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After some debate, the planning commission altimately approved a downsized version of the pocial exception use permit request, formally hade by Jack Demmer Lincola-Mercury.

The temporary, five-month trial basis permit will provide them with enough time to find a permanent solution for their current storage probem, said Mardy Stirling-Hamilton, planning combinsion chair, after the meeting.

After deciding against a six-month permit, the ommission voted 8-1 to allow Demmer stock a total of 100 cars across the street from the dealer-hip, a number reduced from the 120 spaces origibally requested. The 'temporary trial basis' perhit ends in mid-May.

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Also approved was a request enabling the cars to one price stickers affixed to them, as long as they not carry the dealership's stamp.
The majority of those cars – including 30 previsily approved by the city for Dusseau – will be arked in front of the former Cattlemans, as well a long Mooney Street, as far away from Uptown armington Plaza businesses as possible.

Farmington city building inspector John Konesal will work with the Demmers to map out the specific areas where cars can be parked. About 60 of the vehicles were parked in the lot, mostly near the corner of Grand River-Mooney (one block west of Orchard Lake Road), as of Tucsday morning. Commissioners Terri Morency and JoAnne McShane both expressed concern about Uptown Farmington Plaza businesses Josing valuable parking space in the spring but approved the request anontheless.

ing space in the spring but approved the request nonetheless. The need to park cars along Grand River was viewed by commissioner Alton Bennett as somewhat of a down side to the plan.

"The 20 places along Grand River, that bothers me; they are a higher profile," Bennett said. "Our discussion before was they'd be out of the way, so it doesn't look like a car storage lot, that it looks more like (customers') cars parked in a parking lot."

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Accompanying William Demmer et city hall were his futher, Jack, and brother, James. All are owners of the dealership, the family's second, to go along with Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne.
The dealership's vice president, James Demmer,

later explained what prompted the need for extra space so soon after the Demmers moved

"When we took over the franchise (Dec. 1), we had to make Ford Motor Co. certain promises" as far as increasing business, he said. "One way to do that is to have enough inventory to support the extra sales."

For the most part, the commission was sup portive, largely because they see a successful car business triggering spin-off benefits for the east end of the city.

"If you intend to keep the dealership in town," said commissioner William Burke to the Demmers, "that would increase my empathy,

or sympathy" about the space dilemma.
William Demmer said he is "hoping to secure an area within the city of Farmington or Farmington Hills to support the storage of automo biles within one or two miles of the store."



William Demmer with his father and brother (at left) took over the franchis from Bob Dusseau Lincoln-Mercury. They are seeking a permanent lot for overflow new car inventory.

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spray of cinnamon sticks, pine cones and walnuts. Or center a hite, paper daily on top and wrap with lots of white organdy rib-

Yrap travel-theme gifts in maps from your Atlas or glove compart-pent. Wrap a special gift in sheet music and tie with red and creen velvet ribbon. Save the comics for your children's gifts and the crossword page for a puzzle buff.

Wrap wine bottles in aluminum foil. Put confetti inside the bottle and tie with paper streamers. Or wrap the bottle in a big, colorful

- Wrap over-sized gifts in large, inexpensive plastic-coated holiday tablecloths.
- tablectoths.

 For a romantic gift, cover a box in gold foil paper and glue five silver paper doilies on the sides. Make a bouquet bow from dried flowers, wrap it in cellophane and tie it with lace.

 Wrap a box of jewelry or perfume in a fancy lace hanky.
- Save those cardboard toilet paper and paper towel tubes and stuff them with small items like socks. Wrap them in tissue paper, tie both ends with ribbon and fan out the ends.
- A box wrapped in a swatch of flowery chintz drapery gathered in a

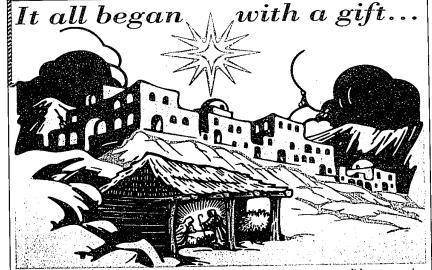
topknot and entwined with a silk rose is gorgeous. So is a gift wrapped in moiré wallpaper adorned with a cutout of cascading chintz roses. Stiffen roses with spray starch before cutting them

- \blacksquare Use wall paper borders on presents wrapped in solid colors
- Glue brightly colored buttons or peppermints on gifts wrapped in white paper, Varnish peppermints to keep color from transferring. Wrap just about any unusually shaped gift in tulle or netting.
- Instead of a bow, decorate gifts with feathers, seashells, cookie cutters, tiny Christmas tree balls bunched with wire, or strands of fake pearls
- For a unique gift wrap, photocopy your favorite pictures. Color pictures can be done on 11-by-17-inch sheets and black and white on 18-by-24-inch sheets.
- Have a teenage girl? Fill a pair of tights with hair spray, shampar and other grooming gifts. Tie legs in several places with elostic bair "scrunchies" to keep items from shifting.
- Have two teenage girls? Stuff the fingers of gloves with lip gloss, nail polish, eyeliner, barrettes, etc.

Ready to wrap? Great, but before you begin, remember it's what's under the wrapping that's most important. One Christmas, my cash-strapped, then 16-year-old son taped two Dixie cups rim-to-rim with duct tape and tossed the gift under the tree. The present was for his brother and contained about \$5 in loose change.

We still laugh about that gift ... every Christmas





...and the world has never been the same since. True, then, as now, many did not recognize the gift, and others failed to see the importance of it, and some even responded with contempt. But to multitudes, that one gift has been life's focal point. It has to us.

> The Gift? Jesus Christ. The giver? Almighty God. The event? Today, we call it Christmas.

And it all happened in Bethlehem in Judea, almost 2,000 years ago.

Today, He remains the world's greatest gift.

We extend to all, the best wishes of this season that means so much to us.







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