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Resident fled burning jet, helped others

By **Tedd Schnelder**
staff writer

A Westland man who survived Monday's collision of two planes on a Metro Airport runway has apparently decided he doesn't want to further discuss his experience with reporters.

Scott O'Brien was a passenger on Northwest Flight 1482, one of 43 people on board the Pittsburgh-bound DC-9 that reportedly strayed onto an active runway and was hit by a Boeing 727-200 hurtling toward takeoff. An explosion and fire then ripped through the DC-9.

Eight people were reported killed and 23 injured on the DC-9. There were no serious injuries among the 146 people on board the other jet, Northwest Flight 299

bound for Memphis.

O'Brien's roommate, reached at their Westland home Wednesday, said O'Brien had "no comment" about the incident.

A spokeswoman for Federal Mogul Corp. of Southfield, O'Brien's employer, confirmed he was a passenger on the plane and that he suffered minor, unspecified injuries. A taped message on O'Brien's office phone said he would be out "indefinitely."

O'BRIEN TOLD reporters at the airport that he and others who first escaped the burning jet, according to published reports, "We dragged people out as far as we could to get people away from the plane. They

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GUY WARREN/staff photographer

The charred hull of Northwest Flight 1482, still on the ground at Metro airport hours after Monday's crash with another departing flight, served as a grim reminder to the accident which claimed the lives of eight people and injured 21 others.

One question remains in air tragedy: why?

By **Wayne Peal**
staff writer

Investigators are still sifting through the ashes of Northwest Airlines Flight 1482, trying to discover why the Pittsburgh-bound DC-9 jet apparently wandered into the path of another departing Northwest flight Monday at Metro Airport, killing eight and leaving 21 others injured.

All of those killed, including a 43-year-old Northwest flight attendant, had been identified as of Wednesday morning.

A West Bloomfield woman was among the passengers who remained hospitalized, though her condition had been upgraded to good. Most of the injured had been released from area hospitals by Tuesday.

Flight attendant Heidi Joost of Dearborn, a 22-year Northwest employee, was the first reported fatality.

OTHER FATALITIES were:

• Kingsley A. Brown, 30, Pittsburgh.

• Mary Blankenship, 37, Colorado Springs, Colo.

• Thomas Kopriva, 50, Memphis, Tenn.

• Daniel E. Loughnane, 44, Memphis.

• Fred Zitto, 59, Memphis.

• Mauro Bottiglione, 23, of Venezuela.

Among the injured, Lilly Cohn, 63, of West Bloomfield, was transferred Tuesday from Annapolis Hospital, Wayne, where she received initial treatment for a collapsed lung to the surgical unit at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. She was listed in good condition Wednesday.

Preliminary explanation for the fiery crash could come as soon as today from air traffic controller tapes and flight recorders — the jets' so called "black boxes." It

could take as long as one year, however, before a final explanation is given for the tragedy, according to John Lauber, chief investigator for the National Traffic Safety Board.

Major findings will be released as quickly as possible, Lauber said.

"ANYTIME WE have something that warrants immediate recommendation, we will do so," he said.

Lauber said investigators will remain on the scene through the end of the week, examining both jets as well as interviewing passengers and crew members.

Investigators have declined to offer any explanation for Monday's crash.

Speculation, however, has likened the accident to a driver turning the wrong way down a one way street in foggy weather.

Visibility at the airport was reported at less than one-quarter mile due to an early afternoon fog that followed a morning snowfall.

Officials declined comment on a report that a DC-9 flight crew

member told the tower "I'm lost."

The flight's captain, 24-year pilot William Lovelace, 52, of Phoenix, was embarking on his 13th flight after returning from a five year medical leave.

It was the first flight without an airline observer in the cockpit with Lovelace, who returned to active

duty Nov. 20 after completing an airline retraining course.

Airline officials noted the DC-9 left its gate four minutes ahead of schedule but said that decision, like the decision for take off, remained with the pilot.

Investigators from the NTSB began examining the charred DC-

9 and damaged, Memphis-bound 727 late Monday evening. Preliminary reports indicated the right wing of Memphis-bound Flight 299 sheared off one of the DC-9's rear engine, apparently setting the plane afire.

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Hospitals respond to crisis

By **Tedd Schnelder**
staff writer

Five area hospitals and personnel from two dozen fire departments in Wayne and Oakland Counties played major roles in Monday's collision between two Northwest Airlines jets on a Metro Airport runway.

A sixth hospital, Westland Medical Center, could have been reopened to accept emergency patients if necessary, a spokeswoman

for the hospital's parent company said Tuesday.

The former county hospital, 3 1/4 miles from the airport, was converted to a psychiatric and substance abuse treatment facility this fall.

"From a strategic standpoint, certainly it could have been used if we absolutely needed it," said Pat O'Dowd of Oakwood Health Services Corp. "But there's so many other hospitals in the immediate area that are part of the Oakwood

system I don't think it would have been necessary unless there was an extremely large number of (injured)."

OF THE 23 injured taken to local hospitals, 16 patients were transported to the closest open emergency room, at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Two of those patients were transferred to the Burn Center at University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor.

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GUY WARREN/staff photographer

Lighting up

Recent additions made Monday's annual Westland Christmas tree lighting ceremony even brighter than usual. For the story and

additional pictures on the festivities in front of City Hall, please turn to Page 3A of today's Observer.

No Nativity scene at city hall for now

By **Tedd Schnelder**
staff writer

Westland's Nativity scene is making news again — this time because it isn't on display.

Mayor Robert Thomas said Monday he would reconsider his decision not to display the city-owned creche this year on the lawn in front of city hall after several Westland City Council members spoke on behalf of the display.

But Thomas said additional secular symbols would have to be purchased by the city so that the Nativity scene would meet the intent of a December 1988 federal court ruling permitting its display.

U.S. District Judge Philip Pratt denied a motion by the American Civil Liberties Union that would have barred the city from placing its creche on government property.

Pratt found that the Nativity scene, with added secular symbols, was in compliance with U.S. Supreme Court guidelines regarding the constitutional separation of church and state.

"WE HAD some discussion and we weren't sure whether to put it up or not," Thomas said.

"The judge said the non-sectarian items were just short of disgusting."

"But I'm not dead set either way (on whether or not the creche should be displayed)."

'I think the majority of citizens would support us if we put the display out.'

— Tom Brown

But councilman Ken Mehl called the decision not to display the creche "unfair."

"We did go to court and we spent attorney fees to win and yet we can't set it up. I don't buy that," Mehl said.

Mehl also said the city should resurrect a non-binding ballot proposal on the Nativity scene. That way, he said, city officials would know how residents feel about the issue.

The council approved such a proposal in April 1988, but residents never had a chance to vote on the issue due to a mix-up in the city clerk's office. The question was left off the August 1988 primary election ballot when the city failed to receive approval from the state attorney general's office, city clerk Diane Rohraff said at the time.

But Rohraff said she later found out state approval wasn't necessary for non-binding, advisory questions.

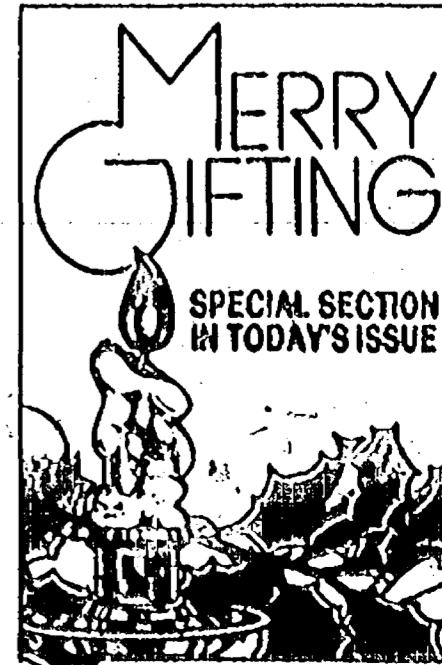
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Plan to dismiss panelists criticized

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By **Tedd Schneider**
staff writer

Mayor Robert Thomas' decision to dismiss non-resident members of city boards and commission has drawn criticism from at least one Westland City Council member.

"I definitely believe the mayor has the right to choose who serves (on boards)," said councilman Charles Pickering. "But I'm not so sure it has to be tied into the residency issue for those (boards) that aren't specifically tied into the (city) charter."

Thomas last week asked eight non-residents currently serving on city boards to submit their resignations.

The mayor cited city charter language calling for board and commission members to fulfill the same residency requirement as elected officials.

The eight are: 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 Zielgler from the Economic Development Advisory Commission; and Norman Stockmeyer and Pat Dana from the Economic Development Corporation.

Another member, Susan Slaczka of the parks and recreation advisory council, has informed Thomas of her intention to resign because she is moving from Westland.

"HOPEFULLY, THIS won't be a blanket ruling," Pickering said during Monday's city council meeting.

Pickering said a number of non-resident business people have legitimate concerns and may play "a valuable role" in helping to determine city policies.

Currently there are 143 people serving voluntarily on 23 city boards and commissions.

They are appointed by either the mayor or the council and most don't receive compensation. There is a small stipend for members of several groups.

The charter was amended in 1974 to permit non-resident appointed city officials. Non-elected city employees are also permitted to live outside Westland.



Charles Pickering knocks decision

Resident survived crash, helped others

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could see the fuel spilling out and we were worried it would blow up," he said.

Other western Wayne County residents who survived the accident included a Livonia man beginning a business trip and a Plymouth couple on their way to San Antonio for vacation.

James Kobberstad of Livonia was sitting in an aisle seat on Flight 299 at 1:45 p.m. when he saw something that resembled a shadow.

"When you're going that fast and you're 100 feet away, what you see is a blur," the service representative for Digital Electronic Automation Inc. of Livonia said. "As we were bringing the front landing gear up, I saw a quick shadow across the window. It was followed by a loud noise, and the front gear came back down hard on the runway."

"It all just took about three seconds," Kobberstad said.

Edward and Delores Duda of Plymouth were also aboard Flight 299, which came to a stop about

'It all just took about three seconds.'

— James Kobberstad

1,000 feet from the burning DC-9.

SITTING IN the second seat over the wing, Duda said he could see about a third of his plane's wing was missing and fuel flowing from a ruptured tank.

"The pilot kept the plane under control. He did an excellent job," Duda said. "We swerved a little but not bad."

Employed in engine engineering for Ford Motor Co., Duda said he and his wife were flying to Memphis for a connecting flight to San Antonio. The couple planned to drive to San Padre Island after he completed business in San Antonio, he said.

Staff writers Marie Chestney and LeAnne Rogers contributed to this story.

2 teens hurt in high-speed police chase

By **Joe Bauman**
staff writer

Two Westland teenagers, said to be in a suspected stolen car, were injured in the climax of a high-speed chase on slippery roads Monday night.

Livonia police said the chase ended when the driver of a Ford Mustang lost control on Ann Arbor Trail near Newburgh, left the roadway and struck a tree.

Both occupants of the Mustang, aged 17 and 18, remained hospitalized Tuesday suffering from multiple injuries and lacerations, Livonia police traffic Sgt. Tom Green said. Both are expected to recover.

Police did not release the identity of the teens pending formal criminal charges being filed.

Green said the incident began at about 10:45 p.m. when a Michigan State Police undercover unit notified Livonia police they had the Mustang under surveillance near Plymouth Road and Yale and requested assistance in stopping the car.

When marked Livonia patrol cars arrived at the scene, Green said the Mustang driver attempted to flee through several parking lots, and at one point spun out of control and struck a patrol car.

THE MUSTANG then continued east through the lots, then headed south on Wayne Road and west on Ann Arbor Trail.

"Our patrol units lost visual contact with the car as it continued west on Ann Arbor Trail at high speeds," Green said. "Our officers came upon the accident scene as they continued their pursuit."

Green said police believe the driver of the Mustang, which had no license plates, lost control of the car

as he attempted to make a left turn at Angeline Circle, spinning out of control and striking the tree broadside on the driver's side.

Investigators are still trying to determine which of the two teens was driving the car at the time of the accident. Green said one of the youths was thrown clear of the car at impact.

The consequences of the accident could have been much worse, Green said, adding that the impact of the crash ripped the front end of the car, including the engine block, completely from the rest of the Mustang.

He said specific criminal charges will be filed against the two teens once the investigation has been completed.

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Sealed proposals for the construction of the City of Garden City Sewer System Improvement Program, North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley Service Area, will be received by the City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48133 until 2:00 p.m., Local Time on January 8 or 17, 1991 in accordance with the schedule listed below, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

Bidding Schedule
The bidding schedule will be as follows:

Contract	Bidding Date
Sewer System Rehabilitation	January 8, 1991
Alternate Drainage Improvements	January 17, 1991
Maplewood Lift Station and Force Main, Florence Avenue Pumping Station, Flow Monitoring Program	January 17, 1991

Description of Work
The Contract will consist of the following principal items of work and appurtenances as specified herein and shown on the Contract Drawings.

Sewer System Rehabilitation
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133 ea. Reset Frame/Cover
113 ea. Reset Frame/Cover and Replace Chimney
211 ea. Replace Frame/Cover
211 ea. Replace Frame/Cover and Replace Chimney

Alternate Drainage Improvements
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Construct 15" Sanitary Sewer 114 l.f.
Construct Sanitary Sewer Manhole 10 ea.
Construct Storm Sewer Manhole 4 ea.
Construct 11" Storm Sewer 103 l.f.
and Miscellaneous Related Items of Work

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The North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley Sewage Disposal System conveys sewage to the City of Detroit Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Flow Metering System, including the installation of permanent flow meters is required for the Sanitary Sewer Performance Certification Program as outlined in Michigan Department of Natural Resources Final Order of Abatement No. 1097. The Flow Metering System project will include the furnishing, installation, start-up and training for installing two (2) flow meters and a central computer. The meters will be installed in existing, operating, gravity sewers ranging in size from 60 inches in diameter to 72 inches in diameter. Each unit shall include a level sensor and a velocity sensor installed in the sewer, a local microcomputer installed in the sewer manhole, a central computer located at the City of Garden City Department of Public Services, 31800 Beechwood, Garden City, Michigan, and the installation of telephone lines for transmission of data from the flow meter locations to the central computer. The central computer shall be provided with software which allows the automatic generation of reports from the readings of the meters which will be telemetered to the central computer.

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Northville, Michigan 48167
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Consulting Engineers Detroit, Michigan 48207
555 Highland Drive
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Copies of plans and specifications and Proposal Forms may be secured on or after December 8, 1990 for Sewer System Rehabilitation, and on or after December 10, 1990 for Alternate Drainage Improvements, Maplewood Lift Station and Force Main, Florence Avenue Pumping Station, and Flow Monitoring Program at the offices of McNeely & Lincoln Associates, Inc., 459 E. Cady, Westville, Michigan 48187. A payment of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), check only, payable to "McNeely & Lincoln Associates, Inc." will be required for each set of drawings and specifications. Any bidder or non-bidder, upon returning the Contract Documents within 14 days of bid receipt and in good condition, will be refunded the payment. Drawings and Specifications can be shipped by U.S. ground for a shipping and handling charge of Five Dollars (\$5.00), separate, check only, non-refundable, to "McNeely & Lincoln Associates, Inc."

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Each bid proposal shall be submitted on the proposal forms provided and shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond, executed by the bidder and Surety Company, payable to the City of Garden City in the amount of Five Percent (5%) of the accompanying bid. Proposal Guarantee shall provide assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of the bid, execute the necessary Contract with the City of Garden City. No bid may be withdrawn for at least One Hundred Twenty (120) days after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids.

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The City of Garden City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any irregularities in bidding. The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance, labor and material bonds, and insurance policies.
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All bidders that arrange to use subcontractors to perform any of the work contained in this request for proposals will be required to follow the rules of 49 CFR 31.35(c) relating to Small, Minority, Women's and Labor Surplus Area Businesses, as published in the Federal Register on March 11, 1988 and as also included in the bid document.
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As part of the procedures for determining the ability of contractors to comply with the Equal Opportunity clause, prospective bidders are requested to attend a pre bid meeting where they will be instructed in the Equal Employment Opportunity requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency.
The pre bid meeting will be held at the City of Dearborn Heights, City Hall Council Chambers, 6515 Freelon, Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48127 on Wednesday, December 19, 1990 at 10:00 a.m. Local time. Representatives of the Owner, the Consulting Engineer, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources will be present to discuss the project. Bidders are encouraged to attend and participate in the meeting.
Failure to attend the meeting shall not relieve the bidder from knowledge and compliance with the Equal Employment and Minority, Small and Women's Business Regulations.

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City of Garden City

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Breana Tidwell, 3, gets acquainted with Frosty the Snowman (a.k.a. her grandmother, Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek) while David Wiacek plays a supporting role.



City takes on holiday glow

By Tedd Schneider
staff writer

The Christmas spirit was electrifying around Westland City Hall Monday — literally.

With \$4,458 worth of new, heavy-duty holiday bulbs, the annual tree lighting ceremony at the civic center took on a special glow.

Of course, the ecstatic faces of children and their parents in the crowd of 150 — especially after Santa Claus' arrival via Westland police cruiser — probably did just as much to brighten the surroundings as all the hardware from Bronner's of Frankenthum.

The annual ceremony, which is chock-full of time-honored traditions, played host to at least one new face of note this time around. Mayor Robert Thomas attended his first lighting and presented Santa with a key to Westland.

Thomas was particularly proud of the additional lighting and the fact that "it all worked, considering the way things are wired around this building."

MONDAY'S FESTIVITIES be-

gan at 6:30 p.m. with introductions of local dignitaries and the winner of the "What Christmas Means to Me" essay contest, Marjorie Brooks, a sixth grader at Hamilton Elementary School.

Runners-up were Nicole Watkins, sixth grader at Edison Elementary School; and Joshua Mayse, a fourth-grade student at Stottlemeyer Elementary School.

Winning students received a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond from National Bank of Detroit, Ford Road branch.

OTHER GUESTS included Simmi Prasad, winner of the 1990 Outstanding Young Woman of the Year award, and 1990 Miss Westland, Amy Wess.

The crowd also sang along as Edie Kurtz, keyboard player Lavern Porter and members of the Friendship Center Kitchen Band performed a brief holiday musicale.

The sing-a-long was a bit tentative at first, but participants seemed to pick up the holiday feeling by about the second chorus of "Jingle Bells."

Splitted renditions of "Deck the



Christopher Kalvelage, 5, tells Santa what he wants for Christmas.

photos by GUY WARREN/staff photographer

Halls," "Silent Night," "Joy to the World" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" followed.

WITH Frosty the Snowman (a.k.a. Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek) wandering through the gathering and greeting children, the anticipation grew until Santa's arrival via the west parking lot at 6:50 p.m.

Both Santa and emcee/parks and recreation director George Gillies included a prayer for U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia as part of their remarks. Gillies asked that God help "bring our soldiers home from the Persian Gulf under the umbrella of peace, with no conflict."

Once the switch was thrown lighting the city Christmas tree, families trooped to the main fire station for milk, cookies and a chance to chat with Santa.



Edie Kurtz (far left) and keyboardist Lavern Porter lead the Friendship Center Kitchen Band through their holiday selections.

Cops ticket brother, sister in assault

A brother and sister were ticketed by Westland police Friday for assaulting an officer and interfering with officers who were trying to arrest the brother.

Police were called to the 34000 block of Decatur after getting a complaint of a man beating a woman on a front lawn. Before arriving at the home, officers were also told that the man was armed with a knife.

After entering the house, a man was discovered in a closet. The suspect leaped out and started fighting with an officer and grabbed his night stick. Other officers helped subdue the suspect, who they said had sustained cuts on both hands and on his forehead before they entered the home.

The man was later taken to Ann Arbor Hospital, Wayne, for treat-

crime watch

ment of his injuries. The suspect escaped from the hospital the next day.

The woman was ticketed after she jumped on the back of an officer who was trying to arrest her brother, police said.

Woman beaten

A woman told police she was beaten by her husband with a flashlight and said she wants to prosecute. The woman told officers that he beat her and pulled her hair in a fight Sunday in their home on the 34000 block of Dayton.

Police reported they observed bruises on the woman's back and

throat,

Vandalism

A man was arrested by police early Friday morning after being observed by a homeowner on his roof.

The man was ticketed for malicious destruction of property valued at more than \$100 for damaging a roof-top shortwave antenna and cutting its wires.

The man was first observed on the roof of a home on the 1500 block of Lillian and walking a short while later on Beatrice, south of Barrington.

Police said the man was searched and found wire cutters in his jacket pocket.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Filling boxes to go to an Indian reservation in Arizona are Erie Fisher (left), Tracy O'Brien, Allen Hermann, Marlene Reifer and Mike Blasius.

Career center students send aid to school

Students from the Livonia school district's career center are demonstrating citizenship and leadership skills with a community service project.

The estimated 60 students attend criminal justice and vocational drafting classes at the career center and are members of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America.

The center is run by the Livonia school district which serves the northern section of Westland.

Working together, the students have packaged educational books, supplies, games and clothing that was collected by Career Center staff and students for the Gaihsmane School on an American Indian reservation in Arizona.

VICA is the nation's largest organization for trade, industrial and technical students. The club offers students a leadership, citizenship and character development program which complements the skill training available in the public schools, career centers and community colleges that better prepares them for the world of work.

While most items were donated by the young adults and teachers of the career center at 8985 Newburgh north of Joy, VICA also received donations from a service club and drug store.

The VICA sponsors are teachers Allen Hermann and Marlene Reifer.

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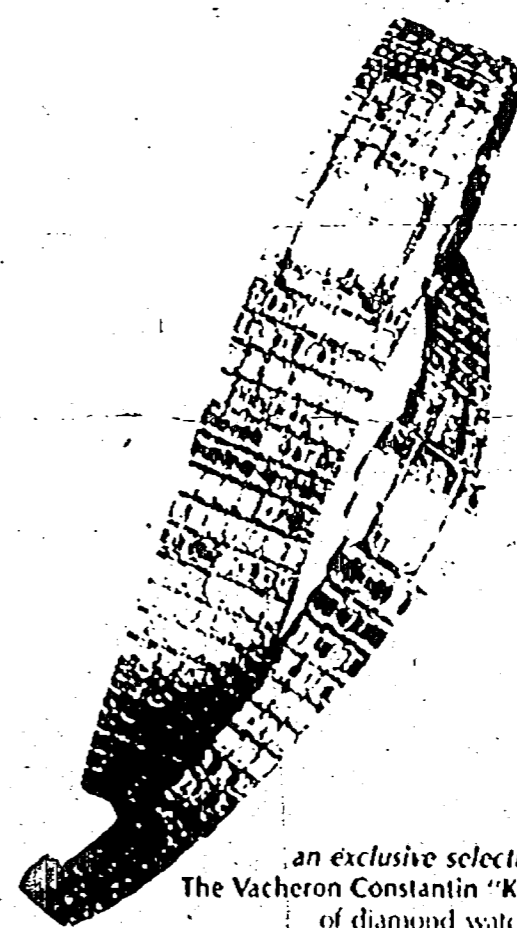
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Community Corner

This week's question:
What's your winter weather prediction—mild or wild?

We asked this question to Westland residents at Westland Center Monday, the day of metro Detroit's first winter snowstorm.



"Not as bad as usual. That's just a guess."
— Lisa Tudor



"It's going to be a wild winter with lots of snow days off from school."
— Gail Daniels, a paraprofessional at Wayne Memorial High School



"It's going to be baaaad. We've had it real easy for the last two-three years. I'm looking for us to get back to normal."
— Bill Stubblefield



"I think it's going to be bad. I don't like snow and it doesn't matter if it's six inches or 12 inches. I just don't like it."
— Jeff Stephens



"I believe it's going to be pretty bad. That's what the Farmer's Almanac says. That's OK though because I love snow."
— Jim Arnett



"It's going to be a bad winter. And I don't love (snow)."
— Jeannie Arnett

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.

Children of all ages are encouraged to send their letters to the:

Westland Observer
36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150
The deadline for submitting letters is Friday, Dec. 14.



Students get measles protection

By Mario Chestney
staff writer

More than 180 Livonia school district seventh graders lined up outside a local clinic Saturday to get immunized against three deadly communicable diseases now striking children and adults born after 1957.

The number of students who took advantage of free immunizations against measles, mumps and rubella far exceeded the expectations of the program's three local sponsors, and far exceeds the statewide average of youngsters taking part in the joint federal-state \$3 million program.

"We're ecstatic," said Linda Hoff, a PTA member who helped organize the program for the district which includes the northern section of Westland.

"We thought we would be doing well if we ended up with 120 kids. They were lined up outside the clinic and it took some time getting them through."

THE FREE shots also have been offered to seventh graders in districts throughout Michigan.

However, less than 10 percent of the state's seventh graders have had the shots in a program that expires this month, said Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, Wayne County Medical Director.

"Only 9.4 percent of all eligible 7th graders took advantage of it, and 100,000 doses were provided statewide," Lawrenchuk said. "That falls far below our target of 100 percent."

Lawrenchuk said the program might be extended next year to cover another group of students, possibly eighth graders.

Many parents who came with their children Saturday to the clinic asked why the program didn't cover other children in their family, Hoff said.

"Most families have more than one child. They also wanted to bring their 10th grader."

Getting a second measles, mumps and rubella shot is crucial to every-

one, children and adults alike, born after Jan. 1, 1957, Lawrenchuk said.

The state requires one shot be given to children by the time they are 15 months old. A second shot sometimes is given before the child begins school but is not mandatory, Lawrenchuk said.

"Some states make a second dose mandatory, but not Michigan," he said.

THE SECOND shot is crucial because anyone born after 1957 doesn't have the natural immunity against the three diseases earlier generations got when they contracted the diseases.

"Before 1957 few were immunized, so virtually everyone got the disease," Lawrenchuk said. "Once they got it, they can't get it again. These are some of the most communicable diseases known to mankind. After 1957, more got immunized, but not everyone."

Saturday's program was manned by volunteers from PTA chapters,

the school district and Botsford General Hospital.

"I can't think of three better organizations that I've had the pleasure of working with," Lawrenchuk said.

The volunteers turned two youngsters away Saturday, one because of illness and the second because the child was not accompanied by a parent.

The shots were intended for students who either do not have a private doctor or for students whose parents can't afford to pay for the vaccination, which costs around \$50.

The shoulder area of youngsters immunized Saturday might be tender and seem warm but that's a normal reaction to the shot, Lawrenchuk said.

However, only one person in several hundred thousand experience a severe, or life-threatening reaction, he said.

"I haven't seen a single instance of that in the eight years I've been with the department," he said.

lunch menu for seniors

The senior citizen nutrition program will serve these hot meals the week of Dec. 10:

Monday — Brunswick stew, health salad, mixed fruit, biscuit with margarine, milk.

Tuesday — Barbecue chicken breast, peas with pasta, green beans, honeydew, chocolate chip cookie, milk.

Wednesday — Chili with beans, coleslaw, crackers, fresh pear, milk.

Thursday — Tuna noodle casserole, chopped spinach, orange, pineapple juice, peaches, wheat bread with margarine, milk.

Friday — Lemon chicken, potato wedges, baby carrots, chocolate pudding, roll with margarine, milk.

Meals will be served at noon at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh at Marquette; Whittier Center on Ann Arbor Trail west of Inkster Road, and Kirk of Our Savior Church, on Cherry Hill between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

Tiger Stadium move to area batted about

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

Could the Detroit Tigers' new home be built in northwestern Wayne County, a short drive for local fans?

Maybe, but don't reserve your parking space yet.

While officials say they've heard nothing from the club, some observers are speculating that western Wayne County is now favored over Dearborn as a site for a new Tiger Stadium.

Some suggest that Tiger officials could favor a location where major freeways meet, such as M-14 and I-275 in Plymouth Township. But Bill Haase, Tigers vice president for operations, said that's just speculation.

Asked if Plymouth Township would be a good place to build a stadium, Haase said, "Obviously those locations are nice to look at but that doesn't mean they're the only ones. We haven't ruled out Detroit."

He said it's important to put a new stadium at a location that provides easy access and provides "comfort and security for our fans."

ARE THE Tigers considering a

site in Plymouth Township?

"I don't want to identify any of the sites we're looking at," Haase said, adding the club has set no time frame for announcing a new stadium site.

Township government and police officials say they're aware of the speculation that a new stadium is being considered for western Wayne County.

"I have no idea where they would

put it," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurice Breen, adding, "My personal opinion is that it belongs in Detroit."

A possibly suitable area for a stadium is the site of the former St. John Seminary in Plymouth Township, on 175 acres at Five Mile and Sheldon.

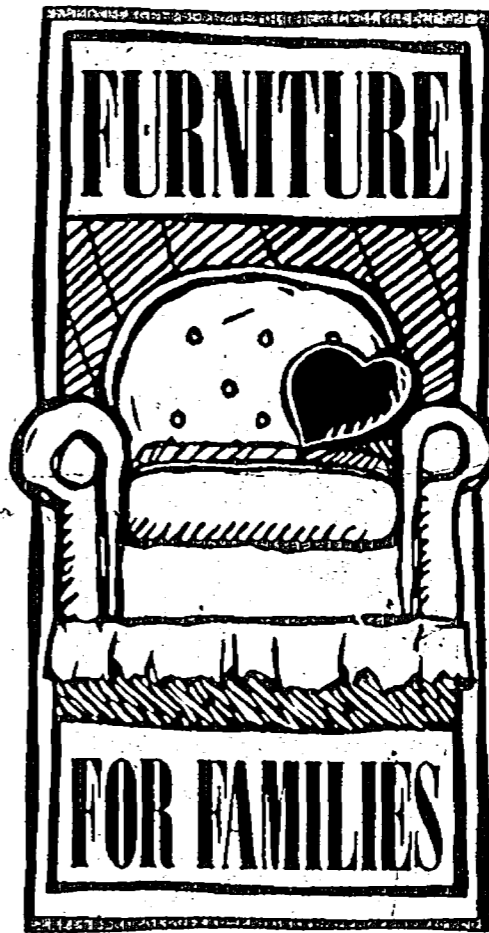
But while the Archdiocese of Detroit, which owns the land, has signed an agreement to sell the prop-

erty, church spokeswoman Brenda Marshall declined to identify the buyer, or rule out the Tigers as the potential buyer.

"We just never comment on that."

"Obviously, it would be good for the business community," said Plymouth Mayor Dennis Billa. "But it would add to traffic and congestion and related problems. I'd rather have it a little farther away."

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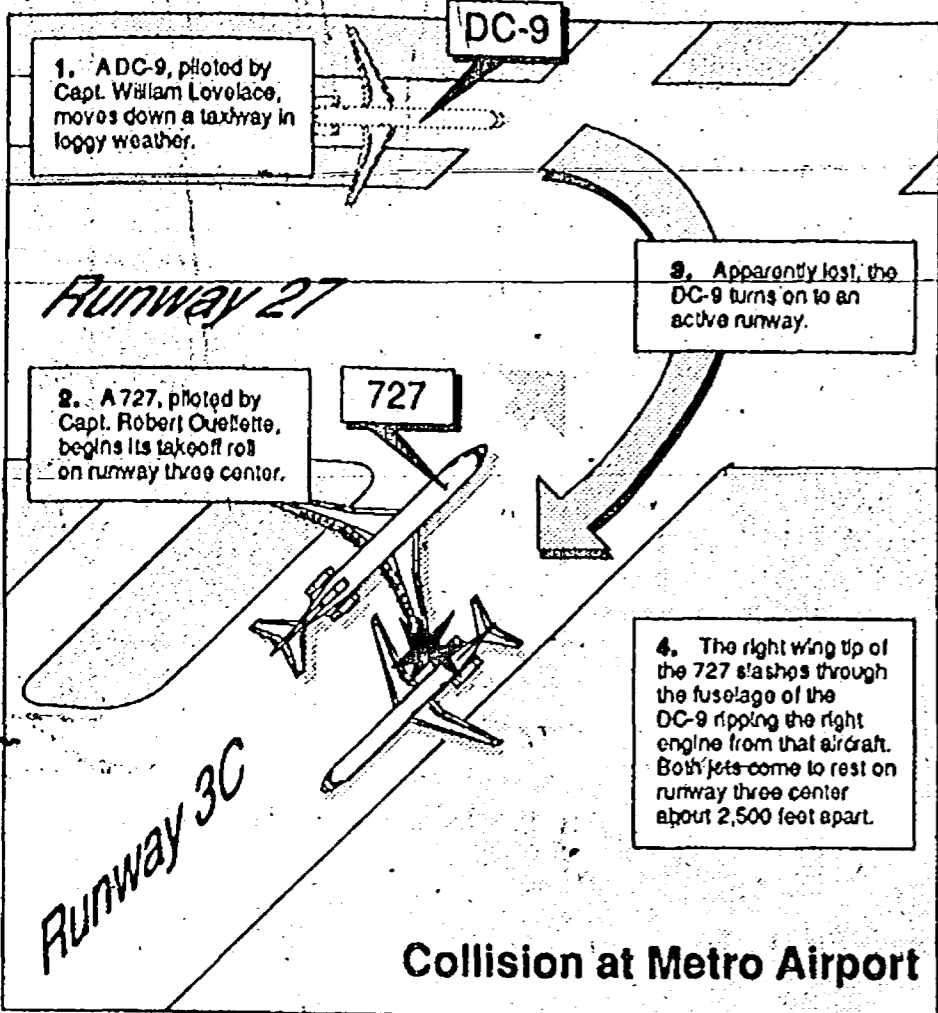


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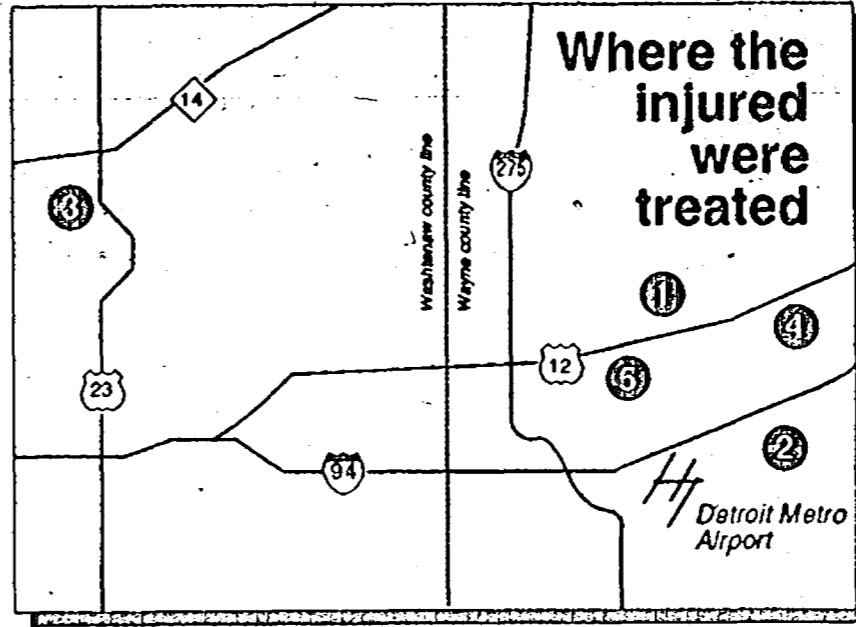


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Most patients were treated and released for burns, cuts, bruises and other minor injuries, O'Dowd said.

Two victims, including a co-pilot from the DC-9 that took the brunt of the collision, were taken to Garden City Osteopathic Hospital, Northwest identified the first officer from that plane as James Schifferns, 43, of Spokane, Wash.

Four people were taken to Heritage Hospital in Taylor and one, a pregnant woman suffering from smoke inhalation, was treated and released at Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn.



1. Garden City Osteopathic
Two transported to the hospital. One was treated and released and the other admitted.
2. Heritage Hospital, Taylor
Four transported to hospital. Two were admitted, one was taken to another hospital and the other was treated and released.
3. U-M Medical Center - Burn Unit, Ann Arbor
Admitted two burn victims transferred from Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.
4. Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn
One patient taken to the hospital, treated and released.
5. Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, Wayne
16 transported to hospital. Fourteen were treated and released.

Cause of crash sought

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Dan Kerber, deputy director of airport operations, said response was swift. Rescue efforts, however, may have been compounded by the fog. Emergency crew members reported they were unable to see the burning DC-9 for as long as 30 seconds after first responding to the less-severely damaged 727.

Concerned with what he termed an appearance of unclear authority at the airport in the moments after the crash, county commission Chairman Arthur Blackwell, D-Detroit, formed an ad hoc commission committee to investigate the crash.

"My concern is not only that the tragedy occurred, but how emergen-

cy measures were carried out, and under whose direction, after it happened," Blackwell said.

Spokesmen for Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, the man ultimately responsible for airport operations, said the move was a surprise.

"I don't know anyone who had any question about authority," Deputy County Executive Michael Duggan said. "Ed McNamara was in command the whole way."

The executive had drawn praise for his handling of the incident from Northwest chairman Al Checchi who said he "particularly appreciated the leadership" McNamara and his staff exhibited.

Disaster training was "fresh in the minds" of Annapolis staffers, who went through an emergency preparedness drill Oct. 13, one of two such drills each year, said Cassandra Speir, acting director of nursing.

"WE HAVE a plan (dubbed Code 11) that involves the entire staff — from physicians to orderlies," Speir said.

Among the first steps is for secretaries to call in additional staff, according to Speir.

Call-ups included five emergency room physicians, 15 attending physicians and 30 additional nurses, she said.

"The afternoon shift was called to come in early. Others came in without being called, when they heard about (the crash)."

Garden City Osteopathic got the first call to prepare for victims at

2:05 p.m., about 20 minutes after the collision, said hospital spokesman Mitchell Nimmoor. Nimmoor said the hospital follows a national disaster procedure and went through a drill about a month ago.

The 17 southeastern Michigan fire departments that are part of a regional mutual aid pact all sent rescue vehicles to the Romulus airport.

EMS vehicles and private ambulances from Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Redford Township and Farmington Hills began arriving at the airport within a half-hour of the collision.

Frank Felts, Garden City fire chief, estimated that there were "probably over 100 (EMS) squads" on the airport grounds ready for transportation of victims.

Although many EMS crews were eventually sent back to their com-

munities, the large call-up was necessary, fire officials said.

"When we got the first phone call, the information was that there were two planes and a potential for more than 200 (victims)," said Richard Marinucci, Farmington Hills fire chief.

A 48-member Hazardous Materials Team, including two representatives from each of 24 area fire departments, was also called to the scene, Marinucci said.

TEAM MEMBERS receive special training for fighting fires involving toxic or flammable chemicals such as jet fuel.

Marinucci said it was the first time the team has responded to an incident at an airport.

Staff writers Joanne Maliszewski, Leonard Poger and LeAnne Rogers contributed to this story.

High profile for N'west

Unlike 1987, when Northwest Airlines personnel generally avoided contact with airport officials and the media, representatives of the Minneapolis-based airlines new ownership took a high profile in the aftermath of Monday's jet crash.

Perhaps in an effort to improve an already-battered company image, company public relations director Bob Gibbons flew to the scene the afternoon of the crash and company chairman Al Checchi arrived the next day, meeting with staff and crash survivors.

Wayne County Executive Edard McNamara, sharply critical of Northwest's response to the crash of Flight 255 in 1987, said he was more pleased with Northwest's response this time.

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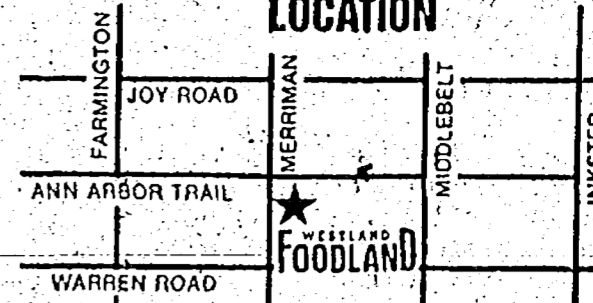
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BRASS CONCERT

Thursday, Dec. 6 — Northwestern Community Services (formerly Northwestern Guidance Clinic) will sponsor a benefit concert at 8 p.m., featuring the Gaillard 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.

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.

ECUMENICAL CONCERT

Sunday, Dec. 9 — Four Garden City church choirs will combine to present a Christmas choral performance at 7 p.m. in St. Raphael Catholic Church, Merriman at Beechwood,

two blocks north of Ford Road. Taking part will be choirs from St. Raphael, Good Hope Lutheran, First United Methodist and Garden City Presbyterian. Free-will offering will be held afterwards with money donated to the Garden City Fish program.

DINNER THEATER

Tuesday, Dec. 11 — Family Dinner Theater presents "Prince Featherhead" by Ann Arbor Goodtime Players at 6 p.m. in Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood Boulevard. Tickets, to be sold only in advance at the center, are \$5. For information, call Maplewood Center Supervisor Val O'Rourke at 525-8846.

SANTA LUNCH

Saturday, Dec. 15 — The Wayne-Westland Family Y will host a luncheon with Santa Claus at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at St. John Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Pictures will be available. There will be songs and festivities.

SCOUT ANNIVERSARY

Monday, Dec. 17 — Boy Scout Troop 745 from Westland will celebrate its 20th anniversary at 6 p.m. in St. Theodore Church, on Wayne Road, just south of Joy. There will be a potluck dinner and court of honor ceremony. Any scout who has participated in the troop's activities over the 20 years of its charter is

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.

invited. For information, call Tom Hicks at 581-3869.

GED TESTS

Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 17-18 — Livonia Public Schools will offer GED tests 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bentley Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia. For more information, call 523-9294.

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.

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 Sczezienski, 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. Sczezienski 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.

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. Sczezienski at 9 a.m. Fridays.

TOASTMASTERS

Thursdays — Toastmasters will have a public speaking seminar at 6:30 p.m. in Denny's Restaurant, 7742 N. Wayne Road at Cowan. For more information or reservations, call 455-1635.

JOBS

Part-time jobs are available for low-income men and women 55 and older through the Senior Community Service Employment Program. For more information, call Lynne at 722-2830.

JAYCEES

The Westland Jaycees are conducting their annual recruitment drive. Adults 21 to 40 years of age who are interested in helping the community and enjoying new friendships can call the Westland Jaycee Hot Line, 722-1630. Monthly membership meetings are on the third Tuesday of every month.

obituaries

GORDON R. SPOHR

Services for Mr. Spohr, 70, of Wayne were held Nov. 24 at Glen Eden Cemetery chapel, Livonia, with the Rev. Robert Millar of the First Congregational Church of Wayne officiating. Mr. Spohr, a retired Ford Motor Co. machinist, died Nov. 18 in An-

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O&E arts editor gets state award

By Judith Doner Borne
staff writer

Corinne "Co" Abatt, who attempts to write objectively about the art world which touches our suburbs, couldn't edit out the superlatives Monday night.

Abatt, Creative Living editor, for the Observer & Eccentric for 15 years, was one of nine recipients of the Governor's Arts Awards given by Concerned Citizens for the Arts in Michigan, the statewide arts advocacy organization.

"This is the most wonderful award I could ever imagine getting," Abatt said in accepting the Media Honor Roll Award before 550 bejeweled women and tuxedoed men on the stage of the renovated State Theatre in Detroit.

Abatt, a longtime Beverly Hills resident who was accompanied to the event by daughter Julie, publicly acknowledged she was a little uncomfortable in the spotlight. "I'd rather be covering it than getting it."

"It has been my privilege to get to cover you — the members of the arts world," she told the crowd. She noted memorable interviews with Emma Schaver, the opera singer from Southfield; Peggy deSalles, a Birmingham art dealer who endowed a wing at the DIA and an auditorium at Cranbrook; and internationally-known photographer Yousuf Karsh.

"THOSE PEOPLE were so alive as so many of you are here tonight."

In fact, a number of audience members have been the subjects of Abatt's feature stories, including Bloomfield Hills artist Aviva Robinson, whose husband Jack is CCAM chairman, and Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Association director Ken Gross.

Gross, who acknowledged he was one of the people who nominated Abatt for the award, said simply: "She lives it. It's beyond her job. That's the kind of thing this is all about — to recognize people who go beyond."

"She's unique. I deal with other press and it's just not the same."

The awards were begun six years ago during Gov. James Blanchard's first term when the Concerned Citizens for the Arts group posed the idea of giving the highest elected official in the state the opportunity to honor the arts.

"This has become an exciting,

meaningful night," Blanchard told the crowd, "but of course the arts are every day. The arts are the glue that holds our society together."

Blanchard, defeated by John Engler last month, looked anything but depressed, vaulting onto the stage and whittling down his prepared speech because "People who are being honored never quite get their due."

HE INTRODUCED a number of local legislators, including state Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, and state Rep. Judy Miller, R-Birmingham as well as executive director of the Michigan Council for the Arts, Bloomfield Township resident Bunny Goldman.

Jack Robinson led the audience in a standing toast to Blanchard who, no matter what political party you belong to, "has approached the issues honestly and set a high standard of public service."

"We also know he will continue to support the arts as a private citizen should he not return to public life," Robinson said.

Marilyn Wheaton, CCAM executive director, Tuesday said she has spoken to members of Engler's staff and "they have given me no indication that he would not be interested in continuing" participation in the awards.

This was the first time the awards presentation was held at an arts venue rather than a hotel ballroom. "We did better than we have ever done" on ticket sales — although the weather kept some from attending, Wheaton said. That included the Four Tops who were supposed to fly in to receive the International Achievement Award.

"I was very, very pleased," Wheaton said. "We've never had such a sophisticated presentation audio-visually. Personally, although I don't make the decision, I can't imagine having it any other place."

- Other awards went to:
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 - Michigan Artist Award — Bess Bonnier.
 - Arts in Education Award — Karen VanderKloot DiChiera.
 - International Achievement Award — The Four Tops.



photos by JOHN STORMZAND/staff photographer

Corinne Abatt related three of her most memorable interviews in accepting the media award from Gov. James Blanchard.



Michigan Arts Council executive director Bunny Goldman (above) and Concerned Citizens for the Arts chairman Jack Robinson (right) obviously enjoying the evening.



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Candidates eye western Wayne commission post

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

Contenders are lining up to fill Milton Mack's soon-to-be vacated Wayne County Commission seat, but when an election will be held is anyone's guess.

Assistant county executive Bryan Amann of Wayne, Canton resident Shirley Poling and Wayne councilman Robert Beeny, all Democrats, have confirmed their candidacies, as has Victor Gustafson, a Canton Republican.

Mack, a commissioner since 1982, is expected to resign today after appointment to the Wayne County Probate bench. He will be sworn in as judge Dec. 18.

Though the seat only includes Canton, among Observer area communities, its impact is far broader. Mack was considered one of county Executive Edward McNamara's staunchest supporters on the board and a

key vote in the often-narrow majority that sided with the executive in budget disputes with commission leaders.

Commissioners could temporarily fill the vacancy as soon as this afternoon, but would also have to set a special election some time next year.

"ESSENTIALLY, commissioners have to do two things," said Ben Washburn of the county's legislative research department. "They have to fill the balance of Mack's current term (which ends Dec. 31) plus, they have to call an election for the new term."

Mack defeated Gustafson, 16,118-13,387 in the November general election and was to have begun his fifth consecutive commission term Jan. 1.

By law, an election must be held next year to fill the two-year commission term. But there's no law saying when the election would take

place.

"That's the odd thing about state election law," said Brad Wittman of the state elections division.

The number of declared Democratic candidates indicates there a primary would have to be scheduled. The general election could follow in less than 60 days, Wittman said.

While Gustafson, a Canton planning commission member has said he should be appointed to the seat as the second-place finisher, his appointment is apparently barred under the county charter.

"The charter specifies that whoever is appointed must be of the same party as the person holding the seat," Washburn said.

Before today's commission meeting it wasn't clear whether the commission would even fill the balance of Mack's current term.

"THEY COULD choose to leave it vacant until the election," Washburn said.

Another possibility involves appointment of an interim commissioner who wouldn't seek election next year.

Such a situation occurred when commission chairman Arthur Carter resigned in mid-1989 to accept a position with the Detroit Schools. At that time, commissioner's appointed Carter's wife to fill the seat.

Contenders for the balance of Mack's current term include Jerry Higgs of Wayne, Mack's longtime aide. Mack confirmed Higgs' candidacy and also confirmed his aide wouldn't seek the new term.

Due to his new position as a judge, Mack won't endorse any candidates.

"It's hard to step back and not be involved in partisan politics after being involved so long, but it's what I have to do," he said.

Cindy Burgess, an official with the Canton Community Foundation and former candidate for township clerk, is another potential contender.

"I'm putting my name forward to depoliticize the appointment," Burgess said. "Whoever is appointed could face a backlash if they decided to run for the new term and I don't want to see that happen."

Among the potential election contenders:

Amann is an assistant county executive, working under McNamara. His most notable recent duties include serving as "noise czar," listening to complaints and arguing for changes in Metro Airport flight patterns. Head of the 15th District Democratic Party organization, he is a former deputy to county Clerk James Killeen.

Beeny, has been a Wayne city councilman since 1981 and a member of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce board of directors. He is a financial planner and owner of Financial Planning Services, Wayne.

Poling, an employee of General Motors Hydra-Matic, Ypsilanti, is also a regional coordinator for UAW Region 1A, Taylor and a member of the University of Michigan union minorities/women's leadership training project.

County insiders envision Amann and Poling as the strongest Democratic contenders. Amann, a former UAW staff assistant; apparently ran afoul of the union by supporting a challenger against incumbent commissioner — and union choice — Kay Beard in November's Westland/Garden City area commission race.

Gustafson's strong showing against Mack, and a potentially divided Democratic Party, is seen as giving the GOP a good chance to capture the seat.

"Republican traditionally do well in special elections," said board Vice Chairwoman Susan Helntz, R-Northville Township, the only Republican on the commission.

Headlee tax cut plan faces Jan. 25 deadline

Fighting to put the Headlee II property tax cut before the Legislature, Taxpayers United has until Jan. 25 to prove it gathered enough petition signatures.

State elections director Christopher Thomas last week told the Board of State Canvassers his staff believes several thousand of the remaining petitions to be screened are flawed and should not be counted.

"We cannot accept the dubious reasons they're using to try to disenfranchise good-citizen voters," said Richard Headlee, the Farmington Hills insurance executive who chairs Taxpayers United.

"The flaws are not in the petitions, but in the thinking and methodology of the Secretary of State's staff," said the head of TU, which seeks a 20 percent property tax cut with state reimbursement of all lost local revenues.

HEADLEE SAID TU people last month traveled to township, city and county offices and found that more 70 percent of the petition signatures declared invalid on their face by the Secretary of State were determined by their hometown clerks to be genu-

ine signatures of registered voters.

"A Village of Beverly Hills voter, born in 1915, who now has a Birmingham home address, and who pays Birmingham School District taxes, was initially disqualified for writing 'Birmingham' in the space on the petition labeled 'mark whether registered to vote in city or township and write its name.'"

"That voter knew very well that the Southfield Township voter registration records were kept down the

street from his home in a building with a 'Birmingham' address.

"Yet the Secretary of State staff intended to declare him 'invalid' as a registered voter on the Headlee Tax Cut Initiative because the signer hadn't checked the 'township of' box and inserted 'Southfield Township' instead of 'Birmingham,' Headlee said.

THE BOARD of State Canvassers granted Taxpayers United's request

for additional time to complete the review of 'invalidated' signatures and to confer with the Secretary of State staff prior to the next meeting of the board.

Taxpayers United had expected board approval of the petitions so that the Headlee Tax Cut Initiative could be adopted by the state legislature before it adjourned this week.

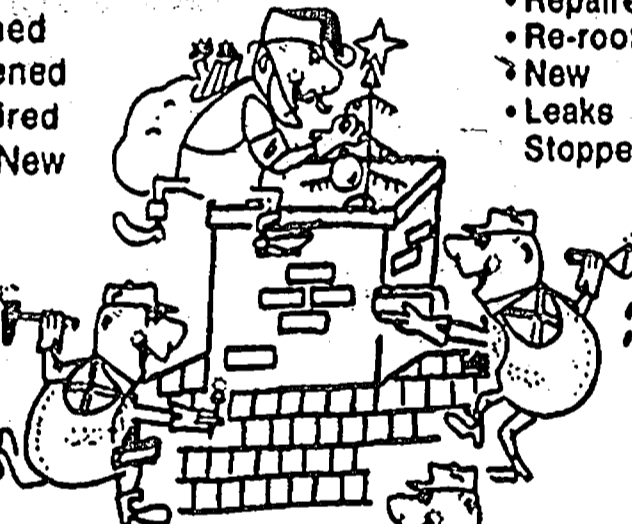
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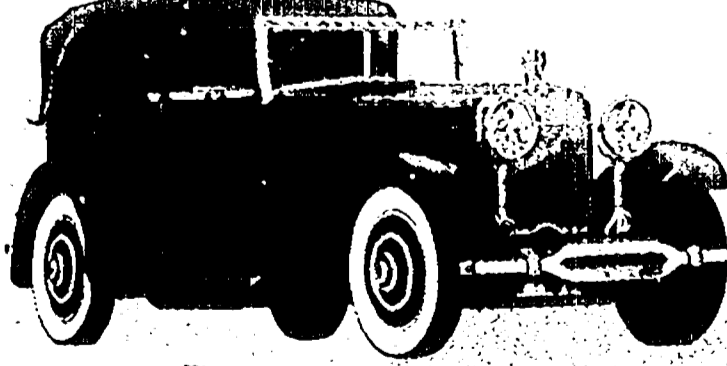


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points of view

Possible national test for pupils questioned

Q: I hear that a national test out of Washington D.C. is going to be given to every child in our schools. Speaking as a teacher, we already have enough testing in our schools. Will this new national test serve any purpose?

A: Depends on who you talk to. Some believe the new national testing program is a significant move by Washington for more national influence and possibly more control of state education agencies and local schools.

Indeed, President Bush has a national Educational Goals Panel giving much time and effort to an expanded national assessment test. Why?

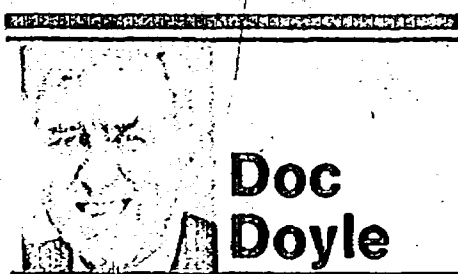
There are those in Washington who believe that student learning would be greatly enhanced if each state and our 83,000 schools would all agree on national goals, on a national curriculum.

The inference by some in Washington is that each state and each school district is a kingdom unto itself. That educational goals and curriculum vary as much as one superintendent's style can vary from another superintendent's style.

However, the war drums are beating in many local school districts. The message is always the same, local control of our own destiny — we know our students and what is best for them.

Education's most powerful teacher/curriculum group, the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development see little value in the national assessment test. Executive director Gordon Cawelli believes there is already too much testing which takes too much time from what is really important, classroom instruction.

In Michigan, we have the Michigan Educational Assessment Test (MEAP), standardized tests, locally developed Criterion Reference Tests, the SAT, ACT, and others.



Doc Doyle

Carried to the extreme, those opposed to more testing would say: "Knowledge of lousy results is not a motivator or heater. Let's spend the millions of dollars that will go into this national testing program into funding programs that have proven successful in raising student achievement."

You ask if this new national assessment test will serve any purpose. It's not new. It is simply an expansion of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) testing program which has been going on for 20 years.

Frankly most teachers, most building principals and many central office people are not even aware — some don't really care — about the testing results of the NAEP. Why?

There are no diagnostic results that a building principal or teacher can use to improve the learning of specific children in the building. And the child is usually the focal point of the quality principals and teachers, not national test results.

However, in a broader sense the national test has served a purpose. Let's take just one situation. Years ago the test found that young women were not scoring as well as young men in math and science.

A follow up soon discovered that the young women, including the brightest ones, were often being steered away from math and science and continually into secretarial type courses whether they wanted to be a secretary or not.

Guess what happened once counselors started encouraging young women to consider engineering, high tech, the medical profession. High

school girls scored as well as or better than the boys in math and science on the national assessment test.

The political problem for many is that a national test will result in a national report card for each and every school district, information which can be used for comparison purposes by citizens. This will not be a problem says Washington, the report will go directly to just your own school district.

The Michigan Department of Education promised that individual MEAP test results would not be published, that the MEAP test was for only local district use for program improvement. The "sunshine law" changed that, and rightly so. Today, every Michigan school district compares their MEAP results to other districts whether they like what they see or not.

On the other hand, some educators see nothing wrong with school districts comparing test results. San Diego Superintendent Thomas Boyesen stated in Educational Weekly that the national assessment test will compare all school districts in each state and across the nation. And he says, "That's fine with me. I'll put my program and testing results up with any district."

Indeed, when our test results are compared with i.e. Japanese children using national test results, we don't look so good.

One wonders how some of the school districts in this readership area would compare with i.e. Japan if only their school district test scores were used for comparison and not national averages — national averages that lump all school districts together. There would be some pleasant surprises.

You see, many students in high test scoring districts score as well as the Japanese but not when they are lumped together with some of our less fortunate, lower socioeconomic areas.

Gender gap on court

THERE'S A gender gap on the Michigan Supreme Court.

Justice Patricia Boyle and Chief Justice Dorothy Comstock Riley tend to stick together in upholding tough prison sentences.

They give two basic reasons:
• Their brothers are "inventing the authority" to reduce sentences.
• In reviewing facts, their brothers look at them "antiseptically," while the women dissenters view them from "a pro-victim standpoint."

Two key cases come to mind.

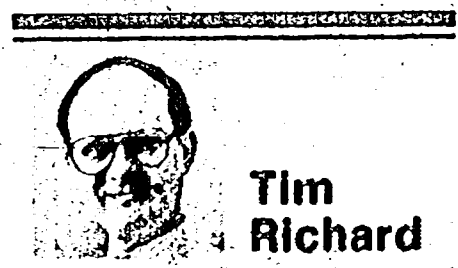
SCOTT MILBOURN was convicted in Eaton County of breaking and entering the residence of his ex-girlfriend with intent to maliciously destroy property worth more than \$100.

Supreme Court guidelines say that, as a first offender, Milbourn, then 20, deserved one to 2 1/2 years in prison. In April 1985 Circuit Judge Richard Shuster gave him 10 to 15 — quadruple the maximum.

"This young man has literally fits of rage," Shuster said, recommending "protective custodial care" and "mental health counseling" for this "extreme danger to society."

In September the Supreme Court voted 5-2 to adopt a new "principle of proportionality," matching prison time to the seriousness of the crime and the background of the offender. It set aside Milbourn's sentence, sending the case back to Shuster for re-sentencing.

BOYLE WROTE the dissent, dwelling at length on the factual details.



Tim Richard

Milbourn had lived with the woman six weeks, but she booted him and changed the locks — twice. Milbourn sought a reconciliation. Rebuffed, he broke into her vacant apartment that night, slashed her clothing, bedding, drapes, bathroom towels and shower curtains. He sprayed red paint on the carpet and drapes, broke an end table and punched three holes in the walls, Boyle wrote.

Out on bail, Milbourn threatened that if the woman didn't drop the charges, he would send "lewd" photos of her to her family, co-workers and friends. Later he smashed the windshield of her car, flattened a tire and threatened her new boyfriend.

While Milbourn had no prior conviction, Boyle noted he had been suspended from school for fighting and savagely attacked another inmate in jail.

Boyle accused the majority of viewing the facts as Milbourn's "overreacting to the situational stress of a lovers' quarrel..." She and Riley felt the victim had been "terrorized."

THE SECOND is the famous basketball score case, the second-degree murder conviction of Timothy Moore in 1985 for killing his ex-girl-

friend. Detroit Recorder's Judge Michael Talbot could have given Moore life or a term of years. Talbot gave him 100 to 200 years.

"A life sentence for this sort of crime allowed him to be reviewed (for parole) in 10 years," Talbot said, reasoning that with a 100-200 year sentence Moore, 34, would die before he became eligible for parole.

In May of 1989, four justices rejected his reasoning, ruling Talbot abused his discretion. They virtually accused Talbot of pandering to the press and public for being "tough on crime."

Boyle wrote the dissent, attacking the majority reasoning as "misguided." She noted that Moore shot the woman twice, struggled through three rooms of the house and stabbed her seven times. Her blood was splashed on walls 11 feet apart.

Boyle also said Moore had threatened the woman earlier, had a juvenile record and had three prior felony convictions, including armed robbery involving forcible entry and rape.

Women do see things differently.

FOOTNOTES: The women had two male allies — Justice Robert Griffin, who joined in the Moore case dissent; and candidate Clark Durant, who used these cases in his campaign ads.

Talbot reduced Moore's sentence to 50 years. Last week Shuster gave Milbourn the identical 10-15 years.

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

keeping up with government

Looking for information about state government? The League of Women Voters has a toll-free telephone service (1-800-292-5823) that may be helpful.

help people find out about such things as pending legislation, the state constitution, election laws, voting regulations or tax information.

The league's Citizen Information Center in Lansing offers to

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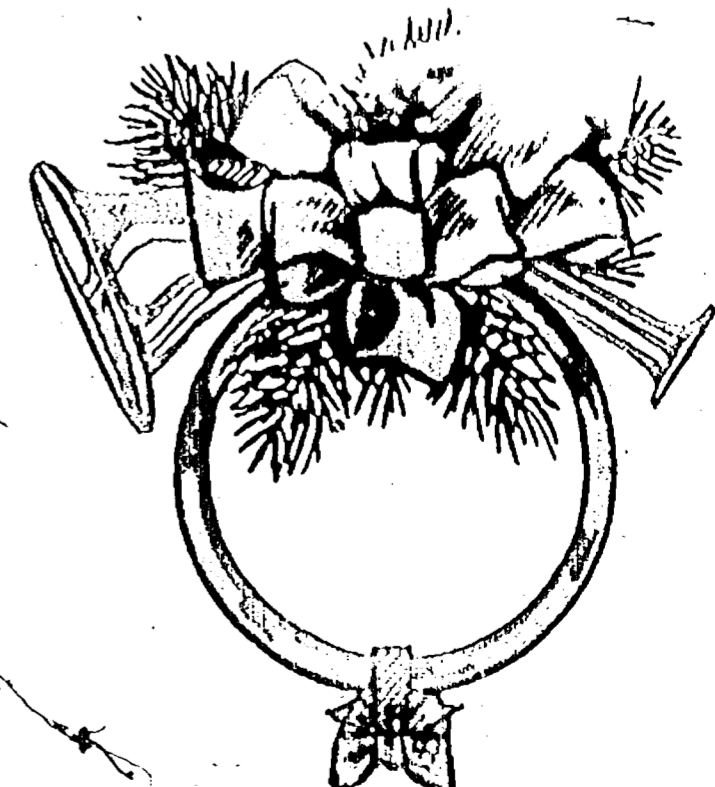
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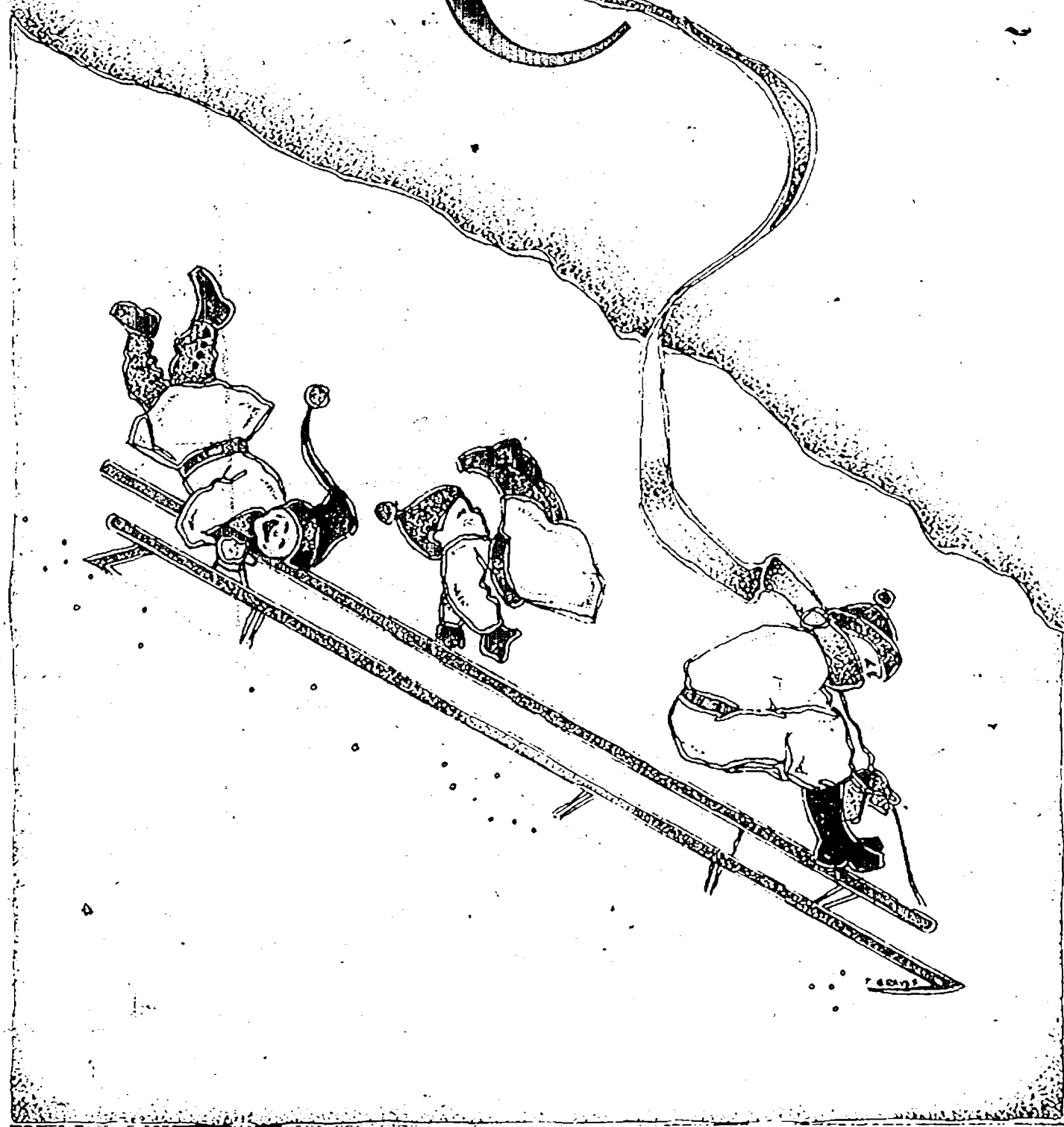
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CHILDREN'S WINTER ACTIVITIES



Children on winter break can choose from plenty of fun-filled activities.

Whether it's a visit to the Detroit Zoo, or a trip to Henry Ford Museum, families can find lots to do in the metropolitan area. Some low-cost, or free, activities are offered even closer to home.

Most museums and other attractions will be closed Christmas and New Year's Day, and some will close on other days as well. Information is subject to change, so making a phone call before heading out is a good idea.

These activities should keep youngsters and their parents occupied until it's time to go back to school. They're also a great way for families to enjoy time together.

ART INSTITUTE

A variety of activities are planned at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward in Detroit.

"Breakfast With Santa" will be 9:45 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday in the Kresge Court. Visits — for believers of all ages — will continue through Saturday, Dec. 22. Ticket price is \$7 and advance reservations are required. Weekend visitors may enjoy a "Snack With Santa" noon to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays. No reservations required.

The December line-up features special Detroit Youtheatre performances Saturdays. They include: "Christmas 'Round the World" on Dec. 8, a magical international sleigh ride for those age 5 and older; "Feliz Navidad" on Dec. 15, a holiday dance and music extravaganza for those age 5 and older; and "Holly Folly Christmas" on Dec. 22, with Ken Schultz as the elf who dazzles the audience with a variety-packed performance for those age 3 and older.

Youtheatre tickets are \$5, and show times are 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the DIA Auditorium. For ticket information, call 833-2323.

The art institute's Prince Street Players will present their musical version of "The Emperor's New Clothes" Wednesday through Sunday, Dec. 26-30. Children must be 5 or older to attend, and tickets are \$6. Performances will be 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Dec. 27-29, 2 p.m. only Dec. 26 and Dec. 30.

The art institute offers self-guided family tours, including the "DIA Discovery Tour" and "Do You See What I See?" Information is available in the Farnsworth Lobby.

An archeological scavenger hunt, "The Mystery of the Five Fragments," is offered 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Kits for the scavenger hunt can be checked out in the Rivera Court.

For more information, call the DIA, 833-7900.

HENRY FORD MUSEUM

A holiday celebration, "Traditions to Treasure," is planned at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village in Dearborn. Special displays and demonstrations will continue through Jan. 1, except for Christmas Day.

The centerpiece for the museum celebration will be a towering Christmas tree decorated with cookies, candy, dolls, stuffed animals and small toys. The museum concourse area will feature a fantasy Lionel train layout.

Toy trains — including one equipped with a tiny camera that broadcasts an "engineer's eye view" — will wend their way through a gingerbread village. Visitors will be able to watch gingerbread houses in the making.

Several craft activities are

planned for children. Youngsters will be able to make such items as a gingerbread boy bookmark, snowflake ornament and angel ornament. Families can leave a little bit of their own history at the museum by contributing photos of their celebrations to the holiday photo wall. Family photos will become part of the archives.

Santa Claus will preside over the merriment in the museum. Many holiday customs and traditions from the past will be displayed at the historic Greenfield Village buildings. At the Town Hall Activities Center, children will find holiday crafts to keep them busy.

The Henry Ford Museum Theater will present "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" on Saturdays through Dec. 22, with additional performances Wednesday through Sunday, Dec. 26-30. Two matinees will be staged each show date, the first at 11 a.m. and the second at 2:30 p.m., except Dec. 16 and Dec. 30 when only a 2:30 p.m. show will be performed. Audience members will be able to meet the characters after each performance. For ticket information, call 271-1620.

Hours at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Separate admission is charged for the museum and village. For more information, call 271-1620.

JEWISH CENTER

The Jewish Community Center, Maple at Drake in West Bloomfield, has planned activity days for kindergartners through sixth graders. Each "Winter Day" will feature a special theme, plus activities in the gym and pool.

Sessions will be 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Dec. 24, 26, 27, 28 and 31, and

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AND CLOSER TO HOME . . .

SANTA VISIT

Santa Claus, the "Chautauqua Express" and Marlina the Storyteller will visit the YWCA of Western Wayne County Thursday and Friday, Dec. 13-14.

Guy Sferjazza will explain and play many musical instruments, with focus on American folklore and environmental themes as part of the "Chautauqua Express," a musical adventure, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Thursday.

Marlina the Storyteller will take children on a magic carpet ride around the world at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Friday. Santa will visit the Y both days and refreshments will be served.

Cost is \$3 per person and advance reservations are necessary. For information, call 561-4110. The YWCA is at 26279 Michigan Ave., Inkster.

CHRISTMAS ICE SHOW

The Westland Figure Skating Club and Westland Sports Arena will present their annual Christmas Exhibition at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19. Skaters will perform to their favorite holiday music. The exhibition is free of charge and open to the public. The arena is at Wildwood and Hunter, Westland. For information, call 729-4560.

SANTA LUNCHEON

Santa Claus will drop by for lunch at the Wayne-Westland Family YMCA Saturday, Dec. 15. There will be two seatings for the hot dog lunch — 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Youngsters will have a chance to sit on Santa's lap, present the Christmas wish list and have their picture taken with him. Cost is \$4 for members and \$6 for program members. Parents can join in for \$2. For more information and reservations, call the Y at 721-7044. The YMCA is at Wayne Road and Bayview, Westland.

HOLIDAY SKATING

The Westland Sports Arena will have special open skating hours for the holiday season. The arena, at Wildwood and Hunter, will be open for skating 1-2:45 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 26-28, Sunday, Dec. 30, and Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 2-4; 2-3:45 p.m. and 8-9:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29 and Jan. 5, and 2-3:45 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6. Cost is \$2 for children and \$2.50 for adults. Skate rental is available for \$1. For information, call 729-4560.

FURRY TALES

Garfield will purr his way into Wonderland Mall for a special holiday

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CHRISTMAS BREAK DAY CAMP

Wayne-Westland Family YMCA, 827 S. Wayne Road, between Avondale and Cherry Hill roads, will have Christmas Break Day Camp for children ages 6-12. Sessions are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, Dec. 26-28 and Jan. 2-4. Child care is available 7-9 a.m. and 4-6:30 p.m. at no extra charge. Some of the activities will include swimming, crafts, gymnastics, floor games and outdoor activities. Cost is \$11.50 for members; \$13.50 for non-members. For information, call 721-7044.

NEW YEAR'S EVE OVERNIGHT

Wayne-Westland Family YMCA, 827 S. Wayne, Westland will have a New Year's Eve Overnight program for children ages 3½-12 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31. Some activities include swimming, games and TV. Also, noisemakers will be handed out as kids can count down the New Year. Cost is \$12 for members; \$18 for non-members. For information, call 721-7044.

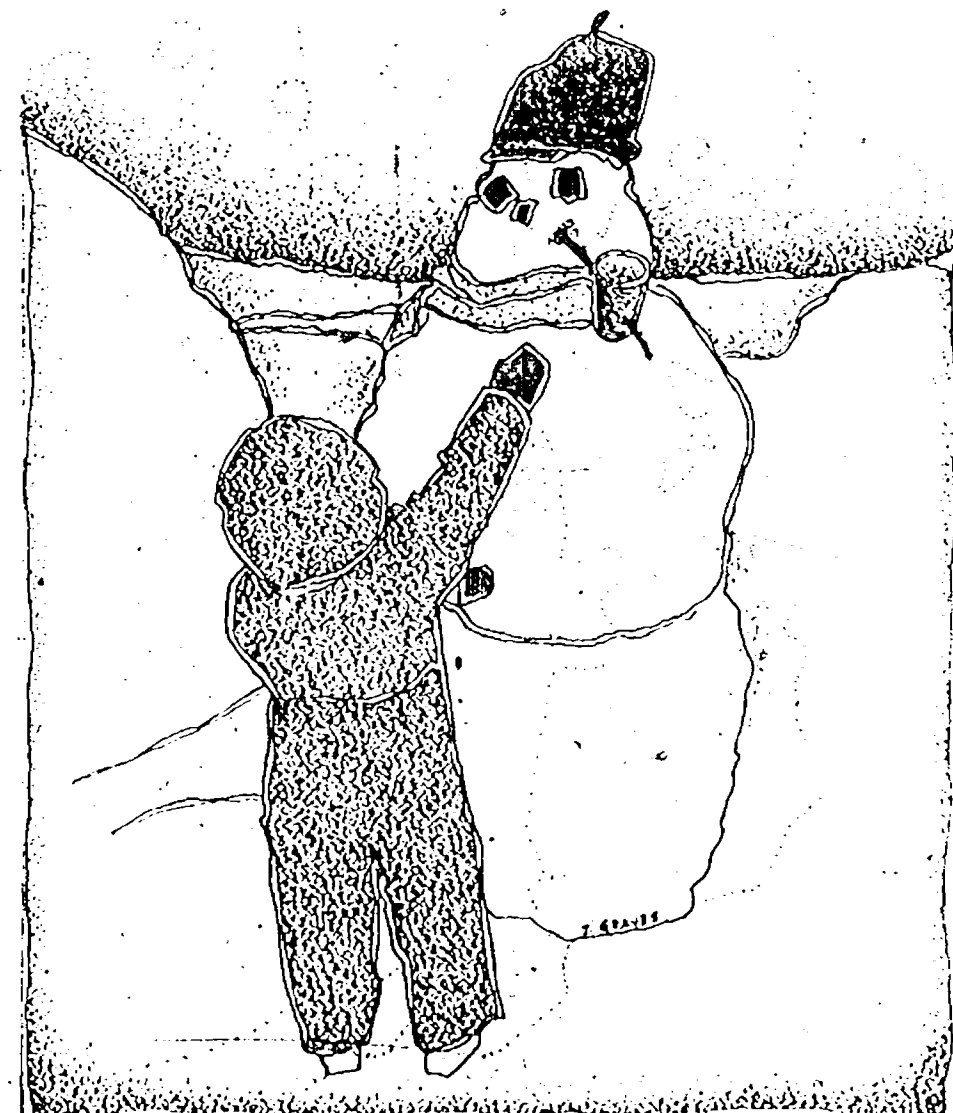
OPEN SWIMMING

Wayne-Westland Family YMCA, 827 S. Wayne, Westland will have open swimming 10-10:45 a.m., 3:30-4:30 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, Dec. 26-28 and Jan. 2-4. Admission is \$1 for children 18 and under; \$2.50 for adults. For information, call 721-7044.

BOWLING

Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road, Westland, will have a New Year's Day youth-adult bowling tournament at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1. Advance registration is necessary and cost is \$9 per team. Some 20 trophies and awards will be given out at the tournament. The bowling center also has open bowling 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day except Thursday and Friday is \$5 cents per game day. For information, call 722-7570.

Fiesta Lanes, 38250 Ford Road, Westland, will offer 75-cent games 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday between Christmas and New Year's. Open bowling at 60 cents per game is available 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Friday. Shoe rental is \$1.40. For information, call 722-1450.



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Mom trades books for looks and life without ADC

By Larry O'Connor
staff writer

If anything, three years of being on ADC has made Annette Dudzinski resilient.

"The hell with what everyone thinks," Dudzinski said. "I'm going to get out of this rut."

For a woman with a 4-year-old child depending on government assistance for survival that is really saying a lot.

Dudzinski will tell you the system can't beat a person down, leaving their self-esteem strewn about like confetti on the floor after a New Year's Eve party. Not only is it the small amount money she receives, it's the looks.

The examining stare from the cashier at the supermarket who collects the food stamps, the empty-eyed look from the burned-out case worker who's heard her story from hundreds of other clients or the glare from society as a whole who maintain people on public assistance are just indolent burdens on the system.

Dudzinski knows the stereotype: "They're lazy. They sleep all day. They sell their food stamps to buy liquor. They drive big cars. Yeah, I've heard it."

Dudzinski might have been inclined to believe that about herself. She grew up in a middle class envi-

'They look at you like, 'What's wrong with you. Why do you need food stamps.'

— Annette Dudzinski

ronment, graduated from Dearborn High School and got a job. Other people ended up on ADC, not her, she thought.

SHE HAD a relationship with her boyfriend for 13 years. They had a daughter, Felicia, 4. She doesn't elaborate, only to say the relationship wasn't going anywhere.

Suddenly, the Livonia resident was on her own. She didn't have a college degree. She didn't have any job skills. Reality set in after falling into an ice hole.

"I really didn't know what to do with my life," she said. "Any type of job was a minimum wage job. I didn't have the skills for anything else."

"As far as child care, I couldn't get ahead. You're making \$3.40 an hour and child-care is \$3 an hour. You're working for less than a dollar an hour."

Dudzinski was at the Department of Social Services applying for ADC (Aid to Dependent Children), an experience she describes as intimidating.

First, a new client sits down with an intake worker. She's given a mountain of paperwork to fill out. The forms ask for such things as a Social Security number for her daughter.

With dignity set aside, a person is given a form to take to neighbors to sign, verifying her residence and the number of people living in the home. If a form isn't returned properly filled out, a notice is sent that the grant has been terminated.

"They assume you're trying to get away with something," she said. "You're abusing the system."

DUDZINSKI RECALLS one case worker who was so rude she wouldn't allow her to finish a sentence. There are exceptions, she said. Workers who see a person trying to help themselves are more understanding.

But when self-confidence is already at a low-ebb, Dudzinski said it's difficult. Being on ADC is hardly the life of luxury some people paint it.

Dudzinski receives \$380 a month from DSS and \$113 in food stamps a month. Out of the \$380, she pays \$170 in rent in addition to utility bills and clothing for her and her daughter.

Shopping for clothes is often limit-

ed to garage sales and second-hand shops. She drives a '79 Pinto. Her social life is non-existent.

"One thing I really hate is when I go to the grocery store," she said. "You want to get into a line where nobody is behind you. They look at you and your child, even the cashiers. They look at you like, 'What's wrong with you. Why do you need food stamps.'"

At a supermarket, though, is where Dudzinski found a path out of her predicament. She overheard someone talking about the Project HERS (now known as From Chocolate Chips to Micro-Chips) program at Schoolcraft College.

DUDZINSKI INQUIRED about the program, which is designed to help single parent women enter the work force. She attended the orientation meetings, took a skills assessment test and found out about financial aid in order to attend college.

More than that, Dudzinski found herself in a room with other women who were like herself. And, in some cases, much worse off.

Another facet of Project HERS orientation meeting worked on self-esteem building exercises.

"I started building confidence," she said. "I started to realize I'm worth something. . . I don't have to stay in this hole. It's possible to change."

At 31, Dudzinski was back in school — taking classes at Schoolcraft College. She is working towards an associate's degree in nursing. She's completed 42 credit hours, earning a place on the dean's list.

A Pell Grant pays for her books and tuition. A friend and her father help care for Felicia. During the past few years, friends have been really supportive — especially professional women who have children.

"Once you have a goal, you're OK," she said. "You find out you're worthwhile."



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Annette Dudzinski and her daughter, Felicia, 4, have been on ADC for three years, but she is making a comeback with the help of Schoolcraft College's From Chocolate Chips to Micro-Chips program.

new voices

ASGEIR and **CINDY SIGURDSSON** of Westland announce the birth of **NIKZURS BRANDON** Oct. 31. Grandparents are Asgeir and Jona Sigurdsson of Detroit and Donald and Jackie Brasseur of Detroit. Great-grandparents are Sigurdur Augustsson of Iceland and Clarence Brasseur of Detroit.

JIM and **MARY SPIEGEL** of Livonia announce the birth of **ANDREW JAMES** Nov. 1 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Grandparents are Jim and Lorraine Spiegel of Canton Township and Roberta Cudney of Saginaw.

RICHARD and **DONNA STANTON** of Canton Township announce the birth of **MEGHAN BREANNE** Nov. 4 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She is a "big" brother No-

lan. Grandparents are Charles and Alva Colotta of Garden City.

RICK and **MAUREEN SIMARI** of Livonia announce the birth of **RACHEL MARIE** Oct. 3 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Alfred and Frances Simari of Dearborn, Joseph and Teresa Mazzuca of Skokie, Ill., and Andrew Hutton of Dearborn and the late Irene Hutton.

JAMES BONO and **MARILYN CZACH-BONO** of Westland announce the birth of **MARISSA DAWN** Oct. 1 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She has a "big" sister, Nichla, 2½. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Czach of Fenton and Mr. and Mrs. William Bono of Westland.

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Attention Deficit Disorder Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. Paul Jacobs will give an overview on the diagnosis, treatment and management of attention deficit disorder. For information, call 464-8233.

REDFORD CHAMBER

The Redford Chamber of Commerce will have a "Business Helping Business" meeting 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, at Mumm Printing Co., 26045 W. Seven Mile, Redford. Admission is \$7 a person. For information, call 535-0960.

SACKETT DAR

The John Sackett Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet for lunch at noon Saturday, Dec. 8, at the McFadden-Ross Museum in Dearborn. Hazel Mudie will host the luncheon with the program, "A Grateful Nation Provides Benefits to its Veterans." Members are asked to bring contributions for the Veterans' Christmas gifts.

CATHOLIC HERITAGE

"Detroit Catholic Heritage Lives," a video featuring 65 churches, will be shown 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research in the Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward. Bill Enning, teacher at the Macomb Community College, will show and discuss the life of these churches. The program is open to the public. For information, call 642-7953.

PLYMOUTH CHILD BIRTH ASSOCIATION

The Plymouth Childbirth Education Association will offer an even-week prepared childbirth class 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at Holy Trinity Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. For information, call 459-7477.

WOMEN'S NETWORK

Michigan Professional Women's Network will have a meeting Monday, Dec. 10, at The Novi Hilton, 21111 Haggerty, west of I-275. Networking starts at 6 p.m. with inner at 7 p.m. A special auction will follow at 8 p.m. with half of the proceeds to benefit the First Step Crisis Center. The western Wayne County shelter helps sexually abused and domestic violence victims. Cost \$18 for members, \$23 for non-members. For reservations, call 754-100 between 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays.

SALVATION ARMY AUXILIARY

Auxiliary to the Salvation Army meets Monday, Dec. 10, at Ryal Oak Citadel, 3015 N. Main St., east

south of 13 Mile Road. The business meeting will take place 10 a.m. and lunch at 11:30 a.m. The Junior League of Birmingham Chorus will perform. Bake sale donations are needed.

FORD WIVES

Ford Wives Club will meet 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, at Ford Motor Co. World Headquarters Auditorium, Southfield Road and Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Alyce Goltzhofer will provide a Christmas narration. For information, call 582-6423.

METRO WEST

The Metro West After Five Club will meet for a Christmas dinner party 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, at Holiday Inn and Holiday, 1-275 and Six Mile Road, Livonia. Admission is \$11. For reservations, call 397-8871 or 455-3371.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will meet 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, at Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Plaza, Farmington and Five Mile roads. For information, call 455-6491.

SONS OF CONFEDERATE

Admiral Raphael Semmes Camp 1321, Sons of Confederate Veterans, will have a membership and recruitment meeting 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, at Farmington Road. Membership is open to the male descendants of confederate soldiers and sailors. For information, call 728-5960.

VIETNAM VETERANS

Plymouth/Canton Chapter No. 528 Vietnam Veterans of America will meet 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, at Mayflower Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. For information, call 453-5020 or 453-8180.

AARP

AARP Chapter 1109 will install officers noon Friday, Dec. 14, at Windjammer Restaurant. Reservations must be made by Monday, Dec. 10. For information, call 261-3624.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous meets 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at St. John Episcopal Church in Westland. For information, call 722-6178 or 545-LIFE. The group also meets 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at Unity Church, Inkster Road and Michigan Avenue, Inkster. For information, call 277-2112.

WHY WEIGHT

Why Weight, a non-profit support group for adults who are in the process of losing or maintaining their weight, meets 7 p.m. Mondays in Classroom 3 of Garden City Osteopathic Hospital, Inkster Road north of Ford Road, Garden City. Why Weight doesn't endorse any particular diet. Weight is recorded weekly and kept confidential. For more information, call 721-6624 or 425-3922.

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Lorene Green

A.N., Troy

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Dear A.N.,

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An element of optimism about your goals can be seen. Enthusiasm surfaces when you are doing the things you most enjoy.

Mental challenges provide stimulation for you. Do you enjoy doing the daily crossword puzzle and bridge hands? In all you do you

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strive for perfection and are not satisfied with anything less than your best effort. People around you soon learn you are both reliable and realistic.

You are particular about the things you want and can be a tad aggressive about going after them. I

might also add there are many things that you desire. You seem to have some natural ability or interest for working with figures and the money that numbers represent.

Past experiences have a way of impacting heavily upon you. It is difficult for you to forgive and forget

when you feel you have been wronged. A tad of sarcasm is ready when you feel the need to defend yourself.

You enjoy a lively discussion. Once you arrive at a decision you can be rather firmly based. You also appear to enjoy having your own way.

Socially, you tend to cultivate those people who share similar interests. Your personal life is closely guarded. Few people are permitted to share your innermost feelings.

An innate eye for aesthetics is suggested by the placement of your handwriting. This would be reflected both in your home and in your personal appearance.

If you would like to have your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please use a full sheet of white unlined paper, writing in the first person signature. Age, handedness and full signature are all helpful. Lorene Green regrets that time does not allow her to mail out personal replies.

singles connection

WESTSIDE

Westside Singles will have a dance Friday, Dec. 7, at Warren Valley Country Club, 28116 W. Warren Road, west of Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights. The dance is open to people 21 and older. Dressy attire is required. For information, call 562-3160.

TRI-COUNTY

Tri-County Singles will have a dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at Warren Valley Country Club, 28116 W. Warren, Dearborn Heights. Admission is \$4; \$2 for women. For information, call 842-7422.

SATURDAY WESTSIDE

Saturday Night Singles Westside will have a dance Saturday, Dec. 8, at Stefan's Hall, Warren and Telegraph roads. Women admitted for \$1. For information, call 277-4242.

WEDNESDAY DANCE

Wednesday Suburban Singles will have a dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesdays at Bonnie Brook Country Club, Telegraph and Eight Mile roads. Admission is \$3. For information, call 842-0443.

VOYAGERS

Voyagers Singles, a group for those 45 and older, will meet 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, at St. Paul Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. Carolyn Arlen of Carolyn's Creations of Northville will conduct a Christmas class where people will design a holiday centerpiece. Cost is \$15 a person. For reservations, call 591-1350.

US SINGLETONS

The US Singletons will have an Christmas dinner social at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at the New Hawthorne Valley, 7300 Merriman Road, north of Warren, Westland. For information, write US Singletons, P.O. Box 2175, Fort Dearborn Station, Dearborn 48123.

MIXED BOWLING

Voyagers Singles is looking for people 30 and older and single for its mixed singles bowling league. The league bowls 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Merri-Bowl Lanes, Five Mile and Merriman, Livonia. For information, call 591-1350.

CHERRY HILL SINGLES

Cherry Hill Singles have moved their Wednesday suppers to Big Boy's Banquet Room, Ford Road, west of Southfield. The meetings are 6-7:30 p.m.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church presents BYOS, an evening of recreation with tennis,

volleyball, wallyball, swimming and basketball for single adults 30 and older. The program will take place 8 p.m. to midnight the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at the Livonia Family YMCA, Stark Road. Children can attend for \$1 each. Tickets for adults are \$5 a person.

Single Point Ministries also meets at 10:45 a.m. Sundays at Ward Church, 17000 Farmington Road, at the corner of Six Mile, Livonia. Single Point Ministries is for single adults 30 and older. For information, call 422-1854.

The Never Married auxiliary of Single Point Ministries meets the third Tuesday of each month at the church. For information, call 422-1854.

FRIDAY SUPER SINGLES

Friday Super Singles - BBT will have a Christmas Holidays dance party 7:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at the Bonnie Brook Country Club, Telegraph Road, south of Eight Mile Road. Admission is \$3. For information, call 649-4184.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

New Life, in cooperation with Parents Without Partners International Inc., meets 8 p.m. every second and fourth Friday of the month at the Wayne ArmVets, 1217 S. Merriman (between Cherry Hill and Palmer). For more information, call 675-6313.

The Wayne/Westland Chapter of Parents Without Partners, a single parent support group, meets 8 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month at AmVets Post 171, on Merriman, Cherry Hill east of Venoy. There will be a speaker at 8:30 p.m., followed by a dance at 9:30 p.m. For information, call 421-7075.

Livonia/Redford Chapter No. 130 has its general meetings and dances 9 p.m. to midnight the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at Mama Mia's Restaurant, Plymouth Road between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Livonia. For information, call 624-5981.

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Belleville Lighthouse Pentecostal Church will hold its Christmas bazaar 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 6-8. The church is at 51185 Willis, off Rawsonville Road. There will be a spaghetti dinner 1-6 p.m. Saturday. Handcrafted bears and bunnies, pil-

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formation, call 229-4885.

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Greenwood Villa Senior Apartments, 7600 Nankin Court, west of Wayne Road, north of Warren Road, Westland will have a craft sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 6-8. For information, call 261-3200.

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Handcrafters Unlimited will have

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clarification

In a story appearing in the Nov. 29 edition of The Observer should have indicated that donations of cakes and frostings for birthday celebrations at First Step, the western Wayne County program on domestic violence, came from the congregation of Nativity United Church of Christ in Livonia. The Rev. Don Lintelman is the pastor.

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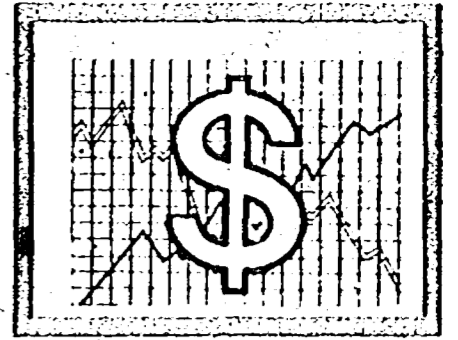
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Season's Greetings?

Get started now to ease tax crunch

By Doug Funke
staff writer

You can sigh, pout and grouse, but you still have to pay.

Federal income taxes, that is. Although returns aren't due for another four months, the tax year for most individuals ends Dec. 31. You have until then to position yourself to minimize the crunch.

"Conventional advice is to defer income until next year and accelerate deductions this year," said Michael Licastro, a certified public accountant and tax specialist with Ernst & Young.

But changes in the tax rates for 1991 may prompt some wealthier taxpayers to accelerate income now — if possible — and pay at the marginal rate of 28 percent rather than 31 percent next year, Licastro said.

That strategy might be especially attractive to filers of joint returns with taxable income in excess of \$162,770 or singles with taxable income of more than \$97,600.

EXEMPTIONS will be phased out next year for joint filers with adjusted gross incomes exceeding \$150,000 and single taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes of more than \$100,000. Itemized deductions will be reduced for all taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes in excess of \$100,000.

All the more reason why high wage earners may want to investigate accelerating income this year.

How exactly do you accelerate income?

Bonuses normally earned this year and paid next and accrued vacation wages earned for 1991 could be distributed this year. Investors can turn to treasury bills which pay interest immediately.

Dan Maher, a CPA and tax partner with Deloitte & Touche, wonders whether a difference of 3 to 4 percent on marginal rates is worth a lot of machinations even for the rich.

One federal deduction commonly overlooked by taxpayers in Michigan is the annual license tab fee for cars. That fee, now based on value rather than weight, can be claimed as a personal property tax on Schedule A.

"It makes a little sense to accelerate income, but it's not a tremendous savings. That is a narrow spread to go to a lot of unnatural lengths to accelerate income or deductions," Maher said.

Capital losses sustained since a dive in the stock markets in August could be used to offset capital gains realized earlier in the year. But tax experts caution that investments should be based primarily on economic grounds rather than on tax implications.

The standard deduction this year jumps to \$3,250 from \$3,100 for singles, \$5,450 from \$5,200 for marrieds filing joint.

You don't have to be Daddy Warbucks to load up on deductions to offset taxable income.

You can prepay property taxes and make a 13th mortgage payment in a year to claim the interest portion of the extra payment.

CHARITABLE contributions made by Dec. 31 can be deducted this year.

The deduction for personal interest payments declines to 10 percent this year and is phased out entirely for 1991.

"I would really encourage people who still have personal loans to take another look," Maher said. "The simplest solution is to pay them off. Another alternative is a home equity

loan. My impression is pricing and interest rates have become more competitive in the last year or two."

A fully-deductible Individual Retirement Account contribution, if a taxpayer qualifies, can be made right up until returns are filed.

While it's too late now to defer income into a qualifying 401(k) retirement accounts, consider joining the program if offered through your employer early on in 1991.

ONE FEDERAL deduction commonly overlooked by taxpayers in Michigan is the annual license tab fee for cars. That fee, now based on value rather than weight, can be claimed as a personal property tax on Schedule A.

A 10-percent excise tax on expensive cars, boats, jewelry and furs kicks in Jan. 1. So if you're thinking about buying a car worth \$40,000 (a luxury tax of \$1,000 would apply), you will save money if you make the purchase by the end of this year.

More taxpayers should be able to file the simpler Form 1040A this year, said Elyc Maccani, spokeswoman for the Internal Revenue Service.

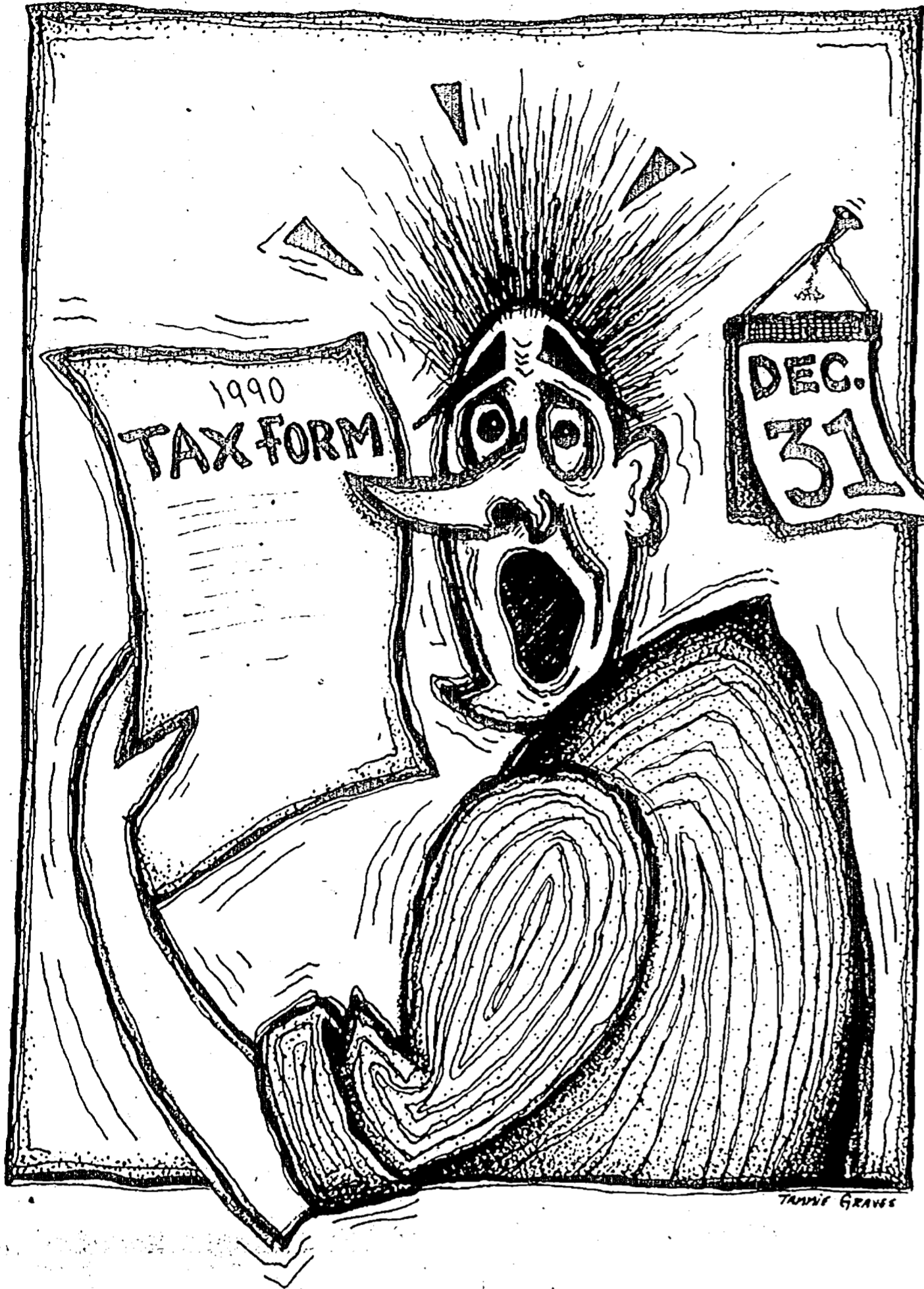
The form has been revised to include income from Social Security and pensions and credits for the elderly and disabled.

TAXPAYERS who are their own bosses will face a higher self-employment tax rate (15.3 percent this year compared to 13.02 percent), but will be able to deduct half of self-employment tax paid.

"The effect is pretty much a wash," said Scott Koll, a CPA with a private practice in Canton and Troy. "There's no big benefit, I believe."

If you're at the lower end of the income spectrum, check to see if you qualify for the earned income credit. You probably do if your wages are less than \$20,284 and a child lives with you.

Tax planning should be an ongoing process rather than an annual December scramble. "They should be looking at it throughout the year," Licastro said.



To discharge humanely

By Janice Brunson
staff writer

Successful termination — it's an euphemism for being fired, but with a twist.

You've just been axed from your job and while experiencing the rage, disbelief and shock that is typical of such an awful event, your employer is trying to soften the blow by doing it under the best possible circumstances.

In increasing numbers, employers are turning to "outplacement" or career transition consultants to "successfully terminate" employees who are not performing up to par or are caught in cutbacks due to a soured economy or other reasons.

Firing an employee is never pleasant. "It's the least desirable part of our job, the number one worst thing," said Phil Bissell, a manager of employee relations for Federal Mogul, an international automotive supplier with offices in Southfield.

While Bissell is unwilling to describe the firm's exit interview for fired employees, he did say the company is increasingly turning to transition consultants to ease the departure process.

Drake Beam Morin (DBM), an international consulting firm formerly of Birmingham and now of Troy, provided services this year to some 100,000 clients who lost jobs, according to vice president Jim Tutorow.

Experts in human relations, DBM counselors attempt to place as positive a spin as possible on an otherwise onerous event.

"EARLY MORNING ON MONDAY," Tutorow said, explaining the ideal time for a firing. "Imagine, interfacing all day with someone you're going to fire at 4 p.m. Get the job done."

In addition, a Monday termination permits time enough during the week for the fired employee to seek professional support and employment advice elsewhere.

Tutorow said it is important to prepare beforehand an exact script of the termination notice. During the interview, come directly to the point. Provide a list of all severance benefits in writing.

Ideally, the fired employee is then referred directly to transitional counseling services like those pro-

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vided by Tutorow.

"We concentrate on recognizing a person's skills and interests, what they have to offer and what they like to do. You'd be surprised how many say, 'I should have left 15 years ago. I hated it. Now I have the opportunity.'"

Typically, staff morale and production suffers following a termination, especially in the event of mass firings for economic or other reasons. To minimize the effect, "survivors" or employees who are retained must be told what has been done and why, and given an complete explanation of expected changes.

"If done well," reads the introduction to a handbook Tutorow supplies to clients, "people will feel that they have been treated with dignity. Their self-esteem will have been protected. They will leave the organization feeling as positive as possible."

"I WAS VP of human resources for Chatham Super Markets when they filed chapter 11 in 1982. I was 54 years old and still had a child in junior high," said Sam Ray, president of The Transition Team in Troy. Ray also found himself out of work and in desperate need of a new job.

Drawing on this experience, as well as his experience as a transition consultant, Ray describes typical termination scenarios, from both an employee and employer point of view.

Case I: "The employee is not measuring up. He or she may be in denial but intellectually, they know they're not measuring up. Eventually the employer says, 'We can't put up with this any longer.'"

"The employer does one of two things, fires the person outright or says, 'We share your problem. We want to provide you with the help you need to get on with your life.'"

If "sharing" the problem, the employer provides severance pay and medical insurance as a financial bridge to a new job or career. Transitional services assists former employees in redirecting skills and interests into new employment.

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TERMINATION TIPS

Here's some tips for conducting a successful termination from "Manager Training Handouts, Terminated Employees," by Drake Beam Morin.

Delivering the message

DO'S

Invite the person to sit down. Get right to the point. Be clear about the action taken.

State, why, what and when.

DON'TS

Say "Good morning, good to see you."

Use humor.

Be apologetic.

Engage in small talk.

Managing Reactions

DO'S

Listen.

Wait for employee response. Restate message if necessary.

Keep to the script.

Provide structure.

DON'TS

Defend, argue, justify.

Discuss other employees.

Use platitudes or gratuitous comments.

Try to minimize or offer false hope.

Structuring Next Steps

DO'S

Clarify official separation date.

Review separation package.

Explain logistics for leaving the company.

Close and agree to meet again if appropriate.

DON'TS

Allow the meeting to go on too long.

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Lisa Kujawa has been appointed associate director of admissions for the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Kujawa had been assistant di-

rector of admissions with Mercy College, having originally joined the staff as an admissions counselor upon her graduation from Mercy with a bachelor of arts degree in organizational psychology.

Jim Harb joined the Selective Group as sales coordinator for St. Lawrence Estates, a condominium community in Northville. He had

been with Weir, Manuel, Snyder and Ranke of Plymouth.

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Firing a worker can be humane

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Case II: An employee is caught in corporate down-sizing or staff reductions, due to a sluggish economy, corporate streamlining or a merger or acquisition between two firms that no longer need two complete staffs.

"Every firm has circumstances for layoffs, not just hard times," Ray said.

The Transition Team steps in, offering career planning from an inventory of existing skills to writing resumes. Other options include launching a business or early retirement. A psychological assessment may also be provided.

"A TYPICAL PROFILE," muses Dodie David of Jannotta, Bray & Associates in Southfield. David manages the firm's program aimed at middle-level managers who are frequently "squeezed out of jobs" in the event of corporate mergers and buyouts.

"They're in their late 30s or early 40s and moving up on the career track. Their trauma is great," equivalent to the death of a loved one or a divorce.

Fortunately, they are easily placed in new positions, but "they have to work very, very hard in their search" for new employment.

David is retained by employers,

normally for a percentage of the fired employee's salary. In recent years, she has seen the transition industry mushroom, primarily as a result of "the corporate merger and acquisition mania." In the past two years, business has held constant.

Ralph Mortensen of RHR International in Southfield, a doctor of psychology (as are all RHR consultants), said this year there has been a 15-percent increase in inquiries about transition counseling.

In addition, some 20 percent of the firm's clients have eliminated staff positions during the same period of time.

"The executives I talk with never look at the decision to reduce the work force as an easy thing to do. It's always a tough choice to make, always agonizing."

While U.S.-based firms are increasingly providing transition benefits, they are still less generous than their cousins in other western nations, according to Mortensen.

In Canada, for example, a fired employee, even when termination is justified for something as severe as embezzlement, is entitled to 15 months severance salary. Citizens of Germany and Scandinavia enjoy similar benefits, as well as great job security, he said.

"There's some movement (in the same direction) here."

datebook

● BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT Thursday, Dec. 6 — Evening seminar, "Writing a Business Plan," in

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● TECHNOLOGY FAIR Sunday, Dec. 9 — Computer and Technology fair 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Livonia Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Drive at I-275 and Six Mile near Newburgh. Admission: \$2. Information: 562-3641. Sponsor: Metro Productions Inc.

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● SMALL BUSINESS DIRECTORY Copies of the free "Small Business Resource Directory" are available at all National Bank of Detroit offices. The booklet, produced by New Detroit and NBD, offers resource information for operators of small businesses.


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● WOMEN'S ECONOMIC CLUB Tuesday, Jan. 22 — Women's Economic Club member exhibition at the Westin Hotel in Detroit. Speaker: Robin Sternbergh, vice president and area general manager for IBM Corp. Information: 963-5088.

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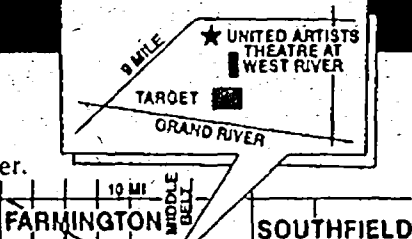
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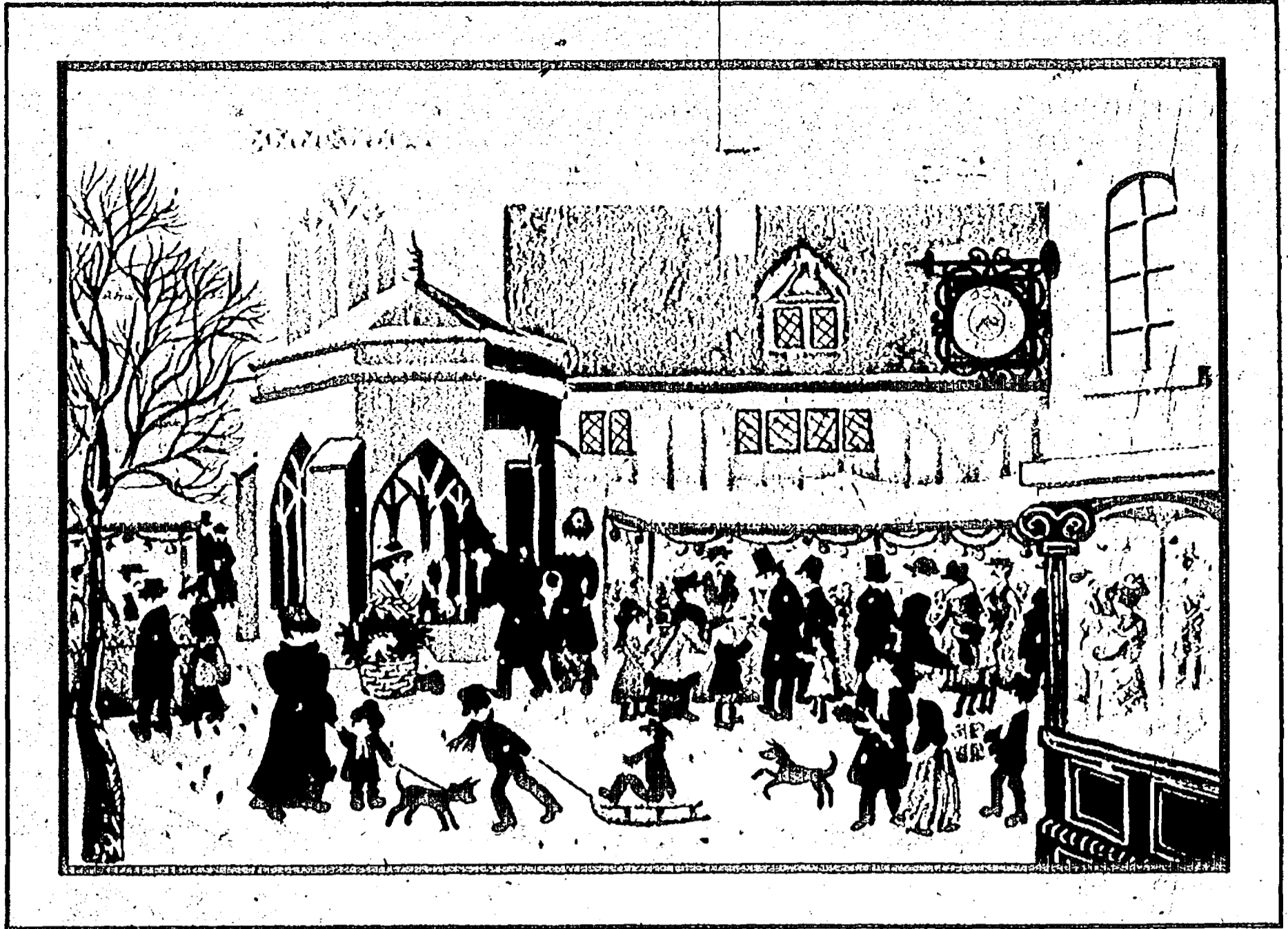
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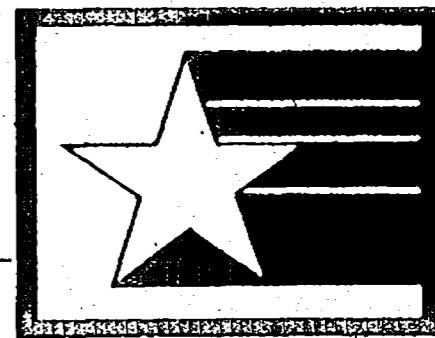


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Hollywood trip takes determination

By Dan Greenberg
special writer

WHAT DOES A TICKET from Detroit to Hollywood cost?

"The bottom line is inner determination," according to Scott Spiegel, graduate of Groves High School in Birmingham, who co-authored the screenplay for Clint Eastwood's latest film "The Rookie," opening Friday throughout the metropolitan area.

Spiegel, who was born in Detroit, spent a year at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills after his 1976 graduation from Groves. "That is," he said, "when I began to take film seriously."

His experience in those years included acting for Sam Raimi and Bruce Campbell in their 1979 production "Within the Woods." He also toiled on special effects for Raimi and Campbell's first well-known effort, "Evil Dead I." As with many other dedicated young Detroit-area filmmakers, he worked at whatever jobs he could in those days. In Spiegel's case that meant clerking at

a grocery store while producing short films.

"Cleveland Smith, Bounty Hunter" was a 10-minute parody of "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and "Toro, Toro, Toro" about a runaway grasscutter. Both were 16mm films Spiegel sold to HBO in cable's early days when a nationwide search was underway for any and all programs. The cable system's enormous capacity for material created opportunities for many filmmakers. He also sold "Toro, Toro, Toro" to the U.S. Army.

SPIEGEL WRITELY remarked, "I think they made a mistake and thought it was 'Tora! Tora! Tora!' (a 1970 film about the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor).

"I got a lot of mileage out of those two films," Spiegel said. "They were also in a weird compilation, 'Filmhouse Fever,' a vignette piece where a couple of guys go to watch films."

Spiegel appeared in Sam Raimi's 1983 production "Crimewave." "Then I turned 'Cleveland Smith' into the lowest-budget feature ever made, Josh Becker's 'Thou Shall Not Kill Except . . .'" which Spiegel produced and co-wrote. "It was in-

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valuable hands-on experience — baptism by fire," Spiegel said. "I learned what not to do."

"Then Sam Raimi asked me to write 'Evil Dead II' which was shot in '86 and '87," he said. Another one of Spiegel's shorts, "Attack of the Helping Hand," was a film spoof of the Hamburger Helper commercials. The title describes the plot. "Sam Raimi liked it so much," Spiegel said, "that he dropped it into 'Evil Dead II.'"

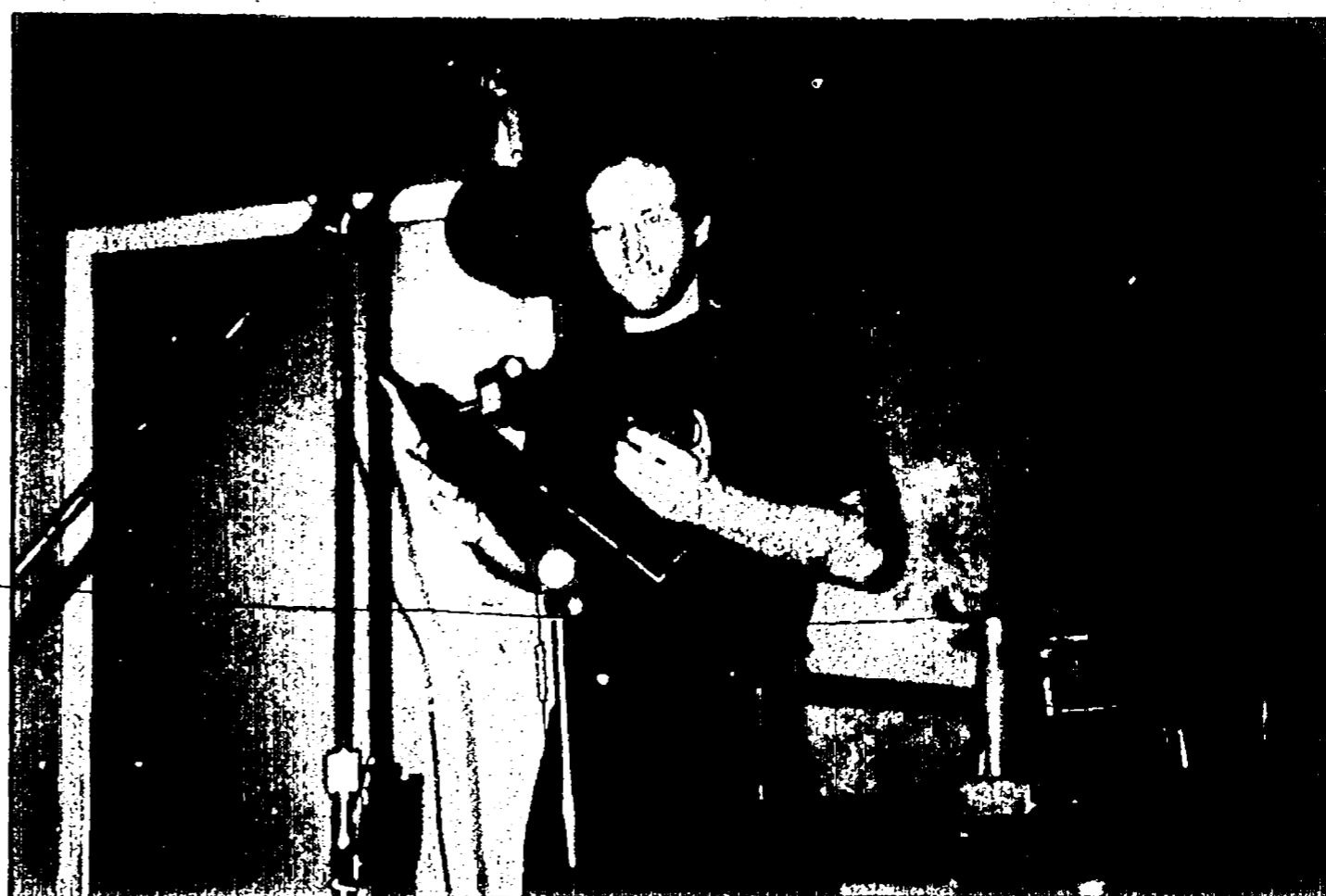
"Everyone needs guidance and people to tell you how things are done. But ultimately it's got to come from within," Spiegel said. In 1987, with that inner determination in high gear, he moved to Hollywood where he rewrote scripts for Bill Lustig's low-budget productions including "Hit List" with Jan-Michael Vincent.

NEXT HE MADE "Night Crew" with Charlie Band at Empire Picture. Filmed in two weeks on a \$130,000 budget — "What I shot was what I got" — "Night Crew" was sold by Band to Paramount which renamed it "Intruder" and cut it to receive an R rating. "Ironically," Spiegel said, "my \$130,000 feature was marketed under Paramount's \$400,000 computer-generated logo."

Originally intended as an unrated film, "Intruder" is about people trapped in a supermarket and being picked off by a homicidal maniac. The special effects folks were Fangoria people, who featured a severed head from the film on the cover of Gorezone, one of the sci-fi fantasy/horror magazines.

Some of the stores selling Gorezone pulled the magazine from their racks. The negative publicity was heightened when the uncut version, which was selling well in England, got pulled after the distribution company was fined \$500,000.

Why all this interest in horror/slasher stories among young filmmakers like Spiegel, Sam Raimi and so many others? "Ever since I was a kid I saw horror films with my dad," Spiegel said, "and I grew up during the monster craze of the '60s. There



Scott Spiegel (above), who went to school in Birmingham and Farmington Hills, shares screenwriting credits with Boaz Yakin for "The Rookie," directed by Clint Eastwood.

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THE PUBLICITY generated by "Intruder" led Spiegel to working with Boaz Yakin, and the concept for "The Rookie" developed. "We wrote it together, and by this time I was with his agency," Spiegel said. The script was sold a year-and-a-half ago for \$500,000, and Charlie Sheen was attached to the project. Then it was given to Clint Eastwood who liked it and decided to direct as well as star in the production.

"The Rookie" features Eastwood as a veteran cop whose partner is murdered by a villainous car thief, Strom (Raul Julia), whose bizarre girlfriend, Liesel (Sonja Braga), doubles as Strom's chief hit-person. Eastwood's new partner is David Ackerman (Charlie Sheen), a young man whose mission is to prove his courage and reliability.

The all-star cast features Tom Skerritt as David's father.

Spiegel and Yakin met with Eastwood for one major change on the

script and a few minor ones. "He is so professional," Spiegel said. "It was a thrilling moment because his knowledge of film is just incredible. He made sure everything was to the letter. He knew exactly what he wanted."

Eastwood allowed both Spiegel and Boaz to appear in the film.

Spiegel is a baggage-carrier in the airport scene. Spiegel also worked on "The Rookie" set as a script consultant, although by this time he was directing "The Nutty Nut," which he co-wrote with Sam Raimi and Ron Zwig. That's an IVE Caroloco production film featuring Ione Skye, Tracey Lords and Pat Boone.

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Clint Eastwood plays a veteran cop and Charlie Sheen is his new partner in "The Rookie."

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FAMILY THEATER

Family Dinner Theater presents "Prince Featherhead" by Ann Arbor Goodtime Players, for ages 3 to adult, at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City. Tickets are \$5 in advance. The dinner menu is pizza. For more information call 525-8846.

AUDITIONS OPEN

The Theatre Guild in Redford will hold auditions for "The Road to Mecca" by Athol Fugard at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10. Needed are one man, age range 30-60, and two females, age range mid-20s, and 30-plus capable of playing 70. For more information call Rebecca Smith at 537-4145.

AIDS DOCUMENTARY

Harvey Ovshinsky's documentary about living with AIDS "Tony and Friends: A Celebration of Life" will be presented at a screening to benefit Wellness House on Friday, Dec. 7, at the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce Presentation Center. The benefit is presented by the Detroit/Michigan Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in association with WTWS, Channel 56, and WXYZ, Channel 7. A minimum \$25 per person contribution to Wellness House includes a reception at 6 p.m. followed by the-

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MOLIERE COMEDY

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AT NICKY'S

The annual "Christmas Sing-Along," by the Auxiliary to the Salvation Army, will be held during lunch Friday, Dec. 7, at Nicky's in Troy. Hosts Nick Sorise and John Reaser present music by the Salvation Army Brass Ensemble Strolling Musicians. Bob Allison and Dixiebelles head up the celebrity song leaders. For reservations call 362-1262.

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BENEFIT SHOW

Earth Community Concerts and Coffee House will be presented from

7:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at the Birmingham Unitarian Church in Bloomfield Hills. Performances include the band Leopold, experimental fusion; Mary McGuire, Hideko Mills and Barb Barton, acoustic folk/rock/blues; Billy Brandt and Mitch Druckman, acoustic space blues; Marie Mason and Sophia; acoustic folk and Celtic; Passengers; progressive folk/jazz/blues; Laughing Hicks, experimental, avant-garde, rock and poetry. The show is a benefit for Baldwin Avenue Shelter for the homeless, in Pontiac. There will be an open mike from 7:30-9:30 p.m., and the Vegan Kitchen will be open throughout the night. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information call 548-7235 or 541-8853. The night of the concert only, call 644-9604.

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\$8 for students and senior citizens, and \$4 for children under 12. For more information call the Wayne State University theater box office at 577-2960.

AUDITIONS OPEN

St. Bede Players announces auditions for its spring production of "Iolanthe" by Gilbert and Sullivan from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, and 7-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, in the St. Bede Social Hall in Southfield. For more information call 557-6527 or 557-7245.

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Choral Society at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at the Prudential Town Center Atrium. The diverse program includes a medley of Broadway show-toppers, "Rock of Ages," a Hanukkah Medley, Randall Thompson's "Alleluia" and Christmas melodies. Tickets are \$5 for continental breakfast served at 10 a.m. or \$3.50 for concert and coffee only. For reservations and information call 354-4717.

KIDS CONCERTS

Mr. Grump and the Clown will perform at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, presented by the Cultural Arts Division of Parks and Recreation. The Kids Concert will be held in the Parks and Recreation building, room 115, at the Civic Center. Tickets at

\$2.25 may be purchased at the door or ordered from Cultural Arts at 354-4717.

HOLIDAY FANTASY

"A Vintage Christmas" continues through Sunday, Dec. 9, at Meadow Brook Hall at Oakland University in Rochester Hills. The 100-room auto baron mansion has been turned into a holiday fantasy by 33 floral designers and display artists. "A Vintage Christmas" is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 6 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 7-8. Last tickets will be sold one hour before closing time. General admission is \$6 weekdays; \$8 Saturday and Sunday; children under 13 and OU affiliates, \$4 all days. For reservations or additional information, call Meadow Brook Hall at 370-3140.

FRANKLIN VILLAGE

Holly Day Highlights will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, in Franklin Village. Includes are a band concert, 7-7:45 p.m. and "An Original and Whimsical Historical Play" written by Villager David Roberts at 8 p.m. For more information call 855-1576.

PUPPET THEATER

"Little Red Riding Hood" will be presented through December at Meadow Brook Village Mall in Rochester Hills. Showtimes are at 7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. The mall with a turn-of-the-century theme features the only permanent children's puppet theater in this part of the country. A new presentation based on adaptations from fairy tale

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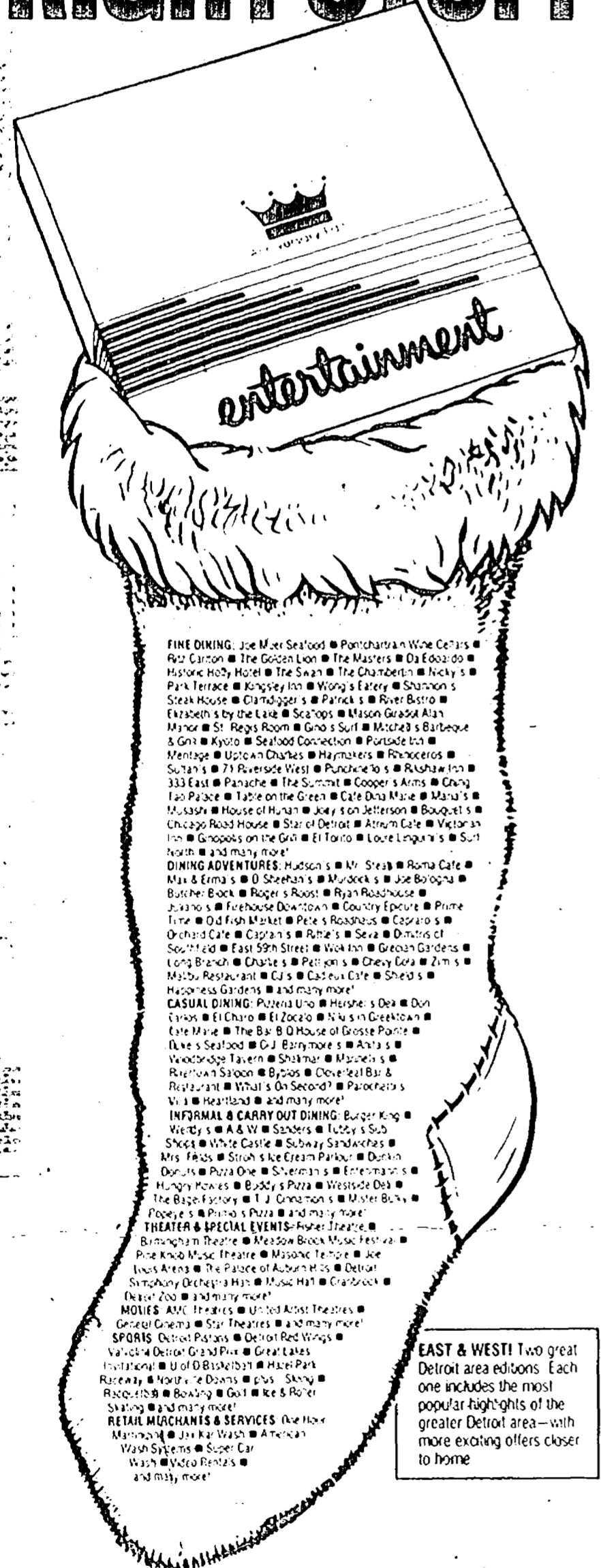
SUPPER THEATRE

The Peanut Butter Players, professional children's theater, will give a holiday presentation at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at Historic Trinity in Detroit. Supper will be followed by a performance of the Peanut Butter Players' "Christmas," with music by Richard Berent. For reservations at \$13 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under, call the church office at 567-3100.

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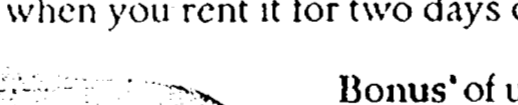
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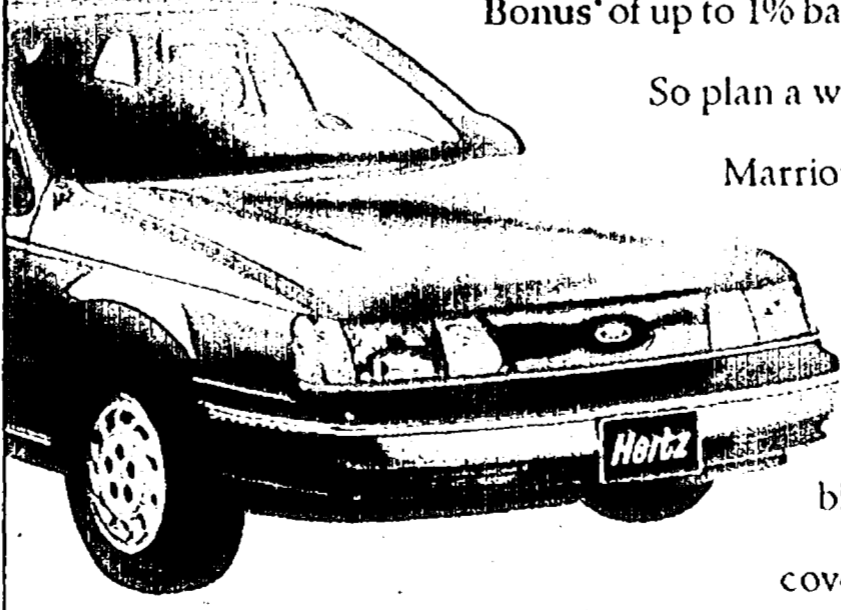
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Hope is the message of 'A Christmas Carol'

Performances of "A Christmas Carol" at Meadow Brook Theatre continue through Sunday, Dec. 30, on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. For ticket information call 377-3300.

By Mary Jane Doerr
special writer

As Ebenezer Scrooge, Booth Colman

man takes center stage just after his partner's ghost, Jacob Marley, disappears in the window with a burst of light. It was only a dream, he says to the audience.

"No it wasn't," a child in the audience answered softly, at a performance last weekend.

Meadow Brook Theatre's production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" is very real to children



Mary Jane Doerr

and adults. As it has for eight years, director Charles Nolte's delightful adaptation continues to transcend designer Peter Hicks' 19th century English setting with a universal message of hope.

It is the very simplicity of this production and its adherence to Dickens' own story that keeps it a box-office draw. Nolte lets the lessons of Dickens speak to all of us, through the charm of English Christmas customs and the surprises of his theatrical tricks.

THE MOMENT we arrive at the theater, an octet takes us back in time to England with caroling of traditional tunes: "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "What Child Is This," "Deck the Halls" and wassailing songs. Music director Donald Daniels can take credit for the well-blended vocal group.

As Scrooge himself admits, his is not a very pleasant name — which is remembered more for his greediness than his change of character. He was

mas Present is that of Joseph Reed, who has done this production for the past eight years.

This American show mixes English Christmas traditions — of gifts; folk dances; "yes and no" games, and meals of goose, stuffing, mashed potatoes, apples and oranges, and brandy sauce puddings — with German customs — of Christmas trees and decorations. It does not matter that Christmas trees are not mentioned in the book and that in Dickens' native country, English pantomimes are more popular.

What matters is the message of "A Christmas Carol" that is so easily appreciated at Meadow Brook. The hope of Christmas is that Scrooge does change. The future is not carved in stone. The die has not been cast. Scrooge's tombstone has no epitaph.

Mary Jane Doerr of Troy is a fulltime teacher and freelance writer who specializes in opera and musical theater.



Booth Colman plays Ebenezer Scrooge, the miser transformed into a generous man.

table talk

Best of show

Schoolcraft College of Livonia's Culinary Arts Salon Team received the best of show award for culinary schools at the recent Expo Gast '90 competition in Luxembourg and won gold medals in several individual competitions. Individual gold medalists were Executive Chef Mary Brady and students Don Brago, Kim Larson and Shawn Loving. More than 1,000 international chefs competed in the World Cup event.

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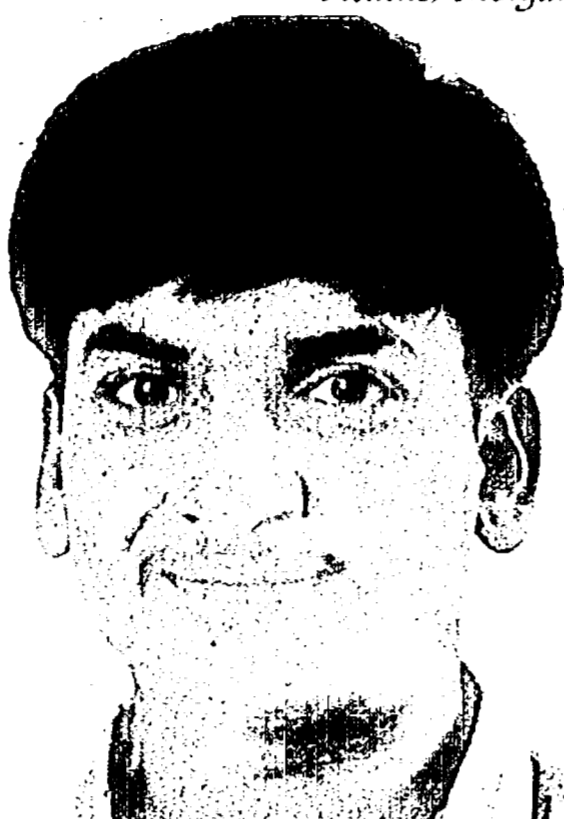
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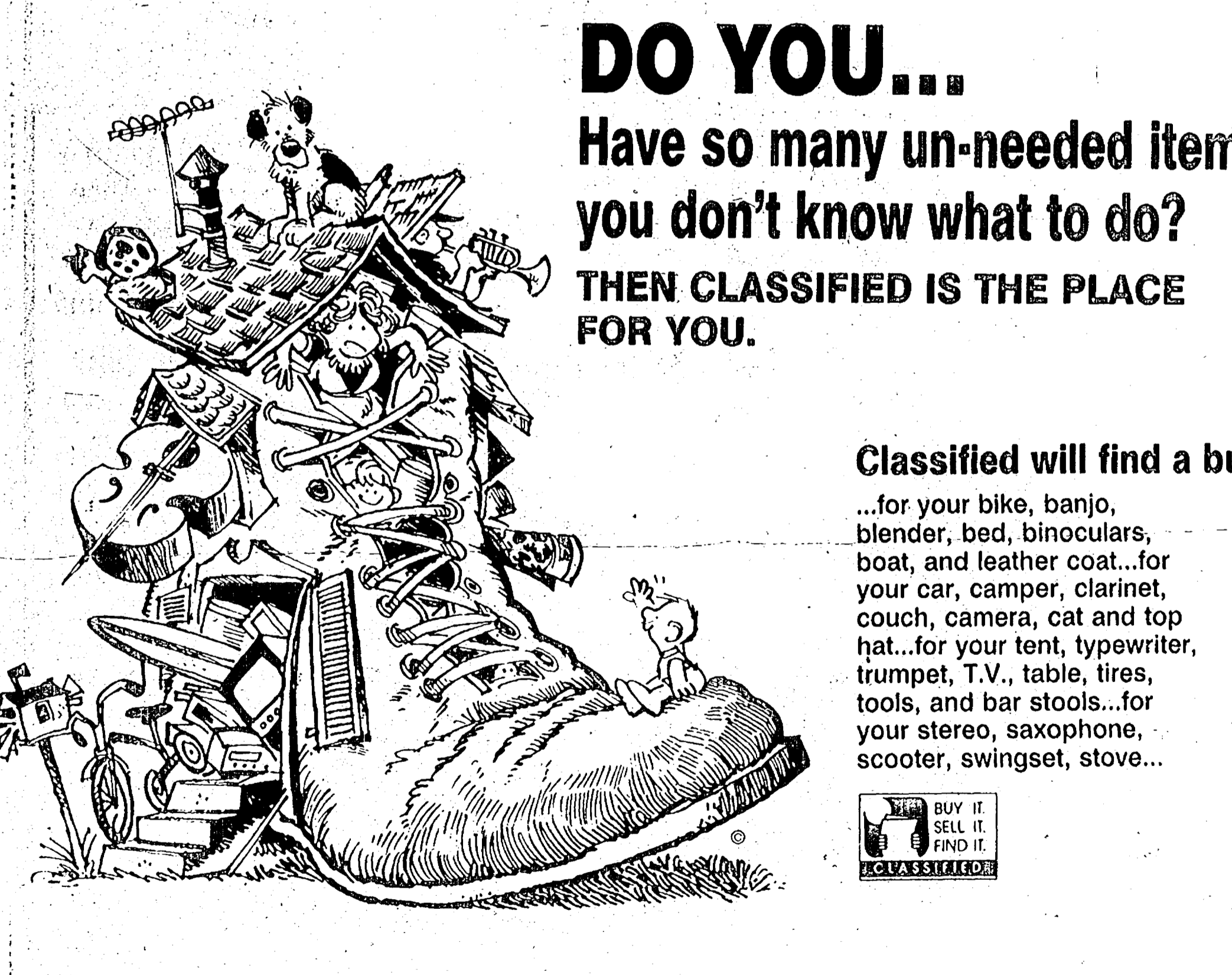
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Area club hosting Christmas event

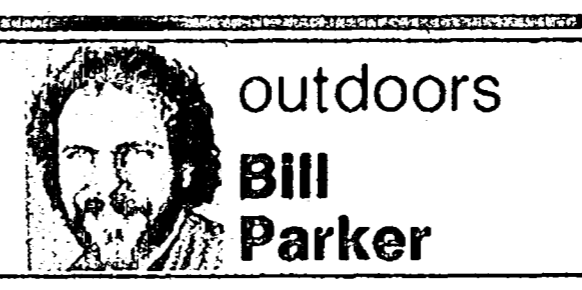
The biggest event of the year for area club gymnasts takes place this weekend at Eastern Michigan University...

gymnastics

belong to Michigan Academy. The quartet consists of Devon and Danelle Cunningham, Shawna Gunnis and Carrie Thompson...

Record sunfish catch in Oakland

IN THE EYES OF the deer hunter there are bucks, trophy bucks and record-book bucks. Such is the case with most hunters, and anglers as well...



outdoors Bill Parker

140-pound four-point which bounded off into a nearby swamp. He decided to spend the night and wait until morning to retrieve the deer...

tree blind in Oakland County. On Nov. 30, Simmers dropped a four-point with his muzzleloader in a swamp in Lapeer County...

Churchill romps again; Shamrocks edged, 5-4

Livonia Churchill's high-powered scoring attack was at it again Saturday. The Chargers made it three straight victories on the young season...

hockey

4: Catholic Central suffered its second straight one-goal defeat Saturday at the hands of Michigan Metro League opponent Grosse Pointe South...

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

- Dec. 7 - Muzzleloading deer season begins in Zone I.
• Dec. 11 - Winter elk season begins in designated areas.

outdoors calendar

- Jan. 1 - Archery deer season ends statewide.
• Jan. 1 - Squirrel season ends statewide.
• Jan. 1 - Ruffed grouse season ends in Zones II and III.

urday and Sunday at the Kensington Farm Center. Tickets are \$4 per person and advanced registration is required.

A Stomach's Guide to Holiday Plants, a nature program about holiday plants, begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at Indian Springs.

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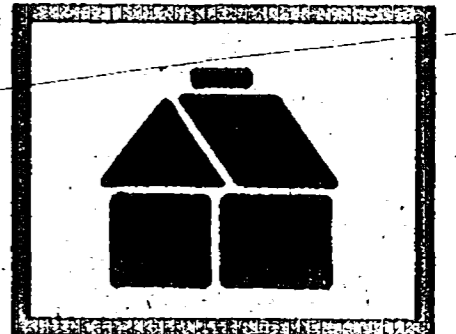
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Country Lane Flower Shops' floral arrangement brightens the great room of this Coventry Gardens home in Livonia. The tile steps lead to the dining area.



A centerpiece of greenery, flags and ornaments cast the Hill House dining room at Greenmead in a patriotic glow.

photos by JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

Friends hosting walk to benefit Greenmead

By Janice Tigar-Kramer
special writer

FOR A glimpse behind the doors of seven private homes cheerfully decorated for the holidays, consider Livonia's annual Christmas Walk from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8.

Advance tickets are \$5 at Greenmead Historical Village, Livonia City Hall and all Livonia libraries, or \$8 the day of the walk at Greenmead's Hill House (use the Newburgh Road entrance).

Booklets with a tour map and description of each house will be available only on Saturday at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, or at the Hill House. Tour goers also may go through the historic Hill House, a Greek Revival style farmhouse, which will be decorated in a bright, patriotic theme.

'We want to dispel the notion that Livonia is a cookie-cutter community. We have a cross-section of home styles here that date back to the turn of the century.'

— Theresa Jaye,
walk chairwoman

The Friends for the Development of Greenmead sponsors the second annual Christmas Walk. Proceeds will be used to restore Greenmead's Alexander Blue House, an Italianate style house built before 1850 and the former home of Alexander Blue, once a county auditor, township su-

pervisor and justice of the peace. Plans call for the 13-room house to be used as a conference center and reception hall for Greenmead's nearby chapel.

BESIDES BEING a major fundraiser, the Christmas walk is one way for the city to exhibit its diverse architecture.

"We want to dispel the notion that Livonia is a cookie-cutter community," said Theresa Jaye, walk chairwoman. "We have a cross-section of home styles here that date back to the turn of the century."

Each home on the walk will be filled with holiday flowers and decorations donated by one of six Livonia florists. One homeowner plans her own decorating this year. The Livonia Historical Society will decorate eight rooms of the 149-year-old Hill House.

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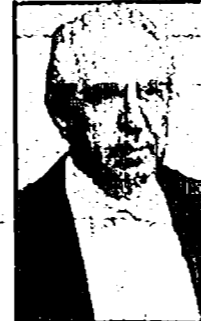
Symphony stages 'The Nutcracker'



Bettina Sulser of New York will perform the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy in Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Ballet.

By Linda Ann Chomin
special writer

Before the evening ended, trumpets would announce the violins, then a single crash of a cymbal resounding through the rehearsal hall would awaken the 1990 holiday season with the magic music of "The Nutcracker" by Peter Ilyitch Tchaikovsky.



In an hour and a half, the Livonia Symphony Orchestra's rehearsal, under the direction of Francesco DiBlasi, would begin with Tchaikovsky's March of the Trumpets.

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra, along with the Contemporary Civic Ballet under director Rose Marie Floyd, will present two performances of Tchaikovsky's Suite from the Ballet, "The Nutcracker," on Friday-Saturday, Dec. 7-8, in the

Churchill High School Auditorium, Livonia.

"We are importing two dancers from the American Ballet Theater for "The Nutcracker," said Francesco Di Blasi, conductor of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

Bettina Sulser and Fritz Masten are the New York dancers who will perform roles in "The Nutcracker," Sulser as the Sugar Plum Fairy and Masten as the Cavalier and Snow King. Sulser has danced professionally since 1984 with the American Ballet Theater under artistic director Mikhail Baryshnikov.

At 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and the Contemporary Civic Ballet will present the full production of "The Nutcracker" with Sulser and Masten.

At 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, the orchestra and ballet will present Act II of "The Nutcracker," Gene Autry's "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" with guest conductor, Santa Claus; "Toy Symphony" by Haydn; "Disney

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Fritz Masten will perform the roles of the Cavalier and Snow King in the Livonia production of "The Nutcracker."

She's a deserving award winner; Smile and Say Read

TAPPING THE creative pipeline:
• She's Co to those of us who work with her.

And it's no surprise Corinne Abatt of the Observer & Eccentric staff was one of nine 1990 Governor's Arts Awards winners Monday at a lavish dinner at the Clubland in Detroit.

The statewide awards honor excellence and recognize leadership in the arts, two qualities Co exudes.

Co won the Media Honor Roll Award "for fostering public recognition and support of the arts and artists in Michigan through a sustained commitment to providing significant media coverage."

Creative Living editor of the Eccentric newspapers since 1975, the Beverly Hills resident not only appreciates the arts, she also can write about them with style and verve yet

simply. Co figures she has tapped out more than 1,000 major stories on the arts. But her love for chronicling such artistry hasn't faded. As she put it: "In most instances, I've enjoyed the people."

Co is on a first-name basis with most of the major local movers and shakers in the arts world. And gallery owners in communities served by the Eccentric typically look to her first when they host a major exhibit.

When WJBK-TV2 recently did a prime-time news report on the growing Birmingham arts colony, they quoted Co as an authoritative voice.

Her goals when she took her job tell much about her top priority: to bring the world of fine art into the homes of folks who enjoy the arts



Bob Sklar

but who aren't necessarily connoisseurs.

Co strives to expose readers to events and people who comprise the arts, to portray artists as vital community assets and to highlight the excitement and richness of artistic creations.

To Co, the arts are a friend. To her they make a difference in our everyday lives. That's keynoted through the special way she can make them interesting for even the casual arts

follower. Thanks, Co, for being such an inspiration to co-workers, readers and arts devotees alike.

You've earned this moment in the sun.

• Smile and Say Read. That's the theme of the Year of the Lifetime Reader Photo Contest.

To remind Americans of the power and pleasure of reading as a lifelong activity, Librarian of Congress James Billington has designated 1991 as the Year of the Lifetime Reader.

Amateur photographers of all ages are invited to capture the spirit of lifelong reading and vie for prizes in a contest sponsored by the Farmington Friends of the Library, American Library Association and Library of Congress' The Center for

the Book.

Your subjects await in classrooms, at the library, in coffee shops, at home, in the park, at bookstores — anywhere people read.

Entries will be judged on photo quality and artistic merit. Prizes will be awarded in youth and adult divisions for black-and-white and color photos.

Entries, due Jan. 10, will be displayed at the Farmington Hills library during judging. Winners will be picked during National Book Week Jan. 20-26.

For entry details, call the Farmington Community Library: 553-0300. Photographers may enter only one local "Year of the Lifetime Reader Photo Contest."

Top local winners will be eligible for national competition with a

\$2,000 grand prize awarded during National Library Week April 14-20.

Why make such a fuss about bookworms? As historian Barbara W. Tuchman put it:

"Books are the carriers of civilization. Without books, history is silent, literature dumb, science crippled, thought and speculation at a standstill. They are engines of change, windows on the world, 'lighthouses' (as a poet said) 'erected in the sea of time.'"

Added Farmington librarian Maureen Baugh: "We're always looking for ways to get people into libraries and get them to read. We're hoping this contest will help."

So do I. Bob Sklar is the O&E's assistant managing editor for special projects.

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BIRMINGHAM - Share this spacious charming townhome - one of the nicest in Birmingham. Large bedroom, bay windows, wood floors, plenty of storage. \$393/mo. LU: 844-1100 ext. 234, 258-2778.
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421 Living Quarters To Share
BLOOMFIELD HILLS: Luxury Ranch, professional person. Furnished, \$400 per mo. Square Lake & Woodward area. Call 335-4777.
421 Living Quarters To Share
DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM Young male executive seeks same to share beautifully fully furnished duplex. Fireplace, fantastic location, \$375. 642-8068.
421 Living Quarters To Share
FARMINGTON HILLS - 35 yr. old professional woman wishes to share 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. \$300/mo. + utilities. Call after 6pm. 851-6387.
421 Living Quarters To Share
FARMINGTON HILLS: Available immediately. Professional female room looking for same. \$375. Includes all utilities. Maid service included. Between 9 & 5, 932-1122, ext. for shy. After 6pm. 471-5987.
421 Living Quarters To Share
FARMINGTON HILLS looking for non-smoking professional female to share furnished apartment. Large bedroom, walk-in closet, private bath, laundry facilities. \$345 plus half utilities. Days 727-2742.
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FARMINGTON HILLS-large master suite with bath, non-smoking professional female to share condo, or sleeping room only. Furnished, unburned, short term OK. \$300 & 1/2 electric. 727-2742.
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421 Living Quarters To Share
LIKE to garden? Professional woman desires to share cute 2 bedroom ranch in Birmingham school district. Non-smoker. After 6. 648-4412.
421 Living Quarters To Share
LIVONIA-Professional, responsible, non-smoker male looking to share 3 bedroom house w/basement & laundry, with the same. \$315/mo. + 1/2 utilities & security. Larry. 471-8708.
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LIVONIA - Professional, responsible, non-smoker male looking to share 2 bedroom furnished condo with same. \$350/month. 649-8938.
421 Living Quarters To Share
CANTON - Female to share townhouse. Good location, all appliances, no pet. \$300 per month. Call between 9AM-6PM. 981-5970.
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421 Living Quarters To Share
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BERKLEY: Looking for non-smoker to share 2 story home with garage. \$250 per month and half utilities. Call Lpe 648-0088.
421 Living Quarters To Share
BIRMINGHAM: Clean spacious home in desirable location, professionals only. \$325 per month. Call for more information 643-6411.
421 Living Quarters To Share
BIRMINGHAM: Female wanted to share ideally located 3 bedroom townhouse, \$376 mo. Ask for Mleg at 258-9327 evns or days 258-7812.
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BIRMINGHAM - Professional, non-smoking female to share 2 bedroom apartment, great downtown location. \$440 mo. 645-6802.
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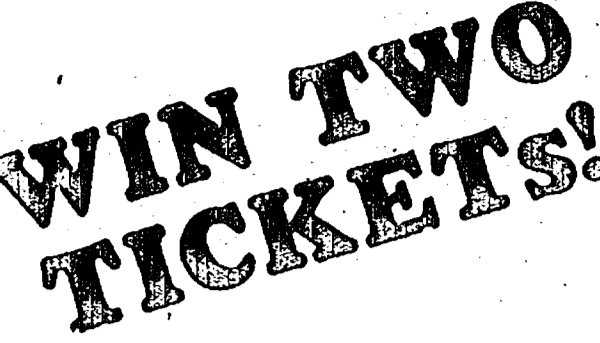


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WAYNE COUNTY
 Livonia
 Autry Road Commercial
 Taylor Freezer Properties
 Harold Blumenstein Trust
 \$600,000
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 \$513,390
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 \$465,000 *
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 Yousif Koza
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250 Martin Street
 Office building 1-2 stories
 Martin Street Assoc
 George Corp.
 \$59,500
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 30500 Northwestern
 Office building
 Farmington Hills Associates
 North Valley Dev Pr Shrf
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 Ortonville Road
 Commercial
 Shelby M. Baylis Trst.
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 \$90,000
 Ortonville Road
 Commercial
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 First Of Amer Bk Oakland
 \$55,000
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 Commercial vacant land
 Robert E. Shell & Assoc Inc.
 James R. Smith
 \$35,000

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24082 Orchard Lake
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 Thomas M. Page
 Thomas C. Page
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 210 Campbell
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 Jerry H. Dubols
 John J. Kuhn Trst.
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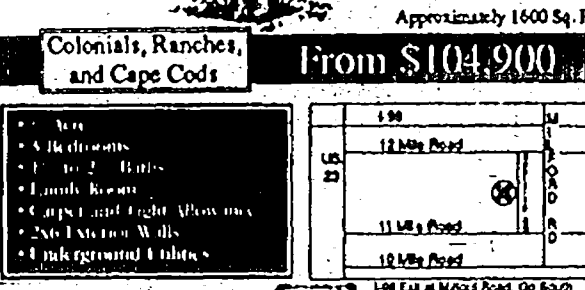
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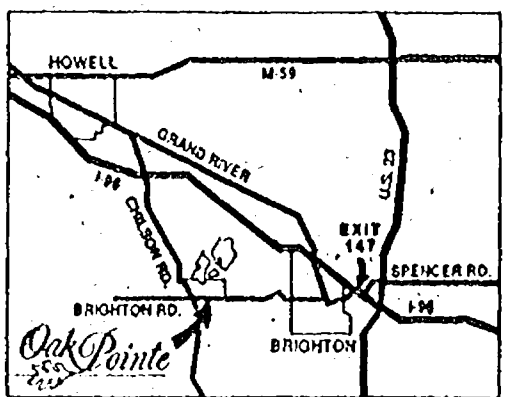
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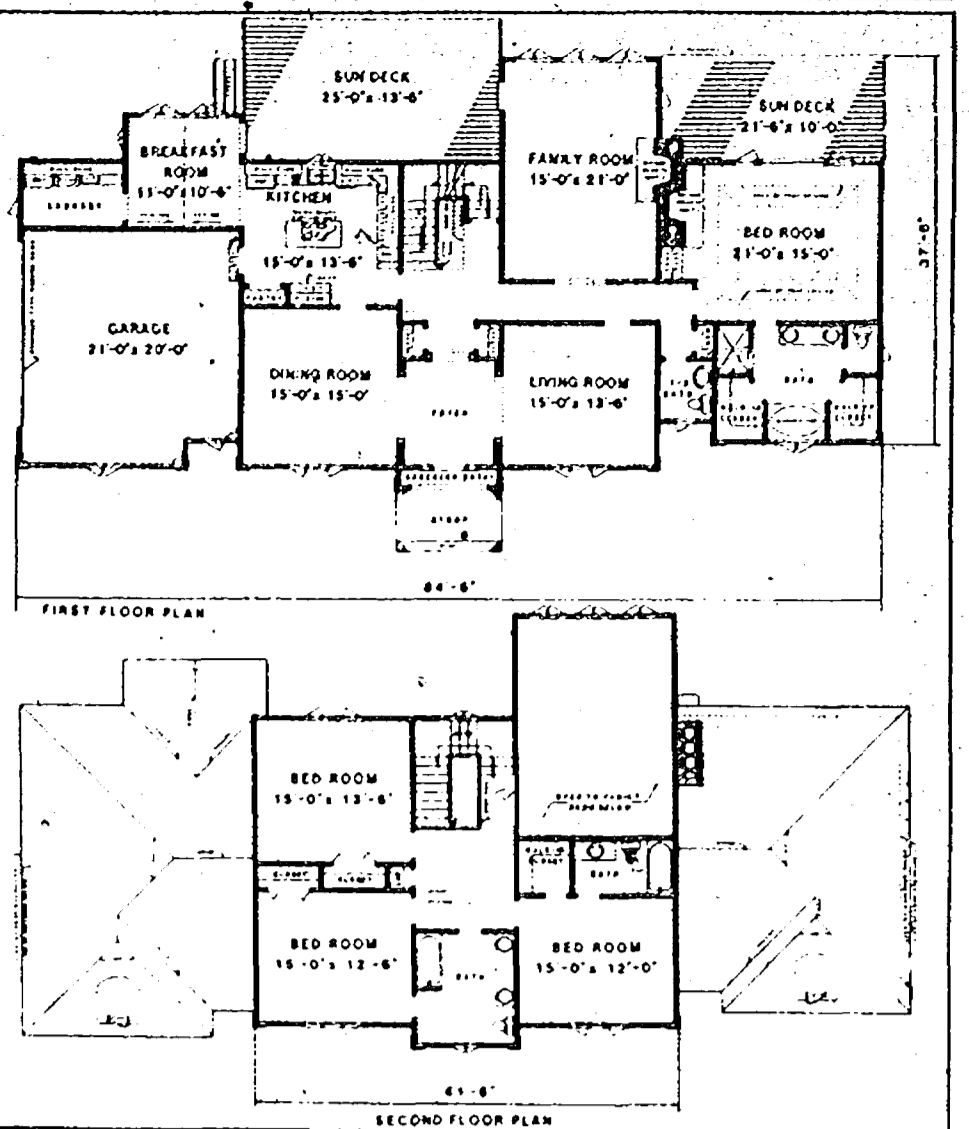
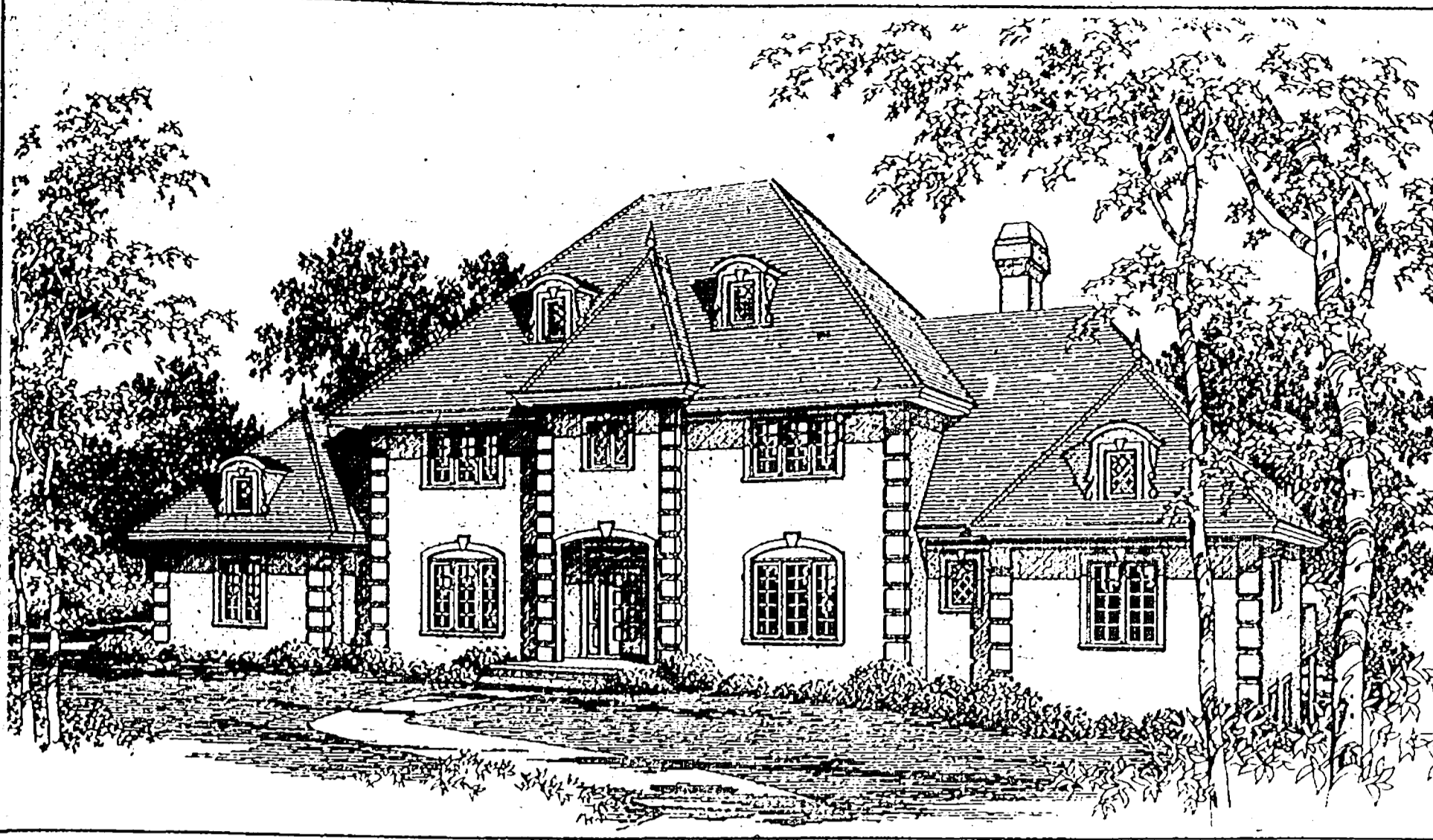
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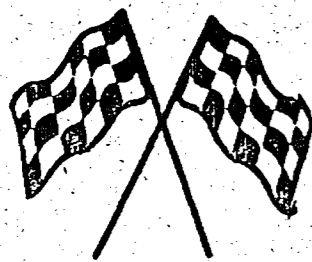
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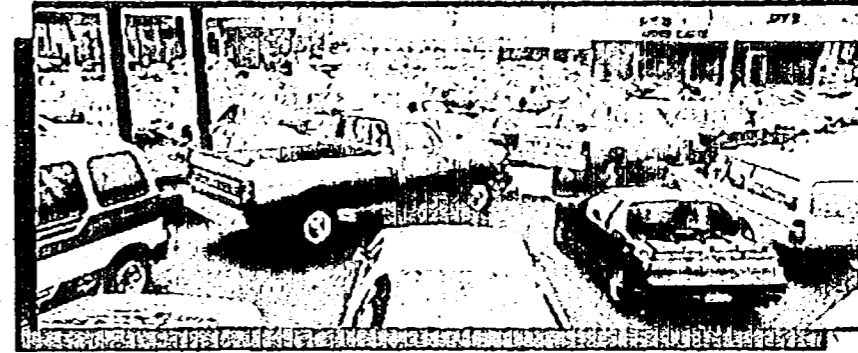
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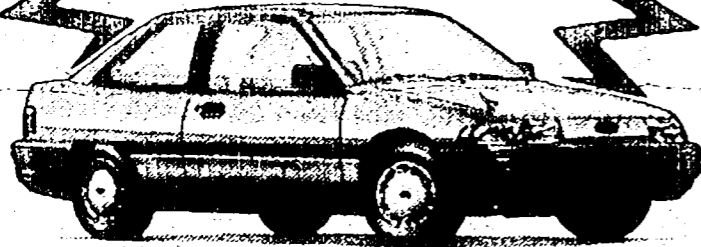
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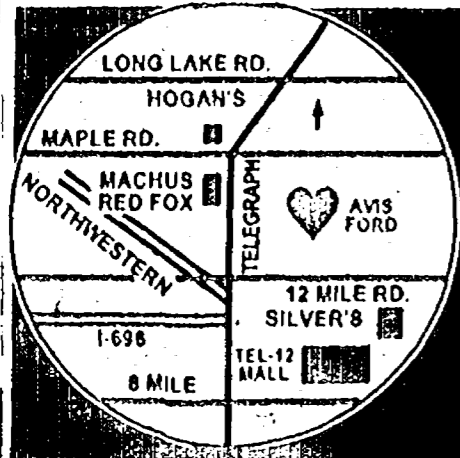
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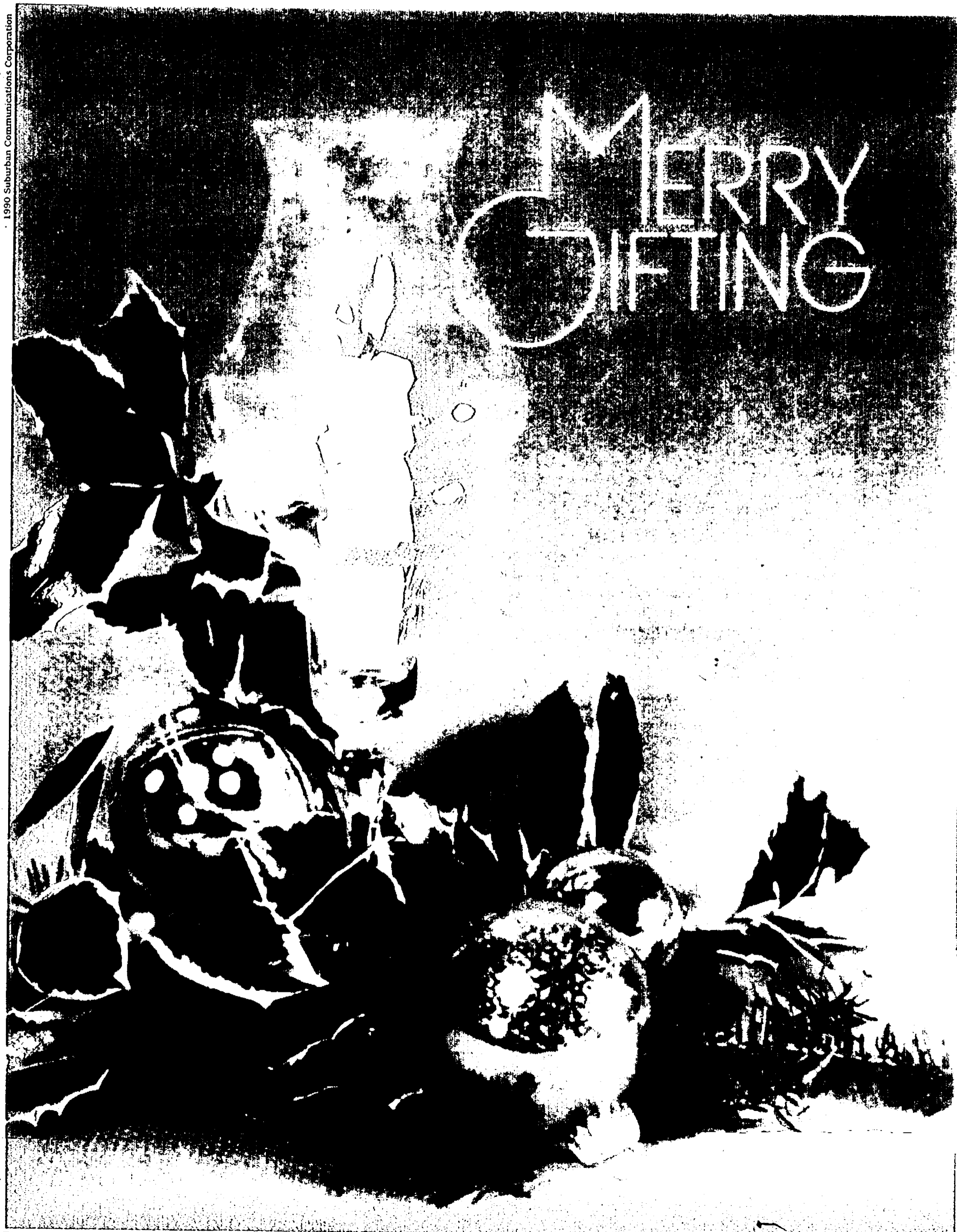
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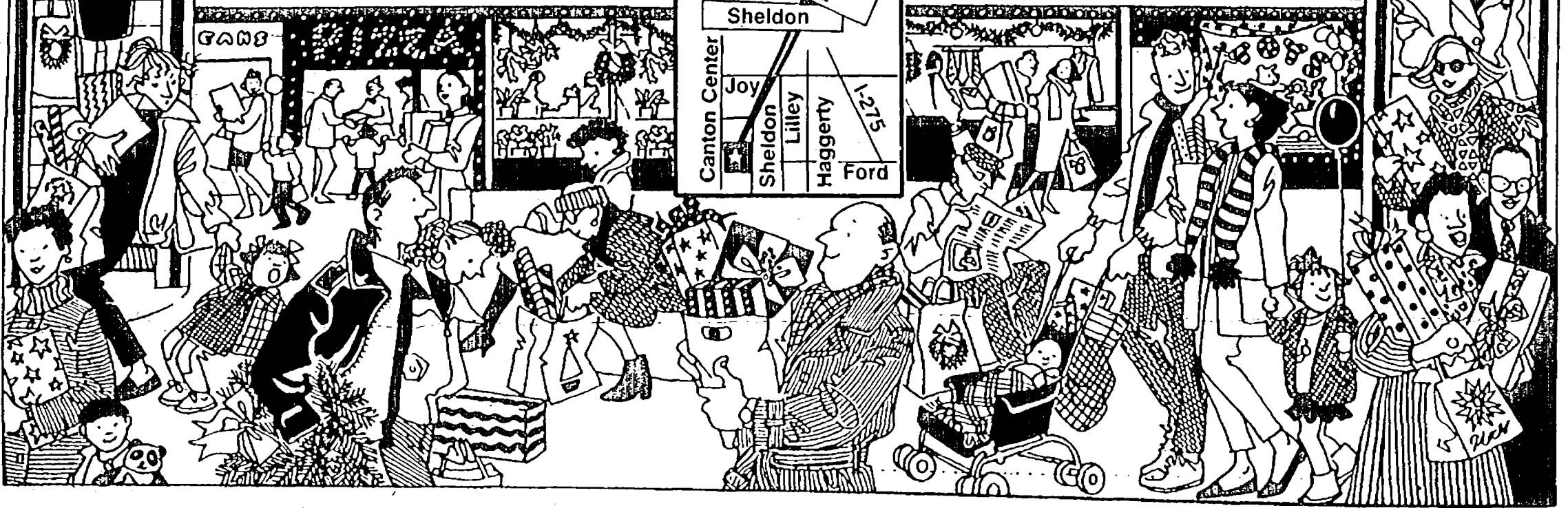
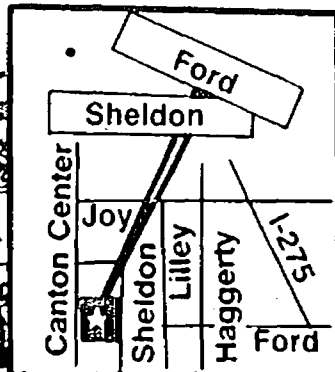
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By Helen Diane Vincent
special writer

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There, in an array of technologically advanced merchandise, you'll find a brash and colorful jukebox. But it's no ordinary jukebox, as some of you might remember.

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This special holiday gift guide, appearing today in all 13 Observer & Eccentric newspapers, is designed to help shoppers survey some of what's on the store shelves during this gift-giving season.

It offers an array of gift-giving ideas as the Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year holiday seasons swing into high gear: from high-tech toys to health hints. Our package includes a sampling of the latest in gifts.

There's even a holiday story to enjoy and share with your youngsters. Included are cookie recipes that accompany the story. Maybe a family baking project could be the result.

As with our first gift guide in November, I'm sure you'll find this special section informative and interesting, maybe even inspirational if you traditionally don't shop for gifts until late December.

Happy holidays!

— Bob Sklar
assistant managing editor

Bob Sklar coordinated this special section, with assistance from special

writer Denise Lucas. Creative services supervisor Glenn Merrill designed the cover. Graphics editor Randy Borst assisted with page design.

O&E representatives Audrey Roof and Gigi Badalamenti coordinated advertising. Copley News Service provided some of our copy.

A special thank you to the Village Barn in Franklin for brightening our holiday pictures with holiday accessories.

Direct queries to Bob Sklar: 591-2300, ext. 313.

clarification

The telephone number for the Gourmet Cheesecake Club in Farmington Hills was incorrectly identified in our Nov. 22 gift guide.

The club, which has pioneered the cheesecake of the month club idea, can deliver a cheesecake anywhere in the continental United States, said Marian Sheridan, president. "Anytime you would send flowers, you can also send cheesecake."

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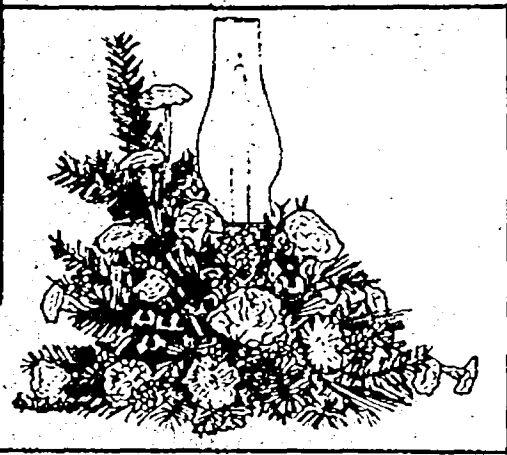
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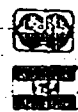


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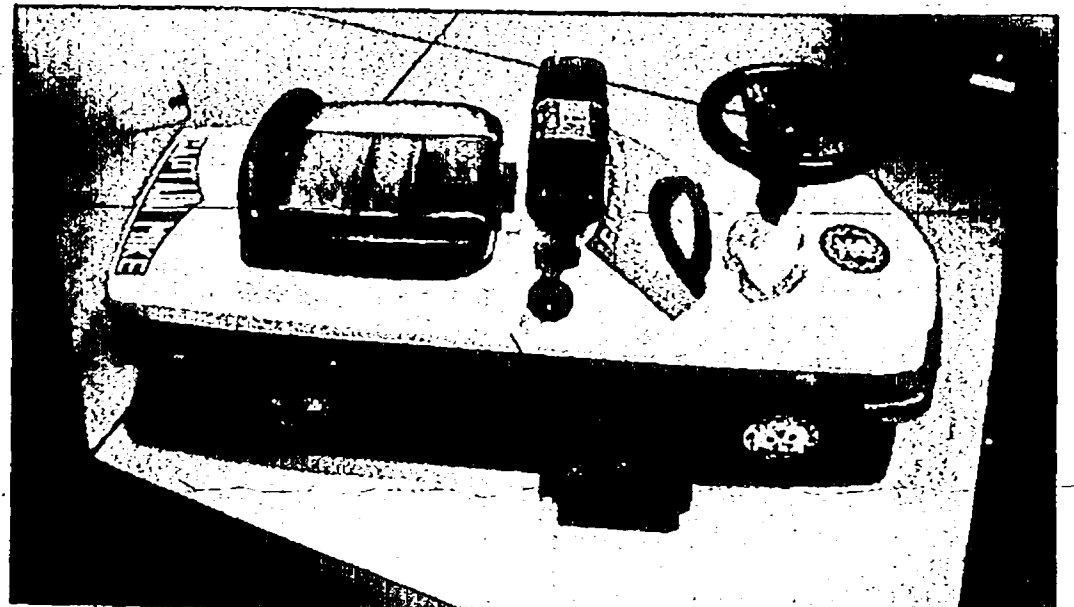
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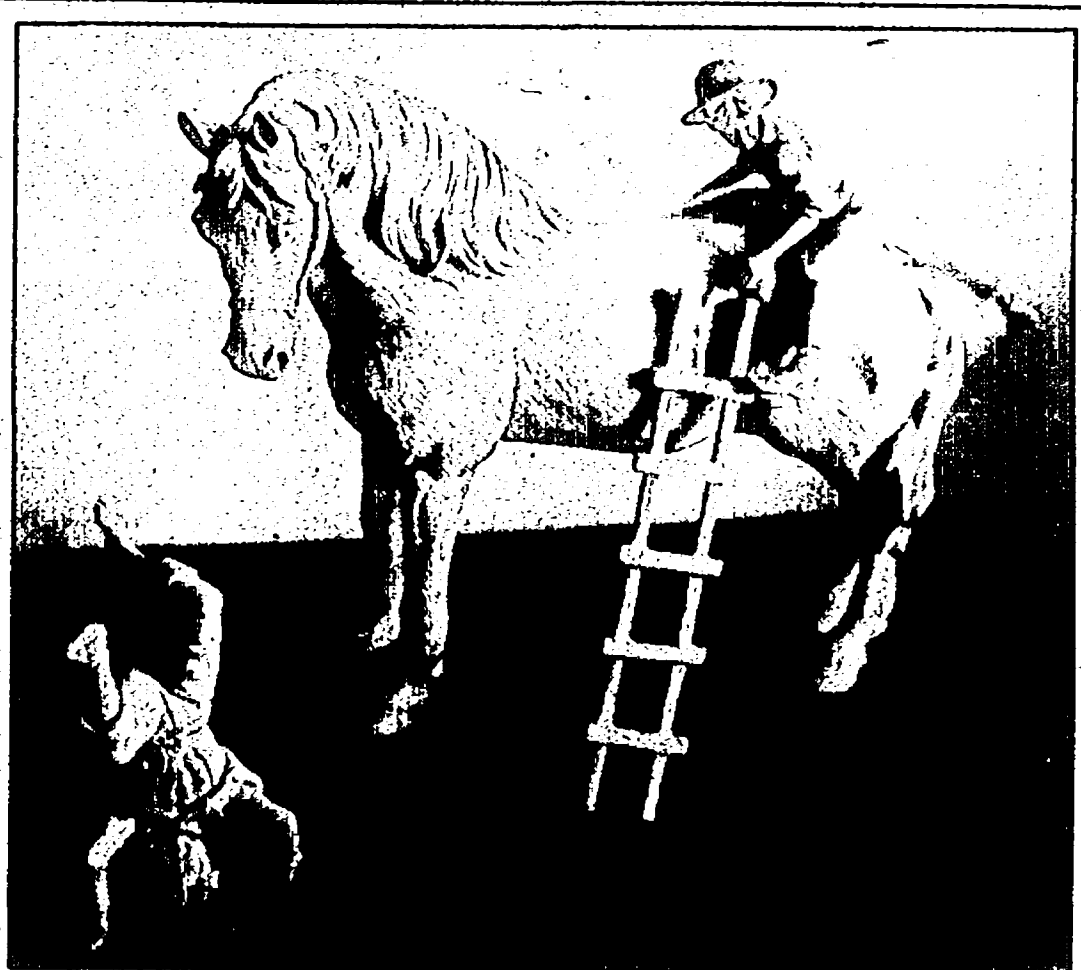
and exotic cars, such as the 1957 Cadillac Eldorado, the 1963 Corvette, as well as a lineup of Lamborghinis, Ferraris and Jaguars. These collectibles, from some of the best resources in the world, are priced from \$15 to \$19.

Working up to an intermediate size are a group of remote-controlled vehicles such as the 17-inch Z-Brawler, a jungle tracker, with giant-studded wheels and many other authentic features. Its 150-foot, remote-control range might be best suited for the

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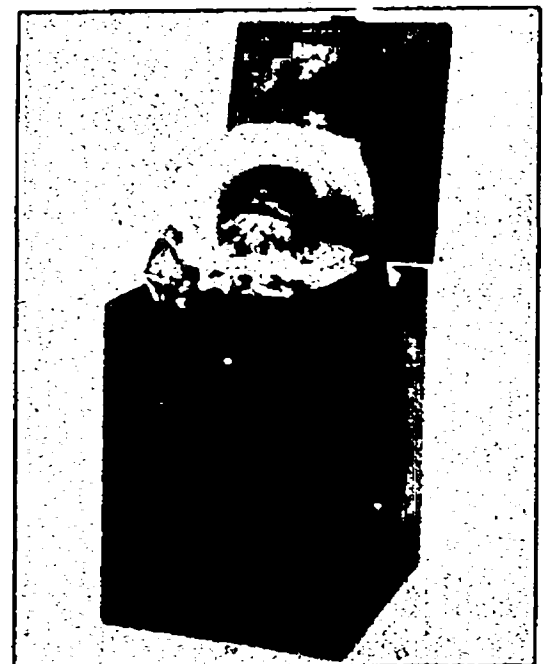
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By Geri Rinschler
special writer

AMERICA IS cooking again! It's "back to basics" in the kitchen and entertaining family and friends at home. The '90s cook is focused on simplicity, healthy meals and, above all, timesaving gadgets and cookware. Here's a glimpse of what's hot for today's cook, connoisseur and literary gourmet:

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- For a bridal shower, add a few brightly colored dish towels, a paring knife and tie with a big satin bow. Find Prepboards in shops that carry Cusinart products and at Williams-Sonoma, Somerset Mall-Troy, Laurel Park Place, Livonia; Jacobson's, Livonia and Birmingham; and Kitchen Glamour, Redford Township, West Bloomfield and Rochester. At about \$7.

- Food processors, which have been in the United States since the mid '70s, are still hot items. One of the newest, the Krups Mini Pro is a perfect kitchen gadget for the busy cook. This small food processor takes up very little counter space and quickly chops small amounts of onions, garlic, nuts and chocolate as well as makes mayonnaise and baby food. Find it a Hudson's, Kitchen Glamour and Williams-Sonoma. For about \$35.

- For the novice or "back to basics," there's the newly revised and updated, "the Fannie Farmer Cookbook" by Marion Cunningham, (Knopf Publishers; \$24.95) One of America's first cookbooks, it has been rewritten for the '90s to include new chapters on microwave, vegetarian and outdoor cookery. Along with hundreds of traditional style recipes, the book answers many questions about grocery and produce shopping, storage and cooking techniques.

THE OTHER new cookbooks on my recommended list are too numerous to describe. Here are some of the latest, which belong in the award winners category:

- "The Christmas Cook-Three Centuries of American Yuletide

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Greenfield Village offers up tradition

VISIONS OF sugar plums are sure to dance through the heads of visitors to Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village this holiday season.

From Dec. 1 through Jan. 1 (except Christmas Day), special displays and demonstrations at the indoor/outdoor historical complex will rekindle some of the magic that marks the holiday. They also will revive a variety of traditions from past generations as the holiday celebration "Traditions to Treasure" is presented at both the museum and the village in Dearborn.

Everyone knows the magic of the holidays can best be seen through the eyes of a child. Henry Ford Museum will celebrate the holidays keeping youngsters, the the young at heart, in mind.

The centerpiece for the museum celebration will be a towering holiday tree decorated with cookies, candy, dolls, stuffed animals and small toys. Every child, young and old, will find something to wish for on the giant tree. It's not inconceivable that a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle or two might find its way onto the branches.

MORE TRADITIONAL holiday sights and sounds will await museum visitors in the concourse area, where the cheerful toots from a fantasy Lionel train layout will mingle with the strains of holiday music.

The toy trains, including one

The centerpiece for the museum celebration will be a towering holiday tree decorated with cookies, candy, dolls, stuffed animals and small toys.

equipped with a tiny camera that broadcasts an "engineer's eye view," will wend their way through a sparkling gingerbread village. Visitors can watch gingerbread houses in the making as well.

Several craft activities will offer children the chance to create items in keeping with the season. Folks can even leave a little part of their own family history with the museum by contributing photographs of their own holiday traditions to the holiday photo wall. (The photographs will become part of the Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village Archives.)

Of course, Santa Claus will preside over the merriment and be available to hear every little one's holiday wish.

DOZENS OF "traditions to treasure" will be re-created in the historic buildings of Greenfield Village. Customs and trimmings from past decades will be featured, ranging from a rural English yuletide in the

17th-century Cotswold Cottage to a more modern 1880s American Christmas celebration at the Firestone Farm.

At scheduled times throughout the day, costumed staff in various homes throughout the village will create decorations and gifts, and demonstrate cooking and food preparation using recipes, utensils and techniques from the past. The Edison Homestead will offer one such domestic scene with the preparation of old-fashioned candles and baked goods.

Other holiday settings and activities to be enjoyed will include an 1890s millinery, where ladies busily fashion winter bonnets; the creative craftsmanship of potters and glass blowers; and the general store, where children are welcome to play with reproductions of yesteryear's toys.

At the activities center in Town Hall, children will find holiday crafts to keep little fingers busy, while holiday singers brighten winter days.

FOR A final touch of enchantment, the Henry Ford Museum Theater will present "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." The two-hour play was written by Jessie Braham White and produced on Broadway in 1912. It will run Dec. 1-22, Saturdays only, with additional performances Dec. 26-30.

Two matinees will be staged each show date, the first at 11 a.m. and the second at 2:30 p.m., except Dec. 16

and 30 when only a 2:30 p.m. show will be performed.

The audience is invited to meet the characters after each performance. Call the Henry Ford Museum Reservations Center at 271-1620 for more information.

NIGHTTIME WEAVES a special kind of spell around the museum and village.

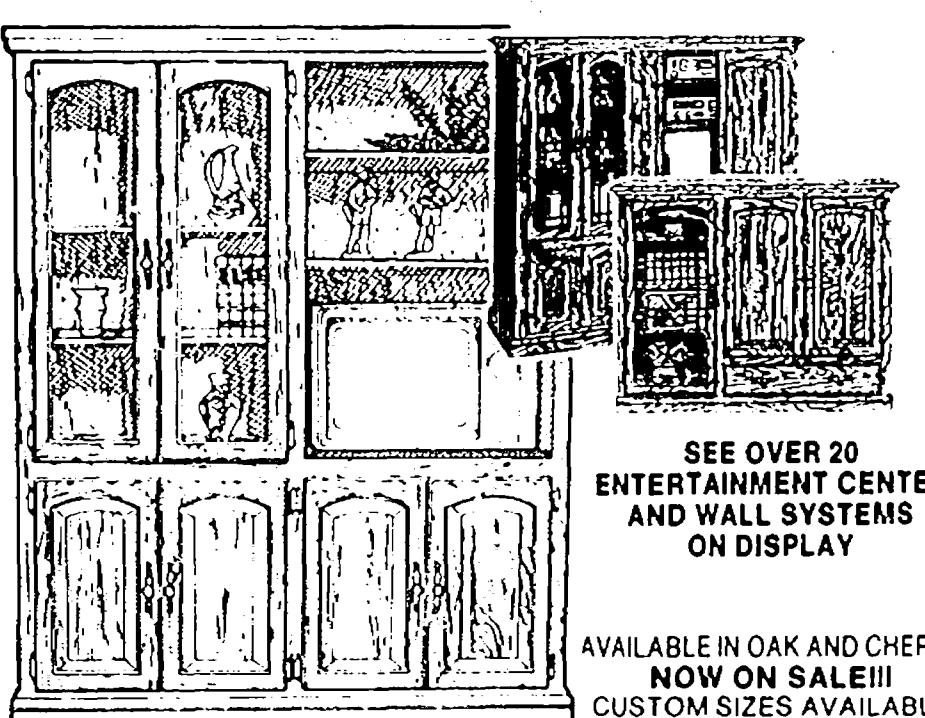
The public is invited to discover it in two after-hours programs: a 1920s holiday gala at Lovett Hall and an 1850s holiday at Eagle Tavern.

The festivities at Lovett Hall re-create the high society scene of the 1920s, complete with champagne toasts, an elegant dinner and dancing under glittering chandeliers to the vintage tunes of the Hotel Savarine Society Orchestra.

The village's Eagle Tavern presents a hearty, family-style meal in the manner of the 1850s, complemented by the holiday music and singing of a troupe of traveling musicians and entertainers. Advance reservations for both programs are required.

For visitors with troublesome gift lists on their minds, the stores and shops of the museum and village provide some out-of-the-ordinary suggestions. Items reproduced from the museum collections, decorations, wares fashioned by village craftspeople, and a variety of distinctive gifts and souvenirs will be welcome under any tree.

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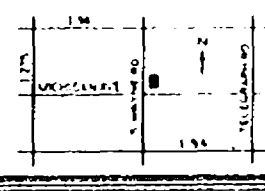


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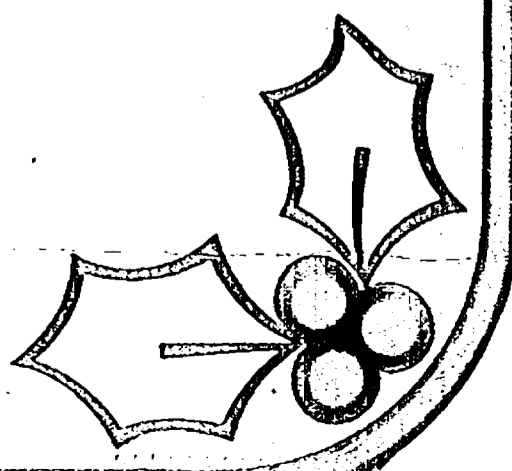
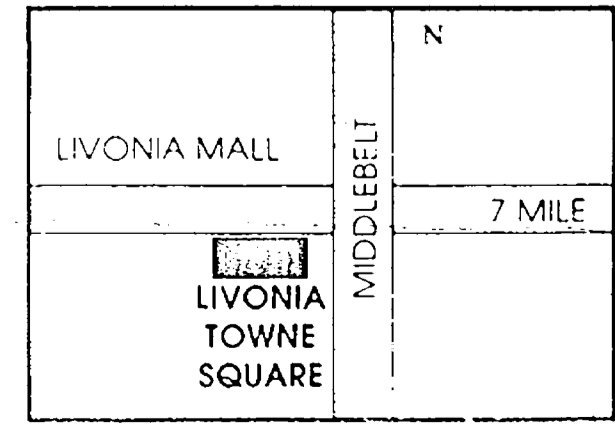
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Permanent makeup: It's a lasting gift

By **Loraine McClish**
staff writer

CHERYL WILLIS, a Michigan Board of Cosmetology member, had been plying her trade as a nail technician in



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Goodbye to the eyebrow pencil. The skillful artistry of Cheryl Willis, as she uses micro-pigment implantation, will give her client, Doreen Myernik, permanent eyebrow color and shape. Permanent makeup can look as natural as you want it to be or a more dramatic look can be achieved.

Plymouth for five years when she got interested in permanent makeup.

She took the basic training in applying eyeliner and eyebrow color. She then took advanced classes in applying eyeshadow, highlights, lip liner, cheek color and camouflage procedures.

In March, she opened Permanent Make Up Clinic, 328 S. Harvey, Plymouth.

"Applying permanent makeup is very satisfying because my clients are so happy when they leave here. It is wonderful to have a job that enables me to make people that happy," she said.

"Plastic surgeons have been doing permanent makeup for many years. It has now been moved into the beauty field, where it is more affordable to the average woman.

"No one is too old for permanent makeup. My oldest client is 72 years old and is very happy with her new eyebrows."

WILLIS IS quick to show off before and after pictures of her satisfied clients. She's just as quick to show their written testimonials, which tell the story of what permanent makeup is all about.

"There is nothing like waking up in the morning with eyes," said one client of the makeup that doesn't smudge or come off after you've been swimming, or crying or sweating.

"I've had to struggle with eyebrow pencils for years. Now I don't," said another.

"I love my permanent eyeliner. It wasn't painful. Every woman needs this done," said another.

And from other clients, "I never look tired and worn out like you do when your makeup smears off."

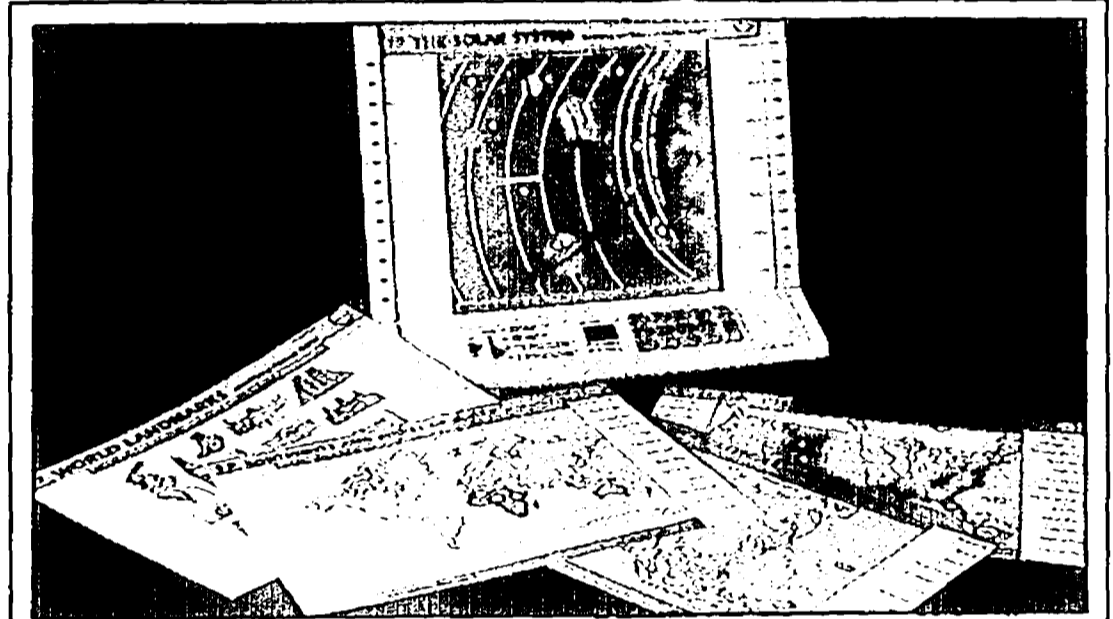
"The best part is it looks so

natural."

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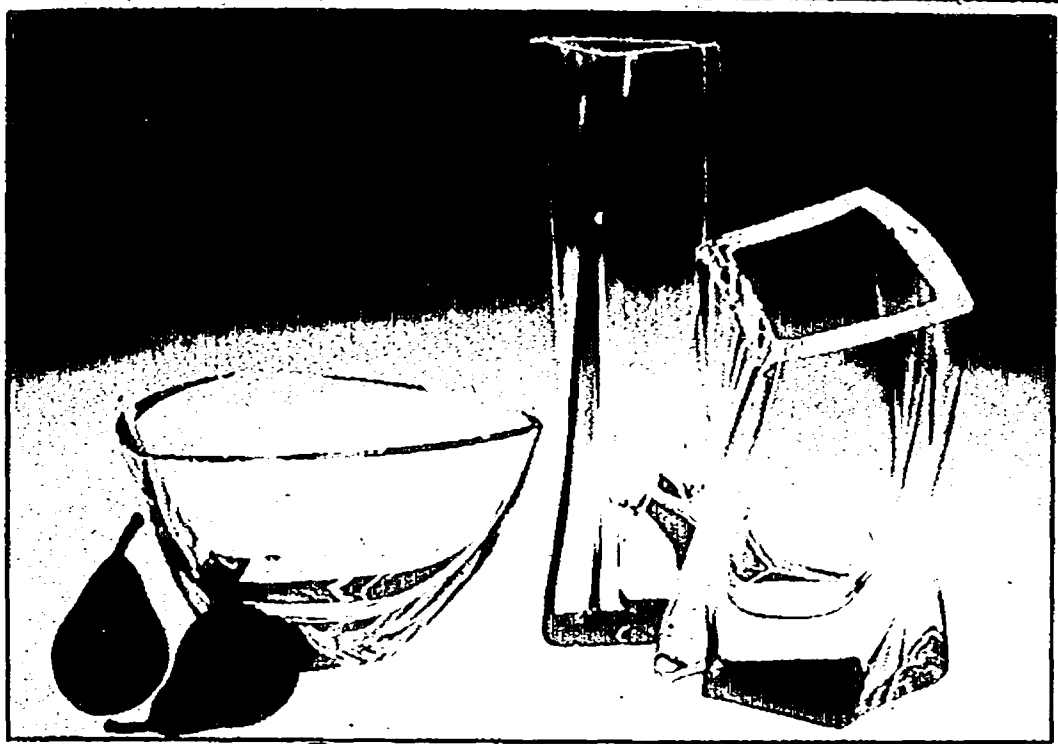
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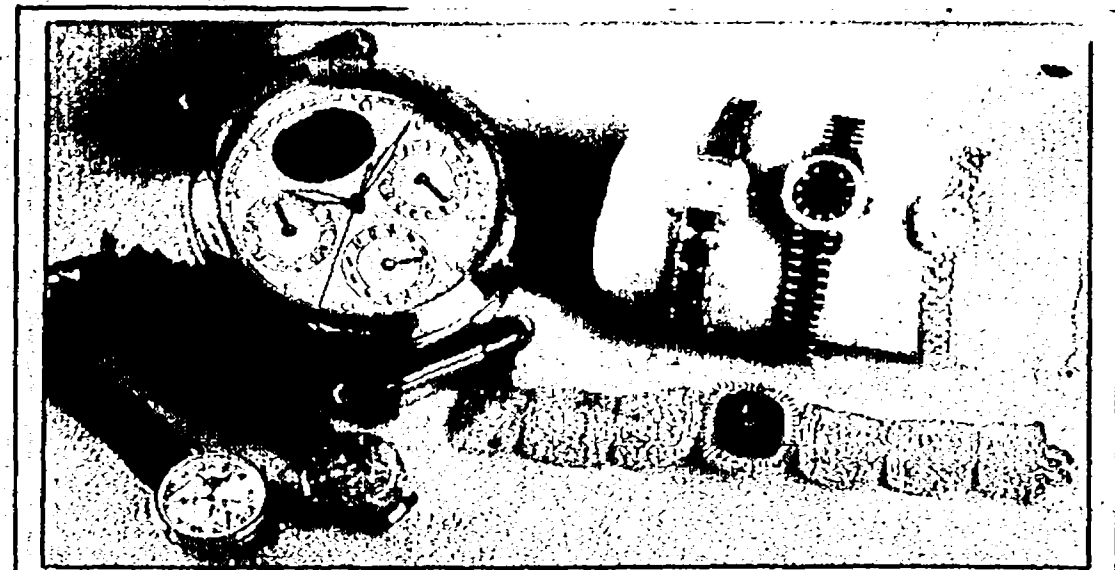
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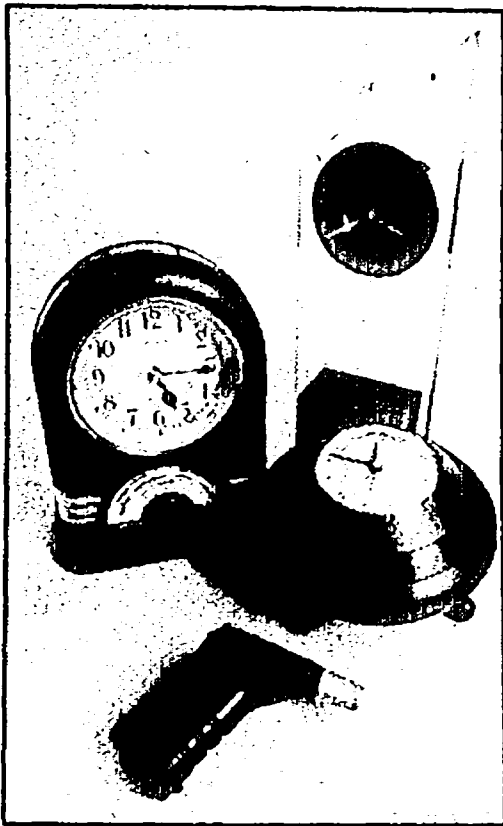
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Yuletide tidbits

By the time of Henry VIII in the 16th century, the royal Christmas banquet began about noon and lasted 8-12 hours. Twelve courses were served as a symbolic reminder of the

12 apostles. Courses included venison, rabbit, beef, mutton, pork, chicken, goose, swan and peacock.

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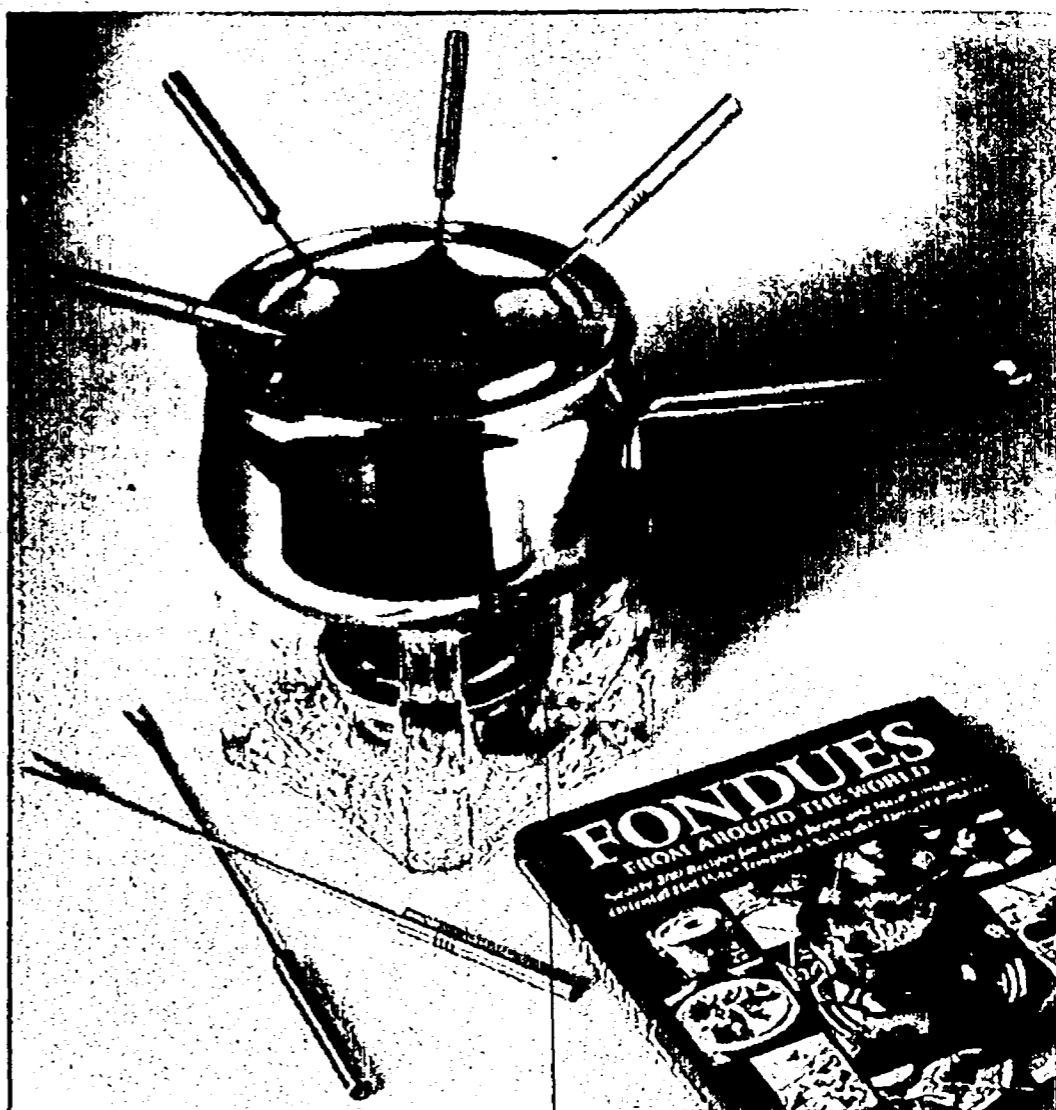
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The Gingerbread Basket, the 1990 edition of the Longaberger Basket Christmas Collection, and the Father Christmas Cookie Mold, the first in a series of Longaberger Pottery collectible Christmas cookie molds, are this year's yuletide offerings from Ohio-based Longaberger Inc. The handcrafted, hardwood maple baskets feature red or green accent weaving. The 8½-inch-tall mold is oven, microwave, dishwasher and freezer safe. Write Longaberger Marketing, 2503 Maple Ave., Zanesville, Ohio 43701 or call 1-614-455-3175 for the name of a local Longaberger consultant.



SHARON LeMIEUX/staff photographer

Holiday gatherings

Entertaining at home is back in vogue and the fondue of the '70s is a hot item as well. Little preparation is needed for fondue since guests do the cooking themselves. And recipes have come a long way from ch ese and chocolate. The stainless steel, two-quart fondue, with glass-sculptured base, six forks and alcohol burner, is oven and dishwasher safe. Priced at \$119. Recipe book, "Fondues from Around the World," \$11.95. Both from Kitchen Glamour of Redford Township, Rochester Hills and West Bloomfield.

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JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

Sneaky snoops

Parents beware!
Sixty-six percent of children admit

they snoop for their gifts. Could it be time to find more creative places to hide presents from overanxious elves?

— Copley News Service

A world of sharper images

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back-yard jungle until the quick-steering mechanism is mastered to avoid obstacles. This aggressive little vehicle goes for \$299.

For those who have long dreamed about being a firefighter, but never made it, a 27-inch red fire truck might fill the void. You'll have fun watching it make fancy turns and rotating its extension ladder. Its remote control is not as sophisticated, so it's priced at \$79.

AS EXCITING as these vehicles are, there is no substitute for actually sitting in a toy vehicle and driving it around yourself. For the 3- to 8-year-old set, the Captain Mike police car provides just such an opportunity. This 37-inch, battery-run vehicle with a siren is \$149.

But for the ultimate toy-car driving experience, The Sharper Image offers a 66-inch-long, red-motorized Ferrari, with a maximum speed up to 3½ miles per hour. It accommodates two children comfortably in bucket seats. Grandmothers have been known to indulge their grandchildren with this tradeup toy version of the famous luxury automobile.

Entertainment can also serve more than one person when it involves a digitized computer tablet designed to record a child's drawings in full color and textured effects. These earnest scrawlings can also be put on tape and later replayed on a VCR.

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The Sony Sketchpad at \$129 is no substitute for crayons or the messy joy of finger painting, but it does introduce the very young child to the 21st-century reality of the computer in the form of computer graphics.

Because The Sharper Image stores and catalog bring in new items every month, one can only look forward to the next shipments to see if they are at all like the present offerings that engage the imagination as well as serve practical purposes.

The Sharper Image: Somerset Mall, Troy; Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi. Supplier of the 27-inch red fire truck: New Bright Industries, Southgate.

Description of the digitized tablet: 10 by 13 inch. The price of \$129 is only for the tablet, not the television or any other equipment.



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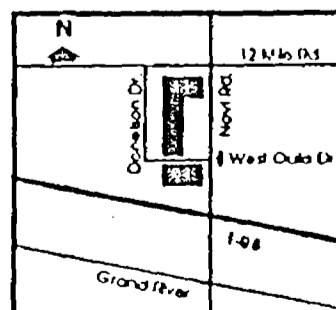
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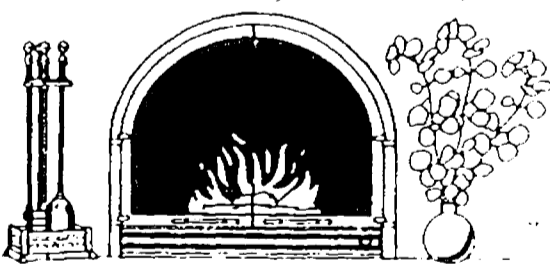
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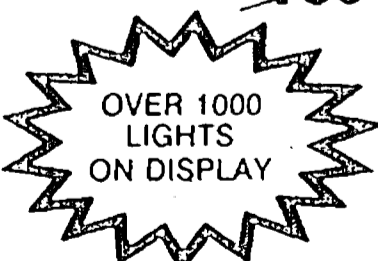
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