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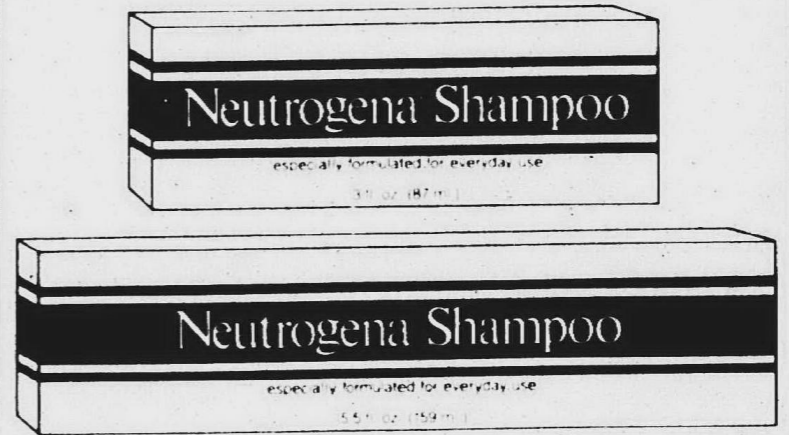
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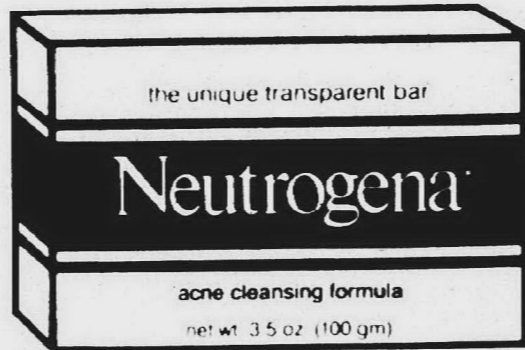
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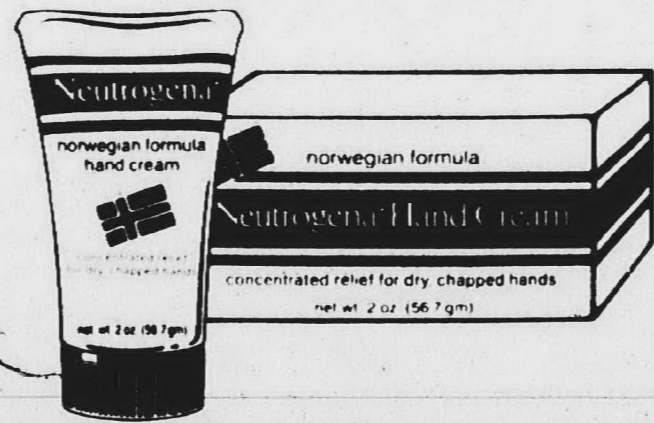
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HMO shutdowns cause concern

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"The excuse they give is that they did not know that this was going to be a costly experiment. They did not tell the people who enrolled that they were, in fact, pilot programs or experimental," said Featherstone, a board member-elect of the Plymouth Council on Aging.

Featherstone found an alternative plan, "but it's still costing me \$1,700 a year to stay healthy."

"My medical needs as far as prescriptions are minimal compared to other people. There are people paying up to \$900 a month just for medicine."

"I don't care how much money they have in the bank or what kind of retirement plan they started for themselves 20 years ago."

'To find out after a year that rates have skyrocketed and that they might not even have coverage is very frightening and confusing.'

— Dianne Neihengen
Canton senior citizen coordinator

"In today's market there isn't anyone who isn't suffering because of the astronomical costs of medical care," she said.

SO MANY seniors have contacted their legislators that an infor-

mational meeting has been scheduled by the office of U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth.

The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at Tonquish Creek Manor in Plymouth.

State Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, plans to attend.

As Geake sees it, "the underlying problem is that the cost of providing the care has gone so high that companies have underpriced their services in a scramble to get new customers."

To Geake's knowledge, there's no suspicion of criminal wrongdoing, nor has any sort of official probe been launched.

"If there is, I have not found any evidence to that effect," said Geake, who sits on the Senate Human Resources and Senior Citizens Committee.

It's possible that Senate hearings could be scheduled to examine the matter, he added.

Several Blue Cross-Blue Shield officials resigned under fire or were demoted after questionable financial and real estate activities came to light recently.

"Instead of helping people out, they're buying cars and condos. It's terrible," said a Plymouth senior whose Blue Cross-Blue Shield supplementary health plan was cancelled.

The woman, who asked that her name not be used, was paying \$30 per month for hearing, prescription and optical coverage. She now pays \$55 a month and receives less.

"Glasses, prescriptions and hearing aids aren't included," she said.

Crime figures stay constant

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More officers on the streets again probably made a difference, Myers said, "particularly in commercial districts along Main Street."

The chief also said that perhaps not all malicious destruction of property incidents were reported to the department.

MYERS EXPECTS that the cruisers will return to town this spring.

"Would I like to have more (officers)? Yes," he said. "Do I think we'll need more? Yes. Will we? That's not for me to decide."

The city commission determines staffing levels through its budget.

Revenue returned to the city by the district court from additional cruising tickets written last summer should come close to paying for the temporary officers' services, said Paul Sincovec, assistant to the city manager.

The police department currently has 18 sworn officers including command staff and supervisors.

HIGH-PROFILE traffic enforcement remains the top priority among goals set for patrol officers this year by the command staff. The objective is to reduce accidents and hazardous traffic patterns.

Other goals include:

- Increase parking enforcement efforts with continued attention to the 3-6 a.m. on-street parking ban
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Need for more school space projected

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new units is 1,719.

No definite plans have been made to add space.

A RELATIVELY HIGH transient rate balances the number of new students and should be considered when looking at growth, Hoben said. Between 400 and 800 students leave the district annually.

Other elements, like Michigan's economic health, also must be considered when looking at how pro-

jected growth will affect student population.

A crunch on space at the middle schools was lessened when the district began leasing Livonia Public School's Lowell Middle School on John Hix south of Joy.

Making predictions is "almost like using a Ouija board," Hoben said, referring to the popular board used in seances supposedly to convey and record messages from spirits.

THE REPORT — released earlier this month — was prepared by Ray-

mond E. Spear, a Rhode Island school superintendent. He interviewed government officials, planning commission members in the district's communities and builders to garner data about building plans.

The district spent \$2,000 for this project and three other district programs, Hoben said.

"It's just another piece of the puzzle that we want to look at in terms of future growth and the future of this district," he said.

The report should be updated on a yearly basis, he said.

CAPACITY AT the high schools is 4,400.

"We would prefer to keep enrollment at 4,200, and 4,400 is the upper limit," said Mike Homes, assistant

superintendent for instruction.

Middle school capacity in total is between 4,200 and 4,400, he said. And elementary school capacity is some 7,200 — the present level — and that just about "taxes us to the fullest."

"We would be very hard-pressed to go much beyond that," Homes said.

Hoben Elementary School, under construction on Saltz Road west of Sheldon, will relieve present elementary school building counts.

"The possibility for building is out there... at least for the elementary and in the long term for the high schools," Homes said.

The elementary schools are in "good shape, but the question is whether they will stay that way," Hoben said.

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Z-88-02 - 139 E. Pearl -	Variance - Side yard setback Zoned RT-1 Applicant Nancy L. Schuhardt
Z-88-03 - 1312 Penniman -	Variance - Rear yard setback Zoned R-1 Applicant John and Katherine Townsend
Z-88-04 - 1102 W. Ann Arbor Rd. -	Variance for sign - Zoned B-3 Applicant Terry Burns
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Blanchard sets up hurdles to tax reform

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Key state lawmakers are uncertain how enthusiastic Gov. James J. Blanchard is about property tax reform after a few encouraging remarks in the State of the State address.

"I'll take the glitter of hope it speaks to," said a mildly optimistic Democrat, James Kosteva of Canton Township. He is author of one plan to cut school property taxes and replace them with an income tax increase.

"He's ducking property tax reform," said a pessimistic Republican, Mat Dunaskiss of Lake Orion. "Polls are showing the Republican plan is well received."

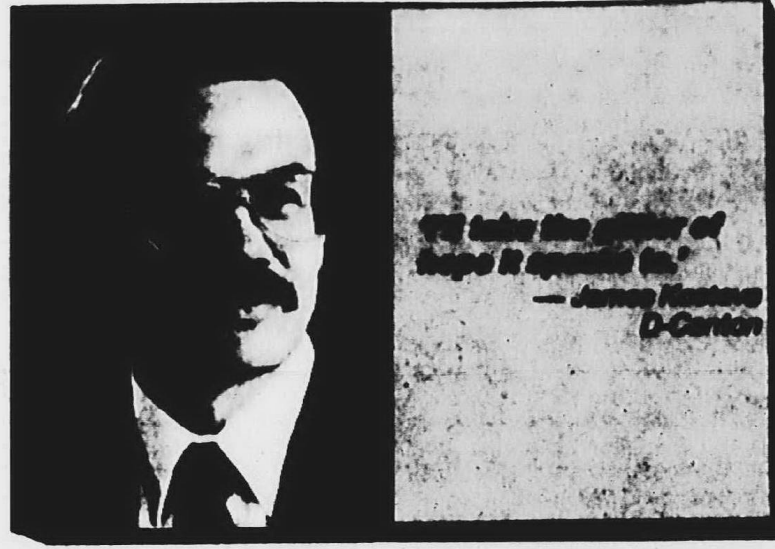
BASIS FOR Republican unhappiness is that Blanchard set up two big hurdles for lawmakers to jump before the chief executive even will discuss a property tax sales tax shift or any kind of school tax change.

First, he wants an educational quality program — preschool funding, class size reduction, core curriculum and the like — threatening to veto any money bill that fails to contain the preschool program.

Second, he is dusting off his "closing tax loopholes" program of \$278 million for a fourth try. It includes:

- \$45 million of taxes on in-state insurance companies
- \$13 million of taxes on banks and thrifts
- \$24 million from applying the state income tax to U.S. military personnel
- \$10 million from big winners in the state lottery
- \$145 million less in property tax rebates. The cap for receiving a rebate would be cut from the current level of \$80,000 family income to \$50,000.

Only then will the governor look at property taxes. "Once this Excellence Challenge is adopted, we will work with the Legislature to enact separate plans to bring greater equity to school district funding and



to tackle the critical challenge of reducing the property tax burden in Michigan."

"HE'S LINKING them together," Dunaskiss said. "That's what got us

into problems in the last session. We can't get a debate on separate issues."

Republicans dislike the way Democrats tend to tie issues together for bargaining purposes. They point

with horror at the "jamup" of bills that cleared the Legislature in its closing days. Key exhibit: the "hiddie tax" that slipped through in the rush.

But Kosteva sees it far differently. He said that unlike the state-appointed Harden Commission, which wrote a book-length series of recommendations on money and quality, Blanchard is separating them into bite-sized components.

"I don't believe one component should be dependent on the other," Kosteva said.

SEN. RUDY Nichols, R-Waterford, author of one of the chief Republican entries in the property tax cut sweepstakes, was "pleased to hear he's at least talking about it. Last year there was almost complete silence from the front office."

"Right now I'm trying to forget something where the Quadrant might reach consensus," he said. The Quadrant consists of the two parties' leaders in each of the two chambers.

"I have a problem with the legislative approach (Blanchard's) rather

than the ballot approach," Nichols said. The ballot approach is a constitutional amendment in which voters would allocate taxes for education.

"In the constitution, the people would say we want education to be our first priority."

BLANCHARD'S educational quality program, cheered by Republicans and Democrats alike, contains these "goals":

- Quality assurance program — \$170 million. Includes a core curriculum, performance standards and lower class sizes through third grade.
- Preschool program for "at risk" 4-year-olds — \$20 million next year, increasing to \$80 million by fiscal 1991.
- Teacher in-service program — \$6 million, or \$70 per teacher.
- Dropout prevention program — \$9 million.
- Rewards to schools that improve their teaching of at-risk students by performance standards — \$5 million.

Agency: Homelessness extends into suburbs

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

Homelessness is a major Wayne County problem, experts say, but it's not limited to Detroit.

More than 3,000 homeless individuals could be living in suburban cities and townships, according to Wayne Metropolitan Community Service Agency estimates.

Data on the suburban homeless isn't easy to come by; the agency's executive director said. Many of Detroit's homeless could actually be transplanted suburbanites, he added.

"The perception is that the homeless are centered in Detroit, but not all the homeless are Detroiters," Luther Flanagan said. "What we've found is that the homeless tend to gravitate toward Detroit, regardless of their original home."

That's because homeless programs have been centered in the

city, Flanagan said. But that is expected to change. A suburban homeless relief program has now begun.

Metro Community Service has been designated the chief coordinating agency for Wayne County homeless relief outside Detroit.

Wayne County commissioners granted the designation Thursday on a motion from commissioner Kay Beard, D-Inkster.

"WE HAVE to look at the fact that we have homeless people, including families with children, throughout our area," Beard said.

Metro Service is embarking on a program that offers job training and child care, in addition to providing shelter.

Federal attention focused on the homeless last summer with passage of new legislation addressing the problem. New law allows federal money to be used to assist the homeless.

Metro's own estimate on suburban homelessness is drawn from area poverty statistics.

"STUDIES SHOW us that 2 percent of the poor are homeless," Flanagan said. "And we know there are at least 157,000 Wayne County residents outside Detroit who qualify as poor."

There is no standard profile of the homeless, Flanagan said.

"Some, certainly, are people who have been released from institutions," he said. Local anti-homeless efforts will seek to redirect some members of the homeless toward mental health care, he added.

"But there are homeless families, too," Flanagan said. "There are teen-aged mothers who've been thrown out of their homes."

Most difficult to track, Flanagan said, are the "couch people."

"We've found there are a lot of people who stay with relatives from time to time but who could really be classified as homeless," Flanagan said. "Anyone without a permanent place to sleep could be classified as homeless."

Though Flanagan said he was optimistic relief efforts would soon be under way, suburban homeless programs might not be in place during the cold days to come — winter is a

traditional period of concern for the homeless.

Toward that end, several elected officials are encouraging creation of temporary shelters for the homeless.

Though not specifically directed toward the homeless, Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara helped draft a plan that would return seized crack houses to local communities.

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Neither is there reason to support the proposition that: "even if it can't help, it won't hurt." While vitamin therapy in arthritis usually, but not always, is harmless, it inevitably is expensive. Further more, an uncritical attitude can lead a person to try not only vitamins, but possibly a variety of unproven remedies. However, as experience with selenium shows, a substance theoretically thought to be free of side effects, can in actuality, prove toxic.

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If one thing was certain this holiday season, the yuppie consumption of Brie, Camembert and Roquefort cheeses was definitely up. Way up.

With all the holiday brouhahas going on, just about every buffet table was heavily stocked with the likes of some form of Brie, melted into a mishmash and sprinkled with chopped pecans, some Camembert, if not just plopped onto a board and choked with Triscuits, then baked beyond recognition like the Brie, or worst yet, just a solid hunk of Roquefort, standing alone, looking forlorn and almost begging to be crumbled into a salad, pasta or sauce.

Brie and Camembert are soft-paste cheeses with a minimum of 44 percent butterfat. Even though they both contain only about 90 calories per ounce (28g), the problem lies in folks like myself who usually position themselves as close to the cheeses as possible. Limiting yourself to one ounce of anything is like going to a Baskin-Robbins and ordering a Diet Coke.

The secret in enjoying a great Brie or Camembert is finding one that is perfectly ripe, cutting into the rind and observing the cheese ooze out of its shell without running down the plate, off the cracker and onto your chin.

Most folks are a little timid when it comes to even sampling a Brie or Camembert, mainly because of the white rind that encircles the mass. Do you eat it or just scoop the gooey center? The choice to consume or not consume the white rind is totally upon the eater.

ALTHOUGH MOST aficionados would cringe at the thought, I have observed folks snatch up everything on the plate. The white shell is a surface mold that assists in ripening the cheese. A white liquid fungus called *Penicillium Candidium* is sprayed onto a disc-shaped block of cheese never more than 1/4 inches thick.

The block of cheese itself is made that way solely for the surface molds to find their way inside and do the curing. A too-thick block of cheese would never cure properly. If you were lucky enough to receive one of those "sampler baskets" with tiny, foil-wrapped cheese and sausage that never needs refrigeration, and notice a small sample of Brie or Camembert, allow it to sit at room temperature for at least two hours before sampling. This should aid in the softening and improve the flavor immensely.

When it comes to Roquefort, most folks think salad dressing. True, Roquefort is made solely from ewe's milk and ripens in naturally air-conditioned caves of the Mountains of Cambalun in Roquefort-sur-Soulzon. As strange as it may seem, it is the inoculation of *Penicillium Roqueforti* into the ewe's milk and the subtle ripening in the alternating air currents of the caves that make this truly Roquefort and not just "blue cheese."

INCIDENTALLY, the Roquefortians go to considerable trouble to protect their own. A restaurateur who offers real "Roquefort" had better be careful because there are paid professionals (the Roquefort C.I.A.?) who visit establishments and have test kits that can discern the strain of *penicillium*, right at the table. Imposters beware!

So whether it's baked, broiled, crumbled, tossed or sauced, these three cheeses stand out as the big granddaddys of all the great French cheeses. You might find Brie from the United States or Camembert from Scandinavia, maybe even a domestic "Roquefort," but if you are looking for the ultimate in true taste sensations, look for a Brie from Meaux or Coulommiers, a Camembert with a passport only from Normandy and the truest, bluest, blue cheese of them all, Roquefort from the caves of sur-Soulzon. Bon Appetit!

THE ULTIMATE ROQUEFORT SALAD DRESSING

- 1/2 cup Roquefort cheese, crumbled
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Combine all ingredients and mix well. Cover and refrigerate at least 24 hours and allow to stand at least 1 hour at room temperature before serving.

CAMEMBERT EN PHYLLO

- 8 oz. camembert
- 1/4 lb. phyllo dough
- 4 Tbsp. butter, melted

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STEVE FECHT/staff photographer

Mary Jemerion (left) puts cookies on rack for oven, partners Wayne Sonkin and Cathy Stiteler look on, while Terri Harrison and Valerie Madison pull cookies out of press.

Gourmet cookies

Baker's Choice keeps them from crumbling

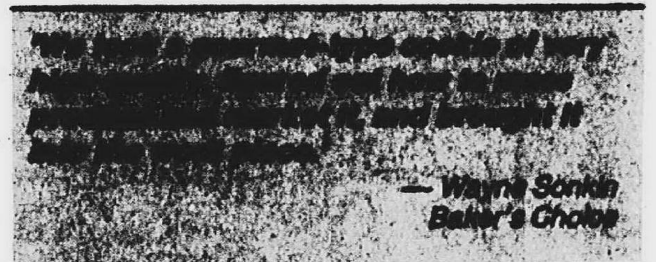
By Janice Brunson
staff writer

That's the way the cookie crumbles. A common enough refrain, but for Wayne Sonkin of Livonia the exact opposite is more to the point. Sonkin, 28, founder and president of Baker's Choice in Livonia, is devoted to cookies that never crumble, some 30,000 cookies baked daily in his factory on Stark Road. "We're not the first to make cookies, but the way we do it is unique. There may be other companies comparable to us but, if so, I'm not aware of them," Sonkin said. Sonkin is referring to his product, individually wrapped, gourmet-style cookies chock full of chocolate chunks, nuts or raisins just like Mother bakes. That, of course, is the point — mass-produced cookies that look, smell and taste like the home-baked variety. "We took a gourmet-type cookie of very high quality, figured out how to mass produce and market it, and brought it into the work place," Sonkin said.

ALL BAKER'S CHOICE products are manufactured in this manner, four variations of cookies including chocolate chip, peanut butter and oatmeal raisin, and fudge bars. Daily, some 40 employees mix three tons of dough which is then measured into exact 3.57-ounce rounds and baked on the premises. Until 1985, each cookie was hand-wrapped in cellophane. Today, machines that Sonkin specially designed for the job, have taken over the wrapping duties. Quality control workers monitor the results. Finally, squads of distributors deliver batches of cookies and brownies to schools in Livonia, Southfield and Bloomfield Hills and to hospitals, factories, convenience stores and

vending machines throughout Michigan and Ohio. A new product called Oscar Brown, a peanut butter and chocolate brownie, will be introduced later this month and by early spring Baker's Choice products will appear for sale in Illinois. In addition, the company produces items under private labels for other clients "who want products similar to ours at the high-end quality of the market," Sonkin said, adding the firm grossed \$3 million last year.

BAKER'S CHOICE products contain no preservatives or stabilizers. "There is no way to simulate a freshly baked cookie if preservatives are used," Sonkin explained. Items have a shelf life of nine days. While they do not spoil after that period of time, "a soft cookie becomes a hard cookie. Nine days is the optimal time." Products unsold after that time are donated to area food centers for distribution to the poor. Sonkin uses recipes he has been trying and testing since 1980 when he dropped out of college at Michigan State University in Lansing because "I wanted to start my own business. I got impatient." When he launched Baker's Choice in 1982 he was initially met with skepticism. Once products began selling, "We spread like wildfire. The market was wide open at that time." He says he has never spent a dime on advertising. The price of his cookies has increased once in five years, to 65 cents each. The recipes, as well as ideas for new products, are "confidential." It takes approximately three months to ready new products for market and until something is ready to go, like the new Oscar Brown brownie, "I keep it a secret."



— Wayne Sonkin
Baker's Choice

SONKIN SAID he frequently receives telephone calls from distraught home bakers who are seeking advice for failed baking ventures.

"The curse of most home bakers is not following the recipe to the letter. Unlike cooking which is an art, baking is a science. You are counting on the reaction of every ingredient. For optimal results, you cannot experiment or substitute."

- Sonkin offers the following tips:
- Follow recipe directions carefully.
 - Use high-quality ingredients and high-grade baking pans.
 - Use an oven thermometer.
 - Outdoor temperatures affect final results. Warm weather means softer dough and thinner, crispier cookies.
 - "The Joy of Cooking" cookbook offers "phenomenal" baking recipes.

Monster distributes samples of cookies from Aunt Clara's

By Janice Brunson
staff writer

The cookie monster is alive and well in Plymouth. He can be seen during most community events like the recently staged ice sculpture show downtown, handing out yummy samples of chocolate chip, peanut butter and sugar cookies to awed small fry who often-times reach out and touch the friendly, furry green fellow. On Halloween night alone, the cookie monster handed out 1,800 individually wrapped tasty morsels to youngsters enjoying an evening of trick or treating. The monster is none other than Pete Gade, 32, who, with his fiancée Cindy Burgess, 30, launched Aunt Clara's Cookies last spring in a small shop off Main Street next door to the community's Chamber of Commerce. "We wanted to do something together and on our own. I had the ideas and Pete had the financing," explained Burgess. "We didn't want to get into a franchise."



AUNT CLARA'S reflects the couple's personal touch. Laura Ashley print wallpaper, hung by Burgess, matches aprons she sewed for herself and five employees who bake and sell cookies daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Display cases, designed and built by Gade, hold wicker baskets decorated in matching Ashley ruffles brimming with cookies.

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Pete Gade and his fiancée Cindy Burgess display their cookies that have a personal touch.

Old-fashioned quick breads are nutritious

Across the country, muffins and cinnamon rolls fill specialty shop windows. In supermarkets and malls, the aroma of fresh, baked breads is tantalizing.

As tasty as they may be, commercially prepared quick breads, rolls and muffins can be high in fat, sugar and calories. Those baked at home can be far more healthful and every bit as delicious.

Using recipes that incorporate whole grains, fruits and nuts while keeping fat and sugar in line, homemade quick breads boost nutrients without compromising flavor.

Banana orange muffincake can please in two ways, either as coffee cake or as a muffin recipe. It takes its hearty flavor and texture from whole grain oats, which also provide water-soluble fiber, and it features a fresh fruit combination that is readily available year round.

Garden confetti corn bread makes any simple entree special with its blend of fresh vegetables, herbs and yogurt complementing the goodness and great taste of corn meal. It's a healthy treat at lunch or snack time, too.

For additional wholesome quick breads and lots of fresh ideas for good eating, look to "Hurry, Let's Eat!" a 48 page booklet offered by the Quaker Oats Co. This collection of fast-to-fix recipes includes microwave recipes, nutrition information, shopping tips, storage guidelines and more. To receive a free copy, send name and address on a postcard to:

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BANANA ORANGE MUFFINCAKE
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 cup mashed ripe banana (about 2 medium)
1/2 cup orange juice
1/2 cup margarine, melted



Banana Orange Muffincake may be made either as a glazed coffee cake or as convenient muffins.

1 egg, lightly beaten
1/2 tsp. grated orange peel
1/2 cup powdered sugar
1 tbsp. orange juice
1/2 tsp. grated orange peel

Heat oven to 400°. Grease bottom of 9-inch round springform pan or cake pan. Combine dry ingredients. Add combined banana, juice, margarine, egg and orange peel, mixing just until dry ingredients are moistened. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 30-35 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 10 minutes on wire rack; re-

move from pan. Combine remaining ingredients, drizzle evenly over cake while still warm. 12 servings.

VARIATION
Banana Orange Muffins Grease 12 medium muffin cups or line with paper baking cups. Prepare batter as recipe directs, fill prepared muffin cups almost full. Bake 15 to 18 minutes or until golden brown. Combine remaining ingredients, drizzle evenly over muffins. 1 dozen.

NOTE: To freeze, wrap muffins securely, store in freezer up to 3 months. To reheat frozen muffins in microwave oven, microwave at high 25-30 seconds for each muffin.

Nutrition Information: Each serving (1/12 of cake or 1 muffin)
Calories 190, Carbohydrates 32 g, Protein 3 g, Fat 6 g, Sodium 250 mg, Calcium 70 mg, Cholesterol 20 mg, Dietary Fiber 1 g.

GARDEN CONFETTI CORN BREAD
1 cup enriched corn meal

1 cup all-purpose flour
1 tbsp. snipped fresh basil leaves or 1 tsp. basil
2 tsp. sugar (optional)
4 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt

1 8-oz. carton (1 cup) plain yogurt
1/2 cup milk
1 egg, lightly beaten
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper
1/2 cup shredded carrot
1/2 cup sliced green onions

Heat oven to 400°. Grease 8" or 9" inch square baking pan. Combine dry ingredients and basil. Add combined yogurt, milk, egg and oil, mixing just until dry ingredients are moistened. Fold in vegetables, pour into prepared pan. Bake 25-30 minutes or until golden brown. 9 servings.

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Airline spars with media on crash

By Tom Henderson
staff writer

Five months after the short and deadly flight of a Northwest jet ended in fiery death for 255, the company's director of media communications finally came to Detroit.

Redmond Tyler defended Northwest's decision to refuse to release the passenger list — an official list has never been released by the company — and said that if he had it to do over again, the only thing he would do differently would be to refuse to release the names of crew members, too.

Northwest's policy was heavily criticized at the time by Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano, by members of the county's medical examiner's office, who said identifying the dead was more difficult without a list of who was on the plane, and by spokesmen for the National Transportation Safety Board.

"We are aware of all the ghouls who prey on victims of accidents," Tyler told a gathering of Sigma Delta Chi, a society of professional journalists, at the Detroit Press Club Thursday.

"You knew and I knew that the names would be released ultimately, but if I could preserve the peace

of the families for one more day, I would do it again."

TYLER CRITICIZED reporters for spreading rumors and accused them of bias against Northwest because of all the past problems with and stories about lost baggage, employee sabotage and delayed flights resulting from Northwest's merger with Republic.

Though he denied being belligerent at the time of the accident, Tyler was feisty and aggressive in answering reporters' questions at the press club.

One reporter asked if part of the problem in communications last summer was Tyler's belligerence with reporters. "I don't consider myself belligerent," he said, then asked the reporter his name.

When the reporter said "Nolan Finley of the Detroit News," Tyler responded, "Consider the source."

Tyler said that the "court of public opinion" supported his decision not to release the passenger list. When asked why the sheriff's department and medical examiner's office had been so angry with him, then, Tyler said, "We worked very closely with the coroner's office and the sheriff's office. That ground has been plowed

before and we don't need to go into it again."

He said, "There's nothing you ever learn in journalism school that says an airline has to release a passenger list."

When asked what mistakes he or Northwest made in the days following the crash, he said, "The biggest mistake I made was in believing in the system — the NTSB was sharing speculation like I have not seen in two decades."

Tyler said of the media, "Was there good reporting? The textbooks might say yes, but I would say not. Was coverage biased against Northwest? I think so. We never asked for anything from the media but accuracy."

But Northwest made little effort to ensure accuracy, according to reporters covering the story. Phone calls routinely went unreturned. The company has yet to hold a press conference to discuss the crash. Reporters were incorrectly told by Northwest that other agencies were about to release a list of the dead. And the airline decided not to correct inaccurate listings of the dead by local media.

For example, a Rochester Hills man, Robert Quick, was listed by one newspaper as having died in the

crash. But he had been unable to book a seat on 255 and left on an earlier flight.

IN SHARP CONTRAST to Tyler's presentation was that of Catherine Cureton, assistant director of public relations for the University of Michigan Medical Center and the person who handled media relations while Cecilia Cichan, the lone survivor of flight 255, was at Mott Children's Hospital.

She praised reporters for the compassion toward family members. Though one reporter pretended to be a member of the family of another patient in the burn unit while trying to get an interview, overall, "problems with reporters were smaller than I would have expected. They showed a touch of restraint."

The medical center even had a staff member from Colombia tape a daily update in Spanish for a radio station in New York.

She said the decision was made early to let reporters know there was some information that could not be released but what information that could be released "would be the best information possible."

She thanked the media for their cooperation and was thanked in turn by several reporters.

WSU seminars probe U.S., Soviet policy

Wayne State University's Center for Peace and Conflict Studies is sponsoring "Foreign Policy Update '88" a series of events exploring U.S./Soviet foreign policy.

Experts will discuss topics ranging from U.S. policy in the Middle East to reform in the Soviet Union.

Events include:
• Wednesday, Feb. 3 — U.S. Foreign Policy Projecting U.S. Power.

• Wednesday, Feb. 10 — U.S. and the Middle East: Dangerous Drift?
• Wednesday, Feb. 17 — The Global Environment: Reassessing

the Threat
• Wednesday, Feb. 24 — The Soviet Union: Gorbachev's Reforms

Events will be held 7:30-9 p.m. at the Andover High School Media Center, 4200 Andover Road, Bloomfield Hills. The series is co-sponsored by Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and West Bloomfield community education departments.

Series fees are \$18 for adults, \$12 for students.

The registration and other information is available by calling 433-0885.

Stop-smoking program recruits area women

Wayne County's Health Department is looking for women who are serious about quitting smoking.

The department is offering free classes to females 15-45 who wish to kick the nicotine habit. Those who sign up participate in experimental, federally financed programs.

"We're looking at women of child-bearing age," department spokeswoman Cynthia Taueg said. "Smoking has been linked to low birth weight, which in turn has been linked to infant mortality."

Two separate classes are available, Taueg added. One stresses behavior modification, including things to do instead of smoking. The other

uses hypnotherapy.

"We ourselves don't know which is more effective, that's why the research is being done," Taueg said.

Classes are open to women in Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth and Redford, Canton and Plymouth townships. Though women from all income levels are invited to participate, Taueg said enrollment priority will be given to low-income women.

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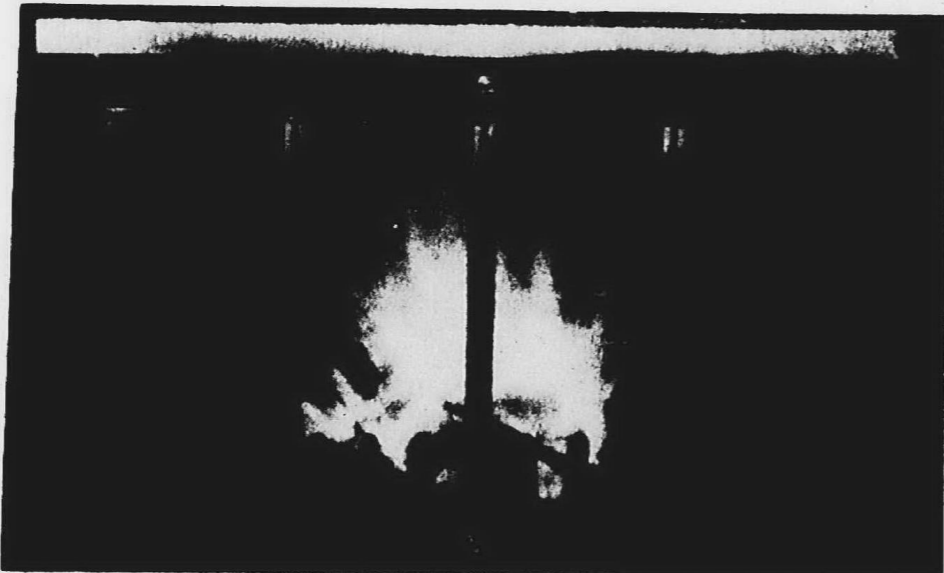
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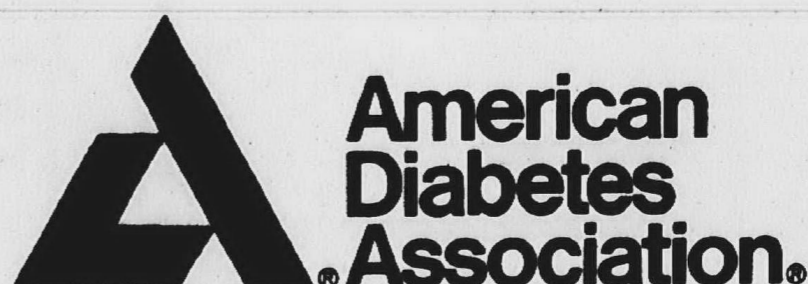
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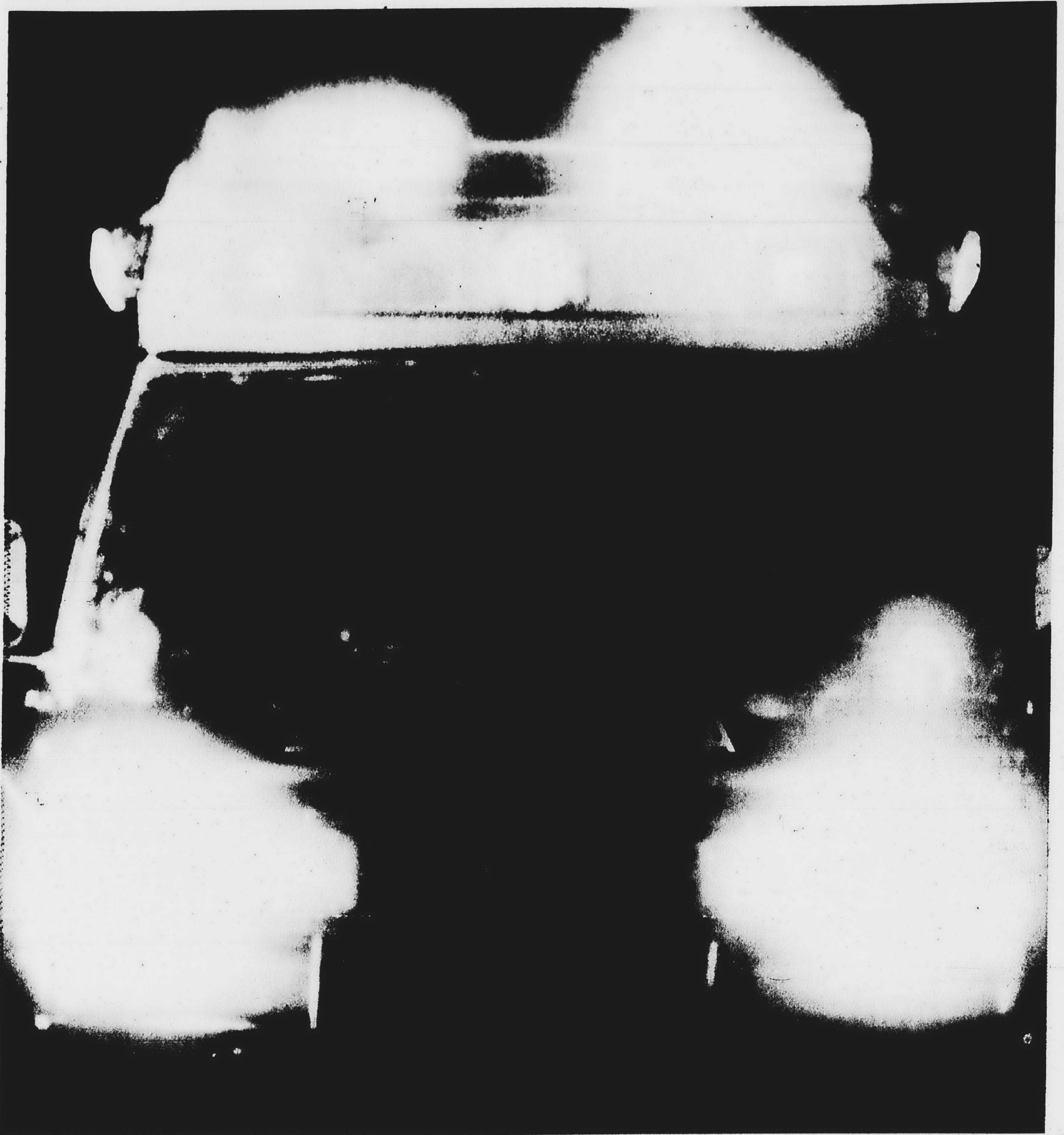
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By Iris Sanderson Jones
special writer

Q: Have people expressed more interest in traveling to the Soviet Union since Gorbachev visited America and "glasnost" came on the scene?

D.F.,
Garden City

A: Good question. I have been on a merry chase trying to answer it. As far as I can determine, the answer is this: There is increased interest nationwide, but not much action going on in the Detroit area.

I started by trying to reach Intourist, the Soviet government travel office, because all applications to travel in the Soviet Union must be processed through Intourist, whether booked individually or through a travel agent. I called their New York City office 700 times (well, I might be exaggerating a little), but the line was always busy.

MY NEXT call was to Mac Lacey at the National Tour Association, which represents tour operators in the United States. Mac sent me to Kansas-based Maupintour, one of the country's big tour operators and the first to take groups into the Soviet Union after World War II. You can buy their tours through travel agents nationwide.

Paul Kerstetter of Maupintour told me that interest in Soviet tours began growing about a year ago, when the word "glasnost" entered our vocabulary. "Our 1987 bookings to the Soviet Union were up, and that area will be one of the hot ones in 1988," he said. "I would say the growth is about 20 percent."

MAUPINTOUR STARTED in 1951 and has been leading tours to the Soviet Union for more than 30 years. It still operates that same tour, Russia by Motorcoach, but now it is one of six tours to the area. Some just go to the Soviet Union; some include other countries. One is to the great cities of central Asia.

"It was a gradual growth over the years, with peaks and valleys depending on what was happening in the world," Kerstetter said. "Gorbachev is the most personable Russian we have ever seen, and that makes the Russian people seem more personable to the traveling public."

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— Paul Kerstetter,
Maupintour

"THE SOVIET people haven't changed. They have always been a country of good hosts. But our perception of them has changed. Relations are getting better, and more Americans are getting curious about the Russians."

Most overseas tours have more 50-year-olds than 30-year-olds, because more older people have the time and money to travel. The Soviet Union does draw younger travelers, but because it is a difficult country to explore alone, Kerstetter said.

"It is easy to get a visa and travel around France by yourself or with a friend, but the travel logistics are not that easy in the Soviet Union. Most people travel with groups."

Maupintour tours usually run about three weeks and cost anywhere from \$2,600 to \$3,900, including air fare and land costs.

HOW GOOD is Maupintour?

"Travel-Holiday" magazine regularly polls its readers on what they consider the best airline, tour group, etc. Maupintour regularly wins first place in the category of overseas tours.

So far, so good. Except I couldn't find anybody in our area who had noticed the same interest. Diana Kryszak, manager of travel sales and promotion for the Automobile Club of Michigan, did a minisurvey of her agents for us.

"We don't find any surge; in fact we don't find any interest," she said. I got the same answer from several other travel agents in the Detroit area. My last, best chance was Annette Langwald, owner of Elkin Tours, which has

several offices in our area. Langwald is president of the Michigan chapter of American Society of Travel Agents.

"As a travel agent, I have not seen any increased interest in the Soviet Union," she said. "As president of ASTA, I have heard other agents talk about an increase."

IF AT FIRST you don't succeed . . . I decided to explore the issue across the river in Canada. L. Hamlyn Hobden of Montreal represents Intourist in Canada, and he said "there is a real boom in both U.S. and Canadian interest in the Soviet Union."

"Finnair and five wholesalers have just bought an eight-page ad in 'City and Country Home' magazine here in Canada because of that interest," Hobden said. "People have always been interested in the romance of Samarkand and the trans-Siberian railroad, but Gorbachev's visit really started the new interest in the Soviet Union."

That sounded logical, so I asked Norma Meyers of Meconi Travel in Windsor if she had seen any increased interest in the Soviet Union, and she said "none."

"It may be the wrong time of year, because new brochures and air fares for summer travel don't come out until March," she explained.

I asked Dorothy Souilliere of the Canadian Automobile Association the same question, and she said, "I haven't really noticed any interest here."

BOTH CANADIANS recommend package tours wholesaled by Canadian Travel Abroad and Exotik Tours, which can be bought through any Canadian travel agent. The value of the U.S. dollar has dropped, but it is still worth \$1.29 in Canadian money, so tour costs of \$3,000 to \$4,000 Canadian might still be a good buy.

And so, the answer to your question is yes and no. There is a national surge of interest in the Soviet Union, but so far it hasn't hit Michigan.

If you want to go anyway, call your travel agent call Pan American Airways, which flies out of Detroit, or Finnair, which flies out of Montreal or New York.

General Tours of New York is a major tour operator to the Soviet Union as is the Russian Travel Bureau.

Also, check your library for the December issue of "Travel and Leisure" magazine and its story, "The Rush to Russia."

Creative Living



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organizing
Dorothy Lehmkuhl

Adage on neatness still holds true

Q. My children seem to believe keeping things neat is a waste of time. What actual reasons can I give to convince them of the importance of order?

A. "A place for everything and everything in its place" is an old time saying, which is still a good reminder today. Why?

HEALTH: Without cleanliness mold, insects, odors and bacteria can become health hazards.

SAFETY: Fires, once started, are much harder to put out if fueled by large collections of papers, dirty rags, clothes, etc. Personal injuries can be caused by stumbling over toys or clutter left on floors or stairways. Damage to possessions can be caused by being kicked or stepped on. Items look better and last longer if they are well cared for.

TIME: Work (or play) occurs more effectively when things are in order. Cleaning is much quicker and easier; time is not wasted looking for things. Remember: It's much easier to keep it clean than to get it clean.

DISTRACTIONS: When clutter is all around, these items become reminders of other things to do, distracting from work to be done.

DREAD: When clutter is all over, it seems there is a great deal of work to be done. When you become overwhelmed you tend to dread work, when you dread work you tend to procrastinate. When you procrastinate, even more work piles up. This creates tension and anxieties.

FRUSTRATION: Being unable to find things can be upsetting.

FAILURE: Important activities may be forgotten because of confusion. Projects cannot be completed or activities may be forfeited when an item cannot be found. (Participation in a ball game may be missed if the ball glove cannot be found.)

GUILT: Living with chaos can make you feel guilty because you know you should do better. This contributes to low self-esteem.

SUCCESS: Most importantly, children are creating habits which will affect them as long as they live. Regardless of your future career (doctor, homemaker, fireman, astronaut, teacher, business manager, etc.) You will be more successful if you are well organized.

A note to parents: If your teenager has suddenly become a complete mess, do not lose a good relationship over the issue of neatness. Teens often suffer anxieties, which interfere with their organizational abilities. You may want to insist on cooperation in your family's living area, but close their bedroom door and attempt to ignore their mess there. Try posting this column where your children can read it (in the bathroom?) and then discuss it with them as unemotionally as possible.

P.S. The foregoing is not necessarily for children only!



designing ways
Eve Garvin

Novasuede debuts

There is a new product for upholstery called Novasuede available in some of the bigger and better department stores. This is an exciting new product for the home furnishings industry introduced by the Majilite Corp. It has the look and feel of genuine kid suede, soft and sumptuous with natural tracking.

This luxurious product is made from a specially engineered nylon fiber matrix, which gives it outstanding performance characteristics. The nylon fibers are laid in a three-directional axis similar to the natural structure of collagen found in leather, thus delivering superior durability and overall strength.

The exceptional durability of Novasuede makes it ideal for an upholstery covering. It is virtually impossible to tear and is puncture resistant.

ANOTHER OUTSTANDING performance of Novasuede is complete cleanability. Even difficult stains such as coffee, wine, coke, chocolate or ink are easily removed with soap and water. Grease and stains such as lipstick can be removed with any upholstery solvent. Benzene cleaners are also effective on stubborn stains. Novasuede is a kid-proof, pet-proof, spill-proof furniture covering, ideal for even the most active households.

Dignity for all

New Windemere facilities serve dual purpose

By C. L. Rugenstein
special writer

WINDEMERE OF West Bloomfield resembles nothing so much at first glance as a gracious, residential hotel. Yet, the residents are people who need nursing home care or are unable to live in their homes unsupervised.

Visitors enter a French-doored foyer into thick carpeting highlighted by a huge brass chandelier. All is serene, homelike and inviting — just as builder Herman Frankel and general partner Rex Lanyi envisioned it.

Frankel had approached Lanyi, who was administrator of a nursing home in Grand Blanc at the time, with his idea — to combine full, skilled nursing care with a supportive care facility.

The result was Windemere with the two facilities separate and independent of one another within the same building.

The skilled care facility on the upper level houses a dining room, exercise room with a therapist who comes in, and a barber/beauty shop. There's also a private dining room with kitchenette for families who want to prepare or cater a meal for a resident's special occasion or birthday.

Each room in both levels has a window overlooking grounds landscaped to blend into the natural, country surroundings. The skilled care level semi-private rooms were designed so that this view is not obstructed when one of the privacy curtains is drawn.

The lower level supportive care facility is called Windemere Manor and boasts a separate entrance, as well as a walk-out courtyard and colonnade. Residents bring in their own furniture to make it more homelike. Each door has a nameplate and knocker, and inside is more like

an apartment than a care facility.

Shelves and reach-in closets are spacious; bathrooms have full tub/shower baths; kitchenettes have cupboards, sinks and refrigerators, but no stoves. (It's against fire regulations.)

Those who wish to cook can use the stove in the activities room, where they may also take cooking classes, one of the many planned activities for residents.

Windemere Manor also has an avenue of shops — barber/beauty, gift shop, and a convenience store.

THE DINING ROOM at Windemere is especially charming, reminiscent of a well-appointed restaurant. Pink tablecloths cover the tables for four which also have cloth placemats and cloth napkins in rings. The chairs all have arms. In the waiting room where residents gather before meals, sofas and chairs are arranged in conversational groups around a white baby grand piano. There is a full hotel kitchen with dietician.

"We put a lot of money into the food service," Frankel said, "because food and the social environment of meal times is a big part of their day."

The 43 semi-private and studio apartments of Windemere Manor range from \$1,000 to \$2,800 per month. This includes meals, housekeeping, laundry, and a busy activities schedule.

The 24 private and 48 semi-private rooms on the upper skilled care level run from \$125 per day for the eight larger rooms, to \$70 per day for the semi-privates, medications and physical therapy sessions excluded.

Plans for the future include a day care facility for non-residents, and a "vacation care" program.

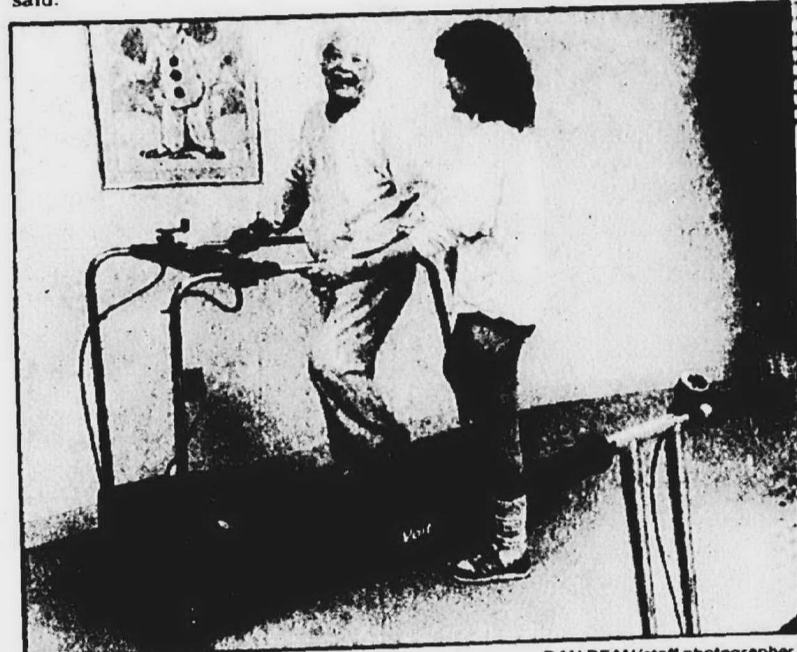
"Families with elderly members who can't or won't travel can board them here while they go

on vacation," Frankel said.

Windemere opened officially last August. With 65 percent of its rooms rented as of now, it's well on its way to fulfilling Frankel and Lanyi's vision — to provide top-notch care in an environment where residents can "live out the remainder of their lives in dignity," Frankel said.

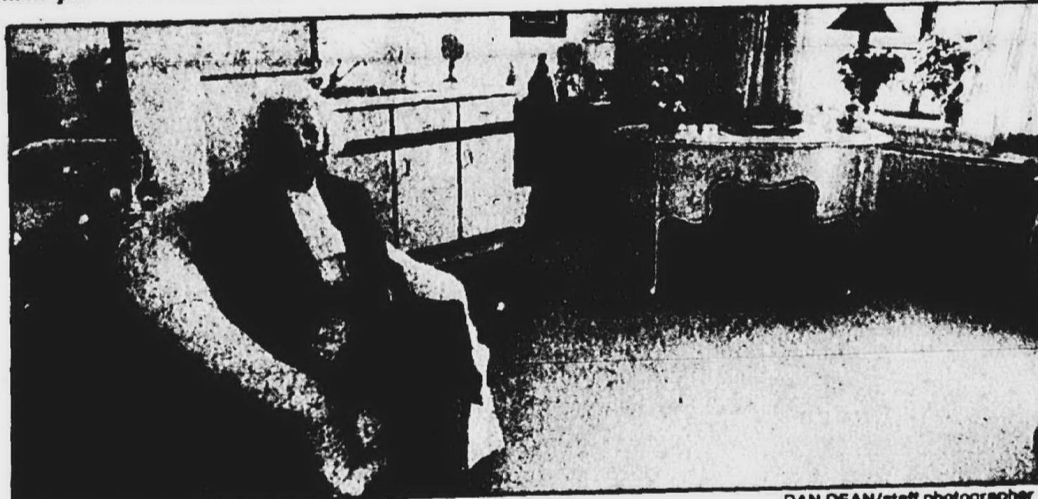
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— Herman Frankel



DAN DEAN/staff photographer

Odelle Rothamel works out on the treadmill with Kim Surma in the Windemere fitness center.



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Alice Miriani in her studio apartment in the supportive care section of Windemere. At the same time, Miriani's husband, Joseph, is in the skilled care section. But the couple take their meals together in the dining room whenever possible.

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