



Anita Daly (left) loads her charges to the launching site.

# Tots get quick response to spring balloon launch

Tots who attend ArtStart launched balloons in a "Welcome to Spring" party last week and may well have set some kind of a record for a fast response to their balloon-filled messages. Two responses, both dated the day the balloons were released, have been

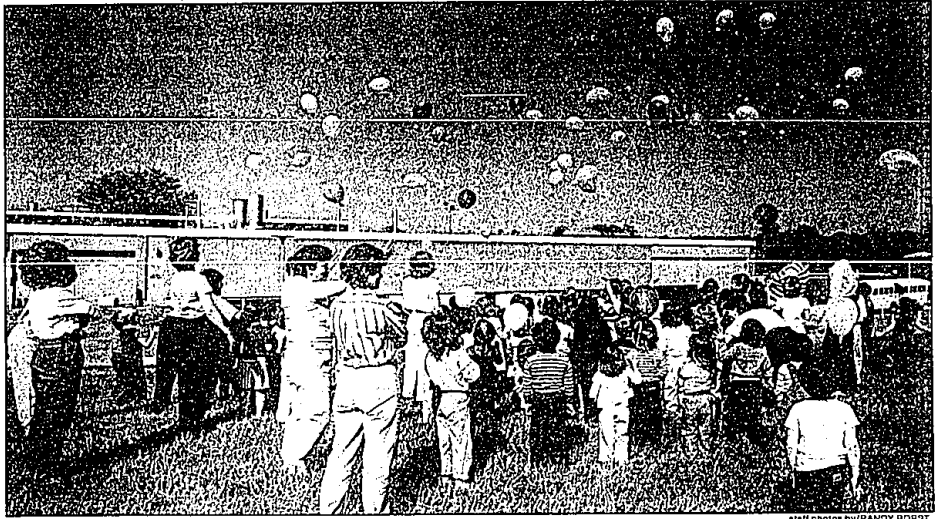
received by Sue Ingram, director of the preschool and kindergarten located in the Mercy Center complex. One came from a cattle rancher in West Virginia, the other from a farmer in Ohio.

As the spring session ends, teachers

in the school are taking reservations for ArtStart's Summer Day Camp, which opens every Monday morning beginning June 3 for 11 weeks. A new day-camp theme is adopted each week, but all camp sessions offer experiences which stretch imagina-

tions while exploring the creative dimensions of art, music and drama.

Extended hours and drop-off service is also offered through the summer session. Ingram will take inquiries at 474-7175.



Small photos by RANDY BORGST

Warm temperatures and clear skies greeted the children on launch day. Replies to the information cards have already been received from West Virginia and Ohio.

## Firm pays back wages

Great Lakes Recreation Co., a Farmington Hills firm which had operated at least 10 bowling establishments in the Detroit metropolitan area, has agreed to pay \$85,000 to 116 former employees to resolve alleged violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act, which is the federal wage and hour law.

Federal District Court Judge Philip Pratt, Detroit, also prohibited the firm from further violations of the minimum wage, overtime pay, child labor and recordkeeping provisions of the Act.

The \$85,000 back-pay award represents unpaid minimum wages and overtime compensation due employees from March 21, 1972 to July 18, 1983. The firm assured Judge Pratt that it had been in compliance with the Act since that time.

Enforced by the Wage and Hour Division of the Employment Standards Administration (ESA), the FLSA sets a federal minimum wage of \$3.35 an hour for most workers and generally requires overtime pay for hours worked over 40 in any workweek. The Act also requires employers to keep adequate time and payroll records and protects against child labor abuse. ESA

is an agency of the U.S. Department of Labor.

Legal action followed an investigation by the Wage-Hour Area Office in Grand Rapids, under the supervision of Daniel H. Ochark, area director.

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