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No news is such good news When was the last time you picked up the morning or afternoon paper to discover that the U.S. and the Soviet Union had decided to give up the arms race or that the pilianthropist who was struggling with a pacemaker was now healthier than Mark Spitz? When was the last time those Page One headlines in bold print read: "Sunshine for the rest of the week" or "The Senate plans budget cut and it seems we are in the midst of times when newspapers and television newscasters tell us how many planes have recently crashed, how many hostages are being held without food and how many government officials are on the Korean dole. An evening with the local daily is depressing enough to want to quit your job, break up with your girlirend and sell all of your unvestments. Who needs a job that barely meds. Who needs a job that barely meds to make the properties of Authorized Dealer of

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columns say one out of every three marriages will end in divorce? Why bother with that piece of property you bought two years ago to build a new home for your family, when newspapers report the cost of building is now comparable to a president's annual salary.

IT SEEMS AS if the media are exposing their public to bad news only. There must be two sides to every story, at least, but why do we in the late 1976s have to hear the worst of it. The first portion of most national news broadcasts are filled with enough bad news to require a double martini.

And not only are the most dismal misfortunes broadcast at 6 p.m. each evening, at 5:30 p.m. there are sneak previews for viewers to wait a helf bour for all the bad news to come. Not too many weeks ago, an alternoon talk show was interrupted by a local newscaster. He amounced that if I stayed tuned to the channel, I could find out more about the 65 Dutch terrorists holding hostages, that two suspected rapits were killed in a high speed chase and that a favortie tellevision personality had just died.

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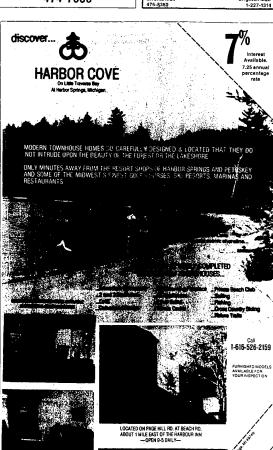
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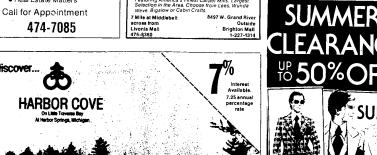
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