

# m.m.memos

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You hear a lot these days about family communications, and the way our schedules run I need all the help I can get. But what I'm really looking for, after a recent confused episode, is some instruction in more effective communication that spans a thousand miles.

Our gap in that area began over a cassette tape that was a birthday present from our college senior to her now-on-her-own sister.

The tape, recorded with the help of a friend, contained a happy birthday song and then a collection of zany conversation, silly messages and funny bits of comedy recordings.

It was mailed somewhat after the birthday had passed and, because postal service between here and North Dakota is none too swift, the sender began to worry whether it had been received. Then came a letter that mentioned yes, it had arrived, and the addressee was most appreciative because she soon would be conducting an interview she felt should be recorded on tape.

**SISTER AT HOME** panicked; her gift had been mistaken for a blank tape. Calming down, she realized first that the recording would not be lost because a copy had been made and second that a built-in safeguard would prevent its being recorded over.

But then she suddenly had visions of her girl reporter sister sitting down for a dignified interview, putting on the tape and having "Happy Birthdays" come blaring forth.

A telephone call seemed in order and it was made, but of course the tape recipient wasn't home. A do-not-record-on-that-tape message was left with her roommate.

**AND THEN** the next evening the call was returned, when only the

younger sister was home and she hadn't heard about any of the above.

She told me about the call later. I figured the message had not been relayed and dispatched a letter post haste.

And still later I found out that younger sister had told tape-receiver where she could reach tape-sender, that another call had ensued, that the message had been duly received and that the tape had been played, enjoyed and appreciated.

I just hope now she remembers to buy her own blank tape before she starts that interview.

## Learn TA at Continuum

Sandra Landsman of Farmington Hills will conduct an introductory workshop in Transactional Analysis from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons, Feb. 19 to March 30.

The program, which will be held at 34316 Thornbrook Drive in Farmington Hills, is sponsored by the Continuum Center for Adult Counseling and Leadership Training, a department of the Division of Continuum Education at Oakland University.

The fee for the six-session program is \$50. For information, call the Continuum Center at 377-3033.

## Rosemary Abowd wins 'outstanding' title

A 17 year old student at Our Lady of Mercy High School has been named "Outstanding Businesswoman" by Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan.

Rosemary Abowd, of Farmington Hills, is corporate secretary of her JA company, "The National Bank of Redford," which is sponsored by National Bank of Detroit, at the Redford JA Center.

She shared honors with the "Outstanding Businessman" for the year with Joe Walton, of Ann Arbor.

The finalists were interviewed by WJBK-TV2 news personalities Nancy McCauley and Ron Sanders before an audience of parents, friends and other winners. The pair was chosen on the basis of poise, personality, appearance, knowledge of JA and speaking ability.

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## Antique show set for Feb. 26

Antique lovers will be able to stay in town and pursue their avocation next week as the Winter Antique Show comes to Botsford Inn.

From noon to 10 p.m., Feb. 26 and 27, the show will continue at Botsford, located on Grand River at Eight Mile in Farmington Hills.

Many area antique dealers will participate in the show including Gloria Flinnery of Farmington, Marge Kieley and Jean Cohen of Livonia, and Ruth Ewald and Lois Scupholm of Redford.

## Exhibit is displayed

A prize-winning exhibit made by Lisa Rau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Rau, 25222 Chesterbrook, Farmington Hills, is on display at the Detroit Science Center's Storefront Museum, 52 E. Forest, Detroit.

Her exhibit, "The Anatomy of an X-Ray," won an award in the 1976 Science Fair and shows, with pictures and actual X-rays, what happens when the X-ray machine probes the human body. She is an eighth grade student at Duane Junior High School.

## Ballplayers called for spring leagues

The Farmington Area Recreation Commission will begin organization of men's and women's softball leagues on March 1 in Farmington Hills Community Library, 3237 Twelve Mile.

The league meeting for women is set for 6:30 p.m. when an industrial and open league will both be organized.

At 7:30 p.m., men will be forming

four leagues: a men's resident 'A' league; a men's industrial 'A' league; a men's industrial 'B' league and a men's industrial over 30 league.

During the initial meeting, discussion will focus on formation of a league, entry fee and field locations.

The meetings are open to all persons interested in playing or registering a full roster team.

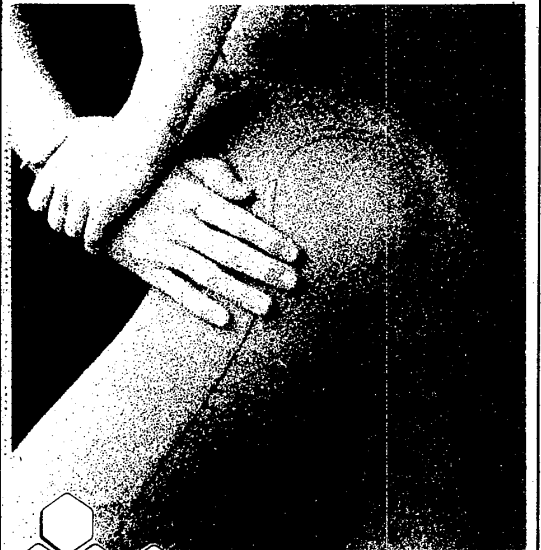
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