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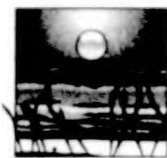
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City weighs upkeep ordinance



Under a proposed Plymouth ordinance, city officials plan to keep track of grass height on neighborhood lawns. Six inches is to be the height limit, according to the ordinance, which addresses general upkeep of property.

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

A new ordinance that spells out minimum guidelines for upkeep of homes and yards was reviewed by city commissioners at their Monday meeting.

While the ordinance sets some new provisions for such upkeep, the intention is to combine provisions previously set forth in other city codes, city manager Steve Walters said.

"There is some general description of workmanship, of things being done

in a workmanlike manner," Walters said.

The ordinance provides a guideline, Walters said, for citizens who on occasion complain about the relative upkeep of a neighbor's yard or property.

"It's almost a consumer-oriented ordinance," Walters said.

Commissioner Bill McAninch suggested that the ordinance have some provision for the time by which someone deemed in violation can make repairs or do other upkeep.

The commission is to take up the ordinance in January, for final approval.

The ordinance calls for:
■ A home to be maintained "in a clean, safe and sanitary condition free from any accumulation of rubbish or garbage, except on a temporary basis in accordance with city regulations."
■ "Trees and shrubberies shall be kept trimmed so as not to adversely affect structures or impede pedestrian or vehicular traffic."

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Helping out: *Gordon Chapin of Plymouth Township, a FISH of Plymouth-Canton driver, assists Tonquish Creek Manor resident Amelia Newkirk. For the story on FISH, an active volunteer group, see Page 3A.*

Frankincense, myrrh don't top gift lists

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

If you've been out doing Christmas shopping in recent weeks, chances are you didn't see any frankincense or myrrh by the checkout.

The two items are mentioned in the biblical account of Christ's birth, and in Christmas carols, but don't get much of a mention elsewhere.

"They are unusual," said Michele Johns, director of music at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. The carol "We Three Kings of Orient Are" tells the story of the three wise men bringing the infant Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

According to the well-known carol, each king brought a different gift; each verse features a different king telling the story of his gift, Johns said.

"I think they like the melody and get into the melody of 'We Three Kings,'" she said of worshippers at Our Lady of Good Counsel. "It tells the story of the three kings arriving." Church members don't necessarily

know the definitions of frankincense and myrrh.

"Any of those things are valuables of that century. If you had myrrh, that would be it," said Johns, who teaches organ and church music at the University of Michigan.

"Frankincense is a kind of incense that you burn for religious purposes," said the Rev. Bryan Smith, pastor of Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton. Myrrh was used to anoint bodies for burial in biblical times, Smith said. Bringing myrrh foreshadowed Christ's death on the cross.

"I think probably many people don't know what it means," said Smith, adding that many people who recite the Apostles' Creed don't know that the "quick and the dead" refers to the living and dead.

Worshippers at Tri-City Christian Center in Canton also sing about gold, frankincense and myrrh this time of year without necessarily knowing their meanings.

"They're good on at least one-third



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We Three Kings: *The biblical account in Matthew tells of the wise men bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.*

See **GIFTS, 2A**

UFO sighting?

Local residents reported the sighting of a mysterious object streaking across the sky late Dec. 24. The object had the appearance of a sleigh pulled by eight deer-like creatures with huge antlers, observers said. One of the animals had a flashing red nose, and the sleigh appeared to be driven by a rotund man in a red suit trimmed in white. Local officials had no explanation for the sightings.

Applebee's opens

Canton folks packed an open house last week at Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar at 43500 Ford Road in Canton. Also, there were some Plymouth folks sighted at the event which featured a taste of what the new restaurant will be offering to the public. It also raised money for the Plymouth-Canton DARE program, a drug education project.

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

On hand for the official opening was Bill Stafford who played for the New York Yankees in the 1960s and who now coaches at Canton High School.

Dan Raymond is the general manager of the establishment which features decor that highlights local history.

Excellence award

Duane Potes Sr., senior prototype technician at Johnson Controls automotive systems group in Plymouth, has received the company's Chairman's Award for Excellence in Customer Satisfac-

tion. Potes devised a faster, less expensive way to develop automotive seating prototypes for customers. His method also reduces prototype production time from 16 weeks to two weeks.

The award recognizes individual and group contributions to customer satisfaction through improvements in productivity, quality, service and timeliness. Recipients were chosen from hundreds of nominations submitted by company employees worldwide.

Crackdown

Canton Township police will be helping out with security at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. The Canton Township Board recently approved a plan that allows township officers to write traffic tickets and enforce laws at the campus located in Canton. The approval was needed because the campus is on private property.

CARRIER OF THE MONTH: PLYMOUTH

Katie Williams, daughter of Michael and Mary Williams of Plymouth, has been named Carrier of the Month by the Plymouth Observer. Katie, 13, an Observer news carrier since January 1992, is an eighth grader at Central Middle School. She has a 3.5 grade-point average. Her favorite subjects are English and band. Her hobbies are playing basketball and softball, riding her bike and reading. She is a member of the honor roll and was Student of the Month. She plans to go to college to become a marine biologist or a veterinarian.



Katie Williams

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MILITARY NEWS

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GOOD CONDUCT

Marine Lance Cpl. Michael D. Gorzen, son of Michael M. and Catherine A. Gorzen of Canton, received the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal. He is currently assigned at Marine Barracks, Yokosuka, Japan. The 1990 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School joined the Marine Corps in August 1990.

COMPLETED TRAINING

Marine Pvt. Dustin B. Young, a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, completed recruit training. He joined the Marine Corps in June 1993.

DEPLOYED

Navy airman Apprentice Jeffrey E. Thursby, son of John E. and Carol A. Thursby of Canton reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS Independence, forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan. The 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School joined the Navy in August 1993.

REPORT FOR DUTY

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class William C. Chapin, son of Janet L. Chapin of Plymouth reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS Independence, forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan. The

1987 graduate of Northwest High School of Jackson joined the Navy in November 1989.

COMPLETED BASICS

US Marine Derek M. Duerr, son of Arthur and Sharon Duerr, completed basic training at Parris Island, S.C. He is now completing weapon training at Camp Le Jeune, N.C. and received a promotion to Private First Class. He is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

COMPLETED BASICS

Navy Seaman Brian A. McGowan, son of Patricia M. McGowan of Canton completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. He is a 1991 graduate of Canton High School.

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Navy Seaman Recruit Matthew A. Mitchell of Plymouth, a 1992 graduate of Salem High School, completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. He joined the Navy in June 1993.

REPORT FOR DUTY

Marine Sgt. Daniel E. Flipse, son of Richard Flipse of Plymouth, reported for duty at Marine Corps Recruiting Station, San Antonio. The 1985 graduate of Sam Rayburn High School of Pasadena, Texas joined the Marine Corps in May 1985.

Lawns from page 1A

- Grass may not grow higher than six inches.
Machinery, equipment, vehicles, lumber piles, crates, boxes, building blocks, furniture, recreation equipment or other materials "either discarded, unsightly or showing evidence of a need for repairs" in a yard will be considered a nuisance.
Firewood should be stored behind the front building line and not cause rodent or other pest infestations.
Dog pens should be placed at least 10 feet from adjacent property lines unless an obscuring fence is provided.
Building surfaces should be free of broken, loose, rotting, crumbling, missing or inadequately finished materials.

Walters said that while the city has been alerted to violations by complaints filed by neighbors, a part-time ordinance officer will likely be hired early next year to review properties for violations.
"The goal is to get more uniform enforcement," Walters said.
Once a resident is deemed in violation, a letter would be sent detailing the violation, suggesting possible sources to seek for help and specifying a time by which improvements should be made.
Further contact, Walters said, "could lead to a violation being issued, leading to court action if there wasn't compliance."
"The goal is to try to get residents to work these things out," he said.
The compiled ordinance is based on ordinances other cities use, Walters said.

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Gifts from page 1A

of them. They're kind of archaic terms," said the Rev. Rocky Barra, the pastor. Gold's well-known, but the other two gifts are much less so.

The dictionary definitions don't offer much help. Frankincense is defined as "a gum resin obtained from various Arabian and African trees of the bursera family and used in perfumes and as incense." Myrrh is defined as "a fragrant, bitter-tasting gum resin exuded from any of several plants of Arabia and East Africa, used in making incense, perfume, etc."

Both words present certain spelling challenges. "I've seen it look like 'Frankenstein' when some people write it," said Barra, who readily admits to misspelling

simpler words. The Christmas carol refers to three wise men, but, Barra noted, the Bible doesn't specify the number. Carols have been written about three wise men because three gifts were brought.

Barra, Johns and Smith aren't sure just what would be brought if the baby Jesus had arrived for Christmas 1993.

"Probably an ATM card," Smith said with a smile, adding that a videocamera would also be present to record the event.

"It represents the best that they could give," said Barra, who recently saw a bumper sticker he liked with the phrase "Wise Men Still Seek Him." Whatever modern-day gift were brought would be "something of great value."

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Going FISHing offers abundant rewards

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

LuAnn Faber, Gordon Chapin and other FISH of Plymouth-Canton volunteers get plenty of chances to hone their driving skills — and to meet some interesting people.

Driving residents to medical facilities is the primary service FISH offers. "We provide a number of services, but in this area that's the service we get the most requests for," said Faber, a Plymouth resident and chairwoman of FISH of Plymouth-Canton.

Other services include emergency child care, such as that provided for a mother rushed to the hospital who has young children at home. Emergency meals and companionship are also provided by FISH volunteers.

The group celebrated its 20th anniversary in 1992, said Faber, who's been involved for about 11 years. The local group was founded by a number of area churches, and continues to receive financial support from churches and community organizations. The basic idea is neighbors helping neighbors.

"Anyone who calls gets our

help," she said. Residents must live in Plymouth, Canton or Plymouth Township to receive help. Most are senior citizens, although some are younger.

"We'd love to help other people, but we just don't have enough volunteers," Faber said of non-residents.

No charge

Services are offered free of charge. FISH drivers, in fact, aren't allowed to accept cash. Most drivers have envelopes for contributions to FISH by check.

"We need people," Faber said. "Financially, the churches pitch in. What we're always short on is volunteers."

The organization, which doesn't have a tax ID number, has about 70 Plymouth-Canton volunteers. Volunteers pay their own way, providing a car, gas and telephone. The phone volunteers check in with the answering service and help to arrange appointments.

The FISH answering service can be reached by calling 261-1011. Calls that come in are referred to a FISH volunteer. FISH shouldn't be called for emergency medical trips; instead, residents

Volunteers collect food for St. Dominic's in Detroit, which operates a soup kitchen and distributes clothing. That's usually done after the first of the year when Christmas donations begin to dwindle. FISH doesn't operate its own food pantry, referring those calls to the local Salvation Army.

are advised to call 911 and go by ambulance.

"It's a pretty nice mix" of volunteers, Faber said. "We have quite a few retired people who help us out." Younger women who have small children at home also volunteer.

Prospective volunteers are usually interviewed first, "just to get to know the people and know that they're reliable and able to take care of the job."

Volunteering isn't off-limits to those who work outside the home, said Faber, who works part time for AmeriSpec Home Inspection in Plymouth. "We have volunteers who have full-time jobs."

Volunteers can contribute their time on evenings and weekends;

some phone volunteers work from their offices. Volunteers are asked to make a commitment of one day per month. (That's one trip for drivers.)

Generally, drivers make trips to medical facilities in the Detroit-Ann Arbor areas, "places that public transportation is not available for." Most wait for the client's medical appointment to end and make the trip home, although two drivers are scheduled for appointments that last most of the day.

Drivers must be at least 18. Some high school Close-Up students have helped with yard work and other tasks, but there isn't much of a demand for teen volunteers, Faber said.

Lending a hand

FISH isn't in competition with social service agencies and commercial outfits that provide transportation for seniors. Its aim is to fill gaps.

"You meet a lot of really interesting and pleasant people," said Faber, who does driving, phone work and attends monthly steering committee meetings. She's been involved with a number of volunteer groups, and is particularly impressed with FISH.

One FISH volunteer, Ward Harris, is among the founding members. Harris has served as treasurer since the local group was founded.

Neighboring communities also have FISH groups, including Livonia, Dearborn and Wayne-Westland, Faber said. "From what I gather, Plymouth is far and away the most active." Dearborn's group is active as well.

FISH exists nationwide, with many local groups having been founded in the late 1960s and early 1970s. FISH received a great deal of publicity at that time, but volunteers opt to maintain a low profile.

"We have a lot of longtime volunteers, because it's something people find very rewarding," Faber said. An annual banquet is held, with about half of the volunteers attending, although some don't ever meet each other.

In 1992, an anniversary party was held, and volunteers enjoyed looking at newspaper clippings and other mementos. Some former volunteers who've moved were able to attend.

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FISH isn't an acronym, although some have suggested such names as "Friends in Service to Humanity" as possible fits. Instead, the name is based on the fish symbol, which represents Christianity. Church membership or denominational affiliation isn't required, however.

"Anyone can volunteer and anyone can use our services," Faber said.

Hotel awaits a better year

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

It's been one year since Plymouth's landmark Mayflower Hotel was put in the hands of a bank receiver, which reports business is starting to look up.

"The hotel is doing very well," said Don Stork, corporate food and beverage director for Hotel Investment Services, Inc.

"This month and last month we've been in a break-even point," Stork said. "When we first took over the hotel it was losing \$100,000 a month," he said.

"Basically we've just tightened up the operation, cut payroll; it will be a couple of months before we see the benefits on paper," Stork said.

"Basically we put new policies and procedures in place, just did little things. We changed the menu; we brought in a new chef, Rich Wroblewski; we upgraded the menu but left items the hotel was known for like pub steak (a small steak) and scrod."

The new management also added salmon and pasta to the menu, and redid the Crow's Nest bar with new carpeting and other changes like bringing in Matt Watroba to alternate live entertainment with D.L. Turner on weekends.

MAYFLOWER

One of the biggest changes occurred Nov. 1, when the receiver firm established the Colony Room in the space long used as the Round Table Club. That happened after the receiver won a court fight with hotel owners the Lorenz family over how the space could be used.

"We have that space turned into a banquet room and we've been doing Christmas parties there," Stork said Thursday.

In December, the hotel's management has booked a party in the Colony Room every Friday and Saturday and on several weekdays, Stork said.

The room, which holds 100, will also be the scene of a New Year's Eve party featuring beef Wellington or salmon and a ballroom dancing event, which is about half-booked, Stork said.

Also, "We've put an entrance in from the hotel lobby to the Colony Room so you don't have to go outside to go into the Colony Room," Stork said.

For dancing, a hardwood floor has been put down in the room.

Meanwhile, the bank-mortgage holder Heritage Bank merged ear-



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Breaking even: The receiver firm appointed one year ago to take over the Mayflower Hotel reports business is up, as the hotel is now breaking even.

lier this month with Standard Federal Bank. Standard Federal senior vice president Bill Yaw said that the preferred way for a property to be taken out of receivership is allowing the owners "to pay past-due bills and the loan and get new financing."

Scott Lorenz, one of the hotel owners, has said he's close to rounding up the financing to buy the hotel back.

Lorenz could not be reached for comment Thursday.

Marathoner goes distance to fight multiple sclerosis

Hats off to marathoner Ed Andrysiak, 80, of Plymouth Township. While training for his fifth Detroit Free Press/Mazda International Marathon, Andrysiak raised \$1,053 in pledges for the Multiple Sclerosis Society, beneficiary of the marathon. Multiple sclerosis is a disease of the central nervous system for which there is no cure or treatment. Its incidence in Michigan is among the highest anywhere in the U.S.

Another Plymouth-area resident, Jim Soter, raised \$513 in pledges.

Andrysiak, founder of the Holy Strollers walking club based at St. John Neumann Catholic

Church in Canton, said, "The main reason I raise pledges is because of a person in the Holy Strollers. She has M.S., but it's in remission now."

Andrysiak, who's raised money for M.S. for four years, put his six children and their families to work. Funds rolled in from Long Beach, Calif.; Boise, Idaho; Seymour, Tenn.; Grand Saline, Texas; Kokomo, Ind.; and Lexington, Mich.

There were plenty of contributors from the Plymouth-Canton area; Maya's Deli of Plymouth was among them. Many parishio-

ners from St. John also gave, as did employees at the Livonia Ford Motor Powertrain Operations plant where Andrysiak's son-in-law J.J. Rudzewicz headed up a fund-raising campaign.

Andrysiak, winner of numerous running and race walking awards, is the two-time winner of the Free Press marathon's most improved runner award. He also won the Jim Neubacher award for being the athlete who best exemplifies the spirit of Neubacher, an M.S. sufferer who worked at the Free Press and wrote about being physically challenged until his death a few years ago.

Local ice rink open for skating

Ice skating open to the public is available through Jan. 2 at the Plymouth Cultural Center ice arena, 525 Farmer.

Times for open skating are 9:40-10:40 a.m., 1-2 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Mondays; 9:40 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 4:35-5:50 p.m. Tuesdays;

8:30-9:30 a.m., 10:50 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays; 8:40 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. and 4:5-20 p.m. Thursdays; 9:40 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Fridays and noon to 2:50 p.m. Sundays.

City resident fees are \$2.75 for adults, \$2 for kids, \$1.50 for sen-

iors and \$1.25 for skate rental.

Fees for non-city residents are \$3.25 for adults, \$2.50 for children, \$2 for seniors and \$1.25 for skate rental.

For more information, call the recreation department at 455-6620.

Wins essay prize

Competition winner: Christa Grix of Plymouth, a Wayne State University third-year law student, won the \$500 first prize in the Burkan memorial essay competition sponsored by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. Her essay was titled "Moral Rights: The Protection of Musical Works in the United States. She is also a professional harpist.



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Teen to appear on 'Jeopardy'

Plymouth Salem High School senior E.J. Sieracki of Canton has been selected as one of 15 students from across the nation to compete in NBC television's "Jeopardy Teen Tournament" in Hollywood, Calif., in January.

Sieracki and his parents will fly to Hollywood for the taping of the tournament, which will take place on Jan. 3-4. The tournament will be broadcast during the weeks of Feb. 14 and 21.

Each of the 15 students will compete in one game in a quarter-final round. The winners of these five games will advance to the semifinal round. The four highest scorers among the remaining 10 players also will compete in the semifinals.

According to Plymouth Salem High School history teacher Scott Beaman, each student competing in the tournament will receive a minimum of \$1,000. The winner of the tournament will receive

\$25,000 or his or her two-game grand total, whichever is largest.

After mailing "Jeopardy" a postcard expressing his interest in competing in the tournament, Sieracki was selected to participate in tryouts which were held in Omaha, Neb., this fall. Nebraska was just one of the many areas where tryouts were held in the country. Competing against hundreds of students, Sieracki was selected as one of 15 students to participate in the tournament.

"Mr. Beaman inspired me to try out for the tournament," Sieracki said. "He encouraged me to send in the postcard and has supported me every step of the way."

Sieracki is involved in activities at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. He has participated in the Science Olympiad and the Quiz Bowl for three years and has participated in the Social Studies Olympiad for four years. He also

played soccer in his freshman and sophomore years.

Although "Jeopardy" does not provide contestants with any information on the categories in which they will compete, Sieracki did buy a book to help him prepare for the tournament. He also watches the show regularly and said he feels he is familiar with the categories.

"Some of the categories I am anticipating are literature, geography, politics and current events," he said.

William Shakespeare and Tom Clancy are Sieracki's favorite authors. He enjoys science and foreign language classes. After graduating from high school, he plans to pursue a career as a physical therapist.

The "Jeopardy Teen Tournament" will be broadcast 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday during the weeks of Feb. 14 and 21 on WDIV-TV Channel 4.

Mittens

Helping hands: For the seventh year, the Plymouth Goodfellows have collected gloves and mittens on the Mitten Tree at the Forest Place Mall, for needy kids and families. The gloves and mittens were delivered Christmas Eve. Individuals and mall merchants donated gloves and mittens by hanging them on the tree. About 40 pairs were donated.



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School tax plans produce change, some wins for all

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Michigan voters on March 15 will put the finishing touches on the biggest change in school finance in 60 years.

Whether a ballot plan wins or loses, Gov. John Engler won a major victory: State government — not local districts — will pay for public schools.

The Legislature adjourned at midday Christmas Eve after a 26-hour marathon session.

Democrats, who had objected last July to wiping out school property taxes with Senate Bill 1, also won a victory: Schools will have \$10 billion in place, even if voters reject the ballot proposal.

Both political parties win because the bulk of homestead property taxes will be cut.

There was little comfort, however, for Senate conservatives who wanted an overall tax cut. "The issue is going to be what kind of tax you want to pay," said state treasurer Doug Roberts.

Whatever voters say, they are facing the biggest change since the sales tax was approved during the Great Depression and earmarked for schools. Disparities between rich and school districts will be addressed by "raising the floor" to \$4,200 per pupil without "lowering the ceiling" on well-to-do suburban schools.

PLAN A

Plan A is the Legislature's work and requires no voter approval. Elements:

- Homestead property taxes will be cut from the current statewide average of 34.5 mills to 12 mills — an average of 65 percent less.

- The personal income tax rate will rise to 6 percent from the current 4.6 percent. The exemption will rise from \$2,100 per person to \$3,000.

- The real estate transfer tax rate will rise by 1 percent — from \$1.10 per \$1,000 to \$1.10

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per \$1,000 of property price.

- The cigarette tax will rise 15 cents a pack to 40 cents.

- The single business tax rate will rise to 2.75 percent from 2.35 percent. SBT essentially is a tax on payroll and any profit.

PLAN B

Plan B must be put to voters because it involves amending the state constitution (as well as changing some tax laws. Elements:

- The sales tax is raised to 6 cents from 4 cents per \$1.

- The homestead property tax is cut to six mills instead of 12 mills.

- The cigarette tax is hiked 50 cents to 75 cents a pack.

- The single business tax is kept at the current 2.35 percent instead of being increased.

- The Lottery is authorized to run a keno game in bars.

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Under either plan, businesses and owners of second homes will pay 24 mills in property tax.

That's less than the current average of 34.5 mills. It's more than Gov. Engler's original proposal of 16 mills — and more than the 20 mills proposed by the House bipartisan legislative team (BLT).

Any rate greater than 16 mills is being denounced by business groups such as the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and Small Business Association of Michigan.

The 35 highest spending districts — including many in the Observer & Eccentric area — will receive state aid of \$6,500 per student but will be allowed to ask voters for additional property taxes to restore them to current spend levels in the fiscal year beginning next July 1. Lawmakers call this "hold harmless" millage.

Early indications are that a handful of districts may see no business property tax cut at all.

The other 537 school districts will be allowed to ask voters for three mills of additional property taxes. Engler is unhappy about this provision. "School boards should concentrate on education, not millage campaigns," he said repeatedly. But school boards, with their long tradition of local control, insisted on some local option.

Engler will campaign for the March 15 ballot plan because it lowers — instead of raising — the personal income tax. Engler and conservatives consider the income tax "anti growth."

Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, still displays on his desk a 1983 paper with the headline: "Mastin Recalled." Democrat Phil Mastin represented the northern Oakland district until he voted for Gov. James Blanchard's 1.75 percent hike in the income tax rate. Mastin's old district is largely Dunaskiss' new one.

Democrats will be inclined to oppose the ballot plan. They consider the sales tax regressive for low income people.

Democrats will have mixed feelings, however, because defeating the ballot plan will raise homestead property tax rates from six mills to 12. Senate Democrats, including George Hart of Dearborn, wanted to zero out property taxes on homes.

Engler won a victory when the Legislature kept a watered down version of his "charter schools" plan. Public educational institutions (local school boards, community colleges and state universities) will be able to issue charters.

The Michigan Education Association won two victories: "Schools of choice" are out, and a state mandated "core curriculum" is in.

Holiday light show still open

The Wayne County Parks System's "Festival of Lights," which has attracted thousands of viewers so far, is open for business through Jan. 9.

The four-mile-long light show along Edward Hines Drive features gigantic displays of animated snowmen, a north pole village, larger-than-life skiers and ice skaters, a Loch Ness monster and lots of other lighted displays.

The show is a fund-raiser for the parks department. A \$5 donation is asked per car.

Participants can view the show by driving down Hines Drive from the intersection of Hines and

Merriman to Outer Drive or Warren Avenue.

The hours of operation are 7-10 p.m. seven days a week, weather permitting. For the shortest wait, see the show Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Parks director Hurley Coleman says the wait on those days is 15-35 minutes. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday the wait is longer. Some people have waited more than 90 minutes on weekends. Cars may approach the intersection of Hines and Merriman from any direction except through Hines Park.

Commuters who use Hines to get to and from work should note

that the road will be closed to regular traffic from 6:30 to about 10:30 p.m.

At the end of the line, light-show patrons may park and shop for souvenirs in the gift shop at the Warrendale picnic area.

The cost of all these holiday lights, which come from Bronner's in Frankenmuth, comes to \$250,000.

For more information on the show, call 261-1990.

Give blood, get free DSO tickets

Give a pint of blood to the Red Cross Sunday, Jan. 2, and they'll give you a pair of DSO vouchers good for selected concerts in January, February and March.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall will provide the first 500 people who try to donate blood at seven area locations with a pair of vouchers.

The premier donation location

is the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Dearborn. Donors there will also receive a certificate valid for a reduced room rate of \$69. The hotel is located in Fairlane Plaza, 300 Town Center Drive. To make an appointment, call 274-5450. Donations will be accepted noon to 6 p.m.

The other locations are open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 494-2800 or

(800) 582-4383. The locations in the Observer & Eccentric area are:

- Westgate Plaza, 6700 Canton Center Road between Ford and Warren roads in Canton Township.

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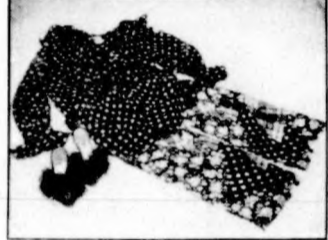
LINDA BACHRACK

Home is best on the big Eve

Enough of the chaos, the pressure of buying gifts, the wondering what to wear to endless holiday soirees. If the cards didn't get mailed, you'll correspond more personally during the lazy days of January. If the gallons of eggnog are showing up on the scale, the health club membership will surely melt away the pounds in the new year.

Lets face it, for many of us, a New Year's Eve bash is not the most welcoming thought this week. Why not slip into something alluring, but comfortable, invite a few of your favorite friends for a candlelight dinner and ring in the New Year in the intimacy of your living room?

Floaty at-home layers worn as evening wear are an up-and-coming trend. What could be more appropriate than elegant lounge-gear for a house party?



Lisa Hardy of Harp's Lingerie, 265 S. Woodward in Birmingham, recommends the

classy black-and-white floral chiffon pajama pants and ruffled tunic by Gottex (\$162 and \$232). It's the evening-in equivalent of black tie. Pair this ensemble with furry feathered mules by Jacques Levine (\$40).

Or, for a particularly youthful look, ease into sheer evening pajamas and a shawl-collared chiffon top in a muted watercolor floral (\$110) or a black hand-crocheted skirt (\$198) paired with a silk bodysuit. Caftans are back this year in glamorous updated prints and bright colors (\$95-\$122). And gold lame is dazzling when fashioned as easy body-skimming Lycra knit pajamas (\$58).

He'll be stylish and debonair in a velvet smoking jacket with quilted satin shawl collar and cuffs by Trylon at Neiman Marcus in The Somerset Collection in Troy (\$210). No tie required.

Fussy decorations and table settings would complicate an otherwise relaxing, stress-free evening. So, light a fire in the fireplace and toss in some Oregon cherry wood chips for fragrance (\$9.95) at Crate & Barrel in The Somerset Collection. Pull a few oversized, plump pillows up to the coffee-table, scatter star-shaped votive candles and splurge on a matte gold ice bucket (\$19.95) and handpainted harlequin champagne flutes (\$8.95) from Crate & Barrel.

Leave the menu and dinner presentation to Stefani Parker of Tomato Rose distinctive catering in Birmingham (901-5672.) Parker's beautifully designed healthful gourmet food includes international, vegetarian, California and Mediterranean cuisine. She offers espresso bar service and floral centerpieces.

And to sweeten the New Year, order a scrumptious basket of goodies from Glorious Gifts,



29512 Northwestern Highway in Southfield. For the past eight years, Sandy Nabat and Elaine Kovinsky have delighted dessert lovers

with their incredible edibles. Each tray or basket is customized to your sweet tooth. Choose chocolate chip or butter cookies, lemon squares, sour cream coffee cake, rugelach or brownies. Add dried fruits, cinnamon almonds, chocolate-covered pretzels, jelly beans and nonpareils. The choices are endless and, with a little will power, you'll have something to nosh on during the New Year's Day parades and football games.

One last end-of-year suggestion for the inveterate resolution-maker. Most resolutions involve a determination to be more organized. Surprise your clutter-collector with The Shepper from Jacobson's. The practical and fashionable vinyl tote features a place for everything: removable wallet on a chain, credit card compartments, business card holder, pen and pencil holder, a fold-up umbrella, key ring, even a coin purse, in four styles (\$90-\$110).

Wishing you a happy, healthy, tranquil and orderly New Year.

Linda Bachrack is a Birmingham resident. You can leave her column ideas at 953-2047, mailbox 1889 or fax them to her at 644-1314.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Malls & Mainstreets next week:

- A peak at Jockey underwear creations through the years.
- Hudson's Marketplace deli gets mixed reviews.
- Linda Bachrack shops for picture frames.

Cargo Express closes, shoppers grab buys



To the great disappointment of employees and shoppers, area Cargo Express stores are going out of business. The company announced plans to close last week — a not-so-merry Christmas gift to hundreds of full- and part-time employees.

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
STAFF WRITER

Cargo Express, a wholly owned subsidiary of Fabri-Centers of America Inc. (known locally as Jo-Ann Fabrics) is closing and taking advantage of the holiday shopping season to liquidate its stock at 10-percent off.

Fifteen Cargo Express stores are in metro-Detroit selling housewares at discount prices. As word of the liquidation sale spreads, lines at the cash registers lengthen. The company hopes to be sold out in six to 12 weeks.

"The news came as a total shock to me," said an employee of the Rochester Hills store in Hampton Village Center. "We were called to a meeting last week and the layoffs were announced."

The same thing happened at the Westland store, where one angry employee said she would've been long gone if she knew what was coming. "The news of the closing caught us completely off guard," she said, refusing to identify herself. "We all feel very badly. We won't have jobs in the new year."

But retail observers said they were not surprised by the closings.

"If you noticed the merchandise

quality and stock levels lately, both have been low," said Joe Tyree, manager of Summit Place in Waterford, where one of the larger Cargo Express stores is in liquidation. "We're actively pursuing two new tenants. That store occupied good space in the mall."

Fred Marx, retail and marketing analyst based in Farmington Hills, said the store closings could be blamed on Cargo Express' hodgepodge of locations and a merchandise mix that never "stood out."

"The whole idea was poorly conceived and executed," he said. "There are much better players in the homeworld category. Just look at what Pier One, Crate & Barrel, Heshops, Target and the department stores are doing in housewares these days. They have better sales and a higher quality of merchandise than Cargo Express. Why would anyone shop at a second-tier retailer like Cargo Express when the competition was more aggressive, and frankly, more appealing."

Leaving a void

But not everyone felt that way.

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Close out: Cargo Express stores were filled with shoppers last week as news of the liquidation sale spread. At this store in Rochester Hills, customers snapped up Christmas china at deep discounts while cashier Joel Kuhn tries to keep up.

Coffee Beanery chief brews a pot of success

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
STAFF WRITER

In 1976, Joanne Shaw, president and founder of The Coffee Beanery Ltd., parlayed an idea, a \$90,000 bank loan and all the energy she could muster into a gourmet coffee shop at the then new Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn.

Today, she oversees 110 such specialty stores with 700 employees in 30 states. Profits in 1992 totaled \$42 million.

The Fenton-based Shaw was named Michigan Entrepreneur of the Year in 1991.

In remarks to the Women's Economic Club at the Plaza Hotel in Southfield, Shaw told the crowd how it all came about.

"I'm a good visionary," the Flint native said. "I started a specialty coffee business in 1976 when the American consumer was buying highly advertised freeze-dried coffee. There were no coffee beans on the grocery shelves."

"But I had a passion, I loved coffee and like a missionary, I wanted everyone to love it as much as me. The flavor and aroma of a fresh-brewed cup of coffee is such a personal treat. If you have a passion about what you do, that's one key to success."

With her partner, husband Julius, Shaw set about acquiring coffee beans that the company could flavor. They also developed a technique for operating and opening stores.

A second Coffee Beanery opened at Twelve Oaks in Novi a year after the first. Within nine years, the Shaws would have eight corporate stores. Next came a franchising plan.

Franchise partners

"We become business partners with our franchisees," Shaw said.

"It's like we're married. We do not sell stores, we grant licenses. A person who wants to run a Coffee Beanery buys assets and a license to do so. They get our name and business systems. We share feedback and information. What's right for one location may not be right for another."

These days, it takes \$60,000 to \$400,000 to open a Coffee Beanery, depending on the location. Franchisees need to come up with 30 percent in cash, according to Shaw.

At The Coffee Beanery, Shaw and company find locations, secure funding, build stores, then run them until

they find franchisees.

The Coffee Beanery maintains 20-percent corporate-run stores to stay in touch with the daily business and use the stores as regional training centers. They have a vehicle for tak-

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JERRY ZOLYNSKY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Strategic decisions: Wise marketing plans mean company growth, JoAnne Shaw, president of the Coffee Beanery (left) tells Terry Merritt, president of the Women's Economic Club.

Malls and Main Street businesses are invited to submit news of special events and promotions for inclusion in this calendar. Deadline is the Wednesday before the Monday edition. Send information to Malls & Mainstreets, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150, or fax them to 591-7279.

MONDAY, DEC. 27

FIRST NIGHT TICKETS

Tickets on sale for downtown Birmingham's annual New Year's Eve party, featuring family entertainment and refreshments 4 p.m. to midnight. A \$7 First Night button entitles the bearer to free admission at all events. Tickets available at area Kroger stores, Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, Community House, Crowley's and Michigan National Banks. First Night cookies, \$1.25 each, on sale courtesy of new Townsend Bakery Shoppe. Cookies at Jax Car Wash, Cranbrook Book Store, Polo Store and Claymore Shops. 540-6888.

PRESSURE SCREENING

8-10 a.m. Jacobson's Court area. Sponsored by Botsford General Hospital. Laurel Park Place, Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia. 462-1100.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

WINTER SALE

The Peppertree store. 10-6 p.m. 302 Walnut, Downtown Rochester. 652-1225.

SHOE DRIVE

Red Wing Shoe Stores are collecting used boots and shoes for reconditioning for the needy through Dec. 31. Store managers will restitch, resole and re-lace old footwear which will be distributed through the Capuchian Soup Kitchen. The Red Wing Shoe Stores are at 2741 Woodward, Berkley, 5948 N. Sheldon, Canton, 33145 Ford Road, Garden City, 25545 Five Mile Road, Redford and 13989 Hall Road, Shelby Township. 522-5950.

BRIDAL FAIR

Information for engaged couples and bridal parties at annual Hudson's Bridal Fair. Includes brunch, visits with manufacturer's reps, and fashion show Saturday, Jan. 22 beginning 9-30 a.m. Southfield Pavilion. \$15

per person. Tickets on sale now through date of event. 443-6334.

FRIDAY, DEC. 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE
Malls and Mainstreet shops close at 5 p.m.

SINGLES PARTY

The Grand Cafe in downtown Farmington will host the Metropolitan Single Professionals for a gala New Year's Eve party beginning at 8-30 p.m. Reservations required. Dressy attire. Live Band. \$30 per person. Grand Cafe, Grand River/Farmington. 478-9181.

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When the Cargo Express in downtown Farmington closes in the next few weeks, it will be "sorely missed," according to Judy Downey, Farmington Downtown Development Authority director.

"I'm always sad to hear someone is going out of business," she said. "But I'm particularly sad at the Cargo Express closing. They had such a variety of merchandise, reasonably priced. They were a good customer draw. It's a big loss."

Downey said she'll turn her energies to finding a new tenant for the city as soon as possible. She said she would like to see a bridal salon, a menswear store or a year-round holiday shop open for trade.

Farmington residents Gene and Gary Phillips said the store closing was a shame.

"Gee, I'm going to miss Cargo Express," Gene said. "I liked to walk up here once a week and look around at what was new. It was always a fun store — the merchandise was for holidays and parties, I associated the store with good times."

Gary agreed. "We liked to shop here," he said. "We're quite surprised that it's closing. It always seemed to be doing good business."

"Seemed" is the right word, according to Marx. "The company did a lot of wheel spinning with bright booklets and lots of merchandise but the sales figures just weren't there," he said.

Alan Rosskamm, Fabri-Centers' chairman, said the company had been trying to sell the 41-store Cargo Express division for the past several months. Cargo

Express stores are in Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

"We have retained a liquidation consultant to close and liquidate all our Cargo Express stores," he said in a press release announcing the decision. "The company expects to generate positive cash flow from this liquidation. It is important to get this chapter of our business behind us so that we can focus our entire energies on improving the company's core fabric retailing operation."

Robert Norton, vice chairman of Fabri-Centers, blamed the closings on "fierce competition," stating the loss of jobs to 100 full-time and 500 part-time employees nationwide was a hard pill to swallow for the company.

"We feel badly," he said in a phone interview from his Hudson,

Ohio, office. "We tried to sell the business for a year. We're aware that we had many loyal customers. My wife won't even talk to me when I come home. She's shopped there for years and is very upset by the decision to close."

"When Cargo Express is gone, we will focus on our core business, JoAnne Fabrics. We've been closing our smaller JoAnne Fabrics stores in the malls and opening bigger stores elsewhere. We have a core clientele of crafters and hobbyists and we want to be the best we can be for them."

The Great American Asset Management/Hilco Trading Co. is managing the liquidation. A spokesman said he hoped the inventory liquidation would be speeded along by shoppers looking for holiday bargains.

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ing locations back from franchisees. Shaw now sits on the International Franchises Association board of directors.

George Serra, a franchisee with three Coffee Beanery shops, speaks highly of his owner-franchisee relationship with Shaw. He owns the Lakeside store in Sterling Heights, the new Coffee Beanery espresso cart in the same mall, and a Coffee Beanery at Southland Mall in Taylor.

"I enjoy the relationship with Joanne and Julius," he said. "I feel part of a big family. They are

instrumental in creating this feeling because they call and keep in touch. They want to know how things are going. This makes me feel very good."

Will the Coffee Beanery go public soon? "We need to continue to get better," Shaw said. "We're talking about it. But it's really not on the drawing board yet."

Strategic plans

Along the way, The Coffee Beanery had to make some tough strategic decisions to ensure growth.

"In 1988, we hired a visual consultant," Shaw said. "If we were a gourmet coffee store, why did we look like a mug shop? Our goal was to make our stores look like a fine jewelry store. With brass, black marble and light oak, we achieved a new look and the mall gods, as I call them, were thrilled. This helped us get better mall positions."

Most of The Coffee Beaneries are in shopping malls. Freestanding espresso kiosks have been added to their lineup, along with a menu of specialty drinks to

please non-coffee drinkers. In New York City and Georgetown in Washington, D.C., Coffee Beanerys have seating, sandwiches and salads.

"We want to be everywhere because ours is an emplace sale," Shaw said. "We're moving onto college campuses, and office buildings like Wayne State University and the Fisher Building in Detroit."

The Coffee Beanery also is coming out with a catalog to tap into the mail order business.

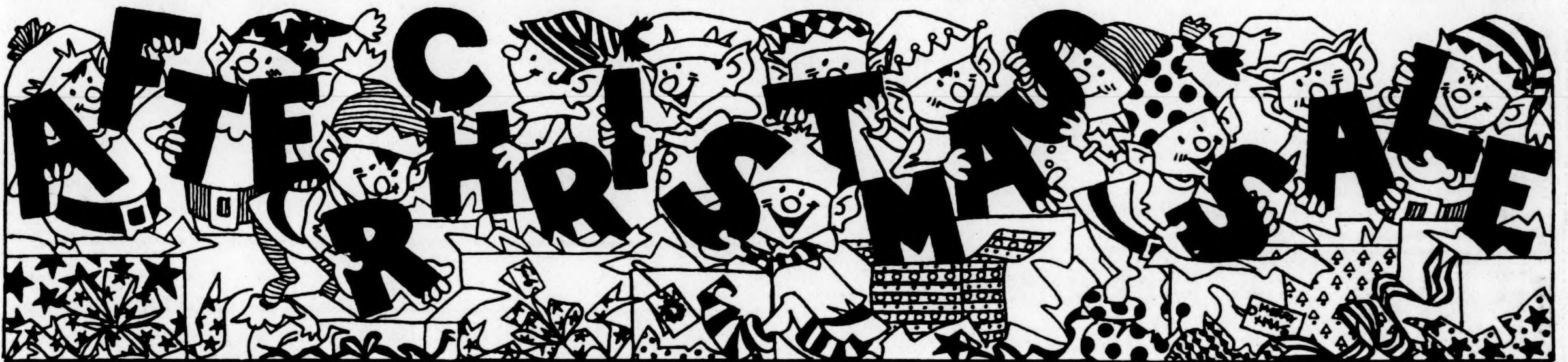
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POINTS OF VIEW

Carlin deserves support for being a fighter

I noted some very surprised faces when I walked into a fancy fundraiser at the River Crest Club in Rochester Hills and plunked down my check to help defray the cost of the legal fees for the defense of Gerard Carlin.

Gerard Carlin is the ex-Oakland County Sheriff's captain who had commanded the Rochester Hills post until Sheriff John Nichols demoted him to jail sergeant. That demotion came after charges surfaced that he accepted illegal overtime fees and ordered on-duty subordinates to chauffeur L. Brooks Patterson around when he was a candidate for the post of county executive — which position Patterson later won.

The one-time heir-apparent to the sheriff's seat, Carlin now faces criminal prosecution regarding these and other allegations.

He is the same Gerard Carlin who four years earlier had joined other governmental and municipal officials in

publicly denouncing me for my Joycelyn Elders-like support for the legalization of drugs. This blistering barrage of denunciation had come at a time when I was in danger of losing both my job and my pension because of stances I had taken on this and other issues involving multicultural curricula and minority recruitment when I was assistant superintendent of Rochester Schools.

He is also the same Gerard Carlin with whom I had repeatedly clashed over our opposing ideologies regarding whether the schools' Police Liaison Department should operate as essentially a preventive (my view) or a regulatory entity (his).

The duties of our Police Liaison Department, which consisted of two sheriff's deputies and two Rochester City policemen reporting directly to me, were defined by me and a municipal-scholastic-civil committee which I chaired. I was the sole evaluator of



JOHN TELFORD

■ The main reason why I contributed to his defense is because I know what it feels like to be pre-tried and pre-convicted in and by the press.

these police officers' performances. The department, in carrying out its

charges as outlined for it by the division of instruction (which I headed), had consistently won awards and drawn countywide praise for its beneficial service to our 11,000 students.

Despite this, Carlin persistently demanded that the officers be lined up for uniformed, shined-shoe inspection every morning and subjected to other militaristic treatment (from which I breezily exempted them in light of the student-supportive, guiding, exemplary roles I expected them to play).

Thus, it would have been difficult to find two more political, philosophical and stylistic opposites than me and this young spit-and-polish command officer who was 20 years my junior. And thus was the surprise which my presence produced among observers at his River Crest fund-raiser.

Still, even when Carlin and I clashed, I respected and actually admired him despite myself, because in a certain sense I saw a kindred spirit.

And this wasn't because we both have Scottish surnames, or because he had once policed the Detroit neighborhood where I grew up. It was because Gerard Carlin was — and is — a fighter. His present accusers are about to discover this, to their sorrow.

For the record, I happen to believe that Carlin, who appears to have been set up to take the fall for higher-ups, is innocent — or thinks he is innocent.

But that isn't the main reason why I contributed to his defense. The main reason why I know what it feels like to be pre-tried and pre-convicted in and by the press, and this is what is happening to Gerard Carlin now.

John Telford, a Rochester Hills resident, was an assistant superintendent in the Rochester School District. He previously was executive director of secondary education in the Plymouth Canton district.

Financial planners are helpful, but be careful

The Clinton Administration's new tax law, the Revenue Recovery Act of 1993, promises to pose neat challenges for taxpayers in Metro Detroit and across the nation. This law eliminates deductions available in previous years. Many of us are about to find ourselves in new brackets with bigger tax bills. Some folks are taking action now. They are seeking financial strategies that can be put to work before the end of the year.

Finding the right resource, however, isn't as easy as it seems, particularly when it comes to personal finances. While accountants are equipped to manage taxes and the legal accounting of assets and liabilities, most are not attuned to the broad range of investment opportunities that can be used to reduce taxable income. The same can be said for other specialists in the financial field: insurance brokers, trust officers, attorneys and stock brokers.

In recent years, the profession of fi-

ancial planning has evolved and moved in to fill this gap. These professionals design an overall plan which includes a monthly budget as well as long-range strategies to help increase a client's net worth. Planners typically offer clients a variety of options designed to suit the client's pocketbook and objectives. Some planners serve only as consultants, while others are structured to offer these services in-house.

Financial planners sound like the answer to our prayers — and some of them are. The problem is that, because this is a relatively new profession, no uniform list of prerequisites exists. Financial planners in Michigan are not required to meet a single set of educational standards, pass an accreditation exam, obtain a license from a governmental regulatory agency or even have prior experience in the discipline. Virtually anyone can hang out a shingle or place an advertisement in the telephone

GUEST COLUMNIST



THOMAS ASHCROFT

■ Before hiring a financial planner, ask him or her to provide references and show you examples of the reports provided for clients similar to you.

directory and be called a financial planner.

The Better Business Bureau received a call recently from a Livonia man who hired a financial planner, expecting to get a long range investment plan. What he actually received was a document that simply listed his income and monthly expenses. He considered this a poor return for his investment.

Be on the lookout for so-called financial planners who are actually sales persons in disguise. Some planners benefit financially by selling a specific product (e.g. insurance policy). Planners who offer options as well as recommendations are more likely to be operating in your best interest.

Planners who operate with a post office box or telephone answering service and those with no staff can pick up and move quickly, leaving behind a trail of bad advice, failed or fraudulent investments. As a protective measure, visit

their office and make certain he or she has established ties to reputable accountants, attorneys and other professionals.

So how do you select a qualified professional? One option is to look for five designations: Certified Financial Planner (CFP), Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC), Master of Science in Financial Services (MSFS), Registry of Financial Planning Practitioners or Registered Financial Planners (RFP).

Before hiring a financial planner, ask him or her to provide references and show you examples of the reports provided for clients similar to you. Find out if you will be dealing with this individual directly or an associate.

Thomas Ashcroft, a Birmingham resident, is president of the Better Business Bureau of Detroit and Eastern Michigan. The BBB is located in Southfield.

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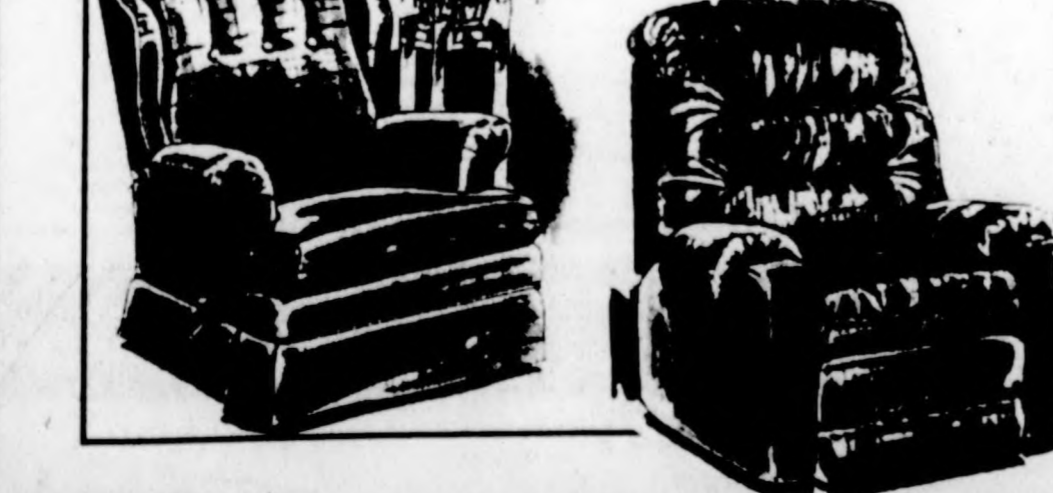
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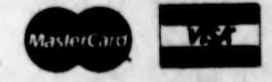


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Most area reps support S&L bailout bill

Here's how *Observer & Eccentric-area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending Nov. 26*

HOUSE

S&L Bailout: By a vote of 235 for and 191 against, the House approved the conference report on a bill (S 714) releasing \$18.3 billion that is expected to complete the savings-and-loan bailout. The bill was sent to the White House.

Congress has now appropriated about \$105 billion since 1989 to pay off depositors at more than 700 bankrupt S&Ls. Uncovered by pay-as-you-go budget rules, the money has come from Treasury borrowing. Congress also has authorized the Resolution Trust Corp. to borrow more than \$100 billion in working capital that is to be repaid through the sale of seized assets.

A yes vote was to pass the bill. **Area representatives voting yes were: Bob Carr, D-Pontiac, Dale Kildee, D-Flint, Sander Levin, D-Southfield, William Ford, D-Ypsilanti. Voting no: Joseph Knollenberg, R-Birmingham.**

Spending Restraint: By a vote of 272 for and 163 against, the House passed a bill (HR 3400) to slow the growth of federal spending by \$37.1 billion over five years through fiscal 1998. Drafted by the administration and House Democratic leaders, the bill is President Clinton's promised sequel to the \$500 billion, five-year deficit-reduction measure approved by Congress in August. It saves \$32.5 billion by eliminating 252,000 federal jobs, \$2.7 billion by increasing government efficiency and \$1.9 billion

by rescinding already appropriated funds. The bill differs structurally from the Penny-Kasich alternative (below) in that it does not lower spending ceilings previously set by Congress. Thus it does not "lock in" its savings.

A yes vote was to pass the bill. **Area representatives voting yes were: Bob Carr, Dale Kildee, Sander Levin and William Ford. Voting no: Joseph Knollenberg.**

To Reject Penny-Kasich: By a vote of 213 for and 219 against, the House rejected an alternative to HR 3400 (above) that sought more than twice as much in deficit reduction. This plan by Reps. Timothy Penny, D-Minn., and John Kasich, R-Ohio, also differed from the underlying bill by requiring all of the savings to go to lowering the deficit.

It sought to curb federal red ink by \$90.4 billion over five years, with nearly half the savings achieved by slowing entitlement programs, mainly Medicare. It sought discretionary cuts of \$52.5 billion in scores of areas from merging agencies into more efficient units to cutting the legislative branch budget. Penny-Kasich eliminated 252,000 civil service slots as did the underlying bill, but also curbed federal military and civilian retirement benefits.

Opponent John Dingell, D-Mich., said: "We in Congress are sent here to make sound decisions for

our constituents. . . It is easy to vote for unsound budget cuts. It is infinitely more difficult to craft and vote for sound ones that make sense and will work. Vote against this outrageous, misguided, irrational, unworkable, pathetic attempt to craft public policy."

A yes vote was to enact the Penny-Kasich deficit-reduction plan. **Area representatives voting yes were: Knollenberg. Voting no: Carr, Kildee, Levin and Ford.**

Campaign Finance: By a vote of 255 for and 175 against, the House approved a bill to reform congressional campaign financing by putting a voluntary cap on spending and introducing partial public funding. The bill (HR 3) was sent to a House-Senate conference committee.

For House candidates, the bill sets voluntary spending limits of \$600,000 per election cycle. Incumbents and challengers accepting them would get up to \$200,000 in public vouchers for buying television, radio and newspaper advertising, postage and printed material. A later bill would raise the public money.

Regardless of whether they agree to limit spending, House candidates could receive no more than \$200,000 from political action committees (PACs) and up to \$200,000 in individual contributions over \$200.

The bill drew overwhelming support from Democrats, many of

whom like spending limits and want to retain PAC contributions. It was opposed mainly by Republicans, many of whom oppose public financing and want to abolish PAC money from campaigns.

A yes vote was to pass the bill. **Area representatives voting yes were: Kildee, Levin, Ford. Voting no: Knollenberg and Carr.**

SENATE

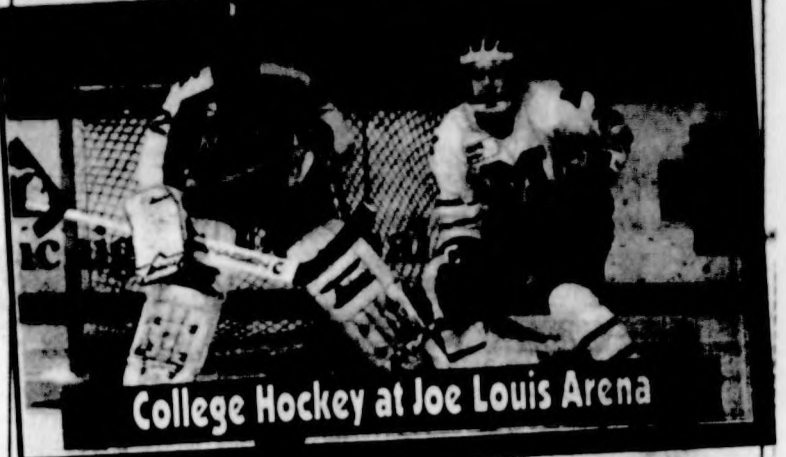
S&L Bailout: By a vote of 54 for and 45 against, the Senate approved a bill (S 714) providing the Resolution Trust Corp. with \$18.3 billion to cover depositor losses incurred during the collapse of hundreds of savings-and-loans in the 1980s. The bill, which is expected to complete the S&L bailout at a total cost of about \$105 billion in appropriations, was sent to the House (above).

Supporter Don Riegle, D-Mich., said: "It is important to remember that the purpose of this legislation is to protect depositors at failed thrifts. That is where all the money goes — to depositors."

Opponent John Kerry, D-Mass., complained that "a number of private law firms, accounting firms and real estate contractors have taken advantage of RTC's management weaknesses to rip off the public, increasing the overall cost of the S&L bailout."

A yes vote was to pass the bill. **Michigan Senators, both Democrats, Carl Levin and Donald Riegle voted yes.**

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'93 trends, memories are food for thought

Depending on which side of the fence you were sitting on, 1993 was the "year of opposites" for foodies. Vegetarians claim an 8-10 percent increase while the beef industry claims to be enjoying a renaissance.

Bistro fare again tops the charts, and while the folks at "Bon Appetit" magazine claim the French top the bistro trend in 1993, my desk is littered with Trattoria cookbooks from Italy.

The trend toward comfort food has opened a door to a new cuisine dubbed "country American." Momma's chicken casserole of the 1960s is now trendily being monikered as "chicken fried steak." Plain old mashed potatoes have fallen from grace. To be in tune with the 1990s, you have to add roasted garlic and a touch of dill. It's actually easier to find jicama at the vegetable market than it is to find a rutabaga.

Thank goodness all those trendy greens have wilted into oblivion not just because they were so expensive and tasted about as exciting as they sounded (i.e. mache), but how many folks do you know who could actually discern the arugula from the frisee?

Memories

Looking back at 1993 brought fond memories of food. Remember my trip to New Orleans and the subsequent column on those crazy Cajuns and their desire to eat crayfish for breakfast, lunch and dinner? You told me in no uncertain terms that my tastes could be shoved where the sun didn't shine.

I didn't know whom to believe when a reader with the last name MacDonald claimed my recipe for Scottish shortbread was the best she had ever tasted while the next call came from a MacDonnell who swore at me in Gaelic because I wasted his time and money making "the worst shortbread on earth."

A tear came to your eye as well as mine when I wrote my Mother's Day column sharing the secrets of Momma's kitchen, and then we laughed together when I mentioned Aunt Vicky's "homemade" jam.

This year the Janes Gang switched from slurping down "yuppie chardonnay" to experiencing a whole new taste sensation with red wine. The best part about switching from white to red was that the government actually approved!

Chef's favorites

The big question I continue to be asked in line at the grocery store or while teaching a cooking class is "what's my favorite restaurant?" to which I always respond "what type, how much do you want to spend and when are you taking me?"

For the record, my favorites are Giovanni's in southwest Detroit for regional Italian followed by Bruschetta in Novi, Opus One in downtown Detroit or The Lark in West Bloomfield when money and time is of little object, Chez Pierre New Orleans in Rochester (for when I choose to eat crayfish) and Dos Pesos in Belleville or Evie's Tamales in Mexicantown for something south of the border and not in a bag.

The best places to grocery shop are the Shopping Center markets, Papa Joe's in Rochester, the Koyama Shoten for Oriental and Chimento's Italian Grocery (both in Livonia), La Colomena/Honey Bee Market in Mexicantown, and Hirt's and Raphael Spice in the Eastern Market area.

For really trendy foodstuffs you can spend a paycheck at any of the Merchant of Vino stores and not even venture near the beer and wine. When it comes to bakeries and bread you can't hold a candle to the folks at the Little Prince in Birmingham (their croissants are to die for!), the baguettes at Baking by the Auers in Southfield, the bagels from the Detroit Bagel Factory, especially when they're hot from the oven, and the cheesy-whole wheat bread my Panasonic Bread Maker churns out on demand. Warning, if you're contemplating the purchase of a bread maker you better invest in a treadmill too! Technology has made it just too darn easy, and too darn good!

Last, but certainly not least, when it comes to keeping my kitchen up to par with all the necessary equipment, tools, gadgets and cookware, the folks at Williams-Sonoma and Crate and Barrel have the West Coast trends locked up, but when it comes to the best stocked, most knowledgeable you-name-it-and-they-have-it kind of a store, the folks at Kitchen Glamour should take a well deserved bow. Hope you have a prosperous, happy and healthy New Year! Bon Appetit!

See Larry Janes' family-tested recipes inside. To leave a message for Chef Larry, dial 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then mailbox number 1886.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

Registered dietitian Gail Posner explains how to make healthy choices when you eat out.

E&J Gallo Winery challenges the ultra-premium market.



Eye-openers: Ginger Orange Muffins will sparkle at a special holiday brunch or breakfast. Their spicy, citrusy flavor is complemented by the nutty crunch of wheat germ.

Wake up to
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Local culinary professionals agree, brunch is one of the simplest ways to entertain. It's not essential to make everything from scratch, and many dishes can be made ahead of time. So go ahead, gather family and friends for one last holiday fling.

BY GERI RINSCHLER
SPECIAL WRITER

By the time Jan. 1 rolls around most of us have had it with holiday entertaining. After nearly a month of splurging on party foods, it can be frustrating to create a menu which is appropriate for one last holiday fling.

If you consult a culinary professional, they'll surely tell you the easiest way to entertain on New Year's Day is to host a festive holiday brunch. Not only is it the easiest, but it's also the most versatile because of the time of day, generally 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. With a little help from friends, you'll be

amazed at how simple planning a New Year's Day brunch can be.

Annabel Cohen, owner of Annabel's Catering in Southfield, recommends a light menu.

"We're just getting over a few weeks of heavy eating and there are many wonderful dishes that can be made with fruits and vegetables, and made ahead of time for a holiday brunch," she said.

Cohen describes her food style as "American gourmet with a Mediterranean twist," and it

See WAKE UP, 2B

Busy mom likes quick, one-pot meals



LAURA LETOBAR

Between work, shopping for gifts and visiting with friends and family, it is a wonder that anyone eats properly at all during the holiday season. Lisa Rice of Bloomfield seems to have everything under control, which is incredible since she gave birth to her second child in October.

Lisa's biggest problem is trying to prepare something quick for her 2-year-old son Andrew.

She wanted something she could throw in a pot, and not have to worry too much about like her clam chowder.

Since it is a one pot recipe, she really likes it, but is concerned about all the fat. Our make over reduced the amount of fat from a whopping 16.4 grams of fat per serving to a much more reasonable 1.0 grams of fat per serving.

Chef Boyardee has some great canned macaroni and cheese. It has only four grams of fat per 15-ounce can, and is very cheesy. I take it for lunch when I don't have time to cook. It's also great for camping trips. Chef Boyardee also has cheese tortellini in a can. This is also wonderful because it has only two grams of fat per 15-ounce can.

Lois Hausman of Bloomfield Hills wanted to know where she could purchase the Pillsbury instant powdered gravy mix mentioned in the November column. I have always found it at Meijer's. It is usually right next to the section that has all the powdered gravy and sauce mixes. Look for a small white box.

If you can't find it, try the bottled gravy by Pillsbury. It contains zero grams of fat per two ounces of brown gravy, and one gram of fat per two ounces for the chicken flavor. It is the same gravy, it just has the water already added.

For a complimentary issue of the "Laura's Fat Free Kitchen" newsletter, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to H.W. Publications, P.O. Box 9324, Livonia 48151-1324. Subscription price is \$12 a year.



RECIPE MAKE OVER



Clam Chowder
Original Recipe

- 2 cans (6.5 ounces each) minced clams
- 6 potatoes, peeled and diced
- 6 carrots, peeled and diced
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 2 cans (10 3/4 ounces each) condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
- 2 cans (12 ounces each) evaporated milk
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Drain clams, reserving liquid. Set the clams aside. In a large kettle, combine clam juice, potatoes, carrots, onion, butter and water. Cook over medium heat for 15 minutes or until the vegetables are tender. Stir in soup, milk, salt and pepper; simmer until heated through. Stir in clams. Makes 10 servings.

Clam Chowder
Reduced-Fat Recipe

- 2 cans (6.5 ounces each) minced clams
- 6 potatoes, peeled and diced
- 6 carrots, peeled and diced
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 cups water
- 2 tablespoons Molly McButter imitation powdered butter
- 2 cans (10 3/4 ounces each) Campbell's 99 percent fat free cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
- 2 cans (12 ounces each) evaporated skim milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Drain clams, reserving liquid. Set the clams aside. In a large non-stick pot, combine clam juice, potatoes, carrots, onion, powdered butter and water. Cook over medium heat for 15 minutes or until the vegetables are tender. Stir in soup, milk, salt and pepper; simmer until heated through. Stir in clams. Makes 10 servings.

Cook, serve eggs in just one dish

AP — Conventional cooking is as fast as scrambling eggs in the microwave oven.

However, the microwave oven has a decided advantage over the stove-top method. You need just one dish for both cooking and serving. And cleanup is easy because eggs don't stick to the dish the way they usually do.

CHEDDAR SCRAMBLED EGGS WITH APPLE

- 1 small apple, cored and chopped (¾ cup)
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced (2 tablespoons)
- 1 tablespoon margarine or butter
- 6 eggs
- ¼ cup milk
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 cup cubed fully cooked ham
- 3-ounce package cream cheese, cubed
- ¼ of a 4-ounce package of Cheddar Cheese

In a 1½-quart microwave-safe casserole, combine chopped apple, green onions and margarine or butter. Cook, uncovered, on 100 percent power (high) for 2 to 3 minutes or until just tender.

Meanwhile, in a medium mixing bowl combine eggs, milk and nutmeg. Beat with a fork until combined. Stir in ham and cream cheese. Stir into apple mixture in casserole.

Cook, uncovered, on high for 1½ minutes. Push cooked portions to the center of the dish. Cook, uncovered, on high for 2½ to 3 minutes more or until eggs are almost set, pushing cooked portions to the center after every 30 seconds. Sprinkle with Cheddar cheese. Serve at once. Makes 3 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 418 cal., 30 g total fat (13 g sat. fat), 484 mg chol., 897 mg sodium, 8 g carbo., 1 g fiber, 29 g pro. RDA: 41 percent vit. A, 28 percent vit. C, 14 percent calcium, 16 percent iron.

Quick caramel rolls

AP — With just six ingredients and your microwave oven, you can bake sweet, sticky caramel rolls for breakfast in less than 5 minutes.

The secret lies in starting with refrigerated biscuits. Cook the caramel topping first, add the biscuits, then cook again. Invert them onto your plate and let the golden caramel topping drizzle down the biscuits.

QUICK CARAMEL-PECAN ROLLS

- 3 tablespoons margarine or butter
- ¼ cup packed brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon light corn syrup
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ cup chopped pecans, peanuts, or walnuts
- 1 package (6) refrigerated biscuits

In a 1-cup glass measure cook margarine or butter, uncovered, on 100 percent power (high) for 40 to 50 seconds or until melted. Stir in brown sugar, corn syrup and cinnamon. Cook, uncovered, on high for 30 to 40 seconds or until sugar is dissolved.

Spoon the sugar mixture into a microwave-safe muffin pan or six 6-ounce custard cups lined with paper baking cups. Sprinkle chopped nuts atop. Place 1 biscuit over nuts in each cup. For custard cups, arrange on a microwave-safe plate, leaving

center open.

Cook, uncovered, on high 1 to 1½ minutes or until done, giving the pan or plate a half-turn after 30 seconds. Let stand for 1 minute. Invert onto a plate. Serve warm. Makes 6 rolls.

Nutrition information per serving: 162 cal., 8 g fat, 2 g pro., 22 g carbo., 275 mg sodium, 17 mg potassium.

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Teach youngsters to cook healthy

One resolution you can make in 1994 is to teach your children to cook and eat for good health. As New Year's resolutions go, this could be one of the most important you make for the long-term benefit of your family.

Kids today have little understanding of how the food they eat affects their health — and how it can affect their performance in school, sports and other activities. And, while many youngsters can zap a snack in the microwave, far fewer know how to use a cookbook, stove, or other traditional kitchen appliances.

Parents and grandparents add a critical element to a child's education when they introduce that child to the kitchen and to healthy eating. Children between the ages of seven and 12 are the most receptive, but it's never too late to start.

Learning to cook is an opportunity for creativity. It's also a way to accustom your child to the tastes and textures of more healthful foods that are fresh or minimally processed, low in salt, and low in fat.

From cooking, boys as well as girls can learn from experience that healthy food often tastes bet-

ter than junk food.

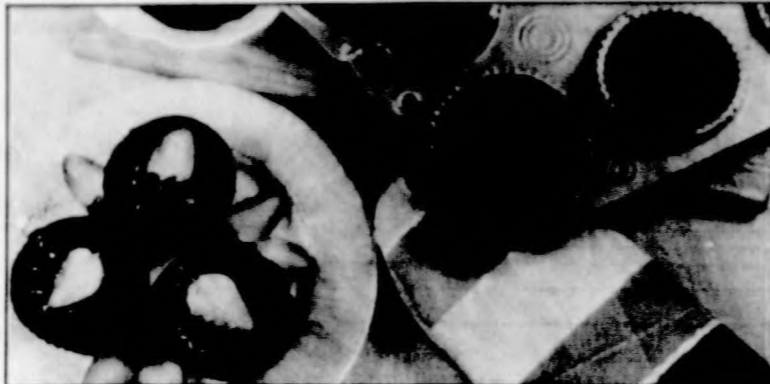
Besides good nutrition, cooking can help children learn about numbers, measurements and timing and can boost their reading skills. The actual preparation helps improve eye-hand coordination and instills a sense of self-confidence.

There are many children's cookbooks available today, and a good number are attuned to healthy eating. You can also receive a free subscription to the good-news-letter, a bimonthly publication that teaches kids ages 7-10 about good nutrition with games, puzzles, and educational stories; to order, call the American Institute for Cancer Research, 1-800 843-8114, weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

One of the easiest ways to tempt kids into the kitchen is to teach them to cook favorite foods. No child (or adult) will ever guess that Chocolate Cupcakes with Berry Glaze contain only a gram of fat apiece.

LOWFAT CHOCOLATE CUPCAKES WITH BERRY GLAZE

- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon water
- ¾ cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar



Low-fat treat: No one will ever guess that Chocolate Cupcakes with Berry Glaze contain only a gram of fat apiece.

- 1 cup unsweetened applesauce
 - 6 tablespoons, plain nonfat yogurt
 - 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons all purpose flour
 - ½ cup unsweetened cocoa
 - 1 ¼ teaspoons baking soda
 - 1 ¼ teaspoons cinnamon
 - ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
 - ¼ cup low-sugar strawberry or raspberry fruit spread
- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Fill 14 muffin cups with paper or foil liners.

Place the egg and the water in a large bowl and beat with an electric mixer. Beat in the sugar and blend well. Add the applesauce and mix well. Add the yogurt and mix gently just until well-blended.

Stir together into a medium bowl

the flour, cocoa, baking soda, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Mix gently with a spoon. Add the sifted ingredients to the batter in three parts, beating well after each addition.

Spoon the batter evenly into the paper liners. Bake 20 to 30 minutes, or until the cupcakes spring back when their tops are lightly touched. Remove the cupcakes from cups (but not from paper liners) and cool 5 to 10 minutes.

When the cupcakes are slightly cooled, but still warm, spread the top of each cupcake lightly with raspberry or strawberry spread. Each cupcake contains 1 gram of fat and 115 calories.

The material in this feature is reviewed by Karen Collins, registered dietitian for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

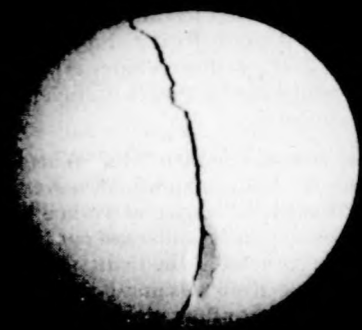
Answers to food questions

For answers to questions about food preparation and safety, call 858-0904.

avoid the danger a hotline has been set up to respond to questions about food safety, according to Sylvia Treitman, home economist for the Oakland County Cooperative Extension Service.

The busy holiday season puts diners at increased risk for food poisoning and to help

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Tips for using eggs

Old-time favorites such as eggnog, Caesar salad dressings, hollandaise sauce, mousse and meringues can be the source of food poisoning if they are made with raw or lightly cooked eggs.

To have a happy holiday season — follow these tips from the Oakland County Cooperative Extension Service when cooking or bak-

ing with eggs.

- Do not eat or use raw eggs in recipes.
- Do not purchase or use cracked eggs.
- Keep eggs refrigerated and refrigerate egg containing dishes within 2 hours of serving.
- Make sure all egg dishes are well cooked.

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- Z-93-24 1000 W. Ann Arbor Tr. Non-Use Variance, Front Yard Setback & Driveway Variance Zoned O-1, Office Michael A. & Mary Gladchun
- Z-93-25 470 Forest Avenue Non-Use Variance, Awning Sign Zoned B-3, Central Business James M. Jabara

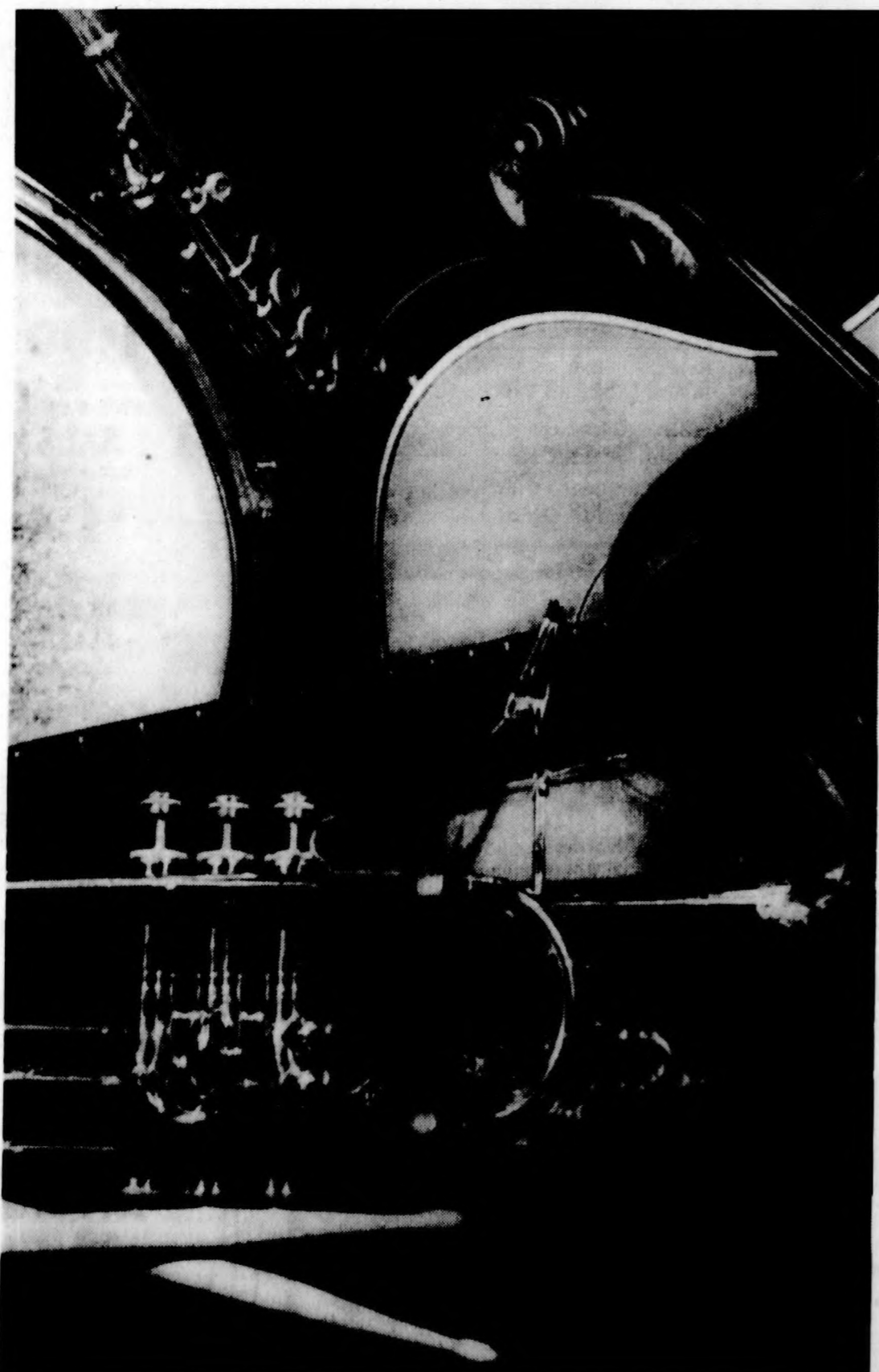
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asked why older songs are on the CD:
 "A lot of people liked that ("Biggest Head in America") song. It was a part of my life so I stuck it on," Monster said.
 The self-produced album, Monster feels, best represents her style of music.

"It's more true to what I love. It's definitely got that raw feeling and I left in several mistakes which to me is beautiful," she said. "Some of my favorite records sound like crap but the energy is there. It definitely sounds more like I should have sounded before."

Testing, one . . .
 Goobar & The Peas will test out

■ **'We're more like traditional '70s funk music . . . We're more along the lines of Average White Band . . . Earth, Wind and Fire.'**

Perry LaVoisine

its new material on New Year's Eve at the Falcon Club, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck (368-6010). The album, to be recorded at the Tempermill in January, is tentatively titled "Ten Famous Original Songs," Goobar said. "We're sure they're going to be famous and we wrote them so we know they're original." They're not sure if there's going to be 10 songs which is what makes the title tentative.

The songs have a significantly darker feel than the previous "The Complete Works of Goobar & The Peas."

"I think people said it was a little more psychotic. It's more 'Don't Be Afraid' and 'Let's Hunt for Grandpa' than 'Funky Cowboy.' There will be a couple of pop gems for the kids of today. It will have the atmosphere of an eerie, psychotic cocktail party."

For the adventuresome few, Honky Dory member Dan McCourt of McCourt's Music in Pontiac will perform with his brothers at The Village Inn on Mackinac Island — opened to the public for the holiday.

The \$500 price includes three nights' accommodations for two people as well as a trip to the St. Ignace casino. The hitch — the boats don't run on New Year's Day so you're more or less stuck on the island until Jan. 2.

"Basically you're stuck but that's good because that means there's nothing to do but get up and watch football on TV, drink a few beers and eat," McCourt said. For more information, call (906) 847-3542 or (810) 334-5150.

'Ethan Frome': Study in desperation

BY LEANNE ROGERS
 STAFF WRITER

The works of Edith Wharton have been getting a flurry of new attention recently with the recent release of "The Age of Innocence." Another recent adaptation that received little notice is the 1992 film "Ethan Frome" which true to its source material lacks the opulence of the New York high society tale.

It's unfortunate the film didn't get better exposure because it is a well-crafted tale of loneliness and what some people are willing to do to find love.

Arriving at a new assignment in rural Massachusetts, a young minister meets a severely crippled farmer who appears to be shunned by the townspeople. Not that the impoverished farmer is a friendly sort himself. The minis-

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ter is determined to help the farmer Ethan Frome, played by Liam Neeson, and hires him as a driver. Eventually the minister begins piecing together the story of Frome, not directly from the farmer but from a family friend.

Frome was once a strong young man who left the family farm to study electrical engineering in a warmer climate. He returns home to help care for his ill mother but never plans to stay. He wants to sell the farm and head west.

Ethan's distant cousin Zeena, who grew up in another town, came to nurse the sick woman. Played by Joan Allen, Zeena is a classic passive-aggressive type who brings out guilt and nurturing feelings in Ethan. After five years

marriage, Zeena insists on being fussed over due to her health which she complains was broken by nursing Ethan's late mother.

It's a cold relationship set in a very cold climate. Nearly all of the story takes place during varying degrees of winter. At Zeena's insistence, a young relative comes to help around the house, taking over the little cubbyhole Ethan uses for reading and keeping his engineering books. A frail and sickly orphan, Mattie eventually regains her strength and starts to blossom personally, if not becoming especially adept at her household duties.

Played by Patricia Arquette, Mattie is like a ray of sunshine in the Frome house, laughing and singing. Neeson is very good as Ethan, a desperately lonely man overwhelmed by his disappoint-

ing life. He responds to the only warmth that anyone has shown him in years, and Mattie, with no home or family, is drawn to Ethan.

It's to Allen's credit that even Zeena, who could easily be cast as the villain of the work, is neurotic and bitter, but seems like she cares about her husband, even if she can't express it. When Zeena forces the situation by demanding that Mattie be sent away and replaced with a hired girl, the results show that desperate people will take desperate action.

"Ethan Frome" is available on tape at local video stores. If you have a question or comment, call LeAnne Rogers at 953-2103 or write her at The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Her weight loss may leave him feeling betrayed



BARBARA SCHIFF

Dear Readers,
 On a local talk show, some weeks ago, the guests spoke about how losing weight created new, often frightening, challenges for them. These were seven women and

and the attention she gets from men. She said the 30 years before her weight loss were spent in big, ugly, mumus.

Debbie's husband does not share her excitement. He thinks she looks cheap; they separated last week. The host of the show asked, "Wouldn't any man love it if his wife lost 180 pounds? What's wrong with him?"

Debbie agreed, "Why does he feel threatened?" she said. "I don't want to go with another man, I just love them to pay attention to me."

one man, all of whom were obese and became normal weight. They each lost between 50 and 550 pounds. One regained her lost weight; the others had kept it off for more than three years. As the psychotherapist and exercise instructor on the panel, I was asked to comment on their experience.

The first woman to tell her story, Debbie, wore a black Lycra mini skirt, black hose, stiletto heels and a white, revealing stretch top. A huge smile revealed her pride in losing more than 180 pounds. She loves her new sexy appearance,

Some years ago another talk show panel, which was discussed in this column, consisted of a group of men who felt betrayed because their beautiful, sexy wives got fat soon after the men married them. The husbands were angry, they blamed their wives. Their wives were angry, too, accusing their husbands of being superficial for not loving them despite their weight gain.

The conclusion of that column was that whether it is

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Art films flourished during 1993

BY JOHN MONAGHAN
SPECIAL WRITER

This was far from a red-letter year for Hollywood. With the exception of "Groundhog Day," most of the movies on this year's list of favorites fall into the high-budget independent category. Most played in limited runs at the Detroit Film Theatre or Main or Maple theaters.

"The Crying Game" — I caught Neil Jordan's Irish thriller about a month before all the hype, which left me wide open for the gender-bending twist. Stephen Rea is perfect as a reluctant IRA hit man whose friendship with a political prisoner (Forest Whitaker) leads to a bizarre chain of events.

"The Piano" — Jane Campion's third feature is a mythical, moving story set in the wilds of New Zealand. Holly Hunter plays a mute woman in an arranged marriage to a man she doesn't love. The only hope comes through her beloved piano, which a neighbor (Harvey Keitel) uses to attract and then seduce her.

"Brother's Keeper" — It proves once again that there's nothing more fascinating than a good documentary. The focus is on the Ward boys, four illiterate bachelor brothers working the family farm in upstate New York. When one is charged with killing

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another, the community that once shunned them comes to their defense.

"Bullet in the Head" — "Hard Target" was a lot of fun, but for a true taste of Hong Kong director John Woo you had catch his masterpiece during a week-end-long run in Ann Arbor. When three friends unite in a search for gold, they end up instead in the hell of war-torn Vietnam. The action scenes are appropriately over-the-top while a scene in a prison camp rivals "The Deer Hunter" for intensity.

"Groundhog Day" — I usually hate Bill Murray movies, yet here I was walking out with a wide grin. This feel-good Hollywood comedy, sort of a '90s "It's a Wonderful Life," begins with a clever premise (weatherman relives the same dull day over and over again) and then takes off in unexpected directions.

"Nashville" — The re-release of his 1976 masterpiece at the Detroit Film Theatre only solidified Robert Altman's growing reputation. Country music and a presidential election mix in this inspired hedonistic of solid acting (Keith Carradine and Lily Tomlin, among others) and dizzying directorial style. Altman's over-

rated "Short Cuts" only pales in comparison.

"Household Saints" — "True Love" director Nancy Savoca could have found a nice, safe script so she could make a bundle in Hollywood. What does she do instead? She makes a movie about the power of Catholic upbringing in New York's Little Italy. The result was box-office poison, but one of the year's rarest and most uncompromising treats.

"Much Ado About Nothing" — Kenneth Branagh proves once again that The Bard is alive and well at your local movie theater. This highly accessible adaptation of a lesser Shakespearean comedy shines in the love-hate relationship between Branagh and real-life wife Emma Thompson. Denzel Washington fares well, Michael Keaton and Keanu Reeves less so in the star-studded supporting cast.

"The Age of Innocence" — Shelved for almost a year, Martin Scorsese's detailed portrait of 19th-century New York was worth the wait. Daniel Day-Lewis and Michelle Pfeiffer play unrequited lovers in the faithful rendering of Edith Wharton's novel. Not since Orson Welles' "Magnificent Ambersons" has a great director paid such a stunning (sometimes sarcastic) homage to a time long past.

"The Snapper" — First came "The Commitments," about a naive music promoter determined to bring soul to Dublin. This new film, the second in a proposed trio, focuses on basically the same large Irish-Catholic family. More unexpected than the eldest daughter's pregnancy is the clever way the story unfolds. (Although it opened elsewhere in December, we'll see this one locally at the DFT in January.)

Honorable mention: "Menace II Society," "In the Line of Fire," "Metropolis" and "Woman in the Moon" (with live musical accompaniment by Drop at the Mag Bag), "Like Water for Chocolate," "Passion Fish," "Farewell My Concubine," "Manhattan Murder Mystery," "Hard Target," "Addams Family Values," "Remains of the Day" and "The Secret Garden."

Still haven't seen: "Schindler's List" and "Searching for Bobby Fischer."

Most significant film event locally: The opening of the Main Art Theatre in Royal Oak.

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SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

MAIN THEATER

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"The Piano" (New Zealand — 1993), call for show times. Jane Campion directed this stunning tale of a mute woman who arrives

in the New Zealand bush as part of an arranged marriage. While her husband (Sam Neill) leaves her cold, she carries on a bizarre relationship with a neighboring settler (Harvey Keitel).

"The Summer House" (Britain — 1993). Joan Plowright, Julie Walters and Jeanne Moreau star in this very genteel-looking story about a young woman trying to escape marriage to a most unappealing suitor.

MAPLE THEATER

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"Heaven and Earth" (USA — 1993). Oliver Stone directed this account of a Vietnamese woman's experience both in war and peace in both her native land and in America. Tommy Lee Jones and Joan Chen star in this adaptation of Le Ly Hayslip's autobiographical books.

STATE THEATER

2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call 961-5450 for information. (\$1)

"The Blues Brothers" (USA — 1980), 9 p.m. Dec. 27. Jake and Elwood Blues hit the Windy City in this raucous musical comedy, starring John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd. Better than the "Saturday Night Live" inspired humor are the musical appearances by Cab Calloway, Aretha Franklin, Ray Charles and James Brown.

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In her mind her husband is not being cheated, but getting a better deal than he expected. According to her and to America's cultural standards, she is worth more than she was fat. So her husband's rejection of her seems truly unfair.

It is possible that Debbie's husband left her because he thinks fat women are beautiful and that thin women are not. The old cliché, "beauty is in the eye of the beholder," generally is true.

Another possibility is that he wanted a "safe" wife, one who needed him so badly, she could never leave him. In our culture beautiful women, and often that means thin women, are not as "safe" in a relationship as heavy women because they have more choices.

Debbie's husband may not want a marriage in which he has less power than he did originally. Maybe he married Debbie because, being overweight, he thought she could not make demands of him, and had to accept the demands that he made on her.

There are other possibilities why Debbie's husband does not want to stay with her. The principle of not changing a bargain midstream holds in most of them. Some men don't want a flashy car, it costs too much. They bought the economy car because that is the one that fits them.

Now the choice is Debbie's. It is obvious that she will not feel good about herself if she gains back 180 pounds. She didn't say whether or not she can make it on her own without her husband. If she can't live without him, she will have to give up her new pride and independence and live by his rules. If she is adequate and can live alone, she gets to keep her pride. Choices have consequences.

Barbara

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Also featured are set lists from bootlegs of performances (where The Smith's 1986 Detroit appearance is incorrectly referred to as the Fox Theatre in Chicago) in a complete discography as well as videos.

sey, a good eccentric pop writer and a character as well. The obsessive, intense character, though, would eventually leave the partnership frayed.

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Doug Brzezinski



Nick Kallas

CC linemen commit early

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central High has become fertile ground for college football recruiters and this year is no exception.

The Shamrocks' two top interior linemen made verbal commitments last week.

Livonian Doug Brzezinski, a 6-foot-5, 275-pound two-way starter, is headed for Boston College, while Canton Township's Nick Kallas, a 6-5, 230-pound defensive tackle, is sold on Iowa.

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The two join a long list of recent CC linemen who have gone on to the Division I ranks including Ryan Bell (Vanderbilt), Toby Heaton (Michigan State), Erik Knuth (Michigan) and Mark Messner (Michigan).

Brzezinski turned down a chance to play for Notre Dame after a visit Dec. 11 to Chesham Hill, Mass.

"It was a tough decision," Brzezinski said. "You have to understand that Notre Dame is the best in the country, but I felt more at home at Boston College. I liked the atmosphere and the players at B.C. I met a lot of the faculty people and I had a great time. It's a nice campus."

See CC LINEMEN, 2C

Hixon's hard work gets results



Wayne Memorial's Pierre Hixon is a unique athlete. The hard-working defensive back was rewarded for his efforts by recently being named honorable mention All-American by United Press International.

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The shoe that fits Pierre Hixon best is Reebok.

He certainly knows first-hand from his own personal experience that "Life is Short, Play Hard."

Maybe that's why Hixon, a Wayne Memorial High product, was so driven as he entered his final season as a starting defensive back for Western Michigan University's football team.

"We never had to push Pierre, he did it on his own," WMU defensive coordinator Larry Edlund said. "He's self-motivated, the hardest worker on our football team, bar none. He's just a great leader, but he does it by example. He's always in the front of the line for everything."

The 5-foot-11, 180-pound Hixon was voted first-team All Mid-American Conference, but recently learned of a more prestigious honor.

UPI All-American

United Press International named him honorable mention All-American.

As a senior, Hixon made 70 tackles, including four for minus yards; and also topped the Broncos in pass deflections (10) and interceptions (5). Western, which ranked second nationally in pass defense, finished the year 7-3-1 overall and 6-1-1 in the MAC.

Hixon also ranks ninth all-time on the school list in interceptions (10). He tied a school record for deflections in one game (4).

Taking a cue from fellow Western DB Paul Davis, Hixon stuck around Kalamazoo during the summer for

the first time and put himself through a rigorous regimen.

The decision paid dividends in more ways than one.

Summer dividends

"I saw the improvement Paul made when he came in for his senior year," Hixon recalled. "For me to be better, I had to do the same thing."

After taking classes in the spring, Hixon worked seven days, 54 hours per week doing physical labor in two different warehouses.

But that was only part of his day.

"The strength coach had some nice workouts," Hixon said. "And I usually ran until I puked. It was day-in and day-out. I didn't miss any workouts. I had only three days vacation."

Hixon was able to drop his 40-yard dash time to 4.46.

"He got his 40 time down on his own effort," Edlund said. "He was totally dedicated this year. He also spent a lot of time at night studying films."

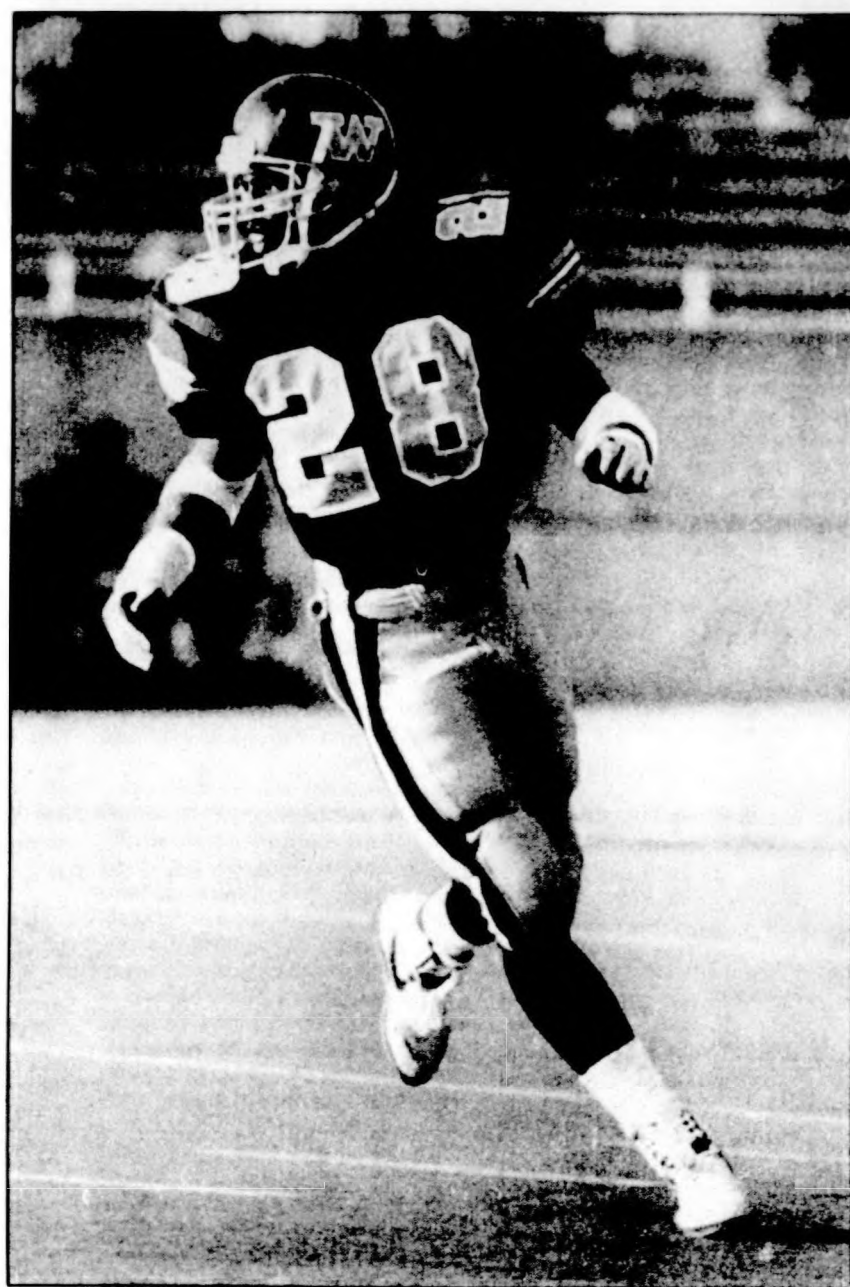
Midway through the season, Hixon strained a ligament in his knee, forcing him to miss the Eastern Michigan game.

Big game at Army

Although still hampered by the injury, Hixon played through the pain the next week in a memorable victory at Army.

He enjoyed his best game of his career, making seven tackles to go along with an interception and a forced fumble. Hixon was honored as MAC Player of the Week.

See HIXON, 2C



All-American: Pierre Hixon had a "monster year" in the defensive secondary for the Western Michigan University Broncos.

Lake Shore whips Shamrocks

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

St. Clair Shores Lake Shore pulled quite a heist in Wednesday's nonleague basketball battle at Redford Catholic Central.

The Shorians, led by Michigan signee Travis Conlan's game-high 27 points, proved to be adept pickpockets, robbing the Shamrocks blind in a 60-48 victory.

CC, which slipped to 2-2 overall, committed 24 turnovers, 17 in the first half alone. Needless to say, Lake Shore's suffocating and pressure defense also had something to do with CC shooting a paltry 33 percent from the floor (18 of 54).

"We sell our team on defense," said Lake Shore coach Greg Esler, whose team is 4-0 overall. "We've been giving up less than 46 points per game. Tonight we had to make it a game between the hash marks, 28 feet and out. We tried to make them beat us by bringing it down the court because they (CC) are good in the post."

The cat-quick Conlan, a 6-foot-3 senior point-guard with deft ball-handling and passing skills, drove the Shamrocks nuts with his penetration moves to the basket.

BASKETBALL

"You try and double team him, but then he can read the split instantly," said CC coach Bernie Holowicki, whose career win total remained on hold at 597. "We had a defensive scheme, but you never knew it. He (Conlan) would read it, give it up and get the ball back in his hands."

CC stayed close for most of three quarters before Lake Shore went on a 8-0 run.

Two straight dribble-drive layups by Conlan at 6:01 and 4:55 of the final period gave the Shorians a 51-36 advantage.

CC would never recover.

"Travis has great vision of the floor," Esler said. "And he's so hard to guard. We wanted him to take the ball to the basket because they crowded him out top. When he goes to the basket, good things happen. Michigan got a great one in him. I think he's the best point-guard in the state."

Carlo Sesta and Jeff Pouttu contributed 11 and nine points, respectively, for the Shorians, who finished 26-1 a year ago before being bounced by eventual

state Class B champion Saginaw Buena Vista in the state semifinals.

Joe Daly, a 6-7 center, paced CC with 18 points. Sean Gallagher chipped in with 12.

But the Shamrocks' Andy Slankster and Andy Kummer, two of the team's top three scorers, combined for only 13 points (on four of 22 shooting).

"We didn't play smart," Holowicki said. "They changed defenses, and we didn't do a good job of recognizing that."

"Our individual defense was OK, but our team defense did not play well. Our help defense on Number 21 (Conlan) was nonexistent."

Holowicki's team is off for the holidays before resuming their schedule Tuesday, Jan. 4, at Redford Bishop Borgess in the Catholic League Central Division opener.

"Our first game back is with Borgess and they're a more talented team than they (Lake Shore) are," Holowicki said. "We have to improve on bringing the ball down the court and setting a tone. We have to play more disciplined. Tonight they (Lake Shore) dictated the tempo."

Abraham wears 2 hats at Madonna

BY CHRIS MCCOSKY
STAFF WRITER

He has taken the Madonna volleyball program from obscurity to the national arena. Now his challenge is to do the same with the Madonna softball program.

Jerry Abraham, whose volleyball team placed eighth at the NAIA Nationals earlier this month, has been hired to replace Dave Racer as softball coach at Madonna, athletic director Ray Summers confirmed on Monday.

"I was very excited when Ray presented me with this opportunity," Abraham said. "I like the challenge of doing for Madonna softball what we've done with volleyball. And I see a lot of potential. Observerland is rich in softball talent, always has been, and many of those girls don't get the opportunity to continue their softball careers."

Abraham brings impressive credentials to the softball program. He coached softball at Red-

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ford Bishop Borgess in 1984 and 1985 and won the Catholic League championship in 1984. From 1988 to the present, he has been the head coach at Taylor Center, where he has compiled a 132-49 record with four Tri-River League titles. He was coach of the year in the Tri-River four times and took his team to the state semifinals in 1989 and 1990.

Abraham said he hasn't decided whether to resign the Taylor Center post or coach both programs. There would be a two-week overlap.

"I take the same approach that I do in any sport," Abraham said. "We will work hard, be disciplined and very team-oriented. My goal is to build the best team I can and teach them to believe and teach them to win."

Racer, who resigned for personal reasons after last season, hardly left the cupboard bare. Returning are top pitchers Dawn Terrasi and Lynda Wiechel, infielders Amanda Armstrong, Jill Burt, Michelle Birchmeijer, catcher Jennifer Pinter and outfielder and team leader Holly Jondro.

Abraham is also hopeful of getting three of his spikers out: Mo Paulin, an all-Catholic League hurler at Farmington Hills Mercy, Julie Wood, an all-state softball player at Lutheran West High and Kelly McCausland.

Abraham will also bring in one of his former Taylor Center players: Veronica Ronco, an infielder/outfielder who played two seasons at Wayne State before transferring.

"With the nucleus of people coming back and the interest that has been expressed throughout the area, I really believe we will field a competitive team next spring," he said.

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PLEASE CHECK YOUR AD
The Observer & Eccentric will issue credit for typographical or other errors only on the first insertion of an advertisement...

500 Help Wanted
NOTICE
The help wanted column of this newspaper lists...

REAL ESTATE ONE
ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR
Supervisors - Cleaners

ACCOUNTANT
Per Diem. Experienced with audit & tax preparation...

ACCOUNTING
We are a temporary/permanent placement firm specializing in accounting/financial personnel...

ACT NOW
Position available in Fraser if you have a background in printing & computers - Call TODAY!

TODAYS TEMPORARY
649-4455
ADVERTISING ASSISTANT
Assistant to Art Director for ad agency...

Assemblers
Inspect/total/assemble hospital products. Excellent stability of hands. Paid vacations...

500 Help Wanted
Afternoon Driver
Douglas Food Corp. has a full-time position available as a driver on a mobile food route...

RETAIL FOOD BUSINESS
Seeking assertive STORE MANAGER for northern suburbs...

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BENCH TECHNICIANS
Experienced must be familiar with motorized papers. Responsible only to customer. Apply at 3500 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor...

500 Help Wanted
IMMEDIATE OPENINGS
CERTIFIED MECHANICAL - GENERAL SERVICE TRAINEE

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CHECKERS AUTOMOTIVE
Must know GM&T. Military Stand-ards a plus.

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Needed with a strong background in Novell Network Systems...

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Local developer/general contractor seeks aggressive candidate for operations department...

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HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our clients and employees from GENERAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES 427-7660

Establish a career with the nation's largest department store. JCPenney. Twelve Oaks, is now accepting applications for full time commissioned and non-commissioned selling specialists and sales associates...

MUSEUM STORE MANAGER
Highly motivated individual needed to manage the Museum Store. Responsible for maintaining a flow of merchandise, visual presentation, revenue growth, customer service...

MUSEUM STORE BUYER/MANAGER
Highly motivated individual needed for the Museum Store. Responsible for trade items in the following broad merchandise classifications: home furnishings, gifts, personal gifts, mementos and educational/motivational entertainment items...

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
JOBS...JOBS...JOBS!!!
Pinkerton Security has increased service hours in your geographical area! If you have: - A High School diploma or equivalent...

THE BIG SALE STARTS TODAY!

December 27, 1993

SPECIAL F-SERIES LEASE RATES

94's INSTOCK - IMMEDIATE DELIVERY

1993 F150 "LIGHTING"
 LAST ONE!
 List Price \$22,980
CLEARANCE SALE PRICE \$16,976*
 \$1950 TOTAL REBATES - SAVE THOUSANDS!

1993 F150 XL TRIM
 List Price \$16,100
SALE PRICE \$12,998*
 \$950 REBATE

"1993 F150"
 List Price \$15,261
SALE PRICE \$11,696*
 \$950 REBATE**

1993 AEROSTAR "SPORT"
 List Price \$20,693
SALE PRICE \$13,993*
 \$2475 TOTAL REBATE OR 6.9% APR FINANCING**

1994 RANGER XLT
 List Price \$13,430
SALE PRICE \$10,244*
 \$300 REBATE OR 6.9% APR FINANCING**

1993 PROBE GT AUTOMATIC
 List Price \$20,322
SALE PRICE \$14,698*
 \$2450 TOTAL REBATE**

1993 MUSTANG
 List Price \$14,887
CLEARANCE SALE PRICE \$10,242*
 \$1850 TOTAL REBATE OR 6.9% APR FINANCING**

'94 MUSTANG IN STOCK NOW!

1993 ESCORT 5-DR HATCHBACK
 List Price \$12,566
CLEARANCE SALE PRICE \$8995*
 \$775 TOTAL REBATE OR 6.9% APR FINANCING**

1993 AEROSTAR
 List Price \$20,112
SALE PRICE \$13,593*
 \$2475 TOTAL REBATE OR 6.9% APR FINANCING**

1993 MUSTANG
 List Price \$14,978
CLEARANCE SALE PRICE \$10,339*
 \$1850 TOTAL REBATE OR 6.9% APR FINANCING**

SPECIAL 24 MONTH LEASE RATES

1993 PROBE "POWER SUNROOF"
 List Price \$16,222
CLEARANCE SALE PRICE \$11,265*
 \$2850 TOTAL REBATE OR 6.9% APR FINANCING**

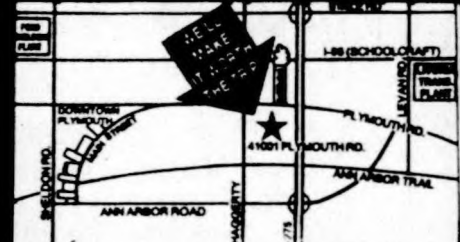
1993 AEROSTAR
 List Price \$19,830
SALE PRICE \$13,350*
 \$2475 TOTAL REBATE OR 6.9% APR FINANCING**

1993 PROBE GT
 List Price \$17,847
CLEARANCE SALE PRICE \$12,998*
 \$2475 TOTAL REBATE



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 Over 400 cars & trucks in stock and available for immediate delivery



NEW YEAR'S Sale

NEW 1993 MUSTANGS "LAST OF AN ERA"
 Only 3 left in stock! Just announced - an ADDITIONAL \$600** rebate for a total of \$1000! (*2000 on convertibles!) (Stock #4415)
NOW IN STOCK FROM ONLY \$10,747!
 With Automatic & Air

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
 Fairlane Ford and its employees thank Dearborn and our surrounding communities for your continued confidence and business. Our commitment to you is quality sales and service and customer satisfaction.
 A Very Merry, Happy and Safe Holiday from all of us to all of you.

NEW 1993 PROBES
 NOW IN STOCK! Just announced - an ADDITIONAL \$1600** rebate for a total of \$2000**!
 Probes in stock with automatic transmission and air conditioning. (Stock #3939)
NOW FROM ONLY \$10,796!
 Several GT's in stock also!

NEW 1994 BRONCOS
 7 NOW IN STOCK!
 If you're looking for full-size 4x4 performance, we have the selection for you! LOADED XLT's and Eddie Bauers in stock. (Stock #R129)
FROM ONLY \$22,561

NEW 1993 AEROSTARS
 Over 25 NOW IN STOCK! Just announced - an ADDITIONAL \$500** rebate for a total of \$1500**!
 Seven-passenger XL-plus models with automatic transmission, air conditioning, and much more. (Stock #1456)
NOW FROM ONLY \$12,899!

HUGE VAN CONVERSION BLOWOUT!
 12 Conversion Vans NOW IN STOCK!
 NOT leftover '93 models, but brand new 1994 Vans, by two of Ford's highest rated conversion companies - Debut and Tradewinds. (Ford Motor Quality surveys on file!)

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14585 Michigan Ave.
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 All prices include rebates. Add tax, title & destination.

SALE PRICES GOOD THRU 1/10/94
METRO DETROIT'S MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE SALES STAFF!
WINNERS OF THE 1993 "METRO CUP" PRODUCT KNOWLEDGE CHAMPIONSHIP

QC1 AVIS FORD QC1

CHAIRMAN AWARD WINNER

\$ WHAT DO A, X AND Z PLAN BUYERS WANT? \$

**THEY WANT MORE MONEY
FOR THEIR
TRADE-INS
A Lot More Money**

**AVIS FORD
GIVES MORE
FOR EVERY TRADE-IN!**

IN THE 1st 11 MONTHS OF 1993
OVER 1500
A, X AND Z PLAN BUYERS

Traded in their USED CARS and trucks at AVIS FORD. The reason continues to be that AVIS FORD gives more money on each and every trade in.

**NEW 1993 FORD
MARK III VAN CONVERSION**



Three Vista Bay windows with dark tint, color-coordinated drapes on all Vista Bay windows. Safemark 7-point safety program. Plush pile carpeting, wood trim accessories throughout, automotive color-coordinated fabric, panels with hardwood trim, flush mount overhead lighting, custom molded sofa back, and much more. Stock #15373T.

**Retail
SALE PRICE**
\$299 Per Mo.*
(72 Month Financing)

**NEW 1993 FORD
MARK III VAN CONVERSION**



Three Vista Bay windows with dark tint, color-coordinated soft shades on all Vista Bay windows. Fiberglass boards with protective trim. Safemark 7-point safety program, plush pile carpeting, color-coordinated fabric panels with walnut wood trim, flush-mount overhead lighting, walnut wood dash kit, chests, ashtrays & cup holders, luggage strips, rear. *Electric vanity mirror on passenger survivor. 2 umbrellas & holders, cargo door lighting, custom molded sofa back and much more. Stock #14063.

**Retail
SALE PRICE**
\$399 Per Mo.*
(72 Month Financing)

HAVE YOUR TRADE-IN APPRAISED AT AVIS FORD BEFORE YOU BUY

**A Sensational "A" & "Z" Plan
'93 Model Close-Out Offer!
YOUR "A" & "Z" PLAN
PRICE PLUS...**

- \$1,850** EXTRA SAVINGS ON MUSTANG
- \$2,850** EXTRA SAVINGS ON MUSTANG CONVERTIBLES
- \$2,475** EXTRA SAVINGS ON AEROSTAR
- \$2,850** EXTRA SAVINGS ON PROBE
- \$2,450** EXTRA SAVINGS ON PROBE GT

**HURRY! HURRY! HURRY!
This Offer Ends January 10!**

Celebrate the New Year in style with spectacular savings on a brand new Ford. You can get it all when you purchase or lease from your Metro Detroit Ford Dealer between December 27, 1993 and January 10, 1994.

**A MUSTANG
CONVERTIBLE CAN
DOUBLE YOUR FUN AND
INCREASE YOUR EXTRA
SAVINGS!**



- "A" & "Z" Plan prices start the deal.
- \$750 Consumer Cash from Ford makes it better.
- \$850 "A" & "Z" Plan Post-Introduction Cash from Ford makes it better still.
- \$1,250 Metro Detroit Ford Dealer Cash makes it simply irresistible!

**Save an extra \$2,850...
and get ready for Spring!**

HURRY! HURRY! HURRY!
EXTRA SAVINGS FOR "A" & "Z" PLAN PARTICIPANTS

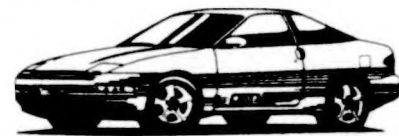
**PUT A '93 PROBE ON
YOUR NEW YEAR'S LIST!**



- Resolve to get big "A" & "Z" Plan savings.
- Concentrate on \$400 Consumer Cash from Ford.
- Include the \$850 "A" & "Z" Plan Post-Introduction Cash from Ford.
- Focus closely on \$1,600 Metro Detroit Ford Dealer Cash.

**Save an extra \$2,850...
and resolve to make your
New Year bright!**

**A '93 PROBE GT MAKES
THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO
SAVE!**



- Your "A" & "Z" Plan price sets the pace.
- \$850 "A" & "Z" Plan Post-Introduction Cash from Ford puts you out front.
- 1,600 Metro Detroit Ford Dealer Cash adds the kick!

**Save an extra \$2,450...
and get ready for
admiring looks driving
your new '93 Probe GT**

**SEEK THE SUN IN A '93
AEROSTAR. PLAN YOUR
TRIP WITH \$2,475 EXTRA
SAVINGS!**



- Rejoice with "A" & "Z" Plan savings.
- Warm your heart with \$750 Consumer Cash from Ford.
- Revel in the \$975 "A" & "Z" Plan Post-Introduction from Ford.
- Bask in the glow of \$750 Metro Detroit Ford Dealer Cash.

**Save an extra \$2,475...
and make Aerostar a New
Year's family reward!**

**SAVE AN EXTRA \$1,850
ON A MUSTANG**



- Begin with your great "A" & "Z" Plan price.
- Get \$400 Consumer Cash from Ford.
- Get \$850 "A" & "Z" Plan Post-Introduction Cash from Ford.
- Get \$900 Metro Detroit Ford Dealer Cash.

**Save an extra \$1,850...
and feel like a million!**

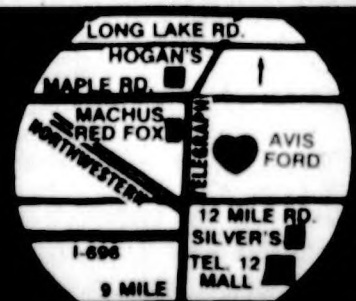
INCLUDE YOUR ELIGIBLE FAMILY IN THESE INCREDIBLE "A" & "Z" PLAN EXTRA SAVINGS

In addition to active Ford Motor Company employees, retirees and surviving spouses, eligible family members include:

- Father, mother, father-in-law and mother-in-law
- Sons, daughters, sons-in-law and daughters-in-law
- Brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law
- Step-brothers, step-sisters, half-brothers and half-sisters

MAKE THE NEW YEAR A FAMILY AFFAIR...WITH EXTRA SAVINGS DURING THE '93 CLEARANCE SPECTACULAR!

*Plus tax, title, license and destination. Rebate, if applicable, included. Retail sales only. Picture may not represent actual vehicle. Sale ends 12-31-93.



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The Saturn SC1
 SmartLease payments based on 1994 Saturn SC1, 5-speed, AC, ABS, 152/150 excluding title, taxes, license fee and insurance. First month's lease payment of \$199 plus \$225.00 refundable security deposit and down payment of \$1000 for a total of \$1224.00 due at lease signing. Option to purchase at lease end for \$1796. Payments total \$1,812.88.

The Saturn SL
 SmartLease payments based on 1994 Saturn SL Sedan, 5-speed, AC, ABS, 152/150 excluding title, taxes, license fee and insurance. First month's lease payment of \$190 plus \$225.00 refundable security deposit and down payment of \$1000 for a total of \$1215.00 due at lease signing. Option to purchase at lease end for \$1672.60. Payments total \$1,662.60.

The Saturn SW1
 SmartLease payments based on 1994 Saturn SW1 Wagon, auto trans, AC, ABS, 152/150 excluding title, taxes, license fee and insurance. First month's lease payment of \$199 plus \$225.00 refundable security deposit and down payment of \$1000 for a total of \$1224.00 due at lease signing. Option to purchase at lease end for \$1796. Payments total \$1,812.88.

SATURN OF PLYMOUTH
 9301 Massey Dr. 453-7890
 I-275 & Ann Arbor Rd.

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 North of Grand River

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1994 Continental Executive 4 Dr. Sedan Opal grey pearlescent, opal grey leather seat surface, preferred equipment pkg. 952A, keyless illuminated entry system, comfort convenience group, 3.8L EFI V6 engine, electronic auto overdrive trans. P205/70R15 BSW tires. Stk. #40125. 2 year lease \$479** per month or purchase for \$28,800* 12 Available	1994 Lincoln Town Car Midnight opal clearcoat metallic, opal grey leather seat surface, 4.6L EFI V8 engine, electronic automatic overdrive transmission, conventional spare tire, Y spoke aluminum wheel, aluminum spare wheel, leather seating surface. Stk. #40277. 2 year lease \$507** per month or purchase for \$30,546* 6 Available		
1994 Sable GS 4 Door Sedan Clearcoat opal grey cloth preferred equipment pkg. 451A, light group, power windows & lock, speed control, power driver seat, cast aluminum wheels, AM-FM stereo radio w/ cassette, 3.0L EFI V6, auto. overdrive trans. Stk. #40088. 2 year lease \$319** per month or purchase for \$17,159* 9 Available	1993 Villager GS Wagon Red clearcoat metallic, equipment pkg. 692A, GS trim, air, rear window defrost, power mirrors, 7-passenger, speed control, power windows/locks, AM-FM cassette, underseat storage, power seat, aluminum wheels/wheel, 3.0L fuel injection engine, 4 speed auto trans. P205/75R15 BSW A/S radials. Stk. #31223. 2 year lease \$316** per month or purchase for \$18,281* 18 Available		
1993 VILLAGER G.S. MINIVAN DEMO Was \$21,292 SALE PRICE \$16,950*	1993 TOWN CAR CARTIER DEMO Was \$38,633 SALE PRICE \$28,586*	1993 COUGAR XR7 2 DR. DEMO Was \$17,608 SALE PRICE \$12,900*	1993 GRAND MARQUIE 4 DOOR LS DEMO Was \$23,483 SALE PRICE \$17,098*

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 92 SE - Dark green, Air, Many options, 661-1473
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 Fluro green, Excellent 1300 or less, 261-1721
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 THE FAX ONLY
 MasterCard and on-call on Wed. at 7's side by fax, call the owner, 731-7314
 0-907-5904, weekday handy, 605-339-95
 information call: 03953-2297
 40 LE - 2 door, good floor, 474-8796
 9 GT COUPE - V6, loaded, 22,000 miles.
 ANNOTE GMC TRUCK h. 453-2500
 990 LE - Excellent, as one owner, non rust, 2 door, V8, 994, 649-2273
 SE - 2 door, 6 cyl., 9900 ROLET 651-2262
 4 cylinder, 5 speed, auto control, air, mechanical condition, or best, 557-1543
 4 door, 5 speed, new clutch, good, 585-6360
 4 door, air, stereo, ton, \$4490, Open 656-0400 ROCHESTER
 T - Convertible, like new, 354-6600
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 1973, low mileage, see show condition, 477-5646

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 Lot 2
 Check Out Our **Ho! Ho! WHOLESALE PRICES!!**
 This week only, these cars are marked with wholesale prices - financing available!
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 '89 CHRYSLER NEW YORKER..... \$5980
 '89 ESCORT..... \$4980
 '89 DODGE SHADOW..... \$4980
 '88 LEBARON CONVERTIBLE..... \$4980
 '88 MAZDA 323..... \$1995
 '86 AUDI 5000 loaded..... \$3780
 '84 LINCOLN LSC..... Call for a great price!

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 25565 Michigan Ave. 278-8700
 1/2 mile west of Telegraph

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MONDAY MARKETPLACE

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All used cars and trucks and vans red-tagged with our NO HASSLE prices for your buying convenience.

'92 LUMINA EURO Loaded, only 12,000 miles. \$11,444	'93 SUNBIRD 2 DOOR \$9559
'91 GMC SLE EXTENDED CAB \$13,995	CAVALIERS '89-'93 7 to choose. Priced to sell!
'90 AEROSTAR XL EXTENDED CAB Loaded, clean. \$8448	'91 LUMINA 4 DOOR Special!
'92 BERETTA \$8999	'90 CHEVY CARGO VAN Automatic, air, 8 cylinder. What a value! \$9339

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OVER 100 USED CARS & TRUCKS

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1988 MUSTANG LX Automatic, air, best buy. \$3888	1987 6000 LE Loaded, 39,000 original miles. \$5495
1992 LEMANS COUPE Automatic, air, factory warranty. \$5995	1992 GMC TYPHOON Black, turbo, loaded. \$21,995
1989 SUNBIRD SE Automatic, air. \$4995	1992 GRAND AM SE V-6, sedan, loaded. \$9995

Art Moran 353-9000
 PONTIAC & GMC TRUCK
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LEASE AN "ALMOST NEW" VEHICLE FROM BLACKWELL FORD WITH \$0 DOWN!

1992 Ranger Pickup XLT Economical 4 cyl. engine, 5 speed trans., cap. Bright Red. 24 Mo. \$19921* per mo. Lease	1992 Tempo 4 door, automatic, air conditioning, power door locks, stereo cassette, Honey Beige. 24 Mo. \$22347* per mo. Lease
1992 Tempo 2 door, automatic, air conditioning, power door locks, stereo cassette, Silver. 24 Mo. \$22772* per mo. Lease	1992 Probe LX Automatic, air conditioning, power windows & locks, tilt & stereo cassette, Arctic White. 24 Mo. \$23474* per mo. Lease
1992 Taurus 4 door, automatic, air conditioning, full power, tilt & cruise, stereo cassette, Dark Blue. 24 Mo. \$25829* per mo. Lease	1992 T-Bird Automatic, air conditioning, full power, tilt & cruise, stereo cassette, 18,000 miles, Red. 24 Mo. \$26624* per mo. Lease
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4.0L automatic overdrive transmission, air, power windows & locks, trailer tow package & more. Stock #9162.
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\$372**

Was \$24,935 NOW
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NOW **\$14,985***

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NOW **\$14,272***

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Was \$12,124 - SAVE \$2,896
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1993 TAURUS
Was \$18,712 - SAVE \$3866
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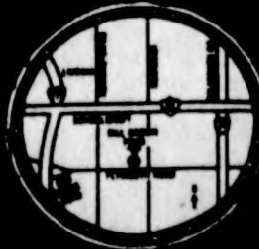
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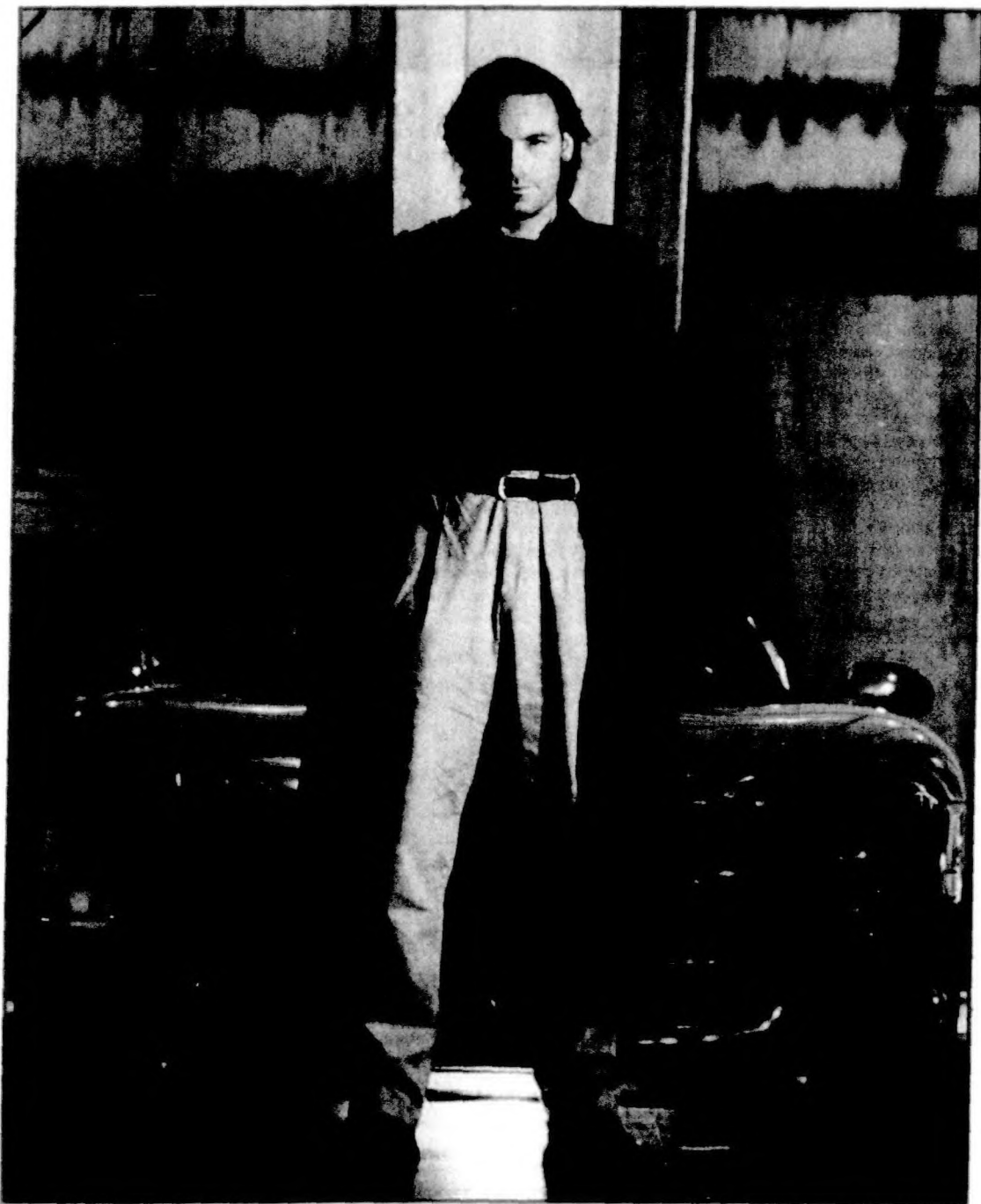


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Dec. 26 - Jan. 1 HOROSCOPE

By C. C. Clark

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

You will rediscover love. Health matters should be taken seriously. A family member may need reassurance that you will hold up your end of the bargain.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

You should take advantage of some free time to learn something new. Consider signing up for that conference or workshop you have been considering.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

Use your excellent communication skills to help others understand. You have talent for persuasion and now is a good time to use it.

Cancer (June 21 - July 20)

Your finances could use an overhaul, and there is no time like the present to get started. You may consider consulting an outside source for help.

Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)

There is a good chance you will be traveling in the near future, and you need to plan your trip carefully. An ill family member needs medical attention.

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)

Try not to worry so much about those New Year's resolutions. Do what is best for you and do it in a way that makes you feel comfortable.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

You are the only one who can solve your problems, and there is no use whining about it to others. Get yourself in gear and go after what you want.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)

Your image may be on the line socially and at work. Be honest with loved ones. Take a good look at yourself and change what you do not like.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)

You need to take life one step at a time, and things will be a lot easier for you. You will receive news from a close friend.

Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)

You will need to give your support to a relative, and it will not be easy for you. Do not be troubled by those who have a tendency to doubt you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

It is time to get your body moving and there is no better way than exercising. You will feel more determined than ever to succeed.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)

A new and exciting love interest is on the way for you. Let love happen this time and don't try to analyze it so much. Learn to give of yourself.

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2	MTV	Music
3	CNN	News
4	TWC	Weather Channel
5	VH-1	Video Hits 1
6	ESPN	Sports
7	PASS	Ann Arbor
8	FAM	Family
9	WFUM	Flint
10	WADL	Mt. Clemens
11	MAX	Premium
12	TMC	Premium
13	HBO	Premium
14	WJBK	Southfield
15	WDIV	Detroit
16	WXYZ	Southfield
17	CBET	Windsor
18	WKBD	Southfield
19	WTVS	Detroit
20	WGPR	Detroit
21	WXON	Southfield
22	WGN	Chicago
23	TBS	Atlanta
24	SCI	New York
25	LIFE	Lifetime
26	NICK	Nickelodeon
27	USA	New York
28	CNN	News
29	A&E	New York
30	CNBC	Finance
31	TNN	Nashville
32	TNT	Atlanta
33	TLC	Learning Ch.
34	BET	Black Ent.
35	CSPAN	Government
36	DISC	Discovery
37	AMC	Classics
38	SHOW	Premium
39	DISN	Premium

HOME BIJOU

Interracial romance meets with anger, suspicion in Stone-produced 'Zebrahead'

BY STEVEN ALAN MCGAW

In one way, racism is almost obscene in its utter, wrongheaded simplicity; it is unreasoned, anti-intellectual, morally indefensible and completely unproductive in any positive way.

But the effects of bigotry are anything but simple, affecting many more people than just the objects of a specific prejudice. Friendships, professional alliances, artistic unions, political coalitions and even romantic couplings can be destroyed by the effects of racism; it diminishes everyone.

This is the message of "Zebrahead," a memorable, effective 1992 drama written and directed by Anthony Drazan. Despite the box-office clout of executive producer Oliver Stone (whose name was featured prominently in the ads), Drazan's well-executed tale barely caused a ripple in its theatrical release. Here's hoping the film finds, on home video, the audience it deserves.

Michael Rapaport (Christian Slater's "True Romance") stars as a white,

Jewish senior in a predominantly black Detroit high school. For many, his race is immaterial; he has pals in each of his classes, and his best friend (De-Shonn Castle) is a popular athlete. And the transplanted teen (he moved from New York after the death of his mother) has adapted well to his environment; his speech and mannerisms are identical to those of his African-American counterparts. He's even developed a sort of cottage industry, mixing up his own hip-hop tapes and selling them out of his locker. In short, he has learned to fit in, over the objections of his more radicalized, race-conscious classmates.

But things change when he starts dating a pretty new transfer student, played by N'bushe Wright. Their interracial romance is met with anger and suspicion. A line has clearly been crossed and the young lovers are unprepared for the consequences.

The performances are fine, and Drazan's insightful script and brisk direction are right on target.

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Merv Griffin is fast becoming a New Year's Eve tradition. For the third consecutive year he will be the host of the syndicated "Merv Griffin's New Year's Eve Special" (check local listings).

Recording artists Ray Charles, Tony Bennett and Donna Summer join Griffin from his Resorts Casino Hotel in Atlantic City for the hourlong special.

The show also features Jack Sheldon, trumpeter and "house comic" from "The Merv Griffin Show."



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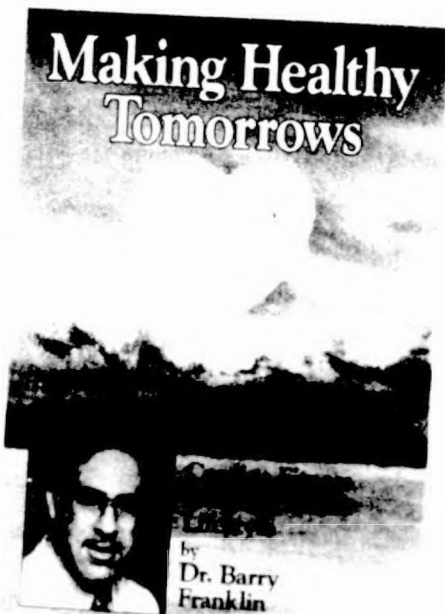
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MONDAY AFTERNOON DECEMBER 27

	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
WFUM (28)	Mister Rogers	Lamb Chop	Sew Connect'n	TBA	Quit in a Day	Shining Station	Mister Rogers	Sesame Street (CC)	Reading Rainbow	Carmen Sdiego	Square One TV	
WADL (6)	(11:00) Home Shopping Spree				Home Shopping Spree				Movie: ** 1/2 Beyond Tomorrow (1940)			
WJBK (2)	News	Young and the Restless (S) (CC)	Bold, Beautiful	As the World Turns (S) (CC)	Geraldo	News	News	News	News	Donahue (S) (CC)		
WDIV (4)	News	Concentration	Days of Our Lives (CC)	Another World (CC)	Sally	Montel Williams	News					
WXYZ (7)	News	Loving (CC)	All My Children (CC)	One Life to Live (CC)	General Hospital	Oprah Winfrey (CC)	News					
CBET (1)	Midday (CC)	Country Practice	The Bill	Neighbours	Coronation Street	Shelley	Jupiter Moon	Bailey's Bird	Mother and Son	What on Earth		
WKBO (50)	Family Feud	Vicki! (R)	Ricki Lake	Flintstones	Tom and Jerry Kids	Tiny Toon Adv.	Animaniacs (S)	Batman: Series	Saved by the Bell	Who's the Boss? (S)		
WTVS (54)	Today's Gourmet	Hawaiian Quilting	Reading Rainbow	Carmen Sdiego	Sesame Street (CC)	Barney & Friends	Reading Rainbow	Carmen Sdiego	Club Connect	Driver's Seat	Dennis Wholey	
WGPR (62)	(11:00) Greatest Happened	Movie: *** The Changeling (1979) A widower rents a house haunted by a vengeful spirit.				Caesars Challenge	SoulBeat	New Dance Show	Remington Steele			
WXON (20)	Hill Street Blues	A-Team 'Family Reunion'	Power Up	Stone Protectors	Pink Panther	Garfield	Sonic the Hedgehog (CC)	Bonkers (CC)	Family Matters	Cosby Show (S)		
MTV (2)	Jon Stewart	Music Videos (S)				Totally Different Pauly (S)		Grind (S)	Lip Service	Most Wanted (S)		
CNNII (5)	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
TWC (4)	(11:00) This Afternoon's Weather National afternoon weather conditions				This Afternoon's Weather National afternoon weather conditions				(10) This Afternoon's Weather		This Evening's Weather	
VH1 (5)	Hollywood Babylon	Generatn.	VH-1 to One (R)	Artist Block	This is VH-1 Country		Themed Music Video Block	Whatever Happened To...				
ESPN (5)	Bodies in Motion	Bodys-haping (R)	Women's College Volleyball: SEC Championship	Reno Champ. Air Races	Scholastic Races	Max Out (R)	Dream League	Pumped (R)	Max Out (R)			
PASS (5)	Equestrian: International	Transworld Sport (R)		Yachting	Windsurfing	American Adv	Hockey Week (R)	Powerboats	(10) Jackson Action at Northville Downs			
FAM (9)	Name-Tune	Make a Deal	Trivial Pursuit	Trivial Pursuit	Split Second	Make a Deal	Archies (CC)	Popeye	Popeye	Punky Brewster	Big Bro. Jake	
MAX (5)	(11:00) Movie: *** 1/2 Testament 1983. Drama Jane Alexander. PG (CC)	Movie: *** 1/2 American Dream (1990, Documentary) PG-13 (CC)			Movie: **** The Bridge on the River Kwai (1957). The Japanese force British soldiers to build a bridge. PG							
TMC (5)	(11:15) Movie: *** 1/2 Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991) R (CC)	More-Meets	(1:55) Movie: ** Twin Peaks: Fire Walk With Me (1992, Mystery) Sheryl Lee (S) R (CC)	(10) Movie: * 1/2 Vibes (1988) Two psychics help hunt for a legendary treasure in Ecuador								
HBO (5)	(11:00) Movie: ** Millennium (1989) (CC)	Movie: Attack of the 50 Ft. Woman (1993) Daryl Hannah (CC)	Movie: ** 1/2 Necessary Roughness (1991, Comedy) Scott Bakula (S) PG-13 (CC)	In This Corner: Boxing's Little Giants			Movie:					
WGN (5)	Geraldo	News (CC)	Kojak	Designing Women	Hallo Spencer	Yogi & Friends	Stunt Dawgs (S)	Flintstones	Saved by the Bell			
TBS (5)	(05) Perry Mason	(05) Movie: Caveman (1981) A Neanderthal misfit leaves his tribe and learns to think.	(05) Bugs Bunny	Captain Planet	Flintstones	Brady Bunch	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell				
SCI (5)	Movie: * 1/2 How to Make a Monster (1958) Robert H. Harris.	One Step Beyond	Doctor Who It's vegetable vs. animal	Land of the Giants 'Chamber of Fear'	Lost in Space 'Dream Monster'	Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea						
LIFE (5)	Frugal Gourmet	Born Lucky	Supermarket	Shop 'Til You Drop	Anything but Love	Tracey Ullman	Moonlighting 'Here's Living With You Kid'	Movie: * 1/2 Disorderlies (1987) Orderlies are hired to drive a millionaire to his grave.				
NICK (5)	Cappelli & Company	Just So Stories (R)	Eureka's Castle	Littl' Bits	Flipper	Lassie	Doug	Looney Tunes	Wild-Crazy Kid	Hey Dude	Guts	
USA (5)	(11:00) Movie: **** Planet of the Apes (1968) Charlton Heston.	Sale-Century	Joker's Wild	Tic Tac Dough	Press Your Luck	Scrabble	\$25,000 Pyramid	\$100,000 Pyramid	Major Dad (CC)	Facts of Life		
CNN (5)	NewsHour	Sonya Live (CC)	Newsday (CC)	International Hour (CC)	Early-Prime	Inside Politics	Early-Prime	Showbiz Today				
A&E (5)	Ellery Queen	Rockford Files (CC)	Movie: ** 1/2 Two-Lane Blacktop (1971, Adventure) Warren Oates, James Taylor	Delvecchio	One Little Indian	Police Story	The Big Walk					
CNBC (5)	(11:00) Money Wheel	Money Wheel				Market Wrap						
TNN (5)	Alseene's Crafts (S)	Cookin' U.S.A. (S)	:10 Seconds	Country News (S)	Be a Star (S)	On Stage (S)	VideoPM (S)					
TNT (5)	Movie: **** National Velvet (1944) Elizabeth Taylor. An English girl persuades an ex-jockey to train her horse.	Movie: ** 1/2 Gypsy Colt (1954, Drama) Donna Corcoran	Movie: ** 1/2 Comanche Station (1960, Western) Randolph Scott	Holiday Cartoons								
TLC (5)	Laurie Cooks	Nathalie Dupre	Amish Cooking	Yan Can Cook (R)	Urban Peasant	Madeleine Cooks (R)	Laurie Cooks	Romantic Escapes	Homebodies	Hometime 'Lighting	Urban Peasant	Yan Can Cook (R)
BET (5)	(11:30) Heart & Soul: R&B	Video Soul	Video Vibrations				Rap City					
CSPAN (5)	Public Policy	Public Policy Conference				Public Policy Conference						
DISC (5)	Cholesterol	Easy Does It	Jennings Home	Home Matters	Pet Con.	Great Chefs	World Cuisine	Graham Kerr	Cholesterol	Easy Does It	Jennings Home	Home Matters
AMC (5)	Movie: *** 1/2 Peyton Place (1957) Lana Turner, Grace Metalious: steamy tale of life in a New England town.	(45) Movie: *** 1/2 Return to Peyton Place (1961) Nine lives are dramatically changed by an author's new book.	Movie: ** Slightly Scarlet (1956)									
SHOW (5)	(11:55) Movie: *** The Nasty Girl (1990) Lena Stolze. PG-13	Movie: * 1/2 Sinbad and the Seven Seas (1989) Lou Ferrigno. PG-13	(05) Movie: The Magnificent Seven (1960) Gunfighters are hired to protect a Mexican town from outlaws.	Movie: George's								
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LOCAL PROGRAMMING - Monday Afternoon

No programming available at press time

TUESDAY PRIME TIME DECEMBER 28

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LOCAL PROGRAMMING - Tuesday Evening

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON DECEMBER 29

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LOCAL PROGRAMMING - Wednesday Afternoon

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THURSDAY PRIME TIME DECEMBER 30

Table of TV programming for Thursday, December 30, Prime Time. Columns: Time (6 PM to 10:30), Channel, Program Title, Description.

LOCAL PROGRAMMING - Thursday Evening

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Table of local programming for Thursday evening. Columns: Time (11 PM to 2:30), Channel, Program Title, Description.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON DECEMBER 31

Table of TV programming for Friday, December 31, Afternoon. Columns: Time (12 PM to 5:30), Channel, Program Title, Description.

LOCAL PROGRAMMING - Friday Afternoon

No programming available at press time

STAR NOTES

Connick 'overwhelmed' for Christmas

BY SARA BENNETT

Harry Connick Jr. isn't exactly taking it easy this holiday season.

The 26-year-old big band leader-singer-composer put out a new album, "When My Heart Finds Christmas," and hosted his first network show, "The Harry Connick, Jr. Christmas Special," which aired on CBS on Christmas Eve.

Connick spent so much time working on the musical end of each number that he realized he hadn't gotten a chance to memorize the words to some of his own songs.

"I did all the arranging for the special," he says, "and I wrote all the orchestration and stuff, and a lot of the songs that we decided to do, we decided to do three to four days before. When I got on the stage, I realized I had never bothered to learn any of these words. One song, 'I Pray on Christmas,' I've done once in my life, when we did the record, and I hadn't really heard it since. But I went and learned them and it was no problem."

WORD SEARCH

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New Year's Eve

(Words in parentheses not in puzzle)

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TRIVIA QUIZ

Barry Manilow didn't write the song

BY STEVEN ALAN MCGAW

Questions:

1. Identify the composer of Barry Manilow's 1976 hit, "I Write the Songs." (It wasn't Barry.)
2. What's the longest song title ever to appear on Billboard Magazine's Top 100 list?
3. What do Bob Dylan and Gary Puckett have in common?
4. How did British reggae band UB40 get its name?
5. Name the only song recorded by Steely Dan that the band didn't write.
6. Here's a puzzler: What do Rick James and Neil Young have in common?

Answers:
1. The song was written by Bruce Johnson of the Beach Boys.
2. 1966's "Jeopardy: Poly Enriched Quark Dissolving Fast Acting Pleasant Tasting Green and Purple Pills," written and recorded by novelty tune king Kay Stevens.
3. Hibbing, Minn. Dylan was raised there and Puckett was born in the town.
4. UB40 is the number of the form Britishers fill out in order to receive unemployment benefits.
5. Duke Ellington's "East St. Louis Toodle-Oh," featured on the album "Pretzel Logic."
6. Believe it or not, James and Young once played together in a band called the Myrah Birds. They never recorded.



Homer and Marge are happily married and animated in "The Simpsons," Thursdays on Fox.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Never be hungry, flabby again
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Fitness titan Jake Steinfeld

For those wondering what the coming '900 channel cable universe will hold, here's one more answer: the Cable Health Club. Affiliated with The Family Channel, CHC signed on earlier this month with a 24-hour wheel of exercise and healthy lifestyle programs, plus related infomercials. Jake Steinfeld, fitness trainer to the stars and the star himself of "Big Brother Jake," is a principle partner in CHC, which made it easy for him to get the twin jobs of network anchor and head of programming. Steinfeld's own "Body by Jake" exercise show is a cornerstone of the network, which is available via satellite, on a growing number of cable lineups and each morning on The Family Channel.

All that exercise can sharpen the appetite, so now there's The Television Food Network, too. It's a 24-hour feast of how-to cooking shows, food news and shopping hints, plus a nightly call-in show anchored by a nutritionist, and something called Robin Leach's "Talking Food."

Y'all draw! A decade ago Timothy Dalton played Jane Eyre's Mr. Rochester for the BBC, now the once and future James Bond is signed to play Southern scallywag Rhett Butler in CBS' production of "Scarlett," its eight-hour sequel to "Gone With the

Wind." Adding Dalton to the cast, which includes Ann-Margret, John Gielgud, Julie Harris, Paul Winfield, Stephen Collins, Esther Rolle and star Joanne Whalley-Kilmer, seems to have gone to the network's head. Its press announcement describes the miniseries as "the epic drama based on (Scarlett author) Alexandra Ripley's 'Gone With the Wind.' Doesn't anybody remember Margaret Mitchell?" Soap opera widowers can do their Valentine's Day shopping in January (and save the embarrassment of faking amnesia when they come up empty-handed): ABC has announced the imminent release of "One Life to Live: The Best of Love," a collection of 10 songs heard on the daytime drama. Appropriately, selections include "Soul and Inspiration," performed by Bill Medley and Darlene Love.

SUNDAY PRIME TIME JANUARY 2

Grid of TV programs for Sunday Prime Time (6 PM to 10:30 PM) on channels 2 through 69.

SUNDAY PRIME TIME JANUARY 2

Grid of TV programs for Sunday Prime Time (6 PM to 10:30 PM) on channels 10 through 20.

SUNDAY LATE NIGHT JANUARY 2

Grid of TV programs for Sunday Late Night (11 PM to 2:30 AM) on channels 2 through 69.

SOAP WORLD

Improvements made on 'Another World'

BY CANDACE HAVENS

It was a year ago when the NBC soap "Santa Barbara" was taken off the air, and it was rumored that "Another World" would soon follow. NBC and Proctor & Gamble were quick to defend "AW," and its position in the NBC daytime lineup.

Executives at both NBC and P&G said the rumors were unfounded and they would do everything in their power to make "AW" succeed. While "AW" is still a cellar dweller in the ratings, it is no longer because of the quality of the show.

In fact, "AW" is arguably one of the best soaps on daytime television. Viewers would be hard pressed to find more powerful scenes than those played by Linda Dano (Felicia).

Dano's realistic portrayal of Felicia's troubles with alcoholism was positively heart wrenching. It is no wonder Dano won an Emmy for her performance.

But Dano is only one of the many actors who make up this ensemble cast. There is the wonderful Charles Keating, who portrays the always manipulative and sometimes evil Carl Victoria Wyndam (Rachel) has finally been given a story line she deserves (the break with the Cory empire and children), and she has done wonders with it.

The list of talented cast members goes on, but it doesn't end there. The story lines have improved dramatically this past year. The characters have more depth and are much more interesting to watch than in the past.

Of course no show is perfect, and "AW" does have a tendency to draw out the stories too long. There are several actors who are terribly underused, but this happens with such a large cast. "AW" doesn't always seem to be aware of its strength.

Teri Guarnieri recently joined "AW" as the executive producer. Guarnieri has an extensive background in accounting, and it will be interesting to see if she scales down the show to make it more profitable or brings a new creative edge to the program.

Send your comments to Candace Havens, Soap World Features Dept., TV Data Technologies, Northway Plaza, Queensbury, N.Y. 12804.



NIGHT OWL LISTINGS

FROM 2:30 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

7 College Hockey U.S.A.
 2 This is the NFL
 5 Showbiz This Week
 8 MOVIE ★★½ The Sky's the Limit (1943, Musical) Fred Astaire, Joan Leslie. A war hero woos a photographer while posing as a civilian.

SATURDAY January 1

2:30 5 Stand Up Spotlight
 6 College Football Hall of Fame Bowl—Michigan vs. North Carolina State.
 17 MOVIE ★★ Desire (1990, Drama) Peter Marc, Josie Bisset. A music student in Venice falls for a mysterious professor. R
 20 (7) MOVIE ★★★ The Boston Strangler (1968, Drama) Tony Curtis, Henry Fonda. The manhunt and capture of the infamous killer.
 23 62 MOVIE ★★ It's Love Again (1936, Comedy) Jessie Matthews, Robert Young. A gossip columnist decides to create his own stories.
 25 Sports Latentight
 25 MOVIE ★★ The Gang's All Here (1943, Musical) Alice Faye, Carmen Miranda. A soldier visiting his father falls for a chorus girl.

2:50 21 MOVIE ★★ Cheech & Chong's Nice Dreams (1981, Comedy) Cheech Marin, Tommy Chong. Two drug dealers use an ice cream truck as a cover. R

3:00 7 International Soccer Update
 22 (2) MOVIE ★★½ Mace (1987, Drama) Ed Marinaro, Darrell Larson. A suicide investigation leads to an international conflict.
 50 50 Monster Wars
 23 MOVIE ★★½ Cyborg 2087 (1967, Science Fiction) Michael Rennie, Wendell Corey. A small ruling class dominates a world of cyborgs.
 17 Caroline's Comedy Hour
 31 MOVIE ★★½ Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid (1973, Western) James Coburn, Kris Kristofferson. A newly appointed lawman is pressured to capture an old pal.
 3 For Black Men Only

3:30 7 American Adventurer
 25 Future Watch

3:35 18 MOVIE ★★ Eleven Days, Eleven Nights 2 (1991, Adult) Kristine Rose, Ruth Collins. Promiscuous heirs provide a wealth of information for a book. R

4:00 7 Golf
 17 MOVIE ★★★ Dark Obsession (1989, Suspense) Gabriel Byrne, Amanda Donohoe. A jealous husband fantasizes about his wife's faithfulness. NC-17.
 18 MOVIE ★★★½ Captain Blood (1935, Adventure) Errol Flynn, Olivia de Havilland. Dr. Peter Blood leads a 17th-century rebellion.
 20 20 MOVIE ★★ Independence Day (1983, Drama) Kathleen Quinlan, David Keith. A photographer faces uncertainty at leaving her home town.
 31 MOVIE ★★ The Secret Passion of Robert Clayton (1992, Drama) John Mahoney, Scott Valentine. Father and son lawyers vie for a woman's affections.
 17 MOVIE ★★★½ Woodstock (1970, Documentary) Jimi Hendrix. The Who. An Oscar-winning account of the three-day music festival.

4:05 18 MOVIE ★★ Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb (1964, Comedy) Peter

Sellers, George C. Scott, Stanley Kubrick's classic Cold War satire of nuclear war.

4:20 24 MOVIE ★½ The Swordsman (1992, Fantasy) Lorenzo Lamas, Claire Stansfield. Two ancient enemies battle to possess a fabled sword. R
 4:30 62 MOVIE ★★½ The Kansan (1943, Western) Richard Dix, Jane Wyatt. A marshal tries to stop a greedy banker's bid for power.
 25 MOVIE ★★½ Weekend in Havana (1941, Musical) Alice Faye, John Payne. A salesgirl travels to Havana as the guest of a boat company.

5:00 18 MOVIE ★★ Manhattan Merry-Go-Round (1937, Comedy) Leo Carillo, Ann Dvorak. A mobster takes control of a recording company.
 25 Sports Latentight
 25 MOVIE ★★ Aspen Extreme (1992, Drama) Paul Gross, Peter Berg. Two blue-collar buddies become Colorado ski instructors. R

5:30 17 MOVIE ★★½ So Fine (1981, Comedy) Ryan O'Neal, Jack Warden. A college professor becomes a fashion designer by accident. R

SUNDAY January 2

2:30 7 Rodeo
 25 Sports Latentight
 25 MOVIE ★★★ Peter Ibbetson (1935, Drama) Gary Cooper, Ann Harding. Two childhood sweethearts have a tragic reunion.
 25 MOVIE ★★½ Snowball Express (1972, Comedy) Dean Jones, Nancy Olson. A genial Easterner inherits a shabby resort in the Rockies.

2:45 18 MOVIE ★★½ The Fisher King (1991, Comedy-Drama) Robin Williams, Jeff Bridges. A washed-up radio host befriends a homeless man on a quest. R

3:00 3 College Football Independence Bowl—Indiana vs. Virginia Tech.
 7 IHL Hockey Milwaukee Admirals at Las Vegas Thunder
 24 Masterpiece Theatre House of Cards
 17 Caroline's Comedy Hour

3:25 18 MOVIE ★★★ Murder by Decree (1979, Suspense) Christopher Plummer, James Mason. Sherlock Holmes follows Jack the Ripper's bloody trail.

3:30 25 Future Watch
 3:45 17 MOVIE ★★½ Betrayed (1988, Drama) Debra Winger, Tom Berenger. An FBI agent infiltrates a white supremacist group. R
 25 Comedy Hour Whoopi Goldberg, Chez Whoopi.
 25 T2: More Than Meets the Eye

4:00 25 Sporting Life
 18 MOVIE ★★★ This Gun for Hire (1942, Drama) Veronica Lake, Alan Ladd. A professional killer pursues the man who double-crossed him.
 25 MOVIE ★★ The Adventures of Marco Polo (1938, Drama) Gary Cooper, Sigrid Gure. Biography of the 13th-century explorer and merchant.

4:05 18 Hollywood: The Golden Years
 4:15 18 Chris Cross It's a Jungle in There

4:45 18 MOVIE ★★½ Beverly Hills Cop II (1987, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Ronny Cox. A Detroit cop tangles with a vicious gang in California. R

5:00 25 Sports Latentight
 18 MOVIE ★★½ Company Business

NBC rolls into the New Year with a new crime-fighting force

By Jeff Plass

Powers of darkness beware!

Villains of the near-future better keep their eyes peeled over their shoulders and their ears perked for the low rumble of 24 valves of liquid-cooled justice.

"Viper" has come to town.

Premiering Sunday, Jan. 2, with a two-hour episode and airing regularly on Fridays starting Jan. 7, "Viper" rolls into 1994 as NBC's newest action adventure series.

Dorian Harewood stars as Julian Wilkes a physically challenged technological whiz who reworks a stock Dodge Viper into the ultimate steel-plated, computerized defensive force.

The only snag with the vehicle is that it requires a pair of human hands to work the controls.

Enter Joe Astor, formerly known as Michael Peyton.

James McCaffrey plays Astor, a former criminal mastermind whose memory is secretly replaced by the government with a law-abiding identity.

In his previous persona, Michael Peyton, Astor worked for the very organization the Viper was designed to combat, a ruthless criminal syndicate known simply as the Outfit. One night while attempting to steal a satellite from MetroPol, Peyton is critically injured in a high-speed getaway attempt. Having witnessed Peyton's superior driving skills, the government seizes the opportunity and with the help of a few scalpels and some memory implants, Joe Astor is born.

Wilkes and Astor form an uneasy alliance as creator and pilot of the Viper. Things seem to be running along smoothly until one of Astor's former criminal cohorts identifies him in a restaurant.

With unexplained ease, the bad guys break into Astor's apartment (no high-tech security systems here?) and shanghai the unwitting hero away to their warehouse. They strap him into a chair a la "Clockwork Orange" and visually force-feed him information regarding his true identity. All of which Astor takes pretty well, but then he accepted his amnesia fairly well, too.

OK, so the series isn't completely

realistic, but what good science-fiction is?

Astor now rests at an emotional crossroads. Should he exact vengeance upon the governmental forces that altered his memory, or should he remain true to his new identity as a do-gooder?

The Outfit makes our hero's decision easy for him, using its political muscle to force the government to cancel work on the expensive project.

Joe and Julian become outlaws, stealing the Viper to keep it out of the hands of the unscrupulous officials who deep-sixed it.

Aside from a few inconsistencies in the story line, such as why inventive whiz Julian uses a manually powered wheelchair, "Viper" appears to have the necessary qualities to survive as a successful action-adventure series.

Dazzling special effects, such as the vehicle's high-speed "morphing"

from street machine to armored roadster, countless car chases and car crashes, punctuate the action portion of the show.

Plot twists on Joe's past identity and Julian's technological genius should provide suitable ammunition for keeping the adventure portion of the show fresh.

And just to lend a little levity to the program, the show offers a third banana in the character of Frankie Waters.

Joe Nipote plays Frankie as kind of a Joe Pesci-meets-Andrew Dice Clay at a Mr. Goodwrench convention. Frankie is the head of the MetroPol motor pool and self-professed "car nut" who will do anything to become a part of the Viper team.

Together, the three Viper vigilantes seek to take a bite out of the Outfit and make the streets of tomorrow safe for all law-abiding citizens.

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TV FOR KIDS

Benson enjoying 'Exosquad' voice role

BY SCOTT WHITE

Robby Benson is happy with his role as the voice of squad leader J.T. Marsh, hero of "Exosquad" (airing in syndication, check local listings).

"It's a great job," he says. "You know, you don't have to worry about makeup, about clothes, you just go in there and do your work. If you want to be good at it, you have to leave your ego at the door, listen to what the producers want and give them a great performance based on what they're looking for. And that's great training for any actor."

Benson should know: He supplied the voice of the Beast in Disney's tremendously successful animated feature "Beauty and the Beast." The film earned not only a new respect for Benson but an Oscar nomination as well.

"There are things that speak volumes in this business," he says. "Getting the Oscar nomination means credibility. The fact that 'Beauty and the Beast' made over \$140 million just domestically spoke even more volumes to the film community."

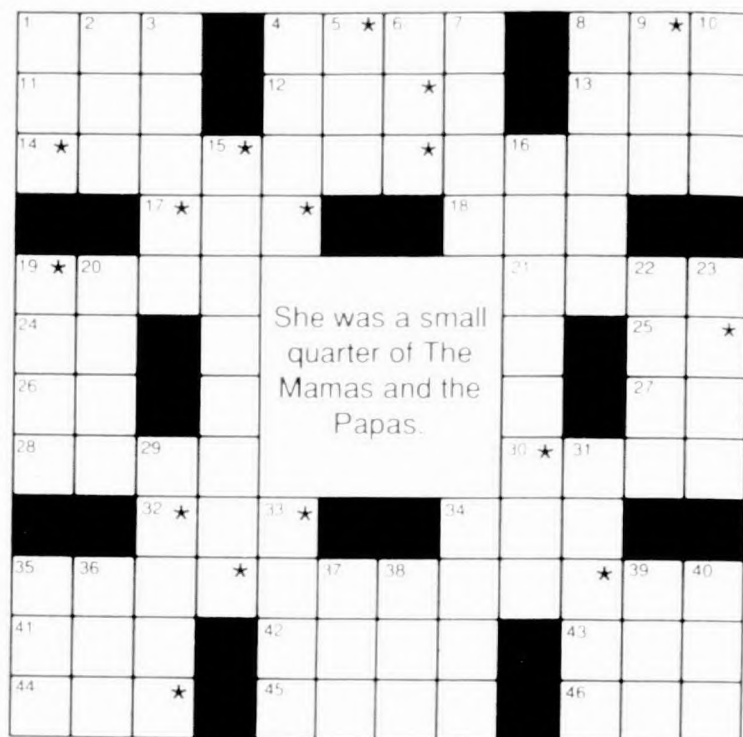
Benson's current project, "Exosquad," is a futuristic thriller with considerably more edge than "Beauty." Parents may wish to screen the show themselves and decide whether the intensity level is too high.

"My kids will watch it," Benson says. "But they will watch it with daddy because of the violence."



USA airs an unofficial biography in "Fallen Champ: The Untold Story of Mike Tyson" on Tuesday.

TV CROSSWORD



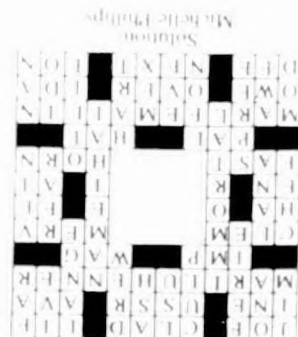
The answer to the Crossword Quiz is found within the answers in the puzzle. To find the answer, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

ACROSS

- 1. Daly's role on *Wings*
- 4. Dressed
- 8. Be less than honest
- 11. Ending for Paul or Max
- 12. Yakov Smirnoff's birthplace, abbr.
- 13. *Evening Shade* role
- 14. Portrayer of 13 Across (2)
- 17. Mischievous child
- 18. Comedian, joker
- 19. One of Skelton's roles
- 21. Mr. Griffin
- 24. Laughter's syllable
- 25. Initials for Estevez
- 26. Suffix for soft or silk
- 27. Initials for Laura's brother on *Little House on the Prairie*
- 28. *Friends*, 1979 TV movie
- 30. Dinah's instrument?
- 32. Buddy
- 34. Barney Miller's star
- 35. Actress on *Reasonable Doubts* (2)
- 41. Have obligations
- 42. *The Hill Gang*, 1969 TV movie
- 43. Lupino
- 44. B. Williams' middle name
- 45. Bank teller's word
- 46. Long, long time

DOWN

- 1. Kimbrough's role on *Murphy Brown*
- 2. *Out of Limb*, 1987 TV movie
- 3. *Indiana '91* series
- 4. Actor Robert
- 5. Baton Rouge Univ.
- 6. Shade tree
- 7. Barrymore



LET'S TALK

A young sailor is shot and his 'corpse' mysteriously vanishes, for the moment

BY TAYLOR MICHAELS

Q: There was a movie I saw many years ago. I do not even remember if it was in color or black and white. The title was "Moment to Moment," a sad love story about a young sailor who fell in love with a married Navy officer's wife. What can you tell me about this movie? Who played the young sailor? Is it available on home video? —Sandy Kennedy, Nesquehoning, Pa.

A: "Moment to Moment" was produced in 1966 and is in color. It starred Jean Seberg, Honor Blackman and Sean Garrison. Garrison played the role of the young sailor who fell in love with Jean Seberg's character. When his love interest's husband becomes suspicious, Seberg's character shoots the young sailor and attempts to dispose of the body. After she makes an anonymous call to the police, the "corpse" is nowhere to be found. Unbeknownst to her, the wound

is not fatal and the young sailor is struck with amnesia. The film is not available on home video.

Q: Is Alan Rickman who played the villain in the first "Die Hard" movie the same person who plays the villain in "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves"? —Rebecca Brandon-reich, London, Mont.

A: Yes, Rickman did indeed play the sinister Sheriff of Nottingham.

Q: My husband and I disagree on the name of the actress who played Dr. Quinn's mother on the two-hour episode of "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman" that aired recently. I need to know if she is the same woman who played Mrs. Roper on "Three's Company." —Judy Toler, New Bern, N.C.

A: Georganna Johnson played the role. You may be somewhat confused here, because earlier in the series, Jane Wyman also played the part of Dr. Quinn's mother. However, neither actress should be confused with Audra

Lindley, who played Mrs. Roper. **Q:** "The Adventures of Brisco County, Jr." is a great show and I hope it stays on the air. I like all of the characters on the show, but my favorite is the villain John Bly. Do you have any information on the actor who plays him. What else has he been in? —Linda, Vancouver, Wash.

A: Actor Billy Drago plays the devious Bly. Drago is a native of Hugoton, Texas. He has starred in such feature films as "Pale Rider," "Vamp," "Delta Force II" and "The Untouchables."

His television credits include guest-starring roles on the series "Moonlighting," "Hunter," "Hill Street Blues," "Trapper John, M.D." and "The Fall Guy."

Q: Did the actress who played Dr. Pulaski on "Star Trek: The Next Generation" ever appear on the original series? If so, which episode was it. —Bob Bewley, Roswell, N.M.

A: Diana Muldaur, who played Dr. Pulaski on only the second season of "Next Generation" did indeed appear on the original "Star Trek" series. In fact she was in two episodes, "Return to Tomorrow" and "Is There in Truth No Beauty?"

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