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# Financial Focus

Reported By PATRICK ESSION



## Goals and objectives

Last week we talked about setting goals when we invest. In determining our investment goal — safety, income or growth, it's vital to consider our own personality and temperament. Are we self-assured, comfortable in making our own decisions, or are we prone to be swayed by the opinion of others?

An individual who owns and operates his or her own business, regardless of size, is usually more comfortable in making an investment decision than someone whose major activities are confined to the management of a home.

The business person makes investment decisions daily — how much inventory to hold, where and when to issue credit and so on. So making an investment decision, weighing the risk-reward and applying it to his or her situation is not entirely unfamiliar. He or she is more self-assured in the investment world.

On the other hand, there are those who will jump at the first suggestion of another, even though that person may not be as successful as they. Try to explain it? We can't — it's just human nature. Remember the old story of two people looking at a partially filled glass of water — one sees it as half full; the other, half empty? The optimist sees a stock that's dropped some in its market value as just correcting itself for a giant move forward — another buying opportunity.

The pessimist sees the drop in price as the first step toward a total loss. So, you can see the one who's pessimistic might be uncomfortable with an aggressive growth stock which makes radical moves up and down.

Thus, he or she should invest in something less risky. Also important is how much time one has to devote to investments. Investment situations are constantly changing and the investor must be aware of these changes and be ready and willing to react.

If your time is limited and your investments must lay unattended for long periods, perhaps professional management is the answer. In any case, you can see the necessity of considering your personality before establishing an investment program.

**PIGEON DISTRICT LIBRARY**  
NEWS AND NOTES

**PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR**

"Rosalie" and "Goodbye Max" will be the featured stories for February 7, Tuesday Preschool Story Hour.

Exercises, fingerplays, a song and a game will be part of the activities the children will participate in. Also the first Tuesday of the month enjoyment "Show and Tell" each child is asked to bring only one toy for show and tell.

Children ages 3 to 5 are invited to attend either the 9 or 10:30 am sessions. A registration fee is required per family per year.

**H.E.L.P.**

H.E.L.P., Huron's Efforts for Literacy Progress, is sponsoring a free 12-hour workshop for individuals interested in becoming volunteer adult reading tutors.

Training will be on Saturday afternoons, 12:30 - 4:30 pm on February 11, 18 and 23 at the Pigeon District Library, Pigeon.

Literacy tutors need NO previous teaching experience. The workshop covers word attack skills, phonics, reading comprehension, language experience stories, spelling, penmanship, using community resources and becoming sensitive to the needs of the adult non-reader.

Participants completing all 12 hours of training will be certified Michigan Method Reading Tutors. Karen Riegler, H.E.L.P. Coordinator, will conduct the training. Tutors work at sites throughout the county with adults wishing to improve their reading skills. Most tutoring sessions are 1-1 1/2 hours in length and take place one or two times weekly.

The State of Michigan estimates that over one out of every four Huron County adults over age 25 has trouble with everyday reading. For more information about the workshop and H.E.L.P.'s free tutoring programs, call Donna Moody, H.E.L.P. tutor Coordinator, at 269-9502 weekdays.

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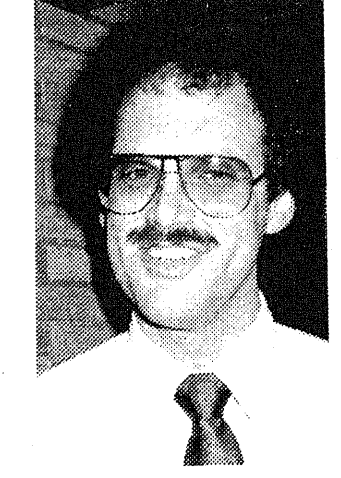
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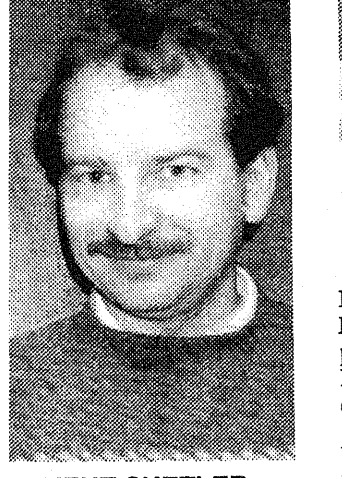
## Eichler leads 1989 Pigeon Chamber Board

Stepping into the top position of the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce for 1989 is newly-elected President Neal Eichler, vice president of Pigeon Telephone Company, following the group's annual meeting Monday evening at The Dutch Kettle Restaurant.



NEAL EICHLER

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Joining Eichler on the 12-member board will be new board members Kent Shetler of Shetler Plumbing and Heating, Kent McKenzie of Kent McKenzie Jewelers and John Schaefer of Thumb National Bank & Trust Co., each serving three-year terms.



KENT SHETLER



KENT MCKENZIE



JOHN SCHAEFER

Stepping off the Chamber Board are retiring members David Jarvis, who just completed a year as Chamber President and Mary Lou Erla of Don Erla Foods.

Returning to serve on the board are Dennis Diener, Janet Heckman, Roy Lawrence, Rhonda Buehler, Linda Gardy, Bill Esch, Jim King and Deb McBride.

**HONORED:** Given special recognition at Monday's meeting for a half century of service to the Pigeon business community were Meldrum and Dorothy Baerwolf,

former managers of Pigeon's Polewach Store. Mel Baerwolf currently serves as President of the eight-store Polewach chain.

Also recognized for his civic contributions was Arthur "Bud" Luedtke of Thumb National Bank & Trust Co.

**89 PLANS:** Included on the Annual Meeting agenda was the 1989 Pigeon Farmers' Festival, reported on by Festival Chairman Linda Clubuesch, store hours and other business pertaining to the Pigeon Business District.

**ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS WE PRINT!**

It's a print Extra AP Style

Truth, Justice Stop the Presses Now is the time for Galley

**OBSERVATIONS BY CO-PUBLISHER MARK RUMMEL AND ANYBODY ELSE HE CAN GET TO WRITE 'EM!**

TV STAR! Local residents should tune in to the "Today Show" this Friday, Feb. 3 to (hopefully) hear a salute by Willard Scott to Centenarian Elizabeth Luedtke, who'll celebrate her 100th birthday on Saturday. Scheurer Hospital Activities Director Kari Langley sent a letter to Scott telling him about the upcoming event and the Cooperative Elevator Co. sent along a gift box of beans. Hopefully Pigeon will get a mention "on the air" in celebration of Luedtke's happy occasion!

**MYSTERY SOLVED** — Bob Spence of Pigeon brought an item to our attention that appeared last week in "The Past in Print" from 90 Years Ago. He couldn't figure out what "fishing stakes" were, and called our office to clear up the mystery.

To be honest, we weren't sure either!

Well, a quick phone call to veteran commercial fisherman and master promoter Henry Engelhard of Bay Port told us the correct phrase was "fishing stakes," and they were used to fish with pond nets by commercial fishermen.

Not only were they used by fisherman throughout the state of Michigan, but fishing stakes were also shipped to Ohio, according to Engelhard. Thanks, Henry!

**NEW PAPER MONDAY** — The courts haven't finally decided as these words are being written, but it appears the new Detroit News-Free Press joint operating agreement will begin this coming Monday. As we've stated before, we have mixed feelings on all this, since it creates another monopoly — but the alternative is there would be just one state-wide newspaper for Michigan. We deserve better.

I'd bet no more courts will halt this semi-merger, and so Gannett and Knight-Ridder will be allowed 100 years' worth of money-making monopoly. Oh, to be big and powerful, huh?

Watch for more JOAs in other two-paper towns, now, as big companies see the profits of merging instead of fighting...

**JOKING AROUND** — Overheard recently: "There are two things I don't like about her: her face."

**THAT'S WHAT EDITORS DO** — In my non-stop job editing the words we type that appear on these pages, I caught a dandy this week: "so-and-so, who furnished goodies, were TANKED." Of course, the proper words should have been THANKED... Sounds like a lawsuit avoided...

**SOUNDS HIGH** — A recent mailing tells us at least 75% of all business calls are not completed on the first attempt... So THAT'S why we never get much done!

**WONDERFUL!** Don't you just LOVE these 6 p.m. sunsets? Spring is definitely coming (and it hardly seems as though we've had a winter yet!) And, we U.S. folks spent \$1.1 BILLION on birdseed last year... so we're not as CHEEP as people think!

**WISH I'D SAID THAT** — "A government that robs Peter to pay Paul can always count on the support of Paul." (George Bernard Shaw)

## Edington named chairman of Bean Research Board

Wes Edington, vice president of Retail Sales for the Cooperative Elevator Company of Pigeon has been elected chairman of the Michigan Dry Edible Bean Production Research Advisory Board.

He succeeds Bill Renn, a Pigeon farmer who served as Chairman of the Research Board for two years. Renn is also on the Michigan Foundation Seed Association Board of Directors and the Michigan Bean Commission.

**BACKGROUND:** Edington has been with the Cooperative Elevator Company for 15 years and in his present position for 12. He is a graduate of Michigan State University, has been on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Crop Improvement Association and has been active in the Michigan Bean Shippers Association and local civic groups.

Serving under Edington as vice chairman is Lyle Ackerman, a Tuscola County farmer and chairman of the Board of Directors of the Reese Farmers' Cooperative.

**WHAT IT DOES:** The Research Advisory Board is created under the Michigan Bean Commission law and is jointly funded by grower and shipper assessments.



WES EDINGTON

## Happy 100th, Mrs. Luedtke!



(See first item in "All the News that Fits...")

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Bay Port-Caro-Caseville-Eltkon-Fairgrove-Gagetown-Dundee

### Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

#### Caseville receives \$5,469 in United Way gifts

The Caseville Community Chest, a supporter of Michigan United Way, has announced the results of its annual letter soliciting drive.

Drive Chairman Lois Everingham says the present campaign exceeds last year's total and "may enable a readjustment of figures should emergencies arise."

Total donations were \$5,469. Final disbursements allocated and approved by Chest administrators totaled \$5,035. Agencies receiving allocations include:

- Caseville Cub Troop.....\$75.00
- Caseville Girl Scouts.....100.00
- Caseville Little League (B).....200.00
- Caseville Little League (G).....200.00
- United Way of Michigan.....1066.00
- Catholic Family Services.....400.00
- Children's Hospital.....300.00
- Multi Sclerosis.....125.00
- Huron Co. Red Cross.....400.00
- Salvation Army.....500.00
- Aid for the Blind.....300.00
- Food Pantry, Caseville.....795.00

Everingham adds that the Community Chest Organization commends all volunteers who helped make the Drive a success.

### COUNTY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Here's the 1989 schedule of regularly-scheduled meetings for the Huron County Board of Commissioners. All meetings are in the Board Room 211 on the second floor of the Huron County Building in Bad Axe.

Meetings are generally on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, although special meetings may be conducted, according to Chairman Robert Witherspoon. Morning sessions start at 9:30 a.m., while afternoon sessions begin at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited to these open meetings.

Regular schedule is: Feb. 16 and 28, March 14 and 28, April 11 and 25, May 9 and 23, June 13 and 27, July 11 and 25, Aug. 8 and 22, Sept. 12 and 26, Oct. 10 and 24, Nov. 14 and 28 and Dec. 12 and 28.

### MENTAL HEALTH MEETINGS

Here are the dates for meetings of the Board of the Huron County Mental Health Services, all conducted at 7:30 p.m., at the Mental Health Office Building, 1108 S. Van Dyke, Bad Axe. Meeting minutes are open to public inspection during normal office hours, Monday through Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., according to Tore Nilsen, A.C.S.W., director. Phone number is 269-9293.

1989's regular meeting schedule is: Wednesday, Feb. 1, March 1, April 5, May 3 and June 7; July 5, Aug. 2, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, No. 1 and Dec. 6.

Meetings of the Mental Health Services Steering Committee for 1989, which all begin at the same location at 2 p.m., are Feb. 24, March 31, April 28 and June 2, and June 30; July 28, Sept. 1, Sept. 29, Oct. 27 and Dec. 1.

### COURT PROCEEDINGS

In 73rd District Court, First Division (Huron County), Judge John Schubel recently heard these pleas and passed judgment on:

■ Mary J. Johnson, 24 of Eltkon, pled guilty to non-sufficient fund check over \$50 but less than \$200, following late November, 1988 incidents at an Eltkon grocery store, as investigated by Eltkon Police; ordered to serve 30 days in the Huron County jail, to pay \$200 fines and costs and ordered to make restitution of \$522.34;

■ Rebecca L. Graves, 27 of Caro, pled guilty to non-sufficient funds check of \$50 or less, following a July 13, 1987 incident at a grocery store in Caseville Township, as investigated by Caseville Township Police; ordered to pay \$60 in fines and costs and to make restitution of \$40;

■ Dale K. Krohn, 18 of Eltkon, was found guilty of drunken driving and unlawful blood alcohol level; ordered to serve 45 days in jail and loses driver's license for one year;

■ Richard G. Lehmann, 48 of Port Austin, pled guilty to drunken driving; ordered to spend 30 days in jail, \$650 fines and costs and loss of driver's license for one year;

■ Steven L. Martin, 30 of Gagetown, guilty of driving with license suspended; \$150 fines and costs;

■ Michael W. Rokicki, 31 of Cass City, pled guilty to impaired driving, following a Jan. 20 incident in Chandler Township; \$450 fines and costs and loss of driver's license for 90 days;

■ Monty J. Jinkins, 25 of Caseville, pled guilty to illegal purchase of alcoholic beverages, following a Dec. 25, 1988 incident at a Caseville party store; \$150 fines and costs;

■ Robert P. Salcido, 24 of Gagetown, pled guilty to attempted larceny, following a Jan. 14 incident involving gasoline at a service station in Sebawaing, as investigated by Sebawaing Police; \$100 fines and costs;

■ Kenneth B. Horn, 20 of Port Austin, pled guilty to conspiracy to receive and conceal stolen property, \$100 or less, following an Aug. 30, 1988 incident involving auto parts at a Port Austin repair shop, as investigated by Port Austin Police; \$500 fines and costs.

**As We See It...EDITORIAL**

**Here are 5 ways to help a good cause...**

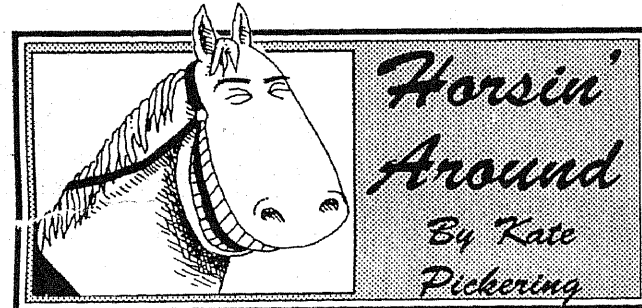
We were pleased to present our "Catalog of Christmas giving" just prior to this past holiday, offering folks a chance to give some support to local agencies. From the responses received from those mostly-volunteer groups, Progress-Advance readers gave generously and willingly to many of the causes. And, late last year we also presented information urging support of one of those groups, but it seems they're again in need of a kind word. That's the LEAST this space can provide!

Anyone who helps support Bluewater Youth For Christ knows that regular programs and events aid and befriends hundreds of local young people.

Executive Director Dwight Gascho's January letter outlines five specific causes which need support, noting that some YFC friends have asked to help specific projects. When you see the range of interests and appeals included in the five points outlined by Gascho, you may begin to see the extent of distances traversed by the YFC staff -- all over Huron County and the Upper Thumb.

**CAMPUS LIFE MAGAZINE:** The first offering is a \$5 annual subscription to Campus Life magazine, the monthly publication aimed at Christian young people nationwide. Normally priced at \$14.95 for 12 issues, the magazine offers this special rate now through March 21.

Last year, more than 500 new subscriptions were started through Bluewater YFC right here, and per-



**Couch Potatoes Take Pride**

Doesn't the phrase "couch potato" paint a vivid picture? No title since maybe "nerd" so aptly captures and sums up the essence of he or she to whom it is applied.

As amusing or light hearted as it sounds though, doesn't it after-all have a negative connotation? Isn't this picture really one of a poorly-groomed, glassy-eyed, overweight, disheveled character surrounded by dust, empty snack food containers, beer & pop bottles and an equally disheveled, overweight dog?

If you've ever been called a couch potato (or lounge lizard,) or if you think of yourself as such... and this bothers you... if as you sit in front of the TV or VCR you're thinking, "I should be doing aerobics - I should throw a load of laundry in the wash - I should take an enrichment class..." but you just can't get your butt off the couch... take heart! I am going to paint a different picture of you!

If your alarm went off this morning while the sky was still as black as pitch, and despite the urge to burrow back under your comfy covers you pulled yourself up and jumped into a cold shower, padded out to a frigid kitchen and prepared breakfast for yourself or an entire family; if you took care to be neat, clean and tidy - freshly shaved and showered as you bundled up and climbed into your cold car (maybe you even had to scrape the windows and let it warm up) and drove off to a mundane job - or maybe the headaches associated with running a farm or small business - or those you might expect from a full day of child-rearing and housekeeping, 9-to-5ing or factory work; if your lunch was a meager (but wholesome!) home packed lunch containing each of the four food groups, or you were careful to order the \$2.50 lunch special and not the New York Strip; if - after working all day you had to prepare or help prepare a nutritious supper for yourself or your family - and then as if that weren't enough - clean up afterwards; if you went to church this Sunday, or filed your income tax return already - if you've kept your pets healthy and well cared for, or took a batch of cookies to share at work - if you spent more on Christmas than you could afford just to make someone else happy, or went out of your way to drive your grandmother to the grocery store; if you packed your kids lunches with a little extra love; or listened to a friend go on and on about his troubles with a kind, patient listening ear; if you've ever done ANY of these things - if you fight the good fight every day, and at the end of that long day all your fatigued body asks in return is to flop itself down on the sofa with the remote control in one hand and a Pepsi in the other,

THEN BY GOD JUST DO IT!!!

— life is too short.

sons can give a gift for an individual teen -- or simply give \$5 (for one) or \$10 (for two, and so on) and the YFC folks will be sure they're put to good use.

**M.A.D. HOUSE PROJECT:** Several hundred young people get together weekly for music, fun, games and food in a wholesome atmosphere under YFC's direction in the Make A Difference (M.A.D.) House in Bad Axe. And, as Gascho's letter points out, YFC has begun selling Christian music tapes at discount prices to get "good sounds" into the hands of M.A.D. house youths -- and they've been selling well.

Now, a donation to YFC earmarked for "M.A.D. House Project" will help underwrite the costs of discounting that music...

**FLORIDA TRIP SCHOLARSHIPS:** The 1989 Florida YFC Trip is set for March 23 - April 2. The trip costs \$225 and up, but some young people can't afford to pay their own way. Anyone wishing to help one or more youngsters through trip "scholarships" is invited to give to YFC, earmarking the gift to "Florida Trip."

**STAFF TRAINING:** Persons working for YFC must attend special training classes every other year, to maintain their credentials. Also, each new YFC staffer spends two weeks at a summer institute in Illinois, then another two weeks at Camp Michindoh in southern Michigan.

It all costs, of course, and Bluewater YFC will spend nearly \$5000 this year just for staff training. Any gifts to help ease that budget crunch should be earmarked "Staff Training."

Finally, **BUS MAINTENANCE & PAINTING** is a cause which is the core of the apple -- the part around which many YFC programs revolve, and without which most could not continue. Two buses take students to the M.A.D. House meetings in Bad Axe, the YFC music groups use buses to travel to concerts and every possible bus is put into service for Florida trips each spring. The buses are purchased used, and often need more-than-usual care and maintenance to stay safe and roadworthy.

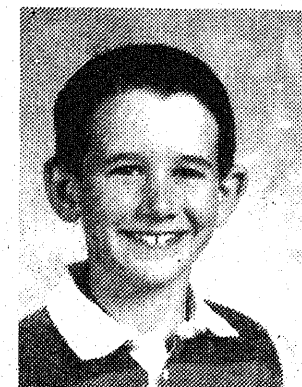
YFC spends nearly \$2000 annually just to keep the buses running, and a check earmarked "Bus Repair" would help keep the vehicles running.

Gascho says he was encouraged to mention special projects needing financial help, instead of asking for general gifts. These five items are just some of many -- but are ones which come to his mind right now. Bluewater YFC can use the support, today and in the future, to assist in building even better young persons than we already have...

**Music students perform at Delta**

The following music students from the studio of Robert Haas performed at the Delta College Academy of Music on Jan. 14.

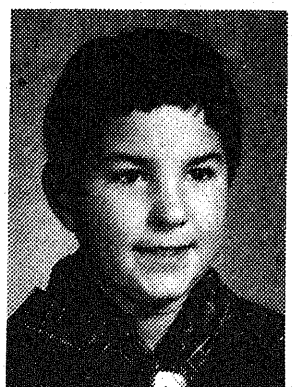
Nathan Gulash of Caseville performed vocal selections. Christopher Douglas and Matt Liston, both of Pigeon, performed on the piano.



CHRISTOPHER DOUGLAS



NATHAN GULASH



MATT LISTON

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**RECOLLECTIONS**  
 Of By-Gone Days  
 BY GEORGE KEIM

**DEAR EDITOR:**

In some of my articles I often told about my different jobs that I had. I don't like to repeat myself but after writing several years and having worked all my life, I did have some experiences that younger people still haven't had, as things are so much different today than they were when I was young.

I sometimes don't know where to start. A lot of my friends go to Florida over the winter months, but they don't go to work, just to spend the winter. I went down there to work and I got a job in a grapefruit cannery.

My first job was making grapefruit juice and I got 25 cents per hour and if I made over five pails per hour. I got five cents per pail extra. The grapefruit came down a belt cut in two and we had to take them and hold them on a thing like a lemon squeezer. The pulp fell into a pail and then it was poured into a press to get the seeds out.

I was heavy and strong enough to hold the fruit with one hand while some other guys had to take both hands. I didn't have to work very hard and with my bonus, I was making 40 cents per hour, which was good money back in 1934 when so many people were out of work.

I only paid \$1.50 a week for a furnished apartment and I could get a good meal for 25 cents, but I did my own cooking and washing, so I didn't do too badly.

One time I came out for a break and the boss told me they wanted a hole dug to put an anchor down for a guy wire to hold the chimney up. The hole was supposed to be 4 ft. x 4 ft. and 4 ft. deep. He said he just

couldn't get anybody to dig it.

He said he'd give me 40 cents per hour to dig it and he'd allow me four hours to dig it and if it only took me two hours, he'd pay me 40 cents per hour for the job. I could go home when the hole was dug.

Well, the ground was sandy and he gave me a good shovel and it only took me 1 1/2 hours. Since then I've dug a lot of graves by hand and wore out five picks and seven shovels. Of course, that was over a period of 45 years.

There was one young fellow about my age who could speak Spanish and Italian. He was well-liked and full of mischief.

One day we had to lay off several hours while they fixed something in the factory, so he said, "Let's all go uptown and have some fun." So about 10 of us went uptown.

"Now let's all look up at that building and see what the people who watch us do." It was right at a spotlight and pretty near everybody who stopped stuck their heads out the window to look up at what we were seeing. One well-dressed man almost fell down!

In Prov. 17:22 it says, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

Well, we had a lot of fun and I have found out that if a person looks at the bright side of things and isn't always finding fault with everything, he or she is a lot happier. A good laugh is good exercise and not only cheers you up but everybody around you, too.

SINCERELY YOURS,  
 GEORGE KEIM

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**Woods & Waters**  
 By Duane Guenther

**Snowshoe Trout**

A heavy snowfall had occurred the night before, adding to the several feet that were already on the ground. Although it gave the woods a clean, pristine look, I knew it would be a chore walking back to the lake.

We were on a family fishing trip, but the heavy snow and cold temperatures had kept the rest of the family snuggled in bed on this cold, clear, January morning. Driven by the visions of giant Steelhead and Brown Trout lurking under the frozen surface of my favorite northern Michigan lake, I had risen early, packed my necessary fishing equipment and headed for the lonely parking spot. That would be the drop-off point for my trek through this winter wonderland.

I was dressed for the climate. Polypropylene underwear next to my skin, wool shirt and trousers, 2 pair of wool socks and a down vest made up the inner combination. Sorel-insulated boots with heavy nylon gaiters would protect my feet and lower legs from the wet, heavy snow, and a heavy down jacket complete with hood to cover my stocking-capped head would keep my upper body warm even though the temperatures were extreme.

I stuffed my fishing gear into the canvas bag that draped from my packboard and wedged the heavy down coat on top. I would not need it during my trek to the lake, but it would be welcome once I stopped to fish.

Reaching into the back of the vehicle, I pulled out a pair of snowshoes. They were a cross-country model made in the UP measuring 36 inches long and 10 inches wide and fitted with a new-fangled neoprene harness. I had borrowed them from a friend and although I had never been on snowshoes before, I did not relish the thought of traveling a couple of miles in them. But then, I didn't relish the thought of traveling a couple of yards without them. The shoes went on easier than expected. Sticking my toes into the ready-made slot I snapped the stretchy heel strap into place.

With the packboard perched high upon my shoulders and supporting myself with a light-weight ice spud, I gingerly stepped off the road and into a 3-foot deep snow. I sank down a couple of inches but then stopped. Beginning with the familiar snowshoe shuffle I headed into the woods.

Travel was slow, but easier than I thought. Taking my time, I soon found a comfortable rhythm and really began to enjoy myself. If it wasn't for the fish at the end of the trail, it would have been fun just to keep

going. I will have to get myself a pair of these, I thought to myself.

The lake appeared through the naked branches of the trees as a clear spot in an otherwise-wooded terrain. It wasn't a big lake, but rather a stopping place for a small river that meandered in and then out of a low spot in the ground. In the winter the lake froze solid and the feeder stream remained open allowing fish the benefit of both worlds.

A quick glance up and down the shore reinforced the fact that the lake was devoid of fishermen, at least on my end. Toward the west end I could make out a few shanties probably manned by residents of the scattered cabins dotting the shore. In the 5 years I had been fishing the east end, I had not spotted a single person other than those in our party.

**Laker 4-H Club elects**

By Reporter Brian Shaw

The Laker 4-H Club met Jan. 19 at the Civic Center in Elkton.

The meeting was called to order by Donna Wheeler. The 4-H pledge and pledge to the flag were said. Minutes of the last meeting were read. The treasurer's report was given. Roll Call was taken with 33 members present. Three new members were welcomed.

New officers were elected for 1989. They are President Amanda Barry Vice President Jim Leitch, Secretary Jenny Wheeler, Treasurer Dean Renn, Reporters Brian Shaw and Jimmy Wheeler.

Members present brought a can of food for the food pantry.

The next meeting will be April 13.

**Dems pick John Neeb**

John C. Neeb II of Bad Axe has been elected chairman of the Huron County Democratic Party, at its annual county convention in Bad Axe last week.

Other officers chosen were Kim Lincoln of Harbor Beach vice chairman, John Schwedler of Port Austin secretary and David Herrington of Bad Axe treasurer.

Delegates to the state convention in Detroit on Jan. 28-29 include Herrington, Robert Hurren, Donald McMullan, Neeb, Roy and Florence Reynolds and Gib Rooney, all of Bad Axe, John and Agnes DiVincentis of Caseville, Jerome Toole of Harbor Beach and Rose Allen of Ubyly.

The February meeting of the party is planned at 7:30 pm on Monday, February 6, in Huron County Building's conference room, Bad Axe.

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## Goings On at Laker Junior High School...

The Laker Junior High held its second annual Book Fair in the Laker Junior High Library on Monday, Jan. 16.

The fair is open for one week every year with numerous articles for sale. The students may choose to purchase books, posters, folders, stickers, bookmarks, doorknob hangers and other items.

Profits from last year's fair was used to purchase a VHS library of classics, including stories like Treasure Island, The Time Machine, Gulliver's Travels and The Red Badge of Courage. These videos are used to reinforce a story after the book has been studied in the classroom. They are also used as a reward for the students' hard work.

This year's profits hope to be used towards the purchase of filmstrips and cassette books to add to the listening library. The library will also

purchase a few extra books for the social studies corner.

This year each student received a ticket for every item they purchased. The tickets were for a grand prize drawing with the winner receiving

"The Laker Bear." Eleven second place winners will each receive a blinking visor hat. The library staff would like to thank the parents for their help and support in making the Book Fair an even greater success than last year.



### Secondary School prepares student scheduling process for 1989-90

Meetings have been held, rough drafts prepared and everything is ready for next year's scheduling process to begin. The time line is somewhat earlier than in past years, but there is a reason.

Scheduling just before summer vacation has caused many headaches and most of them are absorbed by the students. In an effort to better serve the student population, the administration has devised a plan to allow students to register for next year's classes during the month of March, giving the Guidance Office time to fine tune the schedule during April, still leaving the students with an opportunity to drop and add classes during May.

This process should cement student schedules long before the students disappear for the summer months.

Many new offerings will be available for students to choose from. In the junior high, a

new computer literacy requirement will be introduced, a different health program following the State model, will be instituted and Algebra I will now be offered to eighth graders.

At the high school, several new classes will become available if students express enough interest in them. They include: French 2, Chinese 2, Essential Living Skills, Child Development (two-hour block), Advanced Cabinet-Making, Debate, Theater, Creative Writing, Practical Math, Jazz Band, Music Theory, Russian Studies, Psychology, Co-op and Independent Study. While the list may seem long, student interest will dictate which are offered.

As in the past, parents will be encouraged to accompany their child during the course selection process. For the high school, the date will be from Feb. 27 through March 15. You will receive a letter indicating the date and time of your child's appointment in the near future.

### Fifth grader visits "Down Under"

Have you ever wanted to visit the "land down under"? Not many of us will ever be able to travel to Australia, for it's the kind of trip we can only dream of.

However, a fifth grader at Pigeon Elementary School had the "chance of a lifetime" to take this trip.

Jody Herbert, daughter of Dennis and Rosey Herbert, traveled to Australia with her parents and eighth grade brother Scott. The Herbert family went to Australia to visit Mrs. Herbert's brother and his family, who live in Adelaide, Aus. The left Dec. 19 and returned Jan. 4.

Traveling to Australia is an adventure in itself. Their plane trip included stops at Chicago, Los Angeles, Honolulu, New Zealand, Sydney (Australia), Melbourne (Aus.) and finally Adelaide. The family also took a short plane trip to Alice Springs, which is located in central Australia in the "outback."

Jody enjoyed all the interesting experiences she had. She rode a camel and fed a kangaroo. She held a koala bear and saw many varieties of lizards.

She climbed Ayers Rock and met some

aborigines. She even tasted some of the food that aborigines eat. The most unusual thing she tried was "baby maggots." She wouldn't recommend them for a meal!

Mr. Gehrs, Jody's teacher, asked Jody to keep a journal of her trip. When she returned, she gave an oral report about her trip to the other side of the world.



## From the PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

By CRAIG DOUGLAS, Secondary Principal



What does the future hold? Increasingly, it seems more information is coming across my desk regarding "the future." Programs geared toward "the year 2000" are very evident in education.

The purpose of this article is to share with you 10 items found in the set of "Dilemmas Facing Education in the Year 2000." They are selected from a list of 36 dilemmas prepared by Bill Banach, Assistant Superintendent for Communication, Macomb I.S.D., who served as chairman of a group called VISTA 2000, which studied these issues.

**DILEMMAS THAT RELATE TO EDUCATION'S HUMAN RESOURCES:** To encourage and develop risk-taking while protecting entrepreneurial leaders from the opponents of change and the proponents of status quo. To provide vision for schools while directing and managing the innovation it produces. To foster and reward good educators while removing those who are a liability to the educational process.

**DILEMMAS THAT EXIST BECAUSE OF OUR CHANGING MARKET PLACE:** To be responsive to the needs of a diverse clientele while not allowing individual interests to dictate educational policies and programs. To respond to changes in family, technology and values while maintaining the stability of the educational system.

**DILEMMAS THAT EXIST BECAUSE OF OUR GOAL TO APPROPRIATELY FUND EDUCATION:** To develop a more equitable funding system for schools while maintaining the stability of the educational enterprise and accommodating marketplace demands of new programs and services. To provide state of the art technology while the technology itself is rapidly changing.

This list and the others are found in the December 1988 "MASSP BULLETIN" which I receive at Lakers. If you are interested in reviewing the entire list of 36 dilemmas facing education in the year 2000, please give me a call or stop by the school. I found them thought-provoking and challenging!

### PARENT-PRINCIPAL COFFEE MONDAY, FEB. 27

The next parent-principal Coffee Hour will be held Monday, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Laker High School Library.

# Around the Laker Schools

What's happening in Elkton, Pigeon and Bay Port Buildings

### S-N-O-W fun at Bay Port!



The Bay Port kindergartners have fun at recess, playing on small snow hills. They make

their own slides and playhouses and HAVE FUN!

### They're top writers all!



Placing first in the Pigeon District Library writing contest were Rollie Chalou, first grade and Chris Thick, third grade. Honorable mention went to first graders Erica Allen, Brandon Elenbaum, Christine Gardner; second graders Carrie Maust, Melanie Rathje, Beckie Terrian and Matt Horton.



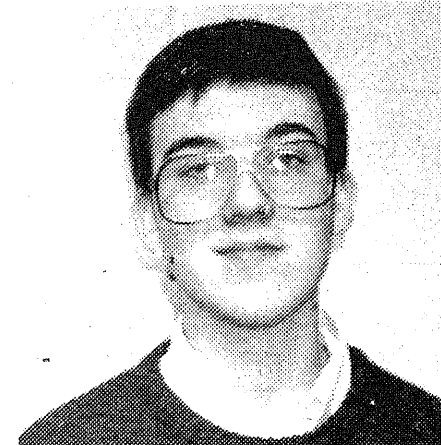
One of Miss Bush's reading groups takes a break for a picture at Elkton Elementary.

### OUTSTANDING STUDENT

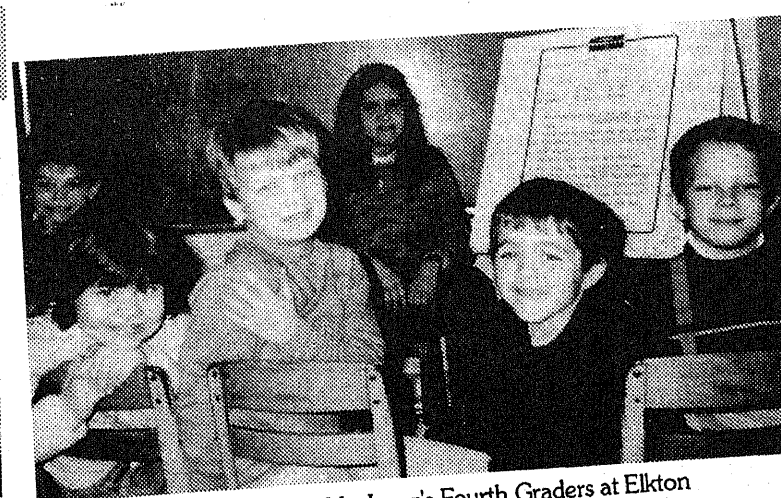


**SHERRY SCHUMACHER**  
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Hobby: Reading  
Favorite Subject: Language  
Future Occupation: Beautician

### TRANSFER STUDENT BECOMES MEMBER OF LAKER NHS

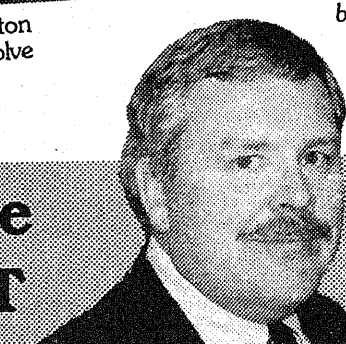


Jay Schwandt, son of James and Yvonne Schwandt of Pigeon, has recently been accepted as a new member of the Laker High School National Honor Society. Jay, a sophomore, transferred to Laker High from Rochester and had to fulfill a one semester attendance obligation required in the NHS Constitution. As a new member, Jay had to qualify with a GPA that was 3.5 or over, as well as meet the qualifications in three other categories: service, character and leadership.



Some of Mr. Lang's Fourth Graders at Elkton Elementary use their thinking caps to solve some division problems.

## Questions for the SUPERINTENDENT



By ROBERT DRURY, Laker Superintendent

### QUESTION NO. 1: COULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN TO ME HOW THE SCHOOL CALENDAR IS ARRIVED AT EACH YEAR?

ANSWER: A. Tradition — This is especially true when selecting a starting date for school. The majority of districts start school the week before Labor Day so as to be able to end the school year as soon after Memorial Day as possible. Recent legislation tried to mandate that all schools in our state begin the school year after Labor Day to extend the tourist season,

but that legislation failed. Our district, except for the fall of 1987, has started the school year the week before Labor Day.

B. Cooperation between schools in the county and the Skill Center — With the inception of school districts within our county educating students from neighboring districts and also with schools sending students to the Huron County Skill Center, it is important that these schools maintain relatively the same school calendar so that the students do not miss out on

education or on necessary holiday breaks. For example, if two schools have different starting or ending dates and they share students, these students would miss out on part of their education from the district they travel to. If the holiday recesses do not match up, then it is conceivable that the students, by having to attend both schools, may not have a holiday recess. Recently, county administrators have gotten together to discuss starting and ending dates and holiday recesses, in order to attempt to establish a county-wide school calendar.

C. Negotiations with employe groups — Most contracts that are negotiated with employe groups include a provision that allows employe input in establishing school dates of attendance.

### QUESTION NO. 2: I HAVE BEEN READING A LOT RECENTLY CONCERNING SCHOOL FINANCE REFORM, AND I KEEP COMING ACROSS THE PHRASE, "SCHOOLS OF CHOICE." WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

ANSWER: The term "schools of choice" means exactly that. Some proponents of school finance reform believe that parents ought to have the choice of sending their students to whatever school they desire. The common interpretation is that if there is more than one school building a child could attend within a school district, then the parent could elect to send their child to whatever building they desire. A more radical "school of choice" option is what is being done in the state of Minnesota. In that state, a parent may choose to send their child to whatever school they desire within the whole state of Minnesota. If the concept of "schools of choice" is adopted, it brings with it a keener sense of competition between schools within a district or even schools within the state. Schools will begin competing for the brightest students and the students most talented in the arts and athletics.

While the theory of "schools of choice" may have some merit, there are certainly some inherent problems with implementing that theory.

## Chinese is a popular new class at Laker High

The Chinese I class at Laker High School has made great progress during the first semester. Learning Chinese is like learning three different languages at once: a Romanized version for spoken pronunciation, the tonal aspect for concise meaning and then, the actual written character version. The students have comfortably mastered a 100-word vocabulary which actually transmits into 300 words, when you consider the three forms that must be mastered. Most of the students speak with perfect tones and pronunciation, which is highly laudable in a high school class. This class' ability to read from a character text is excellent. Finally, the

character writing — however slow and painstaking — is progressing very well.

On March 10, a Wayne State University Doctoral candidate is coming to talk about his homeland — China. He is anxious to answer questions from students and visitors about China's language, culture and people. The EPBP School District and its constituents should be proud of the accomplishments of these students and of the foresight of the Administration for making Chinese, a unique foreign language in any high school, available to the student population.

## Kindergarteners perform motor skills for Board

For a short time, the January School Board meeting resembled a gymnastic's match. Mrs. Jeanne Swartzendruber, accompanied by two students, Stephanie Drury and Carissa Eden, put on a motor-skills demonstration to the

delight of both the board members and the audience.

The demonstration began with the viewing of a video of Mrs. Swartzendruber's class in operation. Motor-skills, with the help of parent volunteers, is conducted three times a week for the Pigeon Elementary class. Mrs. Swartzendruber developed the program over 10 years ago and has been instituting it into her kindergarten curriculum ever since.

Within the class, students are exposed to different methods that place emphasis on both fine and gross motor development. Activities include jumping off a ramp while turning 360 degrees, walking on a balance beam while balancing items on their head, catching bean bags without watching their hands, following soap bubbles with their eyes without moving their heads and many more.

During the meeting, Stephanie and Carissa demonstrated the proper way to jump rope, propel and catch a bean bag with cut-out milk jugs, launch and catch a bean bag by stomping on a miniature teeter-totter and, to the amazement of the crowd, imitating positions by viewing foot, hand, elbow and other prints pictured in a notebook.



## Walk in Secondary School!

In response to a item in last week's "Listening Ear" in The Progress-Advance, Laker Secondary School would like to publish the times their school is open for walkers. Any adult or child is

encouraged to use the school hallways for their winter exercise. Walking Hours: Monday through Friday — 6 to 8 a.m. and 3 to 11 p.m., Saturday — 6 to 11 a.m.



## EPBP students score high on State Assessment Test

Michigan students are performing significantly better on the statewide science test, while achievement on the mathematics test shows little change, and performance in reading has declined slightly. Administrators in the EPBP School District were pleased to find healthy score increases in all three areas tested this year.

These were the principal findings of the Fall 1988 Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP), which tested all fourth, seventh and 10th grade students in Michigan's public schools in science, mathematics and reading. The statewide results, reported by a news release on Jan. 24, included science for the second time in the history of MEAP. The

science test was mandated for all students in both 1986 and 1988.

MEAP tests are objective, referenced and measure some of the essential skills expected of Michigan students. Student knowledge of each objective is assessed by three test questions. An objective is attained by students who answer two of the three test items correctly. Students are considered to have passed each test (earned an "acceptable" score) if they demonstrate attainment of 75% of the objectives tested.

District scores and their comparison to the state scores will be discussed in detail at the next School Board meeting to be held Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room located at the west end of the Junior High School Building.

## Booster Clubs give EPBP students "a BIG boost"



If you have been to an athletic event, a soup supper or an elementary carnival during the last year, you are sure to have seen a somewhat invisible supporter of the EPBP School District. They may be called Parent Organizations or Band Boosters or Athletic Boosters, but their aim is all the same — "helping kids."

The Band Boosters have spear-headed a drive for new uniforms, helped by new instruments and have acted as the community pulse for the district-wide music program. The Athletic Boosters have been responsible for football, basketball, volleyball, baseball, track, golf and tennis equipment, jackets for athletic workers, plus providing a valuable food canteen service at athletic events.

Over the past years, the elementary schools have received library books, video cameras, athletic uniforms, tape recorders, copy machines, gone on field trips and many, many more school-related items purchased by the Parent Organizations.

## Caseville, Elkton seniors make news

### CASEVILLE RETIREMENT CLUB

The Caseville Retirement Club met at the American Legion Hall for a polluck on Jan. 24 with 127 members present. One new member, George Schroeder, was welcomed.

As we were celebrating the Club's 14th Anniversary, six past presidents who were present were introduced: Tom Beadle, Tony Zacherelli, Frank James, Shirley Ritchie, Marie Darby, and Andy Lakatos. President Margaret Wilhelm read a list of all who held office in the past 14 years.

Sue Reynolds, who did the table decorations, and Shirley Ritchie, who furnished the earlybird goodies, were thanked.

Those celebrating birthdays were Dorothy Kavalor, Lillian Ross, Agnes Gornowicz, and Helene Burns.

Celebrating anniversaries were Ray and Virginia Kapcia and Louis and Maxine LeDuc.

There was a moment of silent prayer for Rose Hahn, who passed away Jan. 20, 1989.

Hank Hill is attending the doctor for tests. Goldie Robbinette and Art Morosini are at home.

This month's 50-50 drawing of 22 prizes was conducted by Ed White.

The ever popular "Mystery Bag" drawing of ten bags was conducted by Andy Lakatos. Two beautiful flower arrangements were given as door prizes.

In celebration of our anniversary, a dance began at 4:00. Music was furnished by Betty and Chuck Pudney and Howard Bedford. At six there was a buffet dinner for all those who had worked up an appetite.

### ELKTON SENIOR CITIZENS

Thirty-seven members were present for the Jan. 24

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### Outdoors in the Thumb

Ice fishing in the outer Bay was getting hot and heavy during the middle of the past week, but ice conditions deteriorated so badly fishing almost came to a standstill. Earlier, plenty of perch and quite a few walleyes were being cooperative. The slot between Heisterman and North Island was the scene of some good walleye action up until Thursday, but quite a few fishermen lost their transportation to the rotting ice conditions. At least one 4-wheeler and 3 snowmobiles broke through and for a little while things were touchy. Perch continued to hit during the warm spell but their sizes were less than desirable.

Cementing the position of steel shot was the recent confirmation of lead poisoning as the cause of a recent die-off of Mallards and Canada geese at the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge during the past several weeks. In early January, sick and dead birds were discovered at several locations along the Shiawassee River and were shipped to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife laboratory in Wisconsin for examination. The returning results indicated that the birds had died from ingesting lead pellets.

If you're interested in helping Nongame Wildlife, the 1988 State Income Tax will make it easier for you. New this tax season are the "Look for the Loon" slogan and logo for the Nongame Wildlife Program. A silhouette of the loon now marks line 25 of the 1988 State tax form, and a simple notation will allow you to designate a contribution to the Nongame Wildlife Fund. The Fund has been in existence since 1983 and contributions average about \$500,000 per year.

A record 25 million visitors to Michigan's 86 state parks brought an estimated \$407 million to Michigan's economy last year. Of that \$407 million, \$15.8 million were fees spent directly within the parks, and another \$392 million went to private Michigan businesses in preparation for, enroute to and during their daily or overnight park stay.

meeting of the Elkton Senior Citizens. President Mike Renn extended a special welcome to Frank Rinnert, who had been absent for a long time.

Mildred Tilt offered the table prayer before the polluck dinner.

The afternoon session opened with the singing of "America, the Beautiful" and the Pledge to the Flag. Program chairman

Emily Podlaskowski had invited members of the Laker

High School chorus to present the program, under the direction of Annie Eichler. For the closing number they wore top hats as they sang and danced "Puttin' on the Ritz." They also delighted the audience with several Valentine moments.

Following the program, Elizabeth Schelke and Ardis Gemmill led in group singing. Hal Conkey was saluted with the Birthday Song. The group also signed a card for his 90th birthday.

Mike Renn is to chair the Jan. 31 program.

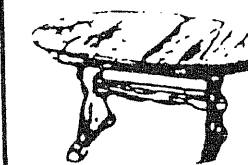
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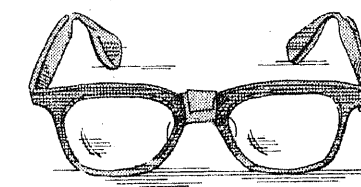
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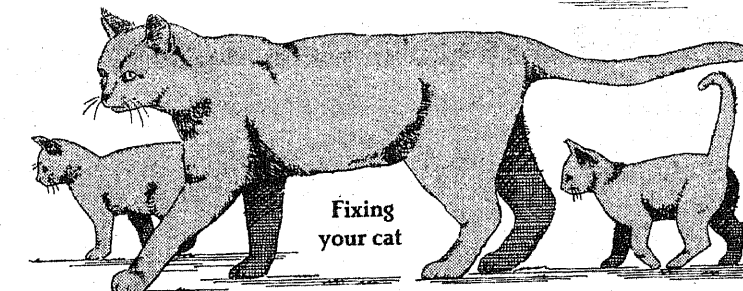
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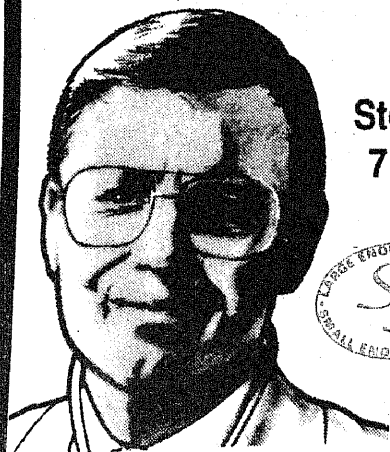


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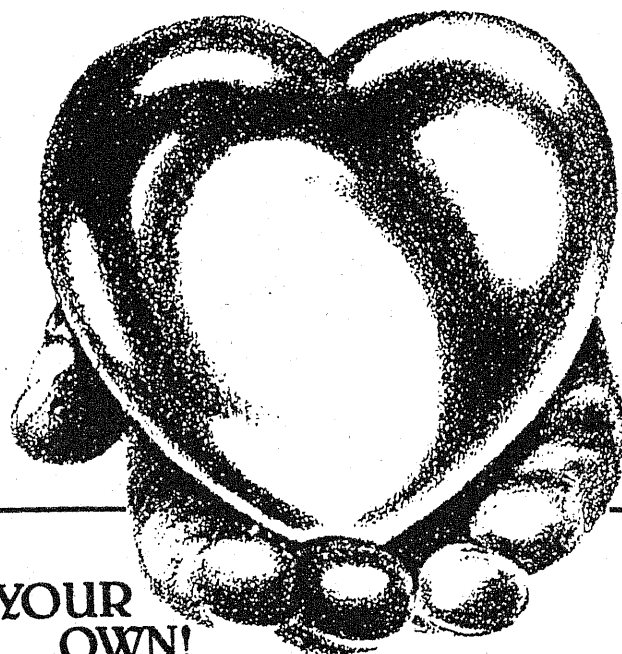
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