

Cranky Continentals

These are two 1980 Lincoln Continentals, cars that would cost more than \$10,000 — if you could buy them. The brand-new autos went on sale for about another month, but last Thursday these two may have made history — of sorts. The one in the foreground stalled at Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia. The one

in the background gave it a jump start. Ford workers with the cars said the transmissions were being tested, and the cars were on their way to the Livonia transmission plant when the mishap occurred. (Staff photo by Tom Riordan)

Bidder dumps Lahser road project

The winning bidder for a project to improve Lahser Road between 11 and 13 Mile Roads in Southfield and Beverly Hills has backed out.

For the privilege Stolaruk Corp. of Southfield forfeited the \$5,000 deposit submitted with the bid.

Richard V. Vogt, Oakland County Road Commissioner, said the deposit money will be placed in the Road Commissioner's general fund.

"The project will be re-advertised for new bids, to be received Aug. 16," said Vogt.

"It is unlikely all of the work will be completed this year."

The project calls for widening of the south leg of Lahser at 13 Mile Road, widening to four lanes south of 12 Mile Road to an existing four-lane portion, resurfacing between 12 and 13 Mile Road, passing lanes at Midway and Nottingham Streets, and sewer outlet repair at 13 Mile Road.

Stolaruk's bid was \$332,758. Two other bids were received with Stolaruk's, at \$292,000 and \$298,000, said Vogt.

"The bid had been awarded to Stolaruk in keeping with the policy of accepting the bid of the lowest qualified bidder," said Vogt.

Hot act

In one hour, the average office worker gives off about the same amount of heat as a burning 100-watt light bulb.

Older women win on screen

Is it foolish or disloyal for a woman to remarry late in life? Should a wife leave her job in order to stay home with her retired husband? To what extent should adult children decide the living arrangements for an elderly parent?

These are some of the issues raised in an award-winning slide-tape produced by the Institute of Gerontology at the University of Michigan. It was named "Best of Category, Family Life" in the 1979 National Council on Family Relations Filmstrip Competition.

The U-M entry, entitled "The Older Woman: Issues," is a series of four short vignettes designed to stimulate group discussion. They portray familiar situations involving family relationships, living arrangements, widowhood, sexuality and early retirement.

Intended for a wide range of audiences including persons who work with or for the elderly, adult children of aging parents, older people themselves and the general public, the slides are designed to help viewers understand and express their own feelings about aging and the elderly — particularly elderly women.

"Alternately portrayed as meddling 'old bags' or as the benignly knitting 'universal grandmother,' older women are subject to much misunderstanding and stereotype," the producers explain.

"But in a very positive sense, they are survivors. Contrary to the popular myth of loneliness and neglect, older women often live near their grown children and communicate with them regularly. Only 5 percent are institutionalized."

"Women aged 46-65 now constitute the largest group of full-time female employees, a trend that will have con-

tinued impact on income, social security and retirement patterns. Many also contribute considerable time to church, civic and other volunteer organizations, while others pursue educational goals."

"In short, there is no 'typical' older woman; rather there are 14 million different older women with widely varying talents, resources, needs, expectations and viewpoints."

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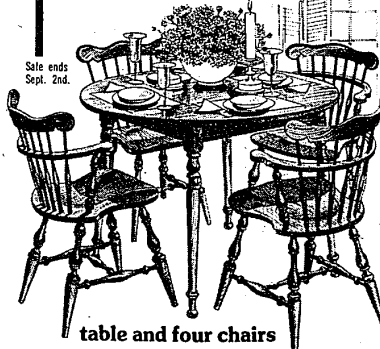


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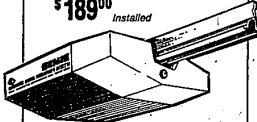
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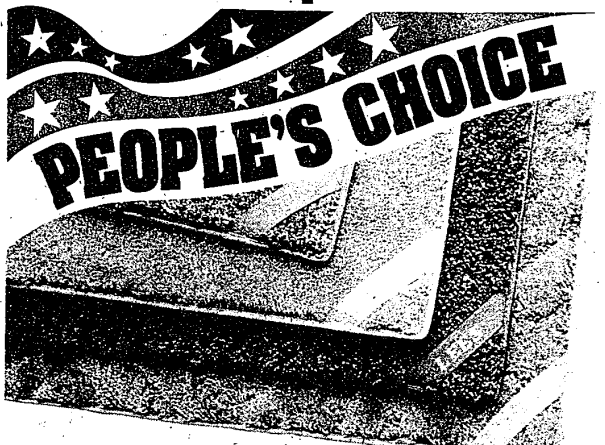
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