

m.m. memos  
**Margaret Miller**

## Time to retire?

Our grown-up daughters still hang up their stockings on Christmas Eve, and one Santa or another still tries to oblige by filling them with apples and tangerines and walnuts and a silly present or two.

This year the feminine half of the Santa team blew it by running out of walnuts after the stores closed.

But my better half more than made up for my ineptitude.

Inside the stocking our youngest has hung by the chimney since I embroidered it for her very first Christmas 19 years ago was a small package labeled "For the Mechanic." And inside that package was a toy car with one wheel off.

**MOST APPROPRIATE**, the family agreed. And others may too when they hear about her weekend before Christmas.

Her troubles began Saturday night when she and a friend decided to go to a movie in a shopping mall. They came out and found a tire flat on her car.

As owner of a vehicle with not the very best set of tires in the world, she has a little knowledge of how to change a tire. She and her friend proceeded to use this knowledge. The tire got changed, but it didn't help their situation. Poof, down went the spare.

She called another friend to rescue her from the mall's parking lot. Arriving home, she left a note for her sleeping parents and appropriated one of our cars to drive her cinema friend home.

But she wasn't through with her dealing with wheeling. On a freeway a few miles from home she suddenly had another flat. This time the changing process was less successful. She didn't know how to manage this jack, and she couldn't find the crowbar hidden in the dark recesses of the trunk.

A passing car gave her a lift home — I still shudder when I think of that part of the story but can't come up with anything I would have done differently — and once there she penned another note. (Meanwhile her sister had come home, read the first note and moved her car appropriately so there would be room in the garage for the wanderer to go in.)

**THEN WE ALL** went into action when I got up in the morning.

First sister's car had to be moved. Then it was back to the mall in our other still functioning car to get the familiar jack, and then back to the freeway where the flat wheel car was waiting, miraculously still intact.

One tire change in zero weather. Then I took one car home and she took the other to the mall to get one of the flats.

From there she took it to a repair shop and when it was finished she put it on her car and got the other. A new one was needed this time. And then back for one more change and she was through.

So the Christmas toy without a wheel? No problem at all — she had it back on in seconds.

Our mechanic goes into the Air Force in a few weeks. We've suggested she may wind up retiring the B-52s.

## Divorced women's support group meets

The YWCA of Western Wayne County offers a support group for women who are divorced, separated or in the process of divorce. The group meets on the second, fourth and fifth Monday of each month from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, in Livonia at the corner of West Chicago and Hubbard.

In January the group will discuss employment and career planning. Carolyn Leitch, career consultant from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, will lead the group on Jan. 12. She will lead discussion and answer questions regarding the process of planning a career and employment possibilities in 1981. Ms. Leitch has an extensive background in working with groups and individuals in the career life-planning process.

Inquiries will be taken by calling Leslie Frederick at the YWCA, 561-4110.

## Chorus revs up for new season

The Farmington Area Community Chorus will begin its second season on Tuesday, Jan. 20 in the Shawwassee Recreation Center. The chorus, under the direction of Jim Whitten, will sing popular songs, show tunes and traditional music.

The chorus meets weekly on Tuesday evenings from 7:30-9:30 p.m. through April 28.

Music-reading ability or experience in choral singing is helpful but not necessary. There will be no auditions. All sheet music is provided. A spring concert will culminate the season.

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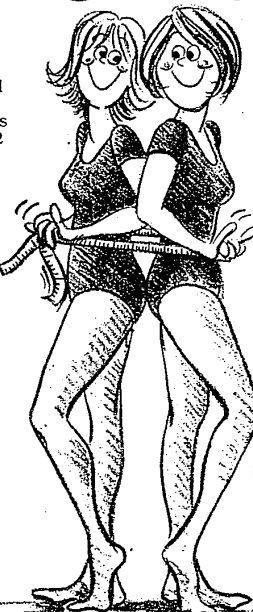
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