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Plan to save district \$1.8 million



The school administration said the savings of \$1.8 million from the early teacher retirement program is a model for other districts in the state. But one board member questions the size of the savings and whether it would help reduce the local property tax burden.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

An early retirement plan that allowed 77 Wayne-Westland teachers to quit their jobs in June will save the school district nearly \$1.8 million next year, school officials said.

The savings will come as the dis-

trict pays lower salaries for newer teachers, who have replaced longtime, higher-paid educators.

Teachers who accepted a one-time bonus of \$24,000 to retire early were being paid an average salary of \$56,353. That's nearly twice the money being earned by new teachers,

whose average pay is \$28,707 this year.

The early retirement plan is "perhaps one of the most successful in the state of Michigan," said Bill Taylor, Wayne-Westland's associate superintendent for employee services.

Far fewer teachers would have retired if the district hadn't offered the early retirement bonuses, Taylor predicted in a newly released report. Only 17 teachers retired last year — 60 fewer than this year — when no such plan was offered.

In his report, Taylor commended the school board for approving the

plan and said, "I would encourage the board to continue to examine employee incentives."

Board member Richard LeBlanc has indicated that he would consider an early retirement plan for other employee groups as well. Only teachers had the option of retiring early this year.

The district actually lost \$20,901 this year by allowing the teachers to retire early. Money saved by hiring new, less-experienced teachers was more than offset by the payout of

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Historical holiday



ART EMANUELE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Museum decorations: The Westland Historical Museum at 857 N. Wayne Road gets the holiday treatment from Ruth Dale and Jo Johnson. The museum is open from 1-4 p.m. Saturdays.

Cop: Victim led me to suspects

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland man, shot in the head on the same night his friend was killed behind Adams Junior High School, later led police to an apartment where two of the suspects lived, court testimony indicated Friday.

David Wayne Adkins, 20, talked with police in his hospital room and

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told them how to get to the Glenwood Orchard apartment of suspects Jermaine Stevenson and Jerome Omar Ingram, Westland police Sgt. Donald Haigh testified.

Adkins survived a Nov. 15, 1991, incident in which his friend, 19-year-old Everett Earl Bowen Jr. of Westland, was killed behind Adams school.

Stevenson and Ingram, both 19, are on trial in Detroit Recorder's Court for charges of killing Bowen and shooting Adkins. Prosecutors have accused them of plotting the murder with two other boys, now 17, who have already been convicted of lesser charges and placed in juvenile facilities until at least age 19, possibly 21.

Stevenson and Ingram were 18 when charged and are being tried as adults.

Prosecutors have accused the teens of plotting to kill Bowen in retaliation for an earlier fight between Bowen and one of the convicted teens, Ian Bruce Cowen.

Prosecutors claim the teens arranged to meet Bowen behind Adams school on the pretense that they wanted to buy drugs from him. But

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Man to be tried in robbery of blind woman

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland man has been ordered to stand trial on charges he broke into a blind woman's house, shoved her, grabbed her purse and fled.

Bryan David Nelson, 30, was bound over for trial in Detroit Recorder's Court after he voluntarily waived a preliminary examination in

Westland's 18th District Court.

He remains in the county jail on a \$25,000 cash bond. If convicted, he could be sentenced up to 15 years for breaking into the woman's home, and up to 10 years for stealing her purse.

The 32-year-old blind woman told police that she was robbed of two gold wedding rings worth \$2,000, a \$100 tape recorder, a Braille writer worth

\$250, a JC Penney credit card, \$150 in cash, and a bank card and savings book.

Before his arrest, Nelson had eluded police until an investigation coordinated with the FBI revealed he was staying at a drug-rehabilitation clinic in Southfield, Westland police Sgt. Marc Stobbe has said.

The victim told police she had been

at home in the Wayne Road-Ford area with her son, 10, when she heard the front door open and someone walk in shortly after 8 p.m. Sept. 19.

The intruder refused to identify himself, though the woman asked him several times to say who he was. The intruder then pushed her against

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2 sentenced in brass knuckle beating of teen

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Two young Westland men charged with beating a teen male with brass knuckles and a wooden board have received the maximum one-year jail sentence.

James Kirsten Kight, 22, and Jamie Gates, 18, were sentenced Thurs-

day by 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos.

Both men already are serving up to 10 years in prison for another incident in which they severely beat and kicked a local teen because he wanted to drop out of a "skinheads" gang.

Police said a third defendant, Chris Bugosh, 18, of Westland, left his

home before he could be tried on the two beatings. Police are still seeking him.

Kight and Gates received the one-year term Thursday amid charges they used brass knuckles and a wooden board to beat a teenage male in the head, face, back, chest and legs. They were charged with aggravated assault.

The beating occurred in August 1991 in a field near Manufacturer's Drive in Westland, police said. During one court hearing, Gates testified that the victim was beaten because he shot a plastic gun at a girl whom the defendants knew.

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Duck needs help

A mallard duck was saved by several Wayne Road motorists last week, but continues to need attention from a veterinarian.

A resident phoned the Observer Friday to describe the incident and issue an appeal for readers to donate money to the Kershaw Animal Hospital, 9525 Wayne Road, Livonia 48160, to help pay for the ongoing care of the injured duck.

Yule day camp

Local working parents who want a place for their young children during the holiday week have a program offered by the Wayne-Westland YMCA,

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which includes Garden City in its service area. As in past years, the organization will sponsor a Christmas vacation day camp this week and next, when school is closed for the holiday break. There will be swimming, games, crafts, bowling, gymnastics, snacks, floor games, fitness exercises and outdoor activities. The camp, to be housed at the Y, will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Child care services are also available from 7-9 a.m. and 4-6:30 p.m. those nights at no extra charge. Fee for the day camp is \$12.50 per day for Y members and \$14.50 for non-

gram members.

Overnighter

For those same parents who want a place for their children to spend a safe New Year's Eve, the Y is sponsoring its annual overnighter, from 8 p.m. Dec. 31 through 8 a.m. the next morning. There will be noisemakers, TV, a countdown to midnight, swimming, games, snacks and other fun activities for children aged 3 1/2 to 12. Children are asked to bring a swimming suit, towel and sleeping bag. The Y will provide pizza dinner in the evening with a breakfast of juice and doughnuts. Fee is \$12 for Y members and \$18 for program members. Additional children in the same family will receive a \$2 discount.

Trial from page 1A

prosecutors have said the teens really wanted to carry out a plan to kill Bowen — an allegation that defense attorneys have strongly denied.

Trial continues

The trial is scheduled to continue this week, and a statement that Stevenson made to police about the incident is expected to be introduced as evidence. Stevenson has been accused of firing the shots that killed Bowen and wounded Adkins.

A statement that Ingram made will not be submitted as evidence, because Judge Denise Page Hood has ruled to suppress it.

On Friday, Sgt. Haigh testified about what he had been told by Adkins after the incident. But Ingram's attorney, Leonard Mungo, raised repeated questions about whether Haigh was lying. Haigh insisted he was telling the truth.

Haigh testified that he visited Adkins on two consecutive days after the shootings and that Adkins provided some information that helped lead police to the suspects. Haigh said Adkins talked about the Glenwood Orchard apartment and gave partial descriptions of two of the suspects.

But Mungo raised questions about whether Adkins knew what he was saying at the time, because he had suffered medical problems due to the bullet that remains lodged in his head.

But Haigh insisted that Adkins "wanted to talk about this incident." In talking with Haigh, Adkins repeatedly talked about the shootings and asked, "Why did they do this to us?" Haigh testified.

Conflicting statements emerged Friday about Adkins condition. Haigh said Adkins had one eye open when he visited him two days after the shootings. But Mungo pointed out that Adkins has said that he couldn't open his

eyes for three days after the incident.

Mungo's attempt to raise questions about Haigh's testimony and what Adkins had said appeared to anger assistant Wayne County prosecutor Robert Hood, who told Judge Hood that he didn't believe Mungo's questioning was fair.

At one point, Mungo's questioning took a bizarre turn when he asked Haigh if he belonged to a "skinheads" group. Skinheads are known for having shaved heads and, sometimes, being rowdy and violent.

Officer testifies

"I'm a member of the police department," Haigh replied, seeming puzzled by the line of questioning. "I don't know what you're talking about."

On Thursday, Haigh testified that two bullets removed from Bowen's body matched a .25-caliber pistol that authorities retrieved after the shooting. That finding came from the Michigan State Police.

However, no mention has yet been made in the trial about who owned the gun.

In other testimony, conflicting statements emerged about two males who had driven a car that picked up Adkins and Bowen on the night of the shootings. Haigh testified that he was told by Adkins that the pick-up occurred at a party store at Venoy and Palmer.

Under questioning from Mungo, however, Haigh conceded that, at another point, Adkins had said the pick-up had occurred at another location.

Meanwhile, Judge Hood has said she hopes to complete testimony in the case by Wednesday. Stevenson's statement could emerge as early as today or Tuesday. He and Ingram could face life in prison if convicted.

Widow loses in negligence suit

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

The widow of a suicide has lost her negligence suit against a Westland policeman.

The state Court of Appeals ruled Officer Thomas Kubitsky "owed no duty" to stop Jerald Renard, who threatened to kill his wife, their children and himself.

The suit by Dana Ranard, the widow, charged Kubitsky and two other officers with gross negligence in failing to arrest her husband.

Wayne Circuit Judge Samuel Turner dismissed it in November of 1990 without a trial. Jerald Ranard was drunk the night of Oct. 14, 1988, when he made the threats, according

to attorneys' briefs. He tore a closet door off the hinges, hit his five-months pregnant wife in the eye, knocked her against the bed, pointed a rifle at her and pulled the trigger.

The rifle was empty. As Ranard looked for ammunition, his wife escaped with their two children to call police.

Kubitsky responded, ascertained that Mrs. Ranard and the children were safe and said her husband would "sleep it off." After they left, Ranard ended his own life with a bullet in the head.

Detroit attorney Richard West argued for Mrs. Ranard that police had a duty to arrest Ranard and take him into custody.

Livonia attorney Marcia Howe said police had no "special relationship" with the family

and owed them no such duty.

Appeals judges Roman S. Gibbs and John Shepherd agreed. "The trial court (Turner) did not err in determining as a matter of law that defendant (police) owed no duty to the individual plaintiff, decedent or their children. A police officer's duty extends to the public in general and not to any particular individual.

"A statute outlining a police officer's duty to arrest . . . does not create a 'special relationship' that would give rise to an individual duty."

They noted that when Kubitsky left the scene, the wife and children were safe, and Ranard was quiet and in his own house.

Judge Janet Neff concurred in the result.

Savings from page 1A

\$1,848,000 for the one-time bonuses.

But the savings will come next year. And most school board members have lauded the results of the early retirement, saying it has resulted in savings and has brought in new and enthusiastic teachers.

But Taylor cautioned that, de-

spite rumors, the 77 retirees "were not burned out, worn out teachers." Most were highly dedicated teachers who were considering retiring and were enticed by the monetary incentive, he has said.

The plan also allowed 75 teachers to receive transfers within the district — a move that sparked more enthusiasm and made the

district "more effective as a result of the process," Taylor wrote in his report.

One board member, Fred Warmbier, has remained skeptical about the early retirement. And he has voiced frustration that district taxpayers probably won't see any extra money in their pocketbooks because of the sav-

ings.

"Don't hold your breath if you think that money is going to come back to the community in lower taxes," he said.

In response, Taylor reminded the board that the savings will be put into the district's general fund — and that the school board decides how the money is used.

Robbery from page 1A

a television, grabbed her purse and fled from the house, Stobbe said.

The woman's son is expected to be a key witness during the trial,

because he allegedly recognized the man who broke into the house. The intruder apparently had performed odd jobs at the woman's residence, Stobbe has

said.

A neighbor told police that a car had been seen pulling into the victim's driveway about the time

the incident occurred. The neighbor saw the car leaving the residence just moments after it arrived.

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In the other case, Kight and Gates were convicted amid accusations they beat a dissident skinhead at a party on Avondale, drove him to Van Buren Township and dumped him in a ditch. The victim spent four days in Garden City Hospital.

After he was beaten, the victim

managed to stagger to a nearby house and seek help. That incident resulted in Gates, Kight and Bugosh facing charges of assault with intent to commit great bodily harm.

The charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison. Kight was sentenced in Detroit Recorder's Court to two to 10 years in prison. Gates was sentenced to three to 10 years.

Bugosh, meanwhile, disappeared after he posted \$500, or 10 percent, of a \$5,000 bond. A warrant has been issued for his arrest, but he was still missing last week.

Tell Clinton what needs to be done

On Jan. 20, Bill Clinton, the youngest man elected president since John F. Kennedy, will take office. Some say a new era will begin.

Not only is Clinton the first president-elect to have been born this side of the Second World War, he's also the first to have discovered the MTV generation. He will be remembered as the candidate who literally struck a note with young Americans.

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Dorsey Center hosts Yule party for kids

An estimated 100 children gathered to share holiday cheer recently at the annual Dorsey Community Center Children's Christmas party.

Children, ages 5 to 12, enjoyed a visit with Santa, pizza, games and a gift.

In its fifth year, the holiday party was originally the idea of Dorsey Center employees and representatives of the newly opened Target store on Warren Road. Additional sponsors have now joined to help with the program. Target Stores contributed \$300 to the event, Westland Rotary Club gave \$300 and the Westland Chamber of Commerce supplied the pizza.

Wayne County employee Jack Heidenreich was Santa's pinch hitter.

"I have to admire Jack," said

In its fifth year, the holiday party was originally the idea of Dorsey Center employees and representatives of the newly opened Target store on Warren Road.

James Gilbert, director of the Westland Department of Community Development.

"Most people would be intimidated facing a roomful of 100-plus excited children who each wanted a personal greeting from Santa. But Jack did an excellent job listening to each child's Christmas wish and making them feel special."



STAFF PHOTOS BY ART EMANUELE

Let's sing: Shane Simpson, 8, wins a prize for singing at the Dorsey Community Center Christmas party.



STAFF PHOTOS BY ART EMANUELE



Requests made: Santa greets each child attending the Dorsey Center Christmas party. More than 100 children attended the event in its fifth year. Sarah Ray (from left) Crystal Head and Steven Thompson enjoy refreshments during the annual Dorsey Community Center Children's Christmas party.



ART EMANUELE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Can do: Adams Junior High School students Matt Randazzo (left), Gwen Frettenborough and Steve McKee organize food collected as part of the food drive sponsored by the National Junior Honor Society and the Academic, Creative and Talented program.

Adams students help classmates' families

Students of the Academic, Creative and Talented Program and the National Junior Honor Society joined forces to lend a hand to their classmates' families.

The "Lend A Hand If You Can" food drive was conducted from Dec. 2 through Dec. 11 and netted 1,358 food items. Teachers and students also contributed \$225 to the effort. The money will be used to purchase coupons for

perishable food items.

A teacher at Adams contributed coupons for free turkeys.

Mrs. Wright's first-hour class collected the most items with a final tally of 263 items.

Members of the sponsoring organization are: Academic, Creative and Talented Program, which consisted of Chris Aimone, Terry Elliott, Antonio Hernandez, Alan Kulifay, Ken Leicht, Amy

Meadows, Nicholas Phillips, Jill Russell, Brent Sabourin, Cassandra Sharon and Christie Wylar; and National Junior Honor Society members Chris Aimone, Steven Flynn, Natantial Garrison, Terri Lohr, Steve McKee, Matt Randazzo, Brent Sabourin, Brant Tajiri, Lisa Thompson, David Tulppo, Dennis Weaver, Hugh Wellday and Gwen Frettenborough.

Motel offers lodging for family visitors

The Livonia Super 8 Motel, 28512 Schoolcraft, will participate in the 1992 Rooms at the Inn program, sponsored by the parent motel chain.

The motel will offer free accommodations on Christmas Eve to anyone visiting a friend or relative in a nursing home, veterans home, hospital or treatment center.

"We want to eliminate lodging costs as a barrier to visiting a loved one over Christmas," said Harvey Jewett, Super 8 Motels chief operating officer.

He estimates that as many as 5,700 rooms or 10 percent of the entire Super 8 Motel chain — 650 motels nationwide will participate — are expected to be given

away during the program.

Advanced registration is not required. But reservations can be made by calling Superline, Super 8's toll-free reservation line at 1-800-800-8000.

Because some franchises may need to limit the number of available rooms, reservations are recommended.

Hospital offers stop-smoking course

If you're a smoker and your New Year's resolution is to quit, St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia has a program that could help you succeed.

The hospital is offering FreshStart, a three-week course designed by the American Cancer Society to

help people quit smoking.

The course, which costs \$20, begins Jan. 25 and runs through Feb. 11.

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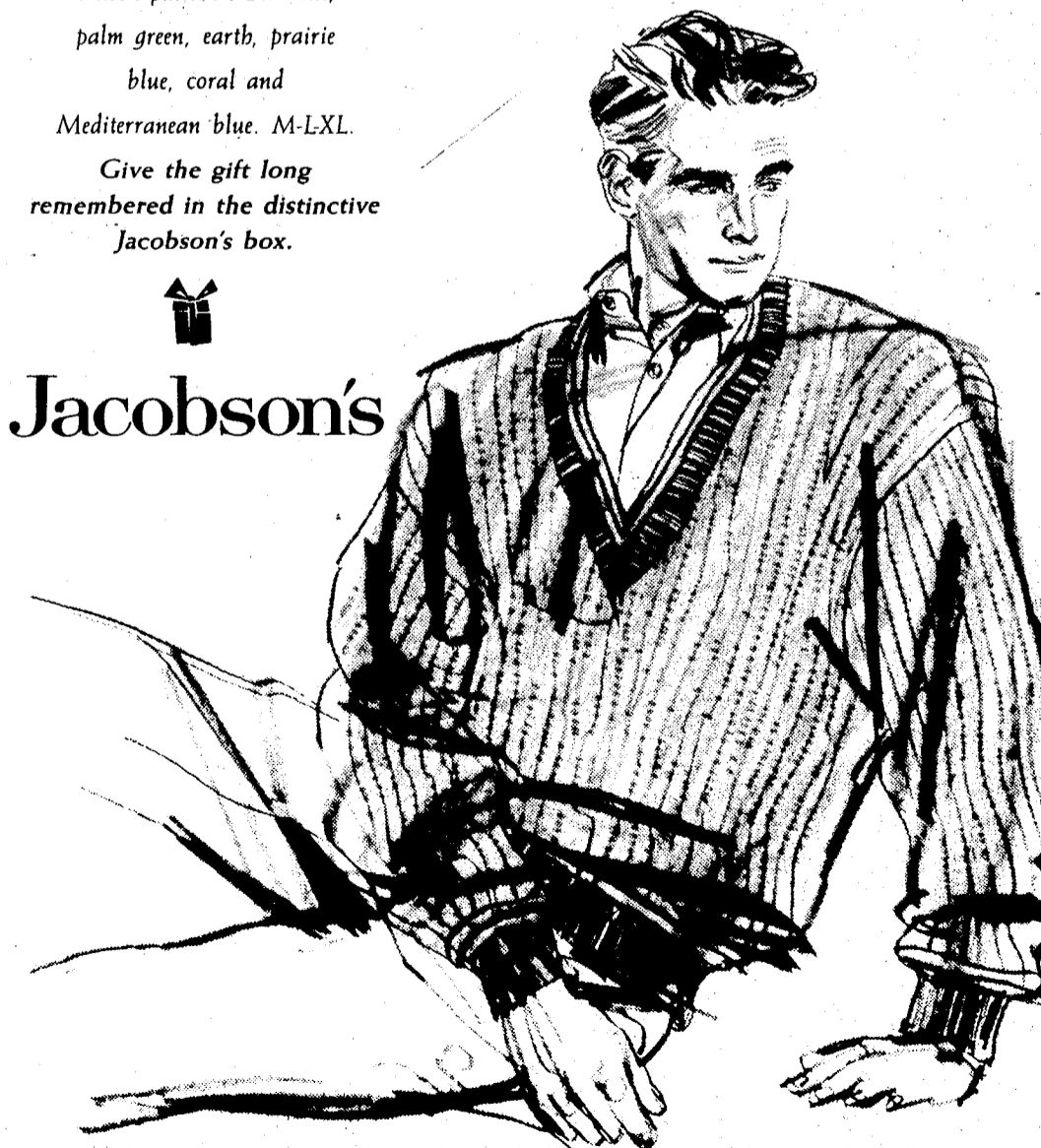
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Johnson Elementary class help students in Florida

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

Carolyn Jackson, third grade teacher at Johnson Elementary School, couldn't imagine what it would be like teaching school without such school supplies as paper and books.

She read about the devastation which hit southern Florida in the wake of Hurricane Andrew. She heard about one school — Campbell Drive Elementary near Homestead — where soldiers had to spend days just cleaning out debris left inside by the storm. The hurricane destroyed most of the furnishings and school supplies in the school.

And so in October when Jackson was getting ready to attend

the state convention of the teaching sorority of which she is the Michigan president, Alpha Delta Kappa, she came up with an idea. Why not ask every teacher to along a school item that could be sent to Florida at Christmas?

She did, and the teachers willingly obliged. Besides school items, she had even collected \$600 by the time the convention ended.

Jackson's idea then spread like wildfire among her colleagues in the Livonia school district. Other teachers and school district suppliers donated box after box of supplies, and the boxes piled up at the school on Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburgh.

Then educators in other districts heard of Jackson's drive

and began sending supplies, which will go to both teachers and students.

By last Friday, well over 100 boxes were stacked at the school. And on Friday, the boxes were all piled into a Salvation Army truck, to be delivered sometime next week to the Florida school.

Inside the boxes are bulletin boards, books, pencils, crayons, paper, notebooks, backpacks, materials, for science courses, just about anything that a teacher or student could conceivably use during the school day.

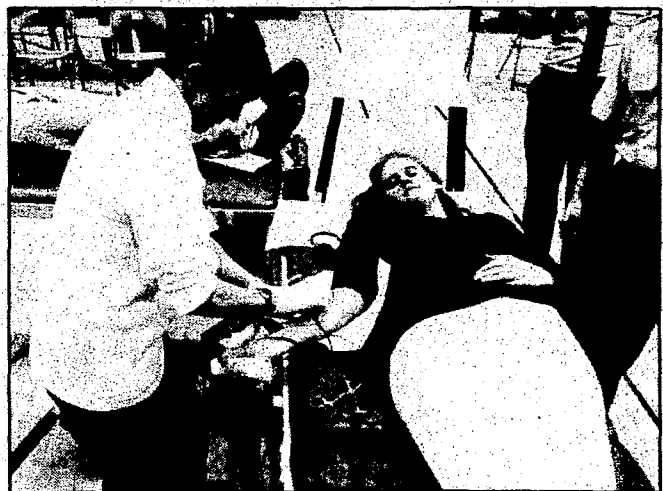
"I just couldn't comprehend being a teacher and having to teach school without these things," Jackson said.



ART EMANUELE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Help on the way: More than 100 boxes were stacked inside Livonia's Johnson Elementary last week, awaiting shipment to a school near Homestead, Fla. The boxes are filled with school supplies, all destined for a school devastated by Hurricane Andrew.

Gift of Life



ART EMANUELE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Blood drive: Students and staff at Churchill High School lined up to give blood last week. Here, nurse Mary Lampman gets ready to take the blood of Kristina Firth. Some 130 people tried to donate blood; all but 18 were accepted, said Cadet 1st Lt. Chris Pelczar of Churchill's Air Force Junior ROTC. The blood drive was co-sponsored by the Red Cross and the ROTC. Anyone who wants to donate blood can do so at the Livonia Donor Center, Bell Creek Office Plaza, 29691 W. Six Mile Road, Suite 100C, Livonia.

Report reveals inequities among schools

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A new report suggesting ways to combat the inequities among Wayne-Westland schools, particularly eight elementaries, has been released by a committee that studied the problem.

The report singles out the elementaries of Jefferson, Lincoln, Vandenberg, Hicks, Titus, Monroe, Roosevelt-McGrath and Taft as needing more money and services to make them comparable to other schools.

Many recommendations from the 21-member committee of school administrators focus on ways to address the disparity of schools, especially older buildings. But the report also suggests more money for classroom supplies, libraries and counseling services.

"We have great needs that exist in all of our schools," said Norine Blake, associate superintendent for instruction, planning and student services.

After receiving the report, some school board members said it should place less emphasis on building repairs and, instead, focus more on school instructional programs.

Moreover, board president Leonard Posey pointed out the need to examine new programs, such as providing breakfast for students.

"We have children coming to school hungry in certain buildings more than in others," he said.

Board member Fred Warmbier raised concerns that some student textbooks are nearly 20 years old.

"We've been sleeping or something," he said. "It's terrible."

The committee in August began looking at school populations and comparing the poorer and wealthier schools, among other issues. The panel revised its report several times, and more changes are expected before the board votes to accept it.

Among the committee's recommendations:

- Improve and increase services for all schools in the areas of personnel, supplies and maintenance.
- Provide special services and more money for the eight elementaries singled out.
- Maintain minimum standards for building repairs and appearance.
- Increase per-pupil spending.

■ Use outside contractors to speed up school maintenance and repairs.

■ Provide each principal with a school discretionary fund.

■ Pump more district money into field trips, assemblies, computers and other areas, decreasing the need for fund-raisers and donations from parent-teacher groups and booster clubs.

■ Increase money for libraries and counseling services.

■ Monitor the maintenance department for ways to save money and improve services.

■ Allow site-based management for principals and school teams, who would have more say in how a school's budget is spent.

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That subsection 98.02 (E) of Chapter 98 of Title IX of the Code of the City of Garden City be amended to read as follows:

98.02 (E):
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Except as herein modified, said ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

This amendatory ordinance shall take effect upon publication as required by law.

JIM A. PLAKAS, Mayor
RONALD D. SHOWALTER,
City Clerk-Treasurer

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S'craft board chair heads for the bench

Family, friends and colleagues — some 250 strong — gathered last week to celebrate Jeanne Stempien's elevation to the Wayne County Circuit Court.

The former chairwoman of the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees is the second Stempien to take a seat on the Wayne County Circuit bench. Her brother-in-law, Marvin, a Plymouth Township resident and former state representative from Livonia, also sits on the circuit court.

Stempien, who lives in Northville Township, pledged that "all people will be treated with dignity and respect in my courtroom."

"She promised to be the kind of judge that 'you will be proud of.'"

Stempien praised the Wayne County bench for its efficiency and quality of justice. She thanked family, friends and supporters, along with fellow attorneys, women's organization and union members for their help and support throughout the long campaign.

She singled out her colleagues in the legal field for their dedication and hardwork.

"I'm proud to say I am a trial attorney," said Stempien.

Stempien is among three women who were elected to the circuit court in November. Also elected were Denise Page Hood and Diane M. Hathaway.

Stempien, a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn and the Detroit College of Law, is a former teacher. She practiced law with her husband, Greg, at Stempien & Stempien in Livonia.

Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell praised Stempien's efforts as an attorney, board chair, teacher, wife and mother.

McDowell lauded her leadership and research skills and her balancing of professional, personal and public commitments.

In an emotional swearing in, brother-in-law Marvin Stempien, praised Jeanne Nozewski Stempien for her hard work and accomplishments. Both are the second generation offspring of Eastern European immigrants.

"We all know you'll continue to make us proud," said Marvin Stempien, straining to retain his composure.

The Stempien family has pro-



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Judicial congratulations: Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Jeanne Stempien smiles broadly after being introduced. Also on the podium are (from left) Wayne County Circuit Court judges Marvin Stempien (Jeanne's brother-in-law), James Mies of Livonia and Richard Kaufman, chief judge of the court and a Plymouth Township resident.

duced six attorneys — two are judges, and others who have excelled in education, business and medicine.

The ceremony was a family celebration. Stempien's parents, Louise and Bernard Nozewski presented her with a judicial robe. Her daughter, Nicole Gardner, gave her the gavel. Her brother, Kenneth Nozewski, presented her with the certificate of election while sister, Laura M. Bertus, an attorney, introduced members of the judiciary. Stempien's son, Eric, introduced the public officials and special guests at last Wednesday's swearing in ceremony.

Handling program duties at the swearing-in was Westland District Court Judge Gail McKnight. Also on hand were U.S. Rep. William D. Ford, a longtime Stempien family friend and out-going state Rep. James Kosteva, D-Canton Township.



Proud parents: Bernard and Louise Nozewski present their daughter, Jeanne Stempien, with her judicial robe at last week's ceremony in Schoolcraft's Waterman Campus Center.



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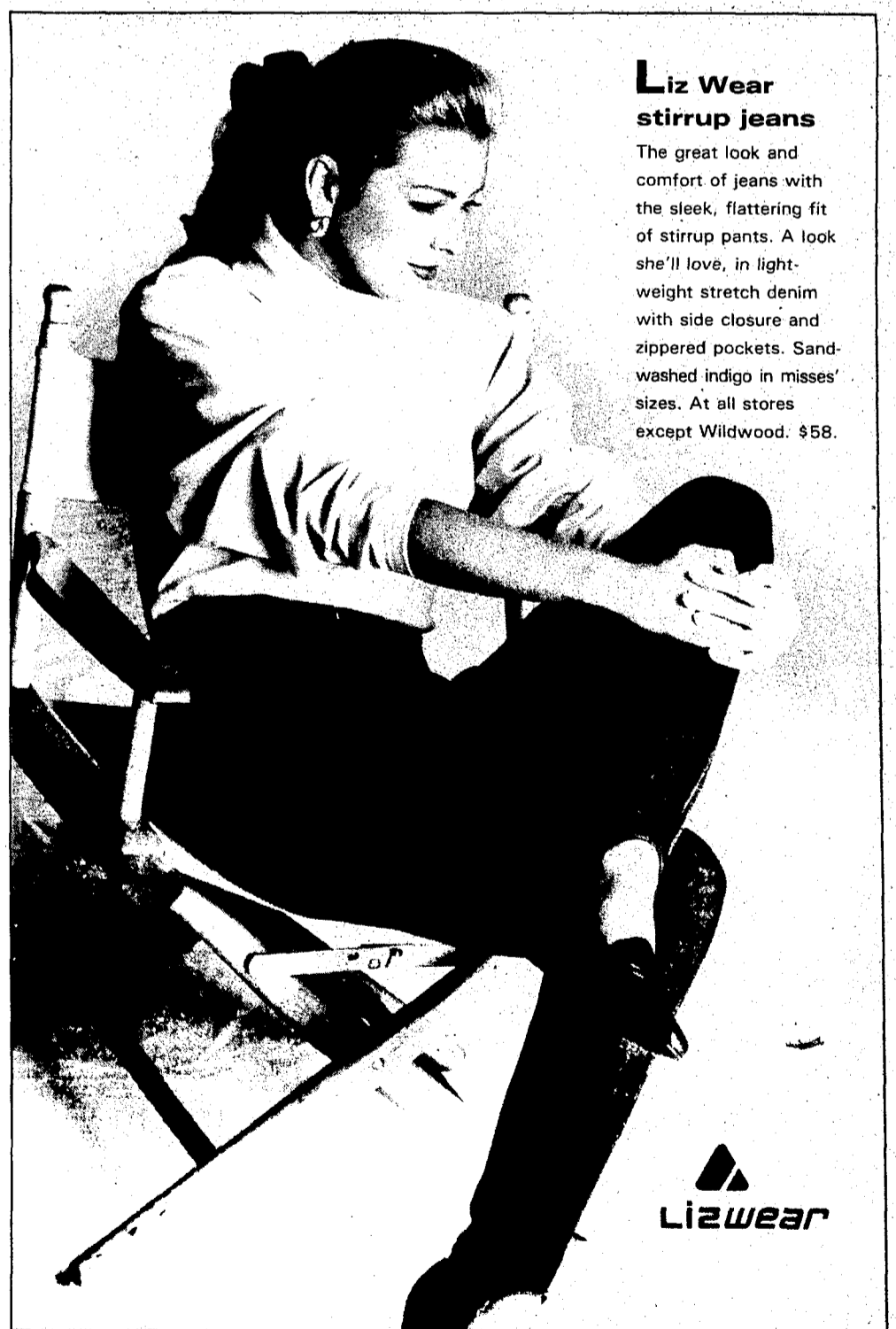
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OBITUARIES

SUZANNE GERMEK

Services for Mrs. Germek, 55, a longtime Garden City teacher and Farmington resident, were held Dec. 15 from the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington with interment in Glen Eden Cemetery. Fr. Leonard Partensky officiated.

Mrs. Germek died unexpectedly of cardiac arrest Dec. 11 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills. Born Dec. 8, 1937, in Kokomo, Ind., she lived in Allen Park before moving to Farmington 29 years ago. She joined the Garden City school district faculty in 1961 as an English teacher. She had been on a disability leave for the past three years because of poor health. She received her bachelor's degree from Ball State University in 1960, was a past president of the Farmington Area Jaycees' Auxiliary, member of the Michigan Education Association and was a volunteer for senior citizens and reading programs.

Survivors are Joseph, her husband of 31 years; daughter Karen Germek of Florida; son Michael of Farmington, and sister Sally Jane Griffith of New Castle, Ind.

Memorials may be sent to the American Diabetes Association, 23100 Providence Dr., Suite 400, Southfield 48075.

LORETTA POPKEY

Services for Mrs. Popkey, 70, of Garden City were held Dec. 7 from St. Raphael Catholic Church, Garden City, with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Rev. Edward Prus officiated.

Mrs. Popkey died Dec. 3 in Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit. Born June 27, 1922, in Edwarsville, Pa., she was a homemaker.

She is survived by husband Kenneth; one brother; one sister and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by the R. G. and G. R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City.

RUTH E. TORESON

Services for Mrs. Toreson, 75, of Garden City were held Dec. 4 from the R. G. and G. R. Funeral Home, Garden City, with burial in Michigan Memorial Park Cemetery. Officiating was Virgil Bracwell of the Parkside Church of

Christ.

Mrs. Toreson died of cancer Dec. 2 in her residence. Born Aug. 29, 1917, in Detroit, she was a cemetery manager and cemetery salesperson for Michigan Memorial Park Cemetery in Flat Rock, Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland, and Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

Survivors are daughters Carolyn Seymour of Livonia; sons James of Mountain View, Cal., Bernard of Gardnerville, Nev., Ralph of Garden City and John of Tomball, Texas; 11 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

HELEN F. WILL

Services for Mrs. Will, 81, of Westland were held Dec. 3 from the R. G. and G. R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City, with burial in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Dr. David Hay of Calvary Baptist Church in Canton Township officiated.

Mrs. Hill died of cancer Nov. 30 in Westland Convalescent Center after a lengthy illness. She was born Dec. 24, 1910, in Dublin, Ky., was a homemaker and lived in the area for many years.

Survivors are son Donald of Westland; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, and three sisters.

GERTRUDE C. HUNT

Services for Mrs. Hunt, 76, of Westland were held Dec. 5 from the R. G. and G. R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City with burial in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Rev. Ralph Fischer officiated.

Mrs. Hunt died Dec. 3 in Four Chaplains Nursing Home, Westland. Born Jan. 21, 1916, she was a 20-year Westland resident and a homemaker.

Survivors are daughters Carol Andre of Detroit, Charlene Hansen of Westland and Lili of Westland; son Richard of Westland; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers and one sister.

DONALD LAVELL DELANEY

Services for Mr. Delaney, 74, of Westland were held Nov. 28 from the R. G. and G. R. Harris Funer-

al Home, Garden City, with burial in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi. Pastor Jerry Yarnell of St. Michael Lutheran Church, Canton Township, officiated.

Mr. Delaney died Nov. 25 in Hope Convalescent Center after a lengthy illness. Born July 31, 1918, in Rector, Ark.; he was an auto assembly assembler and a long-time local resident.

Survivors are son Donald of Belleville.

ANTHONY MARSCHALL

Services for Mr. Marschall, 84, of Westland were held Nov. 28 from the R. G. and G. R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City, with burial in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Rev. Gary Damon of the First United Methodist Church of Garden City officiated.

Mr. Marshall died Nov. 24 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. Born Sept. 8, 1908, in Cleveland, he was a Ford Motor Co. repairman for 32 years and a long-time local resident.

Survivors are wife Helen; daughter Linda Ehrhart of Gar-

den City; sons Larry of Livonia and Anthony of Garden City; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three brothers and two sisters.

MARY LOUISE SKIVINGTON

Services for Mrs. Skivington, 75, of Westland were held Nov. 28 from Langeland Memorial Chapel in Portage, Mich. with burial in Burial in Central Portage Cemetery. The Rev. Charles Hulbert officiated.

Mrs. Skivington died Nov. 24 at home after a lengthy illness. She was born May 15, 1917, in Seaforth, Del., was a Sears Roebuck salesperson, a former resident in the Kalamazoo area, and a long-time local resident.

Survivors are daughters Patricia Yonker of Westland and Margaret Lafora of Portage; sons John of Greenville, Mich., and many grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the R. G. and G. R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City.

ROBERT D. HARDING

Services for Mr. Harding, 58, of

Westland were held Dec. 14 from the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland. Mr. Harding Dec. 11.

Survivors are wife Geraldine; daughters Linda, Janet Doering, and Barbara; sons Donald, Brian and Russell, and grandchild Wesley.

RICHARD J. KESSLER

Services for Mr. Kessler, 76, of Westland were held Dec. 14 from St. John Lutheran Church, Westland, with interment in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia. The Rev. Keith Schreiner officiated.

Mr. Kessler died Dec. 9.

Survivors are wife Joanne; son Richard, Jr.; daughters Pamela Cova and Katherine Harris; grandchildren Stephanie, Justin, Donald and Jeremy, and sisters Lydia Bragenzar, Martha Dorow, Emma Bragenzar and Esther Nie-man.

Memorials may be donated to St. Lutheran Lutheran Church. Arrangements were by Uht Funeral Home, Westland.

JOAN CARPENTER

Services for Mrs. Carpenter of Westland were held Dec. 19 from First Congregational Church, Wayne, with interment was in Michigan Memorial Park. The Rev. Robert Millar officiated.

Mrs. Carpenter died Dec. 14. Survivors are sons John, Jay and Jeffrey, and seven grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Uht Funeral Home, Westland.

SARA G. THOMAS

Services for Mrs. Thomas, 74, of Westland were held Dec. 17 from Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with interment in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

Mrs. Thomas died Dec. 14. Survivors are husband, Richard; son, Charles of Plymouth; daughter, June Bolig of Westland; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and sisters, Margaret Sanholtz and Martha Clark, both of Sunbury, Pa.

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Airport noise: Commission fumbles, McNamara scores

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County commissioners, many of whom complain that county executive Edward McNamara grabs all the headlines, handed him one Thursday when they couldn't agree on an airport noise-abatement ordinance.

Now, says deputy executive Michael Duggan, McNamara will put in place by executive order what the commission voted down last week.

The commission gave McNamara the power to do so by passing a "resolution" about noise abatement procedures, said commissioner Bryan Amann, D-Wayne, who also represents Canton.

Commissioners could have compelled McNamara to comply with the resolution if they passed any of the three ordinances that they voted on, which would have given the resolution the force of law.

"We're not going to wait for the political bickering of the commission to settle out," Duggan said, adding that McNamara has ordered that agreements be reached with Dearborn's two anti-noise groups and that the noise-abatement procedures be put in place as soon as possible.



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Bryan Amann
county commissioner



■ The ordinances co-sponsored by Westland Democrat Kay Beard and three other suburban commissioners failed by one vote.

visory committee to review noise problems and make recommendations to McNamara.

All of that, plus a multi-million-dollar expansion of Metro, is supposed to be paid for with a recently approved \$3-per-passenger tax on airlines and with money from the federal Aviation Trust Fund.

Lost by one vote

Regarding the noise-abatement rules, the county commission

could have got the credit for them if it had passed an ordinance last week.

That failure was largely blamed on commissioner Susan Hubbard, D-Dearborn, who chaired the aircraft noise committee.

Hubbard submitted a proposed ordinance purely her own, while the remaining noise committee members co-sponsored the other two ordinances. Hubbard opposed their ordinances and they opposed hers.

This was crucial because the

ordinances sponsored by Amann, Kevin Kelley, D-Redford, Kay Beard, D-Westland, and downriver commissioner Edward Boike, failed by one vote.

(Hubbard's ordinance was referred to committee.) Amann accused Hubbard Friday of playing politics with the airport noise issue. "Susan Hubbard, for personal political reasons, is responsible for Wayne County not doing all we can do to solve our noise problem," he said. "Because Susan Hubbard couldn't get every-

thing she wanted, her attitude was, 'We'll get nothing.' "I think she's afraid to lose this soapbox. Apparently, she enjoys the publicity."

Hubbard said, "I can't think of anyone who likes to be on soapboxes more than Mr. Amann. We passed a resolution, and that's what they wanted. I don't know why they're complaining."

Hubbard's proposed ordinance would have prohibited the airlines from using any more of the

really noisy jets at Metro than they use right now.

Really noisy jets

This is contrary to Federal Aviation Administration rules, which outlaw the really noisy jets after Dec. 31, 1999, but don't prohibit airlines from using more of them before the deadline.

Only commissioner Maurice Breen, R-Plymouth, supported Hubbard's ordinance. "There's not going to be a significant reduction in noise until you get these planes changed," he said.

McNamara, Amann and Kelley said that the FAA might have cut off federal airport aid to the county if Hubbard's plan was adopted. "I don't think it's in our best interest to take on the FAA," Kelley said. "By trying to go over and above the FAA we're playing with fire."

The other two failed ordinances would have enacted the aforementioned resolution into law, started an "awareness program" for pilots, established a citizens airport advisory committee, and required that the really noisy aircraft be banned from Metro after Dec. 31, 1999.

Few complaints

Although complaints about aircraft noise are down 80 percent since new routes in and out of Metro were instituted Nov. 30, Duggan said, McNamara isn't satisfied.

Among the things to be done are:

- Buying out hundreds of homeowners near the airport in Romulus and Huron Township.
- Soundproofing other houses that aren't quite as close to the airport.
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McNamara waves flag for Blanchard

By PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

Former Gov. James Blanchard has received a strong endorsement as Secretary of Transportation in the cabinet of President-elect Bill Clinton.

That endorsement came Thursday from Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara when he was addressing the City Centre Optimist Club at the Radisson Hotel in Southfield.

The Wayne County executive's talk was informal consisting mainly of McNamara giving his views on a wide range of topics.

"Blanchard is a very capable and qualified person," said McNamara, who first became acquainted with Blanchard in 1970, when McNamara was running for lieutenant governor as Sander Levin's running mate.

Blanchard was his driver, McNamara said. And their association grew as Blanchard became a U.S. representative from Pleasant Ridge and later a two-term governor of Michigan.

Clinton is expected to name his pick for Secretary of Transportation this week and Blanchard is reportedly on the short, short list.

Blanchard has some stiff competition, however. The other commonly mentioned name is William Daley, a Chicago banker who is the brother of politically powerful Richard M. Daley, mayor of the Windy City.

Transportation secretary is an important post, said McNamara. "That secretary is able to control everything that moves . . . as well as the dollars that make things move."

Backing Blanchard

McNamara said he is backing Blanchard for numerous reasons, including discussions in the Chicago area about a third airport. "I'm concerned (if Daley is selected over Blanchard) because (federal) dollars that should go to Metro (airport) will be diverted to Illinois."

Wayne County has plans for upgrading Metro Airport, McNamara said, and turning it into a world-class airport. Those plans would need all the federal dollars available.

McNamara said he and other Michigan Democrats have informed Clinton of their support for Blanchard. They also believe Blanchard has a good chance of winning the position because of their early — and steadfast — support for Clinton during the campaign.

"We were with him through Jennifer Flowers and discussion about his draft status," said McNamara, referring to two issues to haunt the Arkansas governor throughout the campaign.

Clinton carried Michigan in the Democratic primary and the Nov. 3 general election — something McNamara thought would weigh in Blanchard's favor.

Other Democrats, however, note that William Daley also has some heavy political ammunition, namely ties to the Democratic machine of Chicago which helped Clinton carry Illinois.

On other issues

McNamara's talk dealt with a



'That secretary is able to control everything that moves . . . as well as the dollars that make things move.'

Ed McNamara

team and buy peanuts from Monaghan."

■ On Mike Ilitch, the new owner of the Tigers. "He's more civic minded," said McNamara. "He's interested in the future of Detroit as well as his own interests."

■ On casino gambling in Detroit. "Casino gambling isn't a moral issue. If it were, we'd have to get rid of the lottery, raffles and bingo in Catholic churches," said McNamara, who is Catholic. "Casino gambling in Detroit makes sense. What doesn't make sense is businesses in Detroit or Southfield putting guests on buses to go over to Windsor to gamble."

■ On the lack of political leadership from Gov. John Engler, Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young and his office. "Each of us is afraid to take a stand because the other two might take the opposite view. The only way is for all three of us to get into a room and not come out until we have a (consensus) position . . . either for or against casino gambling."

■ On financially strapped Highland Park Community College. "It's just not going to make it. It will probably be closed."

wide range of issues, such as:

■ Clinton's economic summit in Little Rock. "I'm impressed," he said. "That's a good approach and just what we need."

■ U.S. Rep. Bob Carr, who has helped metro get millions of federal dollars for its expansion. "He's more important to us than Bill Clinton," said McNamara.

■ On Bo Schembechler when he and Wayne County were negotiating about a new baseball stadium. He talked to us "like he was talking to (college) kids worried about their scholarships. That's the only way he knows."

■ On Tom Monaghan, former owner of the Detroit Tigers. "Monaghan wanted (for a stadium) an island, an oasis, surrounded with a 12-foot fence with barbed wire on the top. He wanted fans who would drive off the freeway, watch Monaghan's

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POINTS OF VIEW

Story aids understanding

Uncle Jimmy. When my husband and I were dating, he'd hand us the key to his cabin in the woods to use for the day.

When we travelled to Europe on our honeymoon, he presented us with currency from each country we'd visit, so we'd have it on arrival.

When we were struggling newly-weds in graduate school at Columbia University in New York City, he'd fly in to take us out to a sleek Manhattan bistro and to theater.

On our first anniversary, he found out what restaurant we picked to celebrate, called and ordered champagne for us and had the whole tab charged to him.

This graduate of the Wharton School of Business of the University of Pennsylvania worked himself up the corporate ladder to become vice president of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Ohio.

Single, he lived in an elegant penthouse apartment, filled with art and antiques purchased from friends and on his travels.

And his gift for gardening was evident in the flowers and plants he nur-



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tured both inside and on the encircling patio.

That's where he was found murdered, nearly 25 years ago, at the age of 62. He was the victim of what police believe was a crime perpetrated by another homosexual.

Yes, Uncle Jimmy was homosexual. Most of his family didn't know that — or, if they suspected, didn't pursue it.

He felt forced to live a lifestyle that was hidden from his straight friends and family, with whom he was otherwise very close.

Evenings and weekends, he drank too much, and when he drank, he cried easily.

I later found out that he turned down a promotion which would have put him at the top of the Ohio "Blues". He was afraid it would hurt the organization if his homosexuality ever became public.

As people opposed to the Birmingham schools' three class hours of information on homosexuality sounded their myths and stereotypes at a public hearing last Tuesday night, I thought about Uncle Jimmy.

I thought about his caring, intelligence, his wide range of interests.

I thought also about his torment, a torment which he didn't feel he could share even with his own family. It was a torment that led to his death.

Myths and stereotypes feed on themselves. The Birmingham Schools' are offering young people a chance to help break that syndrome. And, they are giving people like Uncle Jimmy a chance to live with grace and dignity, instead of having to be ashamed of what they are.

Judith Doner Berne is assistant managing editor for the Oakland County editions of the Observer & Eccentric. She may be reached by dialing 644-1100, Ext. 242.

Season focuses in on plight of needy

It was the best of times.

It was the worst of times.

We all know someone who will remember this holiday season with one or the other of these classic lines. For some, the season will be one of great joy and abundance. For others, it will be a season of struggle and despair.

Of course, none of this is new. It goes on every holiday season — in fact, it goes on every single day of the year. It seems this time of the year just brings it into much sharper focus. The nightly news brings us the disquieting images of the downtrodden in their struggle to find a warm bed and a hot meal, let alone chestnuts roasting on an open fire. The same news show will usually close with a feature about a store like Neiman-Marcus offering a life-size Rolls Royce made out of solid Godiva chocolate for only \$495,000.

More than any other time, the holidays show that we live in a world of extremes.

Ironically, the richest country on Earth is inhabited by some very poor people. Our economic diversity ranges from multi-billionaires to people who live in cardboard boxes. The vast majority of us fall somewhere in between.

The canyon-esque financial disparity is not the only measure of difference among us. There are people of every economic status who suffer from poverty of health or spirit who are also in dire need of assistance. Lack of money isn't the only thing which makes us poor, just as abundance of money isn't the only thing which makes us rich.

Even in these tough economic times, there are a great many gifts we may possess which can be shared with those less fortunate: gifts such as time, talent or compassion. Most of us have something to offer, even if it is only a few moments of conversation with a lonely neighbor. We can all do a lot more than we give ourselves credit for.

I don't mean to come across as Santa's Bummer Elf or the Ghost of



GARY BELANGER

Christmas Depressant, and I'm not going to dump a sleighful of guilt down your chimney. This is just a reminder, mostly to myself, to work on the "Peace on Earth, goodwill towards men" part of the business, even though that concept seems all but impossible after a December Saturday at the mall. Those words must have been written before the invention of the pre-Christmas clearance sale.

This year I am hopeful of offering more than my good intentions. I am hopeful of counting among my blessings the knowledge that I have done said something to ease somebody's trouble. Most of all, I am hopeful that if I hear myself saying, "I've got enough to do just to take care of my own," I'll remember who that includes.

I know the crush of the season is filled with so many reminders of the hardship of others that it is impossible not to think about it. I know we can't put a buck in every kettle in front of every store, so we usually brush past the Salvation Army bell ringer, giving nothing more than an apologetic half-smile and an incoherent mumble. I know none of us is capable of solving all of the world's problems on our own, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't do something.

Gary Belanger is a Redford Township resident and school board trustee. His column appears periodically. To reach Belanger from a touch tone phone, call 953-2047 mailbox number 1890.

Students exhibit creative writing

Some of the excuses we teachers receive for student absences are a riot. We share a few with you.

In a holiday spirit, it's a good time to lighten up a bit so here are a couple of your absentee notes from kids that I had on file.

■ Please excuse John for being absent Jan. 30, 31, 32 and dd.

■ Chris was absent because he had an acre in his side.

■ Joe was absent yesterday because he had a stomach.

■ Please excuse Joey Friday. He had loose vowels.

■ Mary could not go to school because she was bothered by very loose veins.

■ John was absent because he has two teeth taken out of his face.

■ My son is under doctor's care and should not take PHYS. ED. Please excuse him.

■ Carl was hit yesterday playing football. He was hurt in the growing part.



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■ Please excuse Joyce from Jim today. She is administrating.

■ Ralph was absent yesterday because of a sore trout.

■ Please excuse Blache's absence yesterday. She fell out of a tree and misplaced her hip.

■ Please excuse Wayne for being out yesterday. He had the fuel.

■ Mark was kept home yesterday because he had a loose system.

Needless to say, excuses of this nature are usually written by the children, the future of our nation. As a teacher I received my share of creative written excuse masterpieces. How, as a teacher and a principal, I used to "love" seeing them blush and squirm when I would read the note back to them in a skeptical tone and with a smile on my face.

And, because most kids are good people, the majority would live up to their folly once I suggested a phone call to their parents to verify the authenticity of their "illness."

James "Doc" Doyle, a former teacher/school administrator/university instructor, is president of Doyle and Associates, an educational consulting firm. To leave a message for him from a touch tone phone, please call 953-2047 mailbox 1856.

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SC board sets interviews for 16 trustee candidates

Sixteen people have applied for two vacancies on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees.

Trustees are expected to interview all applicants at special meetings at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 6, 13 and 20, on the college's Livonia campus on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads.

New board members will be sworn in Jan. 27.

The applicants are Catherine A. Broadbent of Westland, Malcolm D. Campbell of Plymouth, Richard J. DeVries of Livonia, Winifred D. Fraser of Northville Township, Carole J. Goodfellow of Livonia, Elizabeth M. Johnson of Plymouth, James C. McCann of Livonia, David M. Ozog of Livonia, Kathleen E. Payne of Plymouth Township, Robert L. Place of Plymouth, Bruce C. Patterson of Canton Township, Lawrence J. Regan of Livonia, Arthur A. Rockall of Northville, Donald L. Smith of Plymouth Township, Christopher T. Vary of Canton Township and John J. Walsh of Livonia.

Broadbent is a graduate of Schoolcraft College and Madonna University. She is the human resources director for Plymouth Township. She holds a bachelor of science degree in business management.

Campbell is a dentist in Dearborn. He is a member of the Schoolcraft College Foundation. He holds degrees from Wayne State University and the University of Detroit.

DeVries, a retired teacher, is active in the Livonia Arts Commission and Livonia Optimist Club. He holds degrees from WSU, Eastern Michigan University and the University of Michigan.

Fraser is retired from Lutz Associates. She received her bachel-

or's master's and doctorate from WSU. She is a peer counselor at the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft. She is a former member of the Livonia YMCA Board of Directors and serves on the WDET Community Advisory Board and the Western Michigan University Board of Trustees. She is a member of the Women's Economic Club.

Goodfellow attends Schoolcraft College and will earn a degree from Northwood Institute. She is a court reporter for the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Johnson, a member of the Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center Women's Advisory Council, holds a bachelor's degree from Kalamazoo College and a law degree from Loyola University. She is a member of the Plymouth BPW.

McCann, an attorney, is president of the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board. He serves on the Livonia Planning Commission and is a member of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.

Ozog, a student at the U-M, attended Schoolcraft College. He is a marketing and healthcare consultant.

Patterson, an attorney, is the director of planned giving at EMU. He earned his bachelor's and law degrees at WSU. He is a member of the chambers of commerce in Livonia, Plymouth, Canton and Northville. He also is a member of the Canton Rotary.

Payne attended Michigan State University, EMU and the U-M. She is a professor at Detroit College of Law.

Place is retired from General Motors where he was a manager of quality engineering. A graduate of General Motors Institute, he did graduate work at Butler University.

Regan, a financial consultant for Merrill Lynch, attended Western Michigan University.

Rochall, a retired automotive designer, is a Schoolcraft College graduate and a senior at WSU.

Smith is employed by Ford Motor Co in Dearborn as an education systems associate. He is a doctoral candidate at WSU. He holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Cleveland State University and a master's in industrial engineering.

Vary is a student at Schoolcraft College.

Walsh, an attorney, holds a bachelor's degree from the James Madison College at Michigan State University and a law degree from WSU. He is a member of Livonia Jaycees.

Schoolcraft College is comprised of the school districts of Livonia, Plymouth-Canton, Northville, Garden City and Clarenceville.

The two vacancies occurred after the election in November of Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia to the Wayne County Board of Commissioners and Jeanne Stempien to Wayne County Circuit Court. Both will assume their new jobs Jan. 1.

McCotter, an attorney, has served on the board since 1989; Stempien, the former board chair, was a trustee since 1985.

The newly appointed board members must face the voters June 14 to keep their jobs. Current Trustee Patricia Watson of Northville Township, who was appointed to fill a vacancy in October 1991, will also be up for election.

Other board members are Mary Breen of Plymouth Township, Steve Ragan of Plymouth, Harry Greenleaf of Livonia and Michael Burley of Canton Township.

Madonna registration continues

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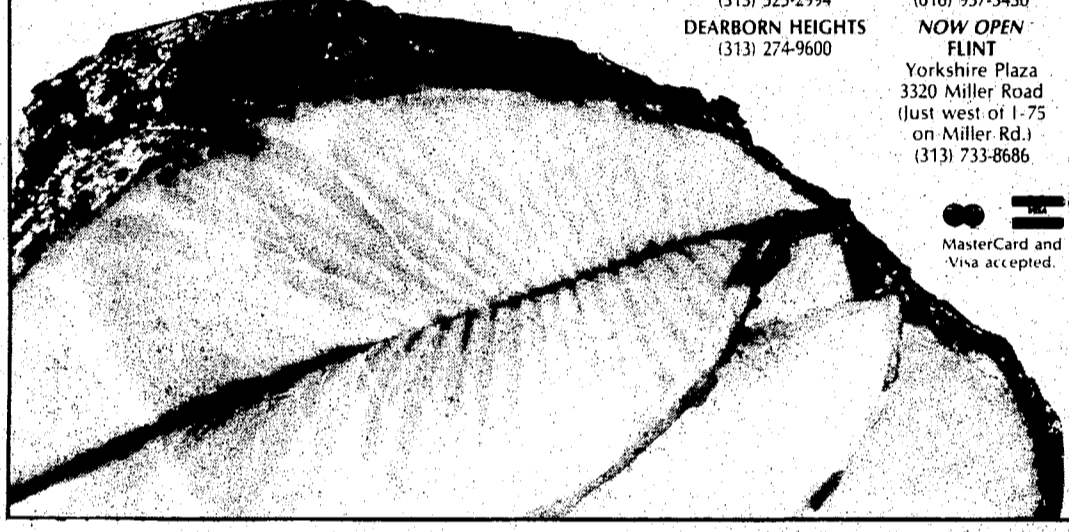
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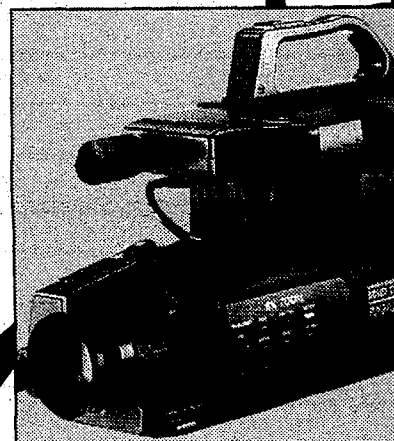
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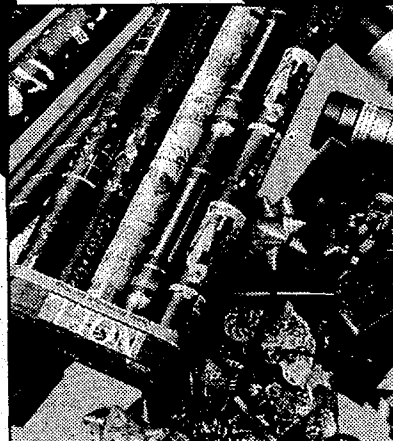
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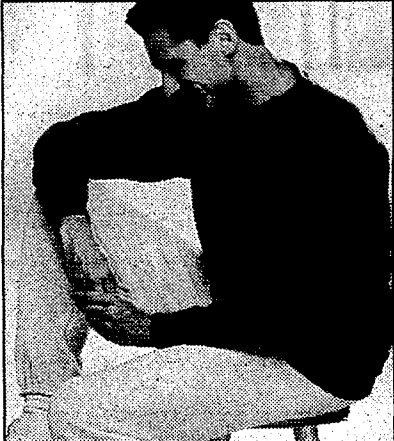
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Warm mixed drinks perfect for wintertime

Anytime of the year is a good time for a well mixed drink, but wintertime is particularly good for a well mixed hot drink. Now we're not talking hot Ovaltine here folks. Let's refer to these confections as pres-ski drinks that are sure to warm the heart as well as the soul.

Of course, these drinks are not limited to the likes of Jean-Claude Killy and Suzie Chaffee. (Olympic skiers) Let it be known that these drinks were enjoyed by the sedentary couch potato as well as the winter sportsman in our family.

A close relative, who acknowledges the fact that she was not born with a spatula and whisk in her hand, found these recipes delectable and easy to prepare. (This was after reminding her that if one can manage day after day to blend satisfactory amounts of cream and sugar into their morning coffee, one can manage these recipes!)

Measure carefully

When preparing warm potables, be sure to measure all ingredients carefully. Try not to imitate those free pouring bartenders who trust the lick of a wrist and the tip in their pocket.

The subtle blend of flavors that make a warm mixed drink memorable results from a precise combination of ingredients. Use standard measures like teaspoons and jiggers, ounces, cups or liters.

When multiplying quantities for party drinking, try and be as mathematically accurate as possible.

Use fresh ingredients

For the best in concoctions, use the very freshest of ingredients. A fresh squeezed orange will have triple the effect and taste from a quart of re-concentrated flavored water that was sitting in your freezer for one month.

The surviving half jug of wine left over from the holidays will not not have the flavor and kick of a just opened bottle.

Unless a recipe advises to the contrary, don't slice fruit until just before serving. Oxidation will detract from the taste you so painstakingly tried to achieve.

You don't have to use premium wines and liquors because blending overpowers the subtleties that give premium brands their characteristic qualities. On the other hand, cheap substitutes will come off tasting too art or annic so it's best to use a "middle of the road" bottle for making the best.

Serve the drink in a suitable glass, cup or mug and be sure that it is sparkling clean, free from any soap or dishwasher residue. A preheated cup is a real treat.

If you have a microwave and icrowaveable cups, wrap them in a damp bath towel and place in a microwave on high power for 1 minute. Watch out, the towel will be hot! There's little argument that a hot sangria just doesn't make it in a plastic Care Bears' mug

Heating ingredients

Heat your ingredients very carefully. Slow heating will give your flavors time to marry, but boiling will drive away the flavor and will leave a "urnt" fertaste.

Boiling also causes the alcohol to evaporate; the result being a unchless punch! Ah, W.C. Fields would have been proud!

For large parties, crock pots wrapped in tree oodles and kept at low heat will keep enough warm oddies at just the perfect temperature for a crowd while a good insulated thermos will keep the mixture sizzling for a romantic ete-tete.

An insulated coffee arafe or thermos will retain the heat even longer if first rinsed with boiling water.

The hostess at Vic Tanny's in Plymouth shared her favorite recipe for authentic Tom and Jerry's Cocktail on a recent visit and it was a sure hit at a recent Janes Gang party.

Darcy is the early morning reeter, and when I mentioned that I was putting together this column, she volunteered to share this old-time favorite.

Prepared with a blend of brandy whiskey and boiling water, the secret is in the batter that tops off steaming mugs.

Festive garnishes

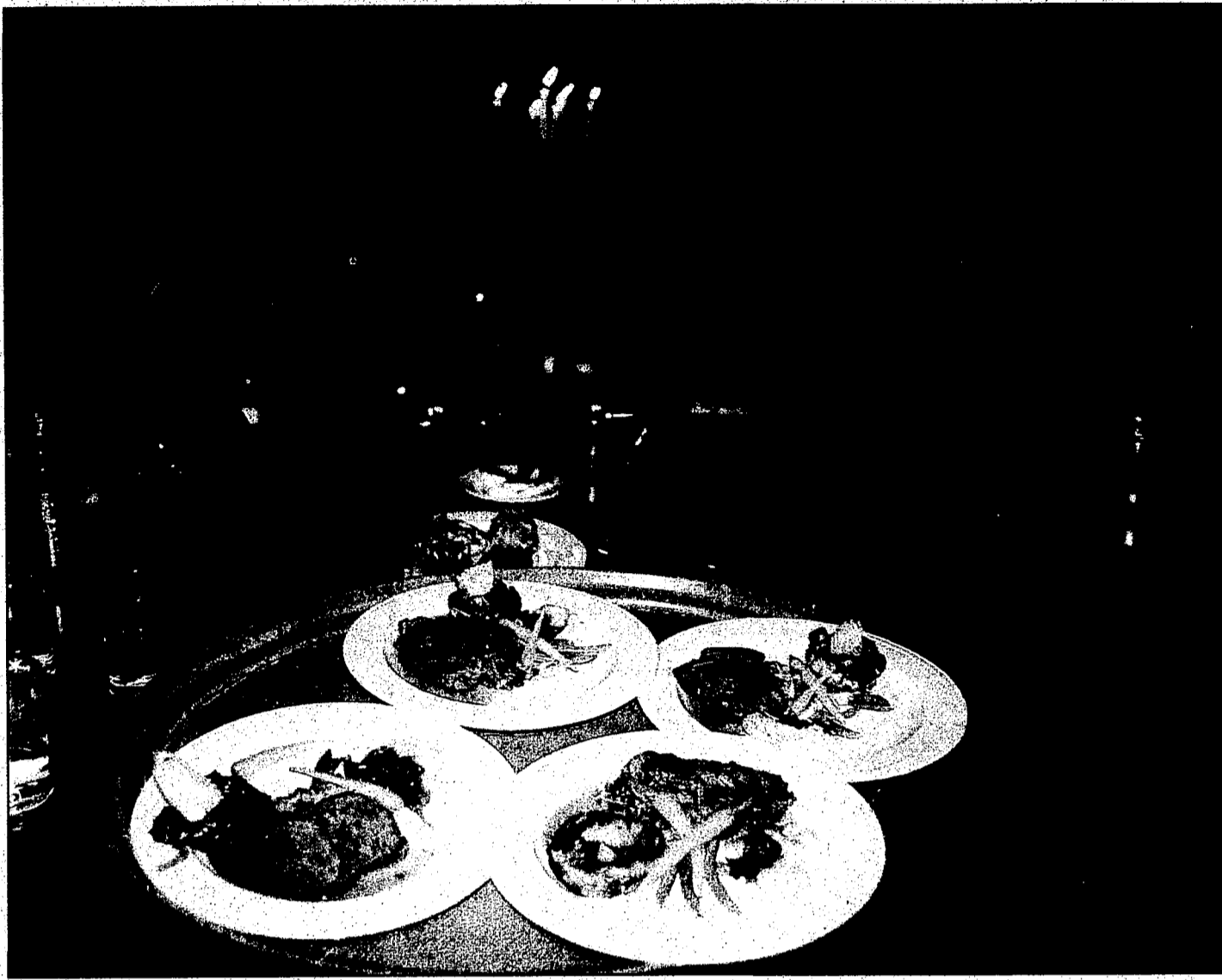
As with just about all the warm ocktails mentioned in the recipes, a cinnamon stick or candy cane inserted last makes for a festive warm holiday ocktail that simply can't be beat.

Another great addition to warm drinks is a sprinkling of cinnamon or a teaspoon of finely chopped chocolate.

These toppings are better left to warm ocktails created with liquor as the wetness can effect the taste of warm wine drinks.

A word to the wise, after mbibing, stay off the roads and slopes. Drinking and driving don't mix. See Janes-family tested recipes inside.

Festive celebration



STAFF PHOTOS BY ANN HEALEY

Wassail feast: Dressed in Elizabethan period costumes, guests await the next course, Medallions of Beef Tenderloin served with a medley of braised, julienne winter vegetables at a wassail feast at Oakland Community College

EAT, DRINK & BE MERRY AT WASSAIL FEAST



Hail the holiday season English style with a wassail feast. It is traditionally held during Twelfthtide, the period between Christmas and the Epiphany, Jan. 6. There's still time to plan a feast fit for a king.



Plum pudding: Susan Weishaar, second year culinary arts student at Oakland Community College with the plum pudding served at the wassail feast.

BY GERRI RINSCHLER
SPECIAL WRITER

At Christmas time in Elizabethan England, wassail cups were raised in unison to return the toast, "Wassail — drink hail." The cups were filled with "lamb's wool," a mixture of spiced ale and roasted apples.

After a succession of toasts, one of the elaborate feasts of that era might have included oyster stew, stuffed pike, cinnamon cabbage, mince pies and plum pudding. At the center of the long banquet table would sit, the prized, roasted boar's head surrounded with garlands of laurel.

During the past 10 years there has been a renewed interest in the customs of merry old England, and traditional wassail feasts. The annual wassail feast at Oakland Community College, Oc-

hard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills, has become such a popular event over the past six years that tickets sold out in early September.

Every fall the culinary students in the hospitality department, under the guidance of instructor Darlene Levinson, plan the menu.

OCC wassail

The dinner which is served family-style is designed and prepared by the students. Professional chef — instructor Dan Rowilson worked with the students to help them perfect their kitchen skills and techniques.

This year the feast began with a marinated beet salad decorated with hand-carved rutabaga roses, a barley salad and plate of garlic spiced cheese. After toasting with a warm cup of wassail, a chestnut woodland soup was served garnished with creme fraiche and a thin potato ravioli.

In between courses, minstrel singers, mimes, magicians and the Renaissance Voices of Oakland Community College performed. Then came the third course. Tender filets of chicken stuffed with fruits and nuts accompanied by a decorative poached pear.

After a few more toasts, the beef tree arrived. Medallions of beef tenderloin cooked to perfection were plated along with a potato tartlet filled with sauteed mushrooms and onions artistically arranged beside a medley of braised, julienne winter vegetables.

Baskets of traditional grain

bread and fruited scones were filled throughout the evening which ended with a flaming plum pudding.

It's no wonder that many of the same guests return every year. Tony and Anna Marie Galat of Farmington have made this holiday dinner a not to be missed event. This year they brought along the members of their gourmet club.

"The food is wonderful and the entertainment is fabulous," said Tony Galat.

Caterer Mark Stein of the Mark of Excellence in Southfield has been preparing wassail feasts for eight years. He began working with Diane Blake at the Detroit Institute of Arts at their ever famous wassail feasts. This year he designed the menu and catered, "An Evening in England," sponsored by the City of Southfield on December 10.

Traditional foods

"For this event, I chose a very traditional approach to the Elizabethan holiday dinner. As always the vegetables are cut by hand, as there was no uniformity in that era," said Stein.

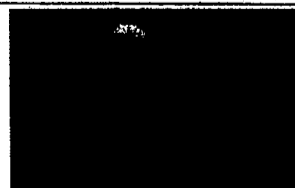
"The seasoning was robust but it was necessary then to cover up the meat which in those days was not tasty."

His menu for the evening began with a mutton barley soup, beef-leek pie, roast leg of chicken, garlic mashed potatoes and a glorious figgy pudding for desert.

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Cognac especially enjoyable during the holidays

FOCUS ON WINE



ELEANOR & RAY HEALD

The holiday season — its glittering ornaments and lights, a cozy fireplace, family, friends and in the evening, while enjoying it all, a taste of fine cognac.

Wine enthusiasts have been smitten by the taste of premium spirits, cognac in particular. If you've not yet become a fan, we're certain you've heard of the "big four" — Courvoisier, Hennessy, Martell and Remy Martin. These houses blanket the world with their product. It can be purchased everywhere. It's good, quite good, but it's only part of the cognac story.

In the Charente region of western France, the cradle of cognac, rests the peaceful town of Jarnac

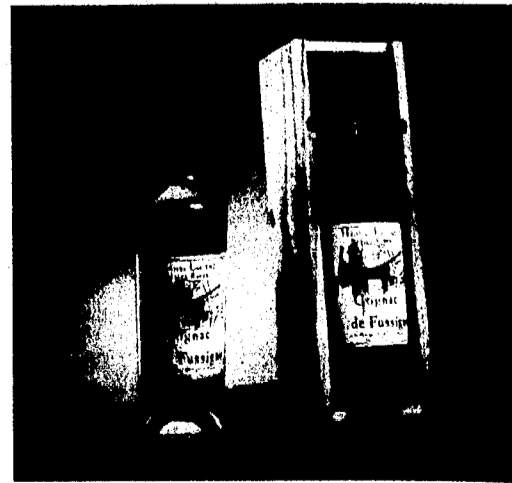
on the banks of the Charente river. Here, life follows the river's nonchalant pace and the rhythm of the vines producing the fruit converted to cognac in the town's cellars.

One dedicated French family has been living in Jarnac and producing cognac before the French Revolution. Cognac A. de Fussygn results from the cognac passion of two people, Alain-Louis and Anne-Marie Royer.

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Keep Christmas breakfast menu simple

Christmas morning is a magical time for children and grown-ups alike. And the pile of presents under the tree takes precedence over breakfast. But as soon as the last package has been opened, everyone will be ready to eat.

This is one time when you'll want to keep the menu simple, but festive. To temporarily satisfy post-Santa hunger pangs, start with juice or fruit in front of the tree. (Grown-ups will appreciate freshly brewed coffee or tea as well.) A blend of cranberry and orange juice or pink grapefruit juice has a rosy holiday color. Or surround a bowl of vanilla low-fat yogurt with thin wedges of red and green-skinned apples for dipping.

For the main event, you can't go wrong with either pancakes or muffins. Cranberry-Banana Griddle Cakes get their festive flavor from sweet-tart dried cranberries in the cakes and convenient canned cranberry sauce warmed and served as a topping. For ease, start with a packaged complete pancake mix and add mashed bananas with the dried berries and wheat germ. The kids will love the

crunch that honey crunch wheat germ adds.

To keep pancakes warm until you're ready to sit down, the Quaker Kitchens recommend arranging the cooked griddle cakes in a single layer on a cookie sheet. Cover loosely with foil and place in a 250 degree oven.

Easy Glazed Gingerbread Muffins are just as appealing, and they can be baked ahead. Flavored with molasses and spices, the cooled muffins are topped with a tart lemon glaze. When stirred into muffin batter, wheat germ adds a nutty flavor and wholesome texture.

Most recipes can be easily adapted by substituting 1/2 cup of wheat germ for an equal amount of flour.

Whether you decide to serve the muffins, the griddle cakes or both, complete the menu with mugs of hot cocoa and a side of lean ham or Canadian bacon quickly warmed in the microwave oven. Save time by buying the meat presliced at the supermarket deli.

CRANBERRY-BANANA GRIDDLE CAKES

2 cups complete pancake &

waffle mix
2 cups water
1 cup mashed, ripe banana
2/3 cup wheat germ, any flavor
2/3 cup dried cranberries or chopped dried apricots
1 cup whole berry cranberry sauce

Heat griddle to 375 degrees. Mix pancake mix according to package directions; stir in banana, wheat germ and dried cranberries. Cook pancakes 1 to 2 minutes per side. Serve with warmed cranberry sauce. Yield 15 pancakes

Nutritional information: per 3 pancake serving. Calories 430, Protein 11g, Carbohydrate 90g, Total fat 5g, Cholesterol 10mg, Dietary fiber 4g, Sodium 825 mg. Percent calories from fat: 11 percent.

GLAZED GINGERBREAD MUFFINS

1 cup wheat germ, any flavor
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon allspice
1 cup skim milk
2 egg whites, slightly beaten
1/2 cup dark molasses
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
Glaze:
3/4 cup powdered sugar
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Line 12 medium cups with paper liners or grease bottoms only. Combine wheat germ, flour, brown sugar, baking powder, ginger, cinnamon and allspice.

Add milk, egg whites, molasses and oil; mix just until moistened. Fill muffin cups 3/4 full. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool slightly; drizzle glaze (below) over tops.

Glaze: Combine powdered sugar, lemon juice and lemon peel; mix well. If desired, add additional lemon juice for thinner glaze. Yield: 12 muffins.

Nutritional information: Per muffin. Calories 180, Protein 5g, Carbohydrate 30g, Total Fat 5g, Cholesterol 0mg, Dietary Fiber 1g, Sodium 140mg. Percent calories from fat: 23 percent.



Christmas breakfast: After the last gift has been opened, bring out the Cranberry-Banana Griddle Cakes. Pancake mix makes these extra easy, and a combination of mashed banana, honey crunch wheat germ and dried cranberries punches up the flavor. The warm topping is convenient canned cranberry sauce.

Chef Larry Janes shares more homemade candy recipes

Here are some more candy recipes from Chef Larry Janes.

POPCORN BALLS

1 cup sugar
1 cup light corn syrup
1 tablespoon vinegar
1 tablespoon butter
1/2 teaspoon baking soda

6 quarts popped popcorn

Boil sugar, syrup, vinegar and butter until a drop crackles when dropped into cold water (about 300 degrees). Stir in baking soda. Pour over popcorn, stirring well. Grease fingers with more butter and shape into balls. Wrap each ball individually in plastic wrap.

PRALINES

6 cups brown sugar
2 cups white sugar
1 1/2 cups milk
4 cups shelled pecans
1/4 stick butter
2 teaspoons vanilla flavoring or extract

Heat brown sugar, white sugar and milk; stir until mixture begins

to boil. Add pecans. Cook until a soft ball forms in cold water, about 135 degrees. Remove from heat. With a wooden spoon, stir in butter and vanilla. Beat until mixture is cloudy. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto waxed paper.

PEANUT BRITTLE

1/2 cup water

1 cup sugar
1 cup light corn syrup
1 pound raw peanuts
1 tablespoon butter
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking soda
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Heat water in a heavy frying pan. Add sugar and syrup; stirring until

sugar dissolves. Cover; cool for 3 minutes. Uncover; cook to soft ball stage or 236 degrees on a candy thermometer. Add peanuts, butter and salt. Cook to 300 degrees on a candy thermometer or until golden brown, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat, add soda and vanilla; stir in quickly. Pour onto a large buttered cookie sheet or marble slab. Cool. Break into pieces.

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Plan not to gain weight during the holidays



FLORINE MARK

LITE SUCCESS
 Holiday entertaining may be helpful to your weight loss program. That's the jolly news from Weight Watchers. One of the best ways to stay in-control of your holiday eating is to entertain in your own home. When you are the host or hostess, you have the home field advantage. You make the rules, design the menu and stay in charge. One good choice for holiday entertaining is to plan for activities other than eating. For example, have a caroling party, or a holiday walk to enjoy neighborhood decorations. Beat statistics which indicate the average person gains between

two and 10 pounds between Thanksgiving and New Years. The recipe is simple — all it takes is a little know-how, an extra ounce of control and a sizeable portion of planning. Here are some helpful hints from Weight Watchers. Drink lots of water. It will help to fill you up and you'll be putting a curb on your appetite. Learn to be assertive in any eating situation. A simple and polite "no, thank you," or "yes, this is all I'm going to have" will do the trick. Remember it's your choice and your body. Focus on the "Reason for the Season." Having a good time is not stuffing yourself with food, but filling yourself with hours of fun and surrounding yourself with family and friends. Plan ahead. If you are going to a dinner party, eat light at lunch and breakfast that day. Eat slowly. Put your fork down

between bites and join in on the conversation. It takes about 20 minutes for food signals to reach your brain and tell you if you are full. Eating slowly aids this process. Exercise. Every bit of physical activity helps during the holidays. Besides eating greater amounts of food, the holiday season often brings on additional stress. Exercise not only burns calories and fat, but it's also helpful in relieving stress. High calorie drinks and punches are common at holiday parties. Ask for Perrier or seltzer water with a twist, instead. Sip your beverage elegantly in a wine glass or champagne flute. Avoid alcoholic beverages. Alcohol stimulates your appetite, and before you know it — you'll find yourself at the hors d'oeuvres table with the munchies. Share with a friend. If a piece of pumpkin or apple pie a la mode

looks too tempting to pass up, share it with a friend or family member. This way you can enjoy it without having to eat the whole thing. Make sure you schedule some time for yourself. Added stress and the feeling of being overwhelmed can often lead to overeating. Remember there is more to celebrating than food: Share funny stories, play a game that everyone will enjoy, rent a classic movie or one of the new releases. Portion control. Selectively choose what you'd like to eat. Sample a variety of what is being served in small portions. "Seconds? No Thank you." Tell yourself that you will feel better and will have more energy after the meal if you pass on second helpings. When holiday grocery shopping, stick to your planned list. Avoid impulse purchases such as

packaged holiday cookies and goodies to "have on hand" during the holidays. Chances are they will end up in your hand and then in your mouth. Don't go to a holiday party "famished." Have a glass of low fat milk or piece of fruit before leaving home. You won't feel the need to "fill up" on snacks once you arrive. Don't eat just because the people around you are eating. If you aren't hungry, nurse some sparkling water or fruit juice. Here's an eggnog recipe to toast the holiday season.

EGGNOG
 ¾ cup thawed frozen egg substitute
 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
 1 ¼ cups evaporated skimmed milk
 ½ cup skim milk
 ¼ cup orange juice
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
 ½ teaspoon rum extract
 ¼ cup thawed frozen dairy whipped topping
 Garnish: grated nutmeg julienne-cut orange zest
 In large bowl combine egg substitute and sugar. Add remaining ingredients except whipping topping and garnish. Gently fold in whipping topping until blended. Garnish with nutmeg and orange zest before serving. Makes 6 servings.
 Note: Store unused portions in a resealable plastic container in the refrigerator for up to three days. The zest is the peel without any of the pith (white membrane). To remove zest from orange, use a zester or vegetable peeler, wrap orange in plastic wrap and refrigerate for use at another time. Florine Mark is president and CEO of the WW Group, Inc. the largest franchise of Weight Watchers International.

Great big gum ball



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Trying: Jeffrey Cremering, 3, goes way up on his tip toes in his attempt to secure a gum ball from the giant vending machine at Tel-Twelve Mall. But there was a slight problem with his plan. He neglected to put any money in the machine.

Area soldier helps in Somalia

BY JAY GROSSMAN
 STAFF WRITER

Army Staff Sgt. Billie Shelton Jr. doesn't know what to expect. But the 1982 Rochester High School graduate is looking forward to Christmas in Somalia. "The way I see it," said Shelton, "is my own Christmas might be canceled, but I'm giving Christmas to thousands of people." His army unit at Ft. Drum, N.Y., is expected to join Operation Restore Hope sometime this week. The 10th Mountain Division was ready to leave for Somalia Friday, but more than a foot of snow in New York delayed the flight. Contrary to what some might expect, Shelton said he and his fellow soldiers have no reservations about spending Christmas overseas. "Our morale is really high right now. We had four guys in the unit who were supposed to get out, but decided to stay on just so they could go to Somalia," he said. "I mean, let's face it, most people think everyone in the army is just trained to kill and kill. This is going to show them the other side." Shelton, 28, joined the army straight out of high school. His military career took him to Kansas, Oklahoma and Germany. He's been stationed in New York since Nov. 1. Because the army's primary task in Somalia is to provide aid, and not to restore the government, Shelton said he does not expect to engage in combat with local forces. He made that comment on Thursday, only several hours after French and American troops had a shoo-

tout with a truckload of Somalis. "I'm hoping to avoid that," he said of the confrontation which left two Somalis dead and seven others injured. "But if it happens, it happens. I know we'll be ready." He knows there could be trouble. But he also knows the enemy in Somalia is not the people — it's starvation and disease. "The real key that we have to understand is there are people over there who will still die. Some are past the point of help." Waiting for Shelton when he returns is his wife Sharon, and their two children. The couple has been married seven years; they met on a blind date in Rochester Hills. "He's doing a great thing and I'm proud of that," Sharon Shelton said. "Being over Christmas, it's going to be hard. But I understand what he's doing. He's going to help a lot of people." The couple let their children plan a few gifts early, just so Dad could be around to see the fun. It's a routine the kids might have to get used to: Shelton spent five of the last six Christmas holidays away from home. "You don't like it, but you get used to it," said Sharon Shelton. "I guess it comes with being an army man's wife." Also waiting for him are his parents, still living in Rochester Hills. "I'm glad to see him participate, but sure we're a little worried," said his father, Billie Shelton Sr. "We figure there's going to be some danger, probably from snipers. But we've got to do something. We might have hunger in the United States, but it's an entirely different situation over there."

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An old tradition crumbled at Town & Country Lanes last week in Westland when the name Sandra Nowlen was added to the alley's Wall of Fame.

For 32 years the names of all the bowlers who had rolled games of 298 or better, or series of 800 or better, have been placed on the wall. And until last week, all the names were men's names.

That changed with Nowlen, who is from Garden City, rolled a 300. She bowled a 769 series, the highest ever by a female in the house and the highest in the history of the Tri-Cities Ladies Association.

Nowlen, a 1984 graduate of Garden City High School, carries a 178 average in the Monday night senior house league. She also competes in the Area Pro Shop Majors at Thunderbowl.

Nowlen, who currently attends Dorsey Business School, has been bowling seriously for only a couple of years. She said she was only a little nervous in the 10th frame of her perfect game. But when she carried a Brooklyn strike with the 11th ball, she knew the 300 was hers.

By now most bowlers have heard about the sudden death of Bob Bittner last week only hours after scoring the perfect game that had eluded him all his life.

"He was a great guy and the best Travel League competitor I ever saw," said Bittner's friend Harry Campbell.

Correction: The 1993 Mixed Doubles Classic Tournament starts Jan. 8 and runs through Aug. 29 at Plum Hollow Lanes. First place is expected to pay \$4,000, not \$400 as was originally reported. For more information, call Lee Snow at 353-6540.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL
Super Bowl (Canton) Pinbusters Mixed - Jack Egbert...

Shamrocks pull upset, win tournament

Let's get this straight: Redford Catholic Central lost its two big guns, Chad Varga and Bob Kummer, to major college scholarships. The Shamrocks return two starters; they are rebuilding.

BASKETBALL

second straight, falling to Clarkston in the consolation contest 46-45.

Troy is one of the state's premier teams, with plenty of experience. The Colts were ranked sixth in Class A.

In the win over Adams, CC battled back after trailing 21-19 at the half. The game was close throughout the second half, but the Shamrocks did have at least a four-point cushion throughout the final quarter.

At least they were prior to Thursday's game against CC in the opening round of the Clarkston Christmas Tournament, played at Oakland University.

Brian Paluk led CC with 21 points. Jeff Gutt added 10. Adams, which slipped to 1-2, got 15 points from Jon Stanley and 14 from Ryan House.

The game had the potential to be a lopsided affair. As it turned out, it was — but not quite as planned. It was CC that looked awesome, clubbing the favored Colts 69-43.

CC's win over Troy (the Colts are 2-2) wasn't nearly so close. The Shamrocks jumped in front 14-6 after one quarter and extended their lead to 29-16 by halftime. A 20-14 scoring advantage in the third quarter pushed CC's lead to 49-30.

On Friday, the Shamrocks doubled their win total and evened their record at 2-2 by edging Rochester Adams in the tournament championship game, 48-44, at OU. Troy lost its

Andy Slankster and Paluk each poured in 22 points to lead

the Shamrocks' barrage. Gutt added 15.

The Warriors (1-2) converted only 4-of-17 shot attempts from the field in the fourth quarter and missed all three of their free throw attempts — all front ends of one-and-one opportunities.

Jay Phifer had 23 points for Troy.

"We shot poorly the entire game," Warriors coach Scott Wiemer said. "The turnovers and shooting hurt us. They shot better."

Wayne 71, Trenton 39: Wayne Memorial remained undefeated with a 46-19 second half outburst Friday in its win against visiting Trenton.

The game, which was within five points until the final minute, was decided in the fourth quarter when the Cougars went on a 18-8 run.

The Zebras (4-0 overall and 2-0 in the Wolverine A Conference) led 25-20 at halftime before pulling away for the easy win. The Trojans fell to 0-4 overall and 0-2 in the league.

The Cougars, who were 11-for-25 at the free throw line, were led by senior center Fabin Rea's 25 points.

Trenton played a zone in the first half and controlled Wayne's offense. The Zebras adjusted at halftime and connected on six second half triples.

Pat Schaefer's 10 points, all in the second half, paced the Warriors. The senior forward also ripped down 13 rebounds.

Wayne exploded on a 23-10 run in the third quarter and then dominated the fourth quarter, 23-9.

Willow Run 61, Franklin 50: Willow Run ran off a 17-3 spree in the second quarter to trigger the rout Friday night at Willow Run.

Antonio Dodd led Wayne with 18 points, including four three-pointers. Nate Bishop and Gerald Adams each added nine for the Zebras.

Diann Drake scored 15 points to lead the Flyers (1-3). Larry Fitzpatrick added 12 points and Bo South chipped in 11.

Chris Busenbark, a junior center, paced the Trojans with 11 points.

Pat Kruschka scored 16 to lead the Patriots (1-2). Jason Meixner contributed nine points.

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scored, but rebounded and helped break pressure.

time for them to get accustomed to each other, but it's coming with each game."

"He gives us another kid who has a pretty good feel of the court," McIntyre said. "He has good passing sense and is able to work well with the other big man (Roy). He's better on the high post, whereas Adam is better on the low box. It's going to take

Stevenson returns to action Tuesday, Jan. 5 at Ann Arbor Pioneer, while Churchill takes on state-ranked Plymouth Salem, Friday, Jan. 8 (away).

"We're going to have to take care of the basketball better and be more selective on our shots. We

have to learn our roles as far as who are our rebounders and shooters."

Lady Crusaders falter against K'zoo College

Finding what went wrong in Madonna University's women's basketball game Thursday against visiting Kalamazoo College would not require much searching.

they outshot the Hornets from the floor (50 percent to 45 percent) and outbounded them (31-22).

Simply look at the free throw shooting. Kalamazoo: 19-of-21 (90 percent); Madonna: three-of-four (75 percent).

The difference in free throws and turnovers — Madonna, still without point guard Dana Cevcech (out with an ankle sprain), committed 25 turnovers to 11 for Kalamazoo — ruined the Crusaders.

The 16-point gap in free throws nearly matched the difference in the score — Kalamazoo 72, Madonna 55.

Stephanie Niebauer's 11 points (all in the second half) led Madonna. Cheri Sangregorio added 10 and six rebounds.

"I figure we should have beaten them," said Lady Crusader coach Bill Potter after his team slipped to 6-7. "We simply did not get a call."

Sara Musser had 23 points for Kalamazoo (now 2-5), including 11-for-11 at the free throw line. Lesley Beebe had 17 points.

Madonna was called for 19 personal fouls; the Hornets were whistled for 12.

SC WOMEN Oakland Community College evened its Eastern Conference record at Schoolcraft College's expense Wednesday, beating the Lady Ocelots 77-62 in Union Lake.

The game was tight until the final minutes. The Crusaders trailed 30-28 at the half and could not catch Kalamazoo although

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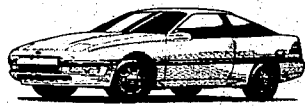
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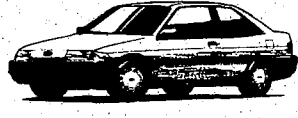
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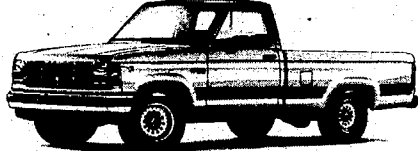
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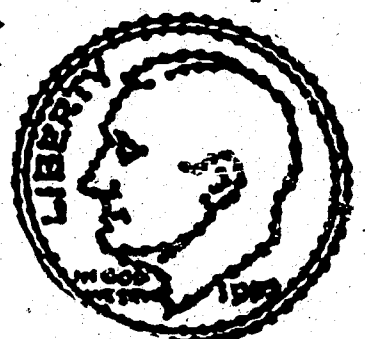
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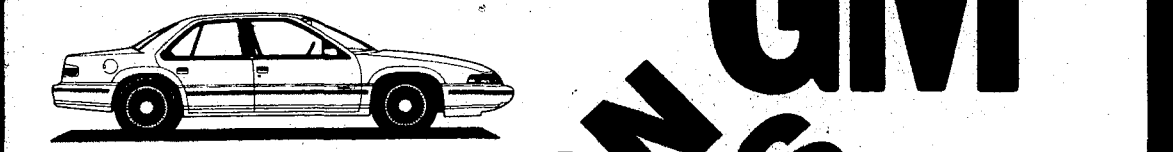
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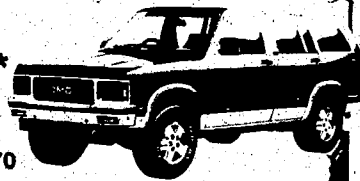
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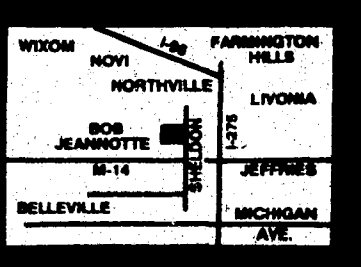
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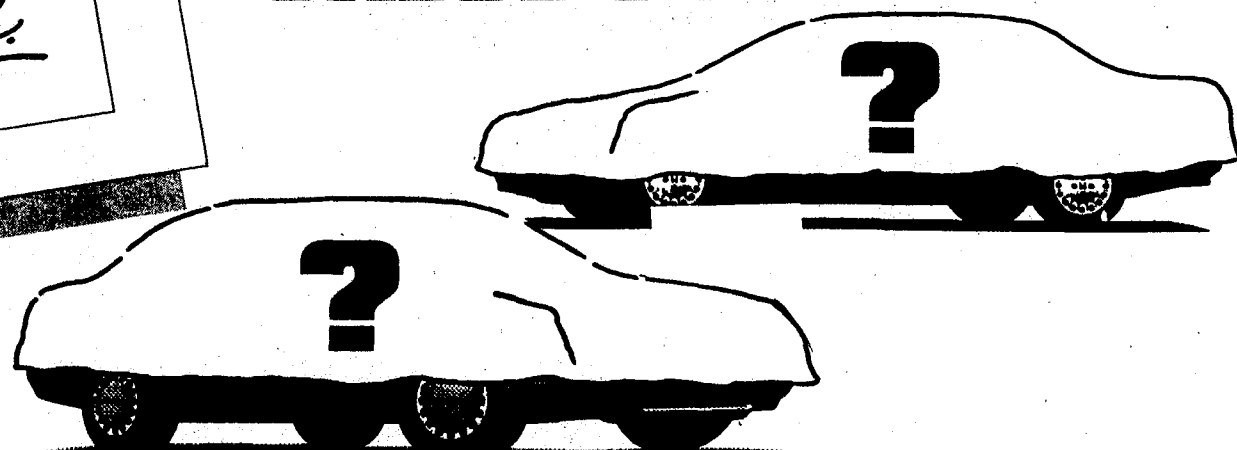
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