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Tree donation

The Canton Rotary Club has purchased a seven-foot artificial Christmas tree and the trimmings for Canton Place, a new senior citizen complex located at Ford and Sheldon roads.

Chamber dinner

It's that time again. The Canton Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual dinner dance on Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Radisson Hotel in Plymouth. For more information, contact Lana or Bob Olson, 981-4444.

Luminary sale

Canton residents can light up the Christmas season with luminaries on sale at the township. Luminaries are candles placed in white paper bags that are placed on sidewalks and driveways to light the evening hours during the holiday season. The luminaries cost \$2.50 for 10 and can be purchased at the Canton Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. For more information, call 459-4132.

TAG tests

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will test students for the Talented and Gifted Program for fall of 1990 from Jan. 29 until Feb. 20. All third graders will be given the Cognitive Abilities Test. However, parents of second, fourth and fifth graders can also ask to have their children tested. Teachers may also ask that students be tested. Also, fourth through seventh graders may be tested. Nomination forms are available at schools and must be returned by Jan. '9. An information session on the program will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 10 at Allen School. For more information, call 451-6574 between 1 and 4 p.m.

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Plans for a downtown Canton revived

By Diane Gale
staff writer

Supervisor Tom Yack says that after 20 years of talk about a downtown Canton, it's time to develop or kill the idea. "I wanted the DDA (Downtown Development Authority) to either go forward or dissolve it altogether," Yack said. Development of a Target store on Ford Road recently added to frustrations that a downtown would never go in. A downtown would require a common building theme and Target doesn't fit the descrip-

tion. And it would include a focal point or gathering place to allow cultural, recreational and commercial promotions — like Downtown Detroit Days and Plymouth's Ice Festival.

Until a district is established, more stores can go in without following a plan and ultimately kill the idea altogether.

"There's been tremendous community outcry over Target," Yack said. "The structure has been the tail-end of a lot of nasty comments. Aesthetically it doesn't do anything for the community."

THE DOWNTOWN area would be 80 acres

bounded by Sheldon on the west, Morton Taylor on the east, the Carriage Hills subdivision on the north, and Ford Road on the south.

"The more time that goes by the stronger the possibility that we could end up with a commercial development that is unsatisfactory to the community," Yack said.

Delays have been caused by financing litigation, balky property owners and planning disagreements.

"A year was spent with property owners," Yack said. "As one problem was resolved another popped up."

Norm Newman, who owns half of the undeveloped property in the district, has dragged on the DDA idea. He couldn't be reached for comment.

His position has been that the township can't dictate to big corporations like Target to modify the building exterior for more attractive construction.

YACK SAID the big companies can and should be convinced to follow a theme.

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Ed Mikrut and daughter Jeanna, 5, take advantage of good sledding at Plymouth Township Park.

BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Winter wonderland

Snow, cold means good times
for area sledders and skaters

You don't have to go looking in other folks' windows to know ol' Santa sure 'nuff left a couple-two-three pairs of skates and sleds under some Christmas trees yesterday.

And while the weatherman said temperatures could warm a bit by today and Wednesday — up from the near-zero readings last week — there should be plenty of snow and skating for folks who aren't afraid of a little wintertime fun.

So there's no reason for kids to get too bored this week while they're out of school.

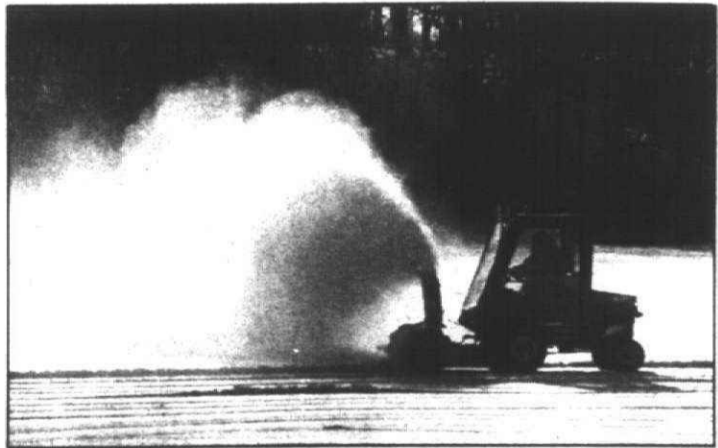
Outdoor skating and sledding are plentiful in Hines Park in Plymouth Township, and open skating is available at Plymouth's Cultural Center.

Open skating hours today are 8:30-10:50 a.m., 11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., 1-2:40 p.m. and 3:50-5:50 p.m.

On Wednesday, hours for public skating are 8:30-9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., and 1-3:20 p.m.

Public skating on Thursday is 8:30-11:40 a.m., 11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., 1-2:50 p.m. and 4-5:20 p.m.

Charge for open skating is \$1.75 for adults and \$1 for children.



A Wayne County worker clears the ice at Wilcox Lake in Plymouth, getting the area ready for skaters.

photos by BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Skate rental is \$1.

For more information on public skating, call the city recreation department at 455-6620.

In Canton young and old will be skating on the pond behind the Canton Township administration building on Canton Center south of Proctor.

'Best Christmas ever' Canton boy, 7, home for holidays after operation

By Diane Gale
and Peggy Aulino
staff writers

Charlie Everhardt isn't interested in publicity.

"I don't want the whole world knowing," he tells his mother, Diana, while she fields questions from a reporter.

"I find a lot of these kids are like that," Diana Everhardt said. "They are treated special, but they don't want to be."

Seven-year-old Charlie was diagnosed with leukemia in June 1988. Last year during the Christmas season, Diana and her husband, Greg, didn't know if Charlie was going to have to be hospitalized.

One year later, after their only child had a bone marrow transplant,

'This is truly a dream come true. Without a doubt it's the best Christmas ever. The feeling is indescribable. It's like we're getting a whole new life together.'

—Greg Everhardt

the Everhardts still don't know what the future holds for the boy.

"It's not your normal transplant," Diana said last week. "It's one of those things where they can't predict what's going to happen."

CHARLIE AND his mom, who

usually live in Canton, spent 12 weeks in Minneapolis, beginning Oct. 1.

The boy was in the University of Minnesota Hospital getting the operation. Diana was at a Ronald McDonald House, waiting.

The fast food corporation set up

houses near hospitals as a temporary home-away-from-home to allow parents to be near their children.

"It was the greatest experience," Diana said of the accommodations. "There were people that understood. People were going through the same thing."

And while the atmosphere was supportive, there was some sadness to contend with.

"One minute they could be just fine. The next minute they are deathly ill," Diana said of the hospitalized children. "It could happen that quickly — I've seen it."

THOUGH CHARLIE is home for the holidays, his recuperation period is such that he's "not really home," his mother said.

"His immune system is like a new

baby's. He can't be in crowds," she said.

It's uncertain when Charlie will be able to go back to school, and Diana has to make sure the neighborhood children who want to come play with Charlie haven't been sick within the last week.

But no one's complaining. "This is truly a dream come true. Without a doubt it's the best Christmas ever," Greg Everhardt said. "The feeling is indescribable. It's like we're getting a whole new life together."

NOT ALL of the attention Charlie has received was unwelcomed.

Upon his arrival back in Michigan last week, Charlie was picked up at

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War can't halt wedding

By Diane Gale
staff writer

A Dec. 30 marriage between a native Plymouth resident and his Canton fiancée was just shy of becoming another casualty of the Panama war.

But late last week Sharon and Caldwell Fleming learned that their son, Stephen, an Army PFC stationed in Fort Bragg, N.C., would be home for Christmas, after all.

AN ADDED touch was that he could go ahead with his plans to marry Michelle Matevia of Canton later in the week.

The families began to worry when Michelle learned Wednesday morning that her fiancée's 82nd airborne infantry battalion was sent to Panama City.

Stephen is a paratrooper in the 82nd artillery battalion. The artillery battalion usually follows the infantry unit as a support, according to staff Sgt. Ron Shaffer, Army Recruiters in Plymouth.

That was good news to the Flemings and Matevias.

"We're just praying that nothing else happens down there," Michelle's mother Julie Matevia said Thursday afternoon.

The wedding plans at the Plymouth Presbyterian church are almost complete, Julie said.

"We have everything done, but we need the groom," she added.

The Flemings couldn't agree more.

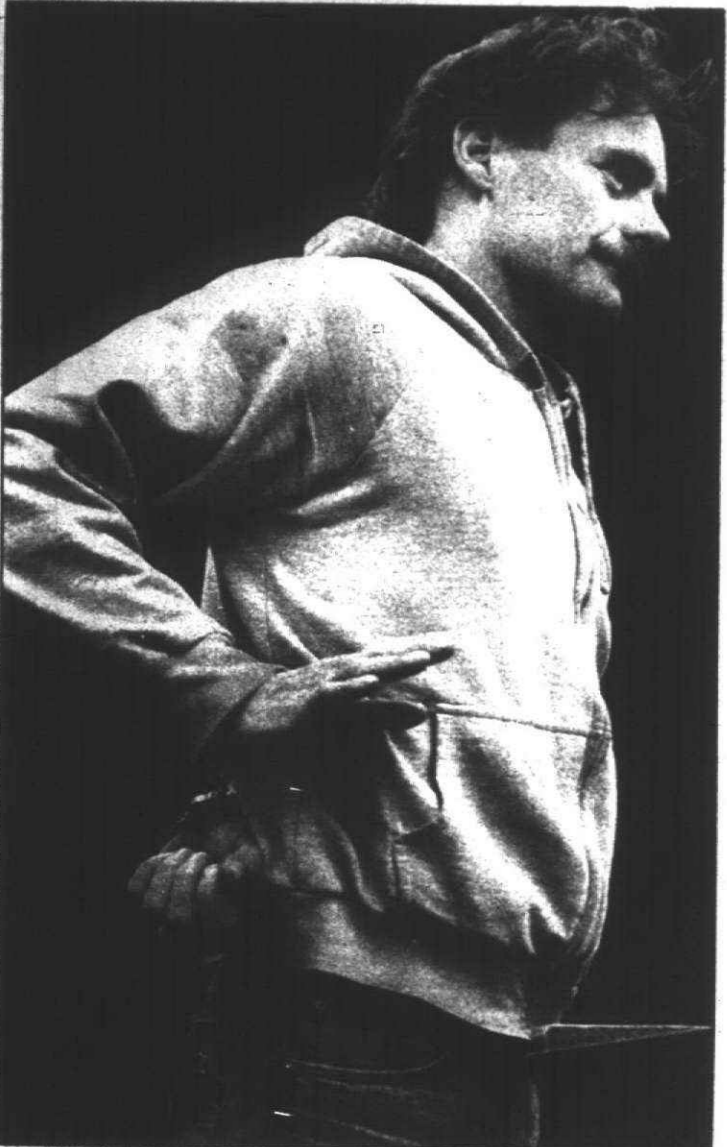
"I'm very happy he's going to be home for Christmas and be able to be married," Stephen's mother said Thursday afternoon.

THINGS DIDN'T look so bright Wednesday afternoon when the Flemings feared their son would be listening to artillery in Panama this Christmas.

Sharon said the concern would be great any time, but the wedding plans added to the worry. Stephen, 19, and Michelle, 18, met at Plym-

Man faces charges in gas station holdups

By Tom Henderson
staff writer



Joseph Martin Schmitz, 35, of Howell, was arraigned on two felony robbery charges Thursday morning before 16th District Judge Robert Brzezinski.

Schmitz faces a preliminary hearing in Livonia at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 28 on evidence that he is the bandit who has been robbing all-night gas stations in the area.

Schmitz was arraigned Wednesday in 35th District Court in Plymouth for an armed robbery in Northville Township on Dec. 19 and for an unarmed robbery in Canton Township on Dec. 8. A plea of not guilty was entered for him.

Bond of \$25,000 cash or surety was set on the Livonia charges of unarmed robbery Dec. 13 of a Union 76 station on Five Mile and armed robbery Dec. 6 of a Total gas station at Plymouth and Farmington.

A warrant was not issued for an incident at a Mobil station at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia on March 6 because an eye witness wasn't positive in his identification, according to Sgt. Donald Vandersloot of the Livonia police.

The unarmed robbery charges stemmed from incidents where Schmitz allegedly said he had accomplices outside the station who would kill the attendants. The armed robbery charges involve incidents where Schmitz allegedly held his hand in his pocket as if he had a gun there.

The armed-robbery charges carry a maximum of life in prison.

Joseph M. Schmitz appears handcuffed at his arraignment Thursday morning in Livonia District Court on charges related to gasoline station robberies.

obituaries

DENISE ANN BARRICK

Services were held for Denise Ann Barrick, 35, of Milford on Monday, Dec. 18, at Lambert-Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with burial in United Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Barrick was born May 31, 1954, in Toledo, Ohio, and died Thursday, Dec. 14 at home. She was employed as a waitress.

Mrs. Barrick is survived by a son, Max, three daughters, Harmony, Rose Ann and Skye Anna; a brother, Fred W. Barrick of Traverse City; a sister, Renee L. Barrick of Detroit; and parents Robert Barrick of Canton and Beverly R. Barrick of St. Marys, Ohio.

The Rev. Jerry Yarnell and the Rev. Dennis Beaver of St. Michael Lutheran Church, Canton, officiated at the service. Memorials may be sent to St. Michael Lutheran Church.

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KEVIN MICHAEL NAEGLER JR.

Services were held for Kevin Michael Naegler Jr., an infant, of Westland on Monday, Dec. 18, at Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home, with burial in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

Kevin died Saturday, Dec. 16, at Garden City Hospital. He is survived by his parents Kevin M. Naegler Sr. and Denise E. DeBoutte.

The Rev. Robert Millar officiated at the service. Memorials may be sent to Charity of Choice in memory of Kevin M. Naegler Jr.

ROSE PODORSEK

Services were held for Rose Podorssek, 77, of Canton on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at Lambert-Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, Plymouth, with burial in St. Hedwig Cemetery.

Mrs. Podorssek is survived by a daughter, Jean Donaldson of Dearborn, two sons, William Podorssek of Canton and Joseph Podorssek of Newbury Park, Calif.; 14 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, a sister Ann Eisner of Southfield; several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Podorssek was born Aug. 16, 1912, in Louisville, Ky., and died Sunday, Dec. 17, in Farmington.

The Rev. Ernest M. Porcari officiated at the service. Memorials may be sent to Michigan Cancer Foundation, envelopes available at the funeral home.

Yack: Move ahead with plans for a downtown — or forget it

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"It will give the community a focal point and concentration of activity as opposed to more and more strip malls up and down Ford Road," Yack said.

"One thing that people kept saying to me was no more strip malls. We can't stop it if they meet the zoning requirements, but we have an opportunity to do something that can become a community asset instead of a liability."

In January Yack is expected to ask the board to direct the DDA to develop a plan.

His plan calls for developing details about landscaping, building lo-

cations and exterior wall materials. Additionally, an open space or park would likely be included.

If approved, the township would hire a consultant to draw up a plan.

CANTON TOOK its biggest step toward creating a central focus area in 1984 when it bought into the DDA, providing communities with a financing tool, minimizing blight and promoting growth.

The DDA allows the district to capture taxes generated from increased property values. After the valuation is frozen, all the money generated above that goes back into the district and used to defray costs

of public improvements for the downtown district.

School officials fought DDAs since all the tax money, including school and county taxes, go back into the authority and away from their coffers.

DDA supporters say, however, that schools and other taxing units benefit from the district because better developments are attracted to the area and more tax dollars come in that way.

Currently there's \$520,000 in the DDA account. However, bond issues from that account could generate \$3 million in 13 years.

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War in Panama can't halt wedding

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outh-Canton High School. They plan to live in Spring Lake, N.C., after the marriage. Michelle hopes to continue her nursing education at North

Carolina State University and in a couple of years after Stephen finishes his tour of duty, the families expect them back in Michigan.

The Panama incident didn't affect

many people in the area, because most middle and upper class young people go off to college instead of enlisting, Shaffer said.

And the Panama attack really didn't change that, he said.

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Kids, seniors share magic moments



Raechel Garcia applauds one of the tricks.



Santa arrives to the cheers of kids. photos by BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

THERE WERE some magic moments this week at Tanger School in Plymouth-Canton school district.

There was a magic show, a visit from Santa and senior citizens on hand.

The program was a special one for special kids with senior citizens.

John Hovanessian provided the main event -- a magic show. There were enough tricks to dazzle the kids.

And there was a running joke, too. Hovanessian kept trying to pull a rabbit out of a paper bag. It didn't happen and the kids laughed.

But finally at the end of the show, out came the rabbit, to the joy of the children.

But a Christmas program isn't complete without a visit from Santa. And the jolly, old fat man arrived with presents for the kids. He also gave them a chance to tell him what they wanted for Christmas.

The intent of the program was to mix senior citizens and kids.



Maurice Persing helps John Hovanessian with a trick.

Figure skating competition planned

The Garden City Figure Skating Club will sponsor its 10th competition Feb. 16-18 at the Garden City Civic Arena, on Cherry Hill, east of Merriman.

Deadline for entry forms is Jan. 16. The entry forms can be obtained by calling 522-5590 and leaving your name and address.

The events will be figures, free skating, compulsory, original pro-

gram, interpretive, similar pairs, team compulsory, and "pick your own" solo dance, in levels from low beginner to senior.

The competition is open to all U.S. Figure Skating Association members and all Canadian Figure Skating Association members.

Last year the Garden City Club was host to 250 competitors, most of whom entered multiple events. Com-

petitors were accompanied by parents, relatives, friends and coaches and represented skating clubs from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Canada.

Entry forms or more information can be obtained by writing the Garden City Figure Skating Club, registration chair, P.O. Box 114, Garden City, 48135 or by calling 427-3790 or 522-5590.

Canton boy back home for holidays

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the airport by a limousine from Leetica Limo, Ypsilanti.

To his delight, he found it had "pitch black windows" and was stocked with "apple juice in a wine bottle."

"That was fun," the youngster

The Make-a-Wish Foundation picked up the tab for the ride home in style, and it also paid for a trip the Everhardts took to Disney World before Charlie went into the hospital.

DOCTORS GIVE Charlie a 25 to 30 percent chance of complete remission. In other words, Diana said, there's a 75 percent chance of a relapse.

"We don't think of that. We figure we can beat the odds," she said.

Their son's illness is "a day-by-day thing," her husband said. The doctors are "amazed by his willpower," he said.

"I learned to take one day at a time," Diana said. "Today he's well. Today is what we live for. That's it."



Seven-year-old Charlie Everhardt celebrated his homecoming last week with a limousine ride from Metro Airport to his home in Canton. Charlie is flanked by his parents, Diana and Gregg.

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Firm brings 800 jobs, inspiration

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

Approximately 400 employees in administration, computer services and purchasing will work out of a central technical unit building, Jusak said.

"The intent of the building is to coordinate our research and engineering staff into one unit," he said.

A central technological unit will house approximately 320 employees in sales and engineers who design interiors for the major car makers, Jusak said.

A third facility will house roughly 60 employees in soft trim development, which includes polyurethane foam production, Jusak said.

"The company's car interior research and engineering facility scheduled to be built this summer is an important pace-setter," said township planner James Anulwitz.

Besides setting an example for other developers on how to build aesthetically, the Johnson Controls firm will relocate nearly 800 employees to the site.

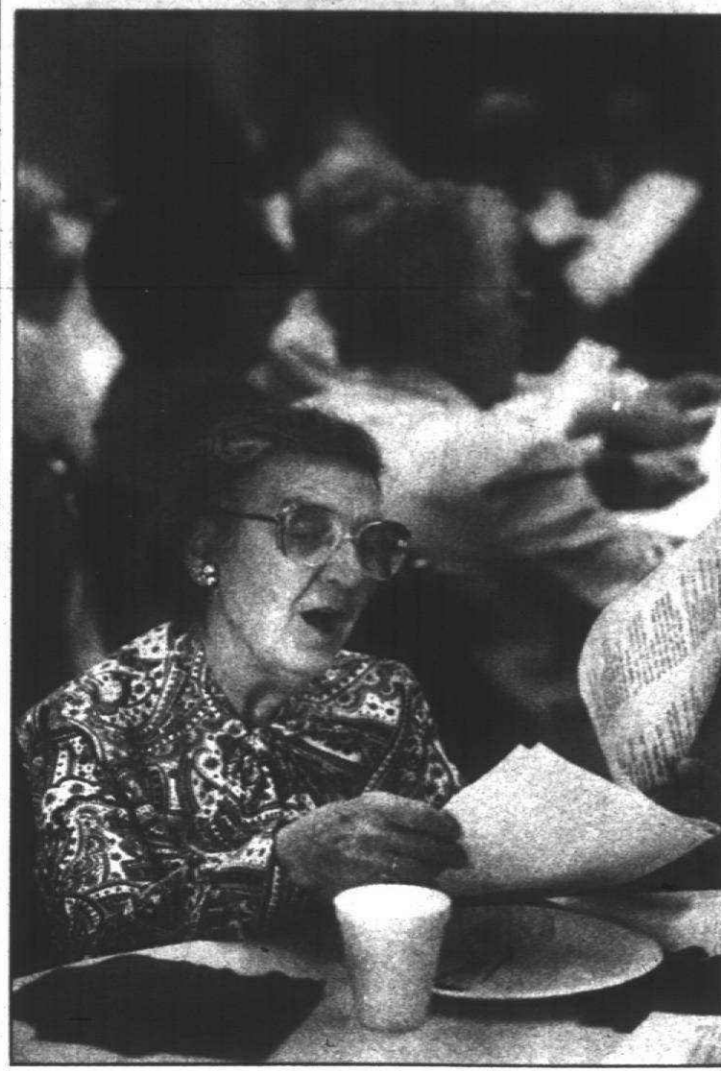
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That's because the firm plans to keep an existing wood lot on its property north of M-14 and west of Beck, add evergreens, create a patio for employees and keep other natural landscape features, Anulwitz said.

"Aesthetic values are always a major consideration," said Ray Jusak, Johnson's director of environment and facilities.

"Our scheduled completion date is August of 1990, we hope to get in there earlier," Jusak said.

JOHNSON CONTROLS will consolidate its car interior design operations in Plymouth Township. Those operations have been performed separately in Ann Arbor, Saline, Livonia and Madison Heights.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

'Tis the season

At left: Marie Sisson sings along with "Silent Night" at the annual Christmas party hosted by the Plymouth Council on Aging. Above: Anne Featherstone and Mark Gleason lead seniors singing carols at the gala at the Plymouth Cultural Center recently. The seniors also enjoyed a buffet lunch.

Home repairs lose tax break under new law

AP — The Michigan Senate has given final legislative approval to a bill to plug up a \$500 million property tax loophole.

With a 20-15 vote the Senate sent the bill on to Gov. James Blanchard, even though some lawmakers argued the loophole shouldn't be closed.

The bill reverses Michigan Court of Appeals decisions in 1987 and 1988 that drastically altered a 1976 law. Under the law, major repairs made to a home, such as new roofing or siding, wouldn't be allowed to increase property tax assessments.

However, the Court of Appeals interpreted the law to mean that homeowners could have the true market value of their homes reduced by an amount equal to the repair cost. That meant repairs would end up cutting property taxes.

Virtually no one, including assessors, knew about the rulings, but Treasurer Robert Bowman said if every homeowner eligible applied for the break, local schools and communities would lose \$300 million to \$500 million.

ONE OF the sponsors of the 1976 law, Sen. Harry Gast, R-St. Joseph, said he couldn't understand how the judges could have made that interpretation, and the original intent should be restored.

The chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Sen. Norman Shinkle, R-Lambertville, said the bill merely restored the law. "There's no deduction, but there's no property tax increase."

Sen. Richard Fessler, R-Union Lake, urged a "no" vote, saying the loophole would encourage owners of older houses to improve their homes and that spending would stimulate Michigan's economy.

"The courts have done what the Legislature has been trying to do for many years and that's to give a property tax abatement," he said.

Sen. Jack Welborn, R-Kalamazoo, agreed with Fessler. "I think that's the type of equity we need to help those who help themselves," said Welborn, a former tax assessor.

Sen. Nick Smith, R-Addison, described the bill as a tax increase and tried to use it as a lever to pry his bill ending the inheritance tax out of a House committee. That tax brings in \$60 million to \$75 million each year.

However, the Senate rejected his attempts to tie the two together and finally approved the measure after several hours of debate.

Bowman applauded the vote, saying the bill didn't take away the property tax protection but merely clarified it.

He added that the Department of Treasury had gotten a number of calls about the law and "I think we have to do a better job of explaining it."

The Legislature is now in recess. Lawmakers will return to the Capitol Dec. 28 for the official end of the session, then again on Jan. 10 to dedicate the newly restored Senate chamber.

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from our readers

Yazaki suit coverage questioned

To the editor: As an employee of American Yazaki Corp., I found the article about Mr. Kotcher that appeared on the front page of the Dec. 4, 1989, edition of the Canton Observer truly worthy of publication...

Tonquish manor volunteers thanked

To the editor: With the possibility of forgetting some one or group, let me say a big "thank you" to each of you who have contributed in any way to the residents of Tonquish Creek Manor.

MET critics 'surprised'

To the editor: We were surprised to read Michigan Treasurer Robert Bowman's remarks that our economic present value analysis of the Michigan Education Trust was "wrong" (O&E, Nov. 9), more than one month after

Too easy on ACLU

Your editorial in a recent issue regarding the ACLU and manger scenes was informative and thoughtful. However, we think you were overly generous in your respect for the ACLU.

Request agendas

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opinion

'Merry Christmas,' saying it a relief

MERRY CHRISTMAS, dammit! There, I said it! And it felt sooooo good. Whatever happened to those two jolly words?

I'm so tired of uttering the kinder, gentler and safer "Happy Holidays," all the while repressing my urge to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

No Santa in Birmingham, no Christmas parties in Rochester, a "downplaying" of the holiday in Troy, and just about everywhere else.

GET REAL! The big bad world isn't going to cloak old Santa every time you walk by just in case you're Jewish or Hindu or Muslim or agnostic.

I hate to say it, but the whole issue of the holiday is being used as a political tool to divide and conquer.



You think I'm kidding? In an Orwellian move earlier this year Rochester Schools neatly disposed of Halloween, replacing it with "International Children's Day."

The Tarrs were abducted separately on Nov. 9 from Rochester Hills and subsequently shot to death in Pontiac.

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Nancy Swanborg, director of the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College has been chosen to participate in the "Leaders" program, an international leadership training program for female administrators at two-year colleges.

Tragedy won't spark changes in auto-tellers

Don't look for drastic changes to improve security at automatic teller banking machines, according to bank executives contacted in the wake of the killings of Wanda and Glenn Tarr.

Numerous ideas - like so-called "panic" buttons or 9-1-1 emergency phone systems - have been considered, evaluated and rejected as impractical.

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his home and killed elsewhere, he said. The fact that he (Glenn Tarr) was forced to withdraw money from the ATM had nothing to do with his abduction or death.

Nevertheless, people began asking about security at ATMs and the safety of people using them. A resolution introduced to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners called for the county's Emergency Management Division to contact the banking community and Michigan Bell Telephone Co. to discuss methods of improving security at ATMs.

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BUT THE BEST safeguard, he said, is a wary customer who is aware of the hazards at an ATM and acts accordingly.

The Bank Administration Institute (BAI), a research and education association based in the Chicago area, says the incidents of crime associated with ATMs is almost statistically non-existent.

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LAST SUMMER Chicago experienced another murder involving an ATM. In June, Dana Fietler, a 24-year-old University of Chicago student was abducted from her apartment complex, forced to withdraw \$400 from an ATM and then murdered.

The ATM was considered incidental to the robbery and murder, the Chicago City Council commissioned a task force to review security at the ATMs throughout the city and suburbs.

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bottoms," said Feaser, referring to an often-suggested alarm button an ATM customer could push in an emergency.

"The bad guys would become aware of any alarm button too," said Feaser. "And if someone has a gun at your head, you certainly wouldn't set off any alarm."

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The Chicago Task Force isn't expected to make its full report until early next year. Preliminary findings, however, have concluded that little can be done electronically to improve security, said Feaser.

"SOME OF OUR early reports suggest getting away from walk-up ATMs and shifting to drive-ups, he said. "People would have more security and privacy inside their own cars," he said.

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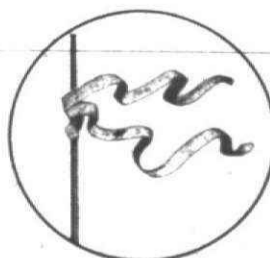
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taste buds

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Let kids have the kitchen

Walk into any toy store and immediately you will be bombarded with an assortment of kitchen "toys."

On a recent visit to the toy store where I left my last paycheck, I discovered isles full of make-believe foodstuffs, everything from burgers with slices of lettuce, tomato and cheese to miniature kitchen setups complete with phone and message center and microwave oven.

I can remember making out my Christmas list with such items as Mr. Snowcone, an Easy-Bake oven and the Junior Baker cookie kit complete with cookie sheet, pint-sized rolling pin and miniature cookie cutters. There was one year I received a cotton candy maker and, without a doubt, consumed more sugar before 9 a.m. that I had in the previous month. I think Momma still remembers pulling me down from the dining room chandelier from the sugar buzz.

Was I secretly being programmed to follow in the footsteps of Mr. Potato Head?

Think about it for a second. What did Santa leave you that is still etched in the pantry of your mind?

Even at the tender age of 8, one could never quite figure out how a 100-watt light bulb in an Easy Bake oven could bake a cake so fast and so good. Was it my first Easy Bake cake that sent me down the path toward puff pastry and tarts?

HIGH ON THIS year's wish list for the Janes Gang kids is a Barbie Ice Cream Shop. Next thing you know, the Cabbage Patch Kids will be opening a fast food franchise. You name it and just about anything related to food can be made with a Play-Dough kitchen creation set.

This year the Play-Dough is even scented with yummy-smelling aromas that are closer to smelling like real french fries than those at White Castle. As a matter of fact, I've tasted some fast food fries that could easily make Play-Dough fries a sure winner in blind taste tests.

Cooking has taken on a whole new meaning for the younger generation. Even though this year was a "no war toys" season under the tree, was I condescending by getting a cookie gun for the kids? Is G.I. Joe secretly manipulating himself into the kitchen for an all-out assault on junior taste buds?

I'll never be able to understand why some kids would request a McDonald's fast food stand complete with logo apron and operator-type headset. What's next, the kitchen window being transformed into a Big Wheel drive-through?

Needless to say, I'll always be amazed at the early inbreeding for the need to cook to survive. But then again, if that's the case, how come I meet so many people who find it difficult to boil water?

CREATIVE COOKING is one of those skills that, when started early, can last a lifetime, and if Santa didn't leave a 3-minute ice cream maker under the tree this year, maybe it's about time you gathered the kids and the grandkids into the kitchen for a lesson. It's evident that spending a few hours in the kitchen with the kids won't bring on world peace, but this holiday time while the family is home, how about gathering around the stove in the kitchen, to rehash traditions.

Better yet, give the cupboards a good cleaning, and take the kids and whatever you haven't used in the last three months for a trip to a food bank. You not only will be helping the needy and less fortunate, but you also will be instilling in the young minds that food is a tool uniting us. Have a happy holiday, together, in the kitchen.

See recipes, 2B.



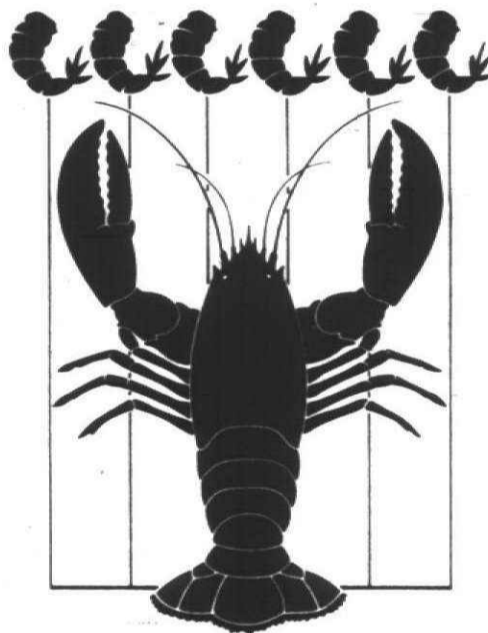
Area hostesses share recipes

VASILOPETA
or **ST. BASIL BREAD OF PLENTY**
from Helen Madias
of Farmington Hills

- 12 eggs, room temperature
- 2 1/4 cups sugar
- 2 cups milk, room temperature
- 3/4 pounds butter
- 6 yeast cakes or quick-acting dry yeast
- pinch of Mahlepi (Greek spice, available from Greek and Arab groceries)
- pinch of salt
- 4 1/2 pounds flour (may vary, depending upon size of eggs)

Warm milk and melt butter. In a separate, large bowl soften yeast in small amount of warm milk. Add remaining milk, eggs, sugar, Mahlepi, salt and half of butter. Beat well with mixer. Add flour gradually, until dough is soft and sticky. Brush top with

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Special fare to start off a new year

By Janice Brunson
staff writer

WHETHER SPENDING New Year's Eve with a significant other, a small group of select friends or a host of others, the most casual event ushering in 1990 can be made more special with carefully selected appetizers.

Drawing on culinary experience, tradition and trends, area hostesses offer a variety of hors d'oeuvre ideas, certain irresistible palate pleasers that range from the simple to the sophisticated.

Cindy Leonard of Birmingham devotes hours of painstaking labor to preparation of holiday fare for the 150 or so guests she and husband Barry invite to an elaborate annual party they have hosted each of the last 20 years. In recent years, following a move into a smaller home, the affair has been scheduled on two separate evenings.

Leonard, who owns Birmingham's Scandia Down Shop, estimates she spends a week of evenings after work and two full days immediately preceding each party, in arrangements.

"I do all my own cooking," Leonard said. This includes preparing miniature pastry cups for mushroom filling, stuffing cherry tomatoes with salmon mousse and piping snow pea pods with crab meat.

She uses food centers to draw guests to various areas of her small home: blinis with salmon and caviar in the dining room, homemade tortilla chips with chili in the family room and nachos frosted with refried beans and peppers in the lower-level family room.

The selection of ingredients reflects current cuisine trends.

"PEOPLE SEEM TO WANT lighter foods. I used to use more cheeses and breads. But I've moved to more vegetables, to more fish and shellfish," Leonard said, citing rumaki as an example. Once stuffed with chicken liver, bacon now encapsulates shrimp.

Pat and Jim Glionna, originally of Canada and now of West Bloomfield, enjoy entertaining year around. They give informal swimming parties in the summer and sit-down dinners and cocktail parties other times of the year, including the holidays. Last New Year's Eve, the Glionnas hosted a small dinner party.

Inverate bridge players, Pat is always in search of appetizer ideas for the many bridge games she and Jim regularly host, and for other social occasions.

"I'm always looking for tidbits," she said. "One that just goes" is lobster dip, a recipe culled from a cookbook compiled by a group of bridge aficionados in Calgary, in Alberta, Canada.

Shoppers find champion in new grill

The Champion Grill has a winning combination — a prime location in Livonia's Laurel Park Place and a menu that is diverse and very reasonably priced.

Its location alone bodes well for the Champion's future. Situated alongside booming I-275 at Six Mile Road in the midst of an office, retail and hotel complex, the restaurant is easily accessible to shoppers, business people, moviegoers and out-of-town visitors.

The exquisite shopping mall, anchored by a Jacobson's, undoubtedly will bustle as more specialty stores open. Unfortunately for the grill, the smaller stores didn't open in time to draw sizable Christmas shopping crowds this year.

Even so, business has been steadily increasing since the grill first opened in October. The menu features a little of everything, in an apparent effort to please a broad range of customers. For those who want a "snack" before or after a movie, there are nachos, pizza and burgers. For lunch, there are sandwiches, salads and fresh pastas. For dinner, you can choose any of the above items as well as fresh fish, seafood, barbecued ribs, chicken and — on weekends — prime rib. In fact, it's hard to think of an entree that isn't on the menu.

SEAFOOD AND pastas are supposed to be the Champion's champions. We found the pasta was delicious, cooked perfectly, seasoned nicely and plentiful. As far as seafood went, we enjoyed an entree featuring marinated scallops and shrimp — although the shrimp was slightly overcooked. An evening special of breaded and baked Boston scrod also was slightly overcooked.



The fried clams were good, not great.

The Champion pizza, distinguished by a thin crust, is very good. It comes in one size and three varieties, including one featuring smoked turkey, broccoli and red onion.

Although there is a children's menu, we discovered that the fried chicken fingers appetizer worked great for a picky 6-year-old. The chicken was fresh, tender and not overly breaded (and at \$3.95 priced competitively with the places that serve kids chicken "parts" in boxes). Another good appetizer is the "onion loaf," which actually is a loaf-shaped mass of thin onion rings that are breaded and fried.

Instead of the predictable french fries, meals here are served with tasty baked beans — a refreshing change of pace that also happens to be a bit healthier. The restaurant's creamy cole-slaw is also good, but you can choose to substitute a salad

at a slightly higher cost.

OVERALL, WE FOUND the pasta to be the best of the items we tried. The St. Tropez entree features chicken sauteed with marinara sauce, garlic and herbs. A chicken and artichoke pasta also features smoked turkey, broccoli and tomatoes. The pasta, chicken and fish entrees allow you to choose between small or large portions. It appeared to us that the smaller portions of pasta are quite enough for most appetites.

By virtue of its L-shape dining areas, the restaurant has slightly different atmosphere in its two "legs." The seating area along the front of the restaurant is shielded from the mall traffic. Its large windows are distinguished by beautiful, hunter-green, wood blinds. The other side opens into the mall and may make a good place for people-watching as pedestrian traffic picks up.

Owned by Main Street Ventures, a partnership that also owns D. Dennison's in Farmington Hills and Gratz in Ann Arbor, as well as other area eateries, the Champion Grill provides a good meal at a competitive price. The atmosphere is casual and friendly, the service is good and the entrees are definitely above average. It certainly has another thing going for it — location, location, location.

Details: Champion Grill, 37716 Six Mile Road at I-275, Livonia 48152, 464-9030.

Hours: Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 11 a.m. to midnight; Sunday noon to 9 p.m.; bar is open one hour later each night.

Prices: \$3.95-\$13.95. American Express, Diner's Club, MasterCard, Visa, Discover.



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Joanne Bassett of Livonia and Greg Oppor of Garden City sit down to a meal of fresh grilled swordfish (left), onion loaf (middle), tossed salad and baby back ribs.

Chef Larry shares family meal

There's nothing like a pot of hot, homemade soup to bring the family together. Here's my favorite recipe for:

- CHEESE CHOWDER**
 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
 1/4 cup flour
 2 cups milk
 1 1/2 cups chicken broth
 1/4 cup finely diced carrot
 1/4 cup finely diced celery
 dash salt and paprika
 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Cook onion in butter or margarine until tender. Blend in flour; add remaining ingredients except cheese. Cook and stir until thick and bubbly. Reduce heat; add cheese; stir to melt. Simmer 5 minutes before serving.

And what would a good homemade soup be without a recipe for:

- EASY BAKE BREAD**
 1 package active dry yeast
 1/4 cup warm water
 1 1/2 cups hot water
 1/2 cup brown sugar
 2 teaspoons salt
 3 tablespoons shortening
 2 cups whole wheat flour
 3 cups white flour

Dissolve dry yeast in warm water. Set aside. Combine hot water, sugar, salt and shortening; cool to lukewarm. Stir in whole wheat flour and 1 cup of the white flour. Stir in dissolved yeast. Add enough of the remaining flour to make a stiff dough. Turn out onto a lightly floured board and knead until smooth, about 10 minutes. Place in a lightly greased bowl, turning over once to grease the surface. Cover and allow to rise in a warm place for 1 1/2 hours. Punch down. Cut into 2 portions and shape into balls. Rest 10 minutes. Shape balls into loaves and place in a lightly greased bread pan. Cover and allow to rise in a warm place for 1 hour. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 45 minutes to 1 hour.

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Hors d'oeuvres make great New Year's dishes

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Helen and John Madias of Farmington Hills also draw on ethnic heritage for holiday entertaining. Both of Greek parentage, the Madiases traditionally welcome New Year's guests with slices of St. Basil or Vasilopeta bread, a rich offering filled with nuts and a gold coin representing future good health and prosperity.

The guest receiving the slice of bread with the coin is assured special good luck, according to Helen, who said that during the holiday season, "My table is always set with delicious treats, fruits and nuts that

spell prosperity and good luck in the new year."

IRENE AND DAVID CAMERON of Livonia normally spend New Year's Eve with a dozen or so couples from their church, each of whom contributes to a potluck dinner that traditionally begins with appetizers.

Irene, co-ordinator of media relations for the United Dairy Industry of Michigan, prefers easy-to-prepare finger fare.

"I'm a career woman and I like to serve appetizers that are quick and delicious, something that is fast to fix, yet wonderfully flavorful.

You're less frazzled if you can do things easily," she said.

Easy ideas that are "heavenly" include meatballs simmered in a blend of chili sauce mixed with grape jam, mushroom caps filled with broiled sausage, and a cheese sauce seasoned with bacon bits and horseradish that, when packaged in special containers, is tasty enough for gift giving.

Since the early 1940s, Alice and Stanley Rembacki of Livonia also have forged holiday tradition with the same group of friends, four other couples who have been friends since the women graduated together from Detroit's Marygrove College in 1942.

The group hosts an annual progressive dinner, beginning with appetizers that Alice said are simple. "Things like meatballs, hot dogs wrapped in pastry, cheese balls and vegetables."

WHETHER ENTERTAINING a few or a multitude on New Year's Eve, the objective of any gathering is that it be a memorable evening of warmth and goodwill.

With 20 years' experience under her belt, Cindy Leonard offers a variety of helpful hints to assure a successful experience.

Leonard always has on hand additional drink glasses for guests who

"mislay theirs." Heating trays in the kitchen keep hot appetizers warm until the exact moment of serving. Serving trays are made more festive with sprigs of greens, ivy or ferns, combined with flowers and tied with colorful ribbons.

She uses parsley as a base for finger foods that tend to roll or are greasy. Items requiring broiling may be partly broiled earlier in the day, set aside and completed just prior to serving. Hollowed vegetables such as red or green bell peppers and cabbage are great for use as serving bowls for dips.

And to all, a happy new year!

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butter, set aside in warm place and let raise for 4 hours until doubled in size. Punch down and coat with remaining butter. Wrap a coin in tinfoil and insert into dough. Shape dough into a ball, set aside in warm place and let raise for 1 hour. Brush top with beaten egg, sprinkle with sesame seeds and almonds. Decorate top with mixed nuts in shells. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until golden.

SHRIMP BUTTER
 from Irene Cameron of Livonia
 two 6-ounce cans of shrimp
 1 tablespoon minced onion
 1 teaspoon lemon juice
 1/2 sticks butter
 4 tablespoons mayonnaise
 salt to taste
 one 8-ounce package cream cheese

Combine all ingredients in a bowl, and mix until smooth consistency. Serve on crackers of choice or with fresh vegetables.

LOBSTER DIP
 from Pat Vilanova of West Bloomfield
 2 tablespoons chopped green onion

- 2 tablespoons chopped green pepper
 2 tablespoons butter
 10-ounce can mushroom soup
 1/4 cup cream
 1 tablespoon cornstarch
 2 tablespoons sherry
 2 egg yolks
 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
 two 5 1/2-ounce cans lobster
 1 cup grated cheddar cheese

Saute onion and green pepper in butter for 5 minutes. In separate saucepan, mix soup, cream, cornstarch, sherry, yolks and nutmeg. Heat slowly until mixture starts to thicken. Add onion and green pepper and continue cooking until thick. Add cheese and lobster chunks, stirring well until cheese melts. Transfer to chafing dish and keep warm over low flame, uncovered. Makes 3 1/2 cups. Serve with a variety of crackers.

MUSHROOM TARTS
 from Cindy Leonard of Birmingham
 Tart
 10 tablespoons butter, in pieces
 2 1/2 cups sifted flour

- 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/4 cup soft cream
 1 egg, slightly beaten

Filling
 4 tablespoons butter
 3 tablespoons finely chopped shallots
 1/4 pound finely chopped mushrooms
 2 tablespoons flour
 1 cup whipping cream
 1 tablespoon finely chopped chives
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
 1/4 teaspoon lemon juice
 parsley sprigs, optional

In food processor combine butter, flour and salt. Process just until butter breaks into small pieces. Do not overmix. Add sour cream and egg. Mix well. Wrap in wax paper and chill. Press into 48 miniature muffin cups. Bake in preheated 400-degree oven 12 to 15 minutes or until golden.

In heavy skillet melt butter. Add shallots. Cook 4 minutes, stirring constantly. Shallots should not brown. Blend in mushrooms. Cook until all moisture evaporates, about 10-15 minutes. Sprinkle flour over mixture. Mix well. Stirring constantly, add cream and bring to boil.

When mixture thickens, reduce heat and simmer 1-2 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in remaining ingredients. Cool.

Fill each tart with mixture. Bake in preheated 350-degree oven 10 minutes. Garnish with small sprigs of parsley, if desired. Serve immediately.

Tarts may be filled, frozen and baked frozen in preheated 400-degree oven in 12 minutes.

Shortcut Method for Tart

Fishy tips for seafood preparation

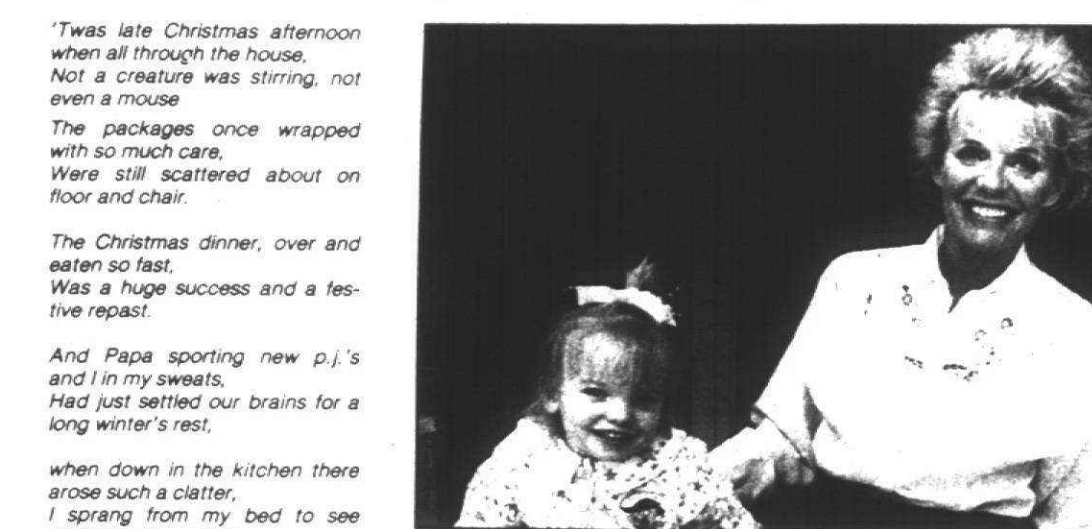
AP — The following tips for seafood preparation and handling are provided by the National Fish and Seafood Promotional Council.

- When buying fish look for bright, shiny flesh and skin, and a fresh, mild odor.
- Do not cook or eat live-purchased shellfish that later died during storage.
- Freeze fish before preparing raw seafood dishes such as ceviche, sushi or sashimi.
- Keep fresh or smoked seafood products refrigerated until ready to use.
- Thaw frozen seafoods in the refrigerator.
- Cook fish 6 to 10 minutes per inch thickness, checking it for desired doneness periodically.
- Fish is done when the flesh has just begun to turn from translucent to opaque or white and is firm but still moist.

Leftover turkey makes fast, easy family meal

family-tested winner dinner

Betsy Brethen



Janice Nichols and daughter Christina display a winner dinner of curried turkey and broccoli, brown rice and cranberry jelly.

"Twas late Christmas afternoon when all through the house, Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse
 The packages once wrapped with so much care, Were still scattered about on floor and chair.
 The Christmas dinner, over and eaten so fast, Was a huge success and a festive repast.
 And Papa sporting new p.j.'s and I in my sweats, Had just settled our brains for a long winter's rest,
 when down in the kitchen there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
 I ran down the stairs as fast as I could, The children gathered round the refrigerator all stood.
 "We are hungry," they cried, "us something to eat!"
 "I'm tired," sighed I, "I'm dead on my feet!"
 I glanced in the fridge and to my dismay, We only had leftovers from Christmas Day.
 When what to my wondering mind should appear, But a Winner Dinner recipe from Janice Nichols, such a dear.
 With turkey and broccoli and rice to pick, My dilemma could be over oh, so quick.
 I quickly prepared this leftover delight,
 And staved off the hunger for yet another night.

Served with a side of cranberry jelly. Once again I refilled each little belly.
 A wink of their eyes and a twist of their heads, Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.
 I spoke not a word but went straight to my work, And filled the dishwasher then turned with a jerk.
 And laying a finger aside of my nose, And giving a nod, up the staircase I rose.
 I sprang to my bed, to my kids gave a whistle, Under the covers I flew like the down of a thistle.
 But they heard me exclaim ere I dove out of sight, "Happy holidays to all and to all a good night!"
 A big thank you, Janice Nichols, for sharing your family's Winner Dinner with us. A favorite meal, Nichols has served this dish to company as well as to her family. It is an effective way that she has found to get her two young daughters to eat their broccoli.
 Nichol's husband, Ralph, has several Dale Carnegie franchises in the Mid-West and Canada and has taught many people how to win friends and influence others. Hopefully, this week's Winner Dinner will help you to do the same.
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Fillet's readymade for microwave

AP — Frozen fish portions are ideal for microwave cooking. Because they are pre-cut to uniform size and thickness, they cook evenly. Try them with a tangy baked-on topper.

MICROWAVE FISH FILLETS
 One 11 1/2-ounce package (4 portions) frozen fish portions
 1 beaten egg yolk
 2 tablespoons dairy sour cream
 1 tablespoon finely chopped green onion
 1 tablespoon snipped fresh parsley

or 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
 1/4 teaspoon seasoned salt
 1 egg white

To defrost fish, unwrap and place in a microwave-safe 8- by 8- by 2-inch baking dish. Cover with vented clear plastic wrap. Cook on 30 percent power (medium-low) for 4 to 6 minutes. Let stand for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a medium mixing bowl combine egg yolk, sour cream, onion, parsley and seasoned salt; mix well. Beat egg white until stiff peaks

form (tips stand straight). Gently fold into sour cream mixture.

Drain fish portions and pat dry with paper towels. Arrange fish portions in the 8- by 8- by 2-inch dish. Cook fish, covered, on 100 percent power (high) for 3 to 5 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork, giving the dish a half-turn once.

Spread topping over fish. Cook on 50 percent power (medium) for 2 to 3 minutes or until topping is set. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

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CURRIED TURKEY AND BROCCOLI
BROWN RICE
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Recipes

CURRIED TURKEY AND BROCCOLI
 This dish takes about 20 minutes to assemble, can be made in advance and is equally delicious with chicken. It serves four to six people and is great the next day.
 2 cups or more of cooked, cubed turkey (or 3-4 chicken breast halves)
 2 10 1/2 ounce cans of cream of chicken soup
 1 small can of sliced water chestnuts
 mayonnaise
 break crumbs
 butter
 curry powder
 cheddar cheese
 brown or white rice
 1 lemon
 1 can cranberry sauce or jelly
 lettuce
 dinner rolls or nut bread

1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese freshly cooked brown or white rice

Arrange broccoli in single layer in bottom of 1 1/2 quart baking dish. Cover with cooked turkey (or chicken). In a small bowl, combine soup, mayonnaise, lemon juice, curry powder, and sliced water chestnuts and blend well. Pour soup mixture over turkey. Sprinkle with buttered break crumbs and cheese. Bake until heated through, about 25 minutes in a preheated 350-degree oven. Serve over rice or with the rice on the side.

By the way, the left-over cranberry sauce goes well with this dish as a salad or on a bed of lettuce as a salad. A basket of dinner rolls or nut bread will complete this delicious dinner using holiday leftovers.

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Hanukkah meal can be quick and healthy

Hanukkah commemorates the Temple's rededication after its desecration by the Syrians. This centuries-old celebration begins Friday and continues for eight days.

Along with lighting the menorah and other traditions, the meal takes a prominent place in the holiday.

Linda Rosenberg, committee chairman of the Galilee chapter of B'nai B'rith Women who produced the cookbook "Galilee Gourmet Book II," recommends potato latkes in a blender for Hanukkah meals.

"It's a dandy and it's very easy to do," she said. "Drain them well on paper toweling because there's a lot of oil and people are so concerned now."

Rosenberg suggests serving the latkes with sour cream or apple sauce.

Weight Watchers International has compiled several traditional recipes that keep calories low while keeping tradition intact.

CHEDDAR BOW TIES
2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 pound cheddar cheese, shredded
1 teaspoon double-acting baking powder
1/4 cup granulated sugar
2 tablespoons margarine
2 eggs
2 tablespoons spicy brown mustard
1 egg white, lightly beaten

In medium mixing bowl combine flour, cheese and baking powder; stir well and set aside. Using mixer on high speed, in large mixing bowl beat 1 at a time, and beat until thoroughly blended. Stir in mustard, add flour mixture and stir until mixture forms soft dough.

Preheat oven to 375. Divide dough in half and shape each half into a ball. Roll 1 dough ball into a rectangle about 1/4 inch thick, cut into 24 x 1-inch strips. Spray baking sheet with non-stick cooking spray; twist each strip of dough in center forming a bow tie and arrange on sprayed sheet. Using back of the egg white, brush each bow tie with an equal amount of egg white and bake until golden brown, 12 to 15 minutes. Transfer to wire rack and let cool. Repeat procedure using remaining dough and egg white, making 24 more bow ties.

Makes 12 servings, 4 bow ties each. Each serving provides: 1/2 protein exchange; 1 bread exchange; 1 fat exchange; 20 optional calories.

HONEY-RAISIN CAKE
1/2 cup golden raisins
1/2 cup hot water
2 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon each double-acting baking powder and ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon each ground cardamom and ground cardamom
1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons honey, divided

Preheat oven to 350. Spray a 9-inch oval baking dish with non-stick cooking spray; add noodles, apricots, sugar and 2 teaspoons margarine and set aside.

In blender, process eggs, nectar, cheese and vanilla on medium speed until smooth; pour over noodle mixture. In small mixing bowl combine graham cracker crumbs, almonds and remaining margarine; sprinkle over noodle mixture. Bake until mixture is set, about 20 minutes.

Makes 4 servings. 1 protein exchange; 1 1/2 bread exchanges; 1 fat exchange; 1 1/2 fruit exchanges; 140 optional calories.

FRUIT SALAD WITH HONEY-POPPY DRESSING
4 cups shredded lettuce
3/4 pound oranges, peeled and sliced
5 ounces kiwi fruits, pared and sliced
2 tablespoons each diagonally thinly sliced scallions (green onion) and lemon juice
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon peanut or walnut oil
1 tablespoon honey
1/4 teaspoon poppy seed dash salt

On serving platter arrange lettuce; decoratively arrange fruits over lettuce and top with scallion. In small mixing bowl combine remaining ingredients; pour over salad. Makes 4 servings.

Each serving provides: 2 vegetable exchanges; 1 fat exchange; 20 optional calories.

POTATO-ZUCCHINI LATKES (PANCAKES)
9 ounces grated pared all-purpose potatoes
1 cup shredded zucchini
1/4 cup finely chopped onion
2 eggs
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon double-acting baking powder
dash each salt and ground nutmeg
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon vegetable oil, divided
Garnish 1/4 cup thin zucchini strips, Italian parsley sprigs

Thoroughly drain potatoes and pat dry with paper towels. In large mixing bowl combine potatoes, shredded zucchini, and onion; add eggs and stir. Add remaining ingredients except oil and garnish and stir.

In 12-inch non-stick skillet heat 2 teaspoons oil. Drop 1/4 cup potato-zucchini mixture into pan forming 1 latke (pancake). Using the back of a spoon, spread latke into a 3-inch circle. Repeat procedure, making 3 more latkes. Cook until latkes are browned on bottom; turn latkes over and cook until browned on other side. Transfer to warm serving platter; keep warm. Repeat procedure using remaining oil and potato-zucchini mixture, making 4 more latkes. Garnish with zucchini strips and parsley sprigs. Use a vegetable peeler to make zucchini strips.

Serve with applesauce or sour cream.
Makes 4 servings, 2 latkes each. Each serving provides: 1/2 protein exchange; 1 bread exchange; 1/2 vegetable exchange; 1 fat exchange; 1/2 fruit exchange; 140 optional calories.

Preheat oven to 350. Spray a 9-inch fluted tube pan with non-stick cooking spray; set aside.

In small bowl combine raisins and water; set aside. In large mixing bowl combine flour, baking powder, orange peel and spices; set aside. Drain raisins, reserving water. Add raisins to flour mixture and toss to combine.

In medium mixing bowl combine reserved water, 1/2 cup honey, the eggs, and oil; stir until blended. Pour into flour mixture; stir until smooth. Transfer to prepared pan and bake in middle of center oven rack for 30 to 40 minutes (until golden brown and a toothpick, inserted in center, comes out clean). Invert cake onto wire rack and let cool. Drizzle remaining honey over cake and top with orange zest.

(The zest of the orange is the peel without any of the pith - white membrane. To remove zest from orange, use a zester or vegetable peeler.)
Makes 12 servings.

Each serving provides: 1/2 protein exchange; 1 bread exchange; 1 1/2 fat exchanges; 1/2 fruit exchange; 70 optional calories.

ALMOND-NOODLE KUGEL (PUD-DING)
2 cups cooked wide noodles
12 dried apricot halves, chopped
1 tablespoon granulated sugar
1 tablespoon margarine, melted, divided

3 eggs
1/2 cup apricot nectar
3 tablespoons whipped cream cheese
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
4 graham crackers (2 1/2 inch squares) made into crumbs
1/2 ounce whole almonds, toasted and ground

Preheat oven to 350. Spray 9-inch oval baking dish or quiche dish with non-stick cooking spray; add noodles, apricots, sugar and 2 teaspoons margarine and set aside.

In blender, process eggs, nectar, cheese and vanilla on medium speed until smooth; pour over noodle mixture. In small mixing bowl combine graham cracker crumbs, almonds and remaining margarine; sprinkle over noodle mixture. Bake until mixture is set, about 20 minutes.

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Jan. 27, 1990 - The city of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a seven-day Caribbean cruise aboard the cruise ship, The Norway. The departure date is Jan. 27. The price is either \$1,349 or \$1,469, based on accommodations. For further information, call the recreation department at 455-6620.

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Education
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Saturday, Jan. 13 - The Plymouth YMCA invites children to share in the magical adventures of Frosty the Snowman in this musical workshop, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the YMCA office. Songs, dances, the making of a magical hat and creating a frosty treat will all be part of this wintery workshop. Ages 3-4 years welcome. Call 453-2904 for further information.

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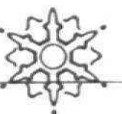
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Illness decimates lineups, schedules

By C.J. Risak
staff writer

The holiday intermission could not have been more timely for area wrestling teams, because a dominating force was beginning to take command.

No, it wasn't a team surging behind a bevy of powerful performances. The winner in the week prior to Christmas was illness.

A flu epidemic caused meet cancellations and lineup juxtapositions so severe that, as Plymouth Canton coach Ray Givens described it, "If (Walled Lake Western) had called and wanted to cancel our meet, we would have done it."

Canton managed to improve its dual-meet mark to 2-0, but it wasn't pretty. The Chiefs edged Western 28-19 Thursday at Canton, battling back from a 13-0 deficit with wins in six-straight matches.

It was much the same at North Farmington, where the Raiders rampaged past Farmington 48-14 Thursday. The lopsided victory, and North's surprising win over powerful Novi Tuesday, left Raider coach Dick Cook certain the opposition had been under the weather.

"I WAS shocked because they have a nice team," Cook said after the win over Farmington, which left North with a 3-4 dual-meet mark. "I don't know what happened."

Well, something did happen anyway. At Walled Lake Central, the dual-meet between Plymouth Salem and Central was canceled due to mass illnesses. Last Tuesday, Canton was supposed to wrestle at South Lyon. It, too, was postponed until Jan. 4 because the epidemic had ravaged the Lions' team.

Surprisingly, only two weight classes were voided in the Canton-Western meet — one by each team. Canton's came in the 112-pound class and helped the Warriors to their early lead.

Western voided at heavyweight; if it hadn't, there probably wouldn't have been a match. Canton's Mark Maszaros, filling in for flu-stricken Wayne Robinson, was barely heavy enough to make the 189 minimum. Givens said he doubted his wrestler would have been able to endure a match.

STILL, CANTON won because it had just enough to survive in the middle of its lineup, in places Western was forced to use junior varsity wrestlers. The Chiefs got things turned around at 135, where Scott Ferguson won on a decision.

wrestling

Liam Rentz followed with a pin at 140. Jim Yak (145), Tim Nardini (152) and Nick Purzer (160) each won on decisions, and Eric Jallad capped the comeback with a pin at 171. Dan White, filling in at 189 for Matt Ciantar, a flu victim, lost on a pin to end Canton's streak.

But the victory was assured. "Considering, they wrestled real well," Givens said. "All the people who were supposed to win won, but they came out saying, 'Coach, I got a headache,' or 'My stomach's upset.'"

"Everybody else has got (the flu) or is just getting rid of it, and we're just getting it. Our kids are really coming down with it now. They looked like they were (wrestling) in slow-motion."

AT NORTH, several Raiders were below par but there were enough to handle Farmington. The Falcons did not actually defeat a North wrestler in the meet; their points came on two injury defaults, a draw and a double-void.

The Raiders won the first six weight classes. Dan Cassidy decisioned Rob Sutton at 103; Jeremy Moy pinned Rafi Bogosian at 112; Jeff Head pinned John Duff at 119; Joel Lattin pinned Chris Phillips at 125; Marcus Brown pinned Greg Dillan at 130; and Lucian Van Cleave pinned Brian Link at 135.

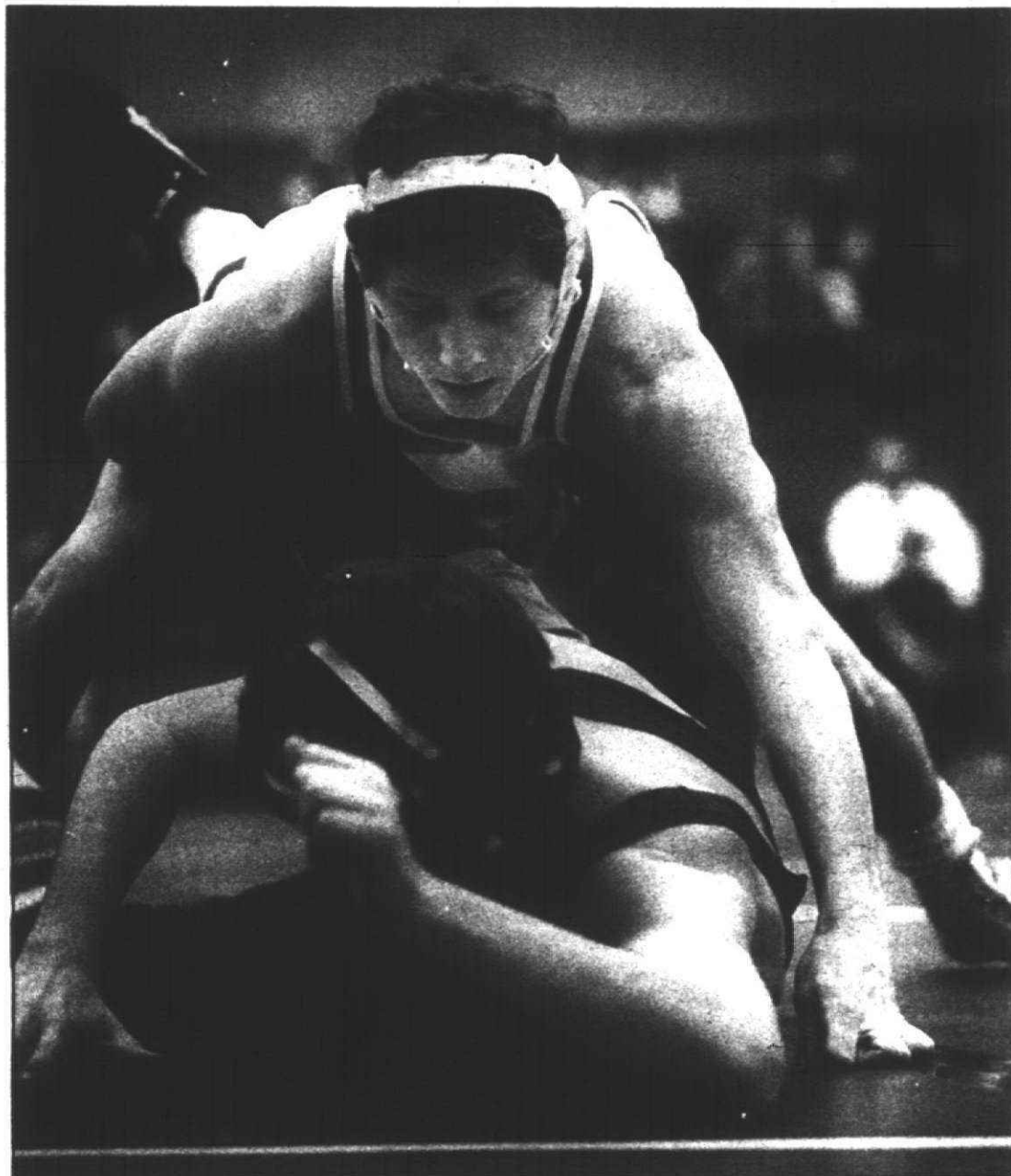
Farmington's Joe Goudeseune (140) was a winner when Joe Meluzio defaulted because of a head injury. Mike Pallo (145) got the Falcons' second win when North's Jared Lawrence suffered a cut eye.

The next two matches belonged to the Raiders. Aaron Lawrence decisioned Chris Kresl at 152, and Adam Cook decisioned Kent Allison at 160.

North's Rob Jamrog and the Falcons' Matt Siskosky battled to a 7-7 tie at 171. North's Bob Chika won at 189 on a void.

The win improved the Raiders' dual-meet record to 3-4.

Fortunately, local wrestling teams are done until after the holidays. Canton resumes on Jan. 4 with its rescheduled meet at South Lyon. The Chiefs, Farmington and North will be at the Salem Invitational Jan. 6. Salem will also be at Garden City for a tri-meet Jan. 4. Western's next event is the South Lyon Invitational Jan. 6.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Canton's Liam Rentz helped keep his team's record healthy, at least, by pinning Western's Tom West.

Ocelot effort falls just short in loss to Delta

Incentive? The Schoolcraft College men's basketball team had plenty of that for Wednesday's game at Delta College. All the Ocelots needed to do was look at the wall and see the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II championship banner from last year adorning it.

But SC also had a chance to tarnish that title. With 11 seconds left, the Ocelots — winners of just two Eastern Conference games last season — were two points down, but they had the ball. The play was set; the ball was inbounded to Al Hudson, who spun around and passed it off.

To the wrong man. Delta got possession of Hudson's errant pass and the clock ran out before anything else could be done, leaving SC saddled with another tough defeat, this one by an 85-83 margin.

WHAT HURT most was what the loss overshadowed: a pair of gutsy Ocelot comebacks, the first from an 11-point half-

time deficit and the second from nine points down with just three minutes left.

SC overcame the first by the 9:37 mark of the second half, pulling ahead by a point. But Delta scored the next 10 and had a nine-point advantage with three minutes to play.

However, what Delta didn't have was an ability to sink free throws. Corey Holliday missed two one-and-one opportunities in that pivotal three-minute stretch and Mike Dunn missed one. Delta, which hit eight-of-11 from the stripe in the first half (SC was seven-of-12 for the game), managed to make just five-of-11 in the second.

SC closed in. Randy Watters connected on a three-pointer to narrow the gap to two with 37 seconds left. The Ocelots went to a full-court press and forced a turnover with 17 seconds to play. After Delta knocked the ball out of bounds, SC called timeout and set up a final play — which went awry with Hudson's pass.

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TOO BAD, because other than that play Hudson played an excellent game, scoring 21 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. Watters also excelled, totalling 21 points, nine blocked shots and seven boards. Ken Fuster collected 16 points, eight rebounds and seven assists.

"Those are three great ballgames," said SC coach Dave Bogataj. "Delta's tough. Delta's quicker than all-get-out. They're the fastest team we've played all year, bar none."

But the loss, when victory was so close, was frustrating. "I was pleased," said Bogataj, even though the Ocelots fell to 6-9 overall and 1-3 in the conference. "One day

we'll grab that ring and hold onto it. We've just got to get over the hill. The kids have to do it one time, win a close one just once."

Delta, which improved to 6-7 overall and 2-2 in the conference, got 22 points from Holliday, 17 from Troy Walton and 14 from Dunn.

SC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: With two key players sidelined by illness, the Lady Ocelots could not hold off Delta College Wednesday, dropping a 91-86 homecourt decision.

It was SC's first Eastern Conference loss after two wins. The Lady Ocelots are 6-3 overall. Delta is also 2-1 in the conference, with a 7-3 overall mark.

The turning point came with three minutes remaining in the first half. SC was ahead by eight, but Barb Krug and Ann Hardy both picked up their third personal fouls in succession. With Denise Kokowicz out with the measles and Tricia Lucas

sidelined by the flu, SC coach Jack Grenan had to go with more inexperienced players.

Delta took advantage, pulling ahead 46-45 by halftime.

The surge carried into the second half for Delta. With six minutes left, the Lady Ocelots were trailing by 17.

But they rallied, getting as close as 84-81 with 1:03 to go. Then Hardy missed inside and Delta converted at the other end, cushioning its lead to five. Another miss put the Lady Ocelots into a must-foul situation, and Delta made enough free throws to win — only its second against SC in the last six seasons.

Krug paced SC with 26 points and 14 rebounds. Lisa DePlanche finished with 22 points and 10 boards. Carlotta Day totalled 12 points, Tracy Osborne had 11 and Teresa Farkas scored 10. Amy Wazny's 23 points led six Delta players to reach double-figures. Cherina Loyd was next highest with 15.

Outlook on SC rebuilding: hopeful

THE SEASON BECKONS glad tidings and good will. Failure to comply is sinful. So let's be optimistic — even under the most trying of circumstances, when examining the record compiled by the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team.

Last season, the Ocelots were 5-9 entering the Christmas break. They're better this year — OK, so not by much. Just 6-9. And it's true their Eastern Conference record is the same: 1-3.

But records aren't everything. Besides, this is supposed to be optimistic.

Calculating whether or not SC is better this year than last cannot truly be determined for another 2½ weeks. That's when semester grades will be finalized. That's when we'll find out for certain how many Ocelots survived the first roster cut of the season.

Emotion often controls the fate of a team. When positive, it can swell into an overwhelming wave difficult to suppress.

THE RESULTS from last year's pre-Christmas schedule were hardly strong enough to build much confidence. But whatever was gained during those first 14 games was soon lost. Poor grades cost the Ocelots half a team.

Determined to rectify the situation, school officials instituted a more stringent academic policy in which an athlete's progress is rated weekly. If he (or she) screws up during the week, he won't play.

All indications are the policy is working well. SC coach Dave Bogataj, whose team won just once after the first semester a year ago, is hopeful.

He's also realistic. Bogataj knows he may lose



C.J. Risak

a player or two to academics, although none appear to be in trouble. But if a dozen endure, he'll be better off than he was a year ago.

That was a deflating experience for Bogataj. In the midst of his second season, he was starting to see improvement in the team he was trying to rebuild when the ax fell.

If, indeed, 12 players are still on the roster when the Ocelots meet Oakland CC Jan. 13, chances are better than even they'll win more than one more game.

HOW MANY more depends on who returns. Already there are casualties. Two guys who made it all the way through last season's debacle have decided not to wait for any semester-ending house-cleaning.

They quit. Mike Mercer and John Moran, both of whom started much of last season — just about everybody still on the team last January got that chance — are gone.

"I don't know (why)," said Bogataj. "I have messages into them, but I haven't talked to them. Maybe it's just playing time. I don't know. I wish I could tell you."

Mercer failed to show for the St. Clair County

CC game Dec. 13; Moran has been absent since the Henry Ford CC game Dec. 16.

Grades are not a problem for either one, Bogataj said. Both were playing, although obviously not as much as last season.

Neither was playing particularly well, though, their coach said. Mercer was second on the team in turnovers, even after missing several games. Moran led the team in fouls.

STILL, THEY were experienced. They could have provided some key minutes, even coming off the bench.

More importantly, they could have helped hold the team together. Their loss won't be as devastating as last season's, simply because the numbers aren't as great.

But it doesn't help. Particularly on a team perched on the bottom rung of the conference ladder, a team striving to develop and pull itself up a few steps.

"They're ticked off," said Bogataj when asked how the other team players reacted to Mercer's and Moran's defections. "The sophomores don't even want to talk about it. The freshmen are asking, 'Why?'"

Bogataj is asking himself the same question. "It's not like they weren't getting in. I'm playing 10 guys a game."

On a team that's spent the last half of the decade residing in the conference cellar, a team that pushes academics before athletics, confidence is delicate. Any disruption can be harmful.

SC has had enough problems in the last five years to devastate a program. It could still take years before the Ocelots are considered good enough to be conference contenders.



staff photo

Schoolcraft coach Dave Bogataj has had to endure academic losses and player defections in trying to rebuild the program.

Hamilton star of Skateathon

By Steve Kowalski
staff writer

Moments before taking the ice Monday at the Detroit Skating Club, 13-year-old Rebecca Weight talked about meeting the evening's star attraction, Scott Hamilton.

Pardon the pun, but Rebecca couldn't Weight to see Hamilton, a figure skating gold medalist in the 1984 Olympics.

Hamilton was there to skate with 101 amateurs in the Scott Hamilton Foundation Skateathon — which raised more than \$6,000 through pledges for Children's Hospital and Children's Center of Michigan.

"It's neat," said Weight, a Bloomfield Hills resident who picked up \$107 in pledges for charity. "I just want to say 'Hi,' because I know he's better than me."

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Churchill tips Cougars

Livonia Churchill, behind senior guard Kevin Hamigan's 19 points Thursday, defeated host Garden City 68-42, in a non-league boys basketball game.

The Chargers led by just two at halftime, 35-33, and held on in the second half.

Mike Judawikis and Mike Thomas each added 12 points, while Randy Calcaterra 11 for the winners.

Senior forward Rick Morton scored 18 points for Garden City. The Chargers were successful on 13 of 19 free throws, while GC hit 17 of 24.

Churchill's record improves to 2-1 overall, while the Cougars fall to 1-3.

REDFORD UNION 65, DEARBORN 57: Redford Union outscored Dearborn 21-11 in the fourth quarter to secure the victory Thursday at Dearborn.

The Panthers improve their overall record to 4-2, while recording their first win in Northwest Suburban League play.

Sophomore guard Bill Malecki led RU with 24 points. Steve Nowak added 20 and Dan Leszotte 18 in the winning effort.

Mohammed Abdrabbuh led Dearborn with a game-high 31.

The Panthers converted 10 of 15 free throws, while Dearborn made just 11 of 24.

WAYNE 71, SOUTHGATE 32: Wayne Memorial jumped out to a 24-11 halftime lead and never looked back Thursday, whipping visiting

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LEARN TO SKI The Canton Parks and Recreation Department is offering three sessions of its learn-to-ski program at Riverview Highlands.

TEEN SKI TRIP The first teen ski trip of the season will leave the Canton Township Administration Building at 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5. Its destination: Alpine Valley Ski Area.

WILDCAT TRYOUTS The Western Wayne Wildcats, a girls AAU basketball team, will have tryouts for five age-group teams at Northville High School.

Official's Clinic The Canton Referees Association will sponsor a series of clinics for new soccer referees early next year.

Country Lanes in Livonia hosted the Westside Lutheran League was led by Jarv Woelke (657 series). George Grant fired a 611 and Jerry Labo rang up a 649 set.

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New Year brings new season, goals

Happy New Year bowlers! This part of the season marks the halfway point of the bowling season. If you are in a split season, the first half championships are now being contested.

The advantage of a split season is that everyone starts off with a clean slate in the second half.

Looking back, 1989 was a very interesting and eventful year. We saw a lot of super bowling scores. There were a lot of 300 games and still many more who came close to that plateau.

There were little kids just starting out with bumper bowling. Classic bowlers competed for big money in the Classic and Senior House Leagues.

Mixed Leagues and Mixed-up Leagues were popular for male and female competition.

There were all kinds of tournaments, including the newly organized High School Tournament.

Senior citizens, some of whom are still competing in their 70's, 80's and even 90's, remained active on the local bowling scene.

Bowlers were successful in raising money for various organizations in 1989. The Bowlers Never Forget Tournament, Make-A-Wish for Cystic Fibrosis, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, the Heart Fund and various other cancer groups.

During the past I have also seen a new crop of young bowlers graduate from the YABA ranks into adult bowling. These kids received excellent coaching throughout their youth league experience. They are now scoring well in adult leagues.

I have also met a lot of nice people throughout this past year while writing this column. I express my appreciation to everyone who has taken the time to call me with scores and highlights. I would like to thank the bowlers who have taken the time to report and keep track of the scores. For the bowling center personnel, who have been such a great help. Thank you.

One of the highlights in 1990 is sure to be the Women's Seagrams Coolers U.S. Open Tournament scheduled for May 26-31 at Satellite Bowl. This is the biggest money event on the ladies tour and you will read about it in this column.

At Bel Aire Lanes in Farmington, the Senior House League featured Tom Shaw with a 696 series, thanks to a block of 230-232-234. John Staricha bowled a 277 game and 648 series. Daryl Rollins scored a 277. Ted Goldberg fired a 232 game and 648 series. While Mark Goodman rolled a 236 game and 644 set.

Country Lanes in Farmington Hills is the scene of the Friday Night Greenfield Mixed League, which had Mike Funks fire a 742 series on games of 245-238-259. A1 Priekorn finished the last game with seven strikes in a row, good enough for a 350 game and a free dinner at Rams Horn. Carl Hansen rolled a 637 series. Rose McKenzie fired a 204 game, her first 200 ever. Carol Lynch rolled a 214 and Bob Metz had 249/638, while his wife Gloria kept pace with a 224/583.

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10-pin alley
Al Harrison

Oak Lanes in Westland had some hot scoring in some cold weather. The father and son duo of John Wodarski, Sr. and Jr. recorded some unusual scores, as the elder of the two rolled a 279 in the Sunday Classics, while the younger fired a 279 in the Friday Night Men's League. Other scores in the Sunday Classics: Don Krause (235), John Bunetta (239) and Tim Saunders (674 series).

In the Tuesday Night Mixed Rollers, Gary Ash hit a 230 game.

The Tuesday Night Men's League featured Ray Workman with a 244, 670, Bob Krause a 231 game, and Mike Mayfield (233), Bob Campbell (232), John Bunetta (239) and Tim Saunders (674 series).

The Friday Night Men's League boasted David Kramer with a 658 series and C. Sura with a 244 game. Bill Lang rolled a 231 and Herb Hargrove a 236.

The Friday Night Ladies League saw Yvonne Allen roll a 221 game.

The Wednesday Night Men's League witnessed Elroy Makowski's 255 game and 681 series. Chris Kloc had a 245 game and Ron Mijal a 234.

At Mayflower Lanes, the Monday Keglers featured Tom Kraft firing a 232 and Bob Diegel a 244.

High scorers in Tuesday Night Men's League were Elroy Makowski (245/648), Bob Tsvetanoff (242/609) and J.R. DeCarlo (246/620).

In the Swinging Seniors League, Jan Oliver rolled a 234 game and 631 series.

The Tuesday "Early Birds" was led by Evelyn McDonald's 288 game.

Westland Bowl's Ladies Classic witnessed Kim Reitmeyer's 690 series and Jan Ruffe's 266 game. Ruffe also had a 255 game and 875 series with the Bowlerettes.

At Super Bowl in Canton Township, Ron Falkiewicz fired a 258 game and 613 set in the Ford General Parts League.

In the Wednesday Morning Men's League, John Hurley shot a 287.

In the Super Classic Trio, Sue Travor came in with a 266.

Woodland Lanes in Livonia also had some hot scoring with Cheryl Karson of the "Woodland Rollers" bowling a 231 game.

In the Men's Trio, Mark Payson rolled a 726 series and Mark Shierke hit a 698.

In the Ford LTP League, Bob Spears totaled 721.

In the Senior House League, Glenn Libow led with a 709, followed by Mike Hitchcock (703), Jack Craig (696) and Jerry Witt (694).

In the "Sunflowers," Glenda Welch rolled a 232 game, while Carol Poan rolled a 214 and Bob Metz had 249/638, while his wife Gloria kept pace with a 224/583.

At Redford Lanes in Livonia hosted the Senior House League, which featured these totals: Rick Gallison (253-250-710), Bob Campbell (279/669), Mike Kozlowski (253/649), Doug Nikkila (230/655), Fred Young (268/686), Tom Santoro (243/682), Hank Tyl (377/703), use a few good men for the second half.

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Pay raises: An issue lawmakers didn't duck

Showing an uncharacteristically high tolerance for political pain, lawmakers in 1989 openly debated, not once but twice, the issue they most dread to mention in public: congressional pay raises.

The first time the issue reached the House and Senate floors, in February, they abandoned their bid for 50 percent higher pay when angry constituents denounced it as an outrageous treasury drain by inside-the-Beltway elitists.

The second time, in November, lawmakers took a pre-emptive strike against hostile public opinion, coupling the pay hike with ethics reform that included a House ban on members accepting speaking fees from special interests and a Senate curtailment of the shady practice.

And they acted so quickly that a pay-and-ethics bill setting House salaries at about \$124,400 within 14 months and Senate pay at \$98,400 within three months was approved before critics could mobilize against it. By the time protests hit Capitol Hill in force, members had left town for the year. Lawmakers are now back home and public opinion both for and against the higher pay presumably is catching up with them.

As upsetting as it is to many voters, the congressional raise, costing \$16 million annually, is pocket change alongside another spigot of taxpayers' money that lawmakers opened wide this year to enhance their personal and political comfort — the nearly \$2 billion legislative branch appropriations bill.

Roll Call Report

While much of the congressional budget is spent on important legislative matters, critics say that hundreds of millions of it is diverted to a taxpayer-to-Congress income redistribution scheme having little to do with official business, a lot with incumbent protection.

For example, the bill funds large, fawning staffs that carry out personal and political chores as well as public business: global travel; lavish expense accounts for meals and merchandise defined as official; an array of medical services; a pension

plan with automatic cost-of-living increases that is now making dozens of longtime retirees into "pension millionaires," printing and free-mailing of politicized as well as official material; advanced telecommunications and computer services; and studios closed to press and public where "news" is prepared for satellite feeds to stations back home.

"The public is usually kept in the dark when it comes to what Congress receives as perks," said Ralph Nader in criticizing the February pay raise attempt. "While Congress

is trying to justify a 50 percent backdoor salary grab, taxpayers are already paying an average of \$3.5 million per member to support the legislative branch budget.

Congress this year showed sensitivity to abuses of the free-mailing privilege by re-election-minded lawmakers. Debating the fiscal 1990 legislative branch budget, both chambers conducted preliminary votes to end unsolicited mass mailings, then agreed in the final bill to limit lawmakers to three newsletter mailings each year.

Those votes and others this year relating to the personal and political comfort of members, along with descriptions of the 1989 Comfort Index issues are listed below:

1. TO KILL PAY RAISES — The House voted 380 for and 48 against to kill a pay raise for lawmakers, U.S. judges and top bureaucrats. Members' pay would have risen about 50 percent to \$135,000. The vote on HJ Res 129 occurred Feb. 7. A yes vote opposed the raise.

Michigan members Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods, Vander Levin, D-Southfield and William Broomfield, R-Birmingham, voted yes. William Ford, D-Taylor voted no.

2. TO END MASS MAILINGS — By a vote of 245 for and 137 against, the House endorsed a Senate bid to end the unsolicited mass mailings that account for nearly 90 percent of the mail sent by lawmakers. The bid later failed. The vote took place

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Birds — seeing is believing



A common statement made by people who are beginning to learn bird identification is that it doesn't look like the picture in the book. Well, there can be a lot of truth to that statement.

First of all, artists that paint the portraits of birds in field guides must select a representative bird from a vast collection of museum specimens, the variation in coloration and patterns would be very noticeable.

Just like no two people are exactly alike, so it is with birds. And the bird you see in the field, or at your feeder, may not look just like the one the artist chose to paint.

Identifying basic patterns, shapes, and physical structures will allow one to correctly identify a bird, but try not to be discouraged because it does not look exactly like the book.

There are times when one has to go by experience to identify some really unusual birds. Mrs. Greene from Farmington Hills wrote me and said she had a white bird with black in its wings. It was about the size of a sparrow and had been feeding at her feeders for several days.

If one looked in the field guide and tried to identify a bird with those features, the most likely bird would be a snow bunting. Bunting at feeders are very unlikely though.

In this case it turned out to be an almost completely-white house sparrow. It was not a true albino because it did have some brown spots and a wash of brown under its bill. A true albino would not have any traces of brown or color, and it would have a red eye.

Grant aids N'west clinic

Northwestern Guidance Clinic recently received a \$7,500 Widman Foundation grant to provide summer camp scholarships for developmentally disabled people.

Scholarships provide one week's tuition in any residential summer camp in Michigan designed for people with mental or physical handicaps.

Summer camp placement is handled through the clinic's respite care program. The program is financed by the Wayne County Community Mental Health Board.

Scholarship applications will be available at clinic offices, beginning in March 1990. The clinic is at 6012 Merriman, Garden City. It serves individuals and families throughout western Wayne County.

Additional information is available by calling 522-1860.

Women's group sets meeting

Evelyn Strader, director of public information for the Detroit-Fort Ankerly, will be the featured speaker at The National Association of Career Women-Metro Detroit Chapter luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11 at the Ramada Inn, Southfield.

Cost is \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members. Reservations must be made by Tuesday, Jan. 9.

The NACW provides a forum for the exchange of ideas, supports recognition of women, addresses women's issues and invites the public on opportunities available to women.

Additional information is available by calling 471-5171.

No two birds alike

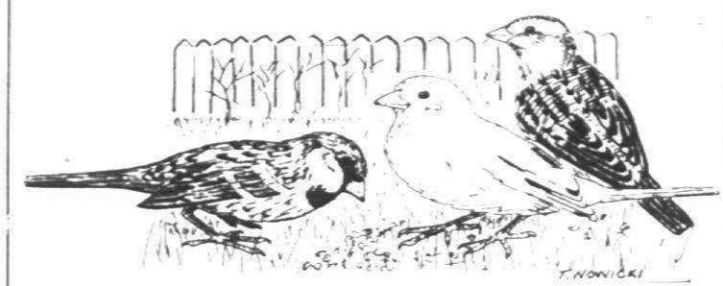
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Positive identification of a rare coloration like this is based on the shape of the bird, its behavior and its associates. Albinos, or nearly white birds, are easy to spot but sometimes confusing to identify.

I recently saw a mourning dove that had several white feathers on

its back. If one was unfamiliar with the general appearance of a normal dove, one may think it was a new species.

White spotting occurs more commonly than true albinism and can cause confusion, but it forces birders to check several other features in order to try and properly identify it.



Just like no two people are exactly alike, so it is with birds. Albinos, or nearly white birds, are easy to spot but sometimes confusing to identify. Positive identification of the bird is based on shape, behavior, and its associates.

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- flare in a manner that is recurrent, prolonged, unexpected, and involves several joints.

Keep in mind that in arriving at a decision of the likelihood of your finding work, vocational specialists will consider more than your arthritis. These additional considerations include your age, skills, education and experience.

If you think you qualify, check with your doctor, see if his records can substantiate your claim. If so, you should press your case.

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Lawmakers debated pay, perks

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Sept. 25 during debate on the legislative branch budget (HR 3014). A yes vote was to end mass mailings.

Pursell and Broomfield voted yes. Hertel, Ford and Levin voted no.

3. TO PRESERVE MASS MAILINGS — The House voted 137 for and 280 against to reject another bid to end lawmakers' mass mailings. The vote occurred Sept. 28 during debate on HR 3014, with scores of members reversing their position of three days earlier. A yes vote was to end postal patron mailings.

5. TO APPROVE PAY RAISE — By a vote of 252 for and 174 against, the House on Nov. 16 passed a bill (HR 3660) raising the pay of members of Congress from \$89,500 to about \$124,400 by January 1991. Senators later trimmed their raise. The bill also increased salaries of U.S. judges and top bureaucrats and tightened lawmakers' ethics rules. A yes vote supported the pay-ethics package.

Pursell, Ford, Levin and Broomfield voted yes. Hertel voted no.

6. TO KILL PAY RAISE — By a vote of 94 for and 6 against, the Senate on Feb. 7, 1989, approved HJ res 129, killing a 50 percent pay hike for lawmakers, federal judges and top executive branch officials. A yes vote was to kill the pay raise.

Michigan Democratic senators Carl Levin and Donald Riegle voted yes.

7. TO END MASS MAILINGS — The Senate voted 83 for and 8 against to stop lawmakers from

sending newsletters and other material to postal patron addresses. They annually send more than 1 billion unsolicited items to constituents at taxpayer expense. This ban on House and Senate mass-mailings was attached Sept. 7 to the fiscal 1990 legislative branch budget (HR 3014). A yes vote was to stop mass mailings.

8. TO PASS CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET — The Senate on Sept. 7 voted 81 for and 9 against to approve

a fiscal 1990 budget (HR 3014) of at least \$1.95 billion for itself, the House and congressional support agencies. A yes vote supported the bill.

Levin and Riegle voted yes.

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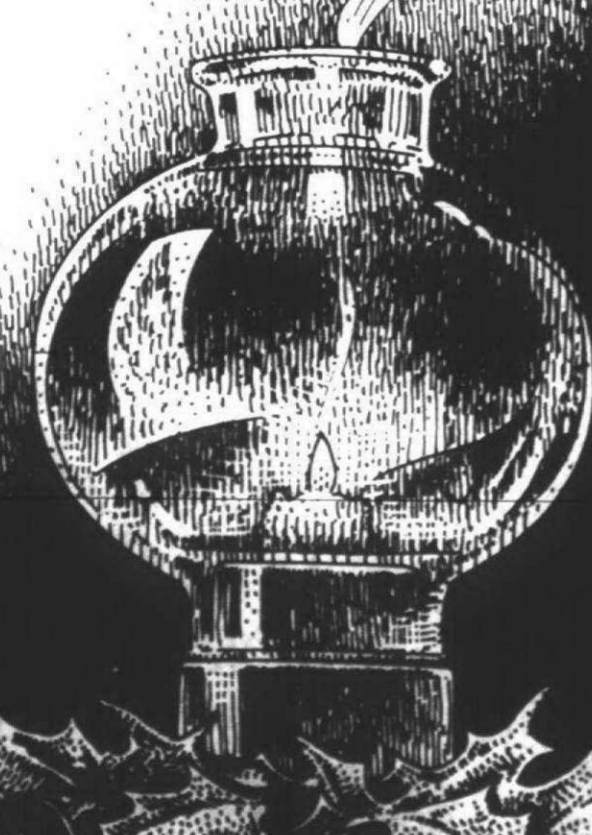
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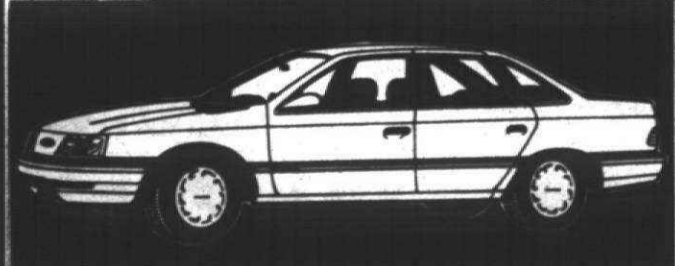
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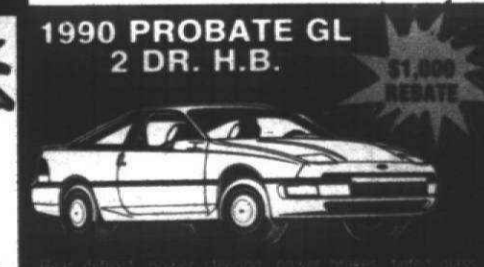
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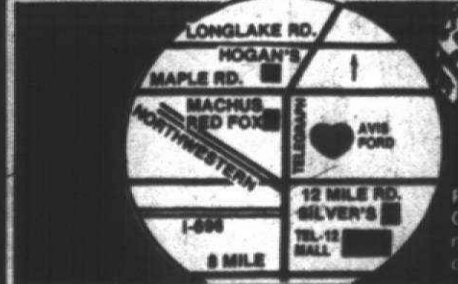
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STREET SCENE

A Midtown Summit

East met West at Malta last month, but this month the Cold War will melt some more, when East meets West at the Midtown Cafe. Oscar winning filmmaker Pamela Conn will team up with Soviet songsters Thomas and Tarmo Urb for an evening of music at the Birmingham restaurant. For more on the "summit," see Street Beats, Page 3D.

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'Metal munching' mania: The vending of America

Hero the Greek knew a good thing when he saw it.

In his writings, "Pneumatika," the barber-mathematician described a machine that automatically dispensed holy water to Egyptian temple-goers for the price of five drachmas per drop.

"There was a counter-weight. You'd put in a drachma and it would dispense a drop of water," noted David Stone, public relations director for the National Automatic Merchandising Association in Chicago. "That was the earliest known vending machine, developed around 500 B.C. in Alexandria."

The ancient concept was reborn in coin-operated water fountains and Tutti-Frutti gum machines in the late 1800s and evolved into technologically sophisticated mechanisms, including multi-item vendors, hot beverage makers, automated restaurants and credit card operated machines during this century.

Vending machines today dispense everything from videotapes and condoms in the United States to beer in Japan and blue jeans in France.

It takes more than a few drachmas to buy water from a vending machine, but it's still available in a healthy rather than holy version.

Spring water, brand name juices, oat bran snacks, yogurt and other health-related snacks popping up in vending slots that used to hold candy bars, potato chips, pop and coffee.

"There is a trend toward more healthy items because we're more conscious about what we put in our bodies," Stone said. "One thing that's showing up a lot in health clubs are juices. Over the last couple of years we've seen machines like Coke and Pepsi, but with brand name juices."

LOU HIRSH, president of Vend-O-Matic in Troy, said he'd rather nibble a Hostess-brand "Snowball" confection or guzzle Gatorade than dine on oat bran bars and fruit juice. But because many of his customers prefer low-calorie treats, Hirsh supplies everything from fresh salads to watermelon wedges in machines set in factories and office building lunchrooms.

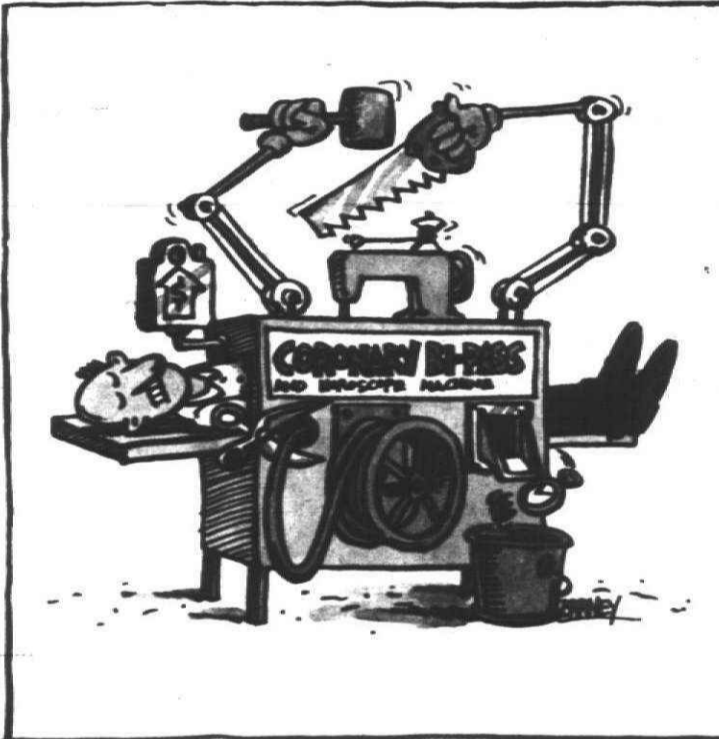
Seasons also dictate the fare. Some Vend-O-Matic machines carry hot apple cider in the fall and iced tea in summer. Salads are a hit in warm months and with women and younger employees.

"Our clientele varies greatly; we try to give them what they want," he said. "Coffee drinkers are a very small group. Our coffee clientele is usually age 40 and up."

Big breakfast items sell easily to industrial plant employees and Snickers bars outsell all other snacks, regardless of dietary attitudes.

But Lois Thieleke, home economist for the Oakland County Cooperative Extension said vendors "can hardly keep machines stocked" with yogurt, microwave popcorn, fruit juice and apples in her Pontiac office.

Thieleke said extension service staff overwhelmingly decided to replace a traditional pastry and



snack vending machine with healthier items.

But she also pointed out that vending machines with lunch and dinner entrees are "no worse than eating at a fast food restaurant" and in some cases, may be better because the food is "portion controlled." There's no going back for seconds.

"EATING OUT of a vending machine is a heck of a lot better than some of the choices we can

make, if we were eating in a restaurant," she said.

But consumers balked at that notion for years.

"In the early 1960s, vending operators were putting out a good food product, but it looked like the kind of thing you could buy on an Amtrack train. There were some problems with display," said Tim Sanford, executive editor of Vending Times Magazine in New York. "People were willing to pay 75

cents more for identical items from mobile catering trucks or restaurants.

"People liked to squeeze the sandwiches and talk to drivers about last night's game. They just didn't perceive the value of the vending item."

"Now that's a thing of the past. The automated teller machine has accustomed people to impersonal transactions. The vending machine is more widely accepted. Vending

is moving into the mainstream. They're better able to provide attractive products."

Sanford predicts that vending machine operators eventually will stop producing mundane lunch fare — like ham and cheese sandwiches — and will begin to stock machines with specialty or "signature" items, surrounded by brand name foods and single serving products like burritos and pierogis. "You can put virtually anything

in them under \$12.50; the machines go up to \$12.50 today," he said. "You could sell digital watches, if you wanted. At a recent convention, the president of the automatic merchandising association said 'we could sell Yugos, if we could solve the pricing problem.'"

"THE VENDING industry follows the business industry," Sanford said, noting that most consumers use vending machines in the work place. "When employment is up the vending industry blossoms. When everything goes south, like it did in the '70s and early '80s, business digs a hole and pulls you in after them."

"Twenty-five years ago the vending industry had pioneers and innovators. That stopped during the '70s. Now, it's like the '60s all over again."

French fry machines haven't worked well in the past because they are labor intensive, requiring a close monitor on the frying oil and more frequent servicing. Ore-Ida is testing a new machine that fries and dispenses 160 portions. Golden Valley is marketing a microwave french fry that browns and crisps on heating elements inside the vending machine.

Another firm is working on a pizza vending machine that microwaves a seven-inch pie before it comes out of the machine.

"The problem is that it requires a slow delivery system — 55 seconds," Sanford said. "You can't get service like that in a McDonald's, but the trend in vending machines is faster."

Coffee machines are incorporating hoppers and grinders that pulverize the beans and brew a cup of coffee on the spot. Packaging that doubles as a bowl has supplanted canned foods.

Hirsh dresses up sandwiches in catchy titles — "Rumble Seat" and "Cruising Gratiot" — to make them more appealing to consumers. Some machines award free products and some are set on a timer to work at specific times of the day.

"WE MIGHT GIVE away a T-shirt or some other promotional item. It's a gimmick, but it creates excitement for the consumer," he said.

Most machines are equipped with built-in money changers and some accept debit cards in lieu of coins.

Stone and Sanford said the cards work best in a setting that guarantees a specific pool of customers. The consumer inserts cards and coins into a machine which tallies the amount of credit on a magnetic strip on the card. Some systems keep accounts in the machine rather than on the card itself.

"The biggest change in the industry has been the design of the machine," Stone added. "It has been made to show more and more of the product."

The equipment also has been downsized to suit locations with fewer users. Some incorporate a snack dispenser, pop and coffee machine all in one vending machine.

"The general trend is toward more food items and smaller locations," Stone said.

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"Behold, there came three Magi from the East, bearing gifts of Gold, Frankenstein, and Myrrh."

Rail service gets better in Europe

By Iris Sanderson Jones
contributing travel editor

If you ever played with toy trains, watching the rail cars race over hills and across bridges, you can imagine how it must feel to build a railway network that connects a continent.

Amtrak and ViaRail may cut service in the United States and Canada, but European train service is expanding rapidly, with trains that are getting faster, more comfortable and more convenient every year. Europe still lives and travels by train, and the traveler benefits.

If you can travel without too much luggage, this is an ideal year to see Europe by train. At the least, take a fast run from airport to city or from one city to another. At the most, use the Eurailpass or the BritRail pass to meander at will around Europe.

On a recent trip to Europe, for example, I rode the fast train from Frankfurt to Cologne, sailed by Rhine cruiser to Wiesbaden, by car to Heidelberg and Stuttgart, took several trains between Stuttgart,

Montpellier and Bordeaux and a final train from Bordeaux to Paris.

My Eurailpass allowed me unlimited travel on first- and second-class trains in 17 countries. I trav-

eled to Paris in a spacious, well-lit first-class coach with new blue carpeting and wide seats, reminiscent of first-class airline seats, two seats on either side of the aisle. The front half of the car was

smoking, the back half non-smoking.

Another style of first-class cars has small six- or eight-seat compartments, with passengers facing one another. You've seen them in those Agatha Christie movies.

SECOND-CLASS cars also come either compartment-style or four abreast. Sometimes a single car is half second and half first class. Whether you need the extra luxury depends on your travel style and the time of year. Most people travel second class, so you may have more room and less hassle in first if you travel in high season.

If you buy your ticket as you go, instead of using Eurailpass, first class costs 50 percent more than second. A Eurailpass, which is first class, must be bought before you leave home, costs \$340 for 15 days. Prices are higher for longer periods. A Saverpass, for two people October through March, and for three people April through September, costs \$240 per person. A second-class Youthpass for those under 26 years is \$180 for a month.



A curved glass roof allows the warm sunshine to pour in on the platform of the train station in Nice, France.

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MOVING PICTURES



Ray Tango (Sylvester Stallone) and Gabriel Cash (Kurt Russell) are two of L.A.'s top rival cops forced to work together when they framed in "Tango & Cash."

'Always' isn't always as good as it could be

"Always" (B-, PG, 100 minutes) is sometimes poignant, sometimes snappy, occasionally exciting and sometimes maudlin but good entertainment nonetheless. Pete Sandich (Richard Dreyfus) is an air attack pilot — a forest fire fighter, that is — who is noted for his daring exploits in the air, so daring that some think he's nuts.

In particular, his girl, Dorinda Durston (Holly Hunter) and his best buddy, Al Yackey (John Goodman), want him to quit before it's too late and take a nice, quiet, flight instructor job. Pete finally agrees but that traditional "one more flight" proves fatal and Pete joins the spirit world under the tutelage of Hap (Audrey Hepburn). Although he's no longer alive, he returns as a ghost-type to help his friends in life.

The story is supposed to be about self-understanding and maturity and hiding in the background is the idea that freedom results from maturity in helping others be their best.

But somehow this message gets lost in the representation of the spiritual in a physical format and we are sometimes treated to almost direct communication between Pete the spirit and those he tries to influence and help.

Even further confusing the spiritual/philosophical issues, Pete the Spirit remains a coporeal Pete the Pilot insofar as his jealousy and possessiveness toward Dorinda is concerned.

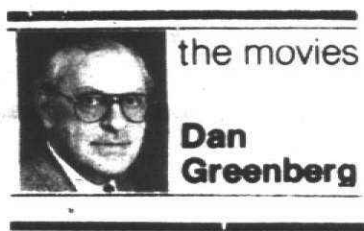
HIS CONFLICT is heightened when he is assigned by Hap to help a clumsy, novice pilot, Ted Baker (Brad Johnson), learn the ropes. But Ted loves Dorinda and Pete can't deal with that.

If he's in some type of transitional phase, it's probably OK, but by and large this spiritual thing doesn't work as well as it should.

If you can deal with a spirit/ghost type behaving like a physical human with all our materialist jealousies, none of this will matter. Excellent acting by all, good photography and nostalgic music plus some exciting heroics — only occasionally phony and uncredible as in Ted's mercurial character changes — most of the elements of a good movie are present. It's just that the mixture isn't quite right. All and all, worthy of your entertainment dollar.

"Tango and Cash" (C, R, 110 minutes) is an action comedy that contains a lot of action but few laughs. Ray Tango (Sylvester Stallone), a stylish, sharply dressed Beverly Hills detective, drives a Cadillac convertible and plays the stock market while Gabe Cash (Kurt Russell), a down to earth, looks more like a criminal than a cop dressed in a T-shirt, jeans and leather boots.

Both Tango and Cash think they are the number one cop in Los Angeles, but both have to put their egos aside and work together to clear their names after being set up by an international crime lord, Yves Per-



the movies
Dan Greenberg

Grading the movies

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

ret (Jack Palance). Perret has planned an ingenious scheme to get the two best cops on L.A. framed in a drug bust. He then pays off key members of the L.A. police department to obtain false evidence to convict Tango and Cash.

THEY ARE put on trial and, with convincing evidence against them, they have no choice but to cop a plea with the court. They agree to be sentenced to 18 months in a minimum security prison, but soon find out they have been sent to a maximum security prison. In the prison are all the convicts that they have put away over the years. Their only hope is to escape and find out who set them up.

"Tango and Cash" is similar to another action-comedy, "Lethal Weapon." The only difference is that the humor in this movie doesn't work. Stallone is unconvincing as a slick, high-profile detective turned Rambo. His humor is too dry. Russell is true-to-character and much more realistic than Stallone. His offbeat humor is similar to Mel Gibson.

With all the elaborate car chase and exploding vehicle scenes, "Tango and Cash" does have enough action to make this a somewhat enjoyable film and, because of the stars, should be another holiday blockbuster. Reviewed by Jason Brown.

STILL PLAYING:
"All Dogs Go To Heaven" (B+) (G) 90 minutes.
Four testimonials to great jazz pianist.

ALTERNATIVE VIEWING

'Roger and Me' premieres

By John Monaghan
special writer

In his highly personal commentary, "Roger and Me," journalist-turned-filmmaker Michael Moore takes a hard look at his hometown of Flint, Mich. The result is unsettling, poignant, sarcastic and ironically funny.

At the world premiere last week, Moore and distributor Warner Brothers rented a Flint-area Showcase Cinema for free screenings. Whispers could be heard in different parts of the auditorium as viewers recognized familiar faces, locales and especially situations.

Moore heads for Detroit, looking for Smith at the Detroit Athletic Club, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and GM Headquarters. He only meets smug desk clerks and security guards who inform him that he's on private property and must leave. When he does manage a sneak into a GM shareholders' meeting, Moore calls the meeting to a close before Moore can talk.



Roger Smith may not have wanted it, but he was the impetus behind the movie "Roger and Me."

THE CITY attempts a comeback. A Hyatt Regency is built downtown, across town an upscale mall called Water Street Pavilion. Auto-world Theme Park closes down within six months.

Meanwhile, celebrities like Pat Boone and Anita Bryant arrive for inspirational pep talks. Miss Michigan says she believes in working and employment, but wants to stay "neutral" before the Miss America pageant. Ronald Reagan takes a dozen laid-off auto workers out for pizza and advises them to move to Texas.

the grainy film quality and choppy editing give it a realistic home-movie quality.

As the title implies, "Roger and Me" is also about the filmmaker's attempts to collar Roger Smith and bring him back to Flint. Moore — and many others — feel that the General Motors chairman should be held accountable for the city's hardships.

MUCH HAS been written lately — especially in a revealing interview in last month's "Film Comment" magazine — about Moore's disregard for chronology in telling the story of Flint. The filmmaker admits that date tags would have made the film drag.

And I suppose it's a means to an end. Certainly, beyond his own wild-dreams, Moore is beaming his message about General Motors across the world.

For me, the final irony occurred at the reception following last week's screenings. Moore, the bear-shaped man in a baseball cap who could barely get near Roger Smith, now had the cameras turned on him and he was being interviewed. I hope Roger Smith's ears are ringing these holidays.

SCREEN SCENE

LIVONIA MALL CINEMA, 29415 Seven Mile Livonia. Call 476-1166 for information (Free)

"Some Like It Hot" (USA - 1959), 10 a.m. Dec. 26. Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis are musicians on the lam after witnessing the St. Valentine's Day Massacre. Disguised as women, they hook up with Marilyn Monroe's all-girl band. Certainly, one of the screen's best comedies, shown here as part of a tribute to films starring Lemmon and directed by Billy Wilder.

"Batman" (USA - 1989), 5 p.m. Dec. 25-28, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Dec. 29. Another chance to see the year's most talked-about movie on the big screen. Michael Keaton's Batman battles Jack Nicholson's Joker in a "film noir" Gotham City while director Tim Burton has his own problems with story and pacing. Still, it's a moody, memorable event.

"One With the Wind" (USA - 1939), 7:30 p.m. Dec. 26-28 and 2:30 p.m. Dec. 29. Frankly, Scarlett, this is the last time to see GWTW during its 50th anniversary. The rolling acres of Tara and Scarlett's redress are given new life and color in this recently restored print.

TELE-ARTS, 1540 Woodward, Detroit 963-8690 (42)

Golden anniversary — More films from the magical year of 1939, screening Dec. 26 to Jan. 2. Every-one's favorite fantasy, "The Wizard of Oz" (USA - 1939), stars Judy Garland as Dorothy, whose home in Kansas looks pretty good after a trip to Oz. With "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" (USA - 1939), starring Jimmy Stewart as the naive senator who fights back after being played for a sucker. Claude Rains is wonderfully cynical as a crooked fellow senator. Perhaps "Frank Capra's most successful look at Americana."

VIDEO VIEWING

By Dan Greenberg
special writer

"Sell-through" continues to be a major tactic in video cassette merchandising, with prices dropping so low that the temptation is pretty strong to buy rather than rent.

Sell-through originally — and still its main function — is to clear manufacturers' and jobber inventories of older tapes. "Batman," of course, as "One With the Wind" is a significant departure with a film still in theatrical exhibition appearing on the video racks at a price low enough to challenge the rental business.

accountant, into joining the business. Here's one of the funniest films ever produced with its sardonic commentary on Broadway, the Nazi mentality and human gullibility.

Another top selection is Sean Connery, P. Murray Abraham and Christian Slater in "The Name of the Rose" (R, color, 128 minutes). Connery plays a medieval monk who represents the beginning of deductive logic in the western world as he solves the murders plaguing a monastery despite fear, mysticism and interference from the Inquisition in the person of P. Murray Abraham.

Another major title here is Mike Nichols' 1971 "Carnal Knowledge" ("hard" R, color, 96 minutes). Revolving around the sexual exploits and problems of Sandy (Art Garfunkel) and Jonathan (Jack Nicholson), this was all the rage two decades ago when talking dirty wasn't as common on the screen as it is today.

The film opens with Sandy and Jonathan as college roommates both involved with the same girl, Susan (Candice Bergen) — both involved without one knowing that the other was doing it with his girl.

Last week Nelson Entertainment released enough older titles at \$14.98 to stuff half the stockings in the western world on a sell-through pile.

These nine titles vary, but at \$15 some of them are worth owning, most notably "The Producers" (1969, color, 90 minutes). It's listed as "Not-rated," parental discretion advised, but not to worry considering what the kids see on television these days.

"The Producers" stars Zero Mostel as a shifty Broadway producer who cons old ladies into investing their money in his shows. He also cons Gene Wilder, a mild-mannered

Disney animation of Hans Christian Andersen tale of mermaid in love with human.

"Look Who's Talking" (C+) (PG-13) 97 minutes.

Contrived, poorly structured story of pregnant CPA (Kirstie Alley) and her search for a perfect father for her baby. Bruce Willis is the baby's voice.

"National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (B-) (PG-13) 90 minutes.

"Sas of Love" (C) (R) 110 minutes.

Al Pacino as a burnt-out detective adds nothing to the cliché nor does a very weak script.

"She-Devil" (B+) (PG-13) 90 minutes.

Meryl Streep is marvelous as she caricatures a romantic novelist who incurs the wrath of her lover's wife (Rosanne Barr).

"Shoeshoe" (R) 107 minutes.

Wes Craven is again, this time in the world of electronic video mayhem.

"Steel Magnolias" (B-) (PG) 110 minutes.

Talented cast, led by Shirley MacLaine's performance, falls short in depicting problems of six Southern women.

"Thelma & Louise" (R) (PG-13) 95 minutes.

Four testimonials to great jazz pianist.

"Blade Runner" (parental discretion advised) no rating, color, 117 minutes) with Harrison Ford and Daryl Hannah is another major release on this list along with "The Emerald Forest" (R, color, 114 minutes) and "The Best of Times" (PG-13, color, 104 minutes), starring Robin Williams and Kurt Russell.



Sean Connery plays a medieval monk who solves a series of murders plaguing a monastery in "The Name of the Rose."

STREET BEATS

Esprit de Corps? Band comes 'home' to record 2nd album

By Bob Sadler
special writer

They call it the sophomore jinx. In the music industry, it is an affliction that besets many a young band following the success of their first album.

Whether it be at their own insistence or the decision of a profit-hungry record label, a band will immediately re-enter the studio and quickly cut another album to capitalize on their initial acclaim.

More often than not, it usually results in failure, permanently placing a group on the list of so-called "one hit wonders."

Five men determined to avoid the jinx are Detroit's own Rhythm Corps and their producer Ben Grosse. Recording their second album at Pearl Sound in Canton (about as far away from the pressure of recording barons in Los Angeles and New York as you can get).

"We're taking a lot of time with this record," said Michael Persh, Rhythm Corps' lead vocalist.

The new album is currently about half finished and is expected to be released by Summer.

"Common Ground" was quite a successful debut for Persh, guitarist Greg Aproz, bassist Davey Holmbo, and drummer Richie Lovsin. The band managed to land the opening slot on tour with Pat Benatar. The title track became a Top 40 single on the Billboard charts, getting Rhythm Corps substantial airplay across the country.



Rhythm Corps has come home to Michigan to work on its follow-up album to its successful debut "Common Ground."

Needless to say, all involved were thrilled to see the result when it aired.

"I was sitting on the bus at the Fox Theatre in Atlanta," Holmbo recalled. "It was pouring rain and we'd just finished our show. We all ran out and saw that for a video collage aired before the men's volleyball gold medal match between the United States and the Soviet Union.

"We had thought of it (the idea of using the song)," said Holmbo, a Redford native. "On the same day we were going to contact our booking agent to see if someone could get involved with it, this guy (an NBC producer who was putting the collage together) called our agent on his own."

In 1982, they released their first EP on the Metro America label titled "Paquet de Cinque." French for "Packet of Five" (there were five songs on the EP). A couple of tracks from that and their second EP "Esprit de Corps." "Broken Halos" and "Vanishes," received airplay on Detroit rock radio.

"WE GOT a lot of support from the local people and radio stations," Persh said. "We've never had any

reason to complain. Fortunately for us, we were there at a time when the radio stations were playing more local bands."

In 1985, Rhythm Corps shifted its headquarters from Detroit to Los Angeles, in an effort to be noticed by a major label. They were eventually signed by Pasha Records, an independent label distributed by CBS. By the fall of 1987, they began recording "Common Ground."

Rhythm Corps will appear with *Tanjet Image* and *Beer on the Penguin* on Sunday, Dec. 31, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets are \$14.50 and are available at all TicketMaster outlets. For information, call 961-MELT.

Midtown hosts musical 'summit'

By Jill Hamilton
special writer

Malta hosted the United States/Soviet summit, and Birmingham will have a summit of its own this week at the Midtown Cafe. The "Midtown Summit" — a glasnost-inspired evening of music — will feature Detroit's Pamela Conn, an Academy Award-winning filmmaker, presenting singers Thomas and Tarmo Urb.

Conn, a professional vocalist and composer in her own right, will open the program with a combination of jazz and pop tunes. The Urb brothers, who introduced to this country a few months ago, will sing the folk ballads that charmed audiences during their previous Michigan visit.

Conn, who lives in Plymouth, first heard Thomas and Tarmo sing at a performance at a private home.

"I heard their music and I was so impressed with their music," Conn said. "I don't think I have gotten so excited about anybody's music, ever."

Conn didn't think she'd ever have the opportunity to talk with people behind the Iron Curtain, but a combination of the sweeping changes of glasnost and, not incidentally, an Oscar-winning film have allowed many things to happen that she previously thought were impossible.



Academy Award-winning filmmaker Pamela Conn is sharing the stage with Soviet singers Thomas and Tarmo Urb at the Midtown Cafe in Birmingham.

Conn opted not to go to the awards ceremony in Russia because she felt that it was not yet the right time and that, perhaps, another chance to go would come up in the future.

She was partially right, except that, instead of Conn traveling to Russia, Russia came to her in the form of the two Estonian brothers.

IN CONCERT

Idols
The Idiots will perform along with Grievance Committee and the Generals on Tuesday, Dec. 26, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. For information, call 961-MELT.

Idyllic roomers
Idyllic Roomers and Friends will perform Tuesday, Dec. 26, in an after-Christmas party at the Blind Pig, 208 S. First, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-8555.

Detroit big guns
Detroit Big Guns will perform Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 27-28, at the Studio Lounge, 6921 N. Wayne, south of Warren Road, Westland. For information, call 729-2540.

Beer on the penguin
Beer on the Penguin will perform on Wednesday, Dec. 27, at the Blind Pig, 208 S. First, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-8555.

Orange roughies
Orange Roughies will perform on Thursday, Dec. 28, at 3-D Club, 1815 N. Main, Royal Oak. For information, call 589-3344.

Second self
Second Self will perform on Thursday, Dec. 28, at the Blind Pig, 208 S. First, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-8555.

the samaritans
The Samaritans will perform on Thursday, Dec. 28, at Rick's Cafe, 611 Church, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-2747.

Historic narcotics
Historic Narcotics will perform on Friday, Dec. 29, at the Hamtramck Pub, 2048 Caniff, off I-75, Hamtramck.

3-D invisibles
3-D Invisibles will perform with guests, Screaming Savage and the Carvenes, Zombie Surfers and Kean Killers, on Saturday, Dec. 31, at the Hamtramck Pub, 2048 Caniff, off I-75.



Sun Seals will perform on Friday, Dec. 29, at Sully's on Greenfield in Dearborn.

Son Seals will perform on Friday, Dec. 29, at Sully's on Greenfield in Dearborn.

COUNTRY TOPS HITS

- Best-selling records of the week:
- "A Woman in Love," Ronnie Millsap.
 - "I'll Love Comes Again," Reba McEntire.
 - "The Lonely Side of Love," Patty Loveless.
 - "I've Been Loved by the Best," Don Williams.
 - "Two Dancin' Sons," Shenandoah.
 - "The Yows Go Unbroken," Kenny Rogers.
 - "The Race Is On," Sawyer Brown.
 - "Country Club," Travis Tritt.
 - "She's Gone, Gone, Gone," Glen Campbell.
 - "Never Had It So Good," Mary Chapin Carpenter.

REVIEWS

BLOW — Red Lorry Yellow

If you are looking for an album of generic post-modern music by a band from England, wash out and grab "Blow" by Red Lorry Yellow Lorry. It has all the proper elements — gloomy lyrics about love, vocals sung in a bored and detached monotone and repetitious, plodding guitar parts — with none of that annoying passion or originality.

"Blow" has none of the energy of punk, no humorously depressing "I wear black on the outside because that's how I feel on the inside" lyrics, and certainly no one would feel like dancing to it. The music is just there. "Blow" would probably be good for listening to in the car when you were in no particular mood whatsoever.

AND IN THIS CORNER — D.J. Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince

This tandem burst into prominence last year with the inventive pop-rap single "Parents Just Don't Understand," a sly piece of inebriated social commentary which earned them a slew of awards, including the first rap Grammy.

The album "D.J. Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince" fails to deliver on the promise of Jazzy and the Fresh Prince's earlier efforts. It is remarkably conservative for the genre and generally un-inventive.

The album unforgivably opens with its worst track, "Then She Bit Me," which features an organ riff nicked from "The Phantom of the Opera," which is tolerable, but the rapping is nothing short of pathetic.

The Fresh Prince usually relies on unbelievable but entertaining stories, but here in weak attempt at comedy, he keeps correcting himself. He seems oblivious to the fact that it really doesn't matter whether it was "All My Children," "Cosby," "Speed Racer" or "Kluge" on the television unless he makes it matter.

Things get a little better on "I Think I Can Beat Mike Tyson," wherein the Fresh Prince recounts an understandably painful and embarrassing encounter with the heavyweight champion. Unfortunately, the funniest parts of the song consist of the Prince and Jeff imitating the fistcutting barbers that Eddie

DOG BUNNY — Hippodrome

Some two years ago, Chris Richards sat at a table in an area nightclub. He didn't want to go on, he said. Only a couple of leather clad patrons dotted the otherwise vast sea of empty tables. Who could blame him?

Once on stage, though, this often times jazz bespectacled guitar-playing guy burst through one of the best sets of rock'n'roll this year has ever heard. Hippodrome's music has always had that manic quality, teetering on the brink of all-out mayhem.

Fortunately, two years later, that sense of urgency has not waned in the Hippodrome camp. If anything, it's grown more intense on this, the band's first full-length release on compact disc.

"Dogbunny" is a carnival of sound, jumping from one black-eyed musical ride to another. Only in the acoustical dreamscape of "Under the Tree" and the orchestral feeling of "Crumble" does Hippodrome catch its collective breath for a moment.

From there, grab your hat. Most of the songs are guitar dominated, which has draws unfair comparisons to R.E.M. in the past. Lyrically, the pair are completely two different animals. Hippodrome's songs are more along the lines of post-hippie warbling. More than a few times there are references to love lost,

BLOW — Red Lorry Yellow

But Red Lorry Yellow Lorry is at their best when they sing about things other than love. "West Wales UP" is a vaguely reaped tune with interesting lyrics like, "The west wakes up to find completeness in half-truth/The east wakes up to fall asleep/When I find it shows me sense is all forgotten/Then I'll wait then I'll wait."

The song "Blow," consists simply of the words "Ya na na na na na . . . Blow" repeated over and over in a sort of chant, giving the song a somewhat European feel.

"Blow" isn't a terrible album — it still manages to be better than 99 percent of what is played on Detroit radio — but it's an uninspired album. For those who enjoy familiar and palatable music, "Blow" is a sure bet.

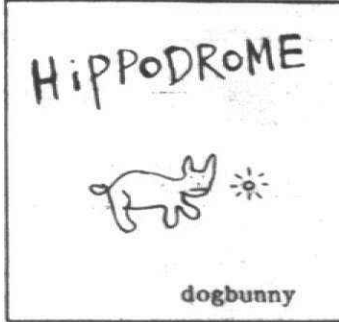
DOG BUNNY — Hippodrome

Murphy and Arsenio Hall created for the film "Coming to America."

"Everything That Glitters (Ain't Always Gold)" is pleasantly stilly in the manner of "Parents Just Don't Understand," but its subject matter is a shipwreck followed by an encounter with crudely portrayed cannibals — lacks the earlier song's appeal.

The team's best effort on this record is "Who Stole My Car," which pairs scratched-in automotive notes with the Prince delivering a self-deprecating story about a car that someone drove to Kalamazoo. After the car meets up with a telephone pole, the Prince moans, "I wanted to just jump into the ocean/My car looked like it was a Lego explosion."

— John Lopie



FEAR & LOAFING

Tradition with peel

The yuletide custom of hanging a stocking over the fireplace is as much a part of Christmas as going into debt. But suppose you lived in a steaming jungle and never even owned a pair of socks? Hopefully, you'd be as resourceful as the bare-foot natives who hang empty banana peels over the campfire each Dec. 24.

Throughout the tropics, a banana bulging with toys is the dream of every good boy and girl. Today, on this most festive occasion, we salute that tradition with a closer look at this holiday fruit.

For Anil Lang Syne . . . According to government figures, the average American eats about 15 pounds of bananas per year. To do his part, Fred Oshinsky of Troy eats his entire yearly allotment on New Year's Eve.

Good news for corn dogs? The ever popular "frozen bananas" sold at amusement parks are being boycotted by fruits' rights activists. The coalition claims impaling a banana on a sharpened stick is cruel and unusual punishment.

Assault with an edible weapon . . . Tossed at just the right angle and speed, the Australian hunting banana will usually return to the thrower's hand.

Just like George Washington . . . To honor our friends in Windsor, the annual "Banana Squirting Contest" will be held in Hart Plaza this year. Stomping down on a half-peeled fruit, each contestant will attempt to squirt his banana across the Detroit River.

BE ON THE lookout for a speeding banana . . . From the day they're picked, bananas have just 12 days to race thousands of miles from the jungles of Brazil to the markets of Michigan. If they show up late, the mushy strugglers are made into sculting mousers.

But will it work on Michael Jackson? During transport, bananas are kept from aging by holding their



Karl Nilsson
Temperature at a cool 57 degrees. To break this "suspended animation," the green bananas are warmed to 70 degrees to induce ripening.

With the possible exception of George Burns . . . Bananas were first cultivated in the Indus Valley some 4,000 years ago. If you had been there to witness this historical event, you'd probably be dead by now.

Just like the Tigers in 1984 . . . Money doesn't grow on trees. Neither do bananas they grow on large perennial plants that reach their full height of 30 feet then die after a single season.

Less smoke from the lit end . . . The first bananas imported to America arrived in 1804 from Cuba. Mistaking them for cigars, two U.S. bankers tried to light up.

Talkin' about a sole man . . . A shoe manufacturer in Livonia insists that banana skins make the best slippers.

IT'S ALSO A great cure for hicups . . . Green bananas can be forced to ripen by exposure to ethylene gas. If you don't eat breakfast in a chemistry lab, you can get the same effect by leaving them in a brown paper bag overnight.

The litter of the law . . . In an effort to keep highways clean, state lawmakers have voted to attach a 10-cent refundable deposit on each banana sold in Michigan. Empty peels may be redeemed at neighborhood recycling centers.

Right idea, wrong century . . . Sir Isaac Newton discovered gravity when an apple fell on his head. In a similar windfall, an Amazon warrior discovered the zipper when a banana fell on his head.

STREET SENSE

What's a mother to do?

Dear Barbara,
My daughter is 2 years old. She was born with cerebral palsy. She is my only child. I am constantly coping with feelings of anger and resentment. My husband and I have had a good marriage, but he is of little or no help with "Lisa" and so I resent him, too.

I have money to hire help, but then I feel guilty because I am running away from my own daughter. My daughter will never be able to live on her own and at some point will have to go to an institution. Part of me would like her to go now.

I feel so torn and troubled and unsure of what to do. My husband will let me handle this however I want. My parents try to be understanding, but I think that they think that I should be more devoted. I know that my in-laws feel that way.

Dear Imprisoned,
I am deeply concerned for you and your dilemma and for your welfare. A true dilemma has been defined as a problem seemingly incapable of a satisfactory solution.

Anyone having such a frustrating experience as yours would react with anger and resentment which you feel. It is just that some people are not as honest as you and are able to pretend sainthood or perhaps to actually have achieved sainthood in their own time.

Although there is no satisfactory solution to this problem, let's discuss best case scenarios within the limitations of that statement.

Here all the help you can so that you can have free time to grow and develop yourself to the degree that your resentment will be minimized. I know from my experience that no

matter how much other people will tell you that you don't have to feel guilty, that a part of you will always feel guilty and that you will have to learn to live with this feeling.

When the time comes that your daughter will have to go into an institution, you may feel heartbroken, but I hope you will allow yourself to feel relieved and free.

Do not expect other people to understand how important it is for you to also have a chance to live. Many people will expect sainthood even though they couldn't do it themselves.

One other word of advice before I stop — please don't take your anger out on your husband. Don't let this tragedy contaminate your marriage.

Barbara
If you have a question or comment for Barbara Schiff, a



trained counselor and experienced therapist, send it to Street Sense, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

STREET CRACKS

SRO: Don't let name fool you

By Julie Brown
staff writer

Eric Murray and Steve Garges have been performing as a comedy duo for about 2 1/2 years. Murray, 30, and Garges, 26, were together in a larger version of Something Really Outrageous for several years before that.

SRO at one time included eight people "and we killed the rest of them off," said Murray. He was reading quite a few Agatha Christie mysteries at the time, and got that idea.

Murder didn't really lead to the evolution of the group into its current form. Some other SRO members moved out over things. The group originated with Garges and an handful of others in the Battle Creek newspaper announcing open auditions. Murray responded and was hired as a writer. He did that exclusively for about six months before starting to perform on stage.

GARGES AND Murray perform primarily in the Midwest. They've performed in Canada as well, and try to get to Los Angeles once a year.

"We've progressed very fast," said Murray, who lives in Marshall, Mich. "We've been able to work constantly which, of course, is the goal."

They've moved through comedy's three basic levels — emcees, middle acts and headliners — in a short time "because people have liked, I guess, the off-the-wallness of what we're doing."

Murray's originally from Syracuse, in upstate New York. Garges, a Battle Creek native, attended Kellogg Community College and has a theater arts and music background.

Murray attended Mott Community College in Flint and Eastern Michigan University, where he was a journalism major. Comedy's a full-time profession for both men and they enjoy performing on stage.

"There's no fear, there's no pressure to that," Murray said. Their business has other pressures, but they don't think about those while on stage.

THEY BILL themselves as an adult, improvisational comedy duo. Their material isn't sexually oriented, but they don't believe there's such a thing as bad language.

"Its connotation is added by other people, by and large." Their work is more along the lines of Robin Williams' than Jay Leno's, Murray said.

"We do a fair amount of political material." References to Coleman Young and Detroit politics find their way into SRO's local performances.

References to South Africa and to abortion appear as well. Some of their material is more slapstick. They do an extended detective piece, reading a detective novel and acting out the story with the audience's help. One piece is on a job interview as seen from inside the interviewer's head, while another piece makes fun of TV evangelists. Some musical comedy is included in their act.

"I don't think we're for everyone," Murray said. Their material has been well-received in urban areas, such as Detroit and Ann Arbor, less so in rural areas.

Murray's not as fond of Canadian audiences, which he said tend to be slower and more reserved. American-based political material doesn't do well in Canada.

SRO's travels to Los Angeles give them an opportunity to be seen and to make contacts.

"We're constantly altering our material," Murray said. When they get into an area, they try to do some research.

"Political stupidity is pretty universal, finding a way to apply that isn't difficult."

THEY RECENTLY finished work on a video, "Stand-Up Detroit," filmed at a Detroit-area club. They were among the featured performers in that video, which may be used on HBO's comedy channel. SRO also has appeared on "Night Shift," a syndicated TV talk show picked up by many Fox affiliates.

"You don't get rich doing this, but it's not a bad living," Murray said.



Eric Murray and Steve Garges have been performing as the comedy duo of Something Really Outrageous for about 2 1/2 years.

COMEDY CLUBS

Here are some listings of 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.

● **Bea's Comedy Kitchen**
Jeff Brennan, Harold Warshaw and Downtown Tony Brown will perform Friday through Sunday, Dec. 29-31, at Bea's Comedy Kitchen, 541 Larned, Detroit. Show times are 8:30 and 11 p.m. For information, call 961-2581.

● **Chaplain's East**
Rich Parpera will perform Wednesday through Sunday, Dec. 27-31, at Chaplain'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.

● **Chaplain's West**
Ed Fiala will perform with Lowell Sanders Wednesday through Sunday, Dec. 27-31, at Chaplain's West, 16890 Telegraph, south of Six Mile, Detroit. For information, call 533-8866.

● **Mainstreet**
Peter Berman will perform Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 27-28, and Tim Allen will perform Friday through Sunday, Dec. 29-31, at Mainstreet Comedy Showcase, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thurs-

day, 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday and 7, 9 and 11 p.m. Saturday. For information, call 996-9080.

● **Joey's Livonia**
Bill Thomas will perform Friday through Sunday, Dec. 29-31, at Joey's Comedy Club, 36671 Plymouth, east of Levan, Livonia. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Saturday. For reservations, call 261-9555.

● **Joey's allen park**
Kirk Nolan will perform Sunday, Dec. 31, at Joey's Comedy Club and Sports Emporium, 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.

● **Holly Hotel**
Craig McCart will perform along with four other comedians Thursday through Sunday, Dec. 28-31, at Holly Hotel, 110 Battle Alley, Holly. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Thursday and 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 634-1891.

● **Miss Kitty's**
John Bowman and Joey Novick will perform Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 28-31, at Miss Kitty's Comedy Club, Long Branch Restaurant, 595 N. Lapeer Road, Oxford. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday, 8 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 628-6500.

Rail passes can make travel easy

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A new service, called Flexipass, starts at \$198 for five travel days over a 15-day period and is good for those who do some but not all their travel by train.

All of these passes are good in 17 countries — Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, West Germany, Greece, Hungary, Republic of Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland. That's 100,000 miles of track.

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All passes cover surcharges for fast trains, which is important in a world where new equipment and services are starting all over the continent. They also cover ferries and boats that are so important to Euro-

pean travel connections.

THE FAST first-class trains you may have ridden on your last trip, Trans-Europe Express or TEE, have been replaced by a network of first- and second-class trains, called Eurocity — 78 trains connecting 200 cities in 13 countries. Eleven new Eurocity trains went into service last year.

Express trains are now available to various cities from airports in Zurich, Geneva, Frankfurt, Duesseldorf, Vienna, Brussels, Barcelona, Amsterdam and Paris, all making the downtown trip in 25 minutes or less.

In Switzerland you can check your luggage through to your homebound airplane from railway stations in Lucerne, Bern and Zurich, and get a boarding pass while you're at it. Germany is starting to address an old complaint of mine: the stairways to train platforms are equipped with baggage escalators in

some places.

I advise you to pack light and carry luggage aboard European trains. The alternative is to leave it onto a baggage trolley and hoist it off again later. Either way you must drag your bags up a down stairs, so pack light.

The big railway news in Europe, of course, is the expansion of France's very high speed TGV trains from the original southeast lines — Paris-Lyon — to new Atlantique lines through Rennes and Nantes. Stay tuned while they expand the original 168 miles to 4,200 miles, eventually including Strasbourg, Valence, Nice, and the tunnel now under construction beneath the English Channel.

Spain has ordered French TGV trains for Madrid-Seville. Italy has started building a new rapid line linking Milan, Bologna, Florence, Rome, Naples and Battipaglia. Switzerland has new fast service over-

nights from Bern to Barcelona. France has set 1991 for the start of new services, one of which will reduce travel from Frankfurt to Stuttgart from 225 to 75 minutes.

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If you want a free copy of a pocket-sized timetable and information booklet, called "Europe by Train," write to Eurailpass, P.O. Box 325, Old Greenwich, Conn. 06870-0325.

You must buy separate tickets for trains through Britain and Northern Ireland, where BritRail offers packages and passes starting at about \$200. Write to BritRail, Suite 210, Cedar Maple Plaza, 2305 Cedar Springs, Dallas, Texas 75201 for information on scenic trains, rail passes and tours.

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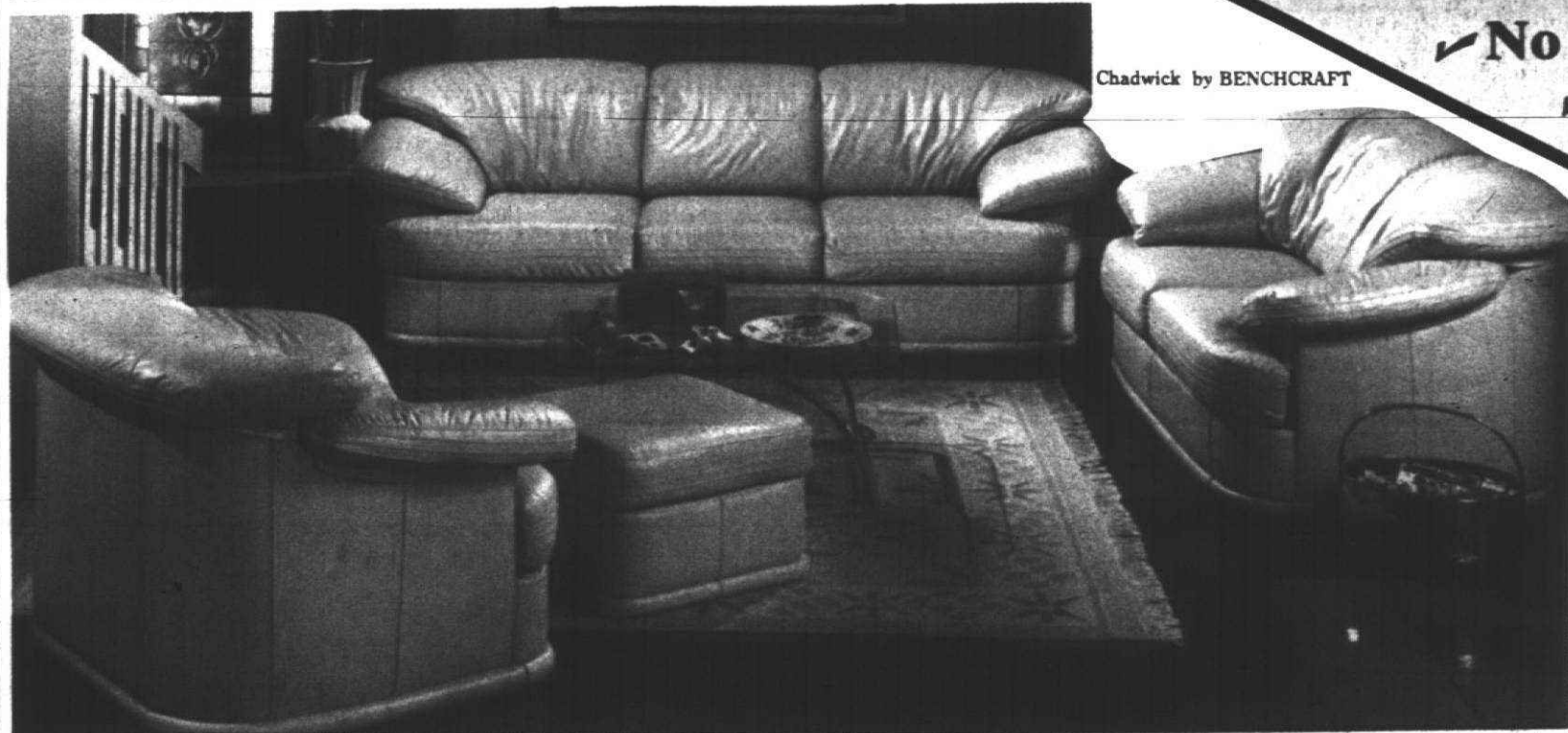


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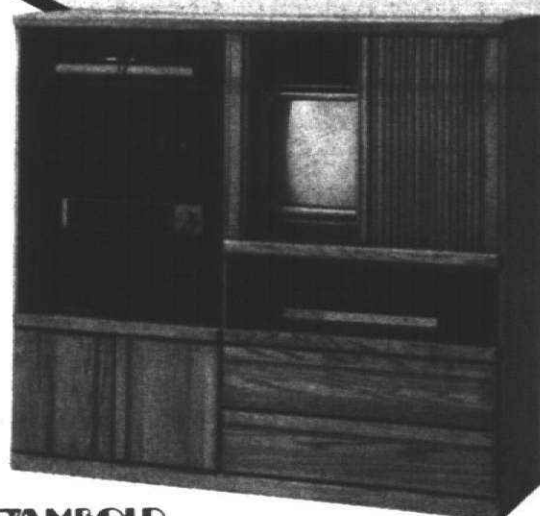
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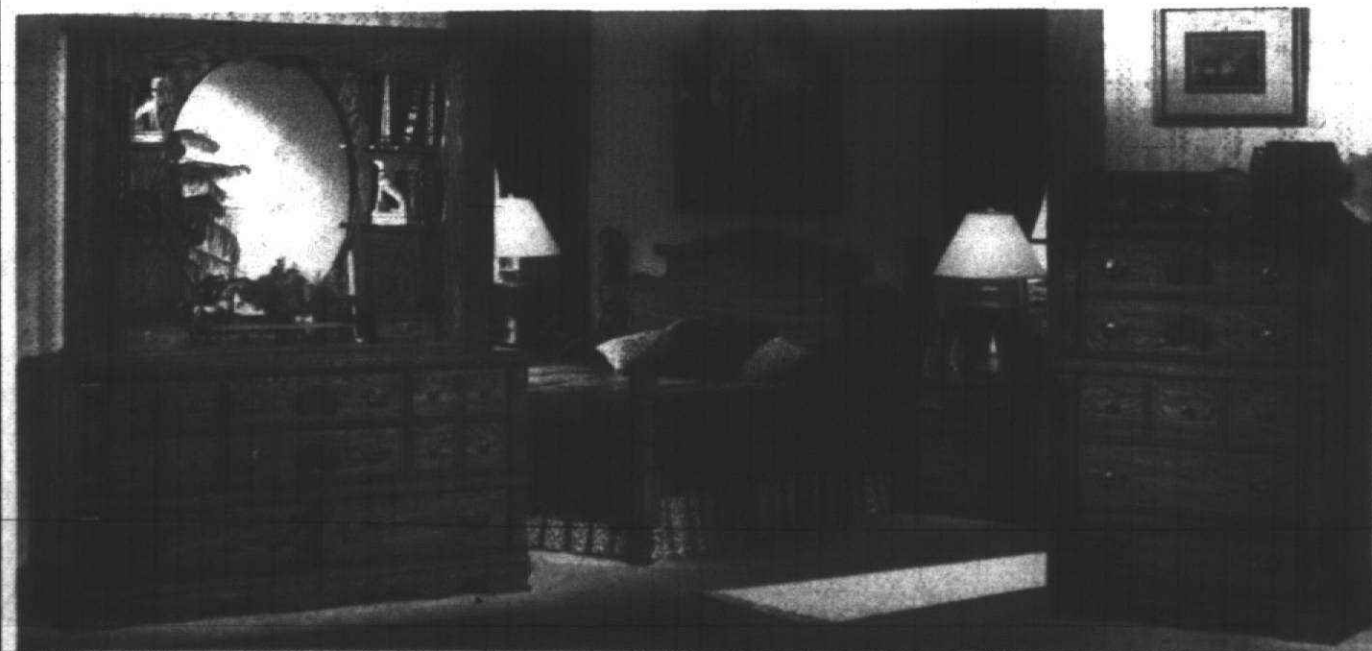
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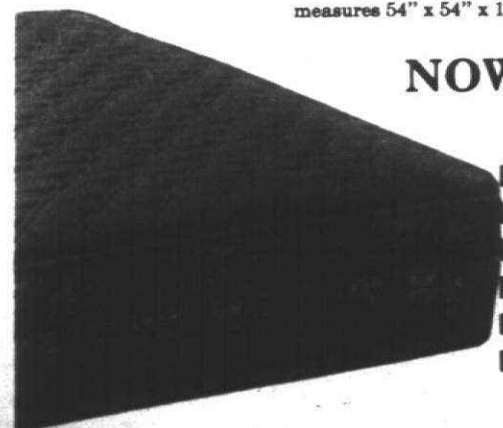
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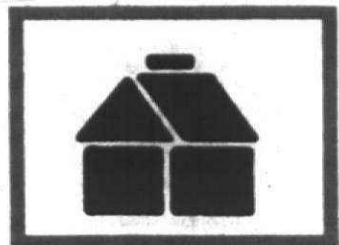
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● GARDEN CITY

Works of several local artists are on display, including oils, acrylics, watercolor and pen and ink. Hours noon to 5 p.m., Thursday through Saturday. 30116 Ford Road, Sheridan Square, Garden City.

● CHAMELEON

Watercolors by Peggy Brown, stained glass by Diana Blanchard and other contemporary works by local and Australian artists through December. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. 370 S. Main Street, Plymouth.

● LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

First anniversary show includes work by the coop gallery's members and continues through Dec. 29. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 29 W. Lawrence, Pontiac.

● BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

Photo exhibit featuring activities and events in nine Oakland County Parks, sponsored by Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission continues through Jan. 2. Open during regular library hours, Lone Pine at Telegraph, Bloomfield Township.

● DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

Paintings by Linda Mendelson are on display through December. Open during the run of the show, "Blood Relations," 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit.

● ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM

Stoney Creek Christmas Toyfest continues through Jan. 27. The toys span the 20th century. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Admission charge, 1005 Van Hoosen, Rochester Hills. For information, call 656-4663.

● MCA GALLERY

"Realism" includes works by seven Michigan artists. Continues through March 16, 1200 Sixth St., Detroit.

clarification

Location of the Yanover Creative Liaison Gallery in Livonia was inadvertently omitted from a story on the gallery last Thursday. The gallery is located at 30927 Schoolcraft Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman, on the I-96 south service drive. For more information, call 425-8175.

Also omitted were the names of other artists represented at the gallery including Mary Ellen Croci, Craig Billings and Ralph Brodie. Works by urban sculpturalist Tyree Guyton, whose "Heidelberg" project was recently dismantled by the city of Detroit, appear also.

'89 odds and ends advice

Season's greetings! It's not only almost the end of the year but also the Grand Finale of the '80s. What better time to clear out my own files of miscellanea — information worth passing along but which has not fit into regular columns during the year.

If you have pieces of unused fabric, the Ladies of Charity of Oakland County would welcome them to use in making quilts. Call 549-3894 to arrange delivery.

Those of you who receive the Observer & Eccentric with a blue mailing card may find, as I do, that the backs make excellent shopping list cards. They are sturdy and the color makes them easy to find in your purse. Establish a certain place to keep them, and retain only an extra one or two ahead. (They will continue to arrive twice a week.)

For those with attached garages: If your children regularly forget to put their coats and shoes away properly, warn them that if they continue to leave them laying around you will put the garments in the garage. When you find them strewn around again (and you will) find a place in your garage where the items will not get wet, dirty or muddled up and follow through! You don't have to be mean about this, but putting on frigid clothing in this weather will provide amazing motivation to hang them up next time and their memories will improve with awesome speed. (This works with adults, too, of course — but do that at your own risk.)

On Jan. 1 insert a new register in your checkbook for 1990, remove your 1989 check register and put it with the '89 tax papers. (Yes, you ul-



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Dorothy Lehmkuhl

tra-conservative people, it's OK to waste those last few blank pages in the old register.) This simplifies cross-referencing between years. Also, fill in the "90" on your first several checks ahead of time so you won't goof up as you write them. If you use your car in business, don't forget to record your car mileage on Jan. 1, too.

As you pack away your Christmas decorations, clean out. If you haven't used certain decorations this year or last, why are you keeping them? Are you once again saving strings of lights that don't work? If so, why? (Do you really think they'll work better next year?)

One reason some women have difficulty "having it all" is that they are not accustomed to delegating. Most men, on the other hand, delegate regularly and effectively. I would welcome some responses in regard to this problem, telling me of your experiences in learning to delegate, how you went about implementing that skill, and the lessons you learned in the process.

Dorothy Lehmkuhl is owner of Organizing Techniques, 6145 Worthington, Birmingham 48010. She does In-House seminars, speaking and consulting on any aspect of time management and organizing.

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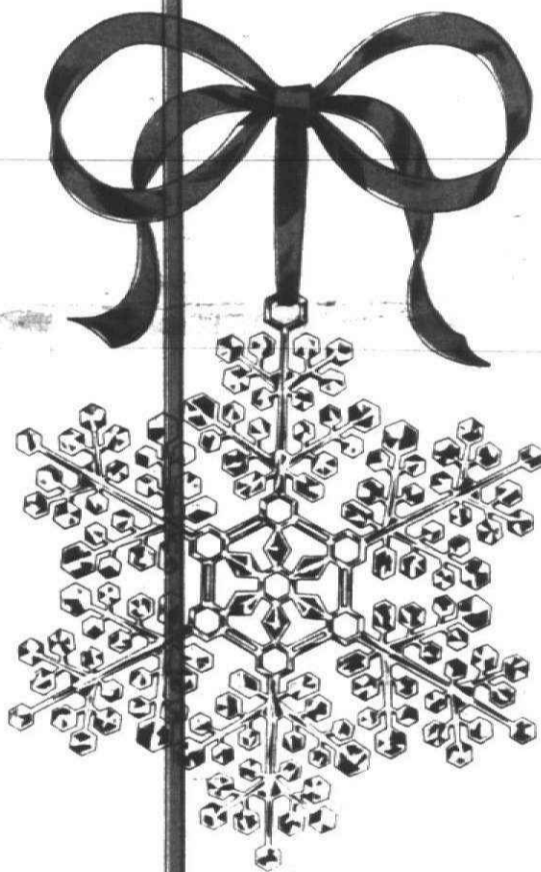
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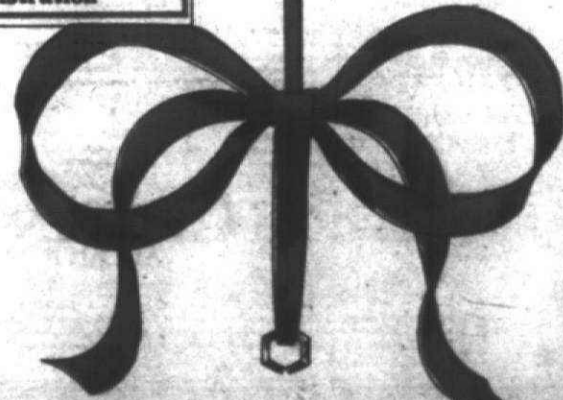
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Trends lean toward home and hearth

By Jackie Fitzpatrick
special writer

With the '90s upon us, the trends of the new decade are making themselves known — particularly in interior design.

Yuppies no longer, people are into home and hearth in a big way.

We're cocooning, say sociologists. We're staying home, ordering in, getting comfy and watching Roseanne.

Designers say the lifestyle is reflected in the homes we're creating.

"I hate to use the terms 'cocooning' and 'nesting,' but people want a comfortable home now," says Betty Gollrad, a spokeswoman for Hunter Douglas, a New Jersey window-covering firm. "The country and Victorian styles are the new look. Designs are a lot softer. The high-tech, spare interiors have gone. People want classic comfort."

The look this season is European country, with splashes of bright color — Byzantine sapphire and Regency jade or flickers of tangerine, red, violet or turquoise.

FURNITURE FABRIC, wall and window coverings are an eclectic mix of prints and patterns. Whites and beiges may make up most of the backdrop — but they're highlighted by tapestries and antique silver, worn wood floors and expansive garden views. An ancestral portrait might stare across at floral double-pleated shades and terra cotta flower pots.

"It's a mix of old-world designs and rustic," says Joseph Ruggiero, editor-in-chief of Home magazine. "The popular look of the home in the '90s is sophisticated European country. It's a relaxed, put-your-feet-up kind of thing."

Designers offer the following tips for your own little country province:

Start with the living room. A few strong pieces set the tone for the room. A chippendale chair, a classic bookcase or an antique end table can lend a nice touch to a couch reupholstered in a majestic teal.

THE BEST part of the European country look is that it can be acquired with the right accessories — none of which has to burn a hole in the wallet. Cluster framed



family portraits, books and fresh flowers on end tables. Cover wood chair seats and benches with floral prints and place baskets about the room.

Teri Seidman, an interior designer and author of "Decorating Rich: How to Achieve a Moneyed Look without Spending a Fortune," encourages choosing an upscale look but searching the flea markets and tag sales to find bargains.

For example, expensive tassels on draperies — hunt for them on old lamps at flea markets. Or cover a pillow in pieces from used Oriental rugs and arrange elegant accessories on skirted tables.

Next, meander to the kitchen. If you happen to have a central cooking space, an island in the center of the room, that's perfect, says Ruggiero.

EUROPEANS ARE long known as intimate party-givers, and an open kitchen allows the host to mingle as they cook. It doesn't cost much to give the room charm. Hang copper pots, cookware, dried herbs or maybe a long rope of red peppers from movable hooks.

Kitchen hutches are the rage these days. They can sometimes be found at New England auctions and tag sales and can be used to store everything from crockery to food.

Bedrooms are for romance, according to today's designers. Canopies drape softly over beds. The drapes are pulled back with lace. Vanities are back, and they might sport a wicker-framed mirror, a plate of chocolates and a copper vase filled with peace roses.

Other ideas:

- Rip out the wall-to-wall carpeting hiding those wood floors and bleach or stain the wood below it. The Oak Flooring Institute provides copies of a hardwood finishing and refinishing manual for 50 cents by writing to the institute at 804 Sterick Building, Memphis, Tenn. 38103.

- Stenciling is a great accent in children's rooms, kitchens and bathrooms. For ideas, visit a well-stocked art supply shop.

- Contact an interior designer if you're seeking the advice of an expert. It's advisable to look for someone with solid credentials and a membership in a professional association.

Be sure to have a budget to present along with specific ideas as to what you want your rooms to look like. If a designer is out of your price range, many furniture and department stores offer design services as part of a package with certain household purchases.

- Rent furniture. Although rental furniture once seemed synonymous with back-to-basics, today's furniture renters can get everything from washed oak and wall hangings to complete dining ware for six. You can opt to rent pieces of furniture for an entire three-bedroom house. According to the Furniture Rental Association of America, costs can range from \$60 a month for a three-bedroom package to \$800 per month for a luxury line.

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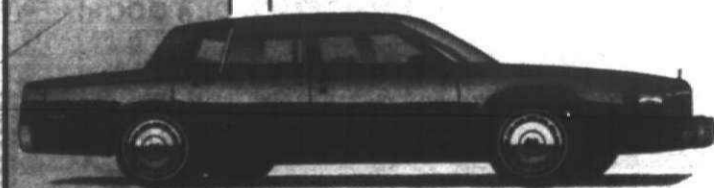
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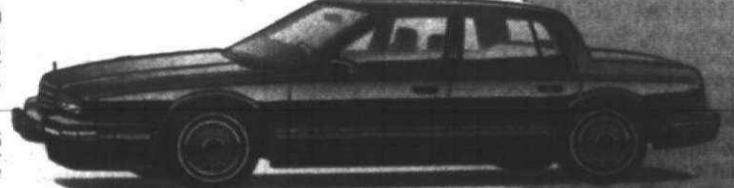
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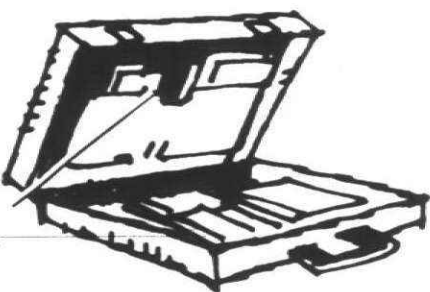
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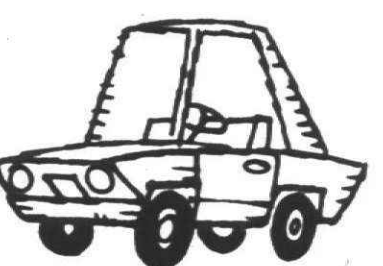
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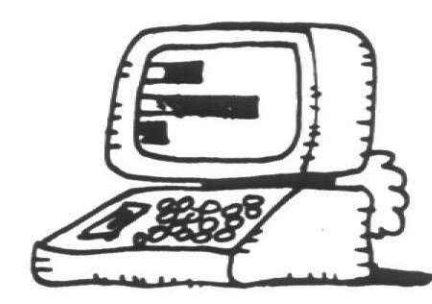
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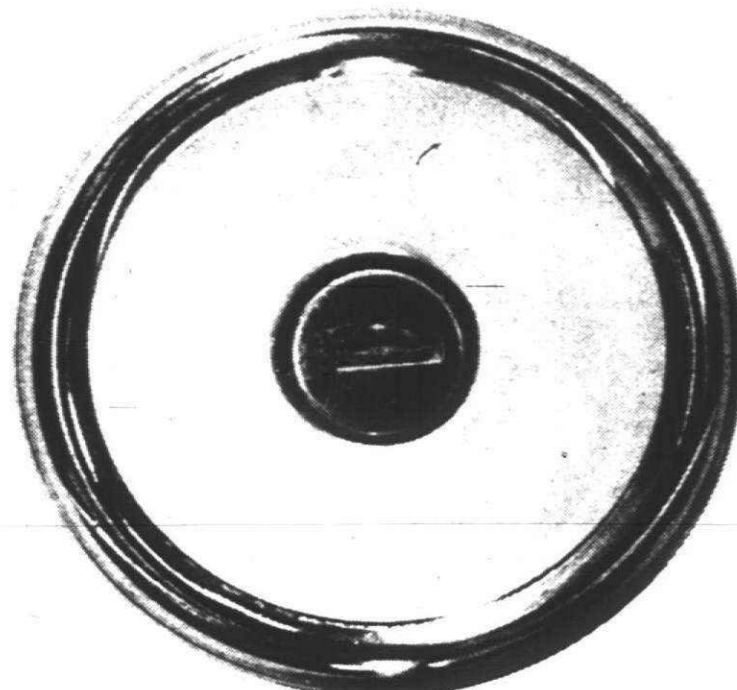
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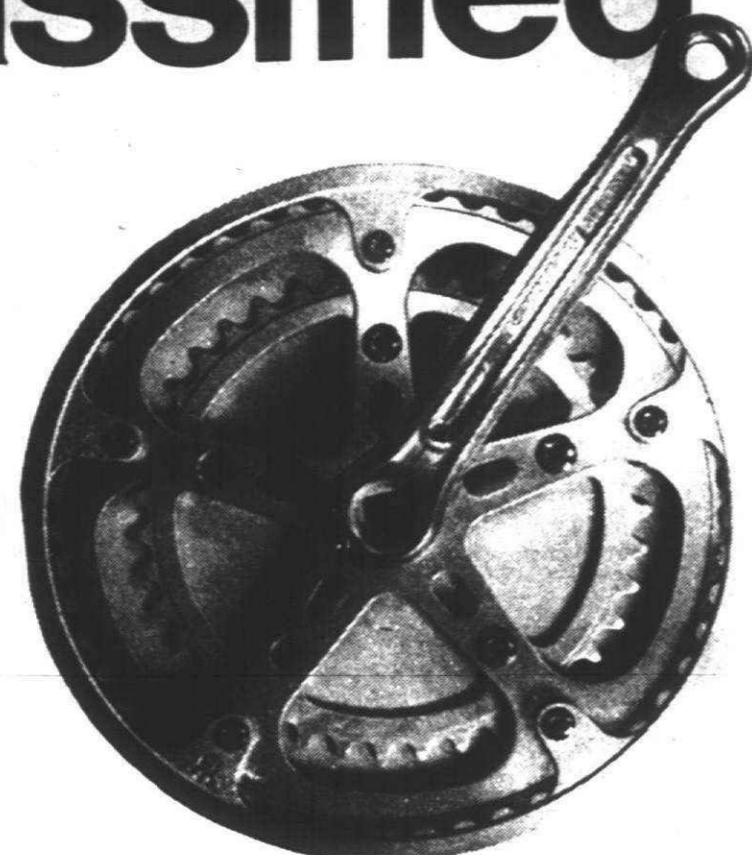
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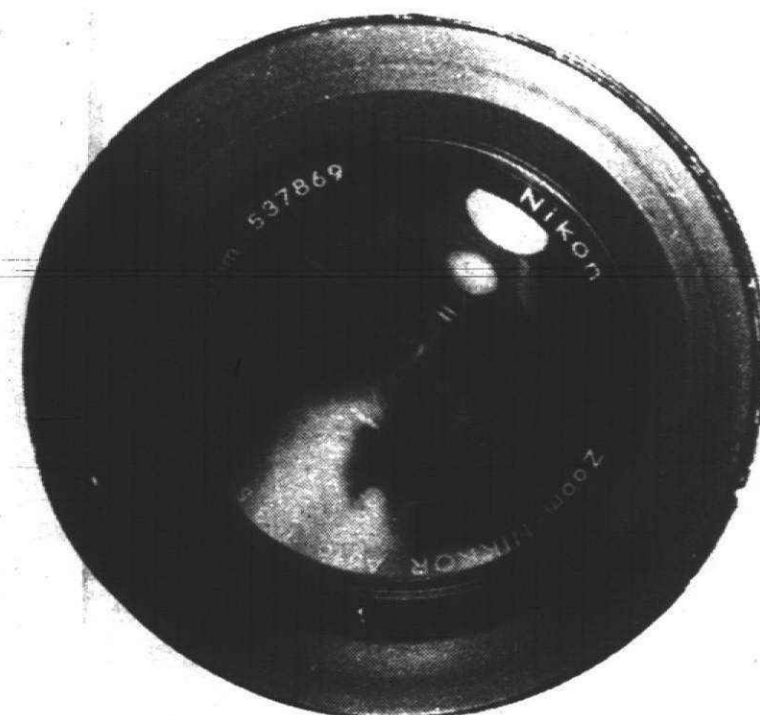


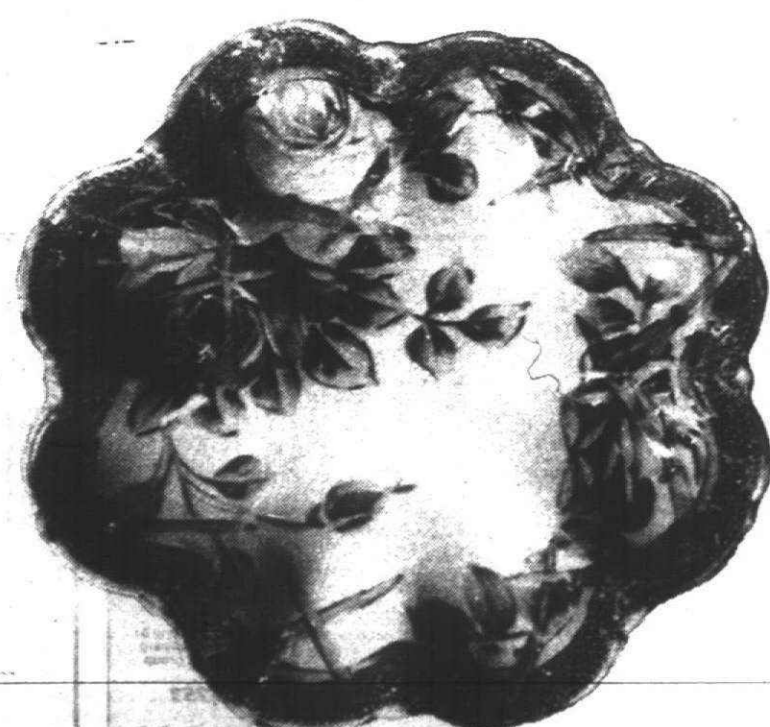
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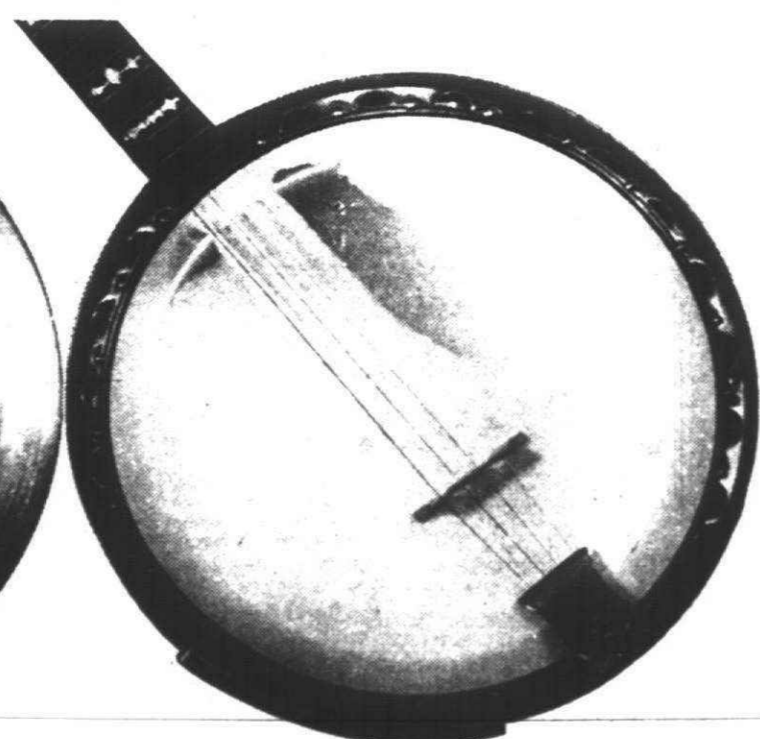
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List	\$14,733
Factory Discount	- \$500
North Bros. Discount	- \$1244
Rebate	- \$1000
SALE PRICE	\$11,699*

TOTAL SAVINGS \$2744

6 AVAILABLE

1990 RANGER PICKUP



XLT trim, P215 steel white letter all season tires, deluxe tu-tone, XLT equipment, power steering, chrome rear step bumper, AM/FM stereo/cassette/clock, 60/40 cloth split bench seat, sliding rear window, tachometer, cast aluminum wheels-deep dish, 2.3L EFI I-4, 5 speed manual overdrive.

TOTAL SAVINGS \$3348

5 AVAILABLE

List	\$11,687
Factory Discount	- \$1500
North Bros. Discount	- \$848
Rebate	- \$1000
SALE PRICE	\$7939*

NEW 1990 ESCORT LX 2 DOOR

Automatic transaxle, wide body side moldings, AM/FM 4 speaker stereo, tinted glass, power steering, interval wipers, rear defrost, instrumentation group, digital clock w/overhead console, light/security group, dual remote mirrors, luxury wheel covers, 1.9L remote cylinder, P-175/70R14 black sidewalls, clear-coat metallic paint.



TOTAL SAVINGS \$2410

List	\$9944
Factory Discount	- \$713
North Bros. Discount	- \$697
Rebate	- \$1000
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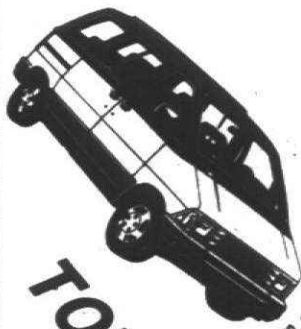
4 door, cloth split bench seats, 3.0L EFI V6, automatic overdrive, P205/70R14 black sidewalls, rear defrost, air.



3 AVAILABLE

TOTAL SAVINGS \$2739

List	\$14,793
North Bros. Discount	- \$1739
Rebate	- \$1000
SALE PRICE	\$11,599*



1990 AEROSTAR WAGON

7 passenger, dual captain's chairs, air, privacy glass, rear wiper/wiper, tinted glass, rear defrost, cruise, tilt wheel, 3.0L XL trim, automatic overdrive, P215/70R14SL black side wall, all season tires, AM/FM stereo/clock, rear defrost, clearcoat paint.

TOTAL SAVINGS \$3360

4 AVAILABLE

List	\$16,674
Factory Discount	- \$852
North Bros. Discount	- \$1508
Rebate	- \$1000
SALE PRICE	\$12,839*

1990 F-150 PICKUP XLT - AIR

Lariat trim, bright low mount swing away mirrors, handling package, headliner/insulation package, light/convenience group, AM/FM stereo, cruise, tilt wheel, air, deluxe Argent styled steel wheels, P235/75R15 XL black side wall all season tires, heavy duty service package, 4.9L EFI V6 engine.



List	\$15,044
Factory Discount	- \$2178
North Bros. Discount	- \$1442
Rebate	- \$1000
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