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City officials, cable firm still at odds

By Leonard Pogor
editor

Westland city officials and Continental Cablevision continue to have a fuzzy picture when it comes to determining if the cable TV company is violating two key sections of its franchise agreement.

Representatives of the city and cable firm met earlier this month to discuss alleged violations, specifically concerning what the city says is the company's failure to meet local programming commitments and to have a

higher capacity of channels available to subscribers.

Mayor Robert Thomas, said he "feels strongly" that the locally originated programming requirement of 50 hours a week hasn't been met. He said that a review by the city's legal counsel will also review the entire agreement for other potential violations.

Thomas admitted that "I'm not sure" on the channel capacity dispute, saying that it is a technical matter and it may be up to attorneys from both sides to conclude if the company owes anything to the city.

On the local programming, an attorney representing Continental said in a four-page opinion written 14 months ago that the company is completing "with the letter and spirit" of the Westland franchise agreement.

Continental's law firm of Hogan and Hartson, based in Washington, D.C., wrote the company in October, 1989, that based on a similar case and subsequent court action, the firm has "no obligation to change your local origination practices."

after a federal court ruled in favor of a cable operator in a dispute with the Chicago Cable Commission.

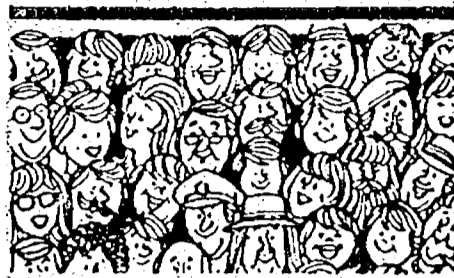
Continental's law firm concluded that the facts in the Chicago case are different than those in the Westland dispute.

The issue of locally originated programming was raised several times by the Westland cable communications commission.

Mayor Thomas admitted that the what constitutes locally originated programming is at the heart of the dispute.

THE OPINION was asked by the company

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places and faces

VOLUNTEERS ARE needed for the Wayne County Special Olympics, to take place Friday, Jan. 11, at the Wayne Community Center, on Howe and Annapolis, Wayne.

Events for disabled youngsters in alpine skiing, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, figure and speed skating, tobogganing and broomball will be featured, said Carol Painter, Westland resident and Special Olympics spokeswoman.

The athletes will be ages 8 to 40. Volunteers are needed to help greet the participants at the end of events.

Call 730-0119 to volunteer.

THE WESTLAND Jaycees are sponsoring a benefit dance 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The dance will be at the Wayne Ford Civic League Hall, 1661 N. Wayne Road, with tickets priced at \$7.50. Admission includes pizza, beer, refreshments and live music by Steve King and the Dittillies and D.J. Live Wire. Ticket sales will start next week at Westland businesses.

MARINE PVT. Brian Chamielewski, a Franklin High School graduate, recently completed his basic training. After a 10-day leave at his mother's Westland home, he left for extensive artillery combat training at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

THE WESTLAND Chamber of Commerce's first meeting of the new year will be at noon, Tuesday, Jan. 8, in Leright's banquet hall, 626 S. Wayne Road.

Mayor Robert Thomas will be the guest speaker and will deliver his second annual State of the City address.

Reservations may be made by calling the chamber office at 328-7222.

Admission is \$9 and is open to local business and professional people.

THE WESTLAND City Council will start off the new year with a business meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, in City Hall, 36601 Ford, between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

Agendas will be available several days in advance from the city clerk's office.

A 1990 Chevrolet Lumina Eurosport car has been donated to the Ford Vocational-Technical Center for auto shop students. The car was donated by the Chevrolet division of General Motors to allow students to become more familiar with the latest in automotive technology.

JOHN MOLESKY has been reappointed to a three-year term on the Westland Board of Review, which receives and acts on property assessment appeals every March.

Molesky's three-year term was effective Dec. 1.

ON THE SUBJECT of property taxes, residents and businesses have another two weeks to pay their winter tax bills.

The Westland City Council recently performed its annual function of extending the tax deadline to Feb. 28 from Feb. 14.

THE TINKHAM CENTER in the Wayne-Westland School District received numerous phone calls and donations of supplies for its annual Christmas Party. Sending out thank you letters were director Chuck Stockwell and Joni Walling, head of client services.

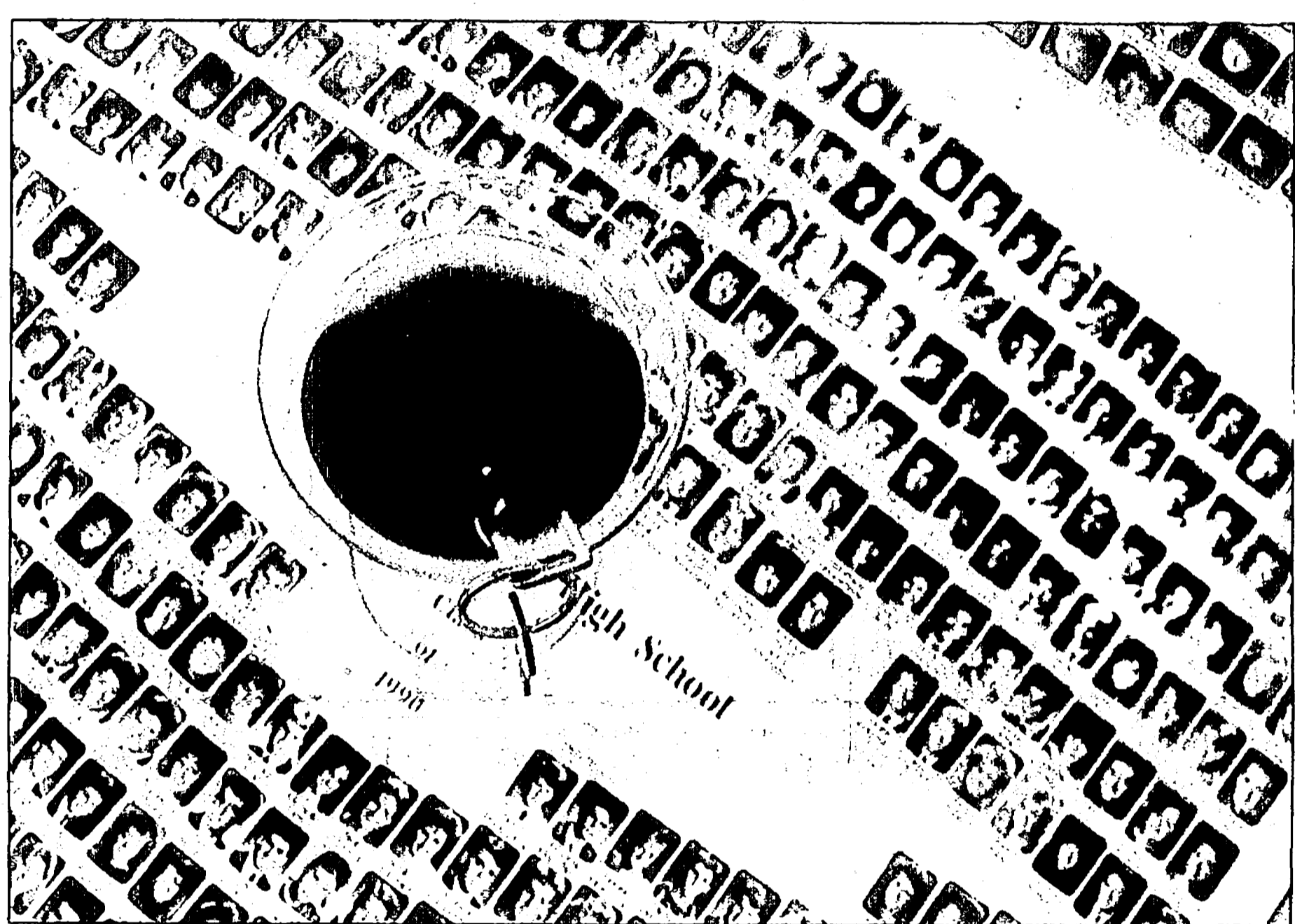


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A SADD message

Students Against Driving Drunk chapters throughout Wayne County offer a message to the community during the school year, but especially at the holiday season: If you plan to drink, please don't drive. Drivers should remember that their actions

may affect many others. Mothers Against Drunk Driving is sponsoring a campaign asking drivers to tie a red ribbon on their cars as a reminder not to drink and drive. The Observer & Eccentric supports their efforts.

Donors preserve Westland history

By Leonard Pogor
editor

Westland's history is getting a boost from private donors.

The renovated Richard D. Collins house, adjacent to the Westland Helen C. Brown Historical Museum, is nearly ready for its public opening, probably to be held in the spring.

The house, built about 60 years ago, was acquired by the city of Westland several years ago as a way of saving it from being demolished.

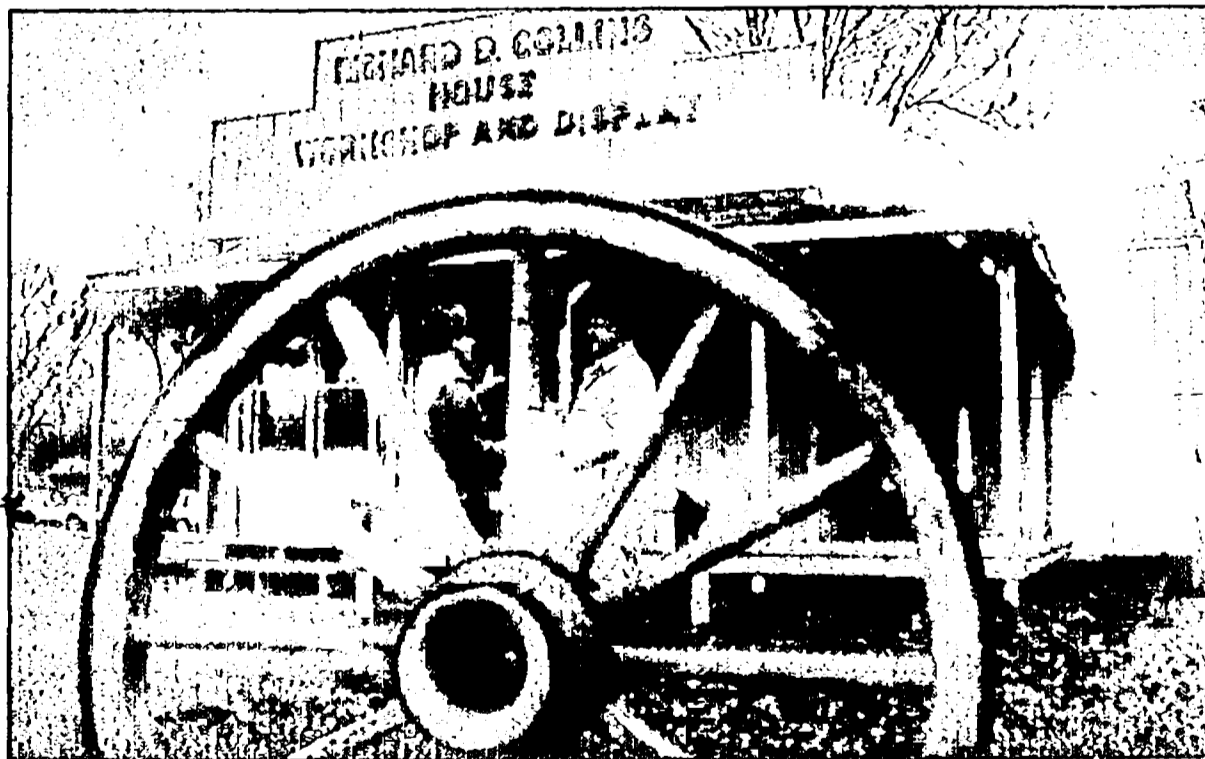
Property surrounding the donated Collins house was bought by the city

because it was next just north of the museum, 857 N. Wayne Road between Cherry Hill and Marquette.

The front room of the Collins house is virtually complete, said historical commissioner Joseph Benyo, who made the initial donation to the new "military room" of the facility.

Benyo gave his former Westland firefighter's uniform to the room. Later, police department and military uniforms from American service persons who served in past wars will also be exhibited.

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GUY WARREN/staff photograph

An old fashioned wagon wheel marks the entrance to the renovated Collins House. In the background are historic commission members Joseph Benyo (left) and Tom Brown.

Former junior high school now has variety of tenants

By A. Girett Bedford
staff writer

Although the sign on the building still reads "Whittier Junior High School," occupants of the former school in Westland are not the typical students one would expect to find in a place with such a name.

For the past 12 years, the Livonia schools district has been leasing the building to several organizations and private individuals — ranging from a senior citizens center and an alternative education program to a performing arts group and a pipe specialist.

The building is on Ann Arbor Trail west of Inkster Road.

Since 1979, the Western Wayne Youth and Family Intensive Service Center has held its classes and counseling in the former junior high school.

The students are 12- to 18-year-olds, referred by state workers. They are either state wards, juvenile court wards or in foster care, said George Drukas, a special education teacher.

The center — funded by the Michigan Department of Social Services — provides transportation, lunch and education for the students and

counseling for children and their families.

Some students prepare for the GED. "We also have a work-incentive program which is important," Drukas said. Students can work at the center making minimum wage. This is done to encourage them to attend the classes, he said.

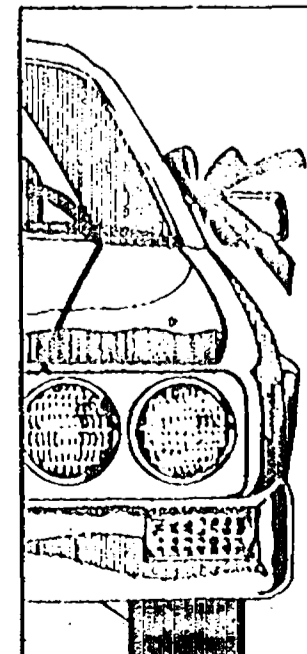
"Our main goal is to provide academic support and behavioral support to improve behavior so students can return to public schools," he said. The average attendance time is seven to eight months, but some stay

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Have a Happy and Safe New Year

Donors preserve history

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Also on display with Benyo's uniform is a copy of the first fire run after what was then Nankin Township formed its first fire department on Jan. 1, 1883.

"I was the dispatcher when the first fire call came in about 1 a.m. that day for a run on Cherry Hill," recalled Benyo.

THE DISPLAY now includes the helmet worn by then-Nankin safety commission Tom Brown, now chairman of the Westland Historical Commission.

The military uniforms will be donated by members of VFW Post 3923 members.

Another room ready to accept materials will be called "the home chores room," which will have laundry and kitchen equipment on display.

Part of the Collins home will be used as a workshop by volunteers refurbishing items to be displayed.

Besides the \$10,000 worth of labor donated by laid-off auto workers through the General Motors-UAW Job Banks program, the Collins home received received donations from local businesses.

Taking part in the union and company's community service program were UAW members Bruce Haddow, Thomas Gravenmier and Richard Brown.

"With their skills, they were able to convert the building interior into useable space for a workshop and display for historical artifacts," said commission chairman Brown in a letter outlining the Collins house project.

Forrest Thomasson, a local heating contractor, also donated a furnace and installed it at the house, Brown said.

James Badami, of Effective Building Services, a Westland business,



Firefighters' uniforms, to be part of the "military room" at the renovated Collins House, are admired by historical commission chairman Tom Brown (left) and commissioner Joseph Benyo.

volunteered time and materials to gut the house's interior and do work on the roofing boards and interior, Brown said in his letter.

One visible donation was lettering for the house, paid for by Showcase Cinemas theater group, which also donated a garage that was formerly on the site of the one-year theater complex on Wayne Road between Warren Road and Hunter.

The garage's foundation was built by a team of volunteers, including Charles Winekoff, Ken Carter, Morris Beaver and Lewis Beaver with the cement donated and delivered to the site by George Eisenstein of National Block and Ready Mix, Westland.

JAY SEGMENT of Ford Lumber helped the commission's volunteers with doors and windows with additional windows supplied by Richard Fritz, former Westland chief building inspector.

Wood siding for the house's renovation was bought with donations

from Mel Belowwitz of Belle Construction, Curtis Kime of Kime Brothers development company, and Dale Lentz of D&K General Contracting.

A wagon wheel sitting in front of the house was donated by Mrs. Donald Dennis to add a rustic, old-fashioned touch to the building's entrance.

Heading the renovation were the historical commission and Friends of the Museum, a private, non-private support group.

Also involved in the renovation were city employees and administrators.

The city bought the lot in early 1988 with the house donated by Velma Masten and Marsha House, sister and widow, respectively, of the owner.

A plaque near the house's front door reflects that the house was previously owned by Richard D. Collins, who was born in 1934 and died April 5, 1968.

Ex-school put to good use

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as long as three years.

A 12-year old tenant in the building and also from the Department of Social Services is the office of Children's Protective Services. They investigate cases of child abuse and neglect, deciding what type of plan will better help the family.

"OUR MAIN purpose is to work with the family and to keep the family intact and to prevent the children from being abused and neglected," said case worker Sue Almar.

"Many times, there is no abuse or neglect," she said. Inate spouses or relatives may accuse parents although there may be no reason to do it. "I'm happy to say most of them we deny," she said. Protective Services workers decide whether the family needs to be left alone or needs intervention.

In cases where there are no problems, but it seems as if some may be down the line, families are referred to a counseling agency located down the hall, Prevention Services, also funded by the Department of Social Services.

Protective Services and Prevention Services will be moving to a building in Taylor in late January, said Almar, but the families they serve will not be affected because in very few cases do the families go to the office. Generally, case workers go to their homes.

If the former Whittier school is home now to services benefitting children, it also has plenty of room for the oldest residents. Senior citizens can enjoy the activities of the city of Westland's Senior Citizens Nutrition and Activities Center. Other activities are a lunch program, club meetings, bingo and art classes.

Another company leasing space in the building is General Motors engine division. Classes are offered there for employees transferred to its Livonia plant.

Among other things, employees become familiar with the engines and attend problem solving, business and improvement workshops, said Jim Bodnar, one of the trainers.



JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

Jim Bodnar checks one of the engines students will tear down and reassemble at the GM engine division training facility in the Whittier Center.

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On the *HOME FRONT*

Seminar comforts families, friends

By Joanne Mallezowski
staff writer

LAURA CZARNEY prays that her son will return alive from Saudi Arabia.

"I worry that war will start. And he will come home in a box. He had to walk in his dad's footsteps," said Czarney, founder of Friends of Freedom.

Tracye Johnson and Cheryl Catchings worry about their fiancés, both in Saudi Arabia.

"I feel better when people don't keep asking me how I'm doing or how I feel," said Johnson, who plans to marry Terrance James, who is in the Navy, on May 13, the day between both their birthdays.

The three were among about 40 suburban relatives and fiancés of American servicemen and women in the Middle East who participated in a day-long stress seminar recently in an Oakland County hotel with three psychologists from Goren & Associates.

The people at Selfridge Field Air National Guard helped get the word out to support group members who participated.

"These people are under a lot of

stress, more than I suspected," said psychologist Steve Goren. "The question is how do you keep positive during negative times. There is a lot of hostility on the part of these people."

ONE WAY of reducing stress is good nutrition and plenty of exercise. "Go exercise. Let it out. Don't hold it in. Don't store up all that frustration and anger," psychologist Keith Levick told participants.

The men and women told Levick that all it takes is a news report or a fond memory of their loved one to activate a stress and worry attack. "All of a sudden you hear something bad on the news," said a woman. "Then I can't sleep."

Czarney's said her heart was broken when she learned through a letter from her son that some of the service people in Saudi Arabia don't get letters or packages. Her group, Friends of Freedom, went to work.

"The only thing that keeps me going is knowing that people who don't have parents are nonetheless receiving packages," said Czarney, whose son-in-law also is in Saudi Arabia.

Making matters worse is that no soldier or relative can do anything

about what's happening in Saudi Arabia.

"You can't control what's going on over there. But you can control your energy level," Levick said. "Do something for yourself."

Exercise — even relaxation exercises with your hands while driving — will help relieve the tension and stress, Levick said.

AND EMOTIONS are good. "Crying is not being weak. Crying is the ability to have courage."

Many participants at the seminar, which was supported by the hotel, Liberty State Bank and the Blue Care Network, attended because they are leaders of support groups for family members of men and women in Saudi Arabia.

Participants went home with T-shirts saying: "Operation Desert Shield. All our thoughts are with you," cassette tapes and literature about stress.

A support group leader asked how she can help those in her group without adding to her existing worry about her own son. "I want to know how to detach myself from their stories. I don't want to take that on to me," she said.

Goren reassured group leaders they are not there to solve members' problems. "This is a global problem, not a person problem. Just be willing to listen to them. All you need to do is listen to them. But you have to talk too about your problems," Goren said.

Sue Wuolukka said she felt better when she went to North Carolina to see her 22-year-old son, James, off to Saudi Arabia. She was the only mom there who had come to say goodbye. Now she gets letters from the other service men and women who were with her son.

"They needed you for that support," Goren said. "For a lot of them they haven't been away from their mothers for a long time."

A WOMAN who began a support group two weeks ago involved Vietnam vets to lend a hand in learning how to help their sons and daughters when they return from Saudi Arabia.

"They said, 'let them talk. If you stop them they'll shut up and never say anything,'" the woman said. "The thing is to listen."

In addition to learning about nutrition and exercise, participants learned various stress-reduction



SHARON LEMIEUX/staff photographer

Keith Levick: "Don't hold it in. Don't store up all that frustration and anger."

techniques, how to relax and how to cope with the stress they are feeling.

"We are trying our best to help them cope with this," Goren said.

"One woman told she was angry at the world. She thought of the song, 'I'll be home for Christmas, but only in my dreams.'"

The movement of troops to Saudi Arabia and the activation of reservists for assignment overseas has disrupted many local families. Here five suburbanites described how they coped during the Christmas holiday with their family members away.

Holidays bring mixed emotions



Christopher Carr in the Gulf

Redford parents tell of fears

By Janice Brunson
staff writer

Sun-Mi and Ronald Carr of Redford Township are "frightened to death."

Christopher Carr, 20, the eldest of the couple's three sons, is stationed with the Army in the Persian Gulf as part of Operation Desert Shield.

The elder Carrs fear for his welfare.

"We're frightened about (Iraqi) biological capability," Ronald Carr explains. "The gas suits can't keep out biological agents. Only chemical agents. This scares us."

"On the one hand we see the need. On the other hand, use someone else's son."

Carr, a Michigan native, met and married wife Sun-Mi in 1963, while stationed in Korea.

"Very lonely," said Sun-Mi of her eldest son's absence.

Chris, a 1988 graduate of Redford Union High where he was a swimmer and wrestler, enlisted in the Army the December after graduation.

"This is the second time he is gone for the holidays. Last year he was in Panama. This is the second year in a row. I miss him. But I guess you have to do what you have to do."

Chris is also missed by brothers Alex, 18, and Jason, 10. "The only thing I wish is for my big brother to come home," Jason recently told his mother.



Bob Kowalski AF captain

Livonia pilot's family worries

By Janice Brunson
staff writer

Bob Kowalski, 31, an Air Force pilot, is part of the Operation Desert Shield forces in the Persian Gulf and his Livonia parents are worried.

"We're very concerned," said Bob's mother Nancy Kowalski of her and husband Bob's feelings about their eldest son's military participation in the Middle East.

"I'm also a little nervous about the situation. Not too happy about it. But I guess with prayer and everything, you develop faith that things will turn out well."

Bob, a 1977 graduate of Livonia Churchill High who completed studies at Western Michigan University in 1981, joined the Air Force eight

years ago. A captain, he flies tanker aircraft.

In letters home to his parents, he writes of loneliness and uncertainty. "The worst part is not know knowing what is going to happen," he wrote in one recent letter.

It's important, Nancy Kowalski said, "to keep up the morale of our boys over there, especially with letters." She has written son Bob two to three times weekly since his arrival in the Gulf in late October.

In spite of Bob's absence during the holidays, the Kowalski home was not empty. There are four other adult children and three grandchildren.

In addition, Bob's bride of six months, Barbara, of California, planned a recent visit with her new Livonia in-laws.

Westland woman 'cried a lot'

"I cried a lot. I absolutely hate it." That was the to-the-point comment by Sherryl Morris when asked how she got through Christmas Day while her Marine reservist husband, Sidney, was on his way to the far east for special training as part of Operation Desert Shield.

But the Westland woman admitted that their son, 19, and daughter, 16, seem to be taking Morris' absence OK.

Morris left three weeks ago for California with his Marine unit.

"I can't believe I'm going through all this," said Mrs. Morris, married to her husband for 21 years.

Joining the reserves was her husband's choice and "that's what he likes doing," she said.

She added that while her husband is depressed at being away from the family, "but not as much as I am."

On Christmas Day, Mrs. Morris spent the day with her family, but "they stayed away from me."

"I left early and came home, but it wasn't the same," she said.

"Something was missing."

A constant reminder of her husband's absence is a familiar large yellow ribbon tied to a tree outside the Wayne Road Big Boy Restaurant where she works.



Sidney Morris Marine is missed

Christmas different for wife

"It's not the same," Kim Richards said.

She was talking about her first Christmas in five years of marriage without her husband, William, a Marine reservist who left home Dec. 10 for special training as part of Operation Desert Shield. His unit will eventually be shipped from California to the far east.

Mrs. Richards said that her Christmas is different from other military families whose husbands or sons were shipped overseas.

One major reason is that their two children are too young to realize what's happening.

The Richards have a 20-month-old daughter and 2-month-old son, born just a few weeks before the father's unit was activated.

Richards, a platoon sergeant, and his wife are both graduates of West High School in Garden City.

"I have been getting phone calls from him every few days," said Mrs. Richards, who is a customer representative for the Auto Club of Michigan.

She and their two children spent Christmas Eve with Mr. Richards' family with Christmas Day spent with her family.



William Richards Marine sergeant

Family misses local Marine

"We worry about him and miss not having him around."

That was the comment of Mrs. Lou Ann Smith, whose son, Michael, is a Marine lance corporal stationed in Saudi Arabia as part of Operation Desert Shield.

"We sent him a Christmas package Nov. 17 and hope it reached him in time," she said. The package included lots of canned food — something her son specifically asked for in view of the desert heat.

Smith will also receive two boxes of "just about everything" sent by students at St. Peter Lutheran School in Plymouth, which he attend-

ed before entering Plymouth Salem High School. He graduated from Salem in June 1988.

The Marine, who entered the service a year ago, is in a helicopter squadron.

Smith, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, also has a brother and three sisters who also worry about him.

"He calls home about twice a month and writes frequently," Mrs. Smith said.

"His first letters were upbeat," she said. "Recently, his letters indicate he is bored. There is nothing to do and no entertainment."



Lance Cpl. Michael Smith Plymouth marine

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Vacancy

Schoolcraft College seeks applicants for trustee seat

Schoolcraft College has begun accepting applications to fill a soon-to-be-vacant seat on its board of trustees.

Applicants are being sought for the seat now held by Jack Kirksey.

Application forms are available at the college president's office, on Schoolcraft's main campus, 18800 Haggerty, Livonia.

Forms must be returned by 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11.

Kirksey, director of community education for the Livonia Schools, resigned from the board in an apparent dispute over selection of the college's new legal representative.

He is expected to leave the board in March.

Though Kirksey received a six-year term in 1989, his appointed replacement would serve from April 24 to June 30. Three board seats will be decided in next year's election.

In addition to the unexpired four years left in Kirksey's term, seats held by Michael Burley and Jeanne Stempien will also up for election.

The election is scheduled for Monday, June 10.

Schoolcraft, a two-year community college, serves a number of western Wayne County communities.

Application forms are available at the college president's office, on Schoolcraft's main campus, 18800 Haggerty, Livonia. Forms must be returned by 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11.

Schoolcraft seat must live within the Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville or Plymouth/Canton public school districts. A small portion of Novi Schools is also included in the Schoolcraft service area.

Trustees oversee the college budget and curriculum and are also responsible for hiring the college president. In addition, trustees oversee activities at the main campus and at Schoolcraft College-Radeliff in Garden City. They also oversee college contracts, including those governing development of Seven Mile Crossing — a Livonia office complex built on college-owned land.

Trustees serve without pay. Additional information is available by calling 462-4460.

Local GOP leaders gear up for Tuesday's inauguration

By Mary Rodrigue
staff writer

Tonight revelers will ring in a New Year. Tuesday Michigan will welcome a new governor.

When John Engler is sworn into office at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday on the steps of the State Capitol building, a swarm of local Republican leaders will be there. From a 9 a.m. inaugural Mass in Lansing's St. Mary's Cathedral to a black tie gala at the Detroit Institute of Arts Friday night, Engler will work his way through Michigan to meet his constituency.

Most inaugural events are open to the public and free, except the DIA affair, which costs \$75 a person.

Livonia State Rep. Lyn Bankes is happily anticipating the transition of power.

"This is really exciting. I've been talking about it all week," said Bankes.

LIVONIA CITY Council president Jo McCotter will accompany Bankes to a legislative and judicial brunch at 9:30 a.m. in the State Capitol. They plan to witness the swearing-in ceremony, but skip a "grass roots gala" planned for 8 p.m. in the Lansing Center.

"There was some talk of an inaugural ball at the governor's man-

son but (outgoing Governor James) Blanchard is not leaving until the morning of the first and John Engler plans to spend the night of the first there," Bankes said. "The mansion is going to be a busy place on the first."

Bankes says one of the things she plans to follow up is Livonia City Hall's application for an equity grant for Greenmead Historic Village.

"We're going through hard times. John will cut programs that are unnecessary and keep those that are necessary. We've got a good man," she said.

Also making the Tuesday morning trek up I-96 will be Livonia GOP activist Dan Piercecchi.

"As (Republican) county chairman for the western part of Wayne County we worked for the entire Republican ticket," Piercecchi said. "None of us were surprised by the outcome. We worked like hell to pull it off."

Piercecchi said that a Detroit News Sunday poll which showed Blanchard with a substantial lead over Engler just two days before the primary election disillusioned many campaign workers "but just made me pull up harder."

"For eight years I've been looking forward to this day," he said.

AFTER THE swearing-in cere-

mony, Engler will meet the public in a receiving line at the Michigan Library and Historical Center 1-4 p.m. The grass roots gala runs from 8 p.m. to midnight. Although it requires a ticket, admission is free.

Wednesday the new governor will be in Marquette and Thursday in Mount Pleasant for more public receptions. The festivities wind up Friday and Saturday in Detroit and Grand Rapids with black tie galas.

Making a special contribution to those festivities is Ken Kelsey of Kelsey Advertising in Livonia. Kelsey is producing a brass commemorative medallion for distribution to those attending the galas in Detroit and Grand Rapids.

"It's two and a half inches in diameter, with the state seal on one side and the capitol dome on the other with the words Michigan gubernatorial Inauguration 1991," said Kelsey, who produced 4,000 of the coins. They will be packaged in a velveteen pouch and placed in a box with a gold stamp inaugural seal.

Kelsey is also supplying 10,000 tassels for the inaugural program books and drink tokens to be used at the two inaugural balls.

"I'm definitely going to be at the inaugural ball," said Kelsey, who became acquainted with John Engler through state Sen. R. Robert

Geake, R-Northville.

"I think (Engler) will be very good for small business people like myself," he said.

State Sen. Geake will attend the inaugural and legislative breakfast in Lansing, but not the DIA event.

Geake, longtime legislator who represents Livonia, Redford, Garden City, Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township, struck a more somber note on the transition of power.

"Senator Engler is taking over at a very difficult time for the state," he said. "We have a significant deficit that will have to be dealt with immediately. We'll see cutbacks in corrections and social services. There will be a fairly dramatic shift toward privatization."

Geake, however, is looking forward to the increased role he will play as vice chairman of the Senate Appropriations committee.

Wayne County Commissioner Susan Heintz, R-Northville Township, will be in Lansing for the swearing in ceremony.

"I've known (Engler) for over six years, ever since he became Senate majority leader," Heintz said. "He's been down here. We were introducing him to the commissioners and he's also met many of our judges. I'd say he knows most people in Wayne County government."

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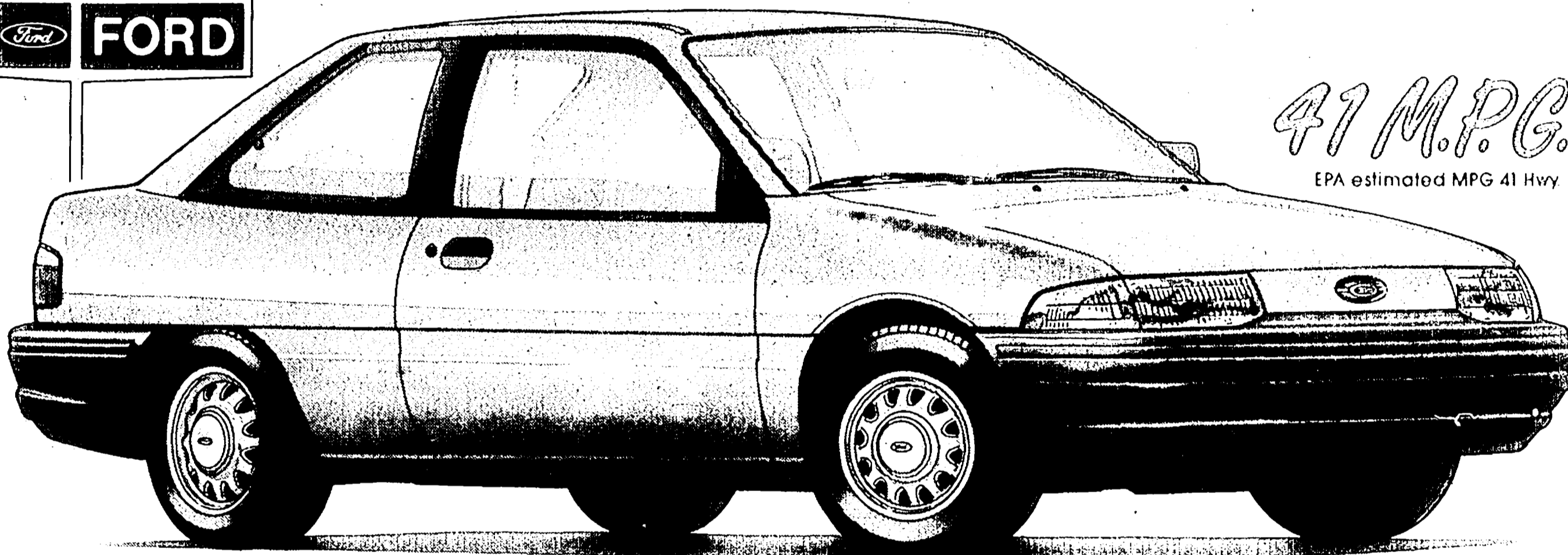
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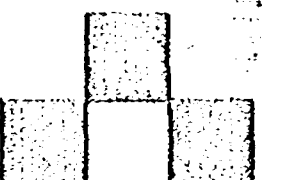
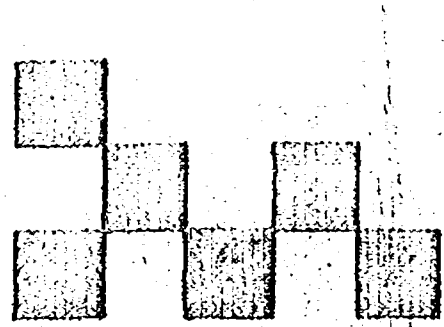
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Simplify holiday cooking

Meatloaf recipes: 3B

Every now and then, we foodies need to be kneaded down a little. Must be all that yeast, flour, good food and wine that so often "goes to our heads."

At one of my favorite restaurants last weekend, I ran into a faithful reader who commented on the fact that all I ever write about are "elaborate" foods and ideas that few working people have the time or energy to create.

Well, you asked for it. Just when you needed it the most, here are some basic holiday tips the Janes Gang uses to make life in the kitchen just a little more comfortable and less hectic.

First, never underestimate the qualities of a good meatloaf. Most folks look at this recession staple as a Tuesday night dinner. At my house, we use a basic meat loaf recipe and use it to stuff mushroom caps, wrap in puff pastry or phyllo dough (precooked) or make meatballs, which are mixed with equal parts of grape jelly and chili sauce for a tasty hot appetizer.

IF THERE'S ever any left, we crush it up and mix it with taco seasoning for a topping on nachos. Never has one food item served to be so versatile. It's freezable, microwavable, but most of all, inexpensively easy.

Everyone has their 15 minutes of fame and adulation, or so Andy Warhol says. But as for me, I'm just waiting for some fancy food magazine to ask me to name three ingredients in my cupboards.

Because so much of our entertaining is the non-planned kind, open up my cupboard and you'll find at least two cans of "exotic" vegetables along with an expanse of different oils.

The vegetables are kept for foodie emergencies like the time when, out of desperation, I opened a can of artichoke hearts, drained them and mixed with equal parts of mayonnaise and Parmesan cheese.

The mixture was then plopped into a small pie plate and baked at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. A hot, aromatic and thoroughly pleasing hot dip that was at home with french toast points or Ritz crackers.

Ditto for that can of garbanzo beans that can be blended or finely chopped and mixed with some finely chopped onion, a little oil, salt and pepper for a humus-type cold spread that when dipped with pitas from the freezer and heated in the oven can be a godsend for the busy homemaker.

SPEAKING OF freezers, mine has never made it through the holidays without a constant supply of unsliced French-type bread. This is the stuff that can be taken from the freezer still frozen, sliced lengthwise and brushed with either olive oil, vegetable oil or nut oil and sprinkled with dried basil (fresh chopped is even better but not mandatory).

Add some Parmesan and, if available, paper-thin slices of tomato for a homemade hot bruschetta that can be sliced into wafers, plated and passed as a hot appetizer that will warm anyone's heart.

Sitting next to the Campbell's Cream of Mushroom soup that, when heated and mixed with two cups shredded cheese, turns into a hearty cheese fondue is the ever-present can of refried beans.

Either one can be spread onto a large heat-proof platter and then ringed with shredded cheese, chopped onion, chopped and drained canned tomatoes and a sprinkling of cumin and garlic powder for a nacho-type dip calling for more.

So if you think that entertaining has to be planned out with ample dollar and time outlays, think again. The holidays should be a time of fun and only you can make them that way.



STEVE CANTRELL/staff photographer

Left: Judy McCarthy, wife of WJR's J.P. McCarthy, set this New Year's Eve table as part of Holiday Tables 1990, a benefit for the Cranbrook House and Garden Auxiliary.

By Larry Janes
special writer

WJR RADIO personality J. P. McCarthy might wear the "cans" (headphones) in this family, but when it comes time to set the table for New Year's Eve, his wife Judy knows just what to do to make the New Year come in with a bang!

This year, as in years past, Judy and J.P., of Bloomfield Hills, will usher in the New Year enjoying the sun and sunsets at their winter home on Hope Sound, just north of Jupiter, Florida. Judy arrived and began holiday preparations the week before Christmas, anticipating J.P.'s arrival after his last WJR morning show program on Dec. 21.

Christmas was spent with 13 relatives — sons, daughters and their spouses — who flew in from around the country to spend the holidays with Mom and Dad.

For New Year's Eve, the McCarthy family will join with other friends, making a combined guest list of almost 80 for a ritual that will begin with cocktails at 9 p.m. and lead up to a midnight supper complete with hats, noisemakers, confetti and plenty of great food and drink.

Dining in Style on New Year's Eve

Setting the holiday table for a feast of this size is no simple undertaking. J.P. says Judy "almost makes herself crazy" concocting new ways to set the holiday table. This year, Judy was asked to join in with the Cranbrook House and Garden Auxiliary and do a complete holiday table set-up to benefit Cranbrook House in Bloomfield Hills.

WHILE SOME of the other guest table-setters chose a Christmas motif, Judy came up with the idea of doing something totally elaborate and fun for New Year's. Clutching a gold moire teddy bear that was received as a gift last

year from a special friend, she set out with china pattern in tow to a Calico Corners fabric shop, where she located a delicate red, green and gold material easily cut and hemmed for a tablecloth.

Then it was off to a costume shop in search of a shiny top hat that perfectly fit the stuffed bear. Coupling the hat with some mylar confetti, some shiny brass candlesticks and her newfound tablecloth, Judy was ready to put it all together with the McCarthy's own china, crystal and silver.

The centerpiece will add a touch of whimsy, while the tableware will add that certain "je ne sais quoi" to the elegant meal that Judy

will help cook and serve along with friends.

Not knowing what her friends are preparing for New Year's Eve, Judy will spend a few hours in the kitchen, probably preparing individual lamb chops, planked potatoes and a traditional New Year's favorite of the McCarthy clan, a Chocolate Angel Pie that, as Judy puts it herself, "simply melts in your mouth."

When questioned about how she pulls all this off with minimal stress, Judy claims that cooking, along with table setting and flower arranging, just comes "naturally easy."

She readily admits that she

adores fresh flowers. And even though there is no formal education in design in her background, the challenge to create something is one that is taken on with gusto.

OF COURSE, with the additional help of the McCarthy children and their spouses, the "work" part of it is completed in no time, as their assistance is used to the fullest.

In addition to doing the holiday table settings for the family, Judy keeps herself busy throughout the year, assisting many local auxiliaries and charities.

She was chosen this year as one of the table-setters for the Cranbrook House and Garden Auxiliary because, in addition to being the wife of J.P., she frequently donates her time and talents to the community.

The Holiday Tables fund-raiser, the largest of the fund-raisers organized by the auxiliary, raises money for the restoration and preservation of the historic Cranbrook House.

For more information on the Cranbrook House and Garden Auxiliary and their many efforts, including tours of the historic Cranbrook House, call the auxiliary at 645-3149.

Fondue: old favorite with a new twist

By Jennifer L. Hill
special writer

Good Food, Good Fun and Good Company for New Year's Eve. Why not try a dessert fondue party to ring in the New Year?

What better way to greet the new year than with a good glass of champagne accompanied by dessert in the form of fondue. It is fun, informal and can be done on the spur of the moment for those last-minute parties or when surprise guests drop by.

A fondue party is a great way to entertain. It is a perfect opportunity to get together and renew old friendships as well as make new ones.

Fondue is simple to prepare and can be done in advance, allowing you to get out of the kitchen and enjoy both your guests and their conversation. Your friends can also join in the preparation by dividing these tasks among the group.

The Swiss classic fondue, made of melted cheese, was the rage in the 1960s and early 1970s in many American households.

Fondue pots were also filled with melted chocolate in which pound cake and strawberries were dipped

for dessert. As the novelty wore off, fondue sets took a back seat on kitchen shelves, only to come out once in a while for nostalgia's sake.

We are beginning to see the fondue set once again because of its convenience. More new and different recipes, ranging from appetizers to desserts, are being created.

IMAGINE NEW twists on the classic fondues. For instance, instead of plunging a juicy ripe strawberry into a pot of melted chocolate, a moist cube of chocolate cake can be dipped into a warmed fruited sauce. The classic chocolate fondue will remain the granddaddy of dessert fondue with more and more accompaniments for dipping — for example, peppermint sticks, festive for the holiday season.

Fresh fruits, such as apples, strawberries and bananas, are usually served along with pound cake for a dessert fondue. But to make it special, try such serving suggestions as whole dried fruit, or one of the "new" fruits: carabola stars, kiwi and mango. You can also use meringue, macaroons, brownies, mini cupcakes and sponge cake to dip in the warmed sauces.

Try strips of puffed pastry lightly sprinkled with sugar to serve as an alternative. I also suggest cutting up that fruit cake you received as a gift and those holiday cookies, sugar or gingerbread men will do, to make it a little more festive for this holiday season. Place them next to the fondue pot and watch them disappear, along with the other accompaniments.

Try some condiments such as chopped nuts and toasted coconut for rolling your dipped fruit or confections in. This adds a different texture and treat to your fondue.

WHILE FONDUES are simple to make, here are a few general hints you might want to keep in mind when preparing your dessert fondue. Be sure that the temperature, or flame, is set low so that the sauce is warm enough without burning the fondue.

Also, when making the fondue that calls for egg yolk, be sure that you continue to whisk the mixture while on the stove so that the yolks do not scramble while heating. (The egg white may be used to make meringue for dipping.)

Try limiting your party to a small

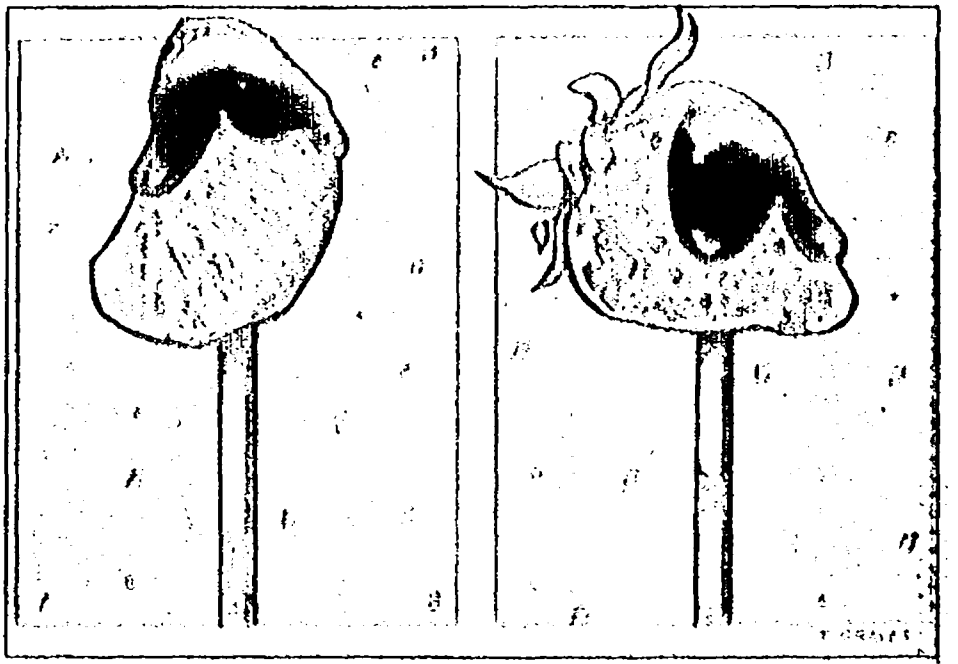
number so it remains intimate and more informal. Fondue is conducive to small numbers (4-6 people per pot allowing enough room for the forks in each pot).

What my friends and I do is use more than one fondue pot so that we are able to have more than one type of fondue at our gatherings. Offer your guests coffee, a nice dessert wine or cordials when the festivities

begin, and, of course, a glass of champagne when the clock strikes midnight.

As the clock chimes in the New Year, raise a glass and toast to good health, good fortune and that you find yourself in the company of good friends for the new year. Happy New Year!

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Sparkling wines showcased

Schramsberg, though not the first California producer of methode champenoise sparkling wine, certainly deserves credit for blazing the trail toward ultra-premium American sparklers.

This year, Schramsberg celebrated 25 years of Napa Valley sparkling wine innovation.

Nearly a decade before the first French-American connection in California wine country, Schramsberg initiated the use of classic French grape varieties for making sparkling wine.

IT PRODUCES a line of fine wines that includes Blanc de Blancs made from chardonnay and pinot blanc, the perfect wine for fresh oysters.

Blanc de Noirs is made primarily from pinot noir with a small percent of chardonnay and pinot blanc for added structure and complexity.

Schramsberg Blanc de Noirs is the first white sparkling wine made from black skinned grapes produced in the United States.

Cuvee de Pinot is a brut (dry) rose that combines pinot noir, Napa gamay, pinot meunier and pi-

not blanc in a wine that can be enjoyed throughout the meal. Cremant demi-sec is a dessert wine made from aromatic Flora grapes.

Schramsberg Reserve, a California prestige cuvee, boasts maximum complexity due to barrel fermentation, strict selection of wines for the blend and long bottle aging on the yeast lees.

WHEN SCHRAMSBERG was established, in 1965, U.S. production of sparkling wine totaled 50,000 cases annually. Today, American production of methode champenoise wine exceeds 2.5 million cases.

Considering these statistics, the founding of a sparkling wine house was a courageous and prophetic investment of owners of Jack and Jamie Davies.

Imitation may be the sincerest form of flattery, but Mumm Napa Valley is not trying to imitate their French counterpart in Champagne.

"Our wines reflect the style and quality of Napa Valley fruit. This is not a French product from California," said Greg Fowler, winemaker at Mumm Napa Valley.

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focus on wine
Eleanor and Ray Heald

MUMM NAPA VALLEY increases complexity in its wines by harvesting fruit from 58 different vineyard sites in Napa, Yountville and Carneros. Each component has something special to contribute to the final blend.

Pinot noir from Napa adds a distinct cherry fruit, while the pinot noir from Carneros adds body and a touch of tropical fruit.

"Chardonnay contributes spice and zest to the wine plus a little green apple tartness expected in sparkling wine," Fowler said.

In 1989, Mumm Napa Valley introduced this country's first single vineyard sparkler, Winery Lake Cuvee.

Since beginning production in 1986, Mumm Napa Valley has increased from 100,000 to 100,000 cases annually.

MUMM STARTED with a single sparkling wine. Today, there are four styles in the Mumm line.

Mumm Napa Valley Blanc de Noirs showcases a bright blush of pink with generous flavors and weighty palate that showcases stylish fruit.

"I want the fruit pouring out from the top of the glass, strawberry fruit in particular," Fowler said.

Mumm's Brut Prestige has a delicate, bronze color with touches of melon, apples and toasty vanilla-caramel on the nose and the palate.

This blend contains 35 percent chardonnay, lending the added structure and rich, lingering finish.

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Over the past 20 years, a celebrated list of vintners has made still wines from Winery Lake grapes.

After its purchase by parent company Seagram, the Winery Lake grapes now go to make the Mumm Winery Lake Cuvee, a sparkling expression of a single vineyard from a single vintage.

Mumm's Vintage Reserve is made only in excellent years, such as 1985 and 1987.

A blend of pinot noir and chardonnay, it is a traditional champagne blend that combines the weight and tannin provided by pinot noir with the freshness and elegance contributed by chardonnay.

Try new approach to dessert fondues

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BUTTERSCOTCH FONDUE
 1/4 cup brown sugar
 1 cup heavy cream
 2 egg yolks
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1 teaspoon cornstarch
 6 tablespoons butter, cut into pieces

In a fondue pot, whisk together the brown sugar, cream and the egg yolks. Continue whisking this mixture on the stove top over medium-high heat until the mixture is hot. Continue whisking for five minutes. Remove from heat. Add vanilla.

In a separate bowl, mix the cornstarch with two tablespoons of milk. Add the cornstarch mixture to the brown sugar mixture. Return to heat and whisk until thickened. Remove the mixture from the stove and stir in butter. Place butterscotch over low heat at the table.

WARM BERRY FONDUE
 1 pint berries (strawberry, raspberry, blueberry, etc.) rinsed and pitted over
 1/4 cup fruit-flavored liquor
 2 tablespoons sugar

Puree the ingredients in the food processor or blender and gently warm over low heat at the table.

Note: Frozen berries may be substituted for fresh fruit.

AMARETTO FONDUE
 1 1/2 cup half and half
 4 tablespoons sugar
 2 teaspoons cornstarch
 2 egg yolks, beaten
 1/4 cup Amaretto

In the fondue pot mix the half and half, sugar, cornstarch and egg yolks. Warm the mixture gently on the stove whisking constantly until it coats the wire whisk. Remove from the stove. Add the Amaretto. Stir and place fondue over low heat at the table.

Note: Almond extract may be added if you do not wish to use Amaretto.

WHITE CHOCOLATE-HAZELNUT FONDUE
 1/4 cup hazelnuts, coarsely chopped
 12 ounces white chocolate
 1 cup heavy cream
 1/4 cup hazelnut liquor, such as Frangelico

Toast hazelnuts on a sheet pan in a 350 degree oven for 8-10 minutes or until golden brown (watch the nuts carefully, they may burn easily).

Break up chocolate and place in the fondue pot. Add the heavy cream and heat slowly, stirring constantly, until the chocolate melts. Stir in the toasted hazelnuts and liquor. Remove from stove and place on burner at the table over low heat.

Pan-baking is light approach to cooking fish

AP — A "new" concept being promoted among restaurants serving seafood holds great promise for home cooks working to blend health, economy and good taste.

The concept, dubbed pan-baking by the North Atlantic Seafood Association, offers so much versatility it can't help but sell more seafood.

Closer to home, it can't help but give those cooking for families lots of fresh ideas for fish, whether the fish that's freshest hails from the North Atlantic or any other waters.

The association defines pan-baking as cooking seafood and sauce together in individual or multiple servings.

There should be enough sauce to protect the fish from both drying out and overcooking, a boon to casual

kitchen wizards who don't count precise cooking times among their areas of acquired expertise.

PROponents of pan-baked seafood say accompaniments make it possible to cut the amount of seafood used in each serving whenever economy demands. They also say that, with minimum adjustments, almost any recipe can be brought into line with lighter, more healthful eating.

Pan-baked seafood dishes can start simple, but they certainly don't need to stop there. Especially in the realm of individual servings, presentations with sauces and colorful condiments can rival a restaurant entrée with ease.

Home cooks can also identify with

several of the seafood association's boasts to professionals.

While mild-tasting fish is the American way, the variety of sauces and other ethnic combinations allows terrific variety in taste and texture.

Plus, the fact that sauces can be prepared ahead of time makes pan-baked seafood a natural for quick dinners finished after a hard day at the office. Most recipes involve only 8-10 minutes of actual cooking before the dish is ready to serve.

Finally, since seafood is a category that truly shows off microwave cookery, additional convenience comes easily with pan-baking.

The following are recipes developed for the North Atlantic Seafood Association.

PAN-BAKE SCROD, ASIAN STYLE
 12 green cabbage leaves
 6 cod or scrod fillets (about 6 ounces each)
 2 leeks, thinly sliced
 3 carrots, thinly sliced
 Six 3-leaf sprigs of mint
 6 sprigs basil
 6 slices fresh ginger root
 1/4 teaspoon chili powder
 6 tablespoons dry sherry
 6 tablespoons soy sauce

Use a spatula, carefully open the foil and transfer the cabbage leaf pouch to a dinner plate. Remove gingerroot before serving. Makes six servings.

(Recipe from: chef Walter Riewe, Chemical Bank, New York)

PAN-BAKE SCROD PROVENCALE
 3 ounces olive oil
 1/2 pound red onions, sliced
 4 stalks celery, diced
 2 cloves garlic, crushed
 2 medium tomatoes, diced
 1/4 cup tomato paste
 1/2 cup dry white wine
 1 cup clam juice
 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
 1/2 teaspoon oregano
 1 teaspoon grated orange peel
 Ground red pepper to taste

Use a spatula, carefully open the foil and transfer the cabbage leaf pouch to a dinner plate. Remove gingerroot before serving. Makes six servings.

(Recipe from: chef Nancy Weiss, American Grill, Scottsdale, Ariz.)

Salt and black pepper to taste
 1 bay leaf
 5 cod or scrod fillets (about 6 ounces each)

In a large saucepan, heat the olive oil and add onions, celery and garlic. Saute until limp. Add tomatoes, tomato paste, wine and clam juice. Bring to a boil, then reduce to simmer.

Add the remaining ingredients except the fish. Simmer 30 minutes and keep hot. Place fish fillets in individual casserole dishes. Top with sauce and bake in preheated 425-degree oven for 10-12 minutes. Garnish with garlic toast, olives and parsley. Makes six servings.

(Recipe from: chef Nancy Weiss, American Grill, Scottsdale, Ariz.)

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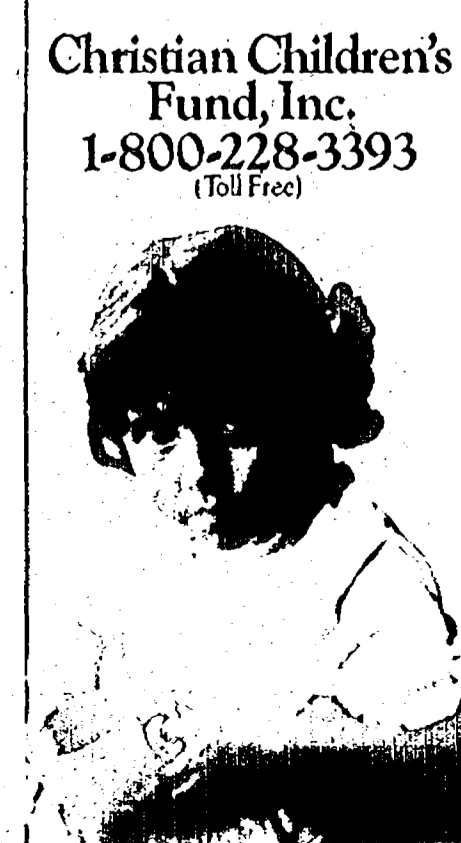
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Cookbook showcases Michigan restaurants

"A Taste of Michigan," a new cookbook published by the Michigan Restaurant Association, is a collection of more than 200 recipes from member restaurants throughout the state.

The cookbook also includes information on each contributing restaurant and a section on wines. The book was designed to highlight Michigan products and also the many fine restaurants and chefs in the state.

Gift stores, and book stores (including Walden's and B. Dalton's) throughout Michigan carry the cookbook, as well as a number of restaurants.

The spiral-bound, soft-cover "A Taste of Michigan" also is available from the MRA by sending a check or money order for \$12.50 plus \$1.50 for shipping and handling to: MRA Cookbook, 200 N. Washington Square, Suite 10, Lansing 48933.

The MRA has been in existence since 1921 and promotes excellence in hospitality. Its more than 5,000 member locations are represented from the association's headquarters in Lansing.

A few of the cookbook's recipes, chosen from area restaurants, follow:

STUFFED MUSHROOMS WITH CRABMEAT

Appetizer for 12
2 pounds large fresh mushrooms (approximately 36 pieces)
¼ cup butter
1 pound crabmeat (king, blue or backfin), picked free of cartilage
½ cup chopped onion
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
1 hard-boiled egg, chopped
2 tablespoons sour cream
½ cup mayonnaise
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
Few drops Tabasco
1 teaspoon lemon juice
Salt and pepper to taste

Wash mushrooms (do not soak). Break stems off (use stems for other purposes). In a skillet, melt the butter, add caps and sauté till they turn gray. Strain off juice and let mushrooms cool (save juice for soup or sauce).
Chop crabmeat if necessary. Mix

with rest of ingredients by hand. Fill into mushroom caps. Arrange caps on a baking sheet. Bake approximately 20-30 minutes (depending on their temperature) in 375-degree oven.

The Golden Mushroom, Southfield

PINCONNING CHEESE SOUP

Yield: 4-6 servings
4 slices bacon chopped medium
1 cup onion chopped fine
¼ cup celery chopped fine
¼ cup carrot chopped very fine
3 tablespoons flour
½ teaspoon nutmeg
½ teaspoon white pepper
4 cups chicken broth
1 cup half and half
1 pound Pinconning cheese grated
3 tablespoons parsley chopped fine

Cook bacon in skillet and render. Using slotted spoon, remove bacon from grease and set aside. Sauté onion, celery and carrots in bacon drippings until tender (approximately 10 minutes). Add flour and seasonings. Cook, stirring, for approximately two minutes. Add chicken broth. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for five minutes. Stir in half and half and grated cheese. Cook until cheese is melted. Add chopped parsley and mix well. Ready to serve.

NOTE: Use of Pinconning cheese made in Michigan.

Charley's Restaurants, metropolitan Detroit.

CENTER CUT PORK CHOPS WITH MUSTARD CIDER SAUCE

APPLE COMPOTE WITH SHERRY
Yield 4
4 lean center cut pork chops (8-9 ounces each)
1 clove of garlic crushed
4 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard
1 cup apple cider or apple juice
1 tablespoon butter

Compote
3 large Michigan red apples, peeled, core and cut in wedges
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 cup sherry
½ cup brown sugar
1 cinnamon stick
1 tablespoon butter

Rub pork chops with crushed garlic. Sauté chops in skillet with butter until golden brown. Brush chops with mustard on both sides. Add cider. Cover with lid or aluminum foil. Cook in oven, turning occasionally until well done. To serve, put pork chops on heated plates. Reduce sauce. Season to taste and spoon over chops. Serve and garnish with apple wedges.

Compote: Sauté apples in butter and lemon juice. Add sugar and cinnamon sticks. Add dry sherry and cook for a short period. Don't overcook.

Suggested Wine: Leelanau Cellars Chardonnay.

Machus Red Fox, Bloomfield Township

RACK OF LAMB GENGHIS KHAN

Serves 6
3 lamb racks (8 ribs each) trimmed and silverskin removed
1 cup hoisin sauce
Lamb marinade

Place the lamb and marinade in a plastic bag, tie and place in refrigerator for 48 hours, turning occasionally. Remove lamb from marinade and let stand at room temperature 1 hour before cooking. Brush with hoisin sauce. Place lamb on rack in shallow roasting pan and roast in hot oven, 450 degrees, for 15-25 minutes for rare lamb, depending on the size of the racks, or longer for a greater degree of doneness. Let rest for 6-7 minutes before carving.

Lamb Marinade
1 cup onions, finely chopped
2 tablespoons garlic, minced
3 tablespoons lemon juice
½ cup honey
3 tablespoons curry powder
1½ teaspoons cayenne pepper, ground
2 teaspoons Coleman's mustard powder
2 teaspoons black pepper, ground
2 tablespoons salt
1 cup water

Combine all ingredients.
Suggested Wine: St. Julian Chancellor Noir.
The Lark, West Bloomfield.

McCarthys plan special New Year's Eve lamb, pie

See "Dining in style on New Year's Eve": 1B

JUDY AND J.P. MCCARTHY'S HOLIDAY LAMB CHOPS

6 lamb chops, about ¾ inch thick
2 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard
1 teaspoon thyme
2 teaspoons vegetable oil
½ teaspoon salt

Slash outer edge of fat on lamb chops diagonally at one inch intervals to prevent curling (do not cut into lean). Place lamb chops on broiler pan. Combine mustard, thyme, oil and salt and brush ½ of mixture over chops. Broil chops

three inches from heat until golden, about six minutes. Turn. Brush remaining sauce on chops and continue broiling until medium doneness, about 5-6 minutes more.

THE MCCARTHY'S CHOCOLATE ANGEL PIE

meringue crust:
2 eggs
¼ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon cream of tartar
¼ cup sugar
¼ cup chopped nuts
¼ teaspoon vanilla

Beat whites till foamy. Add salt and cream of tartar. Beat until soft peaks form. Add sugar, beat until

stiff. Fold in nuts and vanilla. Turn into a lightly greased eight-inch pie plate building up sides and leaving center as a shell for the filling. Bake at 300 degrees for 55 minutes and cool.

Filling:
1 bar (¼ pound) Baker's sweet chocolate
3 tablespoons hot water
1 spoon vanilla
1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Melt chocolate in double boiler. Add hot water and mix well. Cool to room temperature. Stir in vanilla and gently fold in whipped cream. Fill prebaked shell and chill for at least two hours.

Easy staples make holiday entertaining more enjoyable

See Larry James' Taste Buds column: 1B

MINI MEAT LOAF WELLINGTONS

basic meat loaf:
1 pound ground beef
1 egg
½ cup tomato sauce or ketchup
¼ cup crushed cracker crumbs
1 small clove garlic, finely chopped
salt and pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients and mix well. Shape into a loaf pan and bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes.

To make Wellingtons:
1 meat loaf, precooked
1 package frozen puff pastry dough
1 cup finely chopped mushrooms
1 cup grated cheese

Cut meat loaf into 2x2-inch squares. Cut puff pastry sheets into 4x4-inch squares. Place a cube of meat loaf in center of each puff pastry. Top with a tablespoon of chopped mushroom and a tablespoon of shredded cheese. Bring ends of puff pastry together and place seam side down on a baking sheet. Brush with egg white or milk and bake at 375 degrees for 10-15 minutes or until golden. Makes about 24.

HOT ARTICHOKE DIP
1 can artichoke hearts, drained (not marinated variety)
1 cup mayonnaise
1 cup grated parmesan cheese

Chop artichoke hearts. Combine with remaining ingredients. Mix well. Place in baking dish and put in a 350-degree oven for 30 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Can be broiled for 10 minutes. Chef's secret: Try adding in crumbled cooked bacon. If no artichokes are available, try substituting one grated onion. This mixture can be spread on crackers or bread and then broiled individually, if desired.

cooking calendar

COOKING CLASSES

Three area chefs will be participating in a series of cooking classes this January and February. Milos Cibicka from the Golden Mushroom in Southfield, Brian Polcyn of Pike Street Restaurant in Pontiac and Ed Janos of Too Chez in Novi will each offer one class at their own restaurant in each series. The classes will be offered at 10 a.m. on Saturday mornings. The first series will take place Jan. 5, 12 and 26; the second series runs Feb. 2, 9 and 16. For more information, call Denise Rossman at 855-2620.

GOOD NUTRITION

A seminar on innovative cuisine for the '90s called "Nutritional Cuisine for Health and Fitness" will be offered at Schoolcraft College in Livonia on Mondays from 4-9 p.m. The seminar will begin on Jan. 14 and last four weeks. Lectures will cover such subjects as nutrition and the relationship of nutrition to heart disease, cholesterol level and body metabolism. Participants will also apply this information to creating nutritious meals. The seminar has been approved by the American Culinary Federation

for 30 hours of instruction (5 points). The fee is \$300. For further information, call 462-4448.

WINTER CLASSES

Kitchen Glamour Stores in Redford, West Bloomfield and Rochester are taking registration for their winter and spring classes. Eight well-known area chefs, including Marcus Haight from the Lark in West Bloomfield and Tom MacKinnon from MacKinnon's in Northville, will offer a series of classes. The fee is \$40 per class or \$375 for the series.


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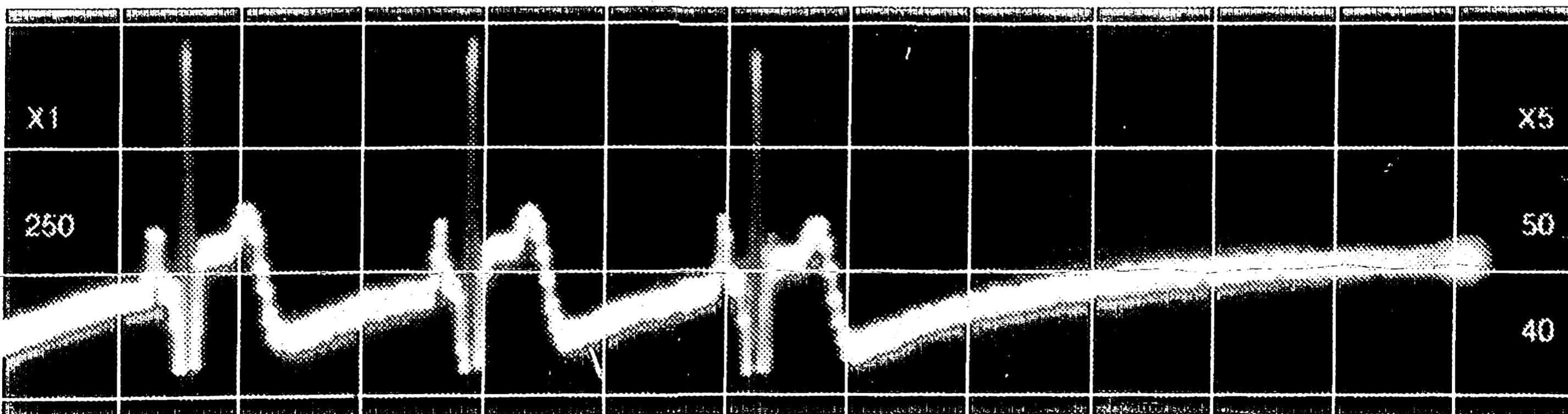
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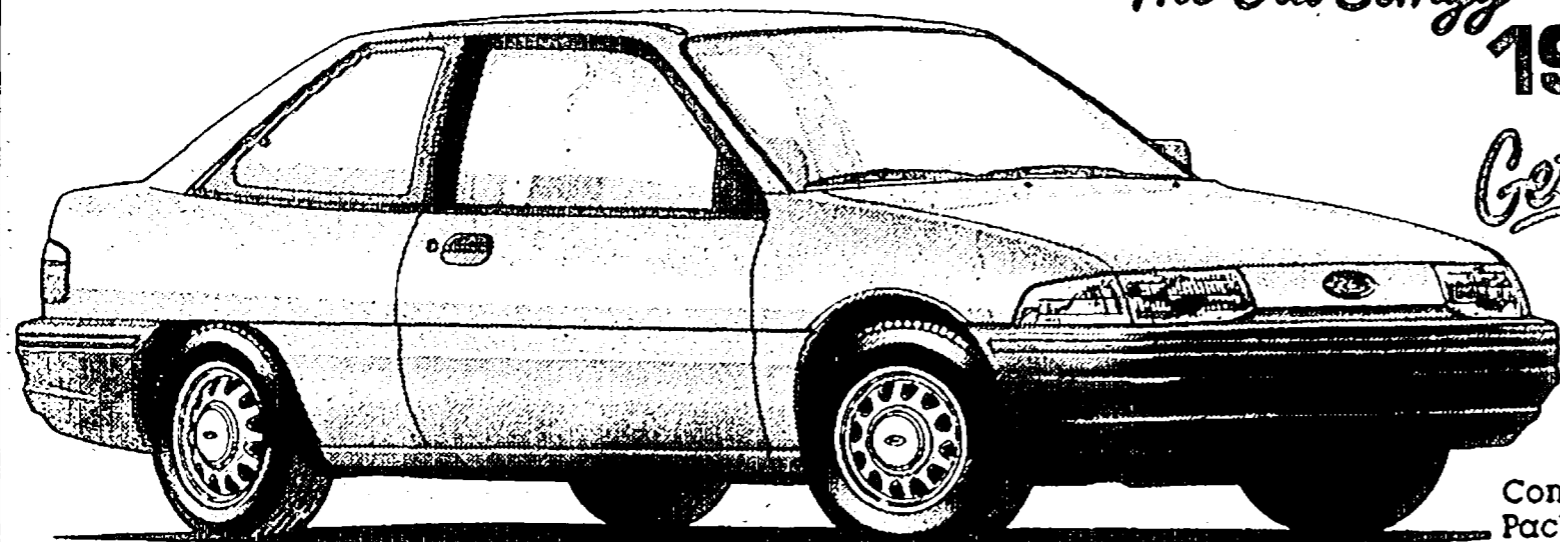
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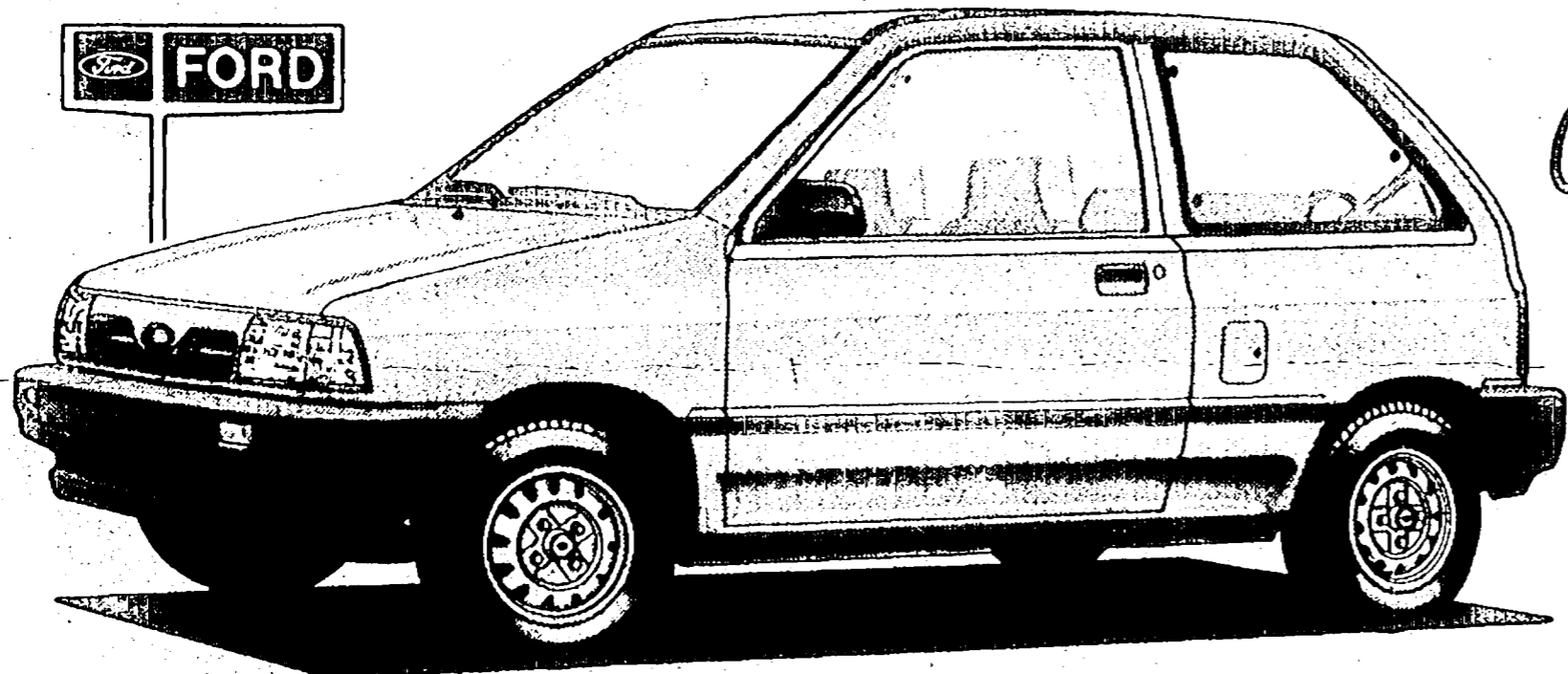
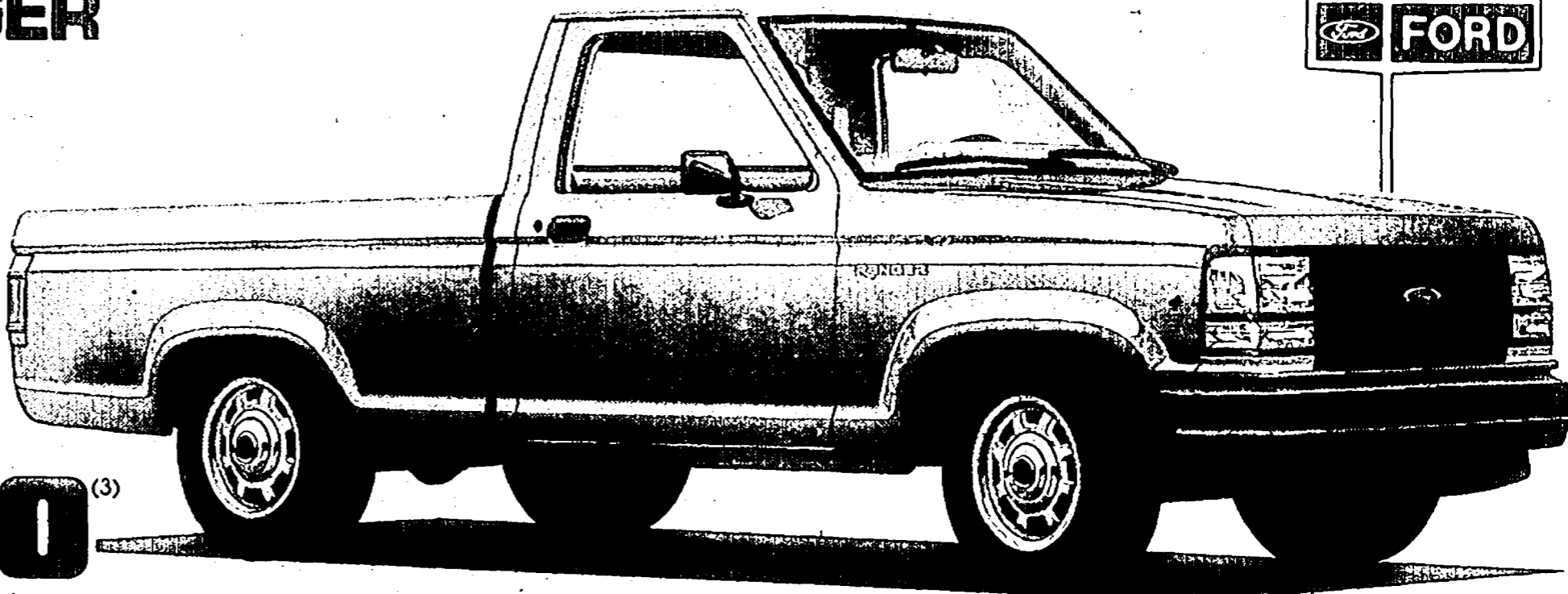
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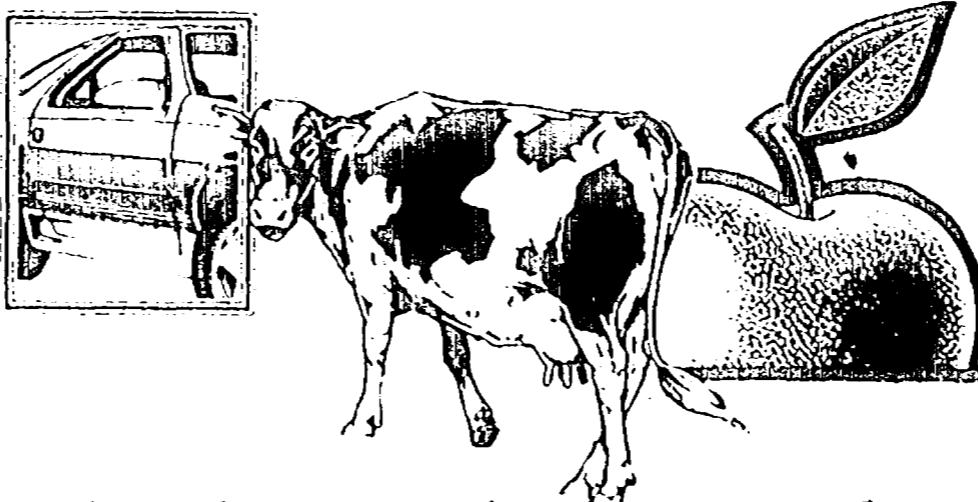
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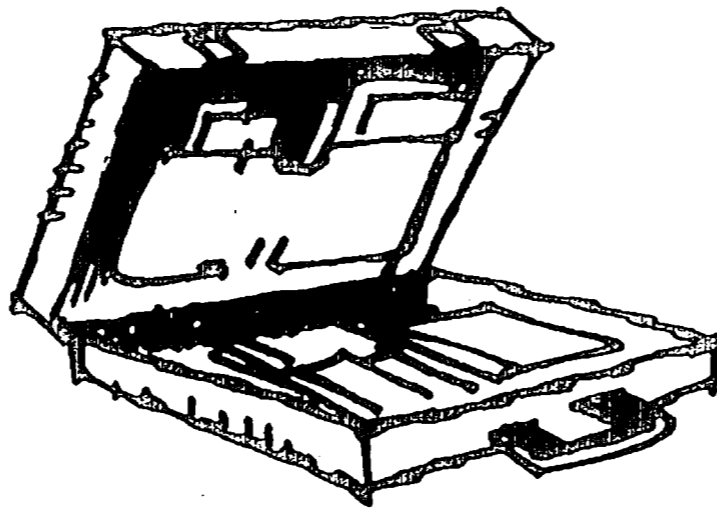
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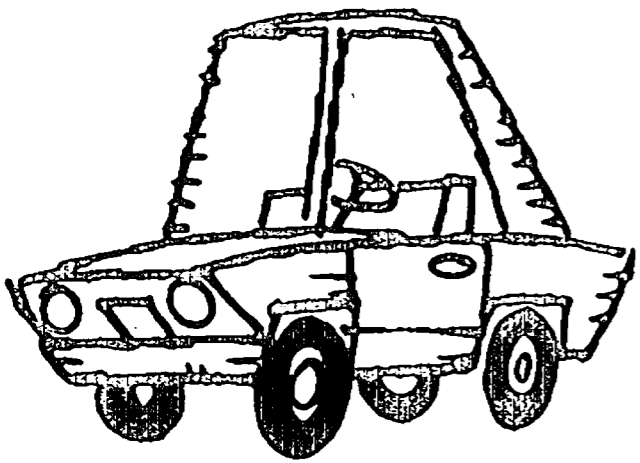
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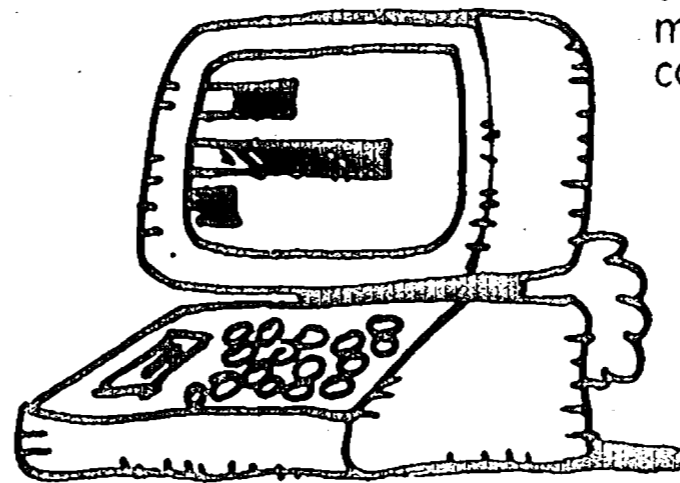
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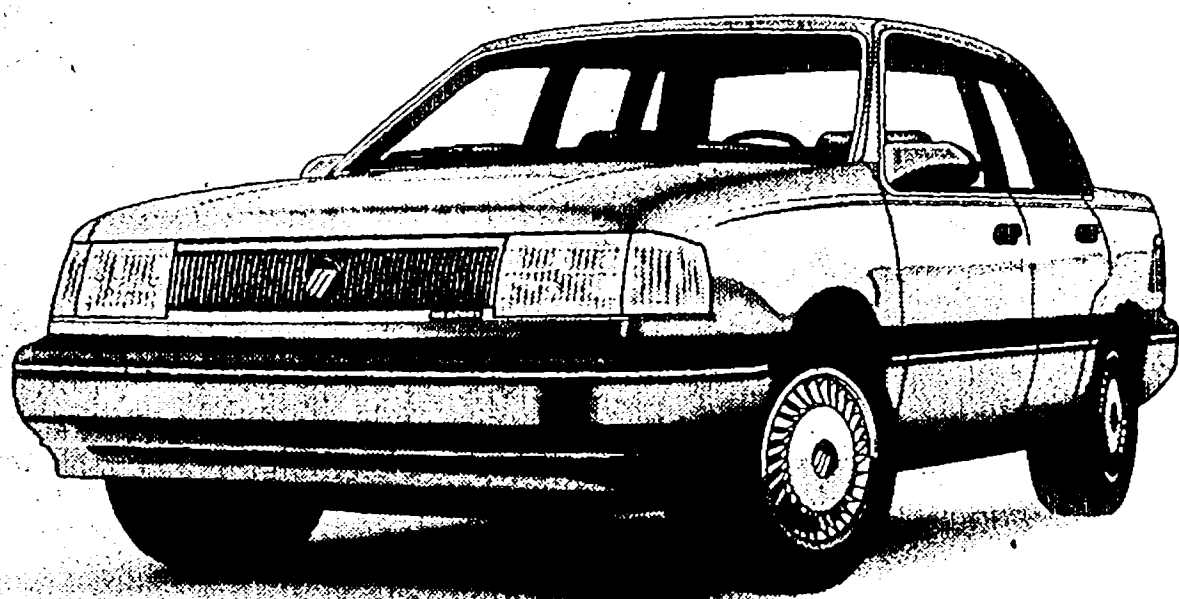
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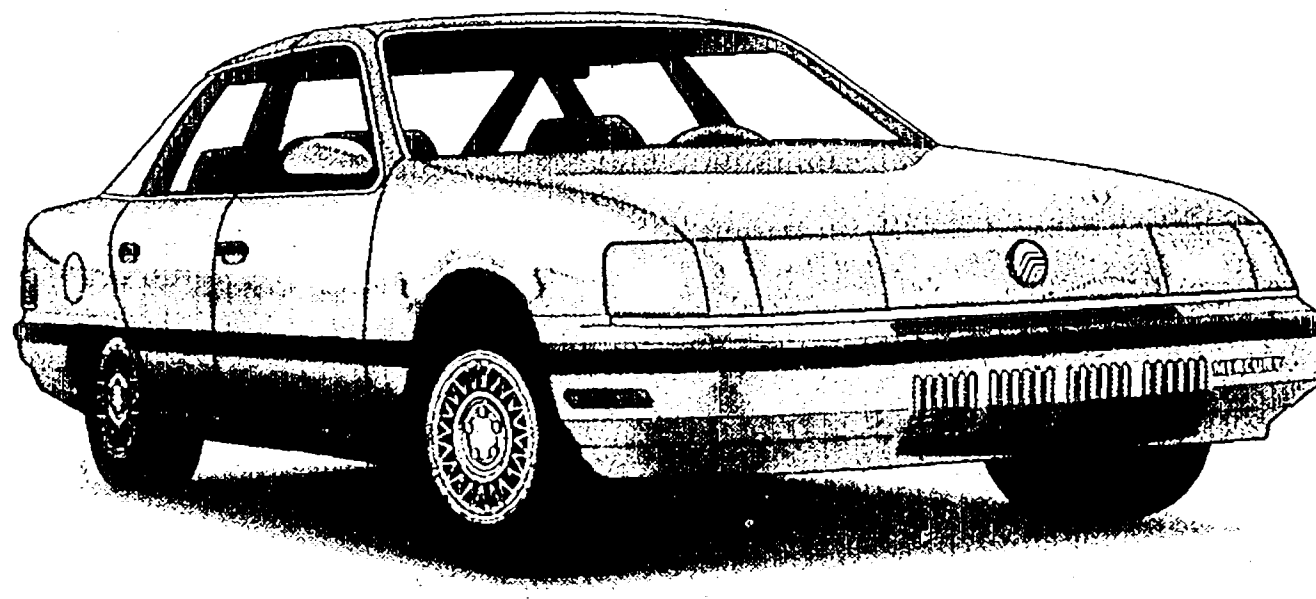


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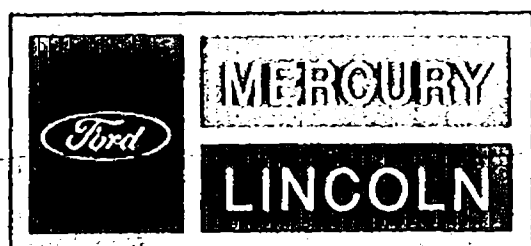


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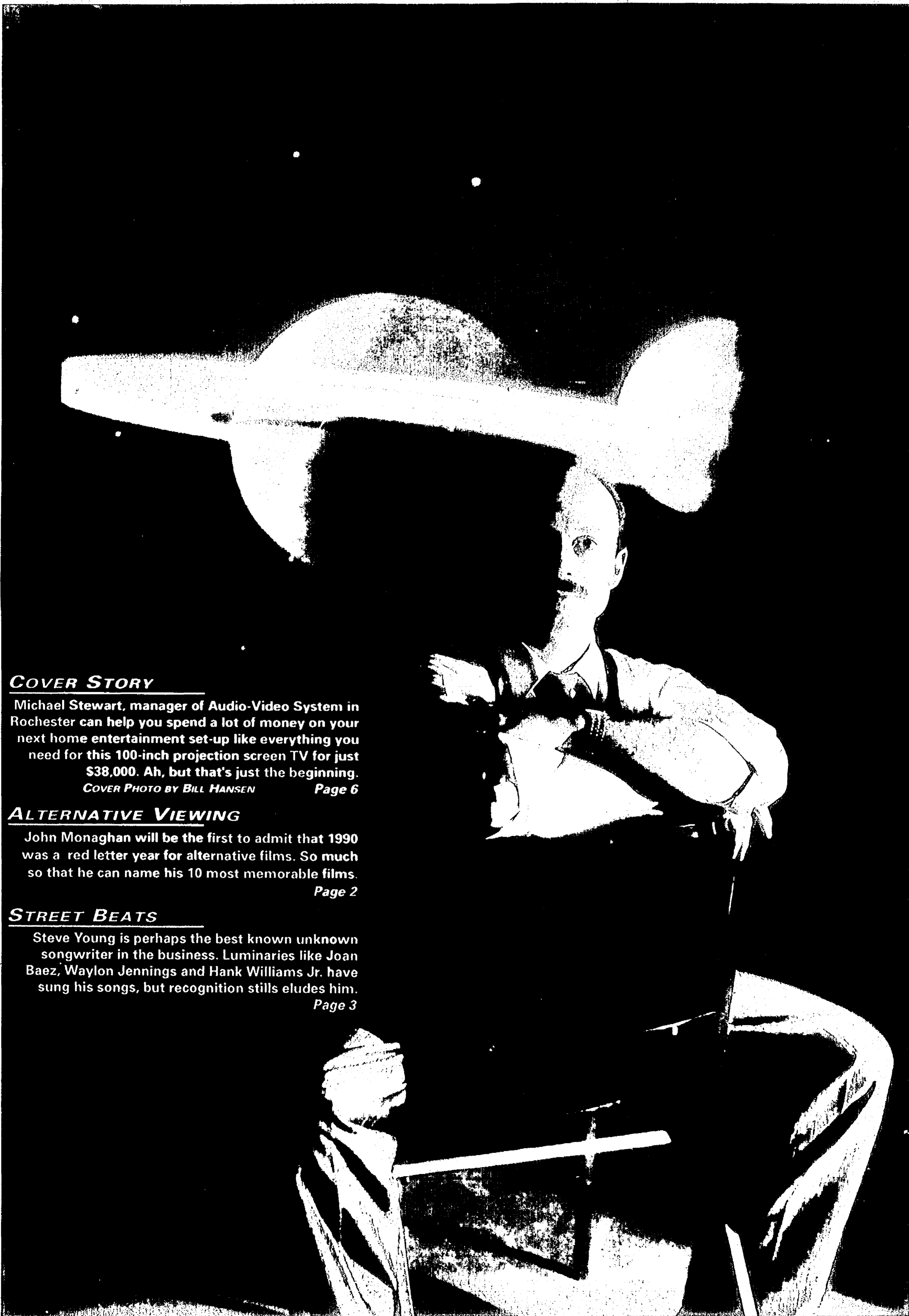
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COVER STORY

Michael Stewart, manager of Audio-Video System in Rochester can help you spend a lot of money on your next home entertainment set-up like everything you need for this 100-inch projection screen TV for just \$38,000. Ah, but that's just the beginning.

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ALTERNATIVE VIEWING

John Monaghan will be the first to admit that 1990 was a red letter year for alternative films. So much so that he can name his 10 most memorable films.

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STREET BEATS

Steve Young is perhaps the best known unknown songwriter in the business. Luminaries like Joan Baez, Waylon Jennings and Hank Williams Jr. have sung his songs, but recognition stills eludes him.

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Heaven's Wish gets its 'Whiplash' wish

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championship round Nov. 5. One of the judges was Nugent's manager Doug Banker.
"I think they're (Heaven's Wish) one of the hardest working bands in the area," Banker said. "They're original. They come across as a real band."
A REAL BAND that is really grateful for the opportunity for wider recognition. The outfit has

'The Edge' to air bash

A special New Year's Eve celebration will be broadcast live on "The Cutting Edge" on CIMX-FM 88.7, featuring Rhythm Corps, See Dick Run and Twiggy Barbust.
The show starts 8 p.m. The party, itself, is being broadcast from an undisclosed location. Some clues to where this invitation-only bash is actually taking place have surfaced.
● Think former Canadian prime minister.
● Think former Big Time wrestler with long legs and star of the TV sitcom "One Day at a Time."

been performing a yeoman's schedule of dates at such places as the Studio, Harpo's and the Ritz.
People who've caught their act at those places already know how good Heaven's Wish is.
Performing at Cobo Arena could be the kick in the amplifier needed to get the word out.
"For a long time, the band wasn't getting the recognition we thought we deserved," said lead vocalist Ron Vanderlip. "We've been working real hard on our stage show."
"Maybe this will open some eyes."
On a smaller scale, Heaven's Wish has done that with an infectious hard rock beat.
Also, the effort in their stage show — using pyrotechnics in their act along with choreographed steps — puts an added charge in the band's 60-70-minute sets. And, all of which would seem ideal for an arena-sized show.
The band has been together for 3½ years and includes drummer Rob Julien of St. Clair Shores, guitarist Tom Janssen of Richmond, guitarist Mike Blair of Dearborn, bassist Jim Ellery of Richmond along with Vanderlip.
THE LEAD singer along with Julien and Blair were founding mem-

SEEING THE SHOW

Who: Heaven's Wish opens for Ted Nugent "Whip Lash Bash"
Where: Cobo Arena. Tickets are \$25. Call 587-6000 for more info.
When: Monday, Dec. 31. Show starts at 9 p.m.

bers of Heaven's Wish. The "Richmond connection" joined later.
Already, the band has 25-30 songs written and is putting together a demo tape. And added Julien: "We've been noticing a lot more guys in suits and ties at our shows."
With upwards of 10,000 people at Cobo Arena, Heaven's Wish probably won't be able to take note of who's wearing what. The group appears to be up to the challenge.
If anything, this is a dream come true. Cobo Arena was the place a few of the members had seen their first concert.
"It's kind of odd," Vanderlip said. "My first concert was at Cobo Hall and it was Ted Nugent. I was going, 'Oh this is great. I'd love to do this.'"

STREET SENSE

Asking for help is 1st step

Dear Barbara,
I am so afraid of getting fat. I am consumed by thoughts of food and I binge. Then I take laxatives so that I will get rid of it all. This has been going on for two or three years. I take 15 to 20 laxatives a night and I cannot seem to get out of this rut.
I am going to college while living at home. My parents don't know anything about my problem. I am able to keep it secret from them. I have begun dating a boy I like very much. I am so afraid that he will find out. I am also afraid that I may be doing something harmful to my body.
I do not have the money to see a therapist and under the circumstances, I cannot ask my parents.
Will you be so kind as to talk about all of this. I feel nervous and unhappy most of the time.

It happens at the time that she must have her own opinions, make her own decisions and take emotional chances. She feels unable to meet these demands and thus becomes involved in food and purging as a defense against feelings and dilemmas that she is inadequate to.
This is a simplified explanation to a complex problem. You may see yourself in it because you say your problem developed in your senior year or around graduation from high school. This is a time of intense self-searching for teenagers.
Your method of purging and laxative abuse does create bodily dysfunction. Dr. Richard Feldstein, a Birmingham psychiatrist, said that the most dangerous side effect of laxative abuse is an electrolyte imbalance which would lead to cholera and diarrhea. In the worst possible case scenario, this could be life threatening.
In your situation, this is not likely. The greatest likelihood is that your body has adapted. That is, your body thinks the 15-20 laxatives a night is normal. They are doing the work of your bowels; you have developed a physical dependence.
The kicker is that they no longer induce weight loss. Your body, on 15-20 laxatives, is like anyone else's without the laxatives. It has established homeostasis.
Most bulimics do not gain weight when they stop taking laxatives. However, they continue, even with this knowledge. The psychological



Barbara Schiff
reasons for continuing are unconscious and, therefore, you must get help to understand your motivations.
I do not have enough information to know if the assessment that your parents can't be told is true. If it is, then you must get help yourself. William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak has eating disorders support groups. They meet on the 10th floor — 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays for anorexics, Wednesday lectures for all eating disorders and family members and Friday for bulimics.
Begin there. Good luck.

Barbara

Dear Sue,
It was very brave of you to write this letter. I hope that your motivation will continue to be strong so that you will read this reply and heed its advice. Be careful. My patients with eating disorders often tell me that their high anxiety level interferes with understanding and then remembering the answers given to questions like yours.
The name of your syndrome is bulimia. While it is multiply determined, it is a disorder that often begins when the adolescent or young adult is expected to separate and individuate from her mother.

VIDEO VIEWING

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"THREE MEN and a Baby," "Good Morning Vietnam," "Beaches," "Cocktail," "Big Business," "Stakeout," "Splash" and "Adventures in Babysitting" are the eight Touchstone titles available since Dec. 10 in the 8mm format.
LIVE Home Video's six-title 8mm offerings, first available Nov. 1, were led by "Total Recall." The company and its children label, "Family Home Entertainment," have plans to release "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: The Movie," an animated episode of the Mutant Nin-

ja Turtles; "The Fabulous Baker Boys," "Air America," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Babar: The Movie" on 8mm during the first quarter of '91.
LIVE, along with Buena Vista, is associated with Sony in this 8mm venture and they report more than 1,700 titles now available. That's not many compared to the 125,000 listed in the 1991 "Video Sourcebook," but a good start for a new format.
As competition grows and popularity of the Video Walkman TV/VCR grows, no doubt large numbers of 8mm video formatted films will

become available. Certainly, they're already competitively with Buena Vista and LIVE titles announced in the \$20-30 range.
Another change to watch for, open pricing, was announced by Orion Home Video. Beginning in April 1991, all of their releases priced above \$30 will no longer carry a manufacturer's suggested retail price.
THIS SUGGESTS that competition is building in the home video marketplace and at least one company is willing to take its chance with market pressures and, of course, the wholesale price they set for their dealers.
Another new trend, sports videos combining music videos, a story line and original footage, will appear in early February with "Michael Jordan's Playground." It includes a music video, "Anything's Possible," wherein Jordan makes his musical debut. This could open up a whole new field for athletes, particularly if they're talented. Naturally, there's a promotional tie-in with Wheaties.
Finally, for those who indulge excessively during the holidays and need to lose weight but don't have the time, there's something new in exercise tapes. Wood Knapp Video announces the Jan. 4 release of "The Five-Minute Workout," an hour-long exercise tape with Sandy Duncan and choreographer Kevin Carlise.
This one is sponsored by Nabisco Biscuit Company (there's a \$3 rebate if you purchase the right crackers) and is advertised and effective, exercises that can be done while shopping or waiting for a bus. Sounds intriguing but why does it take an hour tape to explain a five-minute workout?
Happy New Year and best wishes for a peaceful and healthy 1991.

GRADING THE MOVIES

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"Rescuers Down Under" (*, G). Disney animation has Bernard and Miss Bianca off to Australia to save rare eagle from poacher.
"Rocky V" (C+, PG-13, 100 minutes). Stallone takes another licking but keeps on ticking.
"The Rookie" (D, R, 115 minutes). Travel beyond belief in this super-macho cop film with rookie (Charlie Sheen) working with veteran (Clint Eastwood).
"The Russia House" (B+, R, 120 minutes). Stylish rendition of Le Carre novel stars Sean Connery and Michelle Pfeiffer. Marred by some confusing plot endings.

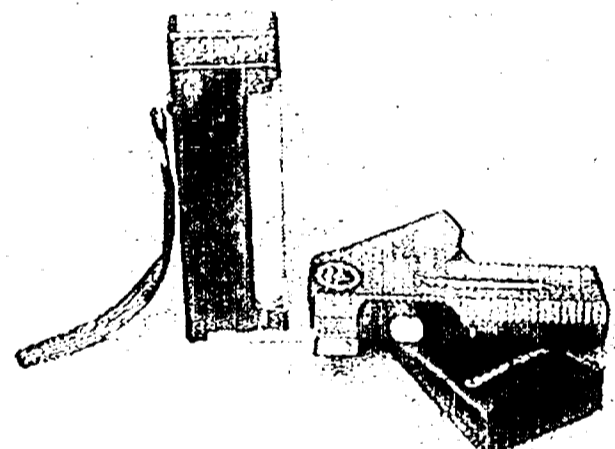


Undercover cop John Kimble (Arnold Schwarzenegger) prepares his class for a fire drill in "Kindergarten Cop."

STREET SEEN

Denise Susan Lucas

Our intrepid Street Scene reporter is always looking for the unusual and welcomes comments and suggestions from readers and entrepreneurs. Send those to this column in care of this newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or call 591-2300, Ext. 331.



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Bedtime bovine

Warm flannel gowns are a hot item for cold winter nights. Everyone from giggling teens at a slumber party to Gramma will enjoy jumping into this warm fleecelined gown. Available in sizes small, medium and large. Priced at \$41. From the Bobette Shop, 945 W. Huron St., Waterford.

ALTERNATIVE MOVIES

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cerebral palsy took everyone by surprise, especially Oscar. A much-deserved Best Actor statue was awarded to Daniel Day-Lewis.
(5) Revivals of "Fantasia" (USA — 1940) and "Ben-Hur" (USA — 1959) brought beautifully restored color prints to the big screen.
Disney's "grand experiment," mixing animation and classical music, celebrated its golden anniversary. The chariot race in "Ben-Hur" still ranks as the best action sequence in the movies.
(6) "Cinema Paradiso" (Italy). Oscar's Best Foreign Film of 1989 was a major American art house hit in 1990. This love letter to the movies concerned a young boy literally growing up in his village movie theater.
(7) Japan's "Akira" and "Laputa: Castle in the Sky" highlighted the Detroit Film Theatre's recent weekend of animated features. Radically different in theme and execution, the films proved that the Japanese take their animation seriously.
(8) "WILD AT HEART" (USA). David Lynch's ultra-violet, truly wild film helped add to Lynch burnout this year. But its many inspired moments and Nicolas Cage's Elvis redux raised it to cult status.
(9) "True Love" (USA). Preparations for an Italian wedding in Brooklyn, complete with blue mashed potatoes, set the scene for this low-budget film with a decided ring of truth.

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STREET CRACKS

Ridley spins yarns of small town life into humor

By Larry O'Connor
staff writer

Mike Ridley has a story to tell. Quite a few, actually. Except the hulking singer/comedian is sans guitar, instead plopped down in one of those conference room swivel chairs in R&A Records offices in Troy.

Ridley's "Attitude Check" is a spinning collection of zuckling ditties, compiled in a wide variety of styles — from country to pop.

Also, the Southfield resident has recently recorded a single with fellow Detroit comedian Thom Sharp to benefit the Tiger Stadium Fan Club, whose mission is to save the ball yard on Michigan and Trumbull avenues.

Tiger broadcaster Ernie Harwell is featured on "Baseball" and Sharp's number "Don't Tear It Down!"

LIKE A lot of the songs on "Attitude Check," there's a large piece of Ridley involved in his single "Baseball."

"My dad and my brothers and myself went down to Tiger Stadium all the time when we were younger," said Ridley, 38, who is a teacher. "We're all baseball nuts."

All of the sudden you realize, in the overall scheme of things, saving a ball park is probably not the most important thing in the world, it's saving Detroit.

For Ridley, it's all about memories, which might not stand out from songs off "Attitude Check" by their names alone — such names as "Hiding in the Pines," "Six Pack to Go" and "Making Love with Loretta."

THEN RIDLEY tells the tale behind the title.

For instance, "Six Pack to Go" is one of several slices of rural life whittled from Ridley's life in the sticks — Wolverine, Mich., population 364.

The place he sings about is a small-town tavern. At 10 minutes before closing time, the bartender would yell last call. In a mad dash, some would proceed to the bar to get a six-pack to go, which would be put in a brown bag with their name written on it.

"Hiding in the Pines" is a twang-and-torch number about owning a pick-up truck with C F-ing Bs.

WHILE PERFORMING, Ridley taught physical education at the town's only school. The job paid \$14,000 a year, but he developed an ear and eye for country living. He came back loaded with images of laid back life.

"I hear so many funny things up there. You have to go into the coffee shops and listen to the conversations. There are so many individuals."

Ridley recalls the janitor of the school, who had a bad

stammer and whose biggest fear was that he would be asked to call out bingo numbers at a fund raiser.

He also mentions "One-Eyed" Jack, who was a jack of all trades and who could stay all night at the tavern drinking coffee and playing cribbage.

RURAL YEARNINGS aside, Ridley has a knack for capturing urban life as well. "Safe Sex," for example, was a riverboat ditty culled from a conversation he tuned into at an area bar while he was performing.

His knack for deadpan humor is undeniable, such as in "Rubber Doll" — a jazzy tune about mail-order inflatable love. Ridley sings, "She's an airhead/that's OK because I'm in love with her anyway."

Parodies are fun, but there's another side to Ridley. He talks about someday being taken seriously as a musician.

Amid the shot-and-a-beer humor, Ridley possesses the storyteller's voice of a folk singer. After all, comedy came later.

RIDLEY WAS performing in a Mackinaw City establishment one night when a couple came up and asked him for his address.

A month later, Ridley got a call from the "Tonight Show." The producers wanted a video of him doing his comedic/acoustic music schtick.

Dumbfounded, Ridley sought the advice of his brother, Mark Ridley, owner of the Comedy Castle in Royal Oak.

"I said, 'Mark I'm not a comedian.' He said, 'Do you want to be?'"

Soon, Ridley was working as an emcee at the Comedy Castle.

"I really got an education working with guys like Thom Sharp and Bob Saget, who also play guitars. I wouldn't bring my guitar. Instead, I used my own material."

ANOTHER COMEDIAN in the Ridley family was born. Many would assume Mark Ridley to be the funniest of the family. Not so, according to Mike. That title would go to little brother Frank, 30, who is an opera singer.

Anyhow, Ridley is still developing a keen comedic sense.

"I do and I don't. I'm one of those comics who's always saying, 'I wish I wrote this' or 'I wish I wrote that.' Sentiment — I'm good at writing that."



Some of the ditties on Mike Ridley's "Attitude Check" are slices of rural life whittled from his life in Wolverine, Mich., population 364.

COMEDY CLUBS

Here are listings of some comedy clubs in our area. To let us know who is appearing at your club, send the information to: **Comedy Listings, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.**

CHAPLIN'S EAST
Ron Haney will appear along with Tim Cotello and Paul Kelleber Wednesday-Saturday, Jan. 2-5, at Chaplin's East, 34244 Groesbeck, Fraser. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 8:30

and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 792-1902.

CHAPLIN'S PLYMOUTH
Peter Berman will appear along with Steve Mitchell Wednesday-Saturday, Jan. 3-5, at Chaplin's Plymouth, 14707 Northville. Show times are 8:30 Wednesday and Thursday; 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 454-4680.

MAINSTREET
Rhonda Hansome will perform

Friday-Saturday, Jan. 4-5, at Main-Street Comedy Showcase, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Show times are 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday and 7, 9 and 11 p.m. Saturday. For information, call 996-9080.

COMEDY CASTLE
Hobson will perform with Tim Lilly Wednesday-Saturday, Jan. 2-5, at the Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak. Show time is 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For reservations, call 542-9900.

JOEY'S LIVONIA
J.R. will perform with Jeff Nease and Nick Pardi Wednesday-Saturday, Jan. 2-5, at Joey's Comedy Club, Plymouth Road between Wayne and Levan roads, Livonia. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Saturday. For information, call 261-0555.

JOEY'S ALLEN PARK
Ted Holm from the "Tonight

Show" will perform Wednesday-Saturday, Jan. 2-5, at Joey's Comedy Club and Sports Emporium, 15246 Southfield Road, Allen Park. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 8 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 382-7041.

LOONEY BIN
Randy O'Brien will perform with Friday-Saturday, Jan. 4-5, at the Wolverine and Looney Bin Restau-

rant and Comedy Club, 1655 Glen-gary, Walled Lake. Show times are 9 p.m. Friday and 8 and 10:30 p.m. Saturday. Wednesday and Thursday shows are free. For more information, call 669-9374.

DUFFY'S
Bob Posch Comedy Show will perform at 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays at Duffy's, 8635 Cooley Lake Road, Union Lake. Admission is \$7. For information, call 363-9469.

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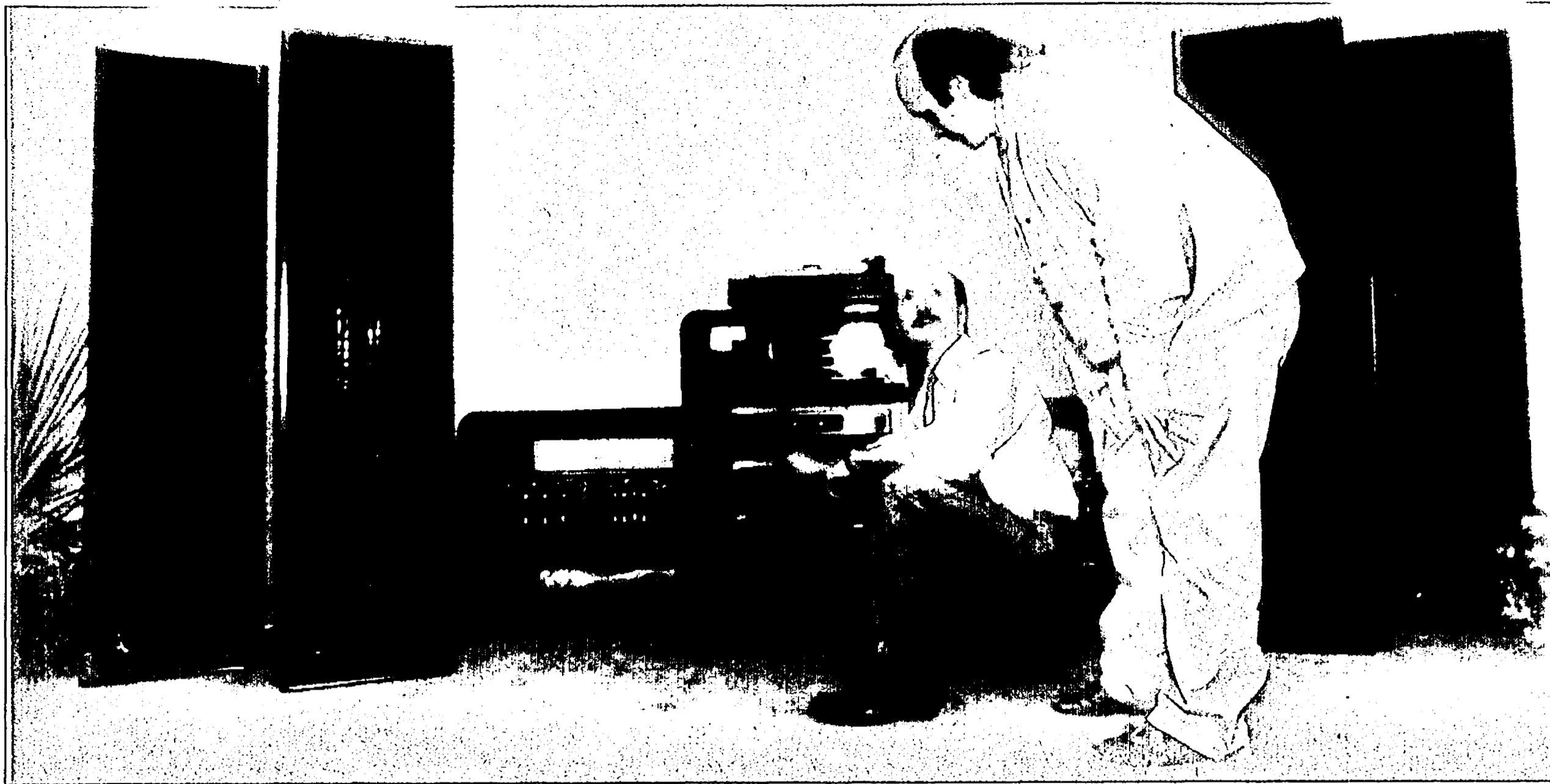
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Michael Stewart answers a customer's questions about a top-of-the-line audio system that has a \$38,000 price tag at Audio-Video Systems in Rochester.

BILL HANSEN

Entertaining at home for \$65,000

By Pat Schulte
special writer

Let's say, just for kicks, you wake up one morning buried in \$100 bills . . . about 100 grand worth.

And let's just say that you just happened to be going out in the afternoon to look at a little color TV and a cheap AM-FM cassette boom box.

Now, instead of decking out your flat with \$150 worth of junk, let's see what we can arrange with the nouveau riche blanket you woke up under.

Let's take this to the heights and purchase the best, most expensive, elaborate, loudest, clearest, biggest, most tweaked out home entertainment system that money can possibly buy.

Beginning with the TV, let's go with something so gargantuan that you'll have to provide several exits, sell popcorn and hire an usher. That's right, no puny 50-inch screens here, we're going with the full-on projection television.

For starters, you'll need a huge room, one with walls that are around 30 feet wide so they can accommo-

date the 20-foot projection screen that's motorized and rolls down from the ceiling.

While your friends are admiring your extensive library built into the wall of your entertainment room, push a button and, presto, down rolls the biggest screen they've seen outside of a movie theater. Cost: \$3,000.

"Who needs books, let's watch 'Repo Man,'" you could say.

MOUNTED ON the ceiling, looking very un-TV like is the actual unit that will provide the picture. Much in the same concept as a theater projector, your unit will be sent a signal from a laser disc and power light through computerized red, blue and green guns to create a dazzling picture. Crisper than a theater picture and in the comfort of your own home. Cost: \$5,800.

"Could you please put your feet down," the usher could say to one of your buddies.

"It's my house and he can do what he wants," you could say right before you chuck a sour ball at him.

So with the theater-sized screen with a television quality picture, we need only add one more feature —

**We need only add one more feature —
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bone rattling, filling loosening, plaster cracking SOUND!

According to Michael Stewart of Audio/Video Systems in Rochester Hills, the guys who sell and install these units, we will need speakers galore.

"We'll start with eight sub woofers behind the screen and two floor model sub woofers," said Stewart of the ultimate "raise the dead" wall of sound for your home entertainment system. Cost, with the projection unit and screen: \$38,000.

AND WITH all those speakers, you're going to need something to drive them, so Stewart also recommends a Lexicon Surround Process System powered by a pre-amp. What this does is give your entertainment

system "the theater effect," Stewart said.

With four amplifiers at 200 watts per channel, putting the power to the 22 front, rear and side speakers, the processing system will direct the sound to encircle the viewers with "like you were there" sensory thrills. Cost of the amps, processor and accessories: \$20,000 ballpark.

"The processor can take a jet and start the sound behind you, bring it to the sides, and then up to the front of the room . . . just like the jet flew overhead," Stewart said.

To go with the 3.5- to 12-inch disc player (accommodates compact and movie discs), we'll add a Super VHS player (new on the market) with 430 lines of resolution versus 230 in normal VHS. Cost: \$2,000.

Now to our stereo system. Done in

Denon equipment, Stewart suggests that we power the system with two amplifiers and one pre-amp. And for your information, everything plugs into the pre-amp where it is then directed to the amplifiers and sent to the speakers. Real loud. Real clear. Cost: \$2,400.

FROM THERE, we need a tape player, like a multi-deck, three-head, digital audio deck with auto reverse and the ability to do your taxes (just kidding). Digital audio sounds identical to compact discs, offers 120 minutes of sound, and selects songs almost as quickly as a CD. Cost: \$1,000.

Other than a stereo tuner and a pair of headphones that will blow sound out your nose (\$750 for both), we should be set. (Note: If you still have some albums and can afford this system, replace them with CDs and digital tapes.)

Now what's neat about the Lexicon Sound Processor is that it's also connected to your stereo. Stewart said that it's "totally programmable" and can turn a room into a concert hall.

With enough sound and visual ef-

fects to attract friends you didn't even know you had, you also may attract those who want your system in their house. For this, Stewart suggests a set of louvered steel security blinds that double as a light-light shade system to give your projection system the ultimate in darkness. Cost: \$1,800.

All right. Ready for the final cost? No you're not. Did you think you'd just go ahead and install this yourself? Uh-huh, I'll bet.

THE SPEAKER cable and connectors alone will cost you \$3,000. And it would also be a good idea to allow Stewart and his partners to do the installation. At \$40 per hour and 20 hours to install it, we're looking at another 800 bucks, or a \$3,800 installation fee.

So without furniture, lighting, carpeting, shelves, paint . . . or anything, we've just increased the value of a plain old room to \$65,000 by adding a TV and stereo.

Stewart also carries systems that are "very affordable" for you and I, which is nice seeing as how very few of us wake up these days, buried in \$100 bills.

Door 2 Door

A hot meal that's not homemade

By Keely Wygonik
staff writer

After a hard day's work, going home to cook dinner is about as much fun as cleaning out closets or going to the dentist. But now there's an alternative to dinner at mom's, pizza, burgers, fried chicken and microwave dinners.

It's as easy as calling 288-Food. In less than an hour, Door 2 Door will deliver gastronomical bliss to your doorstep from any one of 40 popular Oakland County eateries listed in its 80-page restaurant menu guide . . . Satisfaction guar-

anteed.

Door 2 Door delivers lunch and dinner from restaurants in Birmingham, Bloomfield, Bloomfield Hills, Franklin, Huntington Woods, Orchard Lake, Royal Oak, Southfield Troy and West Bloomfield.

Think of the possibilities. Pizza from Buddy's, Charley's Louisiana Shrimp, Fox and Hounds or burgers from Matt Brady's.

All this, and more, brought to your home or office by drivers dressed in waiter-like uniforms who will even set the table.

Leave the driving to them while you unwind. Place an order from

your car phone or when you get home. Take a shower, shuck your suit for a comfy pair of sweats, open your mail, relax. Don't worry about fumbling for money when they arrive.

"FOR THE safety of the drivers, we don't accept cash," said Kirk Scott, 31, president of Door 2 Door based in Clawson. "We accept VISA, MasterCard or personal checks."

Orders can be placed, seven days a week 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Delivery charges range from \$3 for customers who live or work within

five miles of the restaurant, about a 10-minute drive away; or \$6 for deliveries up to 10 miles or a 10- to 20-minute drive away. Charges don't include driver's tip.

With Door 2 Door, meal planning is as easy as picking up the phone. Call 288-Food and operators will enter your address, special instructions to your home or office, credit card and phone numbers into their computer.

They will also answer questions about the menus and whisk your order via computer to the restaurant where preparation begins.

A delivery person, dispatched by radio, picks up your order at the restaurant, complete with instructions to your address. Delivery takes 20 minutes to an hour, depending on the distance, weather and road conditions. The food is kept warm in insulated boxes made of space-age material used by NASA, Scott said.

Once you p

formation is stored so you don't have to repeat your address, phone number, etc., and that saves time, too.

"Time is the currency of the '90s," said Scott. "People don't have time to cook. Door 2 Door is great for people who are single and living in apartments. They don't want to cook for one person.

"IT'S CHEAPER than going to a restaurant. One drink in a restaurant pays for the delivery charge."

According to Scott, with more and more women working, couples are calling for Door 2 Door.

"They don't want to come home and cook dinner," he said. "People want to eat . . . Now!"

Door 2 Door aims to please. A new Frequent Diner Club allows customers to pay a one time fee, \$175 for six months or \$295 for 12 months and order as often as they like and pay no delivery charges.

lem. You pick, Pasta Primavera from Cafe Jardin, Baked Manicotti from TGI Fridays, or, Scaloppini alla Marsala from Oliverio's.

Need to escape? Pop a travelogue into the VCR and order food from Bangkok Club, The House of Hunan, Kabob Grill, Natraj, Phoenixia or Ristorante di Marla.

With Door 2 Door you can have your friends over for a dinner they'll never forget.

"We had one customer who had a dinner party for four couples. They ordered hors d'oeuvres from one restaurant, entrees from another, and dessert from another," Scott said. "They were placing orders every 10 minutes; it worked out fine."

Door 2 Door can also help busy people plan a memorable birthday or anniversary dinner. Orders can be placed in up to two weeks in advance so you can surprise the someone in your life.



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Kirk Scott has a reason to smile after giving new meaning to home delivery with his Door 2 Door eat-out-at-home business.



After being dispatched, one of Door 2 Door's delivery people picks up a deli order at a participating restaurant.

exhibitions

This column runs weekly in Creative Living. Send news items about Oakland County events to The Eccentric, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

O.K. HARRIS GALLERY

Saturday, Jan. 5 — Drawings by Eugene Brodsky and box sculpture environments by Peter Gabrielse are on display through Jan. 26.

THE ART GALLERY

Fine art, sculpture and photographic art is displayed regularly at the gallery in Sheridan Square, 30116 Ford Road, Garden City.

U-M MUSEUM OF ART

"Antique Toys from the Collection of Bob Lyons" continues through Jan. 27 along with works from the permanent collection.

ROCHESTER HILLS CITY HALL

Watercolors by Laurie Oldfield are on display through February. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 1000 Rochester Hills Drive.

LINDA HAYMAN GALLERY

Paintings by John Powell and monprints by Suzan Ashley are on display through Jan. 15. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday.

ROUTE 10 GALLERY

Paintings by Manhattan artist Justin Love continue through January. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday.

PRINT GALLERY

Selection of antique posters by artists such as Cappiello, Villemot and Collin on subjects such as bicycles, airplanes and theater continue on display through January.

WILLIS GALLERY

Featured artist Kent Myers presents works by more than a dozen local and national artists, including "Underground Comix" legends S. Clay Wilson, Trina Robbins and Bill Griffith of Zippy the Pinhead fame.

KENWOOD GALLERIES

Original English watercolors by Nigel Price and original botanicals on display through Jan. 5. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

WOODWARD GALLERY

Exhibit of environmental art in bronze and wood by Robert Mazelle runs through Jan. 4, 1357 Davis, Birmingham.

COUNTY GALLERIA

Thirty invited artists exhibit paintings, fiberworks, ceramics and stained glass through January at the Galleria in the Oakland County Executive Office Building.

CRANBROOK ACADEMY OF ART MUSEUM

"Mexican Masks from the Collection of Rafael Coronel" are on display through Feb. 24. There are about 400 masks from the 16th century to the present.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Ceramic sculpture by Graham Marks, head of the ceramic department at Cranbrook Academy of Art, and Tom Phardel, chairman of ceramics at Center for Creative Studies.

MADONNA COLLEGE

"Artist-Collector," pottery and watercolor exhibit by John Loree, EMU professor, includes his original works and artifacts he collected on his travels.

G.R. N'AMDI GALLERY

Sculptures and drawings by Artis Lane are on display through Jan. 12. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

KYLA'S RESTAURANT

Original art by Diane Plaskon Koory of Troy and Warren Vincent Wells is on display through Jan. 5, 214 W. Sixth, Royal Oak.

SISSON GALLERY

Examples of figurative painting by the very capable Bertha Cohen, Holly Branstner and Grace Serra will be in the gallery through Jan. 11.

D & J BITTKER GALLERY

An exhibit of early Chinese furniture marks the re-opening of this gallery to the public, noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

DUKE GALLERY

"Visions of a Shadow Catcher," photographs from "The North American Indian, 1906-1928" by Edward S. Curtis.

T'MARRA GALLERY

Photographs by Tony Spina and paintings by Donald Mendelson are on display through Jan. 25.

RUBINER GALLERY

"Fran Larsen/Hal Larsen, New Works from the Southwest" continues through Jan. 5.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

"Gari Melchers: A Retrospective" (paintings by Detroit-born artist Gari Melchers, 1860-1932) is on display through Feb. 17.

DOS MANOS

Traditional Colombian "pesebre," or village creche scene, will be on display through Jan. 5.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY

Paintings by Leonard Lubin for his children's book, "The Elegant Beast," are on display to Jan. 5.

BELIAN ART CENTER

"Gifts of Lasting Value" Includes two- and three-dimensional art, along with Oriental rugs and pottery.

HABAT GALLERIES

Three-person exhibition features works of glass artists Stephen Hodder, Kreg Kallenberger and Albert Young.

HALSTED GALLERY

Photographs by Michael Kenna are on display through Jan. 12. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

FEIGENSON/PRESTON GALLERY

New paintings by Joseph Bernard are on display through Jan. 5. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Exhibit by Flint artists John Dempsey, Pat Mishina and Alan Zinn in the main gallery and "New Art Funhouse" of gift items.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY

Paintings by Cay Bahnmiller are on display through Jan. 5. He was born in Detroit in 1955 and still lives there.

GOLDEN POND

Holiday exhibit includes wildlife paintings by Ken Albertson, Harold Clay, George Crabes, Joyce Dunseth and Carlene Lagrou.

CRANBROOK MUSEUM

"Cranbrook Design: The New Discourse," curated by Kathy and Michael McCoy, continues through Jan. 23.

CLAUDIA BROWNLEE

Group show marks the change of location from the Michigan Design Center to downtown Birmingham for this gallery.

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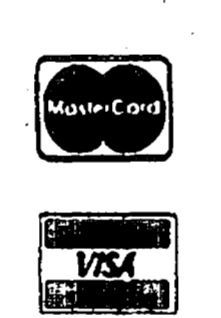
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Floors are taking on a varied style of their own — from traditional carpeting and vinyl coverings to rich woods and painted cement. This Armstrong pattern in sky blue is called Moderne from the Vanguard Collection.

Floored Consumer choices span many options

(AP) — The sky is the limit when it comes to floor design these days — from “rugs” painted onto wood floors to faux marble to concrete.

Rules that set design choices for floors are crumbling, according to House Beautiful magazine, giving way to a nationwide movement to experiment, to try new materials, to embellish and mix surface treatments.

In Florida a local artist uses the wood floor as a canvas on which to paint a rug design with acrylics, sealed with non-yellowing polyurethane.

“It’s new and it’s fun,” Palm Beach decorator Mimi Kemble McMakin said. “We no longer abide by the old rule that every floor must be covered. Rewriting the rules makes sense, too. In our climate the cooling system must be very efficient to prevent moisture from invading knotted and woven rugs and carpets.”

Architect Duo Dickinson of Madison, Conn., sees many old wood floors freshened with painted rug designs or stencil patterns — traditional ideas he says are enjoying a renaissance in New England.

“In Arizona and California room additions, there are a great many wood floors colored with thinned paint,” said architect Robby Reid of Tempe, Ariz. “In fact, we’re seeing wood floors reintroduced for warmth — to balance harder surfaces like granite countertops and white plaster walls.”

Architect Stephen Mead of Des Moines said in Iowa clients have become more receptive to wood floors in kitchens and breakfast areas.

“When we use wood flooring below wood cabinets in the kitchen,” he said, “a fairly monochromatic background is created and the space seems larger to the eye.”

ONE DESIGN swing spotted in California by Santa Monica decora-

tor Nick Berman is a move away from bleached wood floors.

“People want richer color values,” he said. “I now use a lot of mahogany on floors. Even bleached mahogany produces a rich tone.”

Aiming for inexpensive elegance, Berman’s latest floor inspiration is bare particleboard with crisscross mahogany inlays, coated in polyurethane.

Mixing woods can make the floor a distinctive design element.

“The approach can be enriched by laying in strips of metal, such as brass or aluminum, between floor boards,” John Stern of Kentucky Wood Floors said.

Designers also are using strips of contrasting woods to delineate space — to outline a dining area or set apart a family-room corner for children’s games. Many of the patterns produced with different shades of wood are available in prefinished prepackaged units for remodelers.

“In the Southwest, the creative person’s answer to tile is concrete,” said Reid.

UNPOLISHED LIMESTONE tiles, a step up from concrete, are the rage in California entryways, according to Santa Ana designer Carole Eichen.

Brick floors are showing up frequently in sun rooms, family rooms, kitchens and entries. From all over the nation there is growing demand for marble and granite on entryway and bathroom floors.

“What may be growing in popularity at a faster pace are the new faux marbles, granites and slates,” said Mead.

In yet another variation, inexpensive sisal rugs are painted to imitate an Aubusson.

In recent years, manufacturers have catered to do-it-yourselfers with sheet vinyl flooring, parquet wood flooring and both strip and plank wood floors.

‘People want richer color values. I now use a lot of mahogany on floors. Even bleached mahogany produces a rich tone.’

—Nick Berman
decorator

Soviet rugs: hottest export since caviar, vodka

(AP) — Rugs from some of the more exotic republics of the USSR are available in the United States for the first time in decades.

The price of Soviet rugs is being jacked up by a 45 percent tariff left over from the Cold War, according to an article in Esquire magazine, but if the United States grants the Soviet Union most-favored-nation trade status, the punitive tariffs will disappear.

In spring 1990 the ABC carpet store of New York City worked out a deal with the Soviet Union’s Novoeport to bring both antique and contemporary rugs here exclusively, but now a half dozen more outlets have

been added around the country and if the tariffs are eliminated, the supply may swell.

These rugs come from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan and Dagestan, with strange powerful patterns in primal geometrics in colors such as oxblood and claret red, yellows that speak of diverse soils and terrains, and blues that reflect the sky.

The folks of these republics still tend to think of themselves as the nomadic tribes they once were.

Their rugs are among the finest in the world; their patterns are not unlike those tribal patterns we call Persian or Turkish. The Caucasus re-

gion of rug production is farther east than Turkey; Turkistan abuts Iran and Afghanistan.

ALL THESE places share a cultural ancestry that predates Muhammad and Marx and maybe even Moses. Rugs were accessories for tents, or yurts. Rugs and related weavings covered every available inch of the portable domicile — floors, walls and camel backpacks.

The stuff was as abundant as simulated wood grain on the interior of a Winnebago.

They also were a symbol of independence. The tribes who make the rugs are no respecters of borders.

The tribal patterns, transmitted by memory, are modified with individuality and spontaneity, conveniently modified to meet the tastes of the purchasers.

As long ago as the turn of the century, when French country furniture was all the rage among the Muscovite aristocracy, the weavers across the Urals worked modifications into their patterns to match the fashion.

There are two classes of these rugs. Those made before about 1920 were created by individuals using traditional organic dyes. Those made since, mostly by collectives, use the modern dyes that changed

the products of the Navaho and Arish as well.

The antique rugs tend to be small and their complex patterns — intricate as calculus — make them collectibles much sought after by a handful of connoisseurs. Beginning at \$500, they are still a bargain.

The modern rugs are less expensive, and they have been made larger in keeping with the expansion of living spaces — everywhere except

in the Soviet Union.

In the republics these rugs are big business. The Azerbaijani collective of Azerkhalcha includes 13 factories and employs 3,000 or so women weavers.

Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev, Phil Patton wrote in Esquire, needs all the hard currency these rugs could bring in so he can deliver steaks and stereos to his restive comrades.

Policies require uniform enforcement

Our co-op has a so-called traffic and safety policy that isn’t being enforced on all members. Some members are being asked to pay a \$25 fine for a second offense of parking more than two cars and the third offense will call for eviction proceedings. Is this possible when a policy is not enforced on everyone and board members change the policy when they themselves are noted for violations?

Simply put, no. The restriction, rule or policy must be enforced uniformly against all members. It cannot change depending on who is being prosecuted. Accordingly, it would appear that if the restriction was ever contested, you co-op’s policy of unequal treatment would not stand the test. I would write the board and tell them about the problems you perceive in regard to the fine policies.

Can you tell me if the recent amendments to the Michigan Handicappers’ Civil Rights Act apply to condominiums?

An employer under the Michigan Handicappers’ Civil Rights Act is defined as a person who has one or more employees. An employee does not include an individual employed in domestic service of any person. Therefore, the Handicappers’ Civil Rights Act would apply to a condominium association if it has one or more employees. The act is designed to provide the opportunity to obtain employment, housing and other real estate and full and equal utilization of public accommodations, public services and educational facilities without discrimination because of a handicap.

Please note that there is a specific provision in the condominium statute regarding modifications to the



condo queries

Robert M. Melsner

common elements requested by a handicapped person, but that specific provision is exclusive of the rights guaranteed to handicappers under the Michigan Civil Rights Act.

My ex-husband and I are divorced but paid off a house on a land contract but still owe taxes. Now that we are divorced, we would like to know if we did not have the title recorded, do we own the house or do we have to wait until the taxes are paid? I want to sell my half of the house. How do I go about doing this? You will probably not be able to

record the deed until the back taxes are paid. If the taxes are paid, presumably by getting half of the contribution of your ex-husband, get a deed from the land contract seller, ask them to make the deed to “Jane Smith and John Smith, tenants in common.” If you got a deed, record it, and then do another deed from yourselves to yourselves as above and record that. I am assuming, of course, that the divorce judgment did not discuss the house.

Once you own the property as tenants in common, you are legally free to sell your half. Bear in mind, though that as a practical matter, it can be difficult to sell a one-half interest in real estate. Perhaps your ex-husband will join in the sale and you can split the proceeds. You should seek the advice of an attorney to protect your interests once you are clear as to your intent concerning the disposition of the property.

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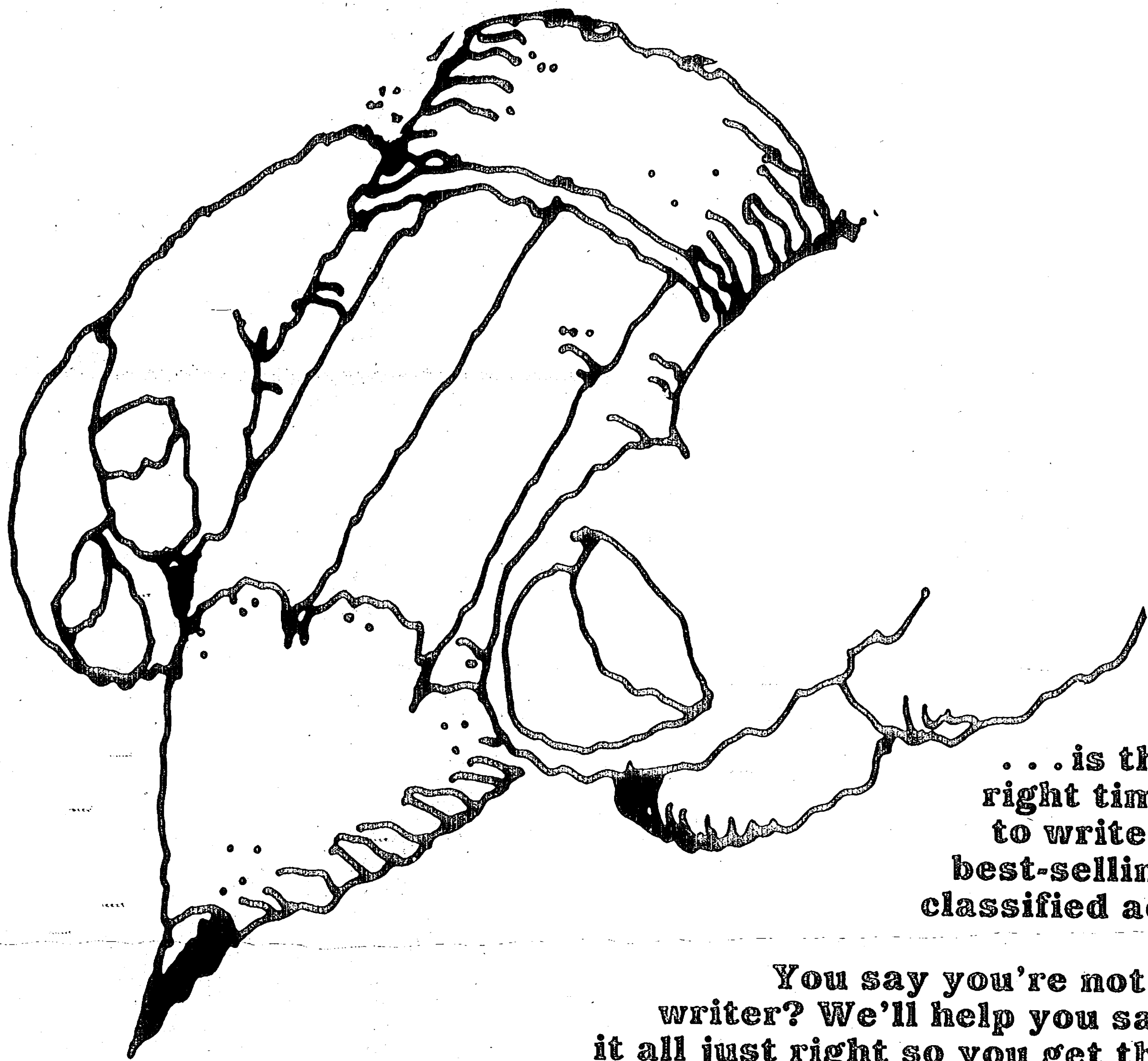
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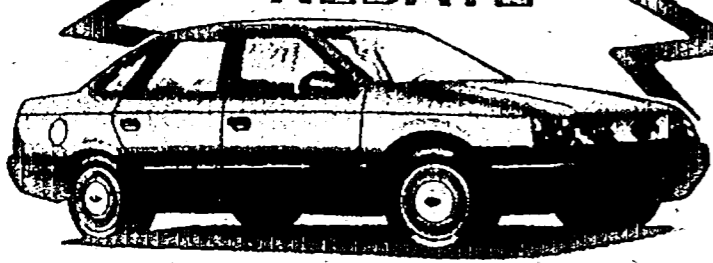
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IS **\$11,942***

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WAS \$6,861
IS **\$5,544***

\$600 REBATE
NEW 1991 TEMPO L
26 MPG
4 Door Sedan, power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, AM/FM stereo, automatic, air, body side molding, dual electric remote control mirrors, aluminum. Stock #6334.
WAS \$9829
IS **\$8,242***

\$600 REBATE
NEW 1991 TEMPO GL
26 MPG
4 Door Sedan, power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, automatic, air, power door locks, 18 steering column, AM/FM stereo cassette, front & rear floor mats, dual electric controlled mirrors, center area rest, console, body side moldings. Stock #5969.
WAS \$12,734
IS **\$9,494***

\$600 REBATE
NEW 1991 MUSTANG LX 2 DOOR HATCHBACK
30 MPG
Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, overdrive transmission, air conditioning, BSM, console light group, instrumentation, power door lock group, power windows, rear window defroster, cast aluminum wheels, custom equipment group, AM/FM stereo cassette, speed control, power equipment group, dual electric remote control mirrors. Stock #6071.
WAS \$13,559
IS **\$10,481***

\$500 REBATE
NEW 1991 ESCORT GT
31 MPG
2 Door hatchback, power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, air, premium sound system, luxury convenience group, rear window defroster, AM/FM stereo, 18 steering column, tachometer, fog lamps, aluminum wheels, console, body side moldings, rear spoiler, light group sports performance. Stock #6064.
WAS \$13,227
IS **\$10,554***

\$600 REBATE
NEW 1991 PROBE GL 2 DOOR HATCHBACK
31 MPG
Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, air conditioning, power door locks, speed control, rear window defroster, 18 steering column, convenience group BSM, console, performance instrumentation cluster, tachometer, AM/FM stereo & cargo area cover. Stock #6288.
WAS \$13,912
IS **\$11,343***

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WAS \$8501
IS **\$7,171***

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\$500 REBATE

NEW 1991 ESCORT LX 2 DOOR HATCHBACK
36 MPG
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WAS \$10,707
IS **\$8,501***

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NEW 1991 ESCORT HATCHBACK LX 4 DOOR
33 MPG
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WAS \$10,636
IS **\$9,191***

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\$500 REBATE

NEW 1991 ESCORT LX 4 DOOR WAGON
33 MPG
4 Door wagon, power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, automatic, air, rear window defroster, light group, convenience group, clear coat paint, console, body side moldings, cargo area cover, reclining bucket seats, child safety locks. Stock #5915.
WAS \$11,866
IS **\$9,520***

\$1,000 REBATE

NEW 1991 RANGER 4x2 STYLESIDE PICKUP
23 MPG
XLT trim, power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, automatic transmission, air conditioning, AM/FM stereo cassette, tachometer, cargo box light, rear anti-lock brakes, dome light, spoiler, front chrome bumper, light group, instrumentation, interval wipers. Stock #6061.
WAS \$14,468
IS **\$10,277***

\$1,000 REBATE

NEW 1991 RANGER 4x2 SUPER CAB
23 MPG
XLT trim, rear jump seat, power steering & brakes, tinted glass, AM/FM stereo cassette, sliding rear windows, chrome front bumper, chrome rear step bumper, automatic transmission, air conditioning, cast aluminum wheels, tachometer, rear anti-lock brakes, cargo box light & spoiler, dome light & instrumentation. Stock #5934.
WAS \$15,740
IS **\$11,565***

\$1,000 REBATE

NEW 1991 RANGER 4x4 SUPER CAB STX
20 MPG
STX trim, rear jump seat, automatic transmission, air conditioning, speed control, 18 steering wheel, sport bucket seats, floor console, AM/FM stereo cassette, cast aluminum wheels, power steering & brakes, tinted glass, tachometer, racing bucket seats, rear anti-lock brakes, automatic locking hubs, rear anti-lock steering wheel, cargo box light & spoiler, dome light & instrumentation, light group, instrumentation. Stock #5927.
WAS \$18,624
IS **\$13,811***

SPECIAL OF THE WEEK

\$1000 REBATE

NEW 1991 RANGERS X 4x2
29 MPG
Custom trim overdrive transmission, tinted glass, power brakes, fold away mirrors, instrumentation, spoiler, rear anti-lock brakes, dome light, interval wipers, scuff plates. Stock #6257T.
WAS \$8729
IS **\$6,911***

\$600 REBATE

NEW 1991 THUNDERBIRD
27 MPG
Power steering & brakes, tinted glass, automatic overdrive transmission, air conditioning, AM/FM stereo premium cassette, premium sound, power drivers seat, power door locks, power window, power antenna, cast aluminum wheels, luxury group, rear window defroster, BSM, console courtesy lights, instrumentation, reclining bucket seats, digital clock, intermittent wipers. Stock #6042.
WAS \$17,881
IS **\$14,024***

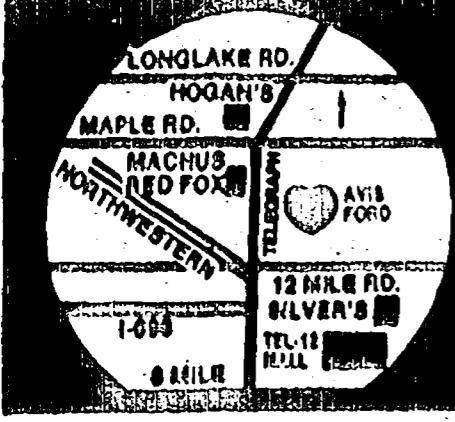
\$600 REBATE

NEW 1991 AEROSTAR EXTENDED XL WAGON
23 MPG
Power steering & brakes, tinted glass, convenience group, power windows, AM/FM stereo cassette, air conditioning, anti-lock brakes, front/rear wipers, rear wiper, wiper, 18 trim, power convenience group, rear window defroster, automatic transmission, air conditioning, speed control & 18 wheel, privacy glass, dual daytime running lights, 9 passenger. Stock #6211V.
WAS \$18,615
IS **\$14,864***

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NEW 1991 EXPLORER 4 DOOR 4x4
20 MPG
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