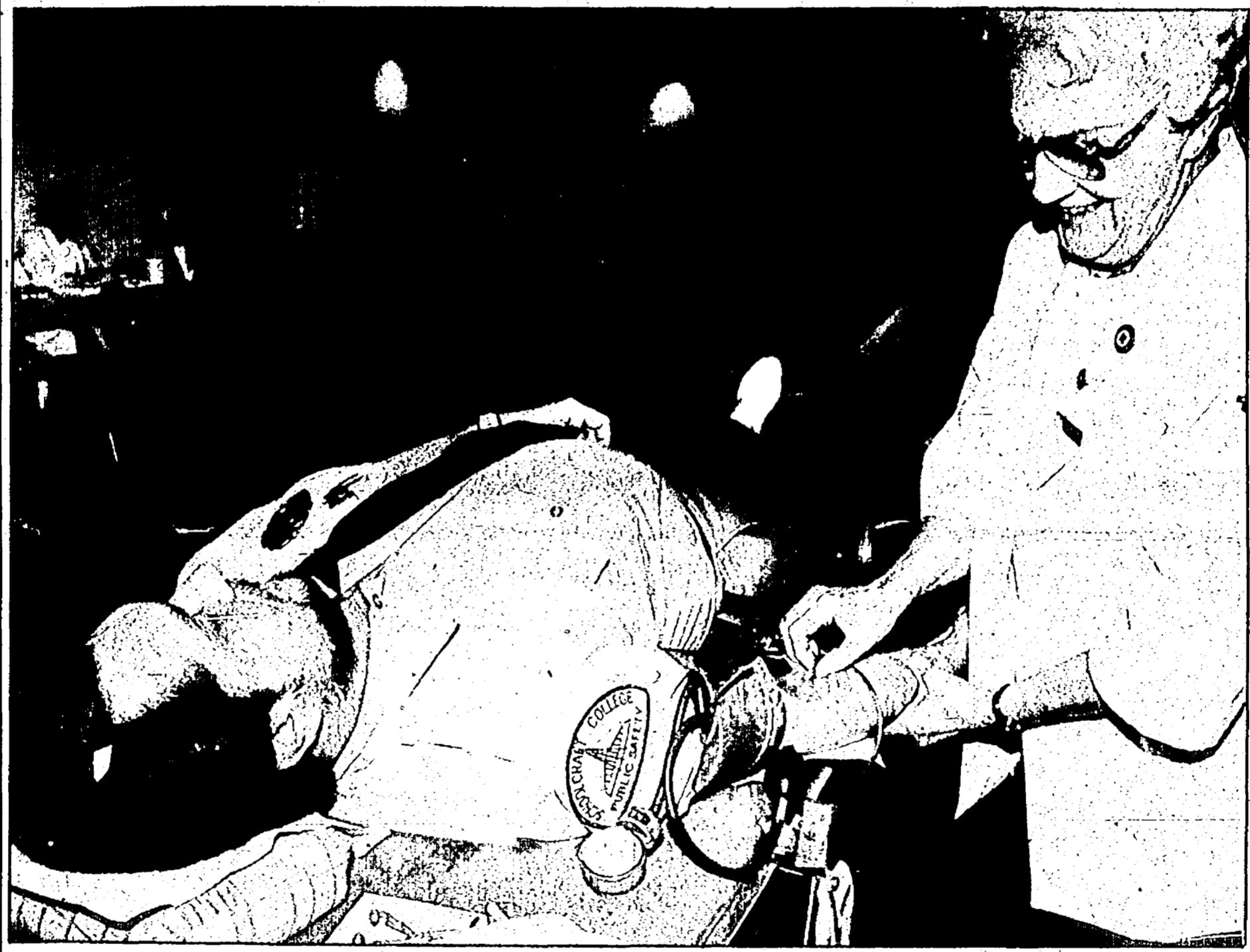
Hamilton School Girl Scout troops will play a key role in tonight's Christmas tree lighting ceremony in the civic center — they pass out programs and lead the singing of Christmas carols.

It's the eight consecutive year the scouts are taking part in the ceremony.

Festivities get under way 6:30 p.m. on the front steps of city hall.

THE CITY Council will meet at 7:30 tonight in city hall. Agendas are available at the city clerk's office.

Groups and individuals may submit announcements to the Places and Faces column. Information must be in writing, contain a name and daytime phone number, and be directed to the Westland Observer editorial department, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Blood drive

Greg Collings, Radcliff Center public safety employee, was one of 51 blood donors at the Schoolcraft College facility

Thursday. For more on turnout, turn to the story and photos on Page 3A.

City woman faces drug, prostitution charges

By Todd Schneider
staff writer

A woman police say was selling kinky sex and drugs out of her Westland apartment was arrested on drug and prostitution charges Monday.

Police confiscated "four garbage bags full of sexual (paraphernalia), most of it bondage and sadomasochistic stuff," from the apartment of "Mistress Shallmar" of the "Executive International Massage Service," said Sgt. Timothy Abramski of the Westland police special investigative unit.

She stood mute, and a not-guilty plea was entered for her during an arraignment Tuesday in front of visiting 18th District Court Judge John H. McCartney.

She is charged with one count of delivery of cocaine and one count of keeping a house of prostitution.

She was released after posting a \$10,000 bond. A preliminary examination was set for 9 a.m. Thursday.

IF CONVICTED of the drug charge, she faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison.

Police said they received several anonymous tips concerning Mistress Shallmar's alleged criminal activities.

They then bought a copy of a magazine containing her ad and found that it listed an address in the Westland Park Apartments, off Cherry Hill between Merriman and Henry Ruff.

After contacting the woman by phone, investigators "made arrangements to buy cocaine from her," Abramski said.

An undercover officer wearing a hidden transmitter met the woman at her apartment.

After completing a transaction for two grams (about one-14th of an ounce) of cocaine, the officer initiated a conversation concerning additional payment for the woman to engage in sex, Abramski said.

According to a police report, a number of sexual aids, including "whips, chains" and other items, were clearly visible in the apartment.

After agreeing to exchange sex acts for \$150, the woman told the officer she didn't engage in "straight sex for money" unless she was high. She then went into the bathroom, po-

lice said.

When she returned, the officer identified himself and arrested the woman.

ALSO CONFISCATED from the apartment were two marijuana plants, a small amount of suspected marijuana and an address book and related correspondence regarding the magazine ad.

A razor blade with a small amount of suspected cocaine was found in the bathroom.

Abramski said police said they had evidence leading them to conclude that the woman has been operating a prostitution ring out of the apartment since at least 1986.

Although the woman was working alone, police believe others have at times been involved in the ring.

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Holiday sale

Jerry Smith sells a special newspaper edition at the Wayne Road-Warren Road corner Friday to help the Westland Goodfellows raise money to provide baskets for local needy families this Christmas. The sale continued through Saturday. Figures on how much money was collected weren't available at press time Friday. "No kiddie without a Christmas" is again the theme of this year's Goodfellows' fund-raising campaign.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Changes in physical fitness program praised

By Marie Chestney
staff writer

After hearing a brief review of the Livonia school district's new \$1 million physical fitness program, one parent summed it up as follows:

"Last year, they had to drag the kids to the gym. This year, they're running to get there. They're happy about the program."

To show just how much the program which serves the northern section of Westland has changed this year, and to field questions parents may have about it, administrators and the Livonia PTA Council held a joint question-answer session Wednesday at Bentley Center.

PARENTS WERE given a sheet showing the program's six goals and the 20 ways the new program will contribute to a youngster's well-being.

Parents also watched a video showing youngsters in motion, running, jumping, bending, kicking. The video was shot this fall at elementary, middle and high schools, after the program was launched.

Some parents' questions centered on the manual or series the district uses in the health portion of the fitness program. The district uses a model called the Merrill Publishing Series.

"We looked at a number of publishers, and chose Merrill because it fit in with our staff goals," said William MacFarland, curriculum director. "It has a strong emphasis on home-school cooperation and involvement with parents."

One parent wanted to know how the district defines the teaching of "moral reasoning," one of the 20 contributions of the program listed on the sheet.

Moral reasoning, MacFarland said, is the child's ability to make healthy choices.

"It's self-respect and respect for others. It's helping kids to understand nutrition, that there are good and bad food choices, that they should make wise and prudent choices, and that they should get off the couch and get active."

ANOTHER PARENT wanted to know if, in teaching about drugs, alcohol or sex, the schools teach abstinence.

"We have a definite 'say no to drugs' message," McFarland said. "We let them know drug use is not appropriate and abstinence is a choice."

While the district doesn't use the Michigan Model for Comprehensive School Health Education, MacFarland said there obviously would be an overlapping on health subjects

taught. He invited parents who want to see how a topic is covered to come to his office and read the Merrill Series.

Health topics include mental health, family, nutrition, growth, drugs, diseases, first aid, safety, self-discipline, cooperation and leadership.

The Michigan Model, a model of instruction guidelines for teachers in Michigan, has come under fire by some parents for teaching meditation, deep breathing and yoga, all tenets of Eastern religions.

A workshop will be held on this model at the state PTA convention April 26-28.

"There's been a lot of rumors and misconceptions about this model," said a PTA member at Wednesday's meeting.

Another parent questioned how the district is alleviating mental stress, one of the 20 contributions of the program listed on the sheet. Critics of the Michigan Model claim it teaches Eastern meditation practices to alleviate stress and achieve inner peace.

"The technique we use is that we acknowledge its (stress) existence, that students should get sufficient rest, not skip meals, get physically active and talk to their parent if they

need to," MacFarland said. One parent told how news of Livonia's new program had spread.

"I talked to a kid from the other side of the state who said he heard about this positive program somewhere 'around here and he asked where it is. I told him it was in Livonia."

THE DISTRICT'S fitness program is based on the belief that many youngsters today, due to TV, video games and a sedentary lifestyle, can't pass basic fitness tests. Reports say today's youngsters are lazy, overweight and out of shape.

The program's goal is to make sure that the district's graduates are physically fit.

In elementary school, students are now required to attend fitness classes twice weekly, instead of once.

Instructors teach such basics as throwing and catching a ball and swinging a bat. They also teach youngsters how to monitor and improve their own fitness, a concept continued throughout the entire school program.

One parent asked how the district handles first graders who either have respiratory problems or might not be able to run a mile.

"We modify distances for K-2nd

grade," said Fred Price, physical education coordinator. "If they have trouble jogging, they can walk."

To teach the extra classes, the district hired 11 new fitness teachers, at a cost of about \$485,000 per year.

In middle school, the district has added intramural sports for both boys and girls, in addition to keeping its gym classes.

"It's an all-must-play philosophy," Price said. "There is no such thing as not being able to be on a team."

Sports for girls include softball, cross country, basketball, volleyball and track and field.

Sports for boys include football, wrestling, track and field and basketball.

Baseball and soccer are not offered at the middle school level because the city of Livonia offers good programs in both, MacFarland said.

To lead the team sports, the district plans to spend about \$140,000 a year to hire coaches and one extra teacher.

THE MOST visible change is seen in the three high schools, which now sport top-of-the-line physical fitness machines costing the district \$250,000.

Students must take one semester of personal fitness, working on the

machines, and one semester of health.

At all three levels, the primary thrust is on the health and physical fitness of each student.

By learning to exercise regularly, the district hopes that students will continue to exercise as adults.

The new program followed two years of debate about the role of physical education in the district.

The program cost taxpayers more than \$1 million this year, and will cost about \$630,000 each year hereafter.

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Mayor wants non-residents off city boards

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CULLITY, A longtime department of public services employee, was appointed by Thomas after the mayor was elected last November.

Thomas said he had "more control" over actions of people on the city payroll, as opposed to members of boards and commissions that operate autonomously.

One board, the Economic Development Corporation, "controls millions of dollars (from the city budget) for such things as street and landscaping improvements in the city's TIFA budget," he said.

THE EIGHT non-resident board or commission members asked to resign were: Yvonne Johnson from the Cable Commission; Joyce Wheeler from the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee; Dale Merrifield from the Rehabilitation Review Board; Dan Vasloff, Don Hoffman and Marilyn Zeigler from the Economic Development Advisory Commission; and Norman Stockmeyer and Pat Dana from the EDC.

Vasloff has indicated he would fight the move but most others have

"reluctantly agreed," Thomas said Thursday.

Vasloff was unavailable for comment last week.

The mayor said his decision was difficult, but necessary.

"It hasn't been easy. I've had to ask some people who were friends to resign," he said.

HE SAID the matter was brought to his attention when Johnson informed the city clerk she was moving out of Westland and asked whether she should resign from the cable commission.

Originally, Thomas said, he told Johnson to finish out her term, which ended next March.

But the mayor changed his mind after surveying the nearly two dozen city boards and commissions and finding additional non-resident members, he said.

IF FINALIZED, the resignations would hit the nine-member EDAC particularly hard. A fourth commission member, George Eisenstein, left at the end of his term last August and hasn't been replaced.

Thomas also said Westland Center, the city's retail anchor, wouldn't

qualify for EDAC representation unless its designated representative (usually the general manager or marketing director) lived in the city.

"Are they (small representatives) going to make decisions that have the concerns of 84,000 people of Westland in mind or is helping the center more important?" Thomas said.

Joseph Benyo, EDAC chairman, declined to comment Thursday on how the resignations would affect the board, which makes recommendations to the Westland City Council on tax abatements and other commercial/industrial development issues.

THE BOARDS and commissions oversee a variety of city functions. The Westland City Council makes the final determination on recommendations made by most boards, including the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Commission.

Currently there are 143 people

serving voluntarily on city boards and commissions. Some positions are unpaid and some board members receive a small stipend.

The mayor appoints members to most of the boards, with council confirmation required for the Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Advisory Council, Local Officials Compensation Commission, Cable Commission, Economic Development Corporation, Board of Review and Building Authority.

The council appoints members to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Nankin Transit Commission and Canvassing Board.

Forty-five terms on the various boards expire between now and Dec. 31, 1991, with Thomas responsible for appointing 39 new members in that period.

THOMAS RECOGNIZES his action could bring a legal challenge, he said Thursday. Federal courts — citing discrimination and violation of constitutional rights — have struck

down residency requirements for city officials in recent years.

But the mayor said he felt strongly enough about the residency issue for board members and commissions to take action.

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By the book

Area author gives wings to romance

By Ralph R. Echlinaw
staff writer

Shelly Thacker wrote the book on romance, or at least one of them.

Thacker is the author of "Falcon on the Wind," a thick medieval novel set in 13th century France and Scotland. It's expected to be in most book stores by Dec. 20.

"Falcon" is about a tough guy who kidnaps a high-class lady on her wedding day in order to use her as a pawn to prevent the invasion of Scotland. But of course the quasi-ruffian's coldly Machiavellian outlook gives way to hard-core affection for the woman as the two go nutzo for each other and ultimately live happily ever after, or at least until one of them dies.



Shelly Thacker
romance writer

"Sometimes it's nice to have a little part of the world where you know everything is going to be OK," Thacker said. "In today's world, people need something that's uplifting."

ALTHOUGH MEDIEVAL fiction has traditionally been a poor sell, Thacker finds it fascinating.

"The Middle Ages has been my favorite time period since I was a little girl. A knight on a charging black warhorse makes my heart beat faster as countless cowboys never could."

But weren't the Middle Ages marked by a hopelessly poor existence for most of those involved? Weren't economic and intellectual endeavors stunted as the Catholic church and feudal lords exercised their awesome hegemony over Europe? Didn't the Black Plague wipe out half the population in two years? Well, yes, but hey, that stuff doesn't make good romantic fiction. "You just don't pay so much attention to

the grime and the dirt that you know was there," Thacker said.

WHILE THACKER is a full-time author now as she works on her second book, she wrote Falcon on a part-time basis while free-lancing articles for various magazines.

She doesn't expect the book to make a great deal of money or even generate an income greater than what she could earn with an ordinary job.

"I write for a living but I don't make a living writing. Right now it's more for love than for money."

With so many wanna-be authors out there, publishers can luxuriate in what's known as a buyer's market. "The average advance these days is between \$2,000 and \$5,000," Thacker said.

In fact, the author will get just 25 copies of "Falcon on the Wind" gratis. If she wants any more, she buys them just like anyone else.

Thacker is busy now with numerous book signings around metro Detroit but Avon has no plans to send her on a national tour. As she freely admits, she's no Stephen King.

While Thacker contemplates her success and wonders how many more autographs she'll be asked for, she continues to work on "Midnight Raider," her second book. Due at Avon next March, the book will probably be out next year.

But for now, Thacker has "the best Christmas present I've ever given myself."

Thacker, a Redford Township resident who was born in Livonia and graduated Northville High School in 1981, said she is encouraging everyone to buy a copy of "Falcon" for their favorite romance nut.

"It makes a great stocking stuffer, hey."

BORN AND raised in western Wayne county, Thacker has always enjoyed writing.

"I didn't choose writing. Writing chose me. I really feel I have to write. I think I'm honestly one of those people who was born to be a writer."

Perhaps she was. "Falcon on the Wind," her first book, was snapped up by Avon Books four days after submission. The book was one of six regional finalists in the Romance Writers of America Golden Heart competition, and won four regional RWA awards.

Avon even gave Thacker a two-book contract, unusual for an up and coming author.

Admitting to a love of history, writing and happy endings, Thacker is especially configured to write historical romance fiction, where pleasant finishes are as ubiquitous as drunks on New Year's Eve.

Business agrees to restore land

The owner of a fruit market and nursery bordering the William P. Holliday Park nature preserve has agreed to "fully restore" a section of the county-owned land he was using as a Christmas tree yard, the county parks director said Friday.

"We reached a very accommodating agreement for both sides and there will be full restoration of the area," said Hurley Coleman, Wayne County parks director.

Joe Randazzo, owner of Randazzo's Fruit and Vegetable Market on

Newburgh at Warren Road, apparently cleared a small section of land adjacent to the market last week to make room for storage of Christmas trees, Coleman said.

"There was some damage, about 30 small trees (2 1/2-3 inches in diameter) were uprooted," Coleman said.

Randazzo was unavailable for comment Friday, a store spokesman said.

Coleman said he negotiated an agreement with the store owner to

return the area to its natural condition.

Coleman termed the incident "a misunderstanding." He said Randazzo indicated that he had received permission from an unidentified Westland city official to use the property for storage.

The parks and recreation department was informed of the matter after a local resident called the Wayne County Sheriff's department, Coleman said.

Donations sought for yule party

A Westland sheltered workshop program for developmentally disabled adults is seeking donations from the community for a planned Christmas party for its students.

The non-profit workshop, called Project Advance, is part of the Wayne-Westland school district and housed in Tinkham Center, 450 S. Vehey, Westland.

Needed for the party are puzzles,

recreational equipment such as Nerf balls, VCR tapes, playing cards, T-shirts, tote bags, and sweat pants, said Joni Walling, the program's client services department head.

Persons or businesses may also donate items for the party, such as paper plates, napkins, plastic cups, and plastic silverware.

Donors may also give money or

items to be raffled, said Walling.

Goal of the program which serves nearly 150 adults is to provide clients with skills which would enable to ultimately earn income either in the community or inside the center. The program provides adults with vocational and daily living skills training.

Interested persons may contact Walling at 595-2298.

Local Scouts exhibit at Cobo Hall

Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers from Westland, Livonia, Redford, Plymouth, Canton and other communities of the Gemini District of the Detroit Area-Council of Boy Scouts were among 20,000 Scouts from metropolitan Detroit participating recently in "Scout Show 90" at Cobo Hall.

Under the leadership of cubmaster

George Badeen Cub Scout Pack 342, chartered by the Redford Police Department, operated a games booth for the show's visitors.

Troop 875, chartered to St. Paul Presbyterian Church of Livonia, presented an extensive model train layout. The troop, under the leadership of scoutmaster Robert Nill and assistant scoutmaster Charles

Schlaepfer, has been working with the boys for more than a year to prepare the special exhibit.

Other exhibits included demonstrations of Scout skills and activity areas such as pioneering, camping, rope making, cooking, first aid, sailing, aviation, computers, and Indian lore.

Trailer company opens city branch

Fruehauf Trailer Corp., which says it is the world's largest truck-trailer company, opened a new sales and service facility in Westland Friday morning.

The building on Ford, in the shadow of a railroad overpass west of Hix, represents a \$1 million investment with 25 employees.

City and company officials participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the 12,000-square-foot building.

The new Westland building replaces a Fruehauf building near downtown Detroit.

The move to Westland was based on the company being closer to its potential customers in the western suburbs and access to I-275.

RICHARD KENDALL, manager of the new branch, said the trailer-maker's move to Westland will make the branch "more accessible for

drive-by traffic as well as closer to fleets that have moved terminal and warehouse locations to Romulus, Novi, Wixom and other points along I-275."

Vans to give shoppers a lift

Shoppers will have transportation help in the Wayne Road-Warren Road area during the holiday season, thanks to the Westland Chamber of Commerce and the Nankin Transit Authority.

Starting Wednesday and continuing weekdays through Dec. 21, NTA vans will be available to take shoppers to and from Westland Center, Meijer's, the Westridge Plaza (where Mervyn and Target are and located), and Westland Crossings.

Each ride will be 25 cents, said the chamber. The van service will be offered noon to 8 p.m. weekdays.

Westland Jaycees named among top state chapters

The Westland Jaycees have been named one of the state's top chapters.

The recognition came at the Michigan Jaycees' quarterly assembly, held in the Radisson Hotel, Lansing.

The Westland chapter was picked the best group in cities of comparable size, said Marsha Olsen, state Jaycees' spokeswoman.

Cheryl Booterbaugh is president

of the Westland Jaycees. The group was judged on how their members are involved in management development, individual development, and community activities.

The recognition is for the August-through-October period.

The Jaycees are a leadership training organization for men and women between 21 and 39.



photos by ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Red Cross worker Nancy Crooks checks the blood pressure of a donor at the Radcliff drive.

1st blood drive sets record



Empty containers await donations of blood at Radcliff Center.


STUDENTS AND employees at Schoolcraft College's Radcliff Center learned their lesson well Thursday.

They combined for a total of 51 pints of blood at the first American Red Cross blood drive at the center, which serves Garden City and Westland residents. The facility is between Radcliff and Wildwood, south of Ford, on the Garden City-Westland boundary.

"I want to give someone else a chance for life," said Gena Delano on why she donated blood. She was to donate when the drive opened at 2 p.m. and it was also the first time she donated blood.

Delano is assistant to the librarian at Radcliff Center.

Sally Pack, chairman of the drive and a Radcliff computer technician, said she was told that the 51 pints is a record for a location holding its first blood drive.



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School tax vote expected

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Without more money, the district faces more cuts next year and some real long-term problems, Svilkovich said.

"There's not much left to cut without affecting accreditation."

For 1990-91, the district eliminated two-thirds of the expressive arts

program at elementary schools, one class period at junior highs, and school-financed sports and extracurricular activities at junior and senior high schools.

THE JUNIOR and senior high schools adopted a pay-to-play system for activities that has met with mixed results.

Participation has remained the same for varsity football and basketball at John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High Schools.

However, the size of the Wayne Memorial marching band was cut by about half, and a number of junior high school activities were canceled due to lack of participation.

Donations sought to help needy

Westland service groups and organizations are busy this month making sure local needy families can share in the Christmas holiday.

The groups and social service agencies are in the midst of their annual Holiday Food Basket Project, which will have members collect items and fill baskets for more than 200 families.

The Westland Jaycees, spearheading the project, said people may submit names and addresses of needy families to Food Basket Nominations, 8681 August, Westland 48185. Call 722-1630 or 427-9862 for information.

The deadline for submitting names is Wednesday, Dec. 20.

Others taking part in the project are the Westland Goodfellows, Mich-

igan Metro Girl Scout Council/Neighborhood 62, Westland Chamber of Commerce, Dorsey Community Center, Nankin Transit Authority, Wayne-Westland School District, local churches and area merchants.

They are all involved in obtaining and distributing food to local needy families, said Michelle Savage, Jaycee member and project chairwoman.

THOSE TAKING part in the project will be picking up collection boxes and donated food from local schools Dec. 10, Savage said. Sorting and packaging the food will be done Dec. 12 and 14 at the Rowe House, used by community groups for meetings.

Anyone interested in donating

Items may bring them to the Rowe House (on Marquette, east of Newburgh). Call one of the two phone numbers listed above for information.

Financial donations are also welcome with checks to be mailed the August Street address.

Turkeys to be included in the food baskets will be picked up Dec. 21, with last-minute packing of baskets to be at the Rowe House with help provided by Girl Scouts and others.

Savage said the group hopes to see city officials and current and former Jaycees on hand to help.

Distribution of baskets is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 22, with a Nankin Transit Authority van to be used for distribution.

local programming on cable TV

The Westland Community Relations/CATV department has announced the Channel 8 schedule, subject to change, for this week. Programs are repeated at noon the following day.

MONDAY

5 p.m. Wayne-Westland Outstanding Young Woman of the Year Program
8 p.m. Town Meeting
8:30 p.m. City Department Update (Community Development)
9 p.m. Anything Goes (Westland Walkers)
9:30 p.m. Occupations and Avocations (Nora Hardin)
10 p.m. Retirement Roads (Fire Safety)
11 p.m. Meeting the Challenges of Life (dealing with death)

TUESDAY

5 p.m. Wayne-Westland Outstanding Young Woman of the Year Program
8 p.m. Meeting the Challenges of Life (dealing with death)
9 p.m. Town Meeting
9:30 p.m. City Department Update

(Community Development)
10 p.m. Anything Goes (Westland Walkers)
10:30 p.m. Occupations and Avocations (Nora Hardin)
11 p.m. Retirement Roads (Fire Safety)

WEDNESDAY

5 p.m. Wayne-Westland Young Woman of the Year Program
8 p.m. Retirement Roads (fire safety)
9 p.m. Meeting the Challenges of Life (dealing with death)
10 p.m. Town Meeting
10:30 p.m. City Department Update (community development)
11 p.m. Anything Goes (Westland Walkers)
11:30 p.m. Occupations and Avocations (Nora Hardin)

THURSDAY

5 p.m. Wayne-Westland Young Woman of the Year Program
8 p.m. Anything Goes (Westland Walkers)
8:30 p.m. Occupations and Avoca-

tions (Nora Hardin)
9 p.m. Retirement Roads (fire safety)
10 p.m. Meeting the Challenges of Life (dealing with death)
11 p.m. Town Meeting
11:30 p.m. City Department Update (community development)

FRIDAY

5 p.m. Wayne-Westland Young Woman of the Year Program
8 p.m. Town Meeting
8:30 p.m. City Department Update (community development)
9 p.m. Anything Goes (Westland Walkers)
9:30 p.m. Occupations and Avocations (Nora Hardin)
10 p.m. Retirement Roads (fire safety)
11 p.m. Meeting the Challenges of Life (dealing with death)

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

5 p.m. Wayne-Westland Young Woman of the Year Program
8 p.m. Meeting the Challenges of Life (dealing with death)

Burglar reaches out, takes phone

A local burglar apparently felt the need to reach out and touch someone last week.

A standard AT&T telephone valued at \$42 was the only item stolen during a break-in on the 39000 block of Webb late Tuesday or early Wednesday, police said.

Two windows on the west side of the home were also damaged in the break-in, which occurred between 5 p.m. and 10 a.m., police said.

The homeowner told police his

merchandise was stolen from his house and garage during a burglary over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

The incident occurred Nov. 22-25 while he was out of town, the resident said.

Stolen items included a 19-inch color television, stereo, table saw and four tires with rims.

The burglar apparently entered the house through a kitchen window on the east side, police said.

crime watch

house has been hit by vandals and burglars several times in recent months.

Holiday burglary
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Letters to S.A.N.T.A



Attention boys and girls! Christmas is almost here and you know what that means. Santa Claus is up at the North Pole waiting for letters and double checking his list to find out who's been naughty or nice. Once again this year, the Westland Observer is asking children to send us their letters to Santa Claus. We'll print those letters in our Dec. 20 issue, having forwarded the letters to Santa Claus in plenty of time to be ready for Christmas morning.

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County to hold hearings on airplane noise

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

By mid-December, Wayne County residents should know whether new flight patterns would put more, or fewer aircraft over their homes.

By mid-January, they'll have their say on the new routes before county officials.

Airline routes, changed earlier this year, could be changed again in light of noise complaints from Dearborn and western Wayne County neighborhoods.

A report on noise abatement plans

is expected within the next two weeks from the Federal Aviation Administration regional office in Chicago, according to county noise czar Bryan Amann. County and FAA officials finished noise abatement talks last week.

Plans include a "fanning out" of flight patterns from areas near the airport to other areas, Amann said.

"SOME AREAS that don't have airplane noise now may have it in the future, but we're looking at an equitable distribution of noise," said Amann, an assistant county execu-

tive who has overseen county efforts to curb noise at Metro Airport.

County residents will have their say on airplane noise during a series of public meetings in January. While dates, places and times have not yet been confirmed, members of the county commission's committee on airport noise said at least four meetings will be held. One meeting is tentatively scheduled for Livonia and would also include Plymouth/Canton residents. Another is tentatively scheduled for Dearborn and would also include Westland, Garden City and Redford residents. Other meet-

ings are tentatively scheduled for Detroit and downriver.

David Esper, director of Citizens Against Airport Noise, said he was pleased the county would be holding hearings. "It's heartening to see that we can expect changes," said Esper, a Dearborn attorney whose group forced November's ballot issue on airport bonds.

Esper acknowledged that not all members of his group might be pleased with new flight patterns.

"OBVIOUSLY, WE represent people from all over the county. Some will be pleased; others might not. But we're trying to represent the interest of the county as a whole," he said.

Amann said the county had five specific goals in reducing the noise problem, but declined to be more specific pending return of the report by the Chicago FAA.

It is believed, however, that the county has conducted some neighborhood-by-neighborhood counts of airline flights.

From Chicago, the report will pass to county executive Edward McNamara's office, then to the regional FAA office for final approval.

While local FAA officials could kill any noise abatement proposals, county officials are hopeful local action will largely prove a formality after the regional office's review. Despite completion of county talks

with the FAA, noise plans aren't yet set in stone.

Amann will be meeting this week with area mayors and township supervisors to gain their support.

January's hearings, which may also include comments from airline representatives, are also expected to have an impact.

Though the county executive's office has thus far handled most noise abatement work, the hearings represent a greater role for the county commission.

"We intend to be partners in this," said Commissioner Susan Hubbard, D-Dearborn, chairwoman of the committee on airport noise.

S'craft scholarships available

Applications are being accepted for six scholarships and two non-interest loans are available for Schoolcraft College winter term 1991 classes, beginning Saturday, Jan. 5. Scholarships include:

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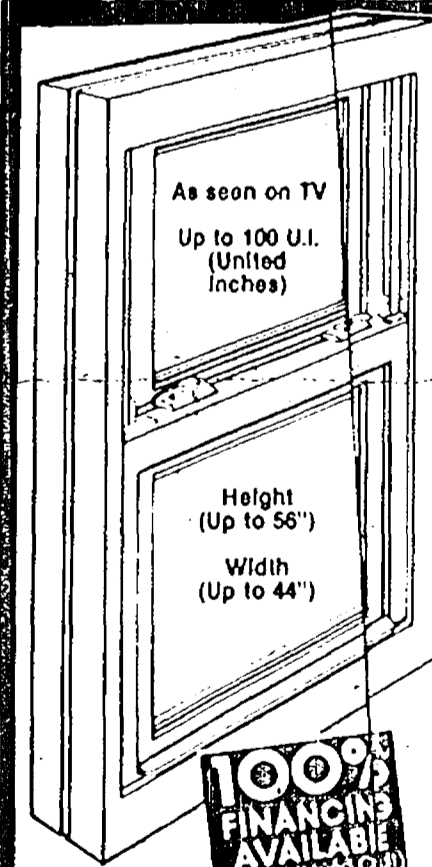
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County budget battle heats up

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

Wayne County's budget battle is raging, but it's doubtful residents will feel its effect — at least initially. County Executive Edward McNamara and county commissioners are at war over a budget the executive claims is balanced with some \$1.5 million of "phony money." Commissioners, however, say the \$1.8 billion county budget is balanced and sound. The commission adopted the fiscal 1991 budget Thursday, though McNamara's office promises a veto. Despite that, it's unlikely the budget dispute will cause layoffs or disruption of county services. "THERE'S NO threat of that," deputy county executive Michael

Duggan said. A worst case scenario would include a \$10 million fine levied against the county by the state if state auditors agreed the budget was out of balance. The balanced budget pledge — and fine — are part of the county's 1987 debt reduction agreement with the state. At present, the fine risk appears small. New county hiring, however, is at risk. While charges and counter charges have swirled around full size automobiles bought on behalf of four commissioners, the real issue centers on county hiring. At issue is an additional \$510,320 approved by commissioners for the county clerk's office and an additional \$1 million the executive claims was approved for the com-

mission itself. "They don't have the money," Duggan said. "They're approving something they know isn't there and were told isn't there." The clerk's office budget is based on a 15 percent fee increase "for inflation since 1988" but Duggan said no increase has been proposed nor would be. The county fiscal year began at midnight Saturday. McNamara, however, has 10 days to officially receive the budget, giving both sides additional time to sit down and smooth out differences before the commission meets again Dec. 13. The executive's office would issue an order blocking hiring by the clerk's office and commission in the interim, Duggan said. But it's uncertain whether the executive could issue a hiring freeze because of revised wording in the enabling ordinance that allows the budget to take effect. Commissioners stripped the executive of the ability to freeze hiring by executive order alone, instead

tying hiring freezes to prior commission approval. McNamara, however, could veto the ordinance along with the budget. In Wayne County's always-complex budget process, McNamara has already vetoed four preliminary budgets. Commission leaders said only one prior budget was submitted with the resulting confusion due to overzealousness in completing the budget on time. "Sometimes in our haste to do our jobs things happen," said commission Chairman Arthur Blackwell, D-Detroit, who took full responsibility for all "errors and omissions." "The commission is not perfect." The commission trimmed \$200,000 from its \$5.59 million budget before sending the entire budget package to McNamara. That figure is still some \$800,000 above that approved by McNamara. (Commissioners, however, claim the \$632,374 approved for the county auditor general represents a separate budget and shouldn't be included in commission expenses.)

County to continue pre-natal program


Prenatal care for high risk mothers will continue at several Wayne County sites, despite closing of obstetric services at Outer Drive Hospital, Detroit. Outer Drive, the prime source of medical care for county prenatal patients, is closing its service on Dec. 3. Care for the roughly 1,000 county patients will continue at Annapolis, Garden City Osteopathic, Hutzel, Oakwood, St. Mary and Michigan Health Center. Annapolis is in Wayne, Garden City Osteopathic Hospital is in Garden City, Hutzel Hospital and Michigan Health Center are in Detroit, St. Mary is in Livonia and Oakwood Hospital is in Dearborn. "Many others expressed an interest but were unable to participate at this time," said Assistant Wayne County Executive Vernice Davis-Anthony. "We will continue to work toward a long-term plan that distributes clients to all OB hospitals and expands access to care for these clients." The county health department will continue to provide maternal support services, including transportation assistance. Additional information is available by calling the department at 467-3352.

MADD seeks participants for 1990 candlelight vigil

Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Wayne County Chapter, wants to contact area families who have lost loved ones in drunk driving accidents for their 1990 Candlelight Vigil, 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10 at Old Mariner's Church, Detroit. At the ceremony, MADD members read the names of the deceased in an

effort to encourage area residents against drinking and driving this holiday season. Those who wish to have the name of their loved one read at the ceremony are asked to call MADD Wayne County office, 422-6233 or send the information to 33521 Six Mile Road, Livonia 48152.

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Charley's files for Chapter 11 reorganization

By Doug Funke
staff writer

Charley's Restaurant Group, headquartered in Farmington Hills, has filed for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code as part of a plan to reverse its sagging financial fortunes.

The privately-owned company operates Charley's Seafood Taverns in Bloomfield, Southfield, Livonia, Northville, Dearborn, Harper Woods and Toledo, plus Clamdiggers in Farmington Hills and Meriwether's in Southfield.

According to published reports, the company reported assets of \$5 million and liabilities of \$8.5 million last week in filing for protection from creditors. A reorganization supervised by the court allows the chain to stay in business while working out a payment plan with creditors.

"Costs and cost controls got away from us, which wore away our direct operating profit," said Dick Sikorski, president and chief executive officer for Charley's. "Moreover, we took money away from the restaurants to pay the bank debt too quickly."

The current ownership acquired the nine restaurants from the Muer Corp. about three years ago.

There will be no immediate layoffs of restaurant staff as a result of the reorganization, said Frank Fazio, vice president of marketing. "We already had got our labor in good position. We need to operate our business." The company employs about 900, he said.

"We need to put money in back into the business physically and from a marketing perspective,"

said Paul Yarmoluk, vice president and chief operating officer for Charley's. "It (bankruptcy filing) allows breathing room in one sense."

"WHAT HAPPENED over the years was a deterioration of the customer base," Yarmoluk said. "Basically, we had a collection of restaurants that was fragmented. They never acted as a whole. The restaurants were not quite keeping up with the times."

"The menu was dated, physical facilities began to deteriorate. It was getting more and more fragmented," he said.

Competition intensified. "As time has gone by in all of our locations, national chains have moved in... Independents, mom-and-pops took a piece of the business," Yarmoluk said. "Everyone all over the country was fighting for business."

Charley's revised its menu Nov. 1 in an effort to attract a younger, family crowd while retaining its loyal following.

New appetizers include sweet potato fries, fried mushrooms and coconut fried shrimp. New Orleans meatloaf burger, grilled vegetarian melt and country fried chicken have been added to the sandwich ledger. All the pasta dishes have been reformulated.

"In the past, they (Charley's) had gone for the older guest," Fazio said. "We want to retain that guest. We want to go for the 25-plus with families. We have a new children's menu."

While it's too early to determine a trend, Fazio said, company officials are encouraged by interviews with customers and the timing of the changes.

Patient advocate bill passes

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Local senators gave strong support Thursday as a "patient advocate" bill cleared the Senate 29-2.

The measure, kicked around the Legislature for 16 years, goes back to the House for concurrence in one amendment.

If signed by Gov. James Blanchard, it would become law about April 1.

"We're pleased and relieved," said David Wiener, an aide to Rep. David Hollister, D-East Lansing, who met with the Observer & Eccentric editorial committee last week.

Until this year, House Bill 4016 had been dubbed a "right to die" measure. But supporters dislike that term.

THE PATIENT advocate bill says a person 18 or older may designate another adult to make decisions concerning care, custody and medical

treatment if the person becomes incapacitated.

Supporting it were Sens. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, Richard Fessler, R-Commerce, Robert Geake, R-Northville, Rudy Nichols, R-Waterford, and George Hart, D-Dearborn.

Sens. Doug Cruce, R-Troy, and William Faust, D-Westland, had excused absences.

Right to Life, a group best known for opposing abortion, raised many objections over the years, particularly on the issues of treating pregnant women and withholding nutrition and water.

"We can say very clearly we are not opposed to it," said RTL president Barbara Listing.

Wiener said language in the bill is similar to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision this year in the Nancy Cruzan case. The high court held there had to be "clear and convincing evidence" in writing that Cruzan would have wanted to end medical treat-

ment if she knew she might go into a vegetative coma. That case emanated from Missouri.

THE BILL was reported out of the Senate Human Resources Committee in mid-September. But committee chair Fred Dillingham, R-Fowlerville, held up the final floor vote to await good faith action by the House Judiciary Committee on a bill he wanted — outlawing assisted suicides.

"We held hearings on assisted suicides," said Wiener, "but we had opened up a can of worms. We said to Dillingham, 'We can't solve this in a month.' He said, 'Try.'"

Wiener said House staffers will work on the assisted suicide measure next session.

Dillingham fears Michigan will become the "suicide capital" of the nation because of the notoriety of a Royal Oak pathologist who linked a woman to a machine that allowed her to end her own life.

MEANWHILE, A related measure — called "living will" — is dead for this session.

House Bill 4174 was rejected earlier this year and sent back to the Judiciary Committee.

It would have allowed persons to designate the extent of medical treatment they wish to receive if they become incapacitated. Sponsor Perry Bullard, D-Ann Arbor, calls it the "medical self-determination" bill.

"We need living wills," Dr. John Finn of Hospice of Southeastern Michigan told the Observer & Eccentric editorial committee last week.

"It's very hard to die in peace in this state. There is an intense legal climate. Physicians have exaggerated concerns for liability. Physicians practice out of a sense of liability rather than what's ethical."

"We don't press for durable power of attorney," he said.

Senate kills tax sharing proposal

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Suburban power on a key state Senate committee has killed a plan to allow business property tax sharing among school districts.

The Senate Appropriations Committee last week split 5-5, thus failing to report the measure to the Senate floor.

"It's dead for this session," said an elated Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills. "It puts a little crimp in Dan DeGrow's sale. He couldn't get

it out of committee."

DeGrow, R-Port Huron, was chief Senate advocate of having school districts with high commercial and industrial growth share it with residential, farm and no-growth districts.

VOTING AGAINST the bills were Faxon, Doug Cruce, R-Troy, Robert Geake, R-Northville, Lt. Gov.-elect Connie Binsfeld, R-Maple City, and Nick Smith, R-Hillsdale.

Binsfeld, though representing a northern district, spent 20 years as a

teacher in southern Oakland County.

Voting yes were DeGrow, Harry Gast, R-St. Joseph, William Sederburg, R-East Lansing, Jackie Vaughn III, D-Detroit, and Lana Pollock, D-Ann Arbor.

Three members were absent: Phil Arthurs, R-Whitehall, David Holmes, D-Detroit, and Joe Conroy, D-Flint.

The Legislature is planning to wrap up this year's work Wednesday or Thursday. The Senate last week canceled all committee meetings ex-

cept Appropriations.

KILLED WERE House Bills 5885-6, sponsored by Rep. William Keith, D-Garden City, and co-sponsored by members from Grand Rapids.

They were introduced at the request of the Kent County Intermediate School District and Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, whose business members wanted growth in commercial and industrial property to be shared among the school districts whose graduates they hired.

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points of view

New Kid encounters catastrophe

MONDAY, NOV. 26, 7:30 a.m.
I'm working the day shift on the copy desk, but I'm not scheduled in for another hour-and-a-half. Meanwhile I'm doing KP duty at home.

• 7:35 a.m. I hear a loud scream coming from an upstairs bedroom. It's followed by sobs and the sound of feet running down stairs.

A few seconds later the complainant enters the kitchen. She appears to be about 7 years old. She's carrying a body — a body with no arms!

"Look what they did to him! Look what they did to Jonathan!"
"I see. Ripped his arms right out of the sockets."
"No, they CHEWED them off. Look!"

Sure enough. She opens her cupped hands and reveals dozens of tiny pieces of plastic — the remains of what had once been Jonathan's arms. The sobs start again.

"Do you know who did it?"
"The cats!"
"The cats? It could have been the dog. What about the dog?"
"No, it was the cats. The dog wasn't in my room last night. Be-



Jack Gladden

sides, look at the teeth marks."

She's right. The teeth marks are small. Tiny. Cat size.

• 7:40 a.m. I call my partner and inform her of the incident. The complainant insists on talking to her.

"Mom, do you know what the cats did to . . ."

• 8:40 a.m. I drop the complainant off at school and proceed to the office. The boss is already in . . . as usual.

• 9:15 a.m. I learn that Jonathan has been known to frequent a place called Children's Palace. I make the first phone call.

"Do you have a Jonathan in stock? I believe he's part of a group called New Kids on the Block."

The clerk is familiar with the precedent, but says they only have Donnies and Joes. Whoever they are. Also, she volunteers, they don't have Jordan, either.

"I asked about Jonathan, ma'am. I didn't say anything about a Jordan."

She hangs up.

• 10:05 a.m. A dozen phone calls and still no trace of Jonathan. I begin to feel frustrated. I decide to do some leg work on my lunch hour. Meanwhile my partner has called in an outside investigator — her mother — to help with the case.

• 1 p.m. I return to the office after visiting three toy stores, two department stores and one shopping mall. I encountered dozens of Joes and Donnies but no Jonathan. And no Jordan, either. Things are not looking good. And I missed lunch.

• 1:01 p.m. My partner calls. She tells me she's found Jonathan. Actually, her mother has found him.

"She went to a dozen different stores, and all she could find were Joes and Donnies. Then she finally

found one Jonathan . . . somewhere."

"What about Jordan? Did she find a Jordan?"

She ignores the question and hangs up.

• 5:05 p.m. I pick the complainant up at the day-care center.

"Did you have a good day at school?"

"It was O.K. Except for Jonathan."

• 5:31 p.m. My partner arrives home. She's carrying a package.

• 5:42 p.m. The complainant is on the couch, watching television. Jonathan is beside her again. I look at my partner.

"Well dear, I think we can say that 'This case is CLOSED.'"

"No. You can't say that."

"Why not?"

"It's the wrong show."

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

from our readers

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Substance in judicial races 'unworkable'

To the editor:

As co-chair of the Oakland County Bar Association Public Advisory Committee on Judicial Candidates, which evaluates judicial candidates and their advertising, Tim Richards' Nov. 22, 1990, article concluding that Mr. Durant's Supreme Court campaign advertising gave that race needed "substance," was of interest. However, his well-intentioned plea for "substance" in judicial campaigns is unworkable in practice, as can be seen from the campaign advertising his article discusses.

First of all, "substance" as defined in Webster's Ninth Collegiate Dictionary (1989) is the "ultimate reality that underlies all outward manifestations." Since, as Mr. Richard concedes, Durant's ad left the "unfortunate impression" that the criminal defendant in the Cavanagh opinion Durant criticized "got off completely" when actually he was sentenced to 50 to 100 years, its "outward manifestations" were contrary to "ultimate reality." In short, the Durant ad lacked "substance," as that word is commonly understood. This is not to say Durant's sentencing philosophy lacks merit, but that his advertising obscured the "substance" of the argument.

Second, and more importantly, Durant's ad also created the "unfortunate impression" that a particular result could be expected in such a case if he were elected to decide it. A judicial candidate is forbidden to suggest this, as Michigan's Code of Judicial Conduct makes it clear:

"A candidate . . . for a judicial office should not make pledges or promises of conduct in office other than the faithful and impartial performance of the duties of the office . . ." (Canon 7B, 1 C)

A movie mogul once said about "message movies": "If you want to send a message, go to Western Union." In our political system, if you want to send a message, go to the Legislature. It is there, rather than the courts, that the "substance" of policy is enacted into law. Judges cannot impose "substance" contrary to that law in cases they decide. Otherwise, judges could ignore the will of the people revealed in statutes and constitutions and arbitrarily make their own law.

Therefore, if Mr. Durant had messages of "substance" in his Supreme Court campaign advertising, he used the wrong forum. If he did not, he used the wrong arguments. In either event, the injection of substantive policy arguments into judicial selection generally has been long rejected for both theoretical and practical reasons. This is not because of the merits or demerits of the substantive views advanced, but because it hurts the judge's ability to properly carry out judicial duties after election.

The above views are personal, not those of the Committee nor the Bar Association, nor the advocacy of any candidate's position.

William R. VanderKloot
Bloomfield Hills

Article helps reduce stigma

To the editor:

I just want to let you know how much I appreciated Judith Berne's article in the Eccentric on "Mentally Ill Need To Be a Priority." It was straight-forward, informative and compassionate. Both Roger (former Birmingham Supt. Roger Garvellink) and I felt that it was very well done.

Such an article can be a strong advocate for the mentally ill and go a long way toward reducing the stigma.

The last paragraph was most touching. How true that "Scott was once no different from your son or mine . . . but had no control over what happened."

Many, many thanks for your excellent contribution to the Eccentric.
Carol Garvellink,
Lisle, Ill.

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Endorsement of airport appreciated

To the editor:

I would like very much to thank the Observer newspapers for their strong support of an issue of great importance to everyone in Wayne County and the rest of southeast Michigan — the modernization of Metro Airport.

I realize there are residents in those communities covered by your papers who, because of the noise issue, may not be happy with your endorsement of the bond issue. I think it shows great foresight by the editors to look past what will amount to

a short-term problem — noise — to take a stance on what is best for its readers in the long run.

I stand by my guarantee that the noise some residents are enduring will be greatly reduced very soon by whatever means necessary. Naturally, I cannot promise that all noise will be eliminated, since that would be an impossibility. But I can tell you, with great confidence, that there will be no more of a noise problem than there was before the FAA changed its flight paths.

This month the FAA will announce the results of its unprecedented decision to review the flight paths they changed, creating the increase in aircraft noise.

Regardless of the FAA's decision, Wayne County will begin imposing strong noise restrictions on the airlines using Metro, especially its largest carrier, Northwest Airlines. We

will require the elimination of older, louder aircraft, to be replaced by aircraft which are twice as quiet.

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Edward McNamara,
Wayne County Executive

Tell PSC about rate proposal

To the editor:

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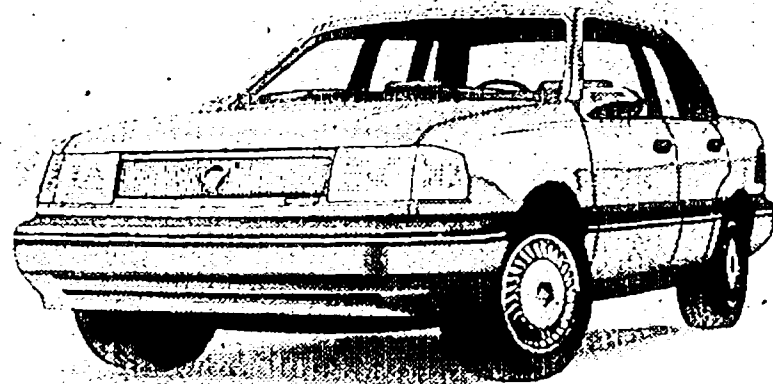


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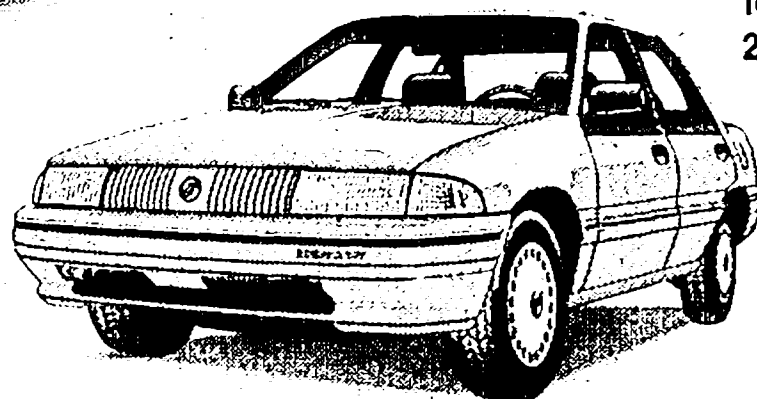
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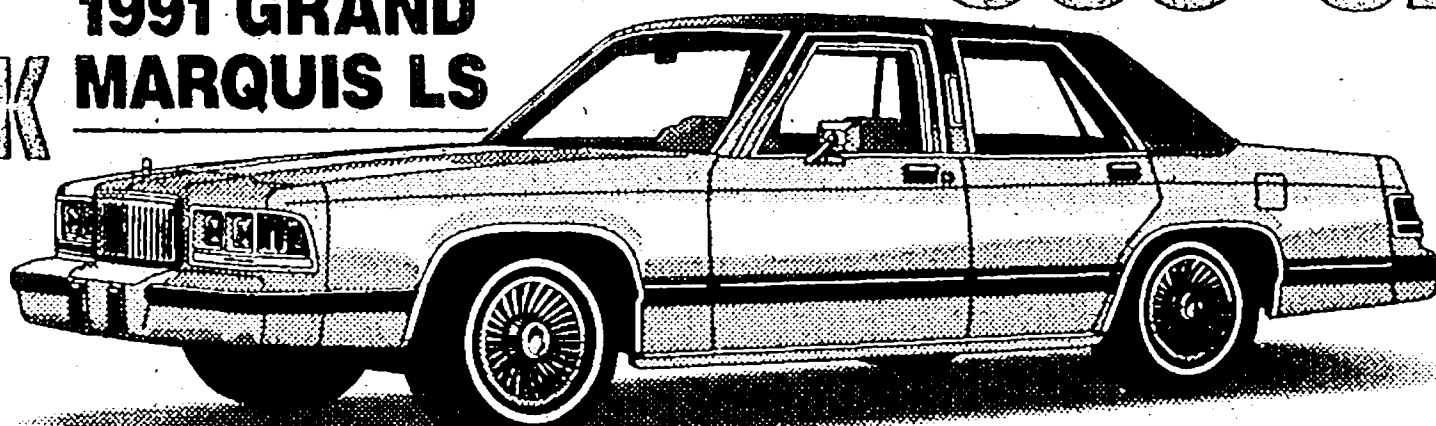
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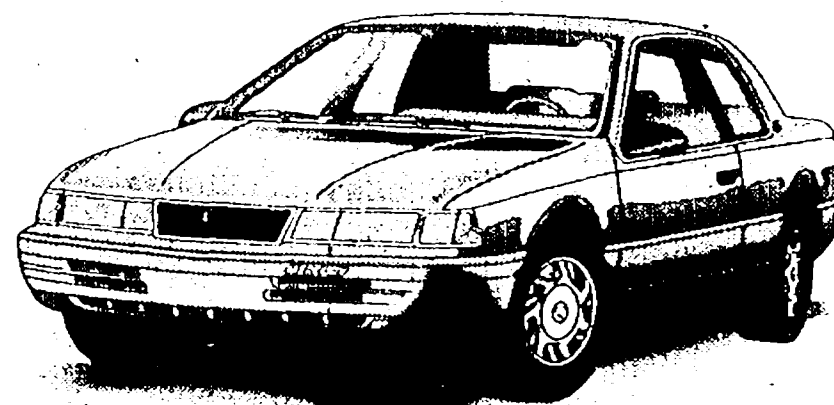
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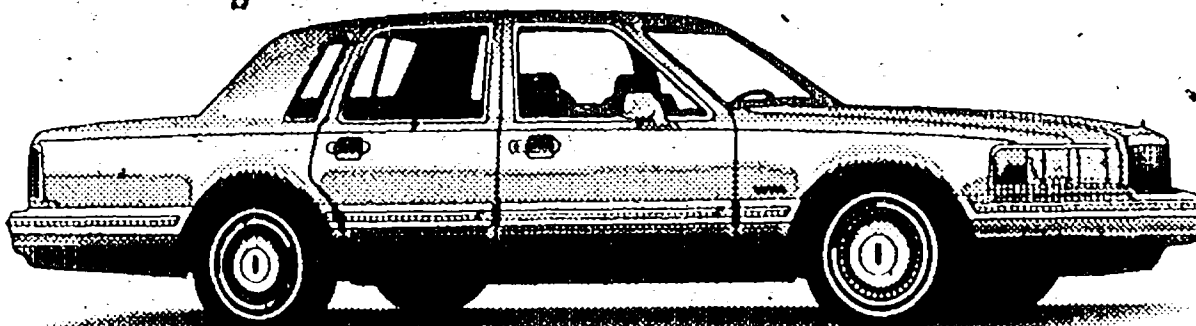
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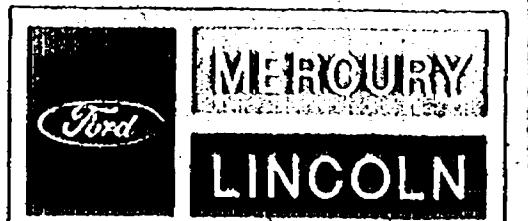


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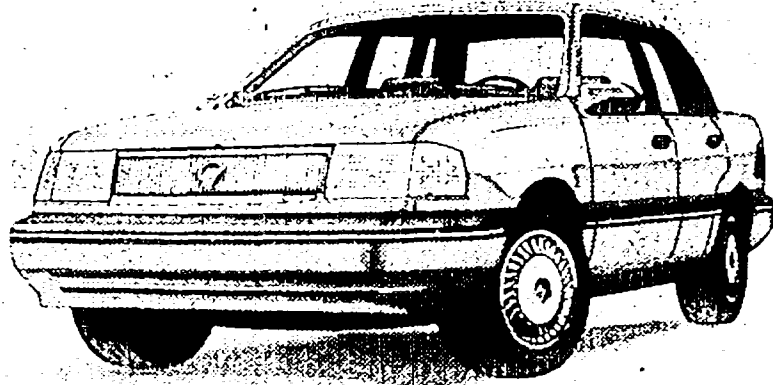


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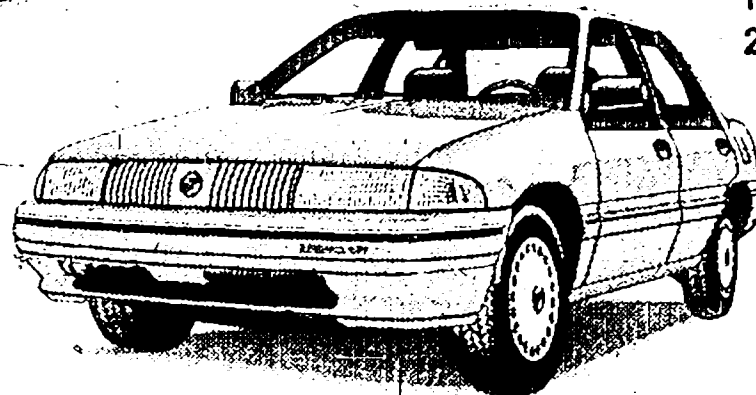
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Total Amount of Payments	\$4,776.00
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Option Package 573B Savings	\$650.00
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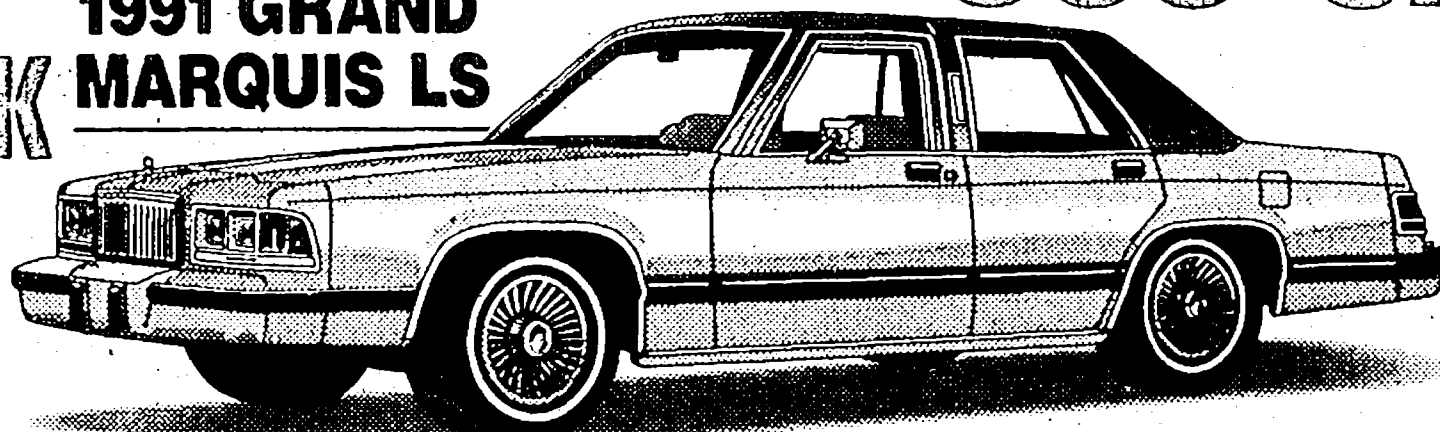
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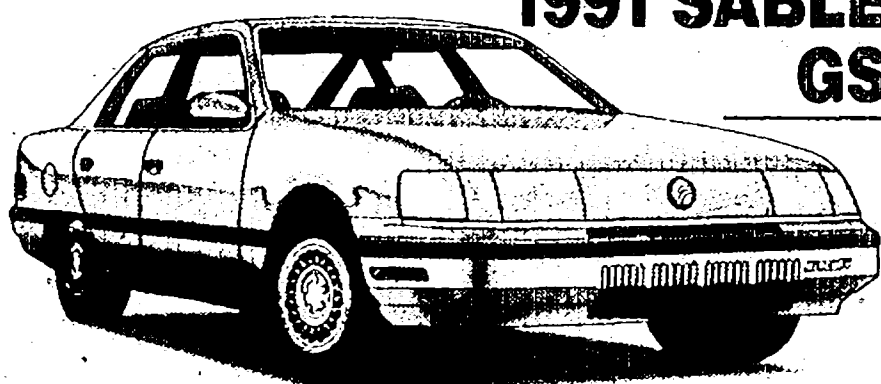
Cash Down Payment	\$5,005.70
Refundable Security Deposit	\$300.00
Option Package 172A Savings	\$650.00
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Total Amount of Payments	\$7,176.00
24 Monthly Lease Payments at*	\$299.00

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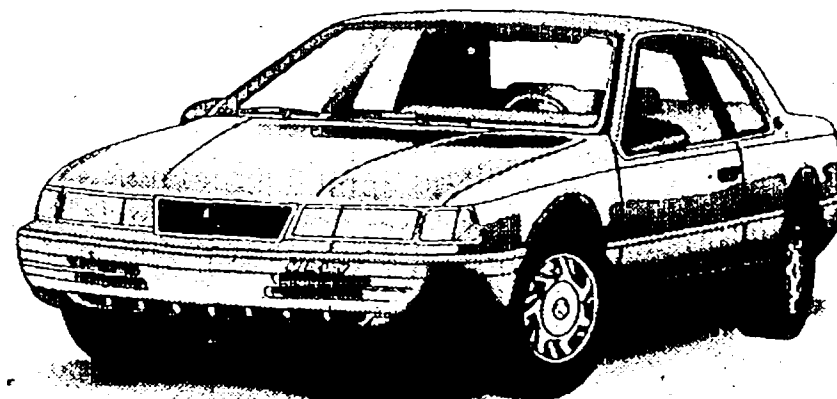
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1991 COUGAR LS

Cash Down Payment	\$3,039.26
Refundable Security Deposit	\$300.00
Option Package 451A Savings	\$700.00
Total Cash Due at Lease Inception Includes First Month's Lease Payment*	\$3,638.26
Total Amount of Payments	\$7,176.00
24 Monthly Lease Payments at*	\$299.00



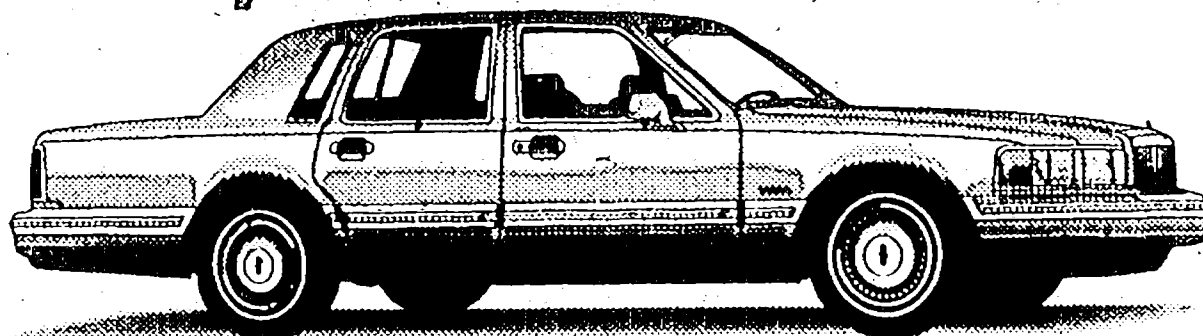
1991 SABLE GS



Cash Down Payment	\$3,163.26
Refundable Security Deposit	\$300.00
Option Package 262A Savings	\$850.00
Total Cash Due at Lease Inception Includes First Month's Lease Payment*	\$3,762.26
Total Amount of Payments	\$7,176.00
24 Monthly Lease Payments at*	\$299.00

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Cash Down Payment	\$5,984.21
Refundable Security Deposit	\$400.00
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Total Amount of Payments	\$9,576.00
24 Monthly Lease Payments at*	\$399.00



ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION: Customer Cash Back directly from Lincoln-Mercury on 1991 models with a 24-month Ford Credit Red Carpet lease; \$600 on Topaz GS, \$750 on Sable GS, \$500 on Grand Marquis LS, \$1300 on Town Car. Customer Cash Back can be applied toward payment, refundable security deposit and first month's payment or you may keep the cash. For cash back and special lease terms you must take new vehicle delivery from dealer stock by 12/31/90. *For Customer Cash Back from Lincoln-Mercury make a retail purchase of a new '91 Grand Marquis from dealer stock by 4/30/91. Total cash due at lease inception includes a refundable security deposit, cash down payment and first month's lease payment. Lease payment is based on Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price. \$12,525 on Topaz GS, \$11,537 on Tracer, \$17,629 on Sable GS, \$18,637 on Cougar LS, \$21,825 on Grand Marquis LS, and \$30,038 on Town Car, including option package savings per model as shown above. Lease payment includes destination charges but excludes title, taxes and license fee and is based on a 24-month closed-end Red Carpet Lease from Ford Credit. Lessee may have the option to purchase the car at lease end at a price to be negotiated with the dealer at lease inception. However, lessee has no obligation to purchase the car at lease end. Lessee is responsible for excess wear and tear and for 30,000 miles is the total mileage allowed with an \$11 per mile charge over 30,000. Lease subject to credit approval and insurability as determined by Ford Credit. See your Lincoln-Mercury dealer for his price and terms. See your dealer for details.



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Bake Springerle, Pfefferneusse cookies this season

See related story on Burghardt's Bakery on Page 1B.

PFEFFERNEUSSE

Sift together:
2 cups plus 2 tablespoons sifted all-purpose flour
¾ teaspoon double-acting baking powder
½ teaspoon baking soda
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Add:
¼ teaspoon each nutmeg and ground cloves
1 teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon anise seeds or 1 teaspoon crushed cardamom seeds

Cream together:
½ cup butter or shortening
½ cup sugar

Add and beat well until light:
1 egg

Add:
¼ cup finely chopped almonds
1 tablespoon finely chopped citron
¼ cup finely chopped candied orange peel

Add the flour mixture to the above ingredients in thirds, alternately with:
½ cup molasses

SPRINGERLE

2 eggs
1 cup sugar
2¼ cups all-purpose flour
Anise seed

Beat eggs and sugar about 5 minutes or until thick and lemon colored. Mix in flour. If dough is dry stir 3 tablespoons milk, 1 tablespoon at a time, into mixture. Cover and chill at least 2 hours. Roll dough ½-inch thick on lightly floured cloth-covered board. Press well-floured springerle form over dough to emboss designs. Cut out cookies and place on lightly floured board sprinkled with anise seed; let dry at least 10 hours. Heat oven to 325 degrees. Place cookies ½ inch apart on ungreased baking sheet. Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until light brown. Immediately remove from baking sheet. Makes about 8 dozen cookies.

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1 tablespoon corn syrup
½ cup brandy
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
1 tablespoon lemon juice

Beat well, then set aside overnight. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Shape into 1-inch balls and bake on a greased cookie sheet 10 to 15 minutes.

Roll while warm in confectioner's sugar. Makes 180 1-inch balls.

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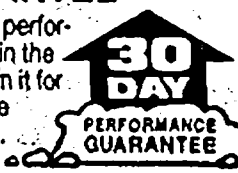
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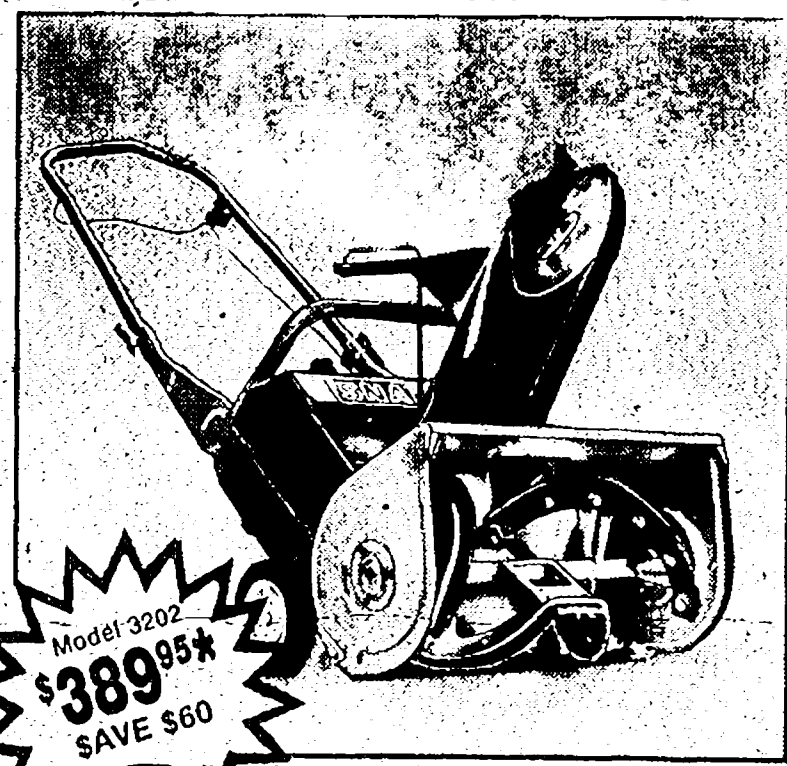
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FRANKLIN BOOSTERS

Tuesday, Dec. 4 — Franklin High School Vocal Music Boosters will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Franklin High School, Room 508, in the school on Joy east of Merriman.

BRASS CONCERT

Thursday, Dec. 6 — Northwestern Community Services (formerly Northwestern Guidance Clinic) will sponsor a benefit concert at 8 p.m., featuring the Galliard Brass Ensemble of Ann Arbor. The concert will be in Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium, 6500 Middlebelt, a half mile south of Warren Road. Tickets are \$10 with students and senior citizens admitted for \$7.

BPW

Thursday, Dec. 6 — Garden City Business and Professional Women's Club will hold its Christmas dinner and tour at 5:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street at Church, one block from the downtown section. Tickets are \$10. Beth Stewart, Plymouth Museum executive director will be guest speaker. Reservations must be made by Dec. 3. For information, call Joan 422-1384 or Helen 422-6562.

YULE CEREMONY

Friday, Dec. 7 — A Christmas tree lighting ceremony and a visit by Santa Claus will be held at the Nankin Mill, Ann Arbor Trail at Farmington Road. Santa and Mrs. Claus, along with city and county officials and Girl Scouts will be present to sing Christmas Carols and light the decorations at the mill. Refreshments will follow.

BAZAAR

Friday, Dec. 7 — A holiday bazaar and bake sale will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Westhaven Manor, 34601 Elmwood, between Ford and Wildwood and east of Wayne Road. For information, call 729-3690.

LUNCH WITH SANTA

Saturday, Dec. 15 — Santa will be at Wayne/Westland Family Y, 827 S. Wayne Road. Children can eat lunch with Santa at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Pictures will be available. There will be songs and festivities.

TOPS

Thursdays — Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at 10 a.m. Thursdays in the Log Cabin in Garden City Park, Cherry Hill and Merriman. For information, call 422-2297 or 561-9205.

community calendar

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

FITNESS GYM

Monday-Saturday — The Wayne-Westland Family Y will sponsor a fitness gym open 6 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Saturday. Daily guest pass is \$5 per visit. For information, call 721-7044.

PLAY/LEARN

The Wayne-Westland YMCA is accepting registrations for children ages 2½ through 6 years of age for its Play and Learn Program. For more information, call 721-7044.

DANCERS WANTED

The Polish Centennial Dancers are accepting registrations for fall. Students ages 3 through adults can learn Polish folk dancing, American polkas, along with a touch of jazz and various routines. For information, call 427-2636 or 464-1263.

CARDIAC GROUP

Mondays — A cardiac support group meets the second and fourth Monday of every month 7-8:30 p.m. in Garden City Osteopathic Hospital classroom No. 1, 6245 N. Inkster Road at Maplewood. The group will offer educational and emotional support of cardiac patients and their families.

TRAVEL GROUP

Fridays — The Travel Group meets every Friday at 12:45 p.m. in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or special program is planned. Program includes speakers, films, celebration of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is a \$3 membership fee for residents; \$12.50 for non-residents. For more information, call 722-7632.

SCHOOL GROUP

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

CLASSES OPEN

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

MEDICAL SERVICE

Fridays — Free medical service, provided by Dr. Stanley Sczeclenski, is available every Friday beginning 9 a.m. (appointments only), at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh. Service will include consultation, blood pressure readings, heart and lung check, and ear, nose and throat examination. If a potentially serious problem is found, Dr. Sczeclenski will refer you or recommend you go to your own doctor. For information, call 722-7632.

EXERCISE

Monday-Friday — A daily exercise program for retirees 50 and over meets 9:30-10:30 a.m. with an instructor at Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh. The program will be inside and outside on the walking course. The Exercise Room is also open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with commercial exercise equipment geared to the retiree's needs. Membership cards are \$5 per year for residents and \$10 for non-members. For more information, call 722-7628.

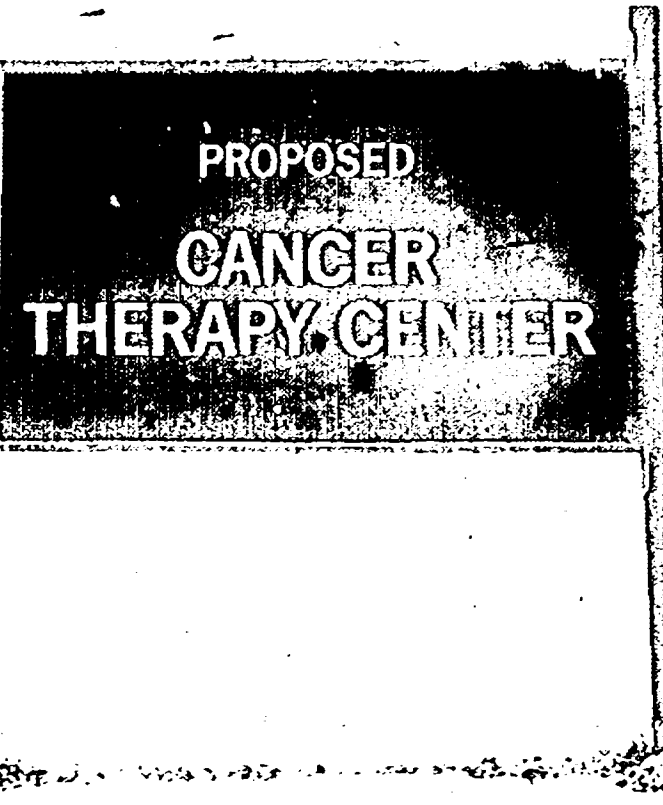
HAIRCUTS

Wednesdays — Haircuts are available 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh. Cost is \$5 for men and \$6 for women. Perms are also available. For information, call 722-7632.

HYPERTENSION

Hypertension screening will be provided by United Care and Westland Medical Center 10 a.m. to noon Mondays, except for the fifth Monday of the month. A nurse from Home Health Care will provide blood pressure screenings 9-10 a.m. every Thursday. Screenings also will be by appointment with Dr. Sczeclenski at 9 a.m. Fridays.

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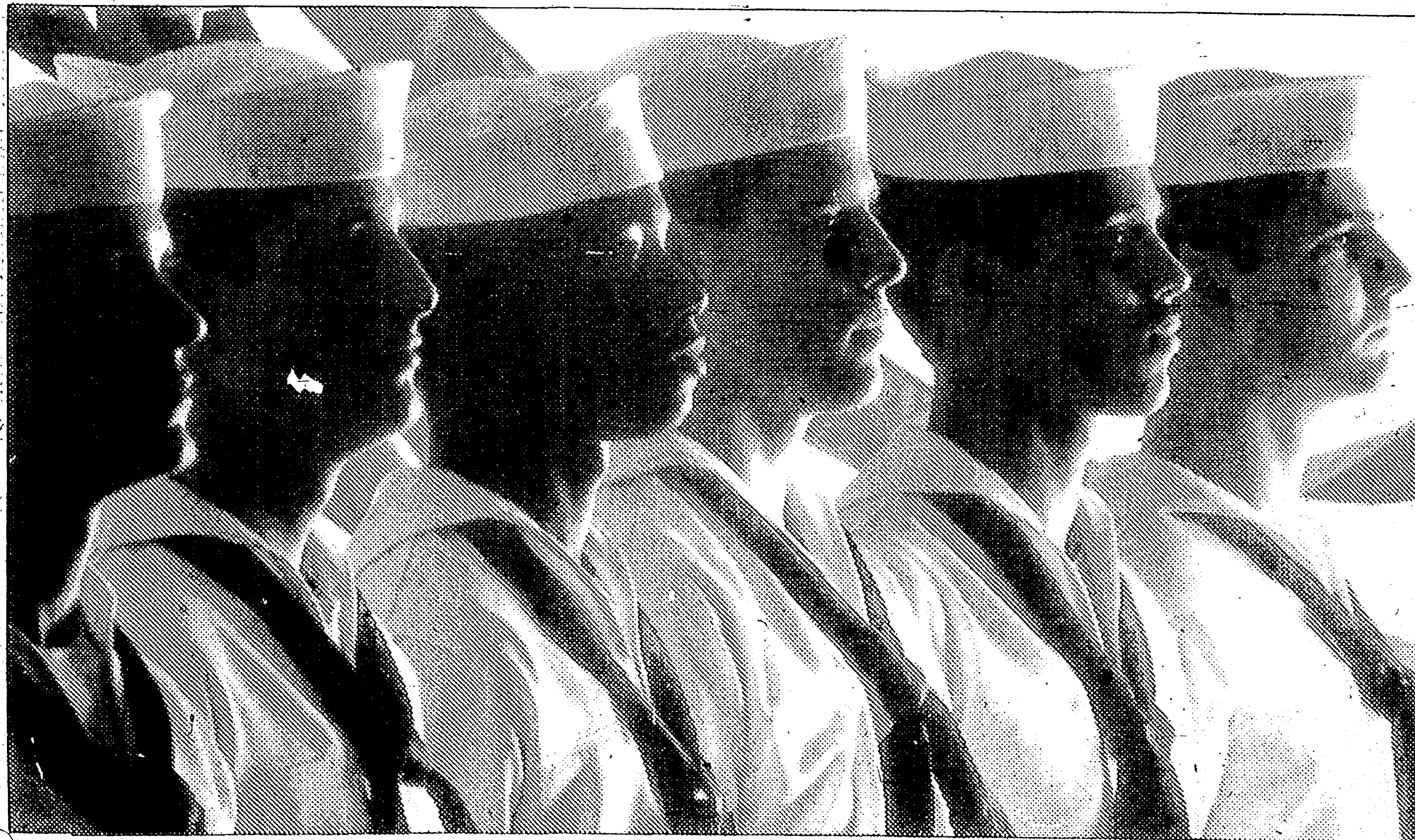
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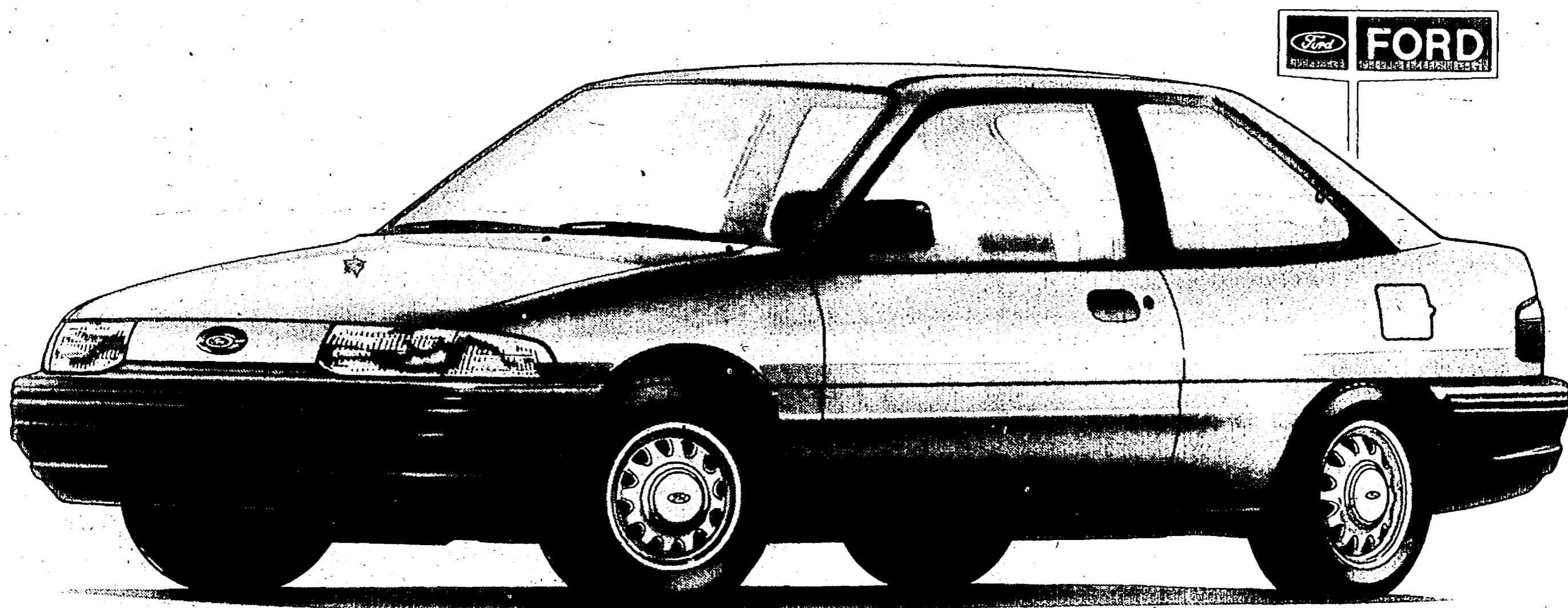


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RECYCLING IS GOOD

NEWS:

Overcrowded landfills. Garbage barges no one wants to deal with. Terminal trash.

News.

Bad news.

The good news? More and more people, businesses and industries are finding ways to recycle.

It takes more than 6,000 tons of newsprint each year to print The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers plus a number of other publications, so we're doing a number of things to help the solid waste situation:

1. For years we've sold our waste newsprint to a recycling firm.
2. 25% of the newsprint we print on is recycled and we're increasing this amount by another 25% this year.

3. Our employees have begun to routinely put office paper (memos, computer paper, waste copy paper) in recycle bins instead of waste baskets.

Of course, we still deliver thousands of newspapers twice each week. It's our business to bring you news of your local government, schools, sports scene and community events; the news you need to know.

We don't cover world news,
but we care about the world.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

And when you're finished reading your hometown newspaper there are places that will recycle them.

We've listed a few for you on this page because we think recycling is Good News.

THE
Observer & Eccentric
NEWSPAPERS

Here is a list of recycling centers in or near The Observer & Eccentric circulation area. Please call the center nearest you for guidance in preparing your recyclables

LIVONIA

LIVONIA RECYCLING CENTER
After Sept. 14-Livonia Residents Only
Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Glendale, East of Farmington Road
South of the Jeffertes Freeway
522-1620

Newspapers, glass (clear, green and brown), window glass, tin cans, aluminum, batteries (automotive only), anti-freeze, motor oil, plastics (coded '1' or '2'), white bond office paper and computer paper.

CANTON

CANTON RECYCLING
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Fridays
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Saturdays
42020 Van Born between Haggerty and Lilley
397-5801

Newspapers, glass (clear, green and brown), all metals including large appliances, batteries (automotive only), cardboard, motor oil, paint, (only from Canton Township residents), grass clippings (only from Canton Township residents), concrete, bricks, dirt sod (fee may be charged).

WASTE MANAGEMENT WOODLAND MEADOWS

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - Noon on Saturday
39900 Van Born between Haggerty and Hannan
326-0993

Newspapers, corrugated cardboard, glass (clear, green and brown), aluminum, tin, plastic (high density i.e. milk jugs and laundry bottles), large appliances.

PLYMOUTH

CITY OF PLYMOUTH-RESIDENTS ONLY
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday
201 South Main
(next to Fire Department behind City Hall)
453-1234

Newspapers, corrugated cardboard, glass (clear, green, brown), tin, aluminum.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE

RESIDENTS ONLY-PROOF REQUIRED
NORTHVILLE DPW
Wednesday 3:00-7:00 p.m.
Saturday 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
650 Doheny, North of 7 Mile
349-1300

Newspapers, glass (clear, green and brown) tin cans, aluminum, automotive and household batteries, motor oil, plastic milk jugs

BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM RECYCLING CENTER
Open 24 hours, seven days a week, with assistance between 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays
Holland Street off Eton (south of Maple)
642-6888

Newspapers, glass (clear, green and brown), tin, aluminum, batteries, plastic (half-gallon or larger or smaller coded '1' or '2'), batteries, (automotive and household), cordless appliances

FARMINGTON

CITY OF FARMINGTON
FARMINGTON AND FARMINGTON HILLS RESIDENTS ONLY
7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. - Noon Saturday and Sunday
(West of Farmington Road)
473-7250

Newspapers, glass (clear, green, and brown), batteries, (automotive and household), motor oil, plastic (high density, i.e. milk jugs and laundry bottles)

FARMINGTON HILLS

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS DPW
FARMINGTON HILLS RESIDENTS ONLY
27245 Halsted Road, South of 12 Mile
553-8580

Seven days a week, dawn to dusk
Newspapers, glass (clear, green and brown), batteries, (automotive and household), motor oil, plastic (coded 1 and 2)

LATHRUP VILLAGE

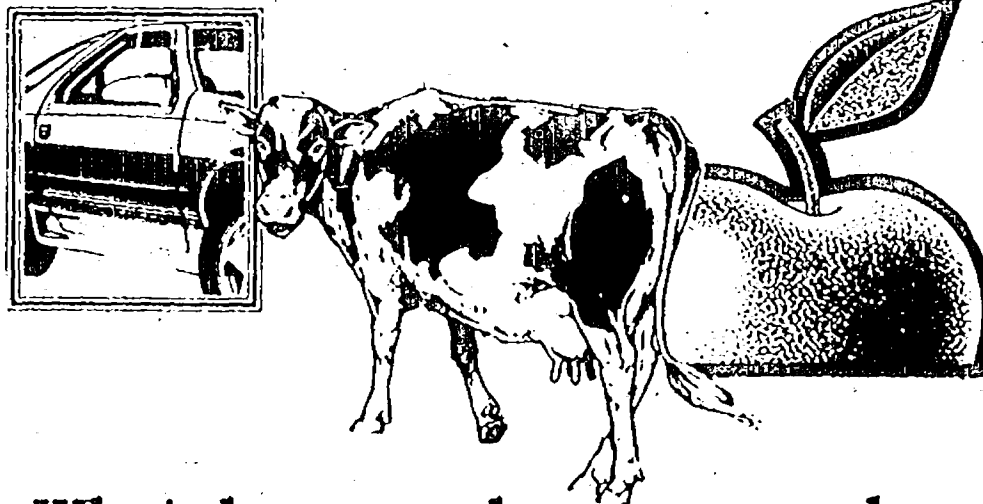
First Saturday of every month 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
19101 Twelve Mile
(in front of Southfield-Lathrup High School)
591-0001

Newspapers, frosted-type plastic, motor oil, household and automotive batteries.

REDFORD TOWNSHIP

REDFORD TOWNSHIP RECYCLING CENTER
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Saturdays only
Inkster Road between Jeffries Freeway and Plymouth Rd.
BFI-Transfer station (blue building behind Trico Bandag Bldg.)
531-3110

Newspapers (tied, with glossy inserts removed), glass (clear, green and brown), tin cans (rinsed with labels removed), and plastic (coded '1' or '2')



What do an apple, a cow, and a car door have in common?

Recycled newspapers play a role in all three. Apple growers in the northwest use recycled newsprint for packing, farmers use it for bedding instead of straw and auto manufacturers use it in car doors.

There are many uses for your used newspapers, why not start saving them today?

SOUTHFIELD

CITY OF SOUTHFIELD RECYCLING CENTER (RESIDENTS ONLY)
Open dawn until dusk
26000 Evergreen (behind the Civic Center Ice Arena)
554-9180

Newspapers, glass (clear, brown and green), tin, aluminum, plastic (HDPE only; coded '1' and '2'), household batteries only.

TROY

CITY OF TROY PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY
Seven days a week, 24 hours
4693 Rochester Road, (south of Long Lake)
524-3399

Newspapers, glass (clear, green and brown, motor oil, automotive and household batteries, plastic (frosted and clear).

*Six drop-off locations for newspapers: Civic Center, Fire Station #3 and #6, Police Station, Suburban Ambulance, Boys and Girls Club on John R and Long Lake Road.

CITY OF NOVI

24-hour drop-off center
45175 W. 10 Mile Road (by City Hall)
347-0460

Newspapers, glass (clear, green and brown) tin cans, aluminum, opaque plastic, large appliances accepted 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. daily and third Saturday of the month 8 a.m. - noon. Appliances accepted at 26300 Delwal.

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP

Monday through Saturday
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Southeast corner of M-59 and Crescent Lake Road
674-3111
Newspapers, glass, tin cans, aluminum, automotive batteries, motor oil, plastics (coded '1' and '2').

WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

Saturday 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
2400 Haggerty
(South of Pontiac Trail)
682-1200
Newspapers, glass, office paper, tin and aluminum cans, plastics (coded '1' or '2')

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

RESIDENTS ONLY
24 hours a day, unmanned station by Fire Station
16155 Sheldon Road North of 5 Mile
348-5800
Newspapers, glass (clear, green and brown) tin cans, aluminum, automotive and household batteries, motor oil, plastic milk jugs

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP RECYCLING STATION (Residents Only)
Dawn 'til Dusk
46555 Port St., Dept. Public Service Bldg
453-8131
Newspapers, glass (clear, green, brown), tin, aluminum, plastics coded '1' and '2'.

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This 'tree' sparkles

These 1990 Carriers of the Year are really something. They have demonstrated qualities that have earned them a dinner, a trophy and our gratitude for their commitment to their Observer & Eccentric subscribers. All of these young people have received recognition as Carrier of the Month in the communities they serve, they've handled their collections and settled their accounts in a professional manner. Their length of service, their diligence, character and commitment to their work are outstanding. We are pleased and proud to introduce you to—



Heather Morgan—Farmington Observer



Akash Agarwal—Troy Eccentric



Andy Grysiwicz—Redford Observer



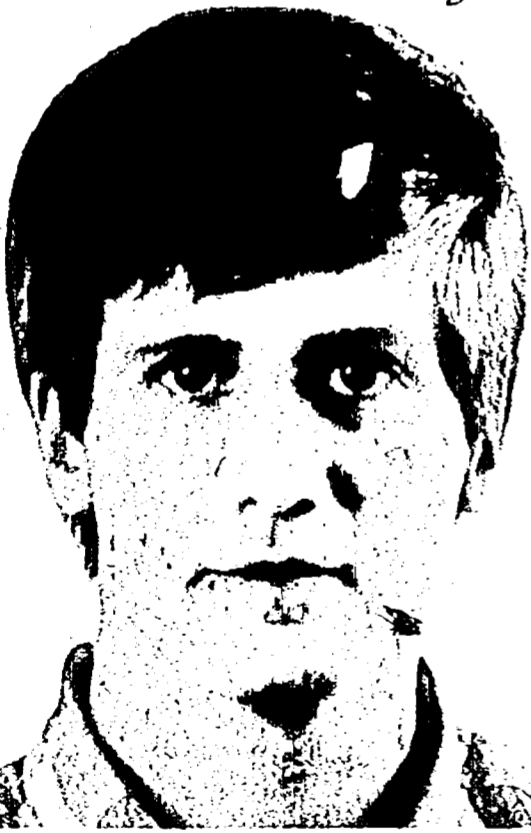
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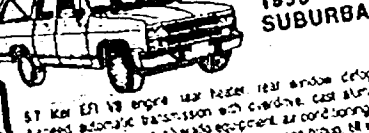
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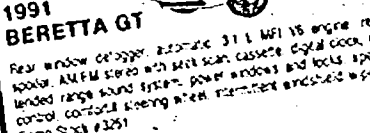
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Was \$24,221
Now **\$19,998***




1991 BERETTA GT
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Was \$15,065
Now **\$12,484***



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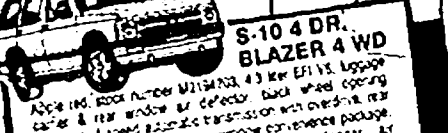
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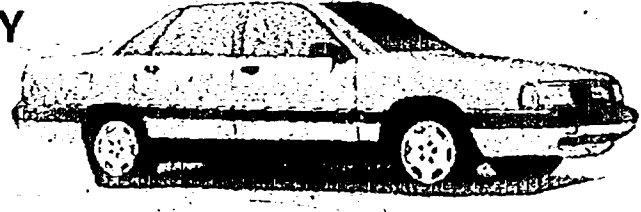
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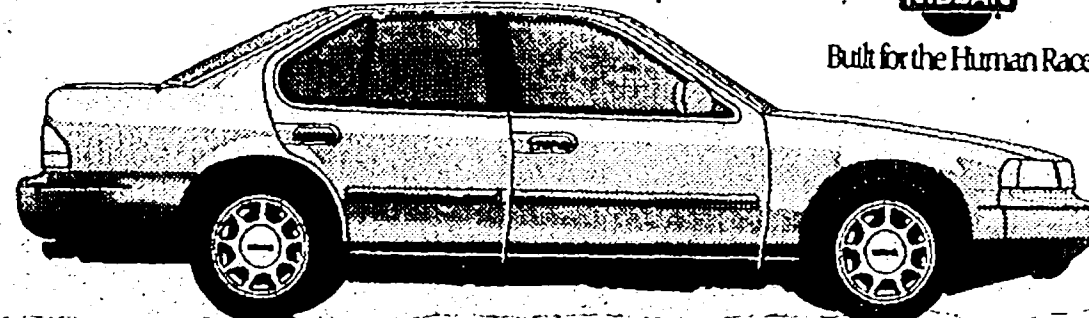
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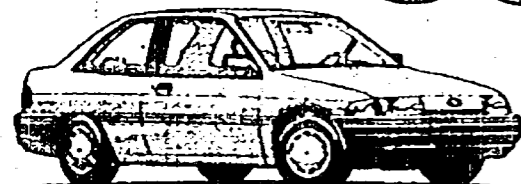
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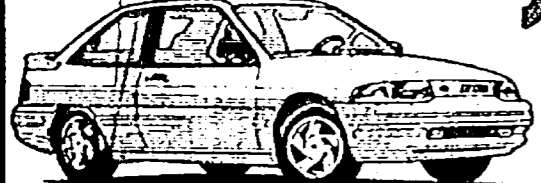
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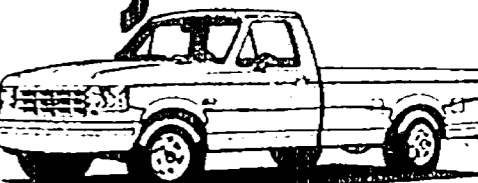


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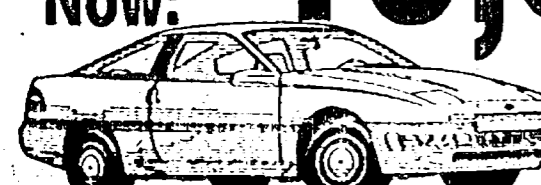


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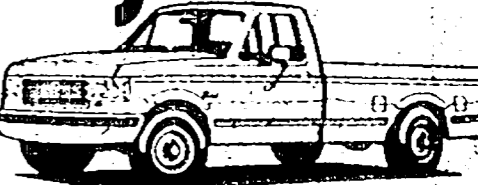


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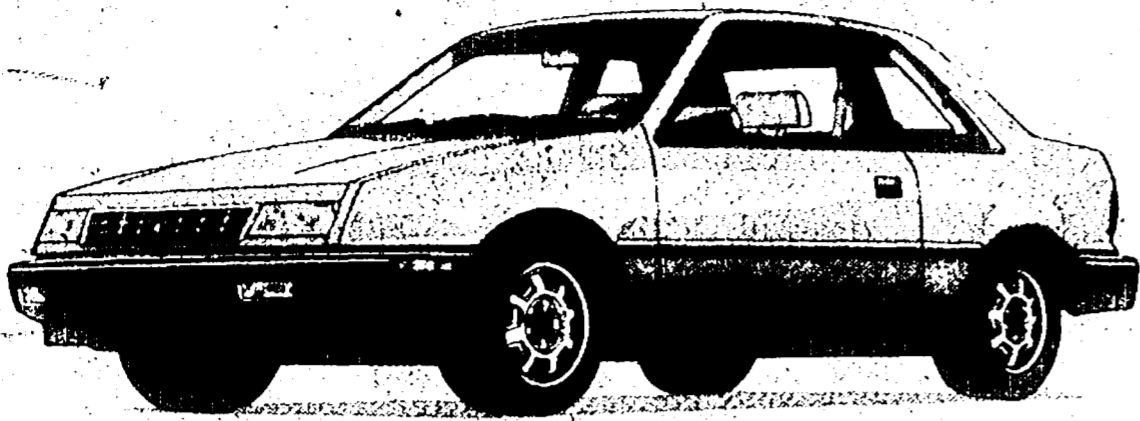
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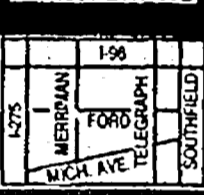


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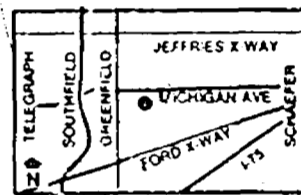
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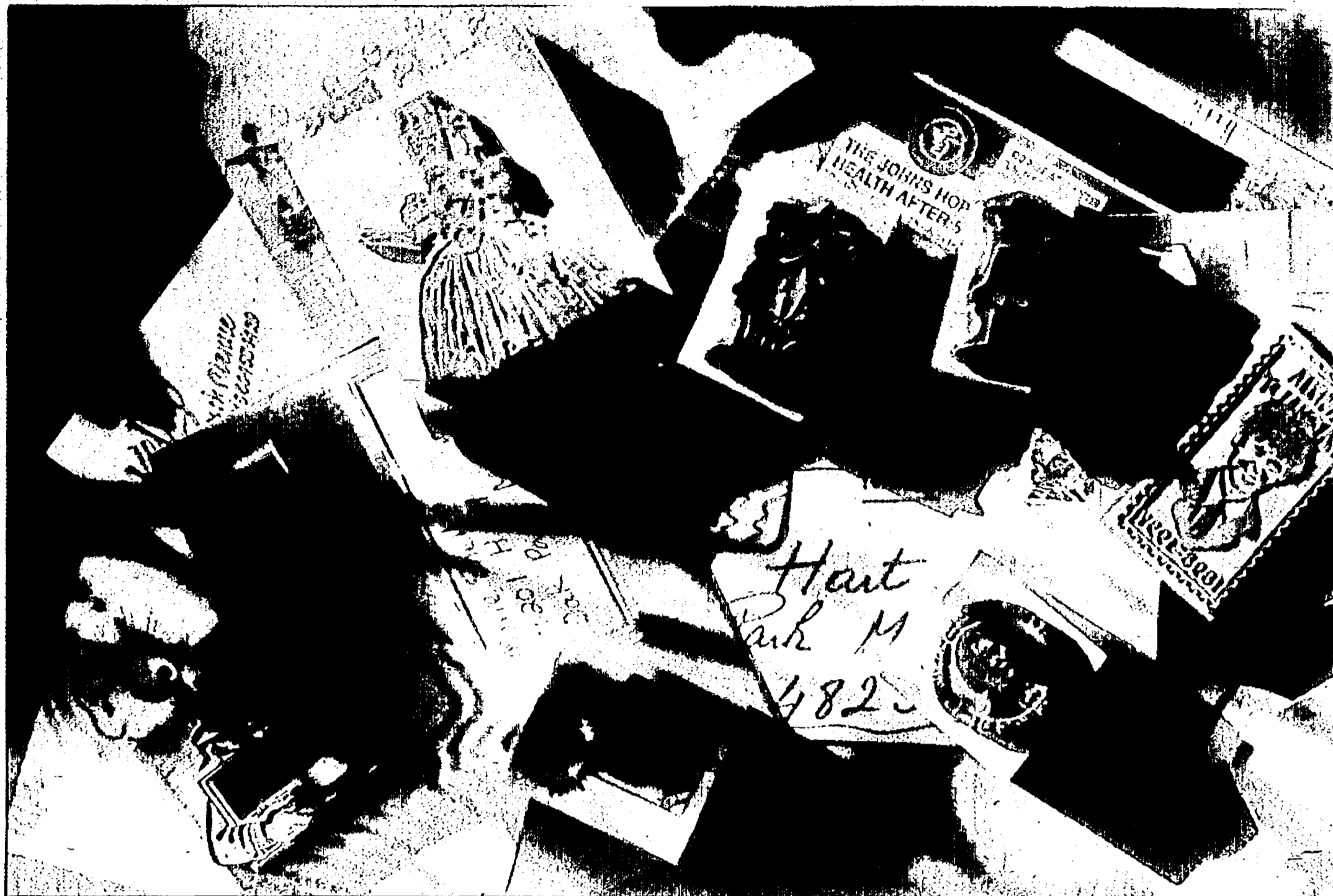
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Marie Snell's artistry includes everything from a woman screaming "What!" to a super sluth style detective.

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MAIL ART

A marriage made in ink pad heaven

By Greg Kowalski
staff writer

Marie Snell got a stamped and unwrapped head in the mail. Pat Baccari occasionally sends plastic fish. Russell Bloch often gets cards from The Bag Lady and The Unmuzzled Ox.

Snell's head, incidentally, was plastic. And it was an example of an art form that is sweeping . . . well, slipping through the postal system.

Mail art is a relatively new style of expression founded by artist Ray Johnson, a graduate of Cass Technical High School. Since 1960, it has attained somewhat of a cult status as an alternative art form.

Mail art takes many forms, but it has one consistent goal — to express the artist's feelings and perhaps make a statement.

And contrary to the popular image, the postal system is usually accommodating. Just about anything can be mailed so long as it is not outlawed, and is addressed and stamped.

Creating mail art "is strange," said Snell. "Things just pop into my head. Doing it gives me a real strange

feeling. It's like sitting, watching myself at work."

Snell gets about 10 letters a day from mail artists. Some are gloriously decorated. Others make political statements, such as the stylized skull and crossbones boycott stamp crafted from the Exxon logo by Chuck Welch.

SNELL PREFERS to be non-political. She has been an artist for many years, working in different mediums, including stained glass. About four years ago, she was introduced to a new medium that was a natural for mail art — rubber stamps.

"My daughter was stamping and she got me caught up in it," Snell said.

It was during a long, boring drive through the flatlands of the Midwest that she began to think about the potential for creating mail art with rubber stamps. Her daughter received a magazine, called *Rubber Stamp Madness*, and from that Snell gathered up the names of people to write to.

One person in Japan apparently misread her name and sent a reply to "Maxie." That's been her artistic name ever since. (Mail artists, like the CB radio fans of a decade ago, prefer to use "handles" instead of their real names.)

Snell corresponds with mail artists around the world, even in the Soviet Union.

"When people send things, it's as if they are sending a little bit of themselves," she said.

BLOCH'S ARTISTRY is rooted in music. He and his wife perform classical music professionally under the name, "A Classic Pair," a title he has adopted for his mail art.

"I've always been interested in mail art," Bloch said. And rubber stamps give him the ability to create fascinating pictures without having the technical skills of a draftsman.

That, in fact, is a major appeal of rubber stamps. There is seemingly an endless variety of stamps, ranging from simple designs, such as fruit and eggs, to complex figures of angels and buildings.

Mixing and matching different designs allows the artist to create patterns as complex as he or she wishes.

Work can be done in colors by using different colored ink pads or by applying colored ink directly to the stamp with a felt-tipped pen. Bloch keeps his colors subdued, preferring to work mainly in black and white.

"Stamping allows me to express myself," Bloch said. "Even if I did paint or draw, I'd still do this."

Baccari agrees that stamps allow anyone to become an artist. But that's not surprising. As owner of The Stamping Grounds (228 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak) she has a vested interest in seeing mail art prosper.

HER STORE carries hordes of stamps in a huge array of designs. There are cute critters and fantastic elves. Flowers, letters, cats, fruits, vegetable, religious symbols abound. Some are simple; others are ornate. Here is everything a stamp artist could want.



STEPHEN CANTRELL/staff photographer

A little of this, a little of that

As part of "Une Paire Classique (A Classic Pair)," Russell Bloch's mail art has a classical flavor. Here's how he makes a typical work:

A blank piece of paper is his canvas on which he stamps a group of figures. Over that, he'll place a neatly cut-out sheet of paper and with that stencil in place, he'll stamp a row of buildings.

The effect is a parade of men walking out of a building in the background.

More figures are added. Angels here and there. A set of hands, placed horizontally, one above one below. In between is a

set of figures of men as if they were floating delicately between the palms.

More figures are placed — stars, bubbles, planets, and finally, a stream of neatly designed stars that give the work continuity. These stars are colored blue and purple to give the scene a hint of color.

The work looks like a cohesive piece even though it is made up of more than a dozen separate images.

And according to Bloch, similar works can be done on letters and postcards to be sent out as mail art.



STEPHEN CANTRELL/staff photographer



DAN DEAN/staff photographer

In her studio, Marie Snell cuts out pieces she'll use in her mail art.

Baccari has been in the stamp business since 1984 when she bought her first stamp. One quickly led to another and she soon opened her first business in Tally Hall. Later, she moved to Trapper's Alley in Detroit.

Along the way, business grew steadily and she acquired a staff of three — Roberta Robson, Marta Lightfoot and Wendy Scarfos.

"Typically, our customers are female between 25 and 45 years of age," Baccari said. "They're fairly well educated."

But they don't have to be well off. Stamps usually cost between \$2 and \$10.

"We also service schools," Baccari said. "We supply stamps for Latchkey programs and to entertain and help educate kids."

Baccari has more than 500 designs in stock and she can — and often does — custom make designs on the premises. She also is now involved in another facet of mail and stamp art — an exhibit.

FROM ACROSS the country, mail artists sent works

for her show, which had the theme, "How I Spent My Summer Vacation."

Along with decorated letters, envelopes, paintings and drawings, Baccari has received diverse items, such as a set of keys from California along with a note that basically said: "Here are the keys to my home. I was away on vacation. If you had these then you could have robbed me. Too bad."

Such is the quirkiness of mail artists.

Mail art shows differ from traditional shows in many respects. For instance, all works submitted are exhibited.

There are no fees and everyone who participates receives "documentation," a list with addresses of all participants. That's vital for networking with other mail artists.

Displayed works art not for sale. It's not a question of quality. Most works are impressive, many done by professional artists. It's just that they're different.

"I'm not sure that anyone would want to buy them," Baccari said candidly.

Fanning interest in the pigskin

By Dabble Sklar
special writer

To be or not to be a football widow. That is the question you ladies out there have to ask yourself.

You see, if you haven't noticed, it's definitely time to store the white shoes, bathing suit and suntan oil. It's the time of year you either love or hate. It's called football season.

What's worse is "bowl" season is just around the corner. And we're not talking about thoroughly cleaning the bathroom. We're talking about some 20 college games spanning much of the Christmas season and capping off with six, counting 'em six, on New Year's Day.

But before you try and steal your significant other's remote control, listen up. A real expert on the subject has some good news. As the adage goes, "If you can't lick 'em, join 'em."

Donna Poole Foehr, author of "Football for Women" (\$9.95 from National Press Books) is a woman and, yes, an avid football fan.

"I love the Detroit Lions, always have," she said. "Personally, I think baseball is a more brutal sport than football."

Foehr's way of thinking? "Monday night football! Sunday football! Professional football and college football! Ladies, Face it. From late summer through mid-winter football is king of TV," she said. "But if you feel left out because the sport seems so complicated, I have something to help you."

Her book has 191 pages, including a back glossary, that explains the complicated game in simple terms so every woman, and every man for that matter, can quickly learn and understand the game.

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easy . . . and uncomplicated. Maybe that's why *Football News* said Foehr "has done a remarkable job . . . of making all aspects of football understandable."

How and where in the world did she get this idea of writing a book to show and tell women about football?

"It's not my intention to coerce you into liking football because it's the 'in' thing to watch and talk about all fall," she said. "But I'll bet the more you learn and understand what's happening on the field, the more fun you'll have, and you'll see how the game can be addictive."

As for herself, Foehr "could sit and watch three NFL games — just ask my husband — and never be bored."

AN INSATIABLE football fan since her days at Ohio University, Foehr got hooked on the NFL when she and her husband Donald began attending Detroit Lions games, using his company's tickets. When the Lions moved to the Pontiac Silverdome, the Foehrs bought season tickets. Foehr hasn't missed but one home game in 15 years.

"We would always take another couple with us because we had four tickets," she said. "It usually was so obvious that the other woman did not know much about the game. She was mostly people watching or bored to death. I was having such a good time."

She later taught a football class for women at the Birmingham Community House. In addition to meeting with rousing popularity, it gave her a chance to stockpile her football knowledge.

Four years ago, she took a course on writing for publication and hit the word processor. It took her book about nine months to hit the 10,000 copies sold mark.

"Let's face it, football is a game you're either going to love or hate," she said. "If you read the book and still feel that you don't like the game, then forget it. But at least you tried."

So break out the munchies — and don't forget the dip — cuddle up to your significant other and watch the game(s). But, one thing. If at all possible, get control of the remote control. That way you'll get to see an entire game, instead of part of the game, some of a Winston Cup stock car race and a smidgeon of a movie.



From electronic board games to the real thing at the Pontiac Silverdome and her football autographed by members of the Detroit Lions, Donna Foehr is a football fan.

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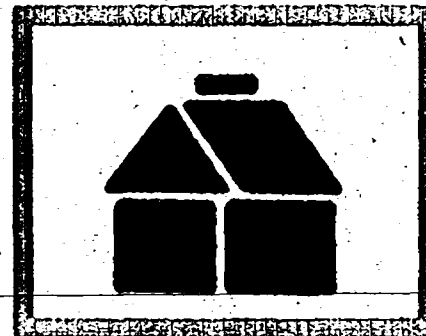
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Monday, December 3, 1990 O&E

Life photos document turbulent 60s decade

With a 200-print exhibition by more than 100 photographers, the exhibition "Life: Through the Sixties" documents the years when every event became a media event. Photo opportunities abounded, from the installation of a young new president in his Camelot-on-the-Potomac to the technological triumph of man's first moon walk. The exhibition, made possible by United Technologies Corporation with the collaboration of Life magazine, is free at the Detroit Institute of Arts, DIA, through Sunday, Dec. 30.

Selected from the picture magazine's archives, it begins in 1958 where an earlier exhibition, "Life: The Second Decade" (at the DIA in 1988/87) concluded, and extends through the 1972 finale of Life as a weekly magazine. It is the first in the Life exhibitions to include full-color photographs, reflecting the magazine's pioneering use of color.

The turbulent 60s were a decade of police actions and flower power, bus boycotts and acid trips, Woodstock and Watts. The 60s were a time of unprecedented change in culture and politics in the United States and throughout the world.

Among the staff and freelance

photojournalists who recorded these events for Life were Eve Arnold, Larry Burrows, Ralph Crane, Alfred Eisenstaedt, Carl Mydans, Gordon Parks, Philippe Halsman, Gjon Mill and John Loengard.

Epic events, flamboyant personalities and political struggles were plentiful. The nation's African-Americans found their vote in Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., and began their march toward civil rights. What started as a trickle of news from the jungles of Vietnam grew to a torrent of disturbing images, a shocking massacre of unarmed civilians was discovered at My Lai, stirring protestors to violence on college campuses across the country. Liberalism was crushed in Prague, Castro seized control in Cuba, and Kennedy and Khrushchev narrowly averted nuclear disaster.

On the lighter side, the Beatles arrived, heralding an invasion by British rock-and-roll bands, while Americans such as Bob Dylan, Janis Joplin and Joan Baez strummed anthems for the hippie culture. Psychedelia became high fashion as miniskirts, bellbottoms, Afros and dashikis blossomed across the nation.

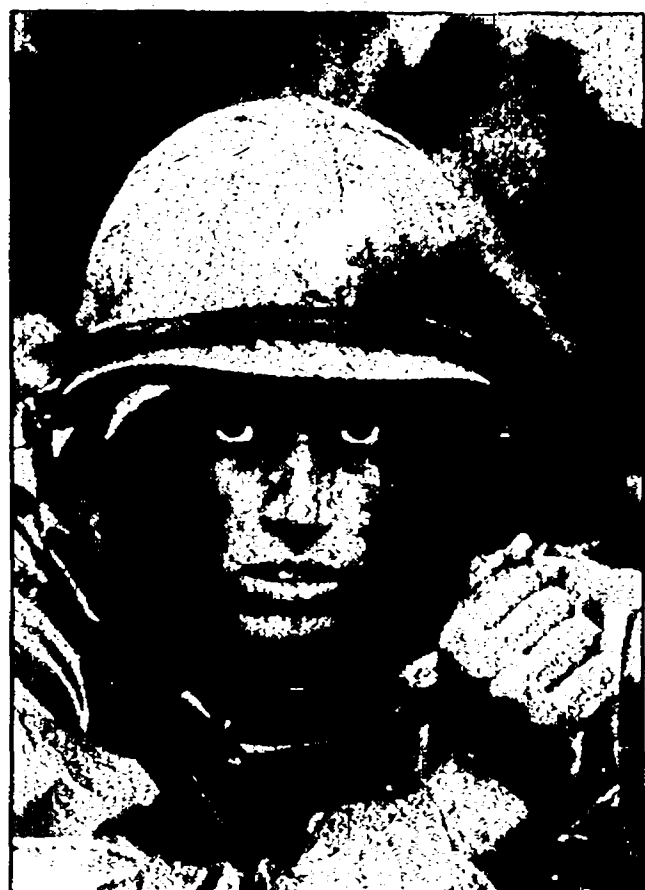


Artist Georgia O'Keeffe sits beside the chimney on the roof of her desert ranch in New Mexico. Photograph by John Loengard, 1968.

The exhibit was curated by Doris O'Neil, director of Vintage Prints at Life magazine, and was organized and circulated by the International Center of Photography.

The exhibition is free to the public during regular museum hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday-Sunday; closed Monday, Tuesday and holidays.

"Life: Through the Sixties" a fully illustrated catalog is available in hard (\$39.95) and soft (\$25) cover at the DIA Museum Shop.



The photo of a marine at the siege of Cong Thien was taken by David Douglas Duncan in 1967.



Bob Dylan was photographed during a concert at Madison Square Garden in 1971 by photographer Bill Ray.



Photographer John Loengard took this shot of the Beatles in Miami in 1964.

exhibitions

This column runs weekly in Creative Living. Send news items about Oakland County events to The Eccentric, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009. Send items about Wayne County events to The Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Attention: Creative Living editor.

● TROY ART GALLERY

Tuesday, Dec. 4 — Moving/Holiday Sale will continue through the month. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, until 4 p.m. Saturday, 765 W. Big Beaver, Suite 131, Troy.

● FORD GALLERY

Wednesday, Dec. 5 — Art by Maggie Citrin, Susan Gold and Ann Mikolowski is on display through Dec. 21. Reception 4-7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 114 Ford Hall, EMU art department, Ypsilanti.

● DUKE GALLERY

Wednesday, Dec. 5 — "Visions of a Shadow Catcher," photographs from "The North American Indian, 1906-1928" by Edward S. Curtis, are on display through Jan. 5. Reception

4-9 p.m. Wednesday. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 209 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

● ORCHARD MALL

Thursday, Dec. 6 — Pottery sale by OCC Orchard Ridge students continues through Dec. 8. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, until 6 p.m. Saturday, 15 Mile and Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

● LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

Friday, Dec. 7 — Poet Margo LaGattuta will read from her collection, "The Dream Givers," at 8 p.m. and the Christmas bazaar will be in the gallery, 29 W. Lawrence, Pontiac.

● T'MARRA GALLERY

Friday, Dec. 7 — Photographs by Tony Spina and paintings by Donald Mendelson are on display through Jan. 26. Reception 5-8:30 p.m. Friday. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, until 9 p.m. Friday, 111 N. First, Ann Arbor.

● RUBINER GALLERY

Saturday, Dec. 8 — "Fran Larsen/

Hal Larsen, New Works from the Southwest" continues through Jan. 5. Reception for the artists 2-5 p.m. Saturday. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 7001 Orchard Lake, West Bloomfield.

● DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Saturday, Dec. 8 — "Gari Melchers: A Retrospective" (paintings by Detroit-born artist Gari Melchers, 1860-1932) is on display through Feb. 17. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, 5200 Woodward, Detroit.

● GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday, Dec. 8 — Craft and bake sale, one day only, is 10 a.m. to 5

p.m., 25630 Grand River at Beech Daly, Redford.

● DOS MANOS

Saturday, Dec. 8 — Traditional Colombian "pesebre," or village creche scene, will be on display through Jan. 5. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, until 9 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, 210 W. Sixth, Royal Oak.

● OCC ORCHARD RIDGE

Saturday, Dec. 8 — Michigan Guild annual holiday art fair will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, 11 Building, Orchard Lake Road at I-696, Farmington Hills.

● ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Saturday, Dec. 8 — Christmas fair

to benefit Children's Special Health Care Services of Oakland County will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 16200 W. 12 Mile, Southfield.

● MEADOW BROOK HALL

"A Vintage Christmas" continues through Dec. 9. This magnificent estate is decorated for the holidays by 33 floral designers and artists. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 3-6 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 7-8. Admission charge, last tickets sold one hour before closing, Oakland University, Rochester.

● ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY

Paintings by Leonard Lubin for his children's book, "The Elegant Beast," are on display to Jan. 5. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 580 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

● MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY

"Toys Created by Artists" continues through Dec. 23. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 2-6:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and evenings when there is a Meadow Brook The-

atre production, Oakland University, Rochester.

● ARIANA GALLERY

Among the artists featured in the doll and collectible show is Michigan artist Marla Florio. Continues through December. Open every day, 388 E. Maple, Birmingham.

● ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM

More than 100 dolls, made between 1860 and 1949, are on display through the month. Tours are: 1:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. Lecture by Gladys McKinney on dolls and the suffrage movement at 10:30 a.m. Saturday and history and maintenance of dolls 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15. Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road, off Tenken, six miles north of M-59.

● SWEET LORRAINE'S CAFE

Still life compositions by Lauris Hirsch-Tennant and photographs by David Hoptman are on display through December. This restaurant will be showing works by local art-

clarification

The Holiday Home Tour presented by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall Volunteer Council will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, not Monday

as announced in the story in the Nov. 29 Creative Living section in the Eccentric newspapers. For information on the tour, call 962-1000, Ext. 286.

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ist throughout the year on a rotating basis, 29101 Greenfield, Southfield.

MADONNA COLLEGE "Artist-Collector," pottery and watercolor exhibit by John Loree, EMU professor, includes his original works and artifacts he collected on his travels. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 1-96 at Levan, Livonia.

MESA ARTS Holiday show of jewelry, pottery, clothing and fine art of the Southwest continues through December. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 32800 Franklin Road, Franklin.

SUMMIT PLACE MALL "Holiday Gallery" features fine arts and crafts by members of the Public Oakland Society of Artists through Dec. 26. Open during mall holiday hours, Elizabeth Lake at Telegraph, Waterford.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART ASSOCIATION Holiday sales show continues through Dec. 8. This annual event, free of charge, features wall-to-wall-gifts by a lot of artists from a wide area, at least half are new to the show this year. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, 1516 S. Cranbrook at 14 Mile, Birmingham.

BEIJAN ART CENTER "Gifts of Lasting Value" includes two- and three-dimensional art, along with Oriental rugs and pottery. Continues through Jan. 15, 600 Renaissance Center Building, Jefferson Ave., Detroit.

XOCHIPILLI GALLERY Photorealistic gouache and oil paintings by Detroit artist Don Jacot will be on display through Dec. 29. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 568 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

O.K. HARRIS GALLERY Paintings by Mariano Del Rosario of New York and sculpture by David Furman of California, are on display through Dec. 22. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 430 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

HABATAT GALLERIES Three-person exhibition features works of glass artists Stephen Hodder, Greg Kaltenberger and Albert Young. Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 32255 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills.

D&M STUDIO AND GALLERY Christmas Kids Only Workshop to make gift art, 10 a.m. to noon, 1-3 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 8, 15. Gallery show featuring original affordable art, \$35 and under, noon to 4 p.m. every Sunday in December (door prize and presentation at 2 p.m.) Call for reservations, 710 Mill St., Plymouth.

JALSTED GALLERY Photographs by Michael Kenna are on display through Jan. 12. Kenna will be autographing a publication of his most recent images 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 560 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART ASSOCIATION "The Beautiful Beasts" limited-edition bronzes by Sharon Sommers of Pontiac continues through Dec. 21. Special holiday sales show hours through Dec. 8 are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, 1516 S. Cranbrook at 14 Mile, Birmingham.

DETROIT GALLERY OF CONTEMPORARY CRAFTS "Objects of Wonder and Delight," the holiday show, continues through December and includes furniture and accessories by Craig Carey and Richard Kooyman/Barbara Browning. Holiday hours (Dec. 5-23) are 10

a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, until 8 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 1-7 p.m. Sunday, 104 Fisher Building, Detroit.

THE ARTISTS' GALLERY Juried holiday show continues through Dec. 24. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. From Dec. 13, hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday, Applegate Square, Northwestern Highway, between 12 and 13 Mile, Southfield.

FEIGENSON/PRESTON GALLERY New paintings by Joseph Bernard are on display through Jan. 5. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 798 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS Exhibit by Flint artists John Dempsey, Pat Mishina and Alan Zinn in the main gallery and "New Art Funhouse" of gift items by professionals in ArtSpace. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 407 Pine, Rochester.

SWIDLER GALLERY Ceramic vessels and wall constructions by Lucy Breslin and Frank Martin continue through Dec. 23 along with display of gift items of ceramic and jewelry. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, until 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Washington Square Plaza, 308 W. Fourth, Royal Oak.

TOUCH OF LIGHT Holiday show of glass by John Fitzpatrick includes vases, plates, perfume bottles, ornaments and paperweights. Continues through December. Hours are noon to 5 p.m., 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, 1-8 p.m. Thursday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, 23426 Woodward, Ferndale.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY Paintings by Cay Bahmiller are on display through Jan. 5. He was

born in Detroit in 1955 and still lives there. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 796 S. Woodward, Birmingham.

LEMBERG GALLERY "The Reflections Series" by Roy Lichtenstein will be on display through Dec. 15. The works are mixed-media prints - lithography, screenprint, woodcut, metalized PVC plastic film, collage and embossing. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 538 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

DONNA JACOBS GALLERY "Holiday show-1990" continues through December, Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., 574 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

GOLDEN POND Holiday exhibit includes wildlife paintings by Ken Albertson, Harold Clay, George Crabes, Joyce Dunseth and Carlene Lagrou and a large collection of sculpture and carvings of fossilized walrus, mammoth, whalebone ivory and soapstone. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, until 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, 730 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

SUMMIT PLACE Large-scale Lionel train display is on display through Jan. 2. It is on a 28- by 26-foot stage in front of Penney's. Open during regular mall hours, Telegraph and Elizabeth Lake roads, Waterford.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY New paintings by George Kozmor and painted constructions by Ron Isaacs are on display through Dec. 15. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 107 Townsend, Birmingham.

ARTPACK SERVICES "Art Furniture for Everyday Living," presented by the Janis Wetsman Collection, continues through Dec. 8. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Dates are Dec. 6, 7, 8. There are works by 16 artists on display, 31505 Grand River, Door No. 10, Farmington.



organizing Dorothy Lehmkuhl

Employees' ideas improve efficiency

Dear Readers: Today's column is based on an excellent article in the Dec. 15 issue of "Bottom Line - Personal" newsletter, a magazine designed to help busy people manage their personal lives more effectively, free from the influence of advertising.

According to Martin Edelston, publisher of the fast-growing newsletter, management consultant Peter Drucker once asked him "How are the meetings at your company?" After receiving the answer he had no doubt expected - "Pretty bad, but meetings at all companies are -" Drucker made a suggestion. "Have everyone who comes to the meeting prepared to give two ideas for making his/her own work or his department's work more productive - or ideas for helping the company as a whole," he said.

These ideas are reviewed and ranked A, B or C by the president. All ideas are taken seriously, all useable ideas are tracked regularly, and each and every suggestion receives a response. Pending files are maintained, with notes on who is working on which ideas, progress made and comments about obstacles until the idea becomes an accomplishment.

It now takes about 20 hours per week to keep track of their system, with the number of suggestions actually growing. This has resulted, Edelston reports, in an intensely positive spirit and great cooperation among team members. Their turnover rate is nearly 0 and they enjoy an "envious record" of absenteeism and lateness.

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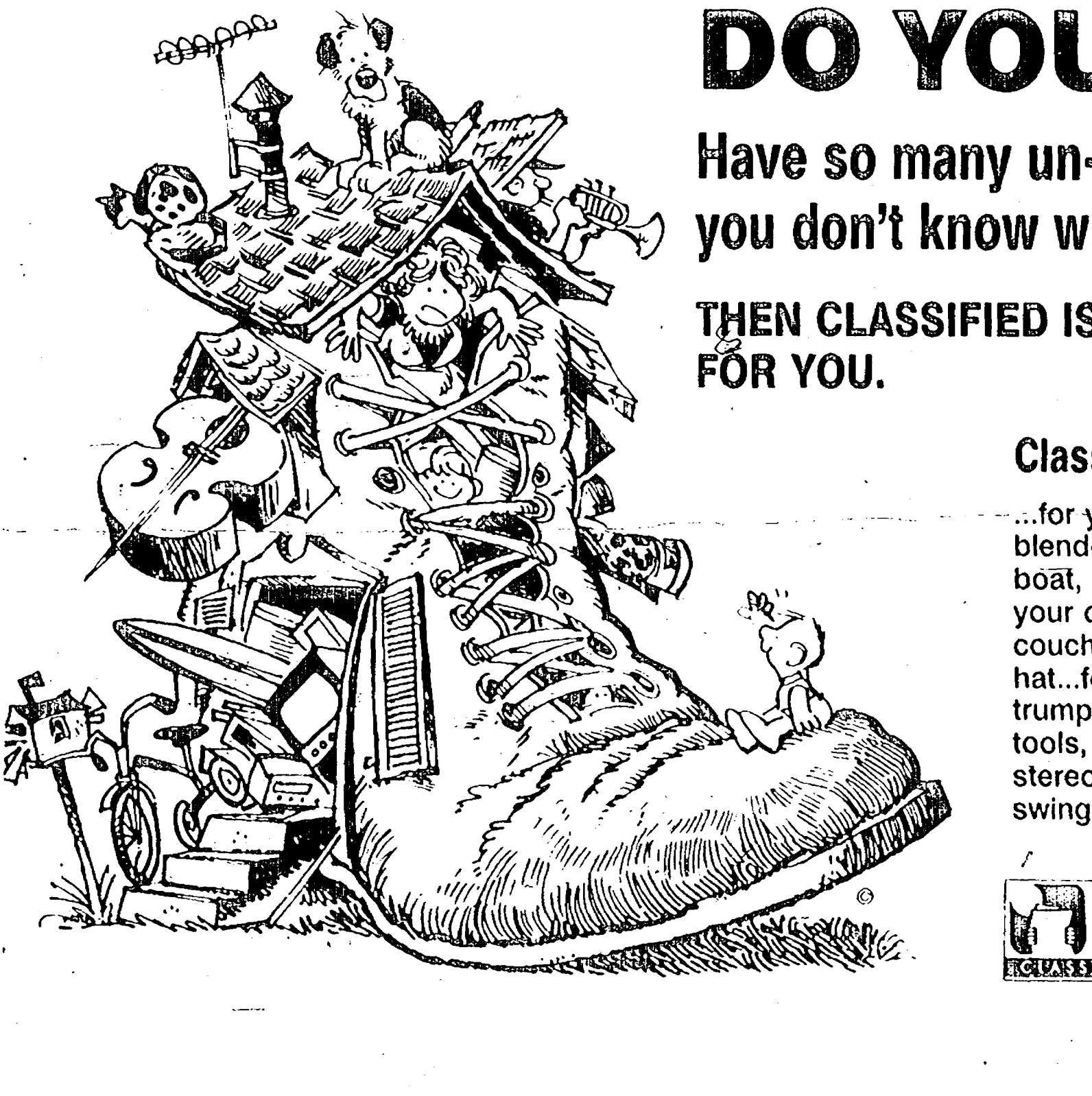
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WAS \$11,417 IS **\$8,811***

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Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, power windows, power door locks, power windows, dual electric windows, speed control, AM/FM stereo, cassette, air conditioning, convenience group, rear window defroster, interior wipers, rear window defroster, interior wipers, rear window defroster, interior wipers. Stock No. 6514. **28 MPG**
WAS \$13,559 IS **\$10,575***

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WAS \$15,878 IS **\$11,797**

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WAS \$15,768 IS **\$13,066***

\$750 REBATE **NEW 1991 THUNDERBIRD**

Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, automatic, air conditioning, power windows, power door locks, power doors seat, AM/FM stereo cassette, rear window defroster, luxury group, cast aluminum wheels, console courtesy lights, reclining bucket seats, instrumentation, interior wipers. Stock No. 5864. **27 MPG**
WAS \$17,527 IS **\$13,575***

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NEW 1991 ESCORT LX 4 DOOR **\$500 REBATE**

Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, automatic transmission, air conditioning, rear window defroster, light group, convenience group, clear coat paint, tilt steering column, speed control, power door locks, tachometer, AM/FM stereo, console, cargo area cover, reclining bucket seats, body side moldings, CHILD SAFETY LOCKS. Stock No. 6103. **33 MPG**
WAS \$12,046 IS **\$9,662***

NEW 1991 ESCORT LX 4 DOOR WAGON **\$500 REBATE**

Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, automatic transmission, air conditioning, rear window defroster, light group and convenience group, AM/FM stereo cassette, wagon group, cargo area cover, console, reclining bucket seats, body side moldings. Stock No. 5524. **33 MPG**
WAS \$12,171 IS **\$9,770***

NEW 1991 ESCORT GT **\$500 REBATE**

Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, AM/FM stereo cassette, rear window defroster, air conditioning, luxury convenience group, clear coat paint, tilt steering and speed control tachometer, fog lamps, rear spoiler, aluminum wheels, console light group, sport performance bucket seats. Stock No. 5848. **31 MPG**
WAS \$12,749 IS **\$10,131***

\$1000 REBATE **NEW 1991 RANGER**

Tinted glass, power brakes, custom trim, overdrive transmission, clear coat paint, rear anti-lock brakes, dome light, spoiler, fold-down mirrors, instrumentation, scuff plates, interior wipers. Stock No. 6087. **29 MPG**
WAS \$8813 IS **\$6,988***

\$1000 REBATE **NEW 1991 RANGER 4x4 STYLESIDE PICKUP**

XLT trim, cast aluminum wheels, AM/FM stereo cassette, sliding rear window, chrome rear step bumper, overdrive transmission, limited slip rear axle, air conditioning, clear coat paint, power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, tachometer, instrumentation, touch drive electronic shift. Stock No. 6067. **21 MPG**
WAS \$16,650 IS **\$12,222***

\$1100 REBATE **NEW 1990 F-150 STYLESIDE PICKUP**

Automatic transmission, air conditioning, speed control, tilt wheel, heavy-duty mirrors, AM/FM stereo cassette, sport rear step bumper, power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, courtesy lights, dome light, instrumentation, rear window. Stock No. 7877. **20 MPG**
WAS \$14,535 IS **\$11,171***

\$1100 REBATE **NEW 1990 F-250 STYLESIDE PICKUP**

XLT trim, power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, 19" group, convenience group, AM/FM stereo, sliding rear window, tachometer, 5.8 liter engine, overdrive transmission, limited slip rear axle, speed control, tilt wheel, chrome step bumper, courtesy lights, dome light, cargo box light, instrumentation, convenience group, rear window. Stock No. 7507. **OVER 8500 GVW**
WAS \$16,908 IS **\$11,624***

\$1000 REBATE **NEW 1991 AEROSTAR XL WAGON**

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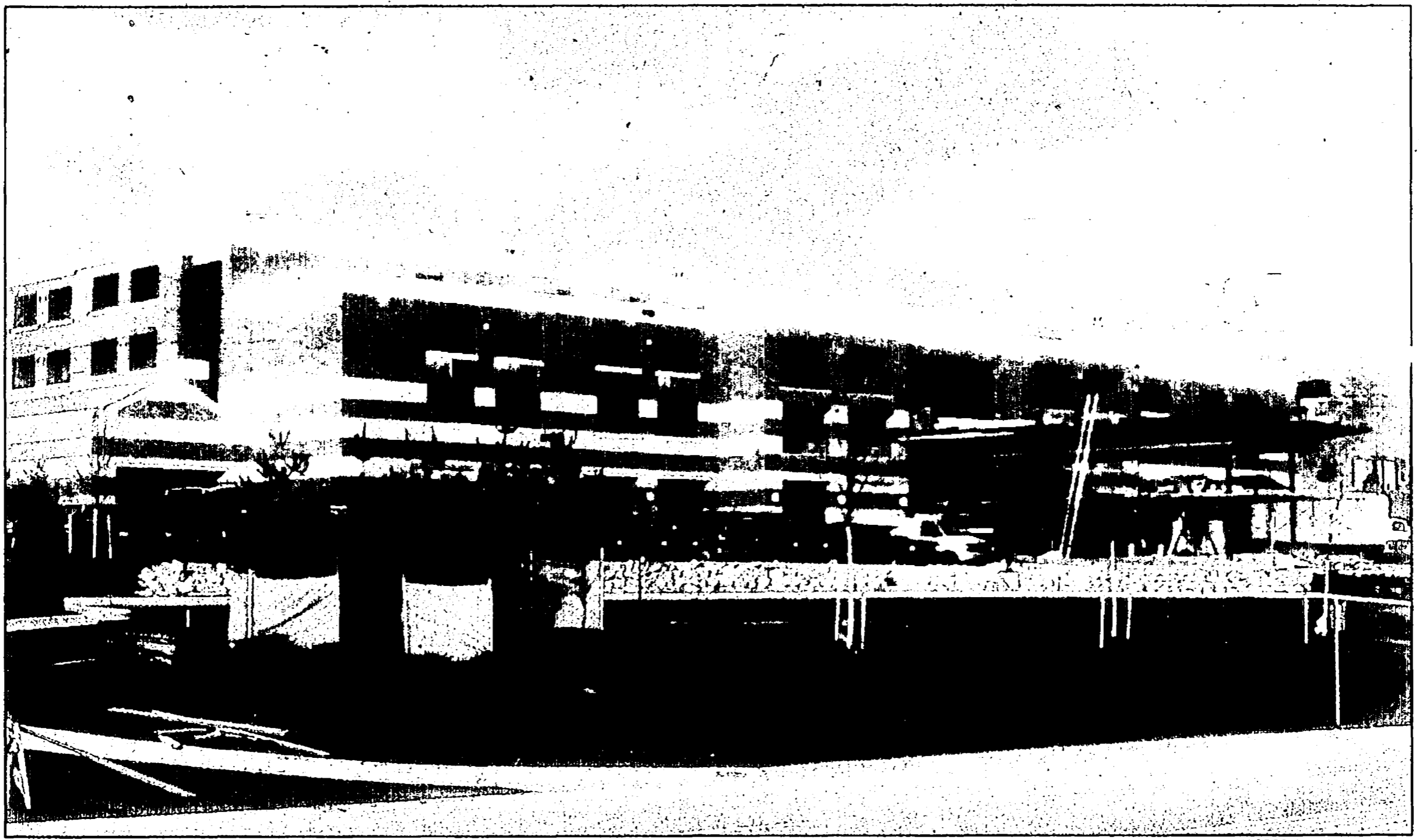
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The Hotel Baronette, under construction in Novi, is one of only a handful of new hotels scheduled to open next year in an overbuilt southeast Michigan market.

3-year hotel construction halt predicted

By Doug Funke
staff writer

Occupancy rates and average daily room charges for hotels in metro Detroit are expected to decline during 1990 for the third year in a row,

according to a study compiled by the accounting/consulting firm of BDO Seidman.

That's good news for business travelers heading here and locals who enjoy getaway weekend packages. Oversupply generally leads to

Since 1986 available hotel room nights here have soared from just under five million to more than 10.2 million annually.

change between this year, \$63.18, and last, \$63.86.

Occupancy in Troy/Madison Heights is projected at 59 percent this year compared to 65 percent in 1989. It was 71 percent in 1987.

Average daily rate this year is expected to decline to \$55.55 from \$59.84 and from \$63.02 in 1987.

metro Detroit area as a whole in 1991.

Occupancies in the range of 60-65 percent are considered to be acceptable in the industry, Carlson said.

A report prepared by the consulting firm of Pannell, Kerr and Forster indicated an occupancy rate of 62 percent for hotels in the north central part of the U.S. last year.

Buyer backs out

What recourse does a seller have when a buyer at closing does not want to go through with the sale? The seller, after notification that the mortgage was approved, started packing, took time off to move and lost income from his activities. What if the seller already had a commitment to buy another place? Is the credit rating of the defaulting buyer affected? Must the defaulting purchaser compensate the seller other than just deposit monies?

You have asked a number of questions, the answers to which depend in part on the terms and conditions of the purchase agreement. Generally, in the event of a default by a buyer, the seller is entitled to forseeable damages that could be expected under the purchase agreement. Generally, the purchase agreement provides that the seller may maintain the earnest money deposit as liquidated damages, which basically means that the parties have agreed that in the event of a default, the amount of earnest money is deemed to be the measure of damages sustained by the seller.

But in a carefully worded purchase agreement, the seller also retains the right to pursue specific performance, that is, to make the buyer purchase the unit (which is not usually a viable remedy) or to seek actual damages incurred by the seller because of the buyer's breach. Those damages may include expenses incurred by the seller regarding the sale, potential loss of income from his activities, the difference in the marketability of the property, depending upon market conditions, and perhaps mortgage interest and the like, depending upon whether the seller committed to buy another home and must close.

It is questionable whether the credit rating of the buyer would be affected by this decision on his part unless he ends up being sued and a judgment is obtained against him. Obviously, to the extent that the parties in drafting a purchase agreement contemplate these or other situations arising, adequate provisions should be placed in the purchase agreement providing both the seller and the buyer with adequate and varied remedies in the event of a documented default by the other party.

I would like your comments on the following set of circumstances that has come to my attention as a board member. The other board members don't seem to be too concerned. Our managing agent has been given the

discretion to let certain contracts, the price for which being set by the board. What apparently is happening is the managing agent is going out and obtaining a contract, which he signs on his own behalf with a contractor, collects the amount which we have authorized for the contract, and then apparently renegotiates the contract with the contractor and keeps the difference. Somehow I think this is wrong. Your comments?

It depends on what the management company has disclosed to the board. If the board believes that the contractor is involved in going to be working for the price as initially represented to the association board, which resulted in the board providing authorization for the contract figure, and the management company then changes that figure through negotiations or duress on the contract, that is obviously an abuse of the management company's discretion and it may well be improper.

If in fact the management company is being offered a financial incentive to get cheap contracts, it is not necessarily helped by the fact that the management company is able to negotiate a cheaper contract without the association gaining the benefits of it. It looks like the management company has found a way to pocket additional money, perhaps while low-balling the management fee to the association to get itself in the door. I think this is an extremely questionable practice and would suggest that you have your association's attorney write an opinion letter regarding the propriety of same assuming, of course, that the attorney does not have a proprietary or financial arrangement with the management company. In that case, you had better consider new legal counsel and a new management company.

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But the decline isn't especially good news for hotel operators and, perhaps down the line, for those who work in the hospitality industry. As revenues shrink, profit margins tend to decrease and belt tightening could lead to job cutbacks. A mediocre market has evolved at the dawn of a new decade due to tremendous overbuilding in the tri-county suburbs and Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti.

Since 1986, according to the BDO Seidman report, available hotel room nights here have soared from just under 5 million to more than 10.2 million annually.

"PROBABLY FOR a good three to four years, at least, there won't be any substantial new development of hotels," said Wanda L. Spencer, senior manager for the hospitality consulting group at BDO Seidman.

A look at Seidman's numbers tells why.

- For the entire metro area including the central business district of Detroit, occupancy rate for 1990 is estimated at 57 percent, down from 58 percent last year and 66 percent in 1987.

- Average daily room rate for the metro area this year is estimated

at \$56.94, down from \$57.49 last year and \$60.46 reported in 1987.

"I think the report is disconcerting," said Haydn Kramer, general manager for Residence Inn by Marriott, Troy. "It's obvious our industry is in for some difficult times, I would guess, at a minimum for the next five years."

Russell Carlson, general manager of the Berkshire Hotel in Southfield, was a little more optimistic about a recovery, though he did acknowledge the problem.

"I THINK demand will catch up to market supply in another year or year and a half," he said. "There is definitely an oversupply of hotel rooms in the area."

Even most suburban submarkets are expected to show slight declines in occupancy and room rates this year.

Occupancy in an area designated North Woodward, which includes Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, Rochester Hills and Auburn Hills, will slip to 54 percent this year from 56 percent in 1989, Seidman projects. The figure was 69 percent just three years ago.

Average daily rate — \$69.57 in 1987 — is expected to show little

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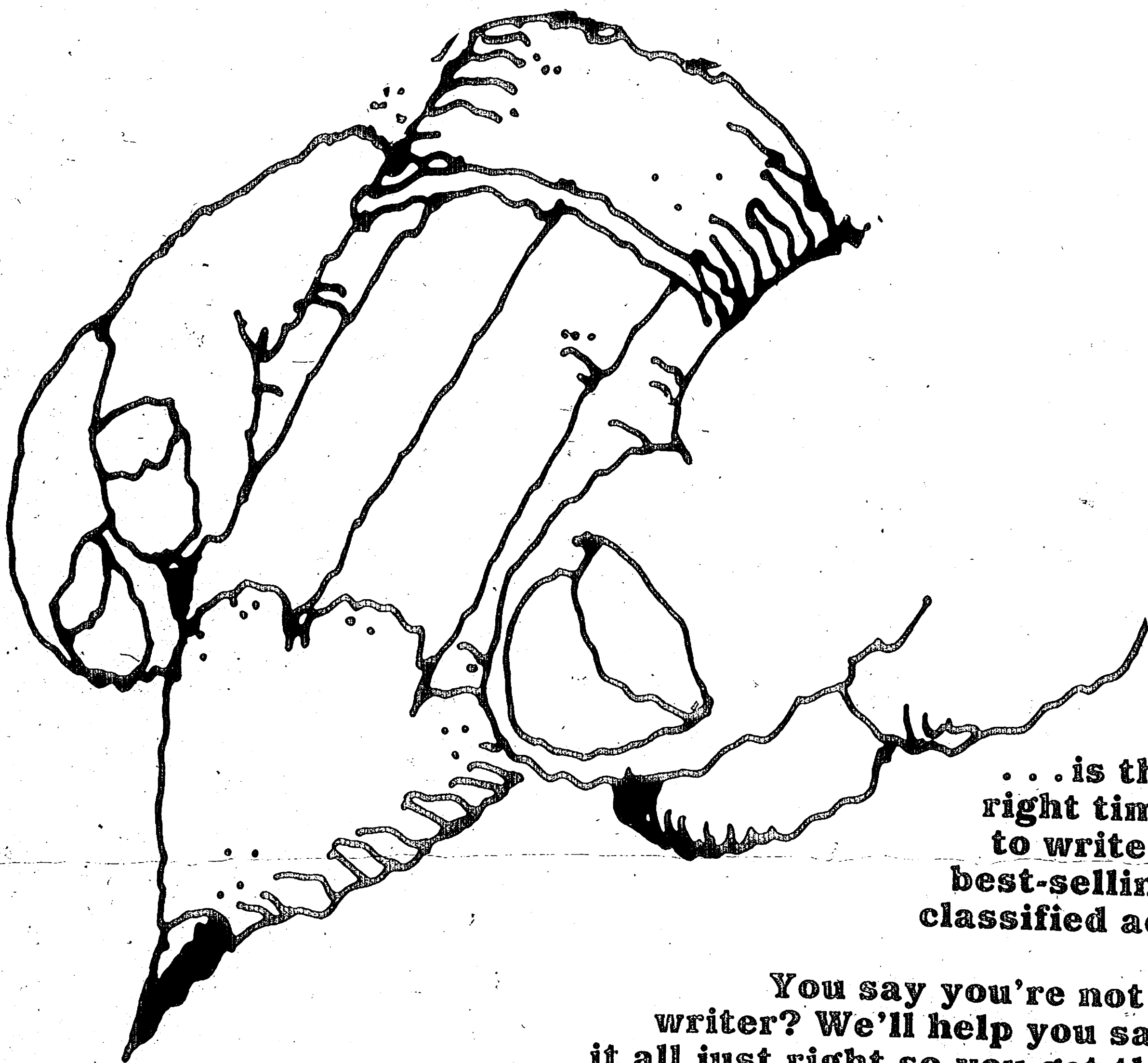
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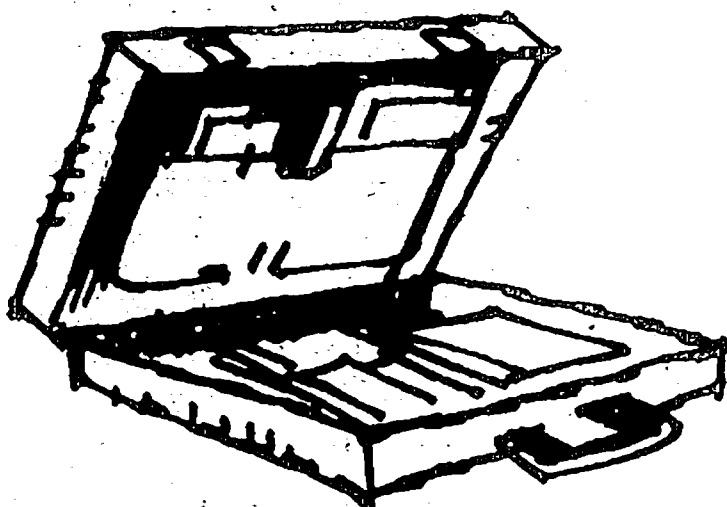
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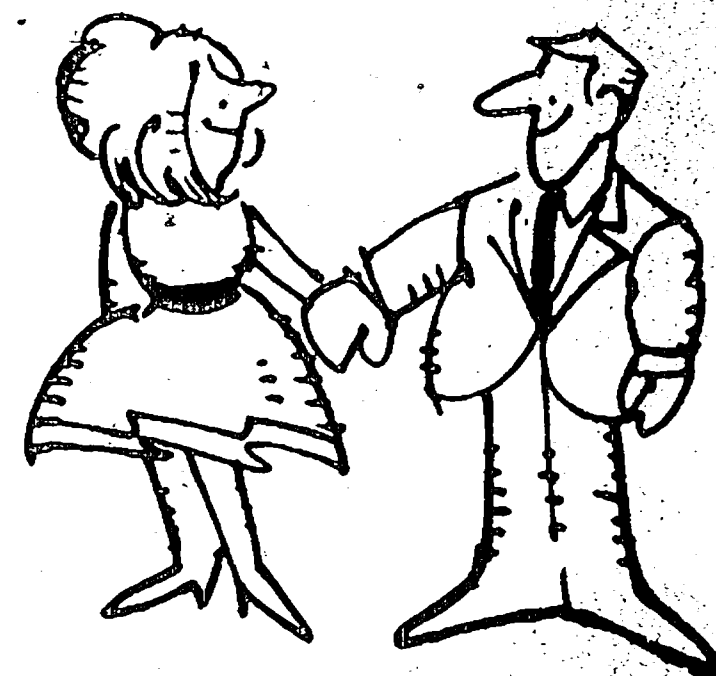
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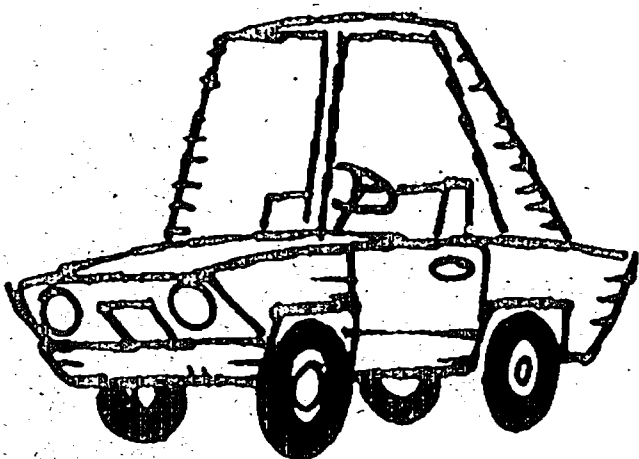
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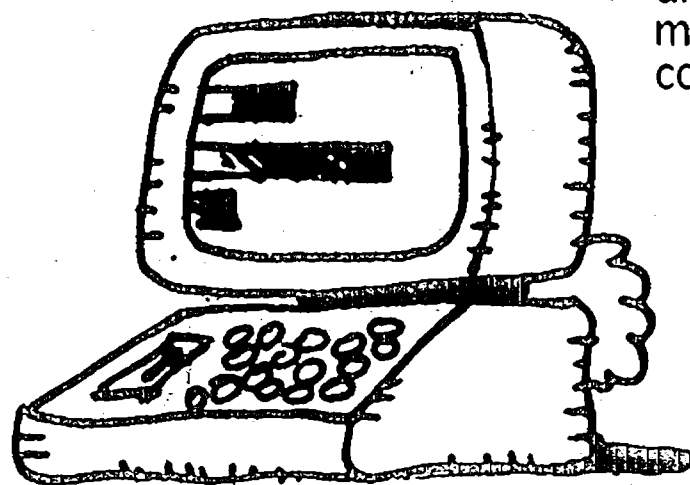
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