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THVILLE MICHIGAN THURSDAY, FEBRUARY

Periodical HFTY CENTS



Move 'em out

Back when there was still snow on the ground – early this week - William Allan Academy student Abbey Lewis, 7 (front) had fun with her friends Jessica Pilkiewizc, 8, and

Katherine O'Connor, 7. It's not clear why Abbey got the hauling chores, but the threesome made the most of the snow during a recess outing in Maybury State Park.

Roads bad, sidewalks

even worse

Infrastructure crumbling all over city

By ROBERT JACKSON Stat Writer

Repairs on some Northville streets may be overdue, but city, sidewalks, with a few exceptions, are in even poorer shape than some of the city's worst roads.

That's the assessment from Public Works Director Jim Gallogly. who said this week that more people are upset over the sidewalks infront of their homes than the condition of the streets

Gallogly said many residents and business owners have reasonto gripe. The majority of sidewalks in the city have not been repaired in more than two decades

'If there's anything worse than the roads in Northville, it would

have to be the sidewalks," he said The city concentrated its efforts on repairing some streets in the 1980s but that work didn't include sidewalks. With the exception of the small sidewalk program we mitiated in Cabbagetown in 1995, we haven't really worked on sidewalks since the 1970s.

More than \$1.7 million will be spent on sidewalks over the next 20 years if voters approve 1.92 dedicated mills on March 4, and sidewalk replacement and restoration makes up about 20 percent of the city's overall street improvement program

Cabbagetown which has streets in good condition, has the worst sidewalks in the city, according to Gallogly Running a close second are sidewalks located in the down town area along Center Street

Agam, we're talking about sidewalks that have aged and we feel it. as time to begin a "edicated program that replaces bad sidewalks

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Now's chance to challenge assessments

By RANDY COBLE Staff Writer

Those 1997 property tax assess ment notices will head to a mail box near you on Friday. It you want to appeal it plan on providing proof

Northville Township officials are shooting to mail out all assess

WHEN TO APPEAL

If you own property in Northville Township and you want to appeal your 1997 property tax assessment you must make an appointment with the board of assessment review, Call 348-5800 Board meeting dates are

■ Tuesday, March 4, from 1-5 pm

■ Saturday, March 8, from 9 am. to 1 pm (walk-ins allowed).

Monday, March 10, from 1-5 p.m. and 6-9 p m

Township to take mid-decade census

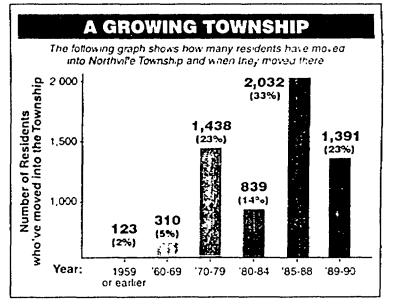
By RANDY COBLE

Get ready to stand up and be counted Northville Iownship vonregoing to take put in a rew community census

The Northville Township Loard of Trustees this past week decided to conduct a new township wide census this spring. Board members expect to see the numbers.

"... It really isn't worth doing a new census unless you've grown by at least 15 percent. The amount of new voter registration and (home)

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP BY



ment notices tomorrow (Feb. 21) Your assessment affects the . amount of property tax you'll pay The higher the assessment the bigger the tax bill.

Not many people appeal their assessments and fewer still actually get theirs changed. If you think your assessment should be read justed, you must appear before the township's board of assessment review.

Be advised that the board is bound to consider the assessor's decision as correct unless you can provide firm written evidence to the contrary

Most of the people who appeal their assessments each year do so for reasons of economic hardship they say they just don't have the money to pay the tax bill their assessment would generate. In such cases the board of review can readjust assessments on a caseby-case basis

Many who appeal under the hardship exemption rules don't bring all of the documentation they'll need to satisfy the rules. To show that you qualify, you must

Inside

Iuesday, March 11, from 1-5 p.m. and 6-9 p m. You can also mail in an appeal. Mark the envelope "Attention: Board of Review" and send it to Northville Township Hall, 41600 Six Mile. Northville, MI, 48167.

• Own and occupy the property in question as a homestead and provide evidence of ownership such as a home deed.

· You have to fill out and return an application form. You can pick one up at Northville Township Hall or call 345 5800 and have one mailed to you

• To be eligible your household income must be at or below stan dard federal poverty income levels Your household income level includes the income of everyone. living in your home and all forms of compensation counts every thing from salary to alimony to

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reflect a hage population mereuse that's accompanied a protracted housing been. If that's the case the township will be in line for a that." larger share of the state's tax.

money pie The United States Constitution requires the federal government to conduct a nationwide census at least once every 10 years. The figures it produces are used in all kinds of important ways

For example, states lose or gain seats in Congress depending onwhether their census numbers. show a loss or gain in population. The last census was conducted in-1990 and saw Michigan lose seats. while "Sunbelt" states like Califorma and Texas picked up some

development we've seen tells us that we've done

-Township Clerk Sue Hillectand

In Lansing census population statistics help determine how much state tax money a local community like Northville Township is entitled to The 1990 ligure used now (when the township's population stood at about 17 300) doesn't reflect the last seven years of booming growth that the town ship's experienced according to Clerk Sue Hillebrand

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Stats tell tale of community

By RANDY COBLE Statt Writer

No matter what standard you use, Northville Township is a cutabove most other commutaties insoutheastern Michigan, accordingto the most recent U.S. Census numbers

The Northville Township Board of Trustees last week decided to

conduct a mid-decade census this spring. Trustees expect the census to reflect a huge population increase since the last official census of 1990 a jump which will mean an increase in the township's share of state tax money.

What was this town like in 1990.2 The answer, according to

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Bob Beson of Northville twirls daughter, Laura, during a fast dance.

Dads win hearts at V-day dance

By RANDY COBLE Staff Writer

Valentine's Day was fun for a lot of people but it probably was most special to the folks who attended Northville's daddy/daughter dance over weckend

After all, how often do you get to dance with your princess and munch on pizza at the same time?

More than 300 people took part in Northville's 14th annual daddy/daughter dance, held on two nights over Valentine's Day weekend at the Northville Com-munity Center on Main Street.

The Parks and Recreation Department organizes the event every year and saw a sold-out crowd of 200 on Friday night (Feb. 14). Saturday afternoon's dance brought in more than 100 daddy/daughter couples.

Making the party fun for all was a disc jockey, professional portrait photographer and Toots the Clown. Cookies and punch were served as well as 40 large pizzas courtesy of Hungry Howie's Pizza on Seven

Hungry Howle's even gave away a coupon for four more large pies to the winner of a special contest held at the dance.

Rocky's of Northville also got into the act, donating free dinners to Steve and Stephanie Boyle on Friday Photo by AL WARD and Ken and Sarah Koupai on Saturday. Garden-

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Community Calendar

Got an event you want people to know about? We'll be glad to include it in the Community Calendar. Submit items to the newspaper office, 104 W. Main, Northville 48167, by mail or in person: or fax announcements to 349-1050. The deadline is 4 p.m. Monday for that Thursday's calendar.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

LEXINGTON COMMONS BOARD MEETS: The Lexington Commons Homeowners Association Board of Directors meeting scheduled for today has been canceled.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETS: The Northville Historical Society Board of Directors meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Cady Inn in Mill Race Historical Village.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

SENIOR VOLLEYBALL: Area seniors are invited to play volleyball at 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main. The cost is \$1.

For more information call the center at 349-0203 or Karl Peters at 349-4140.

WOMAN'S CLUB: The Northville Woman's Club meets at 1:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Boll Fellowship Hall. The program is "Bridging the Languages of Japan and America" presented by Izumi Suzuki.

OES: Orient Chapter, No. 77, Order of the Eastern Star, meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple at Main near Center.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

SINGLE PLACE SUNDAY MORNING GATHERING: Single Place will meet from 10-10:45 a.m. in the library lounge at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main.

The gathering is open to single adults, regardless of church affiliation. for fellowship and learning.

For more information call 349-0911.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

BOARD OF EDUCATION: The Northville Public School Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. at Cooke Middle School, 21200 Taft Rd.

SINGLE PLACE BRUNCH: Single Place will meet at 12:30 p.m. for brunch at Northville Crossing on Northville Road. The group is organized for the purpose of providing friendship, caring and sharing for all single adults. Everyone is welcome; just come in and ask for Single Place.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

SENIOR BRIDGE GROUP: Area seniors are invited to play bridge today from noon-3 p.m. at the Northville Parks and Recreation building. 303 W. Main. The cost is \$1.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP: The group meets from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington. Tonight's discussion is on Symposium by Plato. For more information or for a reading list call Zo Chisnell at 349-3121.

MONDAY, MARCH 3

SENIOR VOLLEYBALL: Area seniors are invited to play volleyball at 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main. Cost is \$1.

For more information call the center at 349-0203 or Karl Peters at 349-4140.

SENIOR PINOCHLE: Area seniors are invited to play pinochle today from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Northville Parks and Recreation Building. 303 W. Main. Cost is \$1.

KIWANIS: Northville Kiwanis meets at 6:30 p.m. at VFW Post 4012. 438 S. Main.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS: The Northville High School Athletic Boosters meet at 7 p.m. in the Forum at the high school

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MOTOR CITY SPEAK EASY TOASTMASTERS CLUB: The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club of Northville meets from 7 to 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Tom Lahiff at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

NORTHVILLE MASONIC ORGANIZATION: Northville Masons meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple.

NORTHVILLE CITY COUNCIL: The Northville City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, 215 W. Main.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

NYA COMMISSION: The Northville Youth Assistance Commission meets at 8 a.m.

Please call the NYA Office at 344-1618 for location.

GARDEN CLUB: The County Garden Club of Northville meets at noon in the Cady Inn, Mill Race Village on Griswold north of Main St. The featured speaker is Kate Krisko of English Gardens who will talk about gardening for butterflies and birds.

For more information call 348-4873.

NORTHVILLE ROTARY: The Northville Rolary Club meets at noon in the Boll Fellowship Hall at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main.

MIDWEST RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY: The Midwest Radio Control Society meets from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main. A youth program is also available. For more information stop by a meeting.

VFW: Veterans of Foreign Wars Northville Post 4012 meets at 8 p.m. at the post's home building, 438 S. Main.

CITY PLANNERS: The Northville City Planning Commission meets at 8 p.m. at Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main

EAGLES AUXILIARY: The auxiliary of Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 2504 meets at 8 p m at 113 S Center.

CORRECTIONS

A story in the Feb. 6 edition of The Northville Record indicated that there were no fires in the city in 1996. In fact, there were 27 fires during the year. all of which were classified as minor.

• A recent story on Girl Scout

cookies suggested that some Northville Girl Scout troops are part of the Detroit Metropolitan Council. In fact, the troops at all Northville schools belong to the Huron Valley Girl Scouts Association.

The Record regrets the errors.

Creative Pris Craft & Collectible Show OFF BURTON MANOR 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. \$2.00 ADMISSION - STROLLERS WELCOME AFTER 2 p.m. Don't Miss Northville Rec March 7-8 • 281-1036 55 Or Older? We've Reduced

Republican women to meet

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The monthly meeting of the Suburban Republican Women's Club will be held at Bobby's Country House on Five Mile Road in Livonia at 11 a m. Thursday. Feb. 27.

The speaker will be political activist Marge Powell The charge of \$11 includes lunch. For reservations, call (313) 453-3693 by Monday. Feb. 24.



HEALTH NOTE by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T.

RUNNERS OUTPACE THE FIELD

A recent Stanford study validates the notion that, not only do runners live longer than their more sedentary counnotion that, not only do runners line longer than their more sedentary coun-lerparts, but they also expenience lewer age-related health problems. These conclusions were reached after an on-going study compared 451 runners over the age of 50 with 330 similar but sed-entary, people. The runners exercised an average of four hours per week. After eight years of study only 1.5% of the runners had died versus 75 of the sedentary group. What is more, the male runners were 40% less likely to bocome disabled (having difficulty in performing everyday tasks) Even more starting the female runners were 80% less likely to become disabled than their sedentary counterparts. This should help dispet the notion that runners are weaning their boldes out prematurely. While the majority of runners in to stay fit it must be emphasized that run-ing in any form is an attribute event. Therefore, one should already be in shape in order to run regularly without injury or undue physical streds Northvile, Northvile Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation linc provides physical therapides as well as attileto

8 Rehabilitation Inc. provides physical therapy services as well as attrietic trainers and exercise physiologists. To schedule a consultation. cat. 349 3816. For your convenience, we have early and late business hours including weekends We are located at 332 E Main Street, Suite A

PS Unpublished data from the study mentioned above also points out that runners' medical expenses were 24% lower than those of their non-exercising counterparts



Police captain hits 25-year service mark

Milestone is longest in department

By ROBERT JACKSON Staff Writer

Were it not for a city policeman found asleep on duty in 1972, Jim Petres may have never became a Northville police officer.

Petres was working as a police dispatcher in November 1971 when one of the city's 15 full-time officers was found asleep in his patrol car. Weeks later the officer was released and Petres, who was only 19 at the time, found himself in a position to advance to cadet.

Now more than 25 years, and thousands of patrol hours later, Petres is second in command and serves as a captain in the only department he has ever known.

A lot has changed over those 25 years, but at the same time, a lot has remained the same." said Petres, who this month became the only person ever to serve 25 years for the Northville Police Department.

A native of Livonia. Petres never really considered a career in law enforcement until his senior year in high school.

Before that I always thought I'd go into medicine," he said. "During my senior year in high school I began thinking about becoming a

police officer, but it wasn't until I began taking law enforcement classes at Schoolcraft College that I became really interested in pursuing it as a career.

It was at Schoolcraft that Petres read about a dispatcher opening with the Northville Police Department. He applied and was immediately hired to work for the department part-time.

After being promoted to cadet. Petres was sent to the Police Academy for training in 1973. When he returned he was promoted to full-time patrolman, and although he loved his work, he wasn't sure how long he'd stay in Northville.

think about at the time," he stated. "I can remember talking with other police officers from other cities and they'd boast about being with that department for 25 or 30 years. At the time I couldn't really think that far in advance, because 25 years is a real long time."

That quarter century has gone by in the blink of an eye, Petres admits He's seen Northville grow in terms of population, but he's amazed at how the city's managed to keep its small-town charm

'It's something I really didn't

Jim Petres has spent his whole career with the Northville Police Department.

This area has grown quite a bit. I can remember when Beck Road was all dirt and some of the newer subdivisions were just apple orchards." he said. "It may seem hard to believe but things are quieter today than before the freeways were built and more people drove through the city to get to Ann Arbor.

"Northville has grown up, but it remains a small town."

Police work has also changed a bit since Petres first donned his navy blue uniform. Most of the change, he explained, comes from advances in technology.

There used to be a box with a switch on the wall of the station. and before the police cars had radios the dispatcher would alert patrol officers of a call by flipping the switch, which in turn activated a light at the intersection of Main and Center Streets." Petres said. The patrol officers were told to drive through town every 15 minutes and when they saw the light on they would return to the police station to pick up their next call.

Today we have in-car terminals and video cameras and the new technology has made the job easi-er." he added.

The 45-year-old Petres still occasionally patrols the streets of Northville. He has no immediate plans for retiring, and is looking forward to police training at the FBI Academy in Quantico. Va., later this year.

"It's been an interesting 25 years, and I have no plans of leaving the department anytime soon." he said.

He and his wife. Sue. moved to Northville 10 years ago. The couple have two children. Chris. 11 and Andrea. 7. His father. Stan, and stepmother. Jean, also reside in Northville.

OLV submits timetable to correct ordinance violations

By ROBERT JACKSON Staff Writer

It appears that Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church is beginning to work toward correcting the remaining ordinance violations it was cited for last year.

The Northville City Council gave church officials an early February deadline to submit plans to correct lighting deficiencies and storm water runoff problems. As that deadline approached church officials notified City Manager Gary Word that a Novi electrical company would begin work on placing shields on light poles in the church's parking lot.

In a letter to Word, dated Feb: 12, church pastor Father Ernest Porcari explained that the lighting work could be done by the end of the month. Father Porcari also explained

that the church plans to replace existing storm dralnage lines to meet the city's existing ordinance.

We expect the commencement of this work by May 1." Father Porcari said. "If this schedule changes due to contractor availability, we will provide the city with a revised schedule.

The drainage plans should be in the hands of city engineer Jim-Gallogly by the end of this month. according to Word.

Word said that while OLV's lat-Est correspondence shows the good faith effort city officials have been looking for, the city council will ultimately decide whether to

accept the church's latest proposal or enforce the deadline it set one month ago.

Ultimately it's up to the council to decide the next move." Word said.

City Attorney Richard Connors said the church has been aware of several ordinance and site plan deficiencies since April of last year. Most of those problem areas have been corrected, but the church had failed to remedy two deficienctes - stormwater drainage and parking lot lighting

OLV did take temporary measures to prevent anyistormwater funoff to adjoining properties by the placement of additional asphalt curbing and extra high soil berming, according to Gallogly.

DAYS!

OLV is currently seeking approval to construct a parking lot on church owned property across the street from the current church facility and school. That effort is being challenged by residents of the nearby Orchard Heights neigh-borhood, who maintain the parking lot and subsequent expansion will have an adverse affect on their neighborhood.

Those plans are currently on hold, as the church attempts to correct its site plan deficiencies

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and ordinance violations.

The temporary stormwater fix and the disposition of the other violations, according to city officials, show that the church has been responsive in addressing a majority of the deficiencies over the past eight months.

The issue came to a head in September when city officials warned the church of potential ordinance enforcement actions if plans for corrective action were not forthcoming.

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Township Briefs

News from the Feb. 13 meeting of the Northville Township Board of Trustees:

TAX DEADLINE EXTENDED

The trustees voted to extend the deadline for paying 1996 property tax bill without penalty. All bills are now due by the end of the business day on Friday. Feb. 28.

If you don't pay up by then, your bill will be turned over to Wayne County, which will tack on a 4 percent penalty/1 per-cent interest fee for every month you're late.

NEW SUB APPROVED

The trustees gave a green light to the Falls of Northville subdivision, a 39-lot neighbor-hood planned for the southwest corner of Six Mile and Beck.

The board's approval of the subdivision's preliminary plat plan was conditioned on the plan being modified to meet several conditions suggested by the township's planning consultant firms. The Falls will sit on 32 acres and include 39 single family homes.

TAX REQUEST OK'D

Northville Township this summer will collect 100 percent of the property taxes due to Schoolcraft College from township residents, the board decided last week.

Most property tax bills are split during a year, with half being due in July and half in December. Last month the trustees rejected requests from the Plymouth-Canton school district and the Wayne County special education agency for 100 percent summer collection of their millages.

The board approved Schoolcraft's request. according to Clerk Sue Hillebrand, because the college has done this for many years and so there's no change for township residents.

K OF C CHARITY DRIVE

The Livonia Knights of Columbus will be in town on March 21-23 to raise money for retarded children and citizens of Michigan.

K of C members will be near several community businesses selling Tootsie Rolls in an attempt to surpass last year's total of \$1 million raised.

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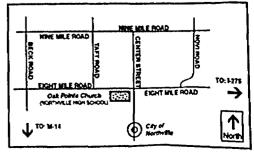
"God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1

Oak Pointe Church

This Sunday, Pastor Bob will talk about how he found Security in God.

Relational Security in the Utah mountains, Physical Security in the Philippine islands, Intellectual Security in the Scottish universities, Vocational Security in the Detroit marketplace, Significance Security in the Oak Pointe experience.

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Northville High School Auditorium (8 Mile and Center St.) Children's Program, Coffee, Food and Friendship, Casual Attire, Great Music. Call 810-626-0372 for more information. Nondenominational. All are welcome.



Police News

Chevys hit in rash of burglaries

It was a bad week to own a the teen, 17, conceal eight discs Chevy Lumina in Northville Township. No less than four of them were broken into during the night of Feb. 12-13, part of half a dozen vehicle break-ins, all to Chevrolet models, which took place that evening or early morning.

In each case the vehicle's driver's side door lock had been punched out with a tool, the dashboard inside ripped apart and the car stereo stolen.

A Surrey Lane Lumina owner also lost a cellular phone, sunglasses and portable CD player. Counting the car stereo the loss came to \$835 and the car suffered \$175 in damage.

Taken from a Chevy Cavalier on Northville Place Drive was an \$800 stereo. The damage was estimated at \$500. Another Lumina on Northville Place Drive lost a \$200 stereo and \$450 worth of CDs and suffered \$150 in damages.

Two more Luminas on Silver Springs Drive were also targets. Each suffered \$150 in damage and the theft of its stereo, valued at \$250.

Finally, a Swan Lake Drive resident's Chevy Monte Carlo was broken into. The damage is set at \$150. The stereo is valued at S250.

STOLEN CDs: A Garden City teenager was arrested for shoplifting \$150 worth of compact discs from Meijer in the early morning hours of Feb. 13.

Store detectives said they saw found to have marijuana in his

on his person then leave Meijer without trying to pay for them. He was held until police arrived, then booked and released at the scene. The teen faces a court hearing March 5.

FELONY ARREST: Valentine's Day wasn't that great for a White Lake man driving through Northville Township despite having an indefinitely suspended license.

The man. 20, was traveling on Beck Road in his 1997 Ford pickup at about 4:30 a.m., according to township police. He was allegedly driving up to 59 miles an hour through sections of Beck that are 35 miles an hour and ran the red light at Seven and Beck.

The man displayed signs of alcohol use, police said, and was cited for having an unlawful blood alcohol level (because he was under 21) and for driving with a suspended license.

A computer check revealed two outstanding felony warrants for the man's arrest for probation violations. He was held at police headquarters until a Wayne County Sheriff's deputy picked him up.

DRUNK DRIVERS GALORE: A slew of men were arrested for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol in Northville this past week.

One of them, a 32-year-old Wixom resident, was also allegedly

pocket. The man, arrested at about 1:30 a.m. on Feb. 15, was cited for that as well.

The man refused to take a breath test. police said, and received a ticket for that also. He and the other people arrested were held until they sobered up, then were released on bond and face court hearings tomorrow (Feb. 21). Taken into custody a few minutes later was a 23-year-old man

police said was speeding and weaving on Seven Mile that night. Breath tests allegedly recorded the man's blood alcohol level at

.12 percent, above the legal limit of .10 percent.

The next evening at about 2:20 a.m. it was the turn of a Wayne man. Police said the 31-year-old was driving a 1991 Ford Ranger on Seven Mile and was weaving and sliding onto the shoulder of the road. His blood alcohol level was allegedly .14 percent.

On Feb. 13 a Novi man was taken into custody on Haggerty Road at about 3:20 a.m. The reporting officer said the man's 1994 Mercury Marquis was speeding and weaving.

The man, 54, allegedly posted a blood alcohol level of .19 percent, almost twice the legal limit.

Beating him out was a 21-yearold Plymouth man arrested two evenings before. A township police officer said he saw the man's 1986 Olds Firenza swerving as it drove along Six Mile near Haggerty.

The man. arrested around 3 a.m. on Feb. 11, allegedly had a blood alcohol level of .21 percent.

If you have any information about these or any other illegal incidents you can call Northuille Township police at 349 9400.

Edenderry decision settles suit

It was very disappointing."

By RANDY COBLE Staff Writer

A three-year battle involving one of Northville's oldest and one of its newest neighborhoods ended this month with a court ruling that clears the way for road connections between the Woods and Hills of Edenderry.

Barring an unlikely appeal. Wayne County Circuit Court Judge James Rashid's Feb. 7 decree that Northville Township must approve a development plan with two street links between the subdivisions. which are located west of Sheldon Road between Six and Seven Mile, ends a long-running debate.

Many of Northville Township's elected representatives weren't happy about it.

I'm shocked. I can't believe that was the decision." Supervisor Karen Woodside said. "It was very disappointing."

The dispute began in the spring of 1994 when Northville-based Cambridge Development proposed a 103-lot subdivision called the Woods of Edenderry. Slated for land just south of the Hills of Edenderry, the first phase of a two-phase development plan for the Woods won approval that fall.

That first phase covered the southern section of the 78-acre parcel and included most of the planned lots. It was phase two, which would abut the southern edge of the Hills, that's been the source of controversy.

That's because Northville Township and Wayne County have dis-

Madonna to open spring term registration

exception of Friday, March 28,

Thursdays, with the exception of

Madonna University's in-person Wednesdays and Fridays, with the registration, spring/summer term. for new and returning students. when the office will be closed and until 7 p.m. on Mondays and will be held from Monday, March 17. through Monday, March 31. Office hours will be held from 8 Thursday, March 27, when the a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays. office will close at 5 p m

agreed over whether roads between the two subdivisions should be connected.

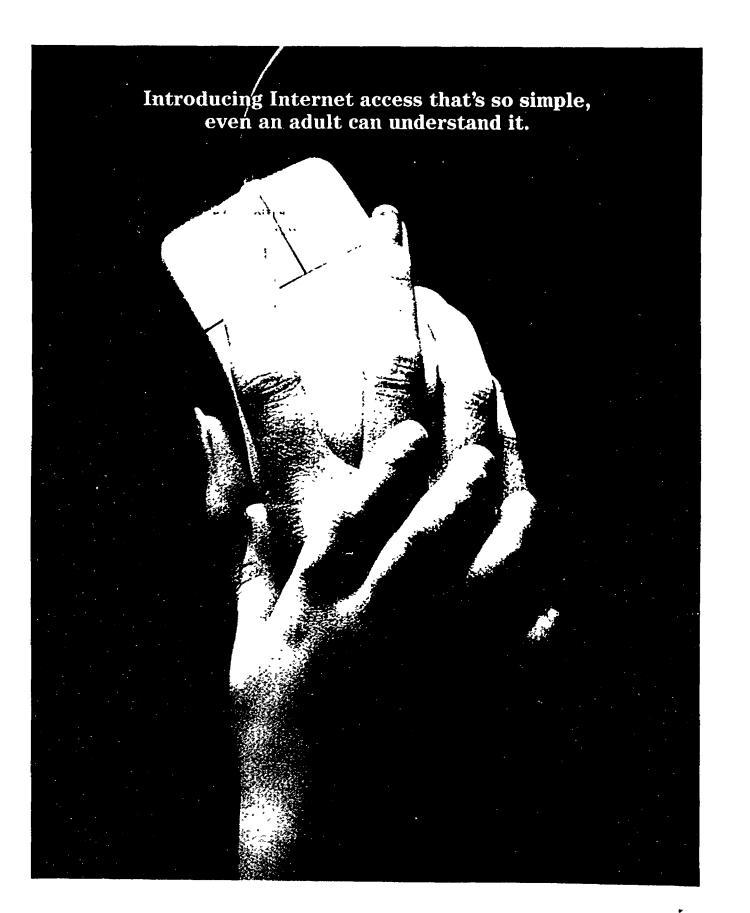
Most Hills residents have argued that opening up their quiet neighborhood's dead-end streets would undermine the character of their community and lead to increases in traffic, crime and safety problems.

Echoing those feelings, the township board of trustees voted down a phase two plan which included road connections That was despite a recommendation for street links from the township department of public safety, citing the need for quicker access to the area if and when the people living there need emergency police, fire or medical help.

It was that same line of thinking which led Wayne County officials to give a green light only to a plan with a minimum of two connections, one at Pinebrook Drive and one at Edenderry Drive, the main thoroughfare of both the Woods and Hills. Neither the county nor the township would budge despite two years of talks

State law gives counties, not local communities, the final say on whether subdivision plat plans will deserve approval. That's some-

> Late registration will be held April 1-May 2 During late registration office hours will remain the same with the exception of April 28 and May 2, when the office closes at 5 p.m. Classes begin the week of May 5.



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thing which should be changed. according to Wayne County Com-

"I'm shocked. I can't believe that was the decision.

missioner Thaddeus McCotter. McCotter, R-Livonia, whose district includes Northville, has been a strong supporter of keeping the roads closed since the debate began.

-Karen Woodside

Northville Township Supervisor

"It's a disgrace that the county has set about destroying that neighborhood," he said.

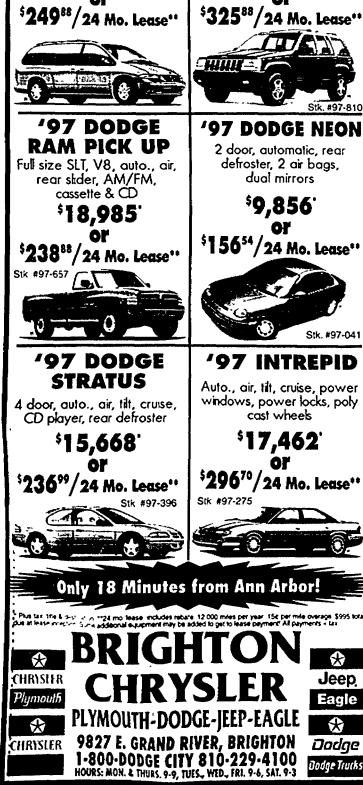
Friday's ruling came about as a result of Cambridge Development's decision in August 1996 to file a lawsuit against both Northville Township and Wayne County.

The company asked for a judge to order that either the two- or noconnector design be approved.

Township Trustee Mark Abbo said the court's decision was unexpected

"I think we were surprised that this was decided purely on jurisdictional grounds," Abbo said, "We thought that the issue of community health, safety and welfare would also be taken into account."

Cambridge Development attorney Joe Galvin said the company hopes to get phase two under way this spring or summer, assuming the township obeys the court's order and that a final development plan can be agreed to



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Stephanie Faerber participates in a skit dramatizing the dangers of drug abuse.

Student essayists pledge to stay drug free

Here is the text of the two essays selected to be read at D.A.R.E. graduation activities at Northville Christian School Feb 13

This year in D.A R.E. we learned a lot of things. We learned to say no. not only to drugs, but other bad things as well. There are different ways to say no. You can give someone a cold shoulder, you could just keep saving no until they stop asking, or you could say no and give a reason or excuse.

Another thing we learned about is self-esteem. Self-esteem is confidence in yourself. If you don't have that you'd probably have more of a possibility of getting into drugs. You would probably get into drugs if you don't have confidence in yourself because you wouldn't have the confidence to say no. You would be too scared.

We also learned the reasons why people take drugs. They say every body else does it. I will look good if I do it, cool people do it or I'm bored, there is nothing else to do so I'll give drugs a try.

Some of the consequences from drugs are a short attention span. had grades in school trouble with being drug-free, alcohol-free, and

your parents and the law, hangovers, lung cancer, heart disease, and even death. You have to remember that drugs can ruin all your plans for life. Drugs are wrong no matter what.

You need to learn to make good and not bad choices not just about drugs, but all through life. Sometimes we make good choices and sometimes we make bad choices. You need to choose friends that don't do drugs. You need to ignore people who pressure you, and turn down challenges. When it's about drugs, your choices are to take them or not I am not going to take drugs.

We learned a lot in D A R E. and I had a lot of fun. I'm sure everyone else did too. I really liked doing things in our workbook, role playing, and learning all about drugs All together we had a great time in DARE

-Billy Greenman

This year. I have learned a lot in DARE about drinking, smoking, beer, alcohol, marijuana, and how these things are bad for you and your body. I have learned that

violence-free will help you live longer, have a better memory, not get seriously ill. not get addicted. or get arrested. (Wow! I'm glad I've made a promise to be a drug-free American!) One way to stay drugfree is to avoid people who smoke and places where you know there are smokers, even if they're your best friends.

I have not only learned a lot in D.A.R E., but I have also enjoyed it. We had some high schoolers come in and talk with us. It was interesting to hear what they had to say about the things that we had asked them. They were nothing like T.V. makes us think high schoolers look, talk, make decisions, and also act. This year, as f have said before. D.A.R.E. was exciting, fun, and also very interesting which is good. I have also enjoyed our D.A.R.E. teacher, Officer Mayes, and want to thank him for taking time off of his other duties to teach us about the Importance of being a drug-free kid. I have one thing and one thing only to tell future DAR.E. students. Be a drug-free Ameri-

Northville Christian students complete anti-drug program Hockey stars visit classes to mark occasion

By RANDY COBLE Staft Writer

There's a war going on out

there. Every day, armies of kids lose the battle with tobacco, alcohol and dope. When you hear one of their stories, keep something in mind: for every child or young adult who chooses to use, there are a lot more who don't.

More than 50 young people, fifth graders from two classes at Northville Christian School, made a public pledge to avoid drug abuse last week during graduation ceremonies from the anti-drug D.A.R.E. education program.

D.A.R.E., which stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education, can be found in public and private schools all over America.

In Northville, the 15-week program is taught by Northville Township police officer Matt Mayes and by Northville police officer Jim Marks.

Mayes has been spending an hour a week on the multi-faceted D.A.R.E. course with the kids at Northville Christian School, which is part of Northville Christian Assembly Church on Six Mile. It's his fourth year of teaching the D.A.R.E. course and Mayes believes it's making a difference in children's lives.

We just need to keep giving them the message," he said.

D.A.R.E. aims to educate children and young people about the physical dangers of drugs and violence, as well as the potential cost in terms of lost friends. lowered grades and vanished opportunities in college and careers. It can be hard to resist the

temptation to try tobacco, alcohol

D.A.R.E. graduate roll of honor

Here's the most recent group of DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) graduates. children who've pledged to avoid the hazards of drugs for life. All are fifth graders attending Northville Christian School at Northville Christian Assembly Church on Six Mile.

Dana Jones' class:

• Ashley Bartee, Valerie Boruta. Chelsee Bosker, Nicole Di Paolo, Cheisea Drauss, P. James Drouillard, Justin Hagan and Danielle Holowecky.

Jackson, Matthew Judge, Elisabeth Méagher, Alec Overly. Matthew Rayle, Nicholas Rowe and Robert Schultz.

or other drugs, particularly during the pressure-filled time of growing up. DARE tries to help kids combat it all with strategies to spot the promotion of drug use in popular entertainment and ways to resist that "c'mon, just try it" peer pressure. It's a kind of boot camp for the real world.

Feb. 11 was graduation day from that camp for the fifth graders at Northville Christian. A special ceremony was held which included skits from the kids on topics like "ways to say no." Special guest speakers included two members of the Detroit Whalers, team captain Mike "mad dog" Morrone and assistant captain Andrew Taylor. The Whalers are part of the

• Jacob Simkins, Nicholas Stevenson, April Tucker, Kelly Van Buskirk, Katherine Waldeck, Ashley Welti, Brandt Williams and David Zalewski.

Joyce Duncan's class:

• James Adams, Brian Baker, Rachel Berger, Kristinne Bishop, David Cipparone, Brian Currier, Stephanie Faerber and Laura Flaugher.

• Amanda Girkin, Curtis Graf, William Greenman, Lindsey Head. Marrissa Lavigne, Angela Myers; Megan McCarthy and Timothy Ong. • Daniel Ping, Zachary Ravas,

Mike Rensi, Christy Stephens, Grace Strelecki, Tyler Tagami, Paul Tassi and April Wisner.

Ontario Hockey League (OHL). often the breeding ground for future National Hockey League (NHL) players. The Whalers' home ice can be found in the Compuware Arena on Beck Road in Plymouth Township.

All the students signed pledges to stay away from drugs and the, evening included the presentation of certificates to the kids marking the occasion.

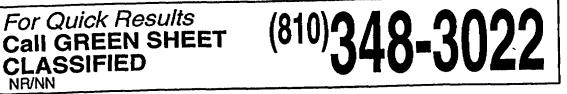
April Tucker was the D.A.R.E. essay contest winner from Dana Jones' class, and William Greenman won from Joyce Duncan's class. April and William got to read their compositions for their classmates and received metals for being selected the winning essayists for their classes.





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Choir director to conduct state group

By ROBERT JACKSON Staff Writer

When Northville High School choral director Mary Kay Pryce conducts the state regional honors choir this year, chances are she'll hear some familiar voices.

That's because several Northville students have been selected to sing in the choir, and Pryce, who has taught choir for 20 years, is the first Northville teacher to be selected as director of the state's honors choir.

High school senior Andrew Weiss, along with freshman singers Heather Qualman, Sadie Vince, Lars Kvalvaag, and Sean Rossiter, were selected to participate in the choir, which selects talented choir students from across the state.

Northville middle school students Sarah Benish, Allison Loeffler, Kati Pryce, Jackie Risher, Dierdre Schwiring, and Martha Wasek were selected to the middle school honors choir as well. according to middle school choir director Vicki Abbodeely.

Each student was required to audition for a spot on the choir. according to Pryce, who will be one of three regional choir directors conducting this year.

Pryce was selected for the position by the Michigan School Vocal Music Association, which sought nominees from choir directors across the state. The list of nominees was then reduced to two by a panel of judges, and Pryce ended up receiving the most votes in an election by the state membership.

Her selection was announced in

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Popular Northville High School Choir Director Mary Kay Price has been selected to conduct the Michigan State Honors Choir for the next two years.

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"I was definitely surprised and delighted to be chosen for this honor," she explained. "After 20 years as a choir director I think I'm ready for that challenge.

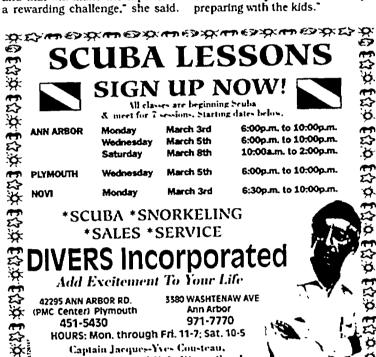
This will be a great growth experience for me professionally." After directing the regional choir

this year. Pryce will then find

herself directing the statewide honors choir in 1999.

The kids you get to work with are the top singers in the state. and that will make the experience

"Professionally, it's fun, but at the same time a little bit scary. I have a year to make all of the artistic decisions but when the time comes I only have three days



Captain Jacques-Yves Cousteau, Chairman of the Board U.S. Divers Co., Inc. なたっていなかのとうなのでもうな 5.2

School district trustee wins award of distinction

A member of the Northville Board of Education has been honored with the highest award given by the Michigan Association of School Boards.

Dick Brown, who has served on the school board for six years, was notified that he will be the recipient of the MASB award of distinction, which will be officially presented at the association's regional meeting April 16.

The award is presented annually and recognizes board members for keeping current on school issues and for seeking leadership experience. according to MASB Executive Director Justin King.

Brown earned credit for the award by taking courses of formal instruction in school issues and by attending seminars. conferences, and workshops to keep informed on education topics, King explained.

They also earn credit by taking on leadership positions. holding local office, writing articles, testifying on behalf of edu-

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Board member Dick Brown.

cation or serving as panelists," King said.

*MASB recognizes Brown's efforts in taking an interest in the education of Michigan's children.

MASB is a non-profit organization that provides leadership training and educational services for the state's 4.200 school board members in nearly 600 public school districts

YOUR MONEY MATTERS Bills, Bills, Bills...

By Glen Miller Mortgage Institute of Michagan

How does the poem go? 1 answered the door this morning-it was a man neatly dressed, he said he was a bill collector, so I gave him the stack on my desk.

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City officials propose funding shift

By ROBERT JACKSON Staff Writer

City officials are proposing a new way to fund sidewalk improvements, and they're hoping city residents will agree with their plan.

Instead of issuing special assessments to residents when their sidewalks needs to be replaced or repaired, city officials want to have a dedicated funding source, one that would allow city workers to stay on top of bad sidewalks that have been neglected for years.

The city council, in proposing this new program, is saying that it wants to make a change in the way we address sidewalks in our city." Public Works Director Jim-Gallogly said. "Over the past fewyears councilmembers have

"Sidewalk special assessments can be expensive, and usually cost the homeowner around \$2,000." -Jim Gallogly

Northville Public Works Director

received complaints on the current assessment policy, and they feel now is the time to do something about it."

The change in sidewalk funding will take place if voters approve the 1.92 nulls that city officials are asking for to fund a comprehensive street and sidewalk improvement program. The election is slated for March 4.

The current policy calls for property owners to pay for sidewalk replacement by special assessment, meaning residents have to repair or replacement when it hapcome up with a fairly substantial pens." Gallogly explained. "Side-

amount of money at one time. according to Gallogly.

Under the proposed new pro-gram city residents would not be assessed for sidewalk replacement. The funding for sidewalks would come from a portion of the dedicated 1.92 mills each year.

In total, about \$400,000 per year for the next 20 years will be used to repair and replace roads and sidewalks.

"Everyone still pays, it's just that they won't be assessed for the

walk special assessments can be expensive, and usually cost the homeowner around \$2,000."

The average Northville homeowner will pay \$192 per year for the dedicated millage, according to city figures.

According to Gallogly, new sidewalks, or sidewalks placed where they do not currently exist, will still be placed at the property owner's expense.

The same situation would hold true for sidewalks damaged by the property owner.

If the program is approved all sidewalks will not be replaced at once. Gallogly said, but will be done incrementally. We're planning that all current

sidewalk deficiencies should be addressed by mid-program, which is at the 10 year mark.

Millage money would help fix sidewalks

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and repairs some sidewalks that are still in fairly good shape," he explained.

Longtime Northville resident Jean Bryant, who lives in Cabbagetown, has been worried about the poor sidewalks for years, and has sent several letters expressing those concerns to city officials Bryant, who is confined to a wheelchair, recently told city officials that the sidewalks she travels everyday are in a "dangerous and disgraceful" condition

Cabbagetown had streets replaced not many years ago so it is one of the good areas," she said But the sidewalks are certainly not good " She added that some sidewalks

in Cabbagetown were pored back in 1912

"That 1912 sidewalk is typical of

our neighborhood. So not only do owners when the sidewalk needs we have to cope with sidewalks that start and stop along all of our streets, but the sidewalks that exist are really start-stop too. depending on the good-heartedness of the homeowners who have replaced their own sidewalk." she Said

*Cabbagetown is a good example of the special sidewalk replace-ment." Gallogly added "Currently. the streets of Cabbagetown are ingood shape but the sidewalks are not, and under the program the sidewalks in that area will be able to be replaced before street improvements in Cabbagetown are neiessary."

He explained that the sidewalk portion of the program represents the city's effort to address hability issues with a positive approach

"Instead of assessing property

to be replaced, we'd have the dedicated millage that would allow us to just go out and deal with the problem.

The program calls for damaged sidewalks to be replaced as street repairs are taking place. Gallogly said.

In addition, a special sidewalk replacement program - which will have a yearly average price tag of about \$30,000 - will take place as well.

Gallogly also explained that the program would replace approximately \$35,000 worth of sidewalks located on county primary roads that run through Northville.

"Although county primary streets are not the city's responsibility, safe sidewalks on county rights of-way are our responsibility," he said

"That 1912 sidewalk is typical of our neighborhood."

-Jean Bryant Cabbagetown resident

The city-wide program also identifies the need to place new sidewalks along segments of road where sidewalks don't currently exist.

"Not all areas, like the Pheasant Hills subdivision, need or want sidewalks, and those areas will not be part of the program." he said. There are, however, some areas where the placement of sidewalks will take place."

Gallogly estimated that about \$900,000 will be spent on new sidewalks in the next two decades

Nominate the worst pothole, win a free wheel alignment

By ROBERT JACKSON Stalf Writer

Anyone who's driven through Northville has found them they're unavoidable. The city's streets are suffering a pothole epidemic.

According to city Public Works Director Jim Gallogly, the majority of the 25 miles of streets and roads in the city are . in pretty good shape. About 40 percent, however, are crumbling and pothole ridden.

Where can the biggest and the most dangerous potholes be found?

The Northville Record is hoping to enlist the help of its readers in identifying the worst potholes in the city in its first ever "Fill the Potholes" contest.

The winning entry, drawn at random, will receive a fourwheel alignment courtesy of Jim Davis of Davis Auto Care, located at 807 Dolieny Drive in Northville

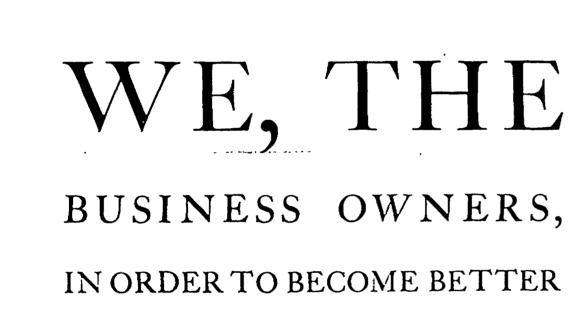
The contest is simple. From today until Monday, Feb. 24. readers can nominate the pothole they think is the worst in Northville. The entry must be placed on a 3-by-5 card, and include the individual's name. address, and phone number, as well as the location of the pothole (be specific).

The information will be included in a story in the Feb. 27 issue previewing the city's street millage election, set for March 4.

Entries can be mailed to The Northville Record office at 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, or dropped off at the reception desk. One entry will be drawn, and the winner will be notified by telephone. Entries received later than 5 p.m. Feb. 21 will not be included in the contest.

You must have a valid driver's license to enter.





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For more information, please contact the library at (810) 349-3020 during open hours.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING: The next meeting of the Northville District Library Board will be held Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the library's meeting room. The meeting is open to the public and all welcome to attend.

FANTASY BASKETBALL: Northville District Library's Fantasy Basketball program came to an end on Feb. 11. Division winners were John Polumbo. Tintambourines, J.F. Richards, Jim Rafalski, Team M. Brent Habitz, Brian Trost, Alan Schultz, and Trustees II. Top team trophies will be awarded to John Polumbo for picking the best "salary-capped" team and Brian Trost for picking the top "unlimited" team. Watch for Fantasy Baseball entry forms at the end of February.

READER'S THEATER: How would you like to put on a play without having to memorize lines? Simply make scenery and read out loud for other people? Then join Reader's Theater at the

Northville District Library. Reader's Theater is for third-fifth graders who are comfortable reading aloud. Practices run for three Saturdays, March 1, 8, and 15, from 10:30 a.m. until noon. The performance will be on Thursday. March 20, at 7 p.m. Children must be available for all practice and performance dates in order to register for this program. Registration is under way and is limited.

HAVE YOUR SAY PROGRAM: Here's an opportunity to have parents and teens express themselves without an argument. Come to the Northville District Library on Thursday, March 6, from 7-8:30 p.m. and attend "Have Your Say." In a nonconfrontational approach, teens and parents can gripe about each other.

Please register in advance for this free program at the Information Desk either in person or by phone.

FAMILY COMMUNICATION PROGRAM: The Northville District Library sponsors a program from Hegira Prevention, a mental health organization on Tuesday, March 11, from 7-8:30 p.m.

Do your children really listen to you when you talk to them? If they don't, come to the Northville District Library and attend the program "How to Communicate so Your Kids will Listen." The program is free and all are welcome to attend.

WEB SITES OF THE WEEK: Has winter weather given you a case of cabin fever? Let Epicurious be your cure to beat the winter blues.

Epicurious Travel lets you find the perfect winter get-away with information on travel destinations around the world, including reviews from fellow travelers. If you can't escape to warmer weather, at least enjoy a good meal courtesy of Epicurious Food.

With over 5,000 recipes from Bon Appetit and Gourmet magazines, you are sure to find the right recipe for a hearty dinner, perfect after a day of shoveling snow. See Epicurious at: www.epicurious.com.

· Anyone who thinks history is boring should check out the Michigan Historical Center. With pages designed for both kids and adults, you can find in-depth information on Michigan historical topics, including the Civil War and the Great Depression. The Michigan Historical Center can be found at: www.sos.state.mi.us/history/history.html.

These sites and many others can be quickly accessed by way of the Northville District Library HomePage at: tln.lib.mi.us/~nort/.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Join us at the Northville District Library every second Monday for a book discussion group. Our next program will be on Monday. March 10. beginning at 7 p.m. The featured author is Jane Austen and her writings.

If you have enjoyed reading Pride and Prejudice. Sense and Sen-sibility, Emma, Persuasion, Mansfield Park, and Northanger Abbey. come to the Northville District Library and discuss Hollywood's hottest author.

FRIENDS OF THE NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY: Here's big news from the Friends of the Northville District Library: Artist Gerhardt Knodel, whose art is displayed around the world, will be at the Friends' annual meeting Saturday. March 22, to describe the textured piece he has designed for the library's clerestory.

Knodel recently was named director of the Cranbrook Academy of Art. The Friends have already contributed \$15,000 toward the project, which President Janine Bauchet estimates will cost around \$30,000 including installation. March is the kickoff month to raise additional funds for the artwork. The meeting, open to the community, will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the library's meeting room.

The Friends are looking for volunteers. They're needed to sh

Herrin gets nod as library director

done anonymously.

The staff also gave Julie great

marks on their evaluation of her

performance, and most comment-

ed on her ability to build team-

work and provide a good working atmosphere," he said. "With that

type of evaluation we felt we had a

good candidate and that she

subcommittee opted not to conduct a search for a new director.

according to library sources.

Instead, the trustees evaluated Herrin, and held a discussion at

According to Brown, Herrin was

awarded a four-year contract, at

an annual salary of \$48,000. He

explained that the four-year deal

was preferred because four members of the board are up for election in 1998, and board members

wanted potential new board

trustees to be able to have time to

four-year contract so that if the

majority of the board changed.

outgoing board members wouldn't

be forced to make a decision on

renewing the contract." Brown said. "We thought new board

members should have time to

review her performance before act-

"We felt that we should have a

judge Herrin's performance.

The library board's personnel

would do an outstanding job."

the board's meeting Jan 23.

By ROBERT JACKSON Staff Writer

The Northville District Library has a new director, but her face is not new to Northville.

Library district trustees have named interim Director Julie Herrin to fill the top administrative post. Herrin has been working in that capacity since former director Pat Orr was placed on administrative leave, then subsequently released.

The board voted unanimously last Thursday to name Herrin as permanent director. According to library board Chairman Bill Brown, Herrin more than adequately meets the qualifications for the position.

"The board feels it has selected an extremely qualified person in Herrin to fill the position." Brown said last week. "We're quite confident she will continue to do a fine job for the library and its patrons."

The board's selection came after a review of a recent evaluation of Herrin's performance as interim director, Brown said.

We used the same type of evaluation as we have in the past and every board member gave (Herrin) strong marks."

He added that Herrin asked library employees to evaluate her performance. Those reviews were ing on a new contract."

Daughters swept off their feet at annual rec department dance

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views, the garden and accents store just across from city hall on Main Street, added the perfect touch: a decorative archway entrance for the dance.

Now don't get worried, moms and sons: the Recreation Department hasn't forgotten about you. As a matter of fact, you can register now for the April 18 mother and son spring fling hoedown.

This isn't the first year for a mom and son dance but it is the debut of the event's country and western theme. Reports are that many boys in past years have gotten antsy at having to dress up for the dance, hence the new motif

this year, where moms and sons

couple, \$4 for each additional son

You can register by mail using the form in the Recreation Department's winter catalog or stop by the rec office Monday through Friday from 8-4:30. It's in the Northville Community Center

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance 97-94.5, an Ordinance to add Section 7-22 to the Novi Code of Ordinances, to require compliance with the City of Novi Utility and Street Acceptance Policy - Subdivisions and Site Condominiums.

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday. February 10, 1997 and the effective date is February 25, 1997. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time. (2-20-97 NR, NN 16149) TONNI BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE **REVISION TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW FEE SCHEDULE**

At the February 13, 1997 Board of Trustees meeting, the Board resolved to increase the review fees for area development as follows effective with this publication

PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW FEE SCHEDULE

The following are minimum therpu. Additional charges may apply if suff time presels a Sterch Plan Review*

	Township	Planter .	Engineer	Total
First Review	\$720	\$500	\$400	\$1,620
Each Revision for Plansing Commission Review	\$360	\$250	\$200	5810

Size Plan Redeem

	Township	Planner	Engineer	Total
Past Review	\$600 + \$20/acre	\$680 + \$50/acre	\$400 + \$40/acre	\$1.680 + \$110/acre
Each Revision for Planning Commission Review	\$300 + \$10/acre	5340 + 525/2011	\$200 + \$20/acre	\$840 + \$53/acre

Land Division/Combination Review*

_	Township	Planner	Engineer	Total
First Review	\$400 + \$25/resulting lot		\$400 + \$25/resulting lot	\$1.230 + \$75'resulting lot
Each Revision for Planning Commission Review	\$200 + \$12.50/resulting loc	\$215 + \$12.50/resulting lot	\$200 + \$12.50/resulting lot	\$615 + \$37.50/resulting lot

Subdivision Plat Review*

	Township	Planner	Engineer	Total
Tentative Preliminary Plat Review(for PC)	\$600 + \$1/unit	\$680 + \$3'anut	\$450 + \$10/unit	\$1,730 + \$14/urut
Revised Preliminary Plat/Any Revision for Planning Commission Review	5300 + 8.50/wilt	\$340 + \$1.50/unit	\$225 + \$\$'unit	\$865 + \$7/unit
Township Board for Tent.Prelim Plat /Final Plat review	\$100	\$150 (wten review u required)	\$150 (when review is required)	\$100-\$400

Planned Unit Development Conceptual Plan Review*

	Township	Planner	Engineer	Total
Conceptual Plan Review	\$500 + \$30/scre (over 30 scres)	\$1000 + \$30/acre (over 30 acres)	\$500 + \$30 sort (over 30 sorts)	52,000 + 590/scre (over 30 scres)
Each Revision for Planning Commission Review	\$250 + \$15/acre (over 30 acres,	\$500 + \$15/acte (over 30 actes)	\$250 + \$15 acre rover 30 acres)	\$1,000 + \$45/scre (over 30 scres)
Township Board Concept Plan Review	\$100	\$150 (when review is necessary)	\$150 (when review is necessary)	\$100 - \$400

"note that subdivision review fees or site plan review fees will also be applicable

Open Space Development Community Conceptual Plan Review

	Township	Planner	Ergneer	Total
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT **BLOCK GRANT 1997 FUNDS**

At the regular meeting of February 15, 1997 the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Northville approved the following projects for funding for the 1997 Community Development Block Grant Funds: \$29,000.00 Public Services — Programs and services to Senior Crizens 10,000 00 Comprehensive Planning 46,500 00 Barrier Free Renovations — to adhere to the Township's ADA

- - survey for the Township's Civic Center and to perform necessary barrier free renovations to other public facilities Administration of the program

<u>9,500.00</u> \$95,000.00

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		Township	Engineer
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New subs planned for 6 Mile/Sheldon

By RANDY COBLE Staff Writer

Driving through the intersection of Six Mile and Sheldon Road today is almost like being out in the country: rolling fields here. stands of trees there.

Get ready to say goodbye to it all because it's not likely to be around much longer.

The wave of Northville Township's development boom is cresting at Six and Sheldon. Its vacant corners are slated to soon host new subdivisions and Brooklane golf course is on the chopping block as well.

One of the township's largest housing developments ever has been proposed for the northwest and southwest corners of Six and Sheldon. A 295-acre parcel of land owned by Edward Rose is set to host 451 new home lots if a development plan can win township approval.

A concept proposal was submitted to the planning commission last month but the commissioners declined to make a recommendation about it to the board of trustees until the plan was modifled to meet several conditions set down by township consultants.

The modified plan is expected to be submitted to the commission again within the next two weeks

About half of the Rose land lies

just north Six Mile west of Sheldon, the rest just south. Backing the proposal is the Farmington Hills-based firm of Occidental Development.

The plan makes use of the township's open space development ordinance option. The idea is a tradeoff - a developer gets to put more houses into a subdivision than normal zoning allows in return for preserving key natural features of the site and/or setting aside a good portion of the parcel for recreational or open space use by the subdivision's future residents.

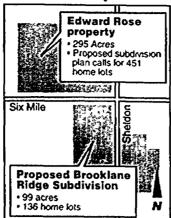
In this case the current Rose proposal calls for more than 76 acres to be set aside, as well as the preservation of natural features and other "benefits."

Plans are also in the works for two new subdivisions across Sheldon Road from the Rose parcel. Farmington Hills-based Grand/Sakwa Properties is backing a 135-lot subdivision plan to be situated on land now occupied by Brooklane golf course.

Taking up 99 acres at the southeast corner of Six and Sheldon, the "Brooklane Ridge" subdivision won a recommendation of preliminary plan approval from the commission earlier this month

The board of trustees is expect-

SIX MILE & SHELDON: Under development



ed to take the matter up as early as March.

Brooklane Ridge is also being developed under the open space ordinance option and its development plan calls for preserving more than 30 percent of the total site area.

A development plan for the final corner of Six and Sheldon has already won approval. Fairchild Development of Clinton Township is backing the Ravines of Northville.

Some 111 home lots will be included in the new subdivision on land owned for many years by the noted Haller family.

The 84-acre parcel is also coming in under the open space ordinance and the plan calls for almost one quarter of the total site to be preserved from future development.

Business association to meet and discuss upcoming events

There's a lot going on in down-town Northville and it's all open for discussion at the meetings of the Northville Central Business Association.

The NCBA will meet next at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, at Genitti's, 108 E. Main. Topics of discussion will include

the 1997 Bargain Bazaar, a huge

sidewalk sale that takes place throughout downtown Northville in the summer; joint advertising proposals: and the NCBA Directory, a directory of business listings for NCBA use.

In response to the many requests from advertising representatives to address NCBA general meetings, the NCBA board asks

to meet with representatives before including them on meeting agendas.

Ad reps wishing to speak at meetings are asked to call Barbara Davies at Art Source, 348-1213. Others wanting to reserve a

place on the agenda should call Toni Genitti by noon Monday, Feb. 24. at 349-0522.



Bullard touts tax proposals being discussed in Senate

State Sen. Bill Bullard (R-Milford) has introduced two tax-cut measures for small businesses.

The first proposal would amend the single business tax to increase the amount of owner compensation allowed and still permit the company to file for the small business tax credit

The level has been set at \$115,000 for several years and the Bullard proposal would increase that amount to \$175,000 beginning this year.

The other proposal would amend the personal property lax to more realistically determine the useful life of business equipment

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would be to allow the business to write off the cost of new business equipment faster and thereby lower taxes and provide an incentive to modernize the business facilities

"These are two areas of major concern to the small business operator," Bullard said

Bullard noted that the impact on the state budget would be modest but the stimulus effect for these small businesses would be significant

The measures will be considered by the Senate Finance Committee Bullard represents Oakland County Northville in the Michigban Senate



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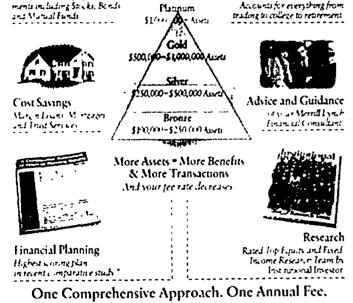
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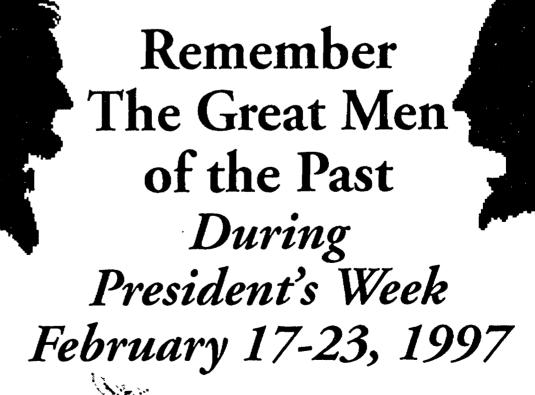
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Longtime contributor named Mason of year

186. Hawn's involvement with the Masons and with the community is extensive, dating back more than 10 years.

Hawn lives in Novi and worked for the Wayne/Westland school district. He retired from the profession in 1995 after 33 years as a math teacher and activity instructor.

He became an apprentice Mason in 1986, and received his master mason proficiency in March 1987.

He has held titles as junior and sentor deacon, junior and sentor warden, and treasurer, in addition to worshipful brother.

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Hawn and his wife. Shirley, have four children. Lisa. Kelly. Kathy and Eric.

The ceremony naming Hawn Mason of the Year took place Feb. 3 at the Northville Masonic Temple. 106 E. Main

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James Hawn received the Mason of the Year award.

Northville man appointed regent at Eastern Michigan

Gov. John Engler recently his fondness for EMU." Engler executive officer of Consumers announced the appointment of Michael Morris to the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents. He was appointed to replace James Clifton, of Ypsilanti, for a term expiring Dec. 31, 2004.

Michael is an accomplished businessman who has never lost

said. "As a regent, he will pursue the best interests of his alma mater, drawing on his leadership qualities to provide direction for Eastern.

Morris, a Northville resident, is executive vice president of CMS Energy Corp., president and chief

Energy and president of CMS Marketing. Services and Trading. Prior to joining Consumers Energy in 1988. Morris served as president of Colorado Interstate Gas Co. and as executive vice president of marketing, transportation and gas supply for ANR Pipeline Co.





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Obituaries

CECILIA J. JENKINS Cecilia J. Jenkins of Novi died Feb. 13, 1997, at Greenery Extended Care in Farmington. She was 84. Mrs. Jenkins was born March 27, 1912, in Petoskey to Albert and Ottilia (Boening) March.

Mrs. Jenkins lived most of her life in the Novi area. After 30 years of service, she retired from management of the motel Dorchester in Detroit. She was a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia.

She is survived by her daughters, Nancy (William) Myers of Georgia, Sharon (Wilbur Beck) Michela of Florida, Elaine (Roger)

Betot of Brighton, Virginia Fabin of Detroit, Sandra (Richard) Maison of Brighton, and Carol (Gordon) Jacobs of Howell; her son, Walter (Denise) of Novi; and 17 grandchildren.

Mrs. Jenkins was preceded in death by her sisters and brothers.

Services were held on Monday. Feb. 17, at Casterline Funeral Home in Northville. Pastor Walter Dickinson of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia officiated. Interment was in Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Memorial contributions to Home Health Plus would be appreciated by the family.

FRANK G. PAULI

Frank G. Pauli died Feb. 10. 1997, at his home in Northville. He was 76.

Mr. Pauli was born May 14. 1920. in Detroit to Frank G. and Lillian C. (Otto) Pauli.

Mr. Pauli moved to Northville in the 1950s. He was a self employed business owner. His memberships included Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville, Plymouth Elks Club No. 1780, and membership on the board of Kings Mill.

He is survived by his daughters, Carolyn Nieuwkoop, Janet Bickner and Mary Jo. all of Northville, and Maureen of California; sons, Frank

of St. John's, John of Nevada, and Steve of Montana; sisters, Anna Marie Dalka of Waterford and Virginia Devlieger of Royal Oak; 16 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mr. Pauli was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia D., in July 1989.

Services were conducted on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Our Lady of Victory Church. Father Todd Lajiness was the officiant. Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville.

Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home in Northville.

Memorials to Angela Hospice. 4100 Newburgh Road, Livonia. MI 48154-5010 would be appreciated by the family.

THOMAS H. WIDMAIER

Thomas H. Widmaier of Northville died Feb. 10, 1997. In McPherson Hospital in Howell. He was 72. Mr. Widmaler was born July 19, 1924, in Southfield. Mich., to Charles H. and Annette M. (Wells) Widmaier.

Mr. Widmaier was a lifelong member of the community and a retired employee for Wayne County. He graduated from Northville High School in 1942, and was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Mr. Widmaler was a member of

V.F.W. Post No. 4012 of Northville. He is survived by his brothers, William of Northville, Richard of Livonia, and Ernest of Grand Rapids; and sisters. Loretta Sloan of Mt. Pleasant and Doris Bonner of Northville.

Services were held on Thursday. Feb. 13, at Casterline Funeral Home in Northville, with Dr. Douglas Vernon of the First United Methodist Church of Northville officiating.

Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery.

Technology commitment sought from district

By ROBERT JACKSON Staff Writer

If Northville school district officlais expect voters to approve close to \$5 million in new technology funds as part of an estimated \$61.5 million bond package, they must publicly commit to funding technology personnel with tax dol-lars in the general operating budget.

That's the advice being given school officials from members of the citizens technology committee and community action group Continuing Excellence for Northville Children.

"There's no doubt about it, the board and administration must demonstrate a commitment to finding funds in their operating budget to hire technology personnel, regardless of whether a bond issue passes or fails," CENC member Jerry Rupley said. 'You obviously can't have the equipment without the people to maintain and operate it and train personnel to use the new technology."

Voters will get their second crack at the district's bond proposal June 9, when school officials ask for approval for bond funding to build a new high school, renovate and repair existing school facilities, and purchase new technology for the classrooms

The first request was narrowly defeated by voters last September. Included in that election was a separate question involving an enhancement millage that would have provided funding for technology support personnel.

The enhancement millage opportunity no longer exists, however, and because state law prohibits schools from using bond proceeds to fund the hiring of personnel, district officials are being forced to look at their operating budget to find the dollars necessary to bring the new technology personnel on board. No cellular contracts, no credit checks, and no monthly bills.

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At an estimated cost of close to \$260,000, funding that aspect of the district's technology plan is not going to be easy, according to board President Martha Nield. Nield said at a recent board study session that the district is looking at several other issues that are competing for funds.

I agree that the board needs to make a commitment to hire the personnel necessary to successfully integrate computers into the curriculum, as well as personnel to keep the system up and running," she said. "But there are plenty of other issues that will require some level of funding, and we need to look at all of the issues closely.

Barb Fife, who serves as the district's educational technology resource teacher, estimates it could cost approximately \$260,000 to hire four technology staff members and provide training for teachers. That cost was narrowed down considerably from the district's request in September, and represents the bare minimum needed to properly maintain technology in all schools and administrative offices.

Board member Dick Brown said the district will need to make the commitment to technology personnel, but the commitment could be phased in over a period of time.

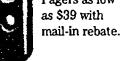
We don't necessarily have to make a decision to fund the entire portion right now," he said. "We might want to look at options for funding the positions over time." The board will continue its dia-

log regarding technology funding over the next few months, according to Nield

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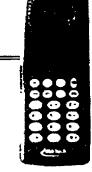




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Mill Race Matters

Members of the board of the Northville Historical Society will meet this evening for their first full meeting of the calendar year. Carolyn Stuart and Francis Gazlay have again agreed to serve as co-presidents. Melody Arndt becomes vice president.

Other board members are: Marrianne Barry, Earl Bryant, Frank Cunningham, Bob Juhasz, Bob Russell, Joelle Sarkozy, Susan Sherwood and Juliette Stockhausen.

This board, along with office manager Dlann DuPuls, handle the operation of the Northville Historical Society and Mill Race Village. The organization first begun over 30 years ago undertakes the maintenance and upkeep of Mill Race Village as its primary function.

Although the village sits on land donated to the City of Northville by Ford Motor Co.. the expense of maintaining and repairing the structures is handled by the volunteers who work with the Historical Society.

Those interested in joining can call 348-1845 for more information. Members come from all over the state and the nation. Membership is in no way restricted to those in the immediate community.

In addition to membership, continuous opportunities for volunteerism are always available. Call the office Monday through Friday to learn about the variety of things that need to be done.

Continuing the ongoing story of community organizations this week's column features Northville's Methodist Church.

The early Methodist church in Michigan was Methodist Episcopal, frequently referred to in histories as M E. The first M.E. minister in this region was Joseph Hickcox (Hickox) who was assigned to the Michigan region in 1815. Hickcox preached in Detroit on the third Sunday of each month. He made regular visits to Plymouth Township as it developed.

Detroit established its first permanent Methodist church in 1821. Joseph and William Hickcox signed the articles of incorporation for that church.

In May 1826, Joseph Hickcox preached in the home of William Tibbits of Plymouth Township. The Tibbits' home was also the site of the founding of the township that same spring.

By that meeting. Rev. Hickcox had retired from the ministry and was farming land on the Rouge River In today's Dearborn William, perhaps his son or younger brother, opened a blacksmith shop in today's Northville not far from the mill of John Miller, the site of today's Mill Race Village, sometime after the mill's establishment in 1827. The first Methodist meetings in Northville were held in the shop of William Hickcox

Marcus Swift, an early settler in Nankin also rode the circuit for the Methodist church. Rev. Swift was the father of Dr. John Swift, a later prominent resident of the Northville community.

Henry Colclazer and M. Gilruth also served as circuit riding preachers in the region's early settlement days.

Methodist became the largest and predominant church in Northville The congregation built its first structure in 1836, and located it on Dunlap near Center. The Phymouth Mission, as it was first known, was organized at the Aug. 20, 1834, Ohio Conference.

Northville's Methodist congregation continued to meet in the same church home until the 1880s, when a larger brick structure was constructed on the same site. The older frame building was moved up Center and served as a parish for the newly established Catholic congregation for a time.

The larger structure served the congregation until the 1970s when a new structure was built on Eight Mile near Taft where the congregation remains to this day.

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Township is in line for block grant funds

By RANDY COBLE Staff Writer

Northville Township is in line for almost \$100,000 in federal funds this year, the money going to pay for everything from senior programs to community planning to making township hall more handicap-accessible.

Communities across America participate in the federal government's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

Its principle aim is to help pay for projects that help people who need low and moderate income housing.

However, CDBG funds can be used for other goals, such as funding programs for senior citizens or helping low and moderate income residents pay their utility bills. For example, Northville Township used part of its CDBG money last year to pay for renovations to the Northville Senior Center and to help pay the water bills of needy residents.

The township is one of 32 communities which participate in the Wayne County-administered CDBG program.

This fiscal year Northville Township is eligible for \$95,000, according to local coordinator Maureen Oisecki.

The board of trustees on Feb. 13 approved her recommendations for how to spend the money, including:

• \$29,900 for public services. This includes items such as wages for the senior program's bus driver, gas for the senior bus, the cost of an automated telephone reassurance program for seniors. a township newsletter and other costs.

• \$10,000 for planning uses. This might include paying a professional consulting firm to design guidelines and amendments to specific sub-sections of the township's master plan for land use. The master plan and its sub-sections are the blueprint used to determine the kinds of land uses allowed in various parts of the township

• The largest outlay, \$46,500, will be spent to bring township hall into compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

ADA prohibits many forms of discrimination against the physically handicapped and requires all public facilities to meet certain minimum building design standards of handicap accessibility.

This year's improvements to **-township hall: which is located** just off Six Mile between Winchester and Haggerty roads, include changes to the main meeting room, restrooms and other alterations.

• \$9.500 is earmarked for salary costs for administering the CDBG program locally.

Oisecki said this week that she expects the township to get the money in hand after July 1.

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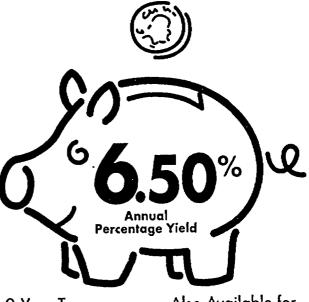




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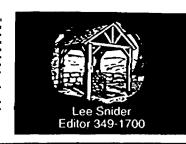


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Our Opinion

Edenderry decision reflects anti-local bias

Township officials were stunned this month by the decision handed down by Wayne County Circuit Judge James Rashid. Rashid, settling a dispute that has held up the plans of the Cambridge Development firm for almost three years, ruled that connector streets must be constructed between the existing Edenderry Hills neighborhood and the proposed Woods of Edenderry subdivision.

Residents of Edenderry Hills had objected to connectors, arguing that opening up the closed-end streets of their neighborhood would increase traffic flow. promote crime and alter the tranquil character of their residential setting.

The township board of trustees agreed. and asked Wayne County. which had jurisdictional authority in the case, to approve plans that excluded connectors.

The county had initially insisted, and the township's own public safety department concurred, that emergency egress was needed for the expanded residential area.

When the two sides couldn't resolve the issue themselves, Cambridge had no choice but to ask the court to step in and break the logjam.

Rashid's decision. of course. disappointed township officials, not to say the residents of Edenderry Hills. We can understand the disappointment. but Rashid's ruling really should have surprised no one.

As long as state law continues to give decision-making authority to the county in such cases, disputes of this nature will continue to be resolved in the county's favor. Rashid is a county judge, after all, with few or no ties to the Northville community. It was to be expected that his decision would reflect the wishes of county officials and not the preference of the local authorities.

We agree with Wayne County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter that what is needed is a change in state law



to give the decision-making ability in such cases to officials at the local level.

If there's one constant in government. it's that the farther away the decision. the less understanding it carries. There is just no way that Washington. Lansing, or even Detroit could have the kind of sympathy for local concerns that local residents have. That's why elected officials are required to live in the communities of the constituents they represent.

McCotter, who lives nearby and keeps in close touch with the residents of his district, understood the feelings of the Edenderry homeowners and favored finding a way to accommodate them. If the decision had been left with him, or with the township trustees, the outcome probably would have been different.

AND ANOTHER THING ...

We can't leave this subject without commending Mark and Eric Guidobono, the owners of Cambridge Development, for their patience throughout the controversy over the Edenderry connectors.

The long delay on this issue has cost Cambridge many thousands of dollars in lost time and legal fees and yet the Guidobonos, themselves local residents, demonstrated great forbearance and tolerance in dealing with residents and officials.

Rather than being faulted for seeking redress in the courts, the Guidobonos should be applauded for not resorting to litigation much sooner.

Less caring developers would have.

Livin' on hope and hamburger

I like to be out and about.



Jackson

asked. As a reporter covering Northville city and public

schools, I find that I get more information when I'm out of the office than when I'm at my desk - which makes sense because I really hate to talk on the telephone.

So out into the community I roam, and usually I end up at Joseph's Concy Island, a place where I get plenty of feedback from readers, and the cream of potato soup is out of this world. It seems everybody eats

lunch at the Coney. City workers, post office employees.

school district employees, downtown merchants, and local residents crowd the place from noon to 2 p.m. Most times it's hard to find an empty seat in the place.

Not a day goes by that I'm not approached by a customer, who has a question or comment on something written in the newspaper. It's a place where I'm able to conduct my own informal surveys on the hot topics of the week, which lately seem to be centered around taxes, bad roads, the recent demise of a few downtown businesses, the controversy surrounding the local Catholic church, and even the on-again, off-again play of the Detroit Red Wings. Joe usually frets out loud about the play of the Wings. He's worried they'll miss the playoffs.

Some of the questions are thought provoking. A morning regular, whom I only know as John, had a question ready for me when a few months ago I walked through the door for my customary 8 a.m. cup of coffee. He had read my story on the city's yearly audit and wanted to talk about fund balances, which is the surplus money saved each year and put away for the proverbial "rainy day."

"Why do cities have to have fund balances if they are careful to budget their expenditures for the year?" he- Record, as well as an optimistic Red Wing fan.

I had to admit it was a good question, and one my boss. Mike Malott, and I had been discussing for weeks. It's also something we should look into. because every time I see John, he asks me if I've found the answer yet.

Then there are the comments that make me scratch my head with wonder. Like a recent offering from a man who believes the United Nations is responsible in some way for the downfall of public education.

'Can't you see it?" he asked for the fifth time, agitated because I, for the fifth time, was unable to grasp his point. "Look at how the foreign markets have surpassed ours. That's because outside influences have watered down our education process and our kids aren't learning at the rate foreign kids are.

I thanked him for the insight, pleaded for my bill, and hastily made my way back to the office.

I usually get some criticism as well. The other day a woman was critical of our coverage of Our Lady of Victory's expansion attempts. Although she told me she was not a member of the parish, she was ticked off at a recent editorial on the subject and made it a point to let me know she was going to cancel her subscription.

"A good Christian would report the story fairly," she said.

I'm still puzzled by that comment. If we're all sinners, how can we be good Christians? Oh well, I'll have to consult my parish priest on that one.

And finally there's one question that I've been asked time and time again, as I walk through the doors of this popular Northville eating establishment.

"Hey Bob, what's wrong with the Wings? I don't think they'll make the playoffs this year."

Don't worry Joe, there's nothing wrong with our beloved Detroit hockey club, and as far as the playoffs are concerned. I think this year they're going to finally win the Stanley Cup

Robert Jackson is a staff writer for The Northville



not a longterm solution

Road funding proposal

In the national and business press. John Engler sounds like a fiscal conservative's dream come true - 21 tax cuts worth \$2 billion.

Tell that to drivers whose vehicles are damaged by potholes. Tell it to insurers, repair shops, state universities, public schools and budget makers. The fiscal 1998 budget of Michigan's governor is causing nightmares and breeding political chaos.

Examine the governor's new budget. There is no fuel tax increase. There are a number of funny-money proposals. however, that received a hostile reception from both parties.

First, Engler offered a one-year proposal. Sorry, that won't do. Roads are a continuing need - building, repairing, rebuilding, upgrading.

Second. Engler proposes to take money from the general fund and put it into the road fund.

Michigan has done that only once in most of our lifetimes. Our style is to dedicate taxes from fuel and license fees to transportation in order to avoid raiding the general fund.

Our goal has been to ;ake transportation out of the battle for dollars with education, welfare, prisons, natural resources, state police, courts and the rest.

The Engler proposal would turn back the eilendar and resurrect that politi-



cal brawling.

The governor proposes a hike of 2.5 percent, the rate of the consumer price index, for universities and community colleges, whose price index is rising far faster than that.

The chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, a member of Engler's own party, warned that the Legislature will boost the university line items more than 2.5 percent.

The other party is seeking to restore \$105 million to adult education and more for teacher upgrading. The general fund money Engler wants for roads won't be there.

Third, while tax cuts may make Michigan's leader look like a model to people in Iowa and New Hampshire. the fact is that those voters don't drive Michigan roads.

At election time, candidate Engler boasted of his ability to make "tough" decisions. On the road issue, his boast rings hollow.

Letters to the editor

This remspaper welcomes letters to the editor. We ask, however, that they be issue-oriented. ccot ned to 400 words and that they contain the signature, address, and telephone number of the writer Tre wirer's name may be withheld from publication if the writer fears bodity harm, severe persecutor or the loss of his or her job. The writer requesting anonymity must explain his or her circumstances Submit letters for consideration by 4 pm Monday for that Thursday's paper. We reserve the ret to edit letters for brevity, clarity, hbel, taste and relevance. The week prior to an election, this remarkable will not accept letters to the editor that open up new issues. Only responses to already put thed issues will be accepted, with this newspaper being the final arbiter. This policy is an attenue to be fair to all concerned.

Submit letters to: Editor, The Northville Record, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167

Job enthusiasm

Professional storvteller Linda Day entertains a group of Winchester Elementary School students with the tale of the "Bracelets." Day has been storytelling for children for more than five years.

Change for the worse no one's fault

Where are the parents? Who's minding the kids? This is not a slap at parents. No one planned to

> abandon the kids, and parents, bless 'em, do what they can under some difficult situations.

It's no one's fault, but ...

There was one a time when each house had a mother and a father and often a grandmother and perhaps an aunt.

This was a time, before air conditioning, when apple pies were placed on the window ledge to cool, when radio, not television, held our attention.

Children could visit their cousins by walking a couple of

blocks. They knew everyone on the block and everyone knew them.

if they did something that was frowned upon, like smoking a cigarette at age 12, complete strangers might tell them to put it out.

They had the run of the town, visiting factories, seeing people at work, being invited to try the buttermilk at the creamery.

It wasn't always fun, especially when Aunt Molly would get after them for something, or when they couldn't play hooky because someone in town would find out and tell on them. But they knew everyone cared about them.

No more.

Subdivisions, long commuter drives, long work

hours, two-income families, single-parent homes and television have changed all of this.

Today 12-year-olds may not know the name of the people two doors away. They need mom or dad to drive them to visit a friend across town.

Today they know they can smoke undisturbed. Grandma lives in a condo in Florida. Everywhere there are no trespassing signs. Dad's working in California, raising a new family.

Mom's working and trying to finish college classes. Mom's rarely home and when she is home she's tired.

No one talks at home. TV takes the place of talking. The result?

According to a study reported by Gary Phillips, who runs an educational think tank in Indiana. the average length of communication a day between a teenager and his or her parent(s) is only 37 seconds.

Urie Bronfenbrenner, a noted sociologist, says that young people are reluctantly pushed into the company of their peers. Peers, he points out, are not designed to be nurturing parents. They are impulsive, self-centered thrill seekers.

Television, with its violence and commercialism, also greatly influences young people.

There are fewer opportunities for humanizing experiences

The Incredible Shrinking Parent. No one's fault.

G. Michael Abbott is a retired school teacher and a contributing columnist to The Northville Record.



G. Michael Abbott

Letters

School overcrowding is serious problem

I recently wrote a letter complimenting Northville public schools on both the MEAP and ECT scores, and on the fact that the scores were achieved with the lowest per-pupil expenditure of the surrounding high-scoring districts.

Neither my husband nor I are strangers to teaching. After 37 years. I retired from Livonia public schools, Stevenson High School, among other districts such as Department of Defense school overseas, as well as a Fullbright assignment. My husband, after 43 years, retired from Livonia after having taught in other districts as well as Wayne. Michigan State University. University of Michigan, and Eastern Michigan University.

When we moved to Northville 20 years ago, our daughter entered Meads Mill. She had many academic problems, and the help and support she got there was tremendous. We both consider Meads Mill one of the best middle schools we have seen - bar none. I have always been interested in Meads Mill's writing program, as well as the high school's foreign language program since I taught German. Since Northville is a small town compared to Livonia, the schools benefit from the positive parental involvement

In the midst of Sharon Ferrara's long letter is a true but obvious statement: "It could mean we have dedicated teachers that ensure learning and a curriculum that is aligned to the schedule of tested material '

Dedicated teachers do not exist in a vacuum. Curriculum does not magically align itself. I have attended far too many meetings to attest to that fact

I need to respond to Sam Kunst's letter: "Apparently a little crowding and 'older' technology was not a big factor."

A little crowding leads to serious and then dangerous overcrowding. Page 15A of The Northville Record addresses the housing boom in the township, as well as the 840 acre development on the south side of town.

"Older" technology becomes old. obsolete and finally unusable all too quickly.

Is it only a rumor that Northville High School is using a temporary building?

Rosemarie G. Anderson

Vatican pull out was humane

To the editor:

1 am responding to a letter to the editor in the Jan. 9 edition of The Northville Record/Novi News regarding UNICEF. The Vatican's decision to withhold its traditional \$2,000 donation to UNICEF is to be commended by Catholics.

While UNICEF does help to educate, vaccinate, feed and clothe children, it is also linked to organizations which work to prevent conception and promote abortion. This from Human life International's Father Matthew Habiger who over a year ago issued an urgent plea that people reconsider all contributions to UNICEF.)

As practicing Roman Catholics are aware. life is a gift from God and abortion violates the fifth commandment, "Thou shalt not kill" (especially the most defenseless). It follows that the Vatican

UNICEF which advocates abortion. tied in with "family planning." It's unfortunate that UNICEF has cho-sen to align itself with groups such as International Planned Parenthood Federation. I know if UNICEF Christmas

cards had been available at my church, several of us who are aware of the practices and beliefs of UNICEF would have sought to stop this since it is in contrast to Catholic moral teaching.

Also. "Catholics for a Free Choice" (referenced in the Jan. 9 letter) is a bogus group. Their name alone is an oxymoron, and they are hardly "Catholic." Catholics (and others who respect God-given life) also ought be aware that the March of Dimes, too. advocates "choice" - hence the pro-abort mentality like UNICEF.

As Father Robert A. Sirico, president of the Action Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty in Grand Rapids, stated in an article in The Detroit News (Sept. 15, 1996). "Don't become an accidental contributor." UNICEF has a close working relationship with International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) - the most aggressive abortion promoters and providers IPPF has a "Category I consultative status" at the United Nations. Maybe this can help to explain the Vatican's position.

Thank you to the Vatican. Father Habiger and Father Sirico for sharing the truth in exposing UNICEF's pro-abort position Catholics and others who believe in the sanctity of life, know too. that Sterra and many environmental groups espouse rabidly proabort positions (as does American cannot support a group such as Association of University Women

... a main factor in me not continuing my membership). Be careful which organizations you support. Rosemarie G. Denton

Dumb ideas just keep coming To the Editor:

Our government has been known to allow some profoundly dumb things to happen: the S&L crisis; the Vietnam War that cost us the lives of over 55,000 of our young men and women: the \$563 hammer: the \$1,200 toilet seat: the tobacco subsidy - I could go on and on, but the fact that consideration is being given to the idea of investing Social Security funds in the stock market is the mother of all dumb solutions in dealing with the inevitable demographic bump looming up ahead.

What's wrong with the present risk-free 7.6 percent interest? Have we forgotten what happened in 1929 when the stock market took a precipitous nose-dive? Financial columnist John

Crudele wrote, "if Social Security money is invested in the stock market, we can all kiss our retirement goodbye." He believes the sale of billions of dollars of government bonds in order to invest in the stock market will cause interest rates to rise dramatically.

Of course, Wall Street is all for the government investing Social Security funds in the stock market. It stands to reap billions for handling the stock deals

Lest we forget, there is such a thing as a bear market - to every yin there is a yang Alfred P. Galli

Career preparation finally gets its due

It got largely overlooked in Gov. John Engler's State of the State speech and subsequent budget, but it's

my odds on favorite year

of the ghastly shape

of Michigan roads. Gov. Engler produced some fancy budgetary footwork

No, he won't go for an increase in the fuel tax, the traditional method of earmarking money for road repairs (Surprise!) Yes, he proposed spending another \$70 million for roads -\$40 million for local and \$30 million for state trunklines (Surprise again)

Where's the money coming from? Engler ' in his State of ine Stat budget director Mark Murray did when he detailed the spending plans for the \$8.5 billion general fund budget. It's coming from the 15 state universities and 28 community colleges which are scheduled to get only a 25 percent increase for operations next year versus the 5.5 percent they got this year.

How did leaders in the Legislature like the idea? Not much. Still sore at Engler for cutting adult education this fiscal year from \$185 million to \$80 million, the Democrats, who now control the House, are vowing to restore the

adult ed cuts and make the universities whole. They (together with a lot of DPW folks who are out trying to fill potholes with cold patch) think the logical way to fix roads is to quit trying to raid the general fund and bite the bullet by increasing the fuel tax.

The Engler Administration's position - shortchanging education in favor of roads - on all this looks very odd, especially if you read carefully the text of the governor's State of the State speech. One of his biggest initiatives was to propose a "statewide framework for career preparation," a term he rightly prefers to "vocational education

Our state is experiencing an absolute shortage of skilled workers. The University of Michigan is predicting that the Big Three will hire more than 100,000 new workers in Michigan over the next five years These "gold collar" jobs can pay as much as \$30 to \$40 per hour Moreover, according to the governor, "they don't require a four-year college degree. What they do require is extensive training especially

point in "vocational education" if their kids were all destined for college

The governor wants to put together regional career preparation plans and develop a curriculum that links academic and technical skills and includes some time spent learning skills in actual shops and labs. He suggested a \$30 million pot to reward schools that develop such programs

He's right. Anybody who looks at the Help Wanted section of this newspaper realizes that local employers are desperate for skilled workers. And people are not going to get the skills to respond to these recruitment ads by studying advanced physics in ivy-covered halls.

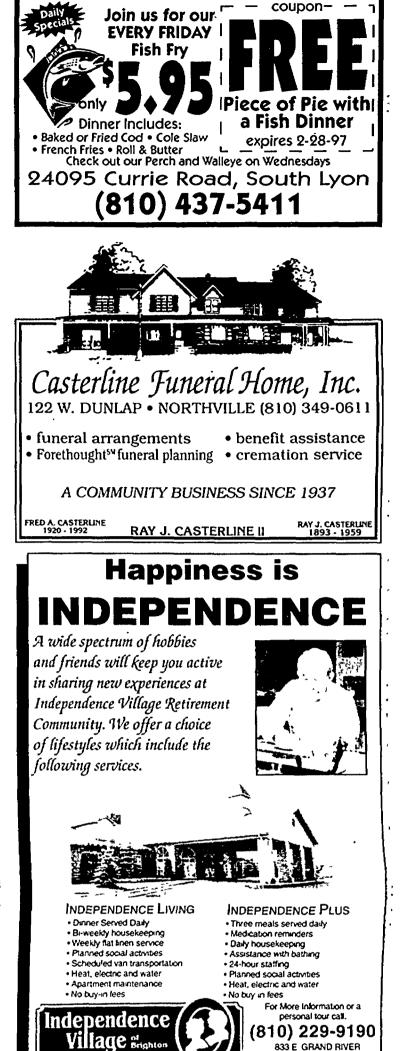
I'm on the board of the National Center for Education and the Economy, which has been studying human investment and training issues for years. Our research has found, over and over again, that employers in Germany and Japan, our biggest global competitors. spend far more than American companies do on apprenticeship programs and on-the-job skill upgrading

It's nice to see that the governor thinks the state has a significant responsibility in this area.

After all the work Bill Keith and Glenn Oxenteam mentioned only Oxender), it might just be that career preparation and skills upgrading are bipartisan issues whose time has come.



Pebble Creek Golf Club





for fireworks this It's roads and potholes in one corner. folks, and the state's community colleges. and universities in

the other. Boxed in by his traditional preoccupa-tion with burnishing his reputation as a tax cutter but at the same time well aware

For years, two state representatives - Glenn Oxender, R-Sturgis, and the now retired Bill Keith. D Garden City - worked on this topic. holding countless hearings all around the state. They got bills through the House, only to see them die in the Senate, done in by criticism from wealthy suburban parents who saw no

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047 ext. 1880.

Be a hero right here in your own community



A Northville Youth There are little hands all eager Assistance volunteer recently shared this poem with me. I would appreciate it if you would read it and think about your NYA Little Eyes

There are little eyes upon you and they're watch-

ing night and day. There are little ears that quickly take in every word you say.

Upon You

to do anything you do: And a little boy who's dreaming of the day he'll be like you. You're the little fellow's idol, you're the wisest of the wise. In his little mind about you no suspicions ever rise. He believes in you devoutly. holds all you say and do: He will say and do, in your way when he's grown up just like you. There's a wide eyed little fellow who believes you're always right: and his eyes are always opened. and he watches day and night. You are setting an example

every day in all you do:

For the little boy who's waiting to grow up to be like you -Author Unknown

You can be the one who is the idol, the role model and the one who a child strives to be like. Northville Youth Assistance is in need of men and women to be mentors to our Northville kids. Our kids need you.

The next training session begins Feb. 26. and continues for five consecutive Wednesday evenings.

Call me, Mary Ellen King, at (810) 344-1618 for further information.

Many Ellen King is the director of Northville Youth Assistance, a joint service of the City of Northville and Northville Township.

Newcomer Cassis gets fast-track role in Legislature tempered by term limits

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

She may be the new kid on the block in Lansing, but State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, is making her presence known.

Cassis was just appointed one of eight Republican assistant minority whips, all but one of them newcomers to the capital. She's also one of only two newly-elected legislators to be appointed minority vice chair of a committee, in her case, the House Urban Policy and Economic Development Committee.

There's a concentrated effort under term limitation to get freshmen up and running and prepared for leadership. It helps us learn the districts and legislation and to be able to talk to anybody in our caucus," Cassis said.

Before we had term limitations, it was very unusual for a freshman to get in a position of leadership this early and usually you would spend a couple of years learning the ropes.

Cassis represents Oakland County Northville in the Michigan House.

Because of term limitations, the House will lose two-thirds of its veteran legislators in 1998.

We must maintain institutional memory," said house Republican leader Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville. Rep. Cassis's commitment to

public service and leadership ability typify the characteristics tomorrow's legislators need to succeed."

As assistant minority whip. Cassis's task will be to poll other Republican members of the House concerning their positions on leg-

"Before we had term limitations, it was very unusual for a freshman to get in a position of leadership this early." -Nancy Cassis

islation and other issues. "You do have to know everybody." she said. "It's hands on

leadership training." Formerly a Novi City Council member. Cassis said her new job often requires 15-hour days, with her tasks including coming to terms with highly technical issues. The biggest effort will be restructuring the electrical industry, she



Nancy Cassis

said.

Cassis also serves on the Tax Policy, Mental Health and Public Utilities committees.

Residents who want to reach Cassis can write to her at the State Capitol, P.O. Box 30014. Lansing. MI, 48913 or call her at (517) 373-0827.

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NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP BY THE NUMBERS Township above average in education and income

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the statistics: a town that was well above state and national averages on several key measuring sticks such as income and education.

POPULATION

Northville Township's popula-tion stood at about 17.300 people in 1990. Of that figure, males outnumbered females by about 240.

The median resident's age was 36 but about 21 percent of the population was under 18 and about 10 percent was over 65.

About 6.141 households existed in the township. Of those, about 63 percent were married couples with children. The household average was 2.54 persons in 1990.

ETHNICITY

Nearly 95 percent of the people living in the township in 1990 were born in the United States and about about 76 percent were natives of Michigan.

Upwards of 90 percent of the population was Caucasian. About 6 percent was African-American. the other 4 percent a variety of ethnic and racial backgrounds.

The single largest ethnic back ground reported (by about 5.400 people) was German. Next came Irish (about 3.200 people). English (about 3.000) and Polish (about 2.100) ancestry.

EDUCATION

More than 89 percent of township residents completed high school and 39 percent had obtained at least a college undergraduate degree.

HOUSING

About 71 percent of the 6.500 housing units in the township were owner-occupied, the rest rented. Among those owner-occupied homes, about 3,200 were single family houses and about 1.500 were condominiums. The median home value in the township in 1990: about \$163,000.

The median home mortgage was \$1,125 a month. Median monthly rent stood at a figure of \$660.

Most of the housing units in the township at that time were built recently. About 2,400 units were built in the 1980s. About 2,100 were built in the '70s and 1,000 in the '60s, the rest before then.

More often than not a home had two bedrooms (about 2,100 units) or three (about 1.800). Close behind were homes with four (about 1,700). Some 35 homes reported having no room used specifically as a bedroom

INCOME

The median household income in Northville Township was \$55.500 a year. Family households tended to earn a lot more than non-family households.

Median family income was

LIFE CHOICES

Most households in the township (about 3.000) boasted two cars. About 1,800 had only one. while about 1,300 had three or more.

Most women in the township waited until they were between 35-44 years of age before becoming moms. About 760 women had children when they were 25-34. Just 28 had children between the ages of 15-24.



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To appeal your assessment due to economic hardship, your household income must be at or below federal poverty standards: · · ·

PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLD	INCOME
1. (under 65)	\$7,929
1 (65 and over)	\$7,309
2 (householder under 65)	\$10,259
2 (householder 65 and over)	\$9,219
3	\$12,158
4	\$15,569
~5 ·	\$18,408
· 6	\$20,804
7	\$23,552
8	\$26,237
9	\$31,280

Bring documentation if planning to appeal

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insurance benefits.

Be prepared to provide copies of your federal and state income tax returns and those of everyone who lives in your home. You'll also need to hand over copies of any property tax credit returns.

• If your household income is above the poverty level, you can still ask for an exemption.

A board can waive the income requirement for households with incomes above the poverty level if you also face expenses

which are "beyond the ordinary scope of expected costs which are severe and unavoidable.

An example would be unusually high health care costs not covered by Insurance. Again, you must provide proof for such a claim.

In all cases the total value of all your household assets, not including the homestead itself, cannot exceed \$25,000.

· You may be asked to provide proof of identification.

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about \$64,900 a year while median non-family income was about \$30,500. More than 1,000 township households reported earnings in over \$100,000 a year in 1990.

About 700 households reported getting income from some kind of self-employment. The average income among those people was \$20,200 a year.

More than 1.200 households received Social Security income, earning an average of about \$9,700 a year. One hundred thirty five households took in some form of public financial assistance: an average of about \$4,100 a year:

PEOPLE IN POVERTY

A total of 245 households had yearly incomes below federal poverty level guidelines, 1.6 percent of the total number of township households. Among 65 and older households, however, the figure was 2.4 percent.

Mid-decade census count planned in township

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The state tells local communities that it really isn't worth doing a new census lbefore the next scheduled federal one in the year 2000) unless you've grown by at least 15 percent," Hillebrand said. The amount of new voter registration and (home) development we've seen tells us that we've done that."

Growth of under 15 percent doesn't merit a new census because any increase in tax money would be eaten up by the survey costs No cost figure for the new census has been determined yet.

The increase in state-shared revenues, according to Hillebrand, could total hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The census must be conducted no later than March 31 and be completed by June 1.

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Rocky Rachwitz, center, and the winning staff at Rocky's of Northville.

A sample of readers' comments:

"Leon's is best gathering place or non-drinkers All Leon's wait folks very good. Also need new calegories: Yuppie-Working Class."

--- Richard Sandefur, Novi

"Haven't had a thing at Charley's Grill that I haven't liked Very friendly people Good addition to Northville*

- Audrey Smith Northy e

*Library-best place to eat and watch sporting events

- K O Malley Novi

*Seems to be the best kept secret

Rocky's of Northville it is

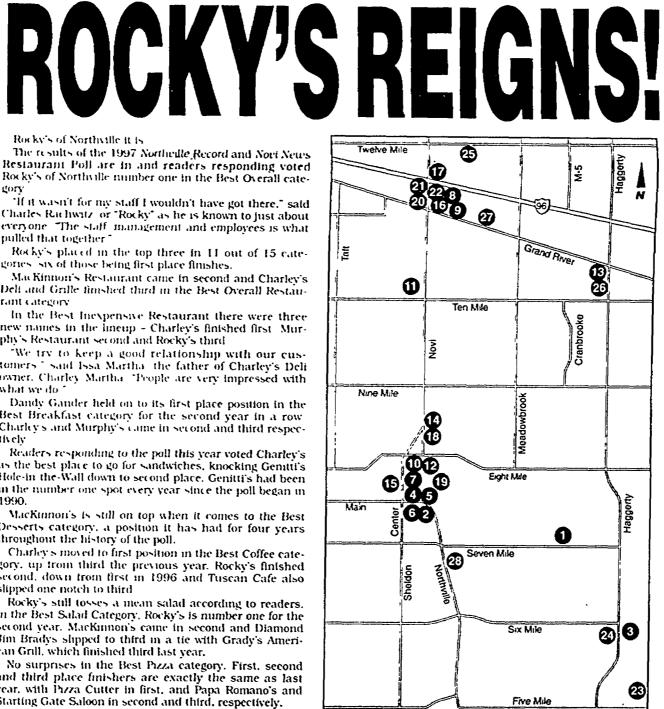
The results of the 1997 Northeille Record and Novi News Restaurant Poll are in and readers responding voted Rocky's of Northville number one in the Best Overall category

"If it wasn't for my staff I wouldn't have got there," said Charles Rachwitz or "Rocky" as he is known to just about everyone. The staff management and employees is what pulled that together

Rocky's placed in the top three in 11 out of 15 categomes six of those being first place finishes.

MacKinnon's Restaurant came in second and Charley's Delt and Grille fimshed third in the Best Overall Restaurant category

In the Best Inexpensive Restaurant there were three new names in the lineup - Charley's finished first Murphy's Restaurant second and Rocky's third



The Winners:

Best Overall

1. Rocky's of Northville 2. MacKinnon's Restaurant 3. Charley's Deli and Grille

Best Inexpensive

1. Charley's Deli and Grille 2. Murphy's Restaurant 3. Rocky's of Northville

Best Breakfast

1. Dandy Gander 2. Charley's Deli and Grille 3. Murphy's Restaurant

Best Sandwiches

1. Charley's Deli and Grille 2. Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall 3. Rocky's of Northville

Best Desserts

1. MacKinnon's Restaurant

2. Rocky's of Northville arley's Deli and Grille

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--- Mary Fennessey Westland

"Little Italy has my vote for best food, service and atmosphere There is no other restaurant so flexible in making substitutions of any kind "

- Teresa Pilarz, Northyi e

*Need less chain restaurants and more creative places! How 'bout Middle Eastern?"

- Lynda Racey Novi

*Best pasta – Macaroni Grill Best appetizer - Too Chez."

- Susan Kelly Walled Lake

"Need category for family restaurants (you know, kid friendly menu and prices). I nominate Sundowner."

- Sue Egan, Northy lie

(On Emily's) "World class cuisine, quiet, pleasant French country ambience and impeccable service. An overlooked jewel in Northville's own backyard."

- Dorothy Mueller, Northville

*Northville has been fortunate to have an abundance of great eating place relative to its small size!"

- Judith and Gary Boyll, Northville

*Novi needs some special steak and seafood places. It is sad when Red Lobster wins the Best Seafood Restaurant each year."

- T. W. Ross, Novi

We try to keep a good relationship with our customers" said Issa Martha, the father of Charley's Deli owner. Charley Martha Teople are very impressed with what we do

Dandy Gander held on to its first place position in the Best Breakfast category for the second year in a row Charley's and Murphy's came in second and third respectively

Readers responding to the poll this year voted Charley's as the best place to go for sandwiches, knocking Genitti's Hole-in the-Wall down to second place. Genitti's had been in the number one spot every year since the poll began in 1990.

MacKinnon's is still on top when it comes to the Best Desserts category, a position it has had for four years throughout the history of the poll.

Charley's moved to first position in the Best Coffee category, up from third the previous year. Rocky's finished second, down from first in 1996 and Tuscan Cafe also slipped one notch to third

Rocky's still tosses a mean salad according to readers. In the Best Salad Category, Rocky's is number one for the second year. MacKinnon's came in second and Diamond Jim Brady's slipped to third in a tie with Grady's American Grill, which finished third last year.

No surprises in the Best Pizza category. First, second and third place finishers are exactly the same as last year, with Pizza Cutter in first, and Papa Romano's and Starting Gate Saloon in second and third, respectively.

The top three finishers in the Best Burgers category simply switched places. This year its Starting Gate, Rocky's and Fuddrucker's in one, two and three. In 1996, it was Fuddrucker's. Starting Gate and Rocky's.

Rocky's finished first in the Seafood category for the third year in a row. MacKinnon's took the second place from Red Lobster who fell into third place.

Border Cantina holds the number one spot in the Best Ethnic Food category for the third year. Little Italy moved up to second place this year.

New in the Best Fast Food category is Boston Market which finished first in a three way tie with Charley's Deli and McDonald's.

It's two years in a row for Rocky's in first place in the Best Soup category.

Rocky's and MacKinnon's held on to first and second place respectively in the Best Steaks category.

Rocky's finished first in the new category which was added this year, Best Gathering Place.

"I have quite a loyal group of people in the bar area." Rachwitz said. "A lot of them are there for different things like meetings."

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Where to find Novi/Northville's favorite restaurants:

- 1. Rocky's of Northville 41122 Seven Mile, Northvile Tup
- 2. MacKinnon's Restaurant, 126 E. Main Northville

3. Charley's Deli and Grille 16873 Hagger-

ty Rd., Northville Twp 4. Murphy's Restaurant 134 N Center Northville

5. Dandy Gander, 333 W. Main, Northville 6. Genita's Hole-in-the-Wall 108 E. Main, Northville

7. Tuscan Cale, 150 N. Center, Northville 8. Grady's American Gnil, 43350 Crescent

Blvd. Novi 9. Diamond Jim Bradys of Nov. 26053 Town Center Drive, Novi

10. Pizza Cutter, 340 N. Center, Northville 11. Pizza Cutter, 24289 Novi Rd., Novi 12. Papa Romano's Pizza 117 E Duniap. Northville

13. Papa Romano's Pizza, 39711 Grand River, Novi

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15. Starting Gate Saloon 135 N Center, Northville 16. Fuddrucker's, 43150 Grand River, Novi 17. Red Lobster Restaurant, 27760 Novi

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18. Border Canbna: 21420 Novi Rd., Novi 19. Little Italy 227 Hutton Northville

20. Maisano's Itakan Restaurant, 26139 Novi Rd , Novi

21. Bates Hamburger of Novi, 43410 Grand

River, Novi 22. Boston Market 43363 Crescent Boulevard, Non

23. McDonald's, 39700 Five Mile Northville 24. McDonald's 39555 Six Mile, Northville

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26. Burger King, 39601 Grand River, Novi 27. Country Epicure, 42050 Grand River,

Non 28. Timber Creek, 18730 Northville Rd., Northville

Best Coffee

1. Charley's Deli and Grille 2. Rocky's of Northville 3. Tuscan Cafe

Best Salad

- 1. Rocky's of Northville
- 2. MacKinnon's Restaurant
- 3. Grady's American Gnill
- and Diamond Jim Bradys of Novi

Best Pizza

- 1. Pizza Cutter 2. Papa Romano's Pizza
- 3. Starting Gate Saloon

Best Burgers

- 1. Starting Gate Saloon 2. Rocky's of Northville
- 3. Fuddrucker's

Best Seafood

- 1. Rocky's of Northville
- 2. MacKinnon's Restaurant
- 3. Red Lobster Restaurant

Best Ethnic Food

1. Border Cantina 2. Little Italy

3: Maisano's Italian Restaurant

Best Fast Food

- 1. Boston Market, Charley's Deli
- and Grille, McDonald's
- 2. Burger King 3. Bates Hamburger of Novi

Best Soups

- 1. Rocky's of Northville
- 2. Charley's Deli and Grille
- 3. Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall

Best Steaks

- 1. Rocky's of Northville
- 2. MacKinnon's Restaurant
- 3. Country Epicure, Diamond Jim Bradys of Novi, Timber Creek, Oxford Inn

Best Gathering Place

- 1. Rocky's of Northville 2. Charley's Deli and Grille
- 3. Starting Gate Saloon

In Our Town Young equestrians earn top awards

was awarded the Linda Sinkule



banquet. Thomas received the top award in the 14 to 17 age group category through all breeds, although she rides a Morgan horse. She received the most points for saddle seat equitation (riding).

Northville residents Julie and Renee Christopher also have been declared champions by both the Michigan Horse Show Association and the Michigan Justin Morgan Horse Association at the organizations' banquet for competitions held during the 1996 calendar year

Julie, a 12-year-old seventh grade student at Cooke Middle

accumulating the most points throughout the year in both the 13 and under Western Seat Equitation and the 13 and under Western Pleasure divisions by both organizations, for a total of four awards. Nine-year-old Renee, who the

attends Moraine Elementary School where she is in the fourth grade, competes in the 10 and under Walk Trot division.

Renee was named the 10 and under Walk Trot Equitation Champion and the 10 and under Walk Trot Pleasure Champion for the Michigan Justin Morgan Horse Association.

Horses winning awards at the Michigan Horse Show Association's year end high-point awards banquet were: in the Arabian Division "Noble Fashion," owned by Carol Geake of Northville, in English Pleasure, Open Champion: "Hi Volt," owned by Annette Hedquist of Northville, in Country English Pleasure, Open Champion; "Granted." owned by Tammy L. Geake of Northville, in Show Hack and in Native Costume. Champions in both: Carriage Driving Division -"Burr Oak Rouge," owned by Betsy Northrup of Northville, in Pleasure Driving, Obstacles. Champion:

Finale," owned by Sandy Heligman of Northville, in Mare Halter, Reserve: "AFF Flashback," owned by Paula Messier of Northville, in English Pleasure, Open Reserve; "Sazerac." owned by Marie A. Thomas of Novi, in English Pleasure. JTR Champion: "Destiny Dutch," owned by Natalie Good of Northville, English Pleasure, JTR Reserve; "Thorntree Jason," owned by Maril Zbic of Northville, in Hunter Pleasure and in Western Pleasure, AATR Champions in both: "Fairhaven Federal Express," owned by Julie Christopher, in Western Pleasure. Open Reserve: "Fille Royal," owned by Thurman Autry of Novi, Reserve; and *Hevonen Ultimation," owned by Julie Christopher, Western Pleasure, JTR Champion.

Exhibition includes work

by area artist

Mary Poole of Northville will exhibit a water color collage at the 1997 Festival of the Arts on March 7 through 9 at Nativity Episcopal Church, located at 21220 W. Fourteen Mile in Bloomfield Township. The free juried art exhibit is

Erin Thomas of Novi recently School, was named champion for Morgan Division - "Weather open on Saturday and Sunday from noon until 5 p.m. and on Sunday from noon until 4 p.m. In addition to the exhibit, there will be a variety of performing arts. ranging from jazz plano to Irish folk music to Celtic harp and dulcimer music.

There is a \$5 donation for special programs and the artist reception. For more information on the

Festival of the Arts, call (810) 646-4100.

Novi linguist

to address Woman's Club

"Bridging the Languages of Japan and America" will be the topic of Izumi Suzuki at the Northville Woman's Club meeting on Friday, Feb. 21.

The meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. in Boll Fellowship Hall at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main Street in Northville. Guests are welcome.

The chairperson of the day is Betty Griffin.

If you have information for the In Our Town column, call Carol Workens at 349-1700.

'Woman's Day' editor slated for Town Hall

By CAROL WORKENS Staff Writer

Northville Town Hall's third speaker of its 36th season will be Woman's Day editor-in-chief and vice president Jane Chestnutt on March 10.

The lecture begins at 11 a.m. at the Holiday Inn West, 17123 North Laurel Park Drive in Livonia, and will be followed by a luncheon.

Chestnutt was named editorin-chief of Woman's Day in 1991. The magazine has an estimated readership of 22 million per issue.

Chestnutt joined Woman's Day as an assistant editor in 1978 then took on the responsibility for beauty coverage. She was named beauty, fashlon and health director in 1989. In 1992. she was named one of Aducek's editors of the year.

Chestnutt was selected to participate in the 1993-95 Leadership New York Program. She serves on the Business Advisory Council of Washington Irving High School in New York City and heads the mentoring committee of Women in Communications Inc.



Jane Chestnutt

She is also a member of the American Society of Magazine Editors. The Fashion Group International and the YWCA Academy of Achievers.

For more information regarding the Northville Town Hall Series for 1996-97, call ticket and luncheon chairperson Carmen Kuckenbecker at (810) 349-7227.

ABWA designates top member of year

By CAROL WORKENS Staff Writer

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association named Patrizia Corona the 1997-98 Woman of the Year at the Eighth Annual Business Associate's Event held on Feb. 10 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Novi.

Since Corona became member of ABWA in 1992, she has been the chapter secretary, chaired the Dance Fund-raising Committee. the Audition Committee and the Newsletter Committee.

"(ABWA) is not just networking and social groups," Corona said. Programs put on are also to educate the members as well, not just to keep them interested in the group.

Corona is also the editor of the chapter's monthly newsletter which keeps members informed not only about the Novi chapter's activities but other chapters' and the national chapter's activities as well. The newsletter won one out of five awards at the Great Lakes Region of the ABWA's spring conference.

A resident of West Bloomfield, Corona is a vice president and partner with FISCL Securities. Inc. She received a bachelor of science degree in finance from Wayne State University and has earned several securities industry licenses from the National Association of hour at 6:30 p.m. and dim Securities Dealers, Inc. and a ParaPlanner Certification from the College of Financial Planning. The 1996-97 Executive Board of ABWA, call (810) 348-2000.

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-Patri ABWA Woman

the ABWA includes Dr. Ka Duncan, president; Betty vice president; Carol Emsle retary and Barbara Nette surer.

Upcoming ABWA events the Second Annual Networ gle on March 20 from 5:30 30 p.m. at the Maple C Club in Novi located at Fo Mile and Decker roads.

The Annual Flower Sale held on May 10. Orders are ahead of time and proceed the flower sale benefit the tion and Scholarship fund.

The Novi chapter of 35 m meets on the second Mon the month at the DoubleTre in Novi beginning with a

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Patrizia Corona was named 'Woman of the Year' by ABWA.

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Dancer's ready and willing to go

By CAROL WORKENS Staff Writer

Donnell Quaker is on call. Whenever the Detroit Piston's dance team has a boy/girl dance routine. Donnell is ready.

Middle School in Northville, Donnell first danced with the team a ent, you should go couple of months ago.

it was a really cool experience. because I got a chance to meet the girls, got a chance to see the players, and what it's like to dance in a stadium and to be on television." Donnell said

Tania Garrant of Novi, a member of the Piston's dance team and a former Piazza Dance Company student, asked Donnell if he would like to try out to be on call for the occasional guy parts the team has.

Donnell takes tap, jazz and ballet dance lessons at Piazza in Northville Township four days a week. He switched from gymnastics to jazz when he was 6-years-old, and it is remains his favorite form of dance.

"It was hard work but it was still fun." he said

Sometimes Donnell wishes he wasn't the only boy in the dance. class, but it just means he gets quite a bit of attention

"A lot of people think dancing is just for girls," Donnell said "I don't think so if you like to do it and have the talent, you should go ahead

"When you dance you get compliments from the guys too " he -

"A lot of people think dancing is just for girls. I don't think so. If you like An eighth grader at Meads Mills to do it and have the talahead."

-Domeli Quaker Dancer

said. *Dancing is fun and it keeps you in shape.

When not dancing, Donnell likes playing recreational basketball and the saxophone.

Donnell's favorite subjects are science and social studies. He is a member of the choir at school and is enrolled in the after-school forensics (acting) class.

Right now his sights are set on the performing arts, especially acting, singing and dancing.

Donnell just finished doing a show for magician Don Jones in Columbus, Ohio, where he was the youngest dancer in the show.

At present he is preparing for a solo in Starquest, a local dance competition held in March. He has competed in dance competitions in Florida and Maryland where he placed first in the solo and group categories.

Donnell lives in Northville with his mother, Tayeta Quaker, and his



Donnell Quaker is an eighth grade student at Meads Mill.

Besides Garrant, other residents on the Detroit Piston's dance team

include Lisa Marie Dopierala of Novi and Jennifer Kaipio Abramczyk of Northville

On Campus

Northville resident AARON DAAVETTILA is among the students who are degree candidates at Michigan Technological University. Daavettila will graduate summa cum Laude with a bachelor of science

degree in mechanical engineering.

KAREN ANN COOK of Northville was named to the Dean's List for the 1996 fall semester at Lake Superior State University. Students must attain at least a 3.5 grade point average in order to receive recognition Cook is a sophomore majoring in electrical engineering

Kalamazoo College has announced the winners of its 1996-97 Honors and Competitive Scholarships, which are renewable each year. Each of the following Northville students received an Honors Scholarship, RAVI J. MUJUMDAR, the son of Jayant and Revati Mujumdar, ERIN M. O'LEARY, the daughter of Matthew Clarence and Jean Lee O'Leary. EMILY A. REARDON, the daughter of Joseph T. and Elizabeth M. Reardon, and JESSICA A. SCHEIDT the daughter of Steven Jerry and Linda Lee Scheidt

JASON MALM WIS named to the Dean's List this past semester at McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science at Northwestern.

North Park College in Chicago, Ill. This recognition is reserved for students who have carned a grade point average of 3 5 or above. Maim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Maim of Northville.

RICHARD KRAFT BELL, a junior from Northville, was named to the fall semester Dean's List at Taylor University in Upland, Ind. To be named to the Dean's List, students are required to have a 3.6 grade point average for the term

CHRIS R. BARBARA was named to the Dean's List for fall semester at The University of Findlay in Ohio

In order to receive recognition, students must attain a grade point average of at least 3 5 on a four-point scale.

Barbara is a communications major from Northville.

DAVID P. ROSSING has been named to the Dean's List for the fall quarter at Northwestern University. Students on the Dean's List have attained a grade point average of at least 3.75.

Rossing, a junior from Northville, is enrolled in the Robert R.



Births



Diana and Eric Freeburg proudly announce the birth of their second child, ERICA MARIE. Erica was born on Tuesday, Dec. 3, 1996, at Hutzel Hospital in Detroit. She

weighed 7 pounds. 11 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

Awaiting her at her Northville home was her big brother. Brian who is 3-years-old. Her grandpar-ents are Herb and Mildred Hudolin, formerly of Northville. and Robert and Leslie Freeburg 4 Drayton Plains.

Rose Bielat

David and Amy Stuart Bielat of Superior Township are proud to announce the birth of their daughter. ROSE MARCELLA, on Ded 20, 1996. She was born at St Joseph's Hospital in Ann Arbor. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 20 inches in length Her grandparents are Gerald

and Judith Stuart of Northville. Karen Jackson of Grosse lle an l Clar Bielat of Southgate. Her great grandmothers are Rita Shelferly ci Northville and Haddie Weatherford of Brooklyn, Mich.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 1997-MARCH

Tuesday, March 4, 1997	1:00-5:00 p.m.	 (Appointment on'y)
Saturday, March 8, 1997	9.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m.	(Walk-In)
Tuesday, March 11, 1997	1:00-5:00 p.m. and 6:00-9:00 p.m.	 (Appointment only)
Monday, March 10, 1997	1:00-5:00 p.m. and 6:00-9:00 p.m.	(Appointment on'y)
(2-6/20-97 NR 15149)	SUE A. H	LLÉE RAND, CLERK

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 18.562 ----**ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 562**

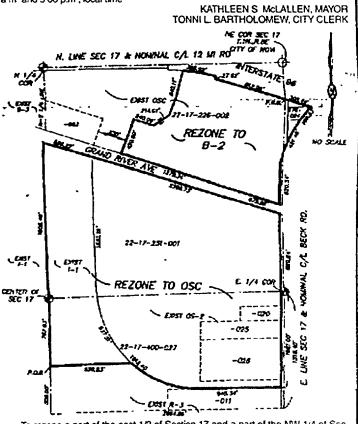
CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:

PART I. That Ordinance No. 84-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi, is hereby amended by the amending of the Zoning Map as indicated on ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 562, attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

PART II, CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed

PART III: WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, hea'th and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. It shall be published within fifteen (15) days of adoption. The effective date of this Ordinance is February 25, 1997.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan, this 10th day of February, 1997. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8 00 a m and 5:00 p.m, local time



brother, Devaughn, 20.

To rezone a part of the east 1/2 of Section 17 and a part of the NW 1/4 of Section 16, T.1N , R 8E. City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Southerly nght-of-way line of Interstate 96 so a point being S02°00'50'E 421.77 feet along the east line of Section 17 from the Northeast comer of Section 17, thence S74°00'10'E 305.42 feet along the Southerly Southerly Section 17, thence S74°00'10'E 305.42 feet along the Southerly Section 17, thence S74°00'10'E 300'10'E 300'10'E 300'10'E 300'10'E 300'10'E 30'10'E 30'10'E 30'10 hight-of-way line of Interstate 96, to the Westerly right-of-way line of Beck Road thence S34*48'28'W 169 97 feet along said Westerly right-of-way line the ce the: ce along said Northerly right-of-way line of Grand River Ave. (50' 1/2' right-of-way) thence N73°26'47'W 1279.34 feet along said Northerly right-of-way line, thence N16'33'13'E 420 00 feet; thence S73°26'47'E 240 00 feet, thence N53 57'32'E 214 01 feet; thence N16'33'13'E 540.11 feet to a point on the Southerly right-of-way feet of Letter 14.0 thence N56'S7'32'E 214 UT reet; mence NT63513 E 540.11 reet to a point on the Southerly right-of-way line of Interstate 96; thence 386 62 leet along a curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 1860.08 feet; a central angle of 11°5432° and a chord bearing and dis-tance of S81°06'41°E 385 92 feet along said Southerly right-of-way line, thence S15°59'50°W 27.62 feet along said Southerly right-of-way line, thence S74 00'10°E 812.29 feet along said Southerly nght-of-way line to the point of beginning. Containing 42 6 acres

FROM: OSC OFFICE-SERVICE-COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

FROM: OSC OFFICE-SERVICE-COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO: B-2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT Also, beginning at the east 1/4 corner of Section 17; thence S00'44 30'W 1081.00 feet along the east ine of Section 17 (nominal CL Beck Road) thence S89'23'26'W 945 34 leet to a point of curvature; thence 1812.40 feet along a curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 1168 98 feet, a central angle of 88 50 19' and a chord bearing and distance of N46'11'25'W 1636 35 leet, thence N01'46'15'W 1552.16 feet to the Southerly right-of-way line of Grand River Ave (50' 1/2 right-of-way), thence S71'51'24'E 2288.73 feet along said Southerly right-of-way to the east line of Section 17 (nominal CL of Beck Road), thence S00'51'23'E 880 64 feet along said East line to the point of beginning. Containing 107 6 acres FROM: OS-2 PLANNED OFFICE SERVICE OISTRICT TO: OSC OFFICE-SERVICE-COMMERCIAL DISTRICT Also, beginning at a point on the N-S 1/4 line of Section 17, said point being

Also, beginning at a point on the N-S 1/4 line of Section 17, said point being S00*44'30'W 1319.40 leet along the east line of Section 17 (nominal C/L Beck Road) and S89*24'58'W 2664 86 leet to the N-S 1/4 line of Section 17 and N00°19'45'W 550 00 feet along said N-S 1/4 line to the point of beginning, thence continuing N00°19'45'W 767.63 feet along said N-S 1/4 line to the center of Section 17; thence continuing along said N-S 1/4 line N01°46'15'W 1805 48 feet to the Southerly right-of-way line of Grand River Ave. (50° 1/2 right-of-way): thence S71°51'24'E 586.22 feet along said right-of-way line; thence S01°46'15'E 1552 16 feet to a point of curvature; thence 937.51 feet along a curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 1168 98 feet, a central angle of 45°57'14" and chord bearing and distance of S24*44'52'E 912.65 feet, thence S89'24'58'W 926'93 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 33 6 acres. FROM. I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

OSC OFFICE-SERVICE-COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ORDINANCE 18.562 CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION TO.

I, Tonni L. Bartholomew, Clerk of the City of Novi, do hereby certify that the above Ordinance was approved and adopted by the Council of the City of Novi, at a Regular Meeting thereol, duly called and held on the 10th day of February. 1997, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law. (2-20-97 NR, NN 16097) TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK



Mailin and Todd VanHoosear

Mailin Otero and Todd Ellis Van-Hoosear were married July 20. 1996. at 5 p.m. in Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia. Rev. Keith Peters officiated at the double ring ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her father. Juan Otero. A reception for 200 guests followed at the Washtenaw Country Club in Ypsilanti.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Otero of Windsor, Ontario. She graduated from W.D. Lowe High School in 1993 and plans to enroll in the college of Natural Sciences at Michigan State University.

Serving as maid of honor was Zaimar Otero of Windsor. Bridesmaids were Sue-Ling Chang of Windsor: Leigh-Ann Regnier of Techumseh, Ontario: Madi Sein of Windsor; Rebecca Lynn Van-Hoosear of Northville: and Maria Vojnovic of Windsor. Attending as ring bearer was brother of the bride Odel Otero, also from Windsor.

The bride wore a silk shantung empire-style gown accented with Venice lace and rosettes. The skirt

was a full princess line with three satin rosettes and streamers in the back. Complimenting the short satin cuffed sleeves were delicate white gloves.

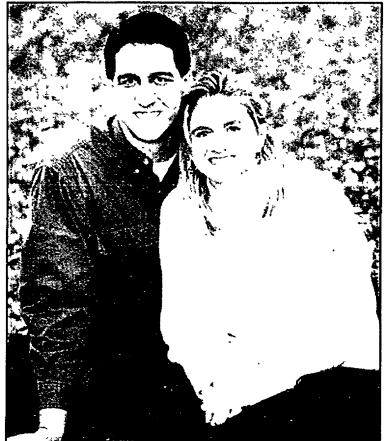
The veil was waist length with a scalloped headpiece of satin flowers, leaves and pearl sprays.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis R. VanHoosear of Northville. He graduated from Northville High School in 1988. and from Michigan State University in 1992. He is employed as a programmer/analyst and instructor for the Michigan State University computer laboratory.

Attending the groom was best man Lt. Michael James Method II of Northville. Groomsmen were Kolyan Das Gupta of Atlanta. Ga.. formerly of Northville, Brad Guerro of Livonia, Geoff Jenkins of East Lansing, Henry Maicki II of West Bloomfield, Derek McAleer of Southfield, and Michael Runge of Annandale, Va.

The couple vacationed in Hawaii for two weeks. They now reside in Lansing, Mich.

Engagement



Paul Klemmer/Kristi Wellbaum

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Wellbaum of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristi Smith, to Paul Klemmer, son of Jerry and Martha Klemmer of Commerce Township.

The bride-elect and daughter of the late Larry M. Smith, graduated from Northville High School in 1992. She earned her bachelor's degree in education at Michigan State University in 1996, and is currently doing her internship at

Reunions

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL: The Class of 1987 is planning a 10-year reunion in August. Alumni should send their name and address to Class of 1987, P.O. 7102, Novi, MI 48376-7102.

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REDFORD HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1967, 30-year reunion, Aug. 9. For more information, call Jim at (810) 926-5758 or Sandi at (810) 669-4716

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE**

Date. February 25, 1997 Time 7:00 p.m. Place: Northwile:Township Own Center

41600 West Six Mile Road

The Planting Commission of the Charter Township of Northville has scheduled a Public Hearing for Tuesday, February 25, 1997 at 7.00 p.m at the Northwile Town-ship Civic Center, 41600 West Six Mile Road, Northwile, Michigan, on proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments. The proposed changes apply to Section 18 34. Tree and Woodland Protection; Section 17.1, Schedule of Regulations, New Article, Commercial Recreation Distinct. The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments and questions. Written comments regarding the proposed changes will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 41600 West Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48167. The text for the proposed changes are available for review in the Planning Department between the hours of 8 00 a m and 4 00 p.m. Monday through Friday

(2-6/20-97 NR 15143)

RICHARD ALLEN, CHAIR PLANNING COMMISSION

Hillside Elementary School in

The bridegroom elect is a 1989

graduate of Lakeland High school.

He received his bachelor's degree

in accounting at Michigan State University in 1993: he is currently

studying for his master's in busi-

ness administration at the Univer-

sity of Michigan. He is employed in

finance at Ford Motor, Co. in

A June 7 wedding is planned.

Farmington Hills.

Anniversary



Louise and Royal Keller

Royal and Louise (Atchison) Keller celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 4, 1997, at Northville Recreation Center. A surprise party was given in their honor by son. Robert, of Northville. Among the family and friends attending the party was their niece. Cynthia Pinion of Wayne and her family, Troy, who lives in and her children, Rebecca and Ashley who live in Canton.

Royal and Louise were married Jan. 4, 1947, in a minister's home in South Lyon. They have lived their married life in Northville and are members of the Northville Baptist Church. Before retirement. Royal was employed by the city. and Louise was a nurse at Seces-Southfield, and Bobble Jo Pinion sion Hospital, now Star Manor.

Got news to share?

Have you recently become engaged? Newly betrothed? Or are you proud new parents? Are you celebrating a big anniversary?

Send the information and picture if you have one to The Northville Record/Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, or stop by the office and pick up a birth, engagement or wedding announcement form and well see to it that your happy news appears in the paper. There is no charge.

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

Please note: The Township of Northville has several openings for citizen reprentatives on the Ethics Committee. The Township has an adopted Code of Ethics and a committee that oversees, makes recommendations, reviews and investigates complaints of non-compliance

The Ethics Committee generality meets 1 or 2 times per year, or more often as needed to review and investigate any compliants filed. The members are chosen by a lottery drawing as defined by the Code of Ethics Policy

If you are interested, please contact the Clerk's office for an application form Code of Ethics Policy is available for review also. For consideration, the application needs to be returned to the Clerk by March 6 1997 The lottery drawing will take place at the March 13 1997 Board of Trustee's regular meeting (2-13-97 NR 15819) SUE HILLEBRAND, CLERK

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF MEETING **OF BOARD OF REVIEW**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review shall convene in its first session

SALE OF FIRE TRUCK The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Sale of a 1976 Ford/Almont

Tanker according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Wednesday, March 5, 1997, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows: CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI

REQUEST FOR BIDS

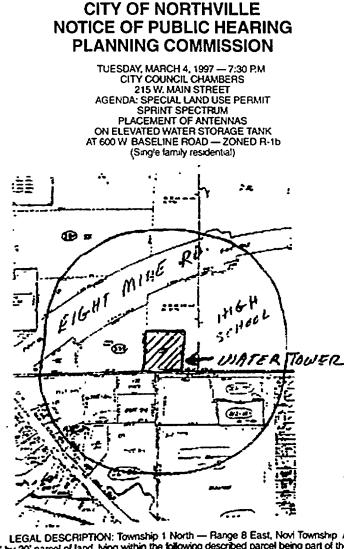
CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd. Novi, MI 48375-3024

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "Fire Truck" AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

This vehicle is sold as is. Vehicle may be inspected at the City of Novi Fire Station #1 located at 42975 Grand River, Novi, Michigan Cash or Cashiers check are the only acceptable methods of payment. Vehicle must be paid for and picked up within 30 days of notification of award

(2-20-97 NR, NN 16002)

CAROL J. KALINOVIK. PURCHASING DIRECTOR (810) 347-0446



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Township 1 North — Range 8 East, Novi Township A 20' by 30' parcel of land, lying within the following described parcel being part of the W/2 SW/4 of Section 34, described as beginning at a point on the South section line 1010.3' East of the south-west corner of Section 34, Thence North 198', Thence 1010.3' East of the South-West corner of Section 34, Thence North 198', Thence 1010.3' East of the South-Section East of the South-Section 10' to 10' t East 231', Thence South 198' to the South Section line, thence West the P.O.B. to be more fully described by survey, along with antenna space on the Water Tower

tocated on said parcel, and space for cable runs from the antennas to the ste. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE CITY BUILDING DEPART-MENT 810-349-1300 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 800 A.M. AND 4:30 P.M. RICHARD STARLING, CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL (2-19-97 NR 15896)

CITY OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF REVIEW WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review of the City of Northvile, Wayne and Oakland Counties, will meet at the City Hall, 215 West Main Street for the purpose of reviewing and adjusting the Assessment Rolls of the City of Northville on the loliowing dates: TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1997: 1.00 to 5 00 p.m. and 6 00 to 9 00 p m

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1997. 9 00 a m to 12 00 p.m. and 1 00 to 4 30 p.m. TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 1997. 1.00 to 5 00 p.m. and 6 00 to 9 00 p.m.

Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed value for 1997, the Wayne and Oakland County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 1997 Real and Personal Property Assessments' WAYNE COUNTY — Commercial Real 1 00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1 00, All Personal Property — 1 00 OAKLAND COUNTY — Commercial Real 1.00, Industrial Real 1 00, Residential Real 1 00, All Personal Property 1.00.

ALL TAXPAYERS wishing to review their taxable value or assessments with the Board of Review will be seen by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Appontments must be made on or before 4:30 p.m. EST, Finday, March 21, 1997. Please contact the Tax Department at City Hall at 349-1300 for an appointment or with any questions you have regarding your 1997 taxable value or assessment

BOARD OF REVIEW DIANE ROCKALL, CHAIR MAUREEN RYAN JEANNE FEDERSPILL

(2-20/27 & 3-6-97 NR 15897)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

DATE: March 4, 1997

TIME: 7:00 p.m. PLACE: Northville Township Crvic Center

41600 W. Six Mile Road

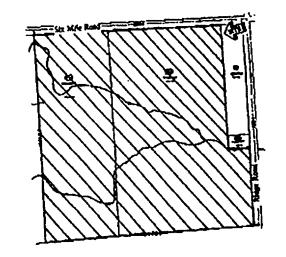
Northville, MI 48167

There will be a public hearing on a request for re-zoning of property in Northville Township. This request is to rezone property located on the south side of Six Mile Road, West of Ridge Road, Northville, MI, from B-3 and RM-1 to I-1.

The public is invited to attend this hearing and express their comments and auestions

(2-13/27-97 NR 15815)

RICHARD ALLEN, CHAIR PLANNING COMMISSION



at 9 00 a.m. EST, Tuesday, March 4, 1997 in the Novi Assessor's Conference room at 45175 W. Ten MAe Rd. for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment roll.

Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment protests in the Novi Cety Council Chambers at 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd on March 10, 11 & 12, 1997. All appearances before the Board will be by appointment only If you or your representa-tive want to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5 00 p.m. EST, Finday, March 7, 1997. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to three (3) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office. NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE.

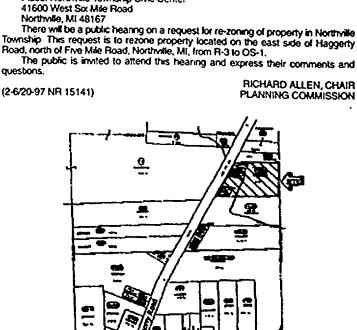
Written protests will be accepted on or before 5.00 p.m. EST, Wednesday, March 12, 1997. Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a written pebtion for the Board of Review's consideration, you must attach the formal petition (available at the Assessor's Office), fully executed along with any supporting information.

All agents protesting values on property other than their own, MUST HAVE wrtten authonzation from each property owner they are representing BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE:

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Date February 25, 1997

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School News

ORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Although the second semester has just begun it is still time to think about next school year. The incoming ninth graders are already touring the building as well as visiting some of the ninth grade classrooms. Dr. Johnson Is meeting with small groups of parents as they to try to make he transition from middle school to high school as simple as possible for the whole family. If you have a ninth grader for the 1997-98 school year. please contact Ms. Mimikos by calling 344-8425 to set up a date for orintation

Spirit Week will be the week of March 8 this semester. In keeping with tradition, it promises to be a week full of fun and surprises with activities all day including during lunch hour.

This month's "Pat on the Back" goes to the following teachers: Karen Motz, Joseph Schembrie, Bo Hall, Ann Cook, Carla Tibble, Kurt Kinde, Maureen Gorshak, Diana Hoffman, Tim Turner, and the bus driver, Ray Gívens.

After a lot of thorough meetings and time, an alternative schedule was ready for a test. A group of freshmen and teachers were chosen to experiment. Rather than attending four class hours between 7:30 and 11:30 a.m. each day, students attended two 90-minute classes split by one 45minute seminar period. This allowed for an every other day class schedule and time for interdisciplinary projects, speakers and group activities.

Although there was some hesitation on both students' and teachers' part, the experiment turned out well. They both fell into the routine quickly and after surveying the students, most felt the alternative schedule allowed them time to process information more thoroughly and allowed them to see integration between subjects. They also felt that they had more one-on-one time with the teacher to clear up any questions they had on the materials they learned

To address a few of the students' concerns there will be another attempt during the third term with a few changes. Then both schedules fill be examined.

Senior art student Heidi Appel who has received a \$4,000 scholarship to the Kendall School of Design. She has been recognized for her assisance with the Northville High School inclusion program for helping special education's severely physically impaired students with art projects, color selection, note taking, etc. Heidi was a 1994-95 academic award winner while maintaining a 3.5 grade point average.

Thanks to 50 students from Diana Hoffman's and Kelly Sheckell's psychology class, Christmas was a much happier event for 16 families in Detroit. The students chose the families through The Detroit News' Helping Hands Program. They purchased clothing, toys, and food for each of the needy families. Vicki Zidell and many other staff members assisted in the effort, and were aided by the organizational skills of student Katacia Williams and all of the student congress.

Another successful blood drive was held by the Student Congress recently with 95 pints of life-saving blood donated.

Several Northville High School students have won prizes in the VFW Voice of Democracy program. The VFW honored the following students at a dinner along with their sponsor Deanne Sovereen. First, Donna Kallio: second, Anne Wang, third, Rob Senecal, fourth, Heather Wadowski, and fifth, Sonal Prasad

-Helen Ghannam

COOKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The February meeting of the Cooke ITSA was called to order by president Dale Otterman. Dale announced that due to the successful efforts of many PTSA activities, we again will have some excess funds to disburse. The disbursement committee welcomes ideas from parents and faculty These funds will be used for activities directly affecting students. Dale also was very pleased that Cooke has almost reached its goal of 100 percent family participation. As PTA celebrates its 100th anniversary, let's all try to do our part to achieve the 100 percent goal again this year

When students return from mid-winter break. Feb. 24. Cooke will begin Red Ribbon Week. The sixth graders will have Tim Cusak speak to them about responsibility and respect for others

The seventh graders will visit the 35th District Court while it's in ses sion. The eighth graders will have Jon Foley speak to them about the dangers of drinking and driving. These are very worthwhile programs for our students to participate in

Feb 24 is also the night Cooke will host the Northville School Board meeting. All Cooke parents and friends are welcome to attend. The meet . ing begins of 7:30 p.m. # 11 Carlos

The after-school activity originally scheduled for Feb. 27 has been changed to March 12, since many sixth graders will be in Florida on Feb. 27 The Reflections competition received 1.832 entries. The following stu-

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dents who will have their entries submitted to the state competition: Kathy Roach, Justin Craig, Katie Zawacki, and Meghan Edmonds.

The following students were "Caught Being Good:" Jeff Liska and Mark McKinnie. "Citizens of the Month" are: sixth grade - Mike Fill, Jonathan Masnari, Wan Sheu, Jeremy Dunnabeck, Che Martinez, Matt Hanson, Adrienne Kay; seventh graders - Kim Walsh, Billy Adkins, Jesse Myers, All Stewart: eighth graders - Scott Weicksel, Jenny Sykes, Maureen Melvin, Joe Rumbley, Victoria Hollister.

Javne Tuite has been chosen as "Colleague of the Month." Tuite teaches eighth grade math and English.

Art teacher Iain Burrell needs magazines. Any family who would like to donate magazines they no longer want can drop them off in the office or his art room.

On Feb. 26, the eighth grade will have a band concert at Northville High School. Feb. 28. progress reports will be mailed home.

Looking ahead to March, Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on March 4, from 3-5 p.m., and on March 6, from 12:15-2:45 p.m. and 5-30 p.m. Six of eight teams will be conducting student-led conferences.

At 7 p.m. on March 11, there will be a choir concert at Northville High School. The sixth and seventh grade band concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. on March 13. The March meeting of PTSA will be at 9:15 a.m. on March 13, one week later than usual.

MEADS MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Meads Mills has been very busy with the yearly Science Fair which was held Feb. 5 and 6. All eighth graders and many sixth and seventh graders participated with some wonderful projects covering 17 categories.

It is time again for parent-teacher conferences which will be held on March 4 and 6. Also for parents of eighth graders, Northville High School has been holding small group orientation sessions. There will be one on March 5, at 9 a.m. and one on April 5, at 8 a.m. Parents need to call Ms. Mimikos to make an appointment.

Many activities are planned at Meads during the month of March. Eight graders will begin career exploration with an assembly on the 19th. Students will be able to hear a speaker discuss jobs of the future, and will be able to participate in a one-on-one interview simulation.

The 12th Annual Meads Mill Read-a-Thon will also take place in March with many activities to promote reading, including the D.E.A.R. (drop everything and read) days, team reading, and a student book fair.

After-school programs in our community and school make it easier for our kids to stay busy. Meads has received a grant to conduct an afterschool program on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45 to 4 p.m. with bus transportation. Many activities have been planned for that time. We would like to thank Mr. Campbell, the manager of Rocky's of

Northville restaurant, for his academic motivation program. He is generously offering a free dinner to all sixth graders at Cooke and Meads who achieved a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the second school marking period. Seventh graders with the same grade point average for the third quarter will be recognized in the spring, and eighth graders will be recognized at the end of the school year.

We would like to congratulate the basketball team at Meads for their exciting season which ended with a 10-0 record. With its undefeated record last year, the team has achieved a 20-0 career record over the last two years. The eighth grade team was coached by Bryan Masi.

Meads Mill's students that were "caught being good" this month include Renee Bradley, Emily Hines, Dennis McVittie, Jon-Paul Misiulis, Andrew Seal, Rumi Eguchi, Alexandra Katona, Alejandra Medina, Benjamin Parker, and Katherine Sullivan.

Our "Cutteens of the Month" are: Emily Carbott, Matthew Cornelius. Jeffrey David. Erin Kaye. Joanna Lee. Elizabeth Piet, Nicole Sobasco. Robert Carter, Adam Crain, Kyle Patrice DeLavey, Kathryn Kinville, Mary Matossian, Karen Simon, Jason Stegall, and Mark Thomson.

Jane F. Kebrier, assistant vice president at the Standard Federal Bank on Six Mile and Haggerty, will post their pictures at the bank.

Sen. Robert Geake will also be recognizing one citizen of the month per grade per month from January to June. For January, they are: Joseph Lunn for sixth grade; John Sannar for seventh grade; and Stephanie McNeilance for eighth grade. These students will receive certificates from Sen Geake from Lansing

The next PTSA meeting will be held Feb. 27 at 9:30 a.m. Jacque Marun-Downs, MA. MSW, will speak on parenting middle school children. Feb. 17 marked the 100th year anniversary of the founding of the PTA. -Lissette Macfarlane

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Church Notes

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH, 770 Thayer Boulevard in Northville, has begun the Soup Suppers on Fridays during Lent. A freewill offering will be accepted with all money going to the Soup Kitchen at St. Leo's Parish.

Attendees should meet in the Social Hall at 6 p.m. followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

For more information, call the church at 349-2621.

Episcopalians and Lutherans in Novi will come together during Lent for a light supper and conversation on the proposed Concordat of Agreement between the Episcopal Church in the United States and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America at SPIRIT OF CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 40700 West Ten Mile Road in Novi. and alternating weeks with CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS (Episcopal) at 46200 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

The event began on Wednesday, Feb. 19, and continues through Wednesday, March 19.

The series, entitled "Table Talks," starts at 7 p.m. and will feature a meal, presentation and closing worship.

For more information, please call Spirit of Christ at (810) 477-6296 or Holy Cross at (810) 349-1175.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE, 200 East Main Street, continues its Lenten series "Presbyterianism 101" with Pas-; tor W. Kent Clise discussing "The Ten Commandments" on Wednesday Feb. 26 from 7:15 until 8:30 p.m. in the Library Lounge.

Babysitting is provided at \$2 per child. Sign up is necessary to adequately staff the play room.

The Congregational Life Committee is sponsoring a Soup Dinner in Boll-Hall at 6:30 p.m., just prior to the Lenten series. A free-will offering will be accepted. Sign up in Boll Hall for both events. For more information, call (810) 349-0911.

OAK POINTE CHURCH, a new, contemporary, non-denominational church, meets for a one-hour service at 10 a.m. at the Northville High. School Auditorium. The opening series for February and March, "What Is" God Really Like?," will explore the character and relevance of God. On Feb. 23, the topic will be "Protective: He is Our Security."

There will be a live band, coffee and baked goods.

There will also be children's programs for ages newborn through 11. For more information, call Bob Shirock at (810) 626-0372.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, located at 201 Elm Street behind Shopping Center Market, will hold its third Lenten Worship on Wednesday. Feb. 26, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The theme of the message for the evening will be "His Tears. Our Tears. No Tears."

Prior to the worship there will be a Lenten supper offered in the gym. The public is cordially invited to both the worship service and the Lenten supper.

For more information, call the church at 349-3140.

Singles

SINGLE PLACE, an adult ministry for single people at First Presbyteri-' an Church of Northville, meets for brunch at Northville Crossing at 12:30 p.m. on Sundays.

"Stress Reductions" with speaker Arnold Keller or an open forum on "Money Talks the Second Time Around!" with facilitator Sandy Baumann will be the topics for the Single Place meeting in Boll Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 26.

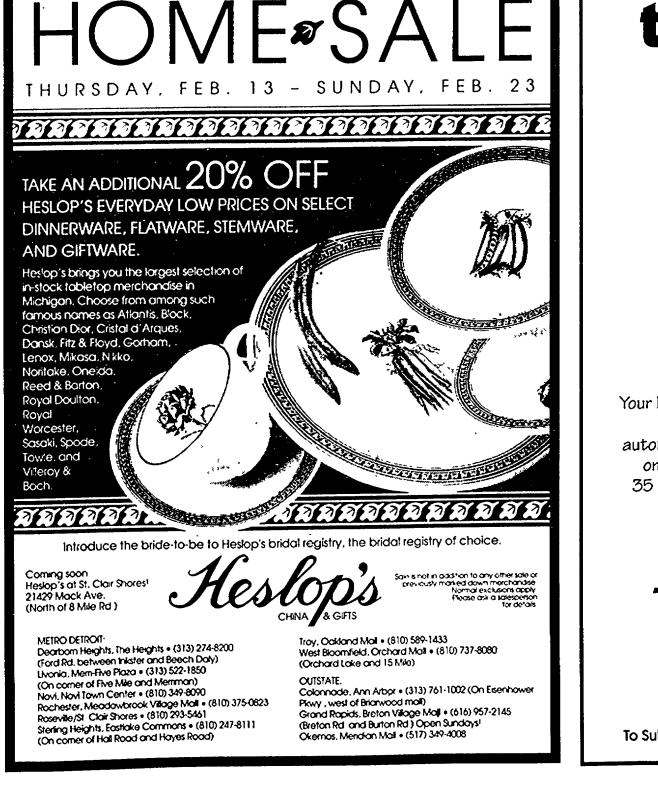
Sports events for the month include bowling on Feb. 28 and volleyball on Feb. 21. Bowling is at Novi Bowl, 21700 Novi Road. The cost is \$6 plus shoes. Volleyball is held at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main Street. The cost is \$4.

Dinner and Dancing is scheduled at Memories in Brighton on Feb. 22. "How to Meet Across a Crowded Room: A Course in Basic Dating Skills" continues on Thursdays through Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 in advance and \$28 at the door. The speaker will be Lynn Vaughn.

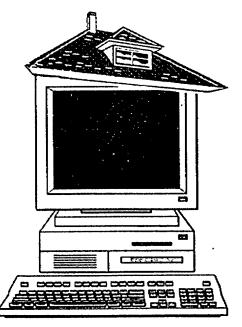
For more information about any of the Single Place programs or to register, call 349-0911.

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Variety of talent booked at Raven

Michael Katon returns to the alternative music which features Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe for two shows on Friday, Feb. 21. Shortly after his performance at the Raven. Katon will be leaving to go on a European tour.

Although Katon is known for his heavy roadhouse rock 'n' roll, he performs acoustic music when at the Raven. His last appearance was in October.

The songs will be blues-based. but in Katon's style, so they may not be recognizable as stemming from a blues background.

Katon prefers to write his music at three in the morning and has just produced his sixth CD called Bustin' up the Joint.

Katon has been playing acoustic music for about a year since he began getting bookings at cafes like the Coyote in Pontiac. He performs with his bass player Gary Rasmussen.

When not on tour, Katon settles down in a lakeside home in Hell. Mich. His hobby is fishing.

Two performances are scheduled at the Raven on Thursday, Feb. 20, when Michael King will per-form his style of eclectic, adult powerful rhythms and melodies. King, who will be performing with Tim Diaz, will showcase songs from his new album Nevada.

has worked with such artists as J.D. Lamb, Howlin' Diablos, James Wailin' and David Folks.

The folk/rock group Sister Seed will perform music with positive themes for the Raven audience on Saturday, Feb. 22.

The founding members of Sister Seed, Christine Kerwin and Alicia Gbur, each develop their own original music before coming together at the end to add the lyrics and harmonies. Gbur likes listeners to absorb a variety of impressions from her music and avoids trying to explain it.

Kerwin and Gbur began performing together about nine years ago and both play acoustic guitar and sing.

The Raven is located at 145 N. Center Street in downtown Northville.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

MADRIGAL DINNER: The Northville High School Concert Choir presents its Fourth Madrigal Dinner on Feb. 28 and March 1. Reservations must be made by Feb. 21. Tickets are \$25 each and only 125 people will be seated at each of the two dinners. Guests are invited to attend in character. Seating begins at 6:30 p.m. and the processional begins promptly at 7 p m.

To make a reservations, send a check for \$25 payable to Northville High School Choir to Sharon Bondy. 45837 Greenridge Drive. Northville, MI 48167.

THE NOVI THEATRES: The Emperor's New Clothes, by Greg Atkins, will be performed by the little people players on March 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m. and on March

returns to perform live on stage March 8 through April 27. The performance time is 2:30 p.m. No children younger than 3-

years-old will be admitted. The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in downtown Northville.

For general ticket information and for teachers to arrange for special school performance times and rates, call the theater at (810) 349-8110.

MUSIC

THE RAVEN GALLERY & ACOUSTIC CAFE: The Raven will present open mike night on Wednesdays, all acoustic music, string instruments, horns and some jazz on Thursday through Saturday evenings.

Upcoming performances include Michael King and Tim Diaz on Feb. 20; Michael Katon on Feb. 21; Sister Seed on Feb. 22; Brian Bowers on Feb. 27 and James Lee Stanley on Feb. 28.

The Raven is located at 145 N. Center Street in downtown Northville. For tic or reservations, call 349-9420.

details, call 305-8629.

Michael Katon

BRADY'S FOOD & SPIRITS: Live entertainment is offered from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Brady's Food & Spirits is located at 38123 West Ten Mile Road in the Holiday Inn in Farmington Hills.

For details, call (810) 478-7780.

CAFFE BRAVO: Caffe Bravo features the talents of many artists performing everything from classical guitar, jazz and blues to contemporary and folk music every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The cafe is located at 110 Main-Centre in downtown Northville. Call 344-0220 for details.

FRIGATES INN: Frigates offers live music every Tuesday at 8 p.m. featuring 2XL Band. The Sunset Blues Band will host the Wednesday blues jam from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. All musicians are welcome. Dance with The Globe at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

DANCING EYE GALLERY: An exhibition of new works by photographer Robert Zeichner runs through March 13. The gallery is located at 150 N.

For details, call 380-7059.

Center Street, Suite A, behind Tuscan Cafe in Northville. Its hours are Tuesday through

Thursday 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.; Friday from 11 a.m. until 9 p m.: Sat- 6 urday from 11 a.m. until 4 p m. Hours on Sunday and Monday are by appointment.

For details, call (810) 449-7086

ATRIUM GALLERY: The gallery currently features artist Laura Mostaghel and 50 contemporary jewelers showing earrings, necklaces, pendants, pins, rings and bracelets using sterling silver. bronze, copper. dichroic glass. semi-precious stones and porcelain.

Atrium Gallery is located at 109 N. Center in downtown Northville.

Michael King

The gallery is located at 43450 Grand River in Novi. Hours are 11

Tickets for adults are \$8 and for seniors and children under 12, \$7. Tickets purchased in advance are discounted \$1 each.

Performances are held at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi. For more information, call (810)

347-0400.

COOKING CLASSES: Kitchen Glamour continues its series of cooking classes with quick, low-fat recipes with Weight Watcher's consultant Ruth Johnson.

February classes include Dolly Matolan with Armenian traditional Middle-Eastern flavors on Feb. 25. The series of 13 classes is \$35 or

\$3 per class per person.

For more information, call (810) 380-8600.

PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE: The public is invited to attend the Performer's Showcase performances held prior to select city council meetings in the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. On occasion, performances may be taped by Time Warner and cablecast to residents.

Musicians, actors. poets. dancers, etc., are invited to submit application forms and audition tapes, if available, to the Novi Arts Council

For details, contact the arts council, 347-0400.

CARRIAGE RIDES: Northville Carriage Co. offers carriage rides throughout the year and packages for holidays and special occasions. For more information or reservations, call Northville Carriage Co. at 380-3961.

THEATER

TIMBERS SEAFOOD GRILLE: limbers, the home of Bananas Comedy Club, is located at 40380 Grand River west of Haggerty Road 'in Novi.

For ticket information. call (313) 724-1300.

MARGUIS: Pooh Visits Storyland

GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL: Performances of Genitti's new show, Sophia. Let's Talk, continue through March 18 on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Audience members become the guests of talk show host "Sophia Bonahue" in this interactive come-

The complete seven-course dinner and theater is \$39.95.

Performance dates for the children's interactive show "Genitti's Weird Science" will be March 8, 15, and 22. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the show. Children are \$8.99 and adults are \$10.99.

The musical comedy group Gay-lord's performs on Feb. 28 through March 1. Seats are available for the show on Feb. 28 at 8:15 p.m. at \$45 per person, which includes dinner

Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall is located at 108 E. Main Street in Northville.

For more information or to make a reservation, call (810) 349-0522.

LIBRARY SPORTS PUB AND **GRILL:** The Library Sports Pub and Grill is located at 42100 Grand River Avenue in Novi. For details, call 349-9110.

OXFORD INN: The Oxford Inn is located at43317 Grand River in Novi

For details, call (810) 305-5856.

MR. B'S FARM: Tim Flaharty hosts a blues jam every Tuesday from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Mr. B's Farm is located at Novi

Road north of Ten Mile. For more information call 349-7038.

TUSCAN CAFE: Tuscan Cafe presents a variety of entertainment nightly except Sundays.

Weekday performances are from 8:30-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday performances are from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Tuscan Cafe is located at 150 Center Street in Northville. For

ites inn is located at the cor ner of Fourteen Mile and East Lake Drive in Novi.

For details, call (810) 624-9607.

SPORTS EDITION: Every weekend guests can enjoy live entertainment at the Sports Edition Bar. located inside the Novi Hilton Hotel. 21111 Haggerty Road.

The Sports Edition is home to Intrigue and other high-powered hits groups every weekend. A cover charge begins at 8 p.m.

STARTING GATE: The Starting Gate Saloon offers live music every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Sax Appeal will perform every Friday and Saturday during February from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

The Starting Gate is located at 135 N. Center St. in downtown Northville.

ART

GATE VI GALLERY: Works of Mary Ann Eichman Relyea is on display at the Gate VI Gallery located in the Novi Civic Center now through March 15. An artist's reception will be held Friday, Feb. 21. from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m.

Relyea produces angels painted in acrylic raw umber, unbleached titanium white and gold on canvas. Local artists interested in exhibiting at the Civic Center should call (810) 347-0400.

Exhibits are in the atrium of the Civic Center for viewing during the hours that the Civic Center is open.

ART SOURCE: Art Source is located at 126 MainCentre in Northville.

Its hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Sunday noon until 4 p.m.

For details, call (810) 348-1213.

D&M ART STUDIO: The studio features a variety of artists working and/or exhibiting pieces including watercolors, acrylics, pottery and black and white prints.

Holiday hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday. For details, call (810) 349-4131.

BACKDOOR GALLERY: Farmington's Backdoor Gallery, 37220 Eight Mile Road, specializes in unusual art dolls. The gallery is in the home of co-owner Kathy Landers. She and the other owner, Kathleen Bricker, are both artists.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and by appointment. Call 474-8306

PAINTER'S PLACE: Owned by Caroline Dunphy, the gallery is located at 140 N. Center Street in downtown Northville.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday from noon until 4 p.m. or by appointment. Call 348-9544 for details

NEARBY

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COL-LEGE: In observance of Black History Month, the Orchard Ridge Campus will host a series of eight discussions on racism. The panel group will meet on Thursdays through March 27, from 1 until 2:30 p.m. in Room J-117 of OCC's Farmington Hills campus.

The sessions are free and open to the public. Preregistration is required.

The Orchard Ridge Campus is located at 17055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of 1-696 in Farmington Hills.

For details, call (810) 471-7593.

MUSIC AND COMEDY CAFE: Another Way presents Christian music and comedy on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 7 until 10:30 p.m. at Grace Chapel on the northeast corner of Twelve Mile and Halstead.

Call Julie at (810) 471-5858 for tickets which are \$7.50 in advance and \$10 at the door. Hot beverages and desserts free with admission. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

A special offering will be taken to benefit the ministry of Another Way Pregnancy Center.

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rors of staying home for the holidays. Clark has finally chosen the perfect destination.

He's selected the Promised Land where the Griswolds can enjoy their own special brand of kinship and reach certain vacation nirvana: the new family-entertainment capital of America - Las Vegas, Nevada.

But Clark didn't count on one thing. Despite Vegas' new image as a city with wholesome activities for the whole family to enjoy. its tempting underbely still lures the unsuspecting with its glitzy, glammy enchantments. And each wideeyed member of the Griswold gang becomes seduced by the easy enticements of Sin City:

Clark's eternally doting wife.

Ellen (Beverly D'Angelo), who's never had eyes for anyone but her "Sparky," fails into the thrall of Mr. Las Vegas himself. Wayne Newton. whose husky-voiced come-ons and amorous attentions might be just enough to transform her into an all-out, Newton-bomb of a "Wayniac

Clark's son Rusty (Ethan Embry), still several birthdays shy of 21, becomes hypnotized by the ca-ching of the casinos and finds a way to become the city's slickest. suavest high roller:

Shy daughter Audrey (Marisol Nichols) is introduced to the profitmaking potential of the bump-andgrind set by cage dancing Cousin Vickie (Shae D'Lyn);

And even Clark himself proves susceptible to the come-hither

siren call of the Glitter Gulch. Taunted, teased and trumped time and time again by merciless card dealer (Wallace Shawn), he falls deeper and deeper into debt. knowing that Lady Luck's coming back with the next hand ... or maybe the next ... well, definitely the next.

Okay, one more.

Clark discovers an unexpected ally. however, in Cousin Eddie (Randy Quaid), who's living with his wife. Catherine (Miriam Flynn). in comfortable squalor in a trailer outside the city. Finally bridging their vast differences in income. attire, attitude and grooming. Clark and Eddie become partners in poverty and brothers of misfortune as they conspire to hide Clark's secret soft spot for the tables.

Can the Griswolds come back together once they've tasted the high life in Lost Wages? Before their Vegas voyage is over. they'll see and do it all: wonder at the illusion of a Siegfried & Roy stage extravaganza, scale the dizzying heights of the Hoover Dam, thrill at the bulbs and buzz on the Strip and indulge in the decadent pleasures of the big-ticket suites.

How could he, even with his best-laid vacation plans ever, have foreseen a set of circumstances as unexpected as these?

"Vegas Vacation" is a Jerry Weintraub Production ("Diner." "Oh God!,") directed by Stephen Kessler, an acclaimed comedy director on the small screen who makes his feature-film debut.



Cousin Eddie (Randy Quaid) and Clark Griswold (Chevy Chase) try the dice table in Warner Bros. "Vegas Vaca-

'Jerry Maguire' has too much profanity

JERRY MAGUIRE BY BECKY REYNOLDS NORTHVILLE

OK. I'm beginning to wonder if I'm the only one with this complaint. You go see a movie. The story is pretty good. The acting is pretty good. Yet, when a friend asks your opinion you can't recommend if The reason excessive profamity.

In the first several minutes of "Jerry Maguire" if you wanted to count all the instances of the "f" word you'd quickly run out of fingers and toes. Then there's the obligatory sex scene. This one presents sex more as an aeroble activity devoid of romance or tender ness. Of course, the writers will say that this scene reveals a lot about the characters, and it does But, give me a break, these writers are paid the big bucks to be creative and this is the best they can do

But, back to that ever present word And, I do mean ever present when it comes to "Jerry Maguire." In this movie nearly everyone uses the word - the men, the women, and even the little kids. Even cherub faced Jonathan Lipnicki. who pretty much steals every scene he's in, says it.

The sad thing is that "Jerry



isn't this the same basic character he plays in most of his movies? Rence Zellweger plays the young single mother who reads Jerry's manifesto and is immediately smitten. She holds her own throughout the movie and has an innoience, that is refreshing anidst the vulgarities. Cuba Good-ing. Jr. is perfect as the football player who becomes Jerry's only client. His character in many ways is a mirror image of Jerry's and therefore they compliment each other. Where Jerry's heart is in his work and his personal life suffers. Gooding's character's heart is right in his personal life and his professional life suffers

Other parts are well served by the huggable Lipnicki and Bonnie Hunt as Zellweger's protective older sister. The only throw away might be Kelly Preston, who plays Jerry's flancee and the co-participant in the previously mentioned 'sexercise' scene. Her character helps to define the early Jerry, but if the part were eliminated you'd still be able to size Jerry up pretty well. Finally, though, why oh why. can't we have a good adult movie without so much adolescent language. There have to be a lot of us who are bored by talking pigs and dogs who think in complete sentences. We'd like smart stories about grown-up people with real problems who don't continually use profanity. Something we can recommend without reservation

TO SEE OR NOT TO SEE? Branagh's 'Hamlet' the cream of the recent Shakespeare crop

By Brad Hundt STAFF WRITER

Movies based on Shakespeare plays have been particularly plentiful within the last year or so we've been treated (or subjected, insome cases) to productions of "Othello," "Twelfth Night," "Romeo and Juliet" and two versions of "Richard III."

But leave it to Kenneth Branagh to make the cream of the recent Shakespeare crop. The 36 year-old actor/director is largely credited for making Shakespeare bankable with his robust takes on "Henry V" (1989) and "Much Ado About Nothing" (1993). Now, he has created an equally energetic render-ing of "Hamlet." perhaps Shakespeare's most lamous tragedy. Transferring the whole play to the screen. "Hamlet" is a long haul to be sure fit clocks in at over four hours, including an intermission), but it's never a dull journey. The inclusion of all the scenes and characters makes for a richer "Hamlet," with the story taking on greater contours and shades of gray. Yes. even Laurence Olivier's fine 1948 screen version of "Hamlet" seems like a cruise through Cliff's Notes compared to Branagh's magnum opus.

For anyone who snoozed through high school or college literature classes, a brief recap: Hamlet, the Prince of Denmark, is in one deep existential trough, following the death of his father, the King, and the hasty marriage of his mother Gertrude to his uncle Claudius. Hamlet eventually discovers that Claudius murdered the King, which sets Hamlet on a course of revenge...if only he can make up his mind to do the deed and kill Claudius. If all this wasn't enough, the army of King Fortin-bras of Norway is advancing on the kingdom

Branagh's performance of the title role is as vigorous as his direction. His Hamlet is no onenote brooder. He travels up and down the emotional scale with great skill, and endows Hamlet with a physicality previously unseen in any of the other screen versions of "Hamlet." There are a

few points where Branagh teeters on the edge of haminess and flamboyance, but manages to avoid falling over.

Another revelation is the performance of Derek Jacobi as Claudius. Something of a Branagh regular (he appeared in "Henry V" and "Dead Again;" one of Branagh's non-Shakespeare works), he gives the usurping King a three-dimensional cast unseen in previous screen "Hamlet"'s Instead of being a cardboard villain. Jacobi makes him canny and, occasionally, worthy of our sympathy. Another surprise is Julie Christie's sharp work as Gertrude. with the 1960s ingenue gracefully slipping into a middle-aged role. Kate Winslet also impressively conveys Ophelia's steep descent into madness.

There is also a parade of celebrity cameos in "Hamlet." I was afraid this would become a gimmicky distraction on the level of those Biblical epics like "The Greatest Story Ever Told," but, fortunately, that is not the case. However, that's not to say that all the

appearances are entirely effective. Charlton Heston is particularly good as the Player King, and Billy Crystal gets some laughs as the dense gravedigger. However, Gerard Depardieu seems only to be trying to get his lines out in English, Robin Williams is a distraction and Jack Lemmon seems out of place as a palace guard.

The long and winding story is painted on a broad canvas. Filmed in 70mm (and presented locally in that format), the movie has an epic sweep and scope in the tradition of Ben Hur" or "Lawrence of Arabia." Branagh takes full advantage of the format - if an army is advancing on the castle, why not show them charging as far as the eye can see? If you've got a wedding scene. why not shower it in cascades of confetti? The sweeping format also highlights the lavish. 18th century-style sets that have been crafted for the production.

No. there's nothing little about this "Hamlet." It's got a big running time, a big cast, a big story to tell and is told on a big canvas. And it's a big treat too.

Maguire is a pretty good movie. It is the story of sports agent. Jerry Maguire, an ambitious and arrogant man, who late one night discovers that he has a soul. This leads him to write, copy and distribute to his fellow agents what he conceives as his manifesto. He basically wants to see people be more kind and caring toward one another This impulsive act leads fairly quickly to his being fired.

What follows are his struggles Now that he's discovered his soul does he really want to change his life in response? Or, can he go back to being the same hustler he was before that discovery?

Tom Cruise plays Jerry well, but

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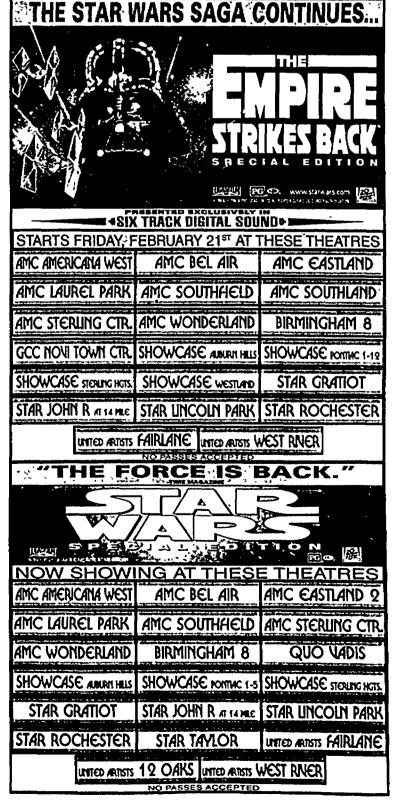
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RECORD SPORTS



Four grapplers survive district; regionals next

Four Mustang wrestlers will have a shot at making the state finals Saturday.

Nick Sriraman, Rick Torrence, Anant Saran and Brian Grider all survived last weekend's state district tournament to advance. Each will have to finish in the top four of their weight classes at Walled Lake Western High in Saturday's regional.

They all have a good shot at making it out," assistant coach Bob Townsend said. "We were very pleased with the kids."

State finals will be held March 7-8 in Battle Creek.

Just surviving last weekend's tournament was quite an accomplishment. A loss in either the first or second rounds meant elimination.

Ted Bowersox was the first Mustang to wrestle Saturday. The heavyweight beat Novi's Brett Faulkner in round one but then was eliminated by Livonia Stevenson's Richard Bramer by a pin in-32 seconds.

Townsend said Bowerson was not 100 percent because of illness He said the sophomore improved a lot in his second year.

"It was a good season for Ted," he commented

Ben Ashby had the eighth seed at 103 pounds. He lost to Brighton's Paul Bordenkircher in the opening round by a pin-

At 112, Northville had both Sriraman and Torrence Sriraman carried the No. 1 seed and Tor



Sriraman had a bye in the first round then defeated Walled Lake Western's Joe Ryan in round two with a pin. He closed the tournament with a decision and an injury default victory over Torrence.

The junior wasn't really hurt. But Townsend and head coach Garnett Potter chose not to wrestle the duo.

The possibility exists that Sriraman and Torrence could face each other in Saturday's regional.

As for Torrence, he defeated Livonia Churchill's Steve Vasiloff by a pin in the opening round. He then defeated Jeremy Gershonowicz of West Bloomfield by a pin and won his semi-final match with a 7-3 decision over Kevin Neuendorf of Lakeland

Saran was the next to qualify. He wrestled at 125 pounds and finished third overall.

Saran faced Josh Henderson of Salem in the first round and beat him with a pin. He then beat Darren Haddad of Livonia Franklin for a trip to the semi-final

Livonia Stevenson's Dan Cedar ended Saran's streak by pinning him in 4.54. Saran took third as Bob Montoor of Milford injury defaulted in the final round.

Townsend was hoping freshman Dan Scappaticel would survive the district. But the youngster, who shows a great deal of promise for the future, lost his first match 16-9 to Salem's Kevin Stone.

"He was a little bit sick and very nervous." Townsend said. Jason Keranen (140 pounds)

was also eliminated in the first round as was Evan Demers (152). Ryan McCracken (160) also fell in the first round

Grider went in at 171 pounds The third seed, he finished third

After drawing a bye in round one, Grider pinned Mike Griswold of Livonia Franklin in 1/33

Nick Sriraman (top) won the 112-pound weight division at Saturday's individual state district. Grider lost a 11-3 decision to Western's Dan Thompson then beat Mark Laidlaw of Milford with a pin to take third.

At 189 pounds. Mike Livanos beat Livonia Stevenson's James Dixon 6-1 in the opening round. He was then eliminated in round

"Livanos had a good year." Townsend said. "He wrestled well at the end."

Rob Clark was Northville's last wrestler on Saturday. He pinned Mike Kozma of Salem in round one then fell to top seed Brian Evans of Brighton by a pin. SOUTH LYON 63

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Northville's victories in the match.

trict title.

Spikers cruise past Franklin

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

A win over Livonia Franklin Feb. 12 has put the Mustang volleyball team in good position for Saturday's league tournament.

Northville finished the dual meet season in sixth place in the 12school WLAA Coach Laura Murray said it should help her team advance past the opening rounds

"I think we have a good shot at making the quarterfinals." she commented.





NORTHVILLE 12 The Mustangs competed in the team state district on Feb. 12 at Novi and were quickly eliminated. Kevin Arbuckle (112). Saran (119) and Reggie Torrence (125) got

Novi beat South Lyon for the dis-

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

A 62-57 road loss to Walled Lake Western Friday gave the Mustang basketball squad its second straight setback

gets by cagers 62-57

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

Northville fell behind by 10 heading into the fourth quarter, rallied, but couldn't catch the Warriors

"We played poorly against Western." coach Tim Turner said. "We didn't come out with the same fire and intensity that we had against Central. It was a disappointing effort."

The loss left Northville at 9-8 overall and sixth in the Western lakes conference. The Mustangs play at Farmington Hills Harrison tomorrow night to open the league tournament.

Harrison beat the Mustangs by two last month

"They're a good team," Turner said. They have nice balance. It should be a good game."

Northville, which wound up sixth in the WLAA's regular season, will play either the winner or loser of the Livonia Franklin-Salem game Tuesday at home.

As for the Western contest, Turner said his team came out a bit flat. He added that the Mustangs didn't do what they needed to do offensively or defensively to win.

"We have to play good defense and box," he said. "We just didn't do that.'

Offensively, Northville didn't wait for enough good shots.

"We forced some things," Turner said. "We didn't have the patience we needed."

Because of their physical limitations, the Mustangs must avoid mental errors to be successful.

We have to play flawless basketball to win," said Turner. "When we don't, we lose."

Luis Guarjardo played well in the defeat and led Northville with 20 points. Jeff Arenz and Dave Terakedis each added 12.

CENTRAL 75 NORTHVILLE 64

Despite losing, the Mustangs played one of their best games of the season Feb. 11 at home. Northville stayed with the runPhoto by AL WARD

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three-pointer seconds later to cut

a 17-15 lead at 1:16 of the period.

A Terakedis triple gave Northville

Central's lead to 15-14.

Jon Woodsum is one of the area's best free throw shooters.

and gun Vikings throughout the scored. Bingley followed with a first half.

After falling behind 15-9 in the first'quarter. Rob Reel and Kelly Bingley came off the bench to lead a comeback.

Reel snared a rebound and then

Schools will be divided into three pools of four. Teams play roundrobin with the top two from each pool advancing to championship

Ultimately, Murray would like to see the Mustangs finish among the league's elite - namely Walled Lake Central, Salem and Livonia Churchill.

Northville will host the WLAA tournament starting at 9 a.m.

The Mustangs could see Livonia Franklin again in the tournament. The two schools met at Northville last week with the Mustangs pulling out a four-game victory.

They had a lot of hustle and played good defense," said Murray.

The Patriots took the opening game 15-10. Poor passing and serve receiving caused Northville numerous offensive problems and the game.

Murray said she talked to her team after the setback. That pep talk worked as the Mustangs took the next three games. 15-5, 15-8, 15-7.

Melissa Poole added two kills and Good hitting and serving marked three blocks.

Tankers dump Churchill 110-75

In game two, for example, Tara

Driscoll had three serving aces.

Ashley Ossola had four kills while

the comeback.

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

A 110-75 road victory over Livonia Churchill Thursday closed the dual meet season on a positive note for the Mustang swim team.

Northville finished with an overall record of 7-3. According to coach Mark Heiden, it was a solid season.

"It's about what I had hoped for." he said. "We swam really well against Churchill. I think we're right on target for the league meet."

The Western Lakes Activities Association will hold its championship today through Thursday. Plymouth Salem. the favorite to take the title, is hosting.

The 12 school league fits neatly into three camps this season.

Salem, Canton and North Farmington fall into the elite category. Northville, Harrison, Churchill and Stevenson are in the next category while teams like Walled Lake are down another notch.

"It's going to be an interesting meet," Heiden said. "The fifth through seventh spots will be a real battle." Northville took control of the battle with Churchill

early on. The Mustangs took the top two spots in the



The team of Craig Sieving. Matt Schlanser, Chris Anderson and Evan Whitbeck was first in 1:49.69. Adam Melvin, Mark Kowalski, Chris Bond and Steve: Weicksel posted a time of 1:59.55 for second.

with her hustle.

Dan Milnes won the 200-yard freestyle in 2:03.12. Scott Whitbeck was second in the race in 1:04.82 and Jeff Clark was fifth in 2:38.55.

in the 200-yard IM. Bond won in 2:19.84 while, a Melvin was fourth in 2:29.20 and David Whitbeck was fifth in 2:30.88.

A time of 23.56 seconds was good for first in the 50yard freestyle for Evan Whitbeck. Weicksel finished fourth in 25.26 and Chad Pollack was sixth.

Anderson won the diving competition with 290.6 points. The senior missed tying his own school record by four points.

'I would say this was a better performance than the 294 from last year," said Heiden, a champion diver himself.

In the 100-yard butterily, David Whitbeck took first in 1:04.03 while Bond was second in 1:04.69 and

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Photo by AL WARD

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Laurie Albertson also helped out

"She played great defense and

passed well," Murray said.

Tara Driscoll had three serving aces against Franklin.



The Northville High cheerleading team placed 19th in the nation in its division. The competition was held in Orlando.

ymnasts beat Clarenceville, Brighton to remain perfect

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

The first serious challenge to Novi-Northville's No. 1 gymnastics ranking comes Saturday.

The combined team will battle Western Lakes conference rivals for the league title at Canton High. Teams like Hartland and Brighton will provide a big test for the Mustangs.

Freshman standout Missy MacRae will miss the meet. But coach Barb Winn is still confident her team can claim the championship.

"We can still do fine but everyone needs to get their heads into .it." she said.

The combined team has held the state's top ranking since winning the Canton Invitational earlier this month.

Winn said it was "fun" to have that designation. But, she added. her gymnasts aren't getting big heads about it, either.

Walled Lake wrestled the lead back by the end of the

period, however, 21-19. 190. Contract (S. sa' s. store). The two teams continued to duke it out in the sec-

Central's Matt Ulrich scored in the opening seconds

Central punched back to go up 29-23. But back-to-

The two teams continued to throw hay makers until

the end of the quarter. An incredible falling-down, off

the backboard three-pointer by Central's Todd Negoshian gave the visitors a 39-34 lead at the half.

Walled Lake took control of the game in the third by

to make it 23-19. But Northville came back again on

back three-pointers by MacInnis and Phil Kozdron

baskets by Jon Woodsum and John MacInnis.

At any rate, the Mustangs easily held their top ranking by beating Clarenceville and Brighton last week

Northville-Novi faced Clarenceville at home Thursday and took a 138.35-98.05 victory. Most of the Mustangs got a chance to compete.

"Most of the kids only did two events," Winn said.

The combined team swept all four events.

Erica Winn led the charge on the vault. She averaged 9.2 for her two vaults to win the competition.

Nicole Pelletier was second at 8.9 and Mary Essary third at 8.75. Kristin Levin posted an 8.35 to round out the team score.

On the uneven bars. MacRae won with a 9.3. Winn was second at 9.0. Essary third at 8.65 and Pelleticr had an 8.25.

A 9.2 was good for first on the balance beam for Erica Winn. Pel-

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Central.

Tuner said

stay with Central. he added

half (all of the time)." Turner said

Cagers fall to Walled Lake

Stacey Williamson 8.1 for third before landing. and Levin had an 8.0. Essary tied for second at 9.1

in the floor exercise, MacRae won with a 9.0. Williamson was second at 8.95 and Essary third at 8.75. Julie Glock had a 7.2 in the event.

MUSTANGS 143.05 **BRIGHTON 139.35**

Northville-Novi faced Brighton at home Feb. 10. It wasn't the squad's best effort, Winn said.

We were a little flat," she commented. "Even though we scored well, we were a little flat."

Still, the Mustangs had several good showings. Erica Winn, for example, came up big on the vault. She elevated well on her vault,

twisted in the air and landed cleanly to score a 9.0 for first place. Williamson tied for second at 8.9 and Levin tied for third at 8.85.

MacRae won the uneven bars with a 9.25. She executed a diffiletier had an 8.75 for second, cult dismount with three spins

outscoring Northville 17-9. The Mustangs rallied in

"But Central kept making shots and won the game

The Mustangs simply didn't have the firepower to

"We just won't shoot as well as we did in the first

Terakedis led Northville with 27 points while Guar-

"He's the best player in the league that I've seen,"

jardo and Bingley added six. Negoshian had 27 for

"I thought we played a good game," Turner said

the fourth and eventually cut the lead to six

while Williamson scored an 87

and Levin an 8.45. On the balance beam. Levin had -

an excellent routine to take first She scored a 9.4 by showing strength, flexibility and great balance with lots of twists and splats. Essary tied for second at 9.1 and

MacRae was third at 8.85 Williamson had an 8.6.

Brighton dominated the floor exercise by taking first and second Essary finished third for the com



Cheerleaders 19th in national finals

team, according to coach Tracie The Northville High School cheerleaders returned from Florida last week with pride in their national ranking

The cheer team competed in the National High School Cheerleading Championships held in Orlando. Fla, Feb. 7-11. It was the team's first year competing on that level of competition.

Over 300 teams participated in the championships. Northville competed in the Large Varsity Coed Division, and finished 19th out of 32 semifinalists.

While the competition was national, most of the 32 Large Varsity Coed Division squads were from the South. In certain states such as Kentucky and Florida. cheerleading is a dominant sport in the high schools.

To score higher than 13 south ern competitive teams reaffirms Northville's position as an up and coming National Finalist Coed

Surdu. The Mustangs' five-day travel itinerary included hours of practice as well as socializing with other cheerleaders. Surdu sald her team

is grateful to the Universal Cheerleaders Association. Northville High School administration and school board for the opportunity to compete.

Surdu said thanks should also be given to Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, and the Midwest Universal Cheerleaders Association for helping to sponsor the team.

Team members include:Cristy Macek, Traci Policicchio, KayDee Terakedis Carrie Faulknor, Alyssa MacFarlane, Sarah Matthews, Lee Ann Murphy, Kelly Delonardis, Julie Damico, Erin Bahl. Katie Bondy, Nikki Wild, Katie Manadas, Liz Sant, Amanda Berlin, Kelly Jankowski, Adam Piazza, Derek Eckerly and Rob Horlock

Spikers defeat Harrison in 5

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tied the game again.

ond.

Games three and four were similar.

In game three, Ossola and Poole combined for seven kills. Setter Danielle Jaskot notched 11 assists and three defensive digs.

Jaskot also played well in game four with seven assists, two aces and two digs.

"It was a good win for us." Mur-

ray said.

NORTHVILLE def. HARRISON The Mustangs played at Farmington Hills on Feb. 10 for a five-

game marathon victory. Northville took the first two games, but let the Hawks back in the match by dropping games three and four.

Game five was a tug of war as well.

Harrison jumped off to a 3-1 lead before Northville rallied. After tying the game at three. Lauren Metaj helped the Mustangs go ahead 8-3 on her serve.

Harrison fought back, but Northville was able to close the game out at 15-10 as Michelle Menghini scored the final two points on her serve.



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Scott Whitbeck third in 1:04.97. Sieving won the 100-yard freestyle (52.51).

Craig Boyk placed third in the 500-vard freestyle (6 04.64), Mike Malie was fourth (6:12.96) and

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Kevin Stuart finished fifth (6:25.42). The team of Anderson, Scott Whitbeck, Milnes and Weicksel finished fourth in the 200-yard freestyle relay (1:40.55). In the 100-yard backstroke.

Sieving took first in 56.96. Evan Whitbeck was second in 57.68 and

Melvin fifth in 1:10.72. Northville swept the breaststroke with Kowalski (1:10.49), Schlanser (1:12 93) and Johnson [1:14.1].



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The Patriots went undefeated this past season.

BASKETBALL

The Meads Mill eighth grade boys basketball team finished the 1996-97 season with a perfect 10-0 record. As seventh graders they were also undefeated, making them 20.0 as middle schoolers

The record reflects the hard work and unselfish play exhibited by the team members throughout the two-year run.

This season Meads defeated its opponents by an average of 18.9 points and displayed a tenacious defense that reflected the athleticism of the youngsters. The results bode well for Northville athletics in the future as the boys move to high school next year.

The team was coached last year by now retired teacher Omar Harrison and this year by middle school educator Bryan Masi. Tim Lebold assisted Masi is also an assistant on the Northville High school varsity football team and was a Special Olympics coach in Atlanta last summer. He applauded the team's effort and dedication and urged the boys, most of whom are multi-sport athletes, to stick together and continue to work hard.

The young men who constituted the team over the two-year period include. Co-Captains Bob Baker and Aaron Redden, Kris Betker, Eric Bitell, Robert Carter, David Gregor, Ben Jacobs, Nick Jones, Matt Kuriluk, Brandon Langston, Chris Lebeis, Matt LoPiccolo, Kale Leftwich, Dennis McVittie, Garrett Marshall, Justin Messer, David Murphy, Joe Rothoff, Dave Tovey, Kyle Wargo, Jason Ballou, Steve Longan, and Dale Ernst

SWALLOW & PUNSALAN

Northville native Jerod Swallow and wife Elizabeth Punsalan won their fourth U.S. figure skating ice dancing championship last week in Nashville. The couple, who have lived in Pontiac for the past three years, also won titles in 1991, '94 and 96.

Also at the championships, Northville resident Erin Sutton finished 13th in senior ladies competition. She was 12th in the short program and 14th in the free skate

COLLEGE NOTES

Northville resident Joe Leo recently received the Big Ten's top freshman award as a cross country runner for Michigan State University. Leo graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School where he was an All-State cross country runner

Northville High School graduate Mike Malloure recently won a threemeter diving competition as a member of Bucknell University's swim leam Malloure totaled 245 325 points diving against Delaware

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The Northville Soccer Association is seeking individuals interested in becoming soccer referees for the spring 1997 season. Training is provided to all referees

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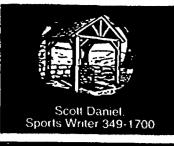
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Plan periodic health exams

Picture this scene: A grandmother sitting in a garden next to her daughter. With a smile on their faces both of them watch a little girl playing with her tops. All of a sudden the grand-mother clutches her chest, starts getting short of breath and falls to the ground. The once serene setting is now full of chaos. The emergency crew arrives, stabilizes the grandmother and rushes her to the hospital.

This situation is sad but very real and is a daily occurrence all over the world. Could it have been avoided? Maybe, if the grandmother had visited a doctor for regular medical checkups. However, the majority of the population would probably disagree. Why should a person go to the doctor when she's absolutely healthy?

Three expert panels have evaluated the full range of preventive services in non-pregnant adults: the U.S. preventive Services Task Force, the Canadian Task Force on the Periodic Health Examinations, and the American College of **Physicians**

The periodic health examination consists of a complete history and physical examination to gather information about a patient's risk of a particular disease. The following recommendations are for adults who are at low risk for disease, in other words "healthy" individuals. Blood pressure measurement should be done

at every medical visit and at least once every two years to identify and treat people with hypertension, thereby reducing the risk of stroke and coronary heart disease. An annual breast exam is recommended for women over 40. coupled with a baseline mammogram between 35-40 years old and yearly after 50 years of age.

Total serum cholesterol should be measured every five years starting from early adulthood. The five-year interval can vary according to the individual's risk factors.

An annual pelvic exam and pap smear for sexually active women beginning at the age of first intercourse is highly recommended. However, the frequency of screening depends on the risk factors for cervical cancer learly onset of sexual activity, multiple partners). If the results have all been normal, screening may be stopped at age 65.

An annual influenza vaccination for 65 and older populations is recommended, as well as a one-time pneumonia vaccination. Tetanus immunization should be updated every 10 years. Hepatitis B immunization should be

given to high-risk individuals (health care personnel, people with low immune system). Screening for colon cancer and for hormone replacement therapy for postmenopausal women are recommended but should be individualized based on the presence of risk factors. For men, a rectal exam to check for prostate

cancer and an annual PSA blood test should begin at age 50. And, last but certainly not the least, is counseling - for nonsmokers to continue avoiding tobacco and for smokers to stop smoking.

In addition, wear seat belts at all times and limit alcohol use.

In conclusion, an annual checkup involves a complete history and physical exam with additional testing to identify risk factors, avoid complications, and promote a healthier life. Avoid what happened to the grandmother at the above scene. A healthy future is in your hands.

This article was written by Loricel Escote M.D., P.H., Women and Children's Center. This article was coordinated by the office of planning and marketing at Providence Hospital.

Health Notes Local health club to host 'Physical Activity Day

The Water Wheel Health Club is hosting "Physical Activity Day" Friday, Feb. 21, to raise the awareness of the recent Surgeon General's warning on the negative effects of physical inactivity.

Anyone over 18 years of age is welcome to a free day at the club, as well as a free T-shirt. Hours are from 5:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. The club is located at 235 E. Main St. in Northville. For more information, call (810) 449-7634.

WOMEN'S PRIME TIME DISCUSSION AND SUPPORT GROUP

A forum for women ages 40-60 on March 12 will discuss issues and concerns dealing with mid-life changes. A Botsford physician will speak on perimenopause issues.

It's free and meets at 7-8:30 p.m. at Botsford General Hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., 3-West, Farmington Hills.

For more information, call (810) 477-6100.

PROSTATE CANCER EDUCATIONAL SUP-PORT GROUP

Offering knowledgeable speakers each month. this support group provides both encourage-ment and education about prostate cancer, its treatments and the physical and emotional issues associated with it.

It meets the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. and it's free. Sessions take place in Botsford's 2 East A Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For more information, call (810) 477-6100.

KIDNEY DISEASE MANAGEMENT

Learn about urinary tract infections and kidney stone disease. This one-time lecture, pre-

equipment. Participants will be instructed on to-toe physical examination: immunizations: the proper use of weight and cardiovascular machines Mondays and Wednesdays, from 7-8

p.m There is a \$60 fee. Preregistration is required. For more information and to register, call (810) 473-5600.

DIABETES-CIZE

This is a 10-week comprehensive exercise program co-sponsored by Health Development Network and Cardio Care of Botsford General Hospital. The program will help people with diabetes better control blood sugar levels and improve cardiovascular fitness. For more information, call (810) 477-6100.

DIABETES AND YOU

This six-week class explores all areas of diabetes self-care. Preregistration and a fee are required. Some insurances cover the class fee.

Ĉlasses are held at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills, and the Botsford Center for Health Improvement. For more information and to register, call (810) 477-6100.

INFANT/PEDIATRIC CPR

Providence is offering a course for those over 12 who are interested in learning basic knowledge of the heart and lungs, household safety tips, cpr and choking rescue skills for infants and children 1- to 8-years-old.

The course includes: lecture, demonstration. mannequin practice and video review. The series will take place at the following locations on the following dates. There will be a charge

for participants. For further information call 800-968-5595.

vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as needed.

An appointment is required. For more information, call: north Oakland, 858-1311 or 858-4001; south Oakland, 424-7066 or 424-7067.

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Call (810) 477-6100 for additional informa-

PAGER RENTALS

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is offering "baby beeper" rentals to help labor partners stay in touch during those critical last weeks of pregnancy.

Rentals are available through Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile in Southfield, and Providence Medical Center-Providence Park. 47601 Grand River Ave. in Novi.

Pagers can be rented for one or two months at a time at a cost of \$30 for one month and \$40 for two. A security deposit is required. Call (810) 424-3332 for information.

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT GROUP

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi offers a free monthly support group for





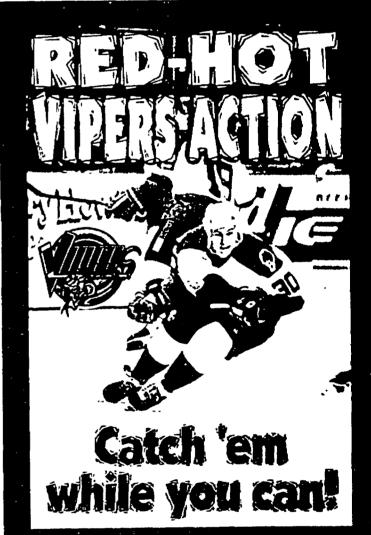
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sented by a Botsford General Hospital urologist. will provide useful information to prevent problems and stay healthy.

It will be held at 7 p.m., March 25. Admission is \$5. Preregistration is required. For more information or to register. call (810) 477-6100.

BOTSFORD'S ABCS OF WEIGHT LOSS

A registered dietitian will work with you individually for three months to set up a realistic weight loss plan, organize your appetite and discuss the best strategies for weight loss. There is a \$95 fee and an appointment is required.

Call Botsford's Health Development Network. (810) 477-6100, for more information and to register.

CPR CLASSES

Adult, infant/child CPR instruction is offered by Community ems. 25400 Eight Mile Road, in Southfield. There is a \$20 fee. bcls is offered for \$25

For more information and to register, call (810) 356-3900, ext. 255.

AEROBIC WEIGHT TRAINING

This consists of a one-hour workout with emphasis on both cardiovascular fitness and muscle strengthening. It meets for seven weeks. Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m. There is a \$50 fee. Preregistration is required.

For more information and to register, call the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-trace. 39750 Grand River, at (810) 473-5600.

ASTHMA EDUCATION

Individual sessions with a registered nurse provide the tools to a better understand of asthma. Day and evening sessions are available. Families are welcomed.

There is a \$25 fee and appointment required. For more information and to register, call the Botsford Health Development Network on Grand River at (810) 477-6100.

BREASTFEEDING BASICS

This workshop covers the 'how to's' of breast-feeding: how to start and maintain successful breastfeeding as well as the answers to questions and concerns of women who are already breastfeeding. \$20.

Classes are held at Botsford's Health Development Network. For more information and to register, call (810) 477-6100.

CIRCUIT TRAINING

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This consists of a multi-stationed exercise and education program designed for the individual with limited experience using fitness

• Feb. 24 - Providence Women's and Children's Center, 33133 W. Twelve Mile Road. Farmington Hills.

BABY BASICS

Providence is offering a workshop entitled "Baby Care Basics." The lecture is designed to help parents understand the changes that occur when a new baby is brought home.

The workshop is scheduled at the following locations on the following dates:

 March 1 – Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River, Novi.

There is a charge of \$20 per couple to attend and advance registration is required. Call 1-800-968-5595.

BREASTFEEDING PREP CLASS

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is offering a breastfeeding preparation class to expectant mothers who plan to or are considering breastfeeding their babies. Classes will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. at the

following locations and on the following dates: • Feb. 25 - Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield.

A small fee is charged for the class. Call 1-800-968-5595 for further information.

PROSTATE SCREENING DAY

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a free prostate screening day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, in the St. Mary Hospital pavilion. This free program includes a prostate exam by a physician, blood test to measure the prostate specific antigen level and educational material.

Advance registration for the health screening for men is requested. Call (313) 655-2922 or call toll free at (800) 494-1650.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park is offering free blood pressure checks Monday-Friday, 9-11 a.m.

Area residents are invited to visit Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River Ave., to obtain the service. Screening will take place in Providence's Emergency Care Center located within the center.

For more information call (810) 380-4225.

WELL CHILD CLINIC

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Conferences provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an hmo or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 14 locations throughout Oakland County.

Services include: heights and weights: head-

women who have concerns about menopause. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Providence Park Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., at the corner of Grand River and Beck in Novi.

The purpose of the support group is to provide women with educational information on topics relating to menopause.

For information on Providence's Menopause Support Group, call (810) 424-3014.

BREAST CANCER

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi is hosting a support group for women with breast cancer.

The group meets the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. Anyone who has experienced breast disease is welcome. This is an informal discussion for participants to share resources and provide emotional support.

For further information contact Norma at (313) 462-3788 or Cheryl at (810) 363-3866.

DIABETES OUTPATIENT PROGRAM

This is a program for all non-pregnant individuals over 14 with diabetes. The program is designed to help the individual control his or her blood sugar and become active in treating diabetes.

Day and evening classes and/or individual appointments are available in Novi and Southfield.

Call (810) 424-3903 for information on schedules, fees, insurance coverage and registration.

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Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is now making its health education library open to the public.

The library has books, video tapes, computer databases, pamphlets and anatomical models available to the public which can be used to learn about illnesses, medications, parenting skills or other health issues.

The library is located at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River. and is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Call (810) 380-4110 for more information.

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REAL ESTATE Business is booming for the over-50 crowd

By James M. Woodard Copley News Service

As more and more baby boomers reach age 50, a growing segment of the home-buying market involves buyers in the over-50 age group. Mortgage lenders, home builders and Realtors are aware of this trend and are planning strategies accordingly.

Today's mature adults are living longer and remaining more active than in past years. That's reflected in the type of homes they buy, the mortgage plans they select, and the way they seek out their next home purchase.

Generally, they now prefer a home with space for special activities or hobbies, such as a separate computer, photography or sewing room.

The rooms must be efficiently arranged. And the home should be located in close provimity to recreational facilities such as tennis courts and golf courses.

An increasing number of home mongage plans are tailored to the needs of these buyers. Mature adults are becoming more aware of these plans and are shopping for the best financing plan to meet their precise needs.

The manner in which they seek the right home to buy also is undergoing changes, particularly for those who have time to do preliminary research on their own. Before involving a real estate professional, they can now use the internet to gain a perspective on the current home selling market in a targeted community.

In some cases, they access the World Wide Web page structured by the National Association of Realtors and the Realtors Information Network. This huge database of information on currently available homes throughout the coun-

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One-of-a-kind Affirmed embodies elegance, beauty

By James McAlexander Copley News Service

is Beautiful elegant, original, funculonal. These are only some of the adjectives that can be used to describe the one-of-a-kind Affirmed.

This 3.727-square-foot floor design combines gracious living with a simplicity of movement throughout the entire home. The interior charm is enhanced by a handsome exterior that blends brick, wood skiing and glass with a unity that will be appreciated by everyone.

A semicircular front porch. flanked by stately columns, leads the right is a half-bath and coat closet for the convenience of your guests. Farther along this short hallway are two doors. One leads to a home office, where you can set up your PC with the latest software. The other takes you into a huge master suite that is truly remarkable There is room here for a complete bedroom set and a couch, or a couple of reclining chairs. An alcove, with windows all around, is a perfect place to sit and admire the view or savor a good book. Other amenities include a large walk-in closet, extra storage, twin vanities and a private bathroom with spa-

to entertain friends and family. The S-shaped back wall is completely windowed, admitting all the available sunlight and permitting an unobstructed look at the surrounding landscape. A corner fireplace makes it cozy, and built-in china hutch displays your finest dinnerware

Speaking of entertaining, how about the rumpus room/theater? With the windows everywhere, the two-way fireplace and entertainment center, many enjoyable hours will be spent here.

The up-to date kitchen is sure to please. Two walk-in pantries, island cooktop and separate freezer are some of the features that will make meal preparation less of a chore



The Johnson family pictured in the home that became their labor of love as they built it from the ground up. Shown upstairs are (from left) Gary Johnson, his father, Ed, Gary's wife Debbie and their 2 1/2-year-old daughter, Amy.

Labor Labor Lock the Johnsons five years to build their own log home, and it was well worth the effort.



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The living and dining rooms merge, giving you a spacious area

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The remaining two bedrooms are actually mini-suites Each is goodsized and has ample closet space, vanity and private bath.

Across the hall is a roomy utility room with sink and built-in froning board. Conveniently located by the two-car garage, soiled shoes and clothing can be dropped off here before entering the house.

For a study plan of the Affirmed (335 060), send \$10 to Landmark Designs, c/o HomeTown Newspapers. 323 E. Grand River, Howell, MI 48843. (Be sure to specify plan name and number when ordering) For more information, call (800) 562-1151. Lincoln's time. Highland residents Debbie and Gary Johnson are living proof that today's generation can find happiness in a log home.

Log cabins have come a long way since Abe

Even more unique than their home itself is the fact that Gary and his 72-year-old father, Ed Johnson, built the home from the ground up. "My husband was a total novice. He's never

even built a bird house." Debbie said. Ed. Gary's father, brought invaluable engineer-

ing and building experience to the construction. The entire project took five years and three

Debbie Johnson's pride and joy — next to her daughter — is her kitchen, which features genuine brick flooring laid by hand by the family.

semi-truck loads of northern white pine, a good deal of money and the family's hard work. Gary

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Fight against garden pests doesn't stop during winter By C.Z. Guest Copley News Servce GARDENING

By Annette Jaworski

Do you know where your garden bugs go for the winter? Well let me clue you in on their secret.

By knowing something of the habits of individual species, you can take steps in the fall to reduce the number of insects that will attack your garden next spring

Gardeners who battle insects only in the summer are fighting an endless war. It's important to find out where and how each species that ravage your plants spends the winter. Here are some helpful tips on how to control insects that spend the winter in the soil:

Grasshoppers, cutworms and tomato hornworms. Spade deeply (1 to 4 inches) into the soil to destroy them.

Japanese beetles. They spend the winter as grubs under sod. To control them, apply milky-disease spores to your lawn at the rate of 1 teaspoonful per 4 feet of lawn.

Fall cankerworms spend the winter as pupae buried in soil. Destroy them if you can before that stage. Inspect branches and the trunks of shade and fruit trees for gray eggs shaped like flower pots. Scrape eggs from trunks and

destroy, prune and burn affected branches. If adult moths are still active, bind the tree trunks with sticky tree wrap and trap the females as they crawl up to lay their eggs.

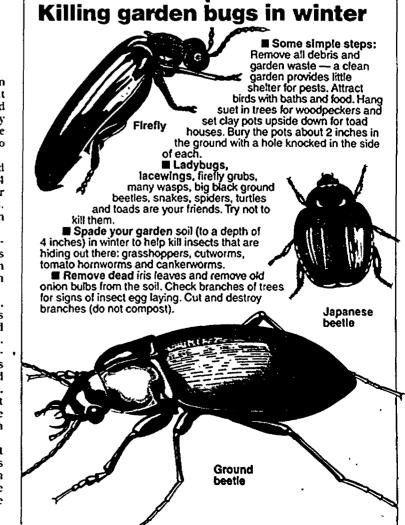
Spring cankerworms spend the winter as pupae 1 to 4 inches deep in soil near shade, nut and fruit trees. Cultivate soil to that depth around trees for control.

Onion flies spend the winter as maggots in onion bulbs or in the soil of an onion patch. Destroy all onion refuse. Mexican bean beetles.

cucumber beetles, flea beetles and cabbage worms spend the winter in garbage refuse. Clean up all debris and compost. Any vegetation that is diseased should be burned rather than composted, because some plant pathogens will not be destroyed at temperatures a compost pile can reach. Slugs, of course, are not

Slugs, of course, are not insects, but nevertheless they're destructive garden pests that like to spend the winter in iris leaves. After the

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Sofa made in Empire period worth thousands

By Anne McCollam Copley News Service

9. I enclose a picture of an antique sofa that I have. What period of furniture is it, and what is it worth?

A. Animal legs with carved paws, lyreshape upholstered uprights, carved rosettes and acanthus leaf motifs characterize the Empire period of furniture. Sofas similar to yours were made from 1820 to 1840. It would probably be worth about \$2,500.

9. The enclosed mark is on an earth-

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enware pitcher I brought from England. It stands 8 inches tall. There are rust-and-tan flowers and blue leaves against a cream background. Please tell me if

it has any value.

A. This mark was used by Hollinshead & Kirkham, Tunstall, Staffordshire, England. They have made earthenware from 1870 to the present. "Japanese" is the pattern. Your pitcher was made in the early 1900s and would probably be worth about \$125.

Q. I have a toy stuffed lion that has a silver button marked with the word "Stelff" in his ear. He is reclining and measures 2 feet including his tail. His eyes are glass with black irises and his mane is red with gold highlights. The



pads on his paws are black and his nose is orange.

The books I have read on Steiff animals have no information on my lion. Can you please tell me something about him?

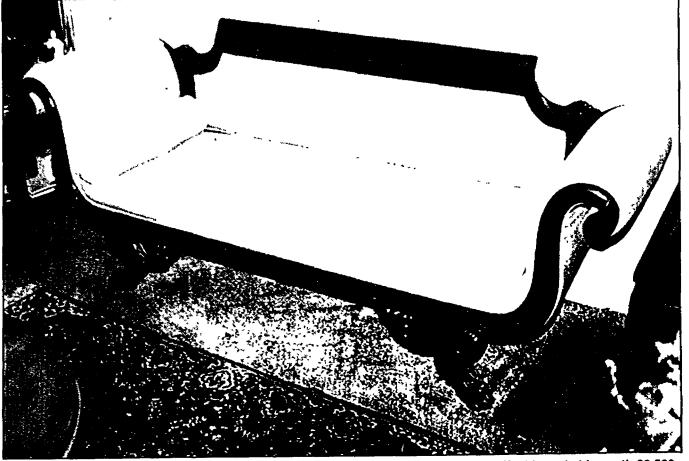
A. Your recumbent lion was made by Steiff in the mid-1900s. Its value would probably be about \$225 to \$250.

G. My parents purchased two handpainted Imari chargers in Japan in 1952. They both measure 19 inches in diameter. Each has a temple in an Oriental landscape. The colors are cobalt blue, orange and gold against a white background. They are exquisite and in perfect condition. I would appreciate any information you can give me.

A. Imari porcelain was shipped from the Japanese port of Imari, thus the name. This porcelain has been produced since the early 1700s. Dutch traders brought Imari porcelain to Europe, where it was in such demand that European potters copied the designs.

Your chargers were made in the mid-1900s. Each would probably be worth about \$150 to \$250.

Address your questions to Anne McCollam, P.O. Box 490, Notre Dame, IN 46556. For a personal response, include picture(s). a detailed description, a stamped, selfaddressed envelope and \$5 per item lone item at a time).



This sofa, made between 1820 and 1840, has animal legs, carved rosettes and leaf motifs. It's probably worth \$2,500.

Senior real estate market continues to grow

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try is becoming like a nationwide multiple listing service. And consumers can access much of this information.

The database is growing daily. At last report, about 540,000 residential properties were listed. In a few months, the association expects the number to exceed 1 million. The Web address of this information service: www.realtor.com.

Another example of recently developed high-tech real estate information sources, accessible for consumers, is a service called

Home Price Check. About 20 million records of home and condominium sales prices are available in this database.

If consumers want to check the last selling price of a property - or homes sold within a certain price range in a specified area - they can phone a toll-free number or access a Web page on the Internet.

In the near future, property descriptions will include number of bedrooms, baths and squarefootage in addition to sales prices. according to Michael Greco. a spokesman for Inpho Inc., produc-

er of the service.

Users receive three specific addresses, up to 15 sales on a street or up to 15 sales in a price range, for \$5.

The Web page address: www.homepricecheck.com, or phone (800) ITSOLD4.

The senior market is growing dramatically. Ameri-

cans over age 55 now spend more than a trillion dollars a year on goods and services And housing is by far the largest expendi-

ture, accounting for about 29 percent of the \$1.06 trillion shelled out by mature adults in 1996.

Questions may be used in future columns: personal responses should not be expected. Send inquiries to James M. Woodard, Copley News Service, P.O. Box 190, San Diego, CA 92112 0190.

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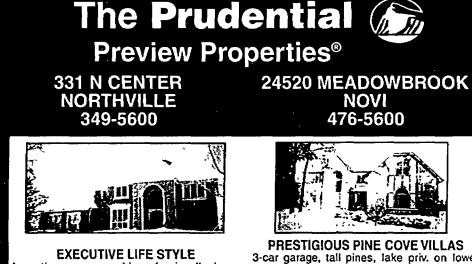
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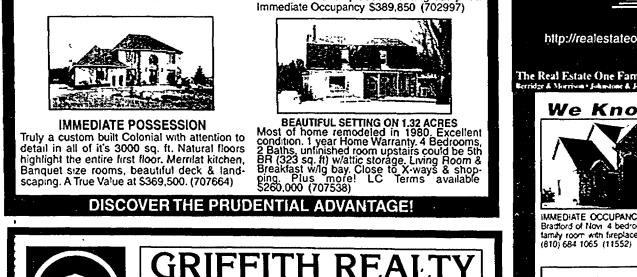
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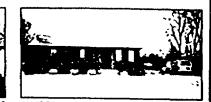


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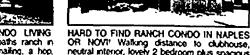
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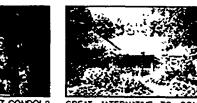




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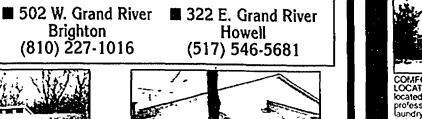
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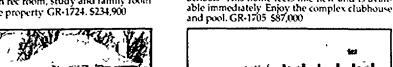
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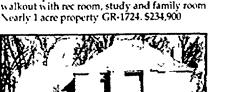
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Family builds their own log home

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spent weekends building while he continued to work full-time at General Motors and as a volunteer for the Highland Township Fire Department.

He credits his dad for helping him complete the project when the going got tough.

Had he not helped me, there were many times that I didn't feel like going (to the construction site), and I went anyway because I knew he was on his way there." Gary said.

The wooden stairway alone took six months to router all the spindles and rails. All the wood in the interior is covered with three layers of verithane; all the trim and beams were given an additional two coats of stain.

"It took my husband and me a year nonstop to finish all the wood (on the interior)." Debble said.

The sanding, prep work, staining and finish took the longest. It was hard because you had to keep moving ladders and scaffolds." Gary said.

Five octagon shaped chandeliers took Ed Johnson a year to make out of matching lumber. The fixtures are various sizes accented with brass candelabras and dimmer switches. Gary Johnson reproduced the identical steel reinforcements for the light fixtures as those used on the beams and trusses

If this still doesn't sound like work considcr this.

This house was put together with a sledgehammer and spikes 12 to 14 inches long The children took them in for show and tell," Debbie said.

Friendliness seems to be a common trait with log home owners.

"It seems that people that own a log cabin — cool the house in the summer. home are different people. You knock on the door, and they let you in." she laughs. commenting on their friendliness and hospitality. Debbie's decidedly country home gives off that same cozy and inviting feeling to "Come in and sit a spell."

"I love my family and I love my friends. I wanted my home to portray the feeling to come in and have a cup of coffee and homemade cookies."

The warmth of the wood is enhanced by Debble's antiques and collectibles; dishes are a favorite of hers.

"I love antique dishes, I love anything that's old, it's so much prettier."

Another attractive feature of this home is the open spaciousness achieved by open beams and trusses, which are a characteristic of log cabins. Debbie takes advantage of them for displaying her collections, such as a bottle collection or a train.

An open loft on the second floor overlooks the main entryway, which is 24 feet high. The loft holds the family room, where the Johnsons snuggle up to watch big screen television, says the mother of four.

Also in the loft is Gary's solid oak roll-top desk, which his wife calls his pride and joy. He's always wanted one," said Debble, who bought the desk as a Christmas gift.

Four Amish armoires are featured through the house; three solid oak and one wormy pine. They serve as storage space instead of closets in the bedrooms since drywall would cover up the natural beauty of the pine.

The logs work as natural insulators for heating and cooling, according to the Johnsons Gary built functional electric skylights on the ceiling of the loft to make it easier to

"The whole concept of the log cabin is that once a log is warm, it takes longer to cool it down. The same is true of letting it cool down. Opening the skylights during the cool evenings and keeping them closed during the day keeps the home cool." Debbie said.

Gary knew long ago that he wanted to build a log cabin, but it took a little persuading to convince Debbie.

Meanwhile, he persistently researched log cabins around the state of Michigan in pursuit of the cabin of his

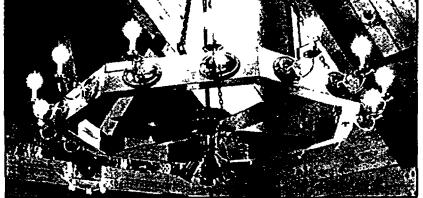
After joining him on one trip. Debbie changed her mind.

"Finally, I decided to go with him on Sunday ... I walked into that home and fell in love.

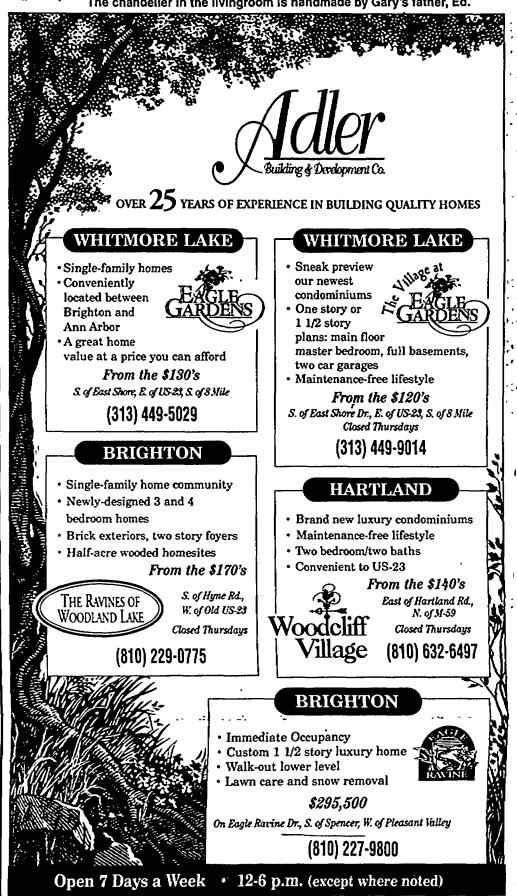
Debbie knows the home is unique and wouldn't trade it for all the ranches in Oakland county. The fact that her husband and father-in-law built it makes it even more special.

"The neat part of the story. I guess is that this is something a father passed down to his son," she said. I just want Gary's dad (Ed) to know how much I put him on a pedestal. There are no words to express the man I think he is," Debbie said.

This house is a tribute to Gary and his dad.



The chandelier in the livingroom is handmade by Gary's father, Ed.



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first frost, remove all tris leaves.

Be careful when cleaning up the garden debris and spading the soil. It will expose the topsoil to winter wind erosion - so plant a cover crop, (winter wheat, winter rye), that will protect, as well as nourish, the soil. Mulch unprotected areas with leaves. Oak leaves are best.

Ladybugs, lacewings, firefly grubs, many species of wasps, blg black ground beetles, snakes, spiders, turtles and toads are all on your side in the "battle of the bugs " so spare them

You can encourage birds to come to your garden, even in the fall. Suet cakes attract woodpeckers (hang in trees), who will peck away all winter at those tree bor-

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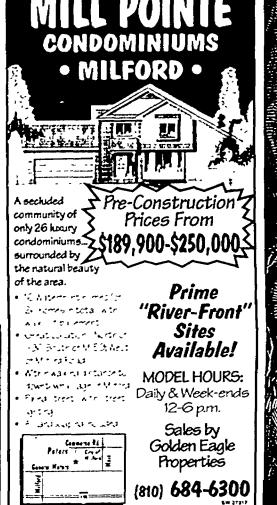
side. Make little toad houses with upside down clay pots buried an inch or two in soil with a hole knocked in one side for a door They will feel very much at home About the middle of November, toads stop feeding on insects because it's bedtime - time to dig down in the soil and hibernate for the winter.

Clean gardening practices can give you a bumper harvest next year, while putting the garden to bed properly in the fall can only bring on sweet dreams.

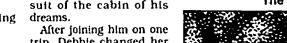
C.Z. Guest author of *5 Seasons of Gardening* (Little, Brown & Co). is an authority on gardens, flowers and plants. Send questions to her c/o Copley News Service, PO Box 190, San Durgo, CA 92112 0190

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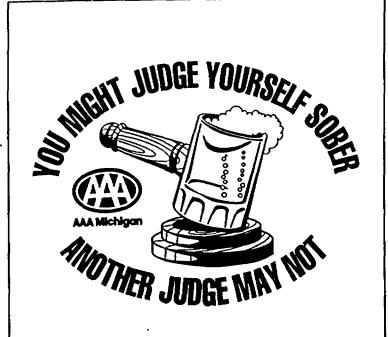
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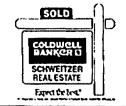
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Trying to make the mortgage process painless

St. Amour akes mystery out of home purchase By RICK BYRNE

Some people view the process of borrowing money to buy a home with same optimism that they view a trip to the dentist.

Fred St. Amour, who just opened Professional Mortgage Services in South Lyon, said it doesn't have to be that bad. As South Lyon's only mortgage broker, St. Amour has opened a suite of offices in the Re/Max Countryside building at 15 S. Lafayette.

He emphasizes that he moved to South Lyon himself, and then pened his business here, because It enabled him to be close to the people he served.

"One of the things I liked is that the people in this town have consumer loyalty," said St. Amour. "If you take care of them, they li give you the repeat business and the referrals.

"The biggest compliment you can get as a mortgage broker is referrals," he said

St Amour's been getting plenty of compliments because he says more than half of his business has -ibeen referrais. It's little wonder, because with his quick laugh and a boyish smile, St Amour can put The most high-strung home buyer lat ease

"Some places will just put a pile of papers in front of you and say "sign this," he said "I'll take about two hours with them and explain what's happening. I go through each one and educate them on the mortgage process and what the forms mean. That adds to their comfort level

Yet closing is just two percent of the mortgage process. St. Amour said. At every step of the process he tries to keep his customers informed and prepared

St. Amour said a big misconception some potential buyers have is the belief that they need huge sums of money to put down on a house, and spotless credit records Nothing, he said could be farther from the truth



Fred St. Amour, of Professional Mortgage Services in South Lyon, strikes out on his own to make the homebuying process painless.

Photo by SCOTT BENEDICT

He deals with hundreds of loan programs from 15 different mortgage lenders, each with their own niche

"I just did a \$330,000 mortgage the other day for a guy with spotless credit, but I did one for \$70,000, too, for someone who had filed for bankruptcy a year and a half ago." he said.

For customers who may be struggling with their finances, he can even offer counseling and instruction on how to manage debt.

St. Amour had previously worked for a mortgage firm in Farmington Hills, after rising to the rank of captain in the U.S.

Army. He decided to strike out on his own, he said, "Because I knew I could do it better than they can."

Since settling in South Lyon, St. Amour hasn't hesitated to involve himself in community activities. He was named to the South Lyon Parks and Recreation Commission in January, and is a member of the

Kiwanis.

South Lyon is still small enough that you can get involved and have an impact," he said.

Like most who've already discovered the area's small-town charm. he wishes the growth in the area would stop. But he adds that he knows the hundreds of new homes

being built in the South Lyon community can't help but bring him new business.

Office hours at Professional Mortgage Services are Mondays through Thursdays 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon. Call (810) 437-7774.



It takes money to make money WHAT'S NOT DEDUCTIBLE?

Business Briefs

CLAYTON ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, which has an office in Novi, recently opened its downtown Detroit office under the management of Jennifer L. Terbrueggen. Clayton's downtown office will be supported by Daniel T. Rogers, P.G., senior geologist. and Michelle M. Zyngier, staff consultant. Contact the Detroit office at (313) 961-4386.

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ORDOWSKI NANCY oſ Northville, an independent sales organizer for PRINCESS HOUSE, INC., has recently returned from an all-expense paid trip for two to Monte Carlo, a reward for her exceptional sales and leadership achievements. Ordowski, who sells Princess House Crystal and home enhancement products through home demonstrations, won the trip by achieving a sales goal set by the company. She was one of 300 Princess House consultants out of 14,000 to receive the six day/five night all-expense paid trip to Monte Carlo.

your career. We have to make

things happen for ourselves. Here

are some actions you can take to

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Career Development

It's never too late to begin planning your career.

Take stock of your (ob situation by asking the following questions: Do you like your job? Are there rumors of a downsizing where you work? Do you want something different and more challenging? Also ask yourself. "Do I have a job or a career?" If you want a career, you need to take steps to ensure you get one.

Why choose a career? All societies require career choices be made, either by you or by someone else. Your career will help you satisfy certain needs that we all have. such as basic physical needs. social needs, self-respect and selffulfillment. Your career choice is important in determining which needs can be met. A wise career choice can satisfy all the needs just mentioned.

Career planning is an ongoing process, not a one-time activity. Most people will change their career direction several times during their working years. Sometimes it's the workers choice to change jobs, and other times the company decides

Regardless of whose choice it is, it's up to each individual to be responsible for their own career and to develop a personal plan of action. Be proactive, not reactive, in your career planning.

It's a myth to think that good things come to those who wait when it comes to taking charge of break for these costs, albeit a small one. According to the Michigan Assoclation of Certified Public Accountants, you may be eligible to deduct investment expenses as an itemized deduction on your tax return. **HOW MUCH IS DEDUCTIBLE?**

> Investment expenses, as "miscellaneous itemized expenses," are deductible to the extent that they exceed 2 percent of your annual adjusted gross income (AGI). So, for example, if your AGI is \$40,000, and you have \$3,000 of miscellaneous expenses, including \$1,000 of investment-related expenses, you can deduct \$2,000. Keep in mind that investment expenses are subject also to the

It may not result in the major

overhaul of the health care system

that Congress was considering a

few years ago, but the new Health

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ability Act makes significant

changes that could benefit many

It's no secret that it takes money

to make money. Whether you want

to foray into the stock market or

reallocate Individual Retirement

Account (IRA) assets, you're likely

to spend some money on fees for

investment counselors, stockbro-

related expenses can add up. How-

ever. Congress gives you a tax

These and other investment-

kers, and IRA custodians.

Money Management

overall limit on itemized deductions for taxpayers with AGIs in excess of \$114.700 (up from \$111.800 in 1994).

Accurately tallying your invest-ment expenses before year-end can help to ensure that you meet the 2 percent threshold and obtain the deduction that you deserve. To do so, it's important to understand what qualifies as a legitimate investment expense.

WHAT IS DEDUCTIBLE?

For starters, deductible investment expenses must be incurred to produce or collect income or to manage, conserve or maintain property held for producing income. Investment expenses incurred to produce tax-exempt income are not deductible. Examples of qualified expenses include the following:

• Accounting fees incurred to keep accurate records of investment income or to help you assess

the tax impact of your investment strategy.

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· Custodian fees for holding shares, collecting and reinvesting cash dividends, and recordkeeping. · Investment counselor or management fees (except those incurred to obtain advice on tax-

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ments, s ich as stocks and bonds You also may deduct the depreclation of a computer used for investment purposes. Strict rules apply here, however. If you use your computer for investment purposes as well as for personal use. you'll need to accurately determine investment usage versus personal usage to calculate your deduction

Some investment-related costs, however, are not considered miscellaneous expenses. For example, rental property and the expenses of producing rental income are deducted from your gross income on Schedule E.

Other investment-related costs are non-deductible, such as: expenses for attending shareholder meetings, investment conventions or seminars; subscriptions for general business periodicals that include investment advice; and travel to examine income-producing property you are considering to purchase.

The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants savs understanding the difference between deductible and nondeductible investment expenses is important because it will help you to avoid errors on your tax return errors that could possibly trigger closer scrutiny by the IRS.

Changes could benefit employees

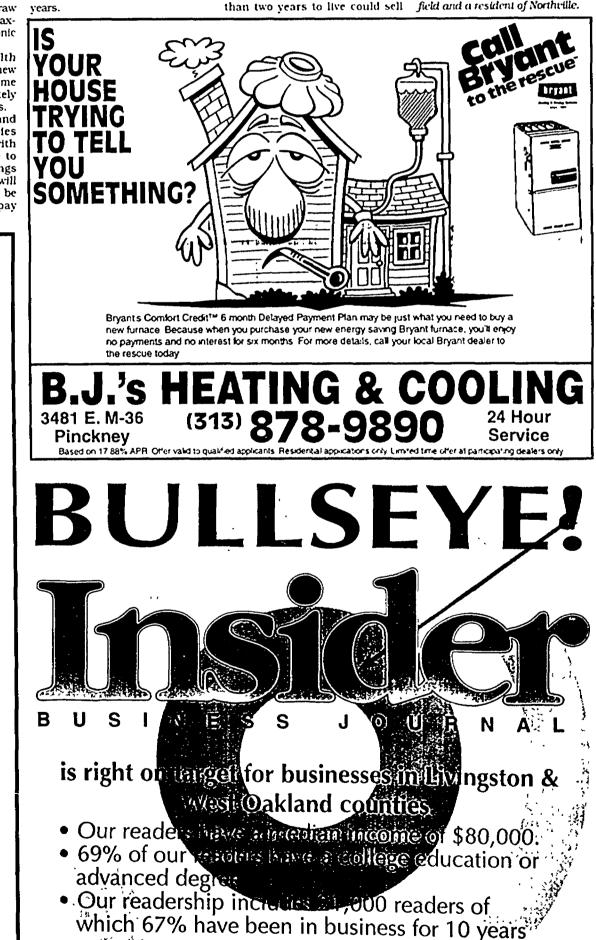
Tax tips

medical bills, but will face steep penalties if they are not used to pay medical bills. Congress will allow up to 750,000 MSAs to be established over the next four

In addition, beginning this year, individuals with chronic or terminal illnesses can use viatical settlements tax-free. Previously, individuals with chronic illnesses or less

their life insurance policies for about 75 percent of face value, but taxes typically reduced the benefits to about half of the policies' face value. This option is likely to become more popular now that individuals can use viatical settlements without paying taxes on them

Brian J. Teichman, CFP, CLU, is a representative of Allmerica Finan cial at the Detroit Office in South field and a resident of Northville.



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For example, the law creates medical savings accounts, which • Find access to a computer and use it for all aspects of your career consumers can draw on to pay for their medical needs. It also pro- Stay upbeat, optimistic and vides the ability for some to draw on their life insurance benefits tax-The best time to find a job is free to pay for treatment of chronic from mid-January through March. or terminal illnesses. and from September through Octo-

employees.

In addition to making health insurance more portable, the new law will make it easier for some individuals who are inadequately insured to pay their medical bills. career development for over eight

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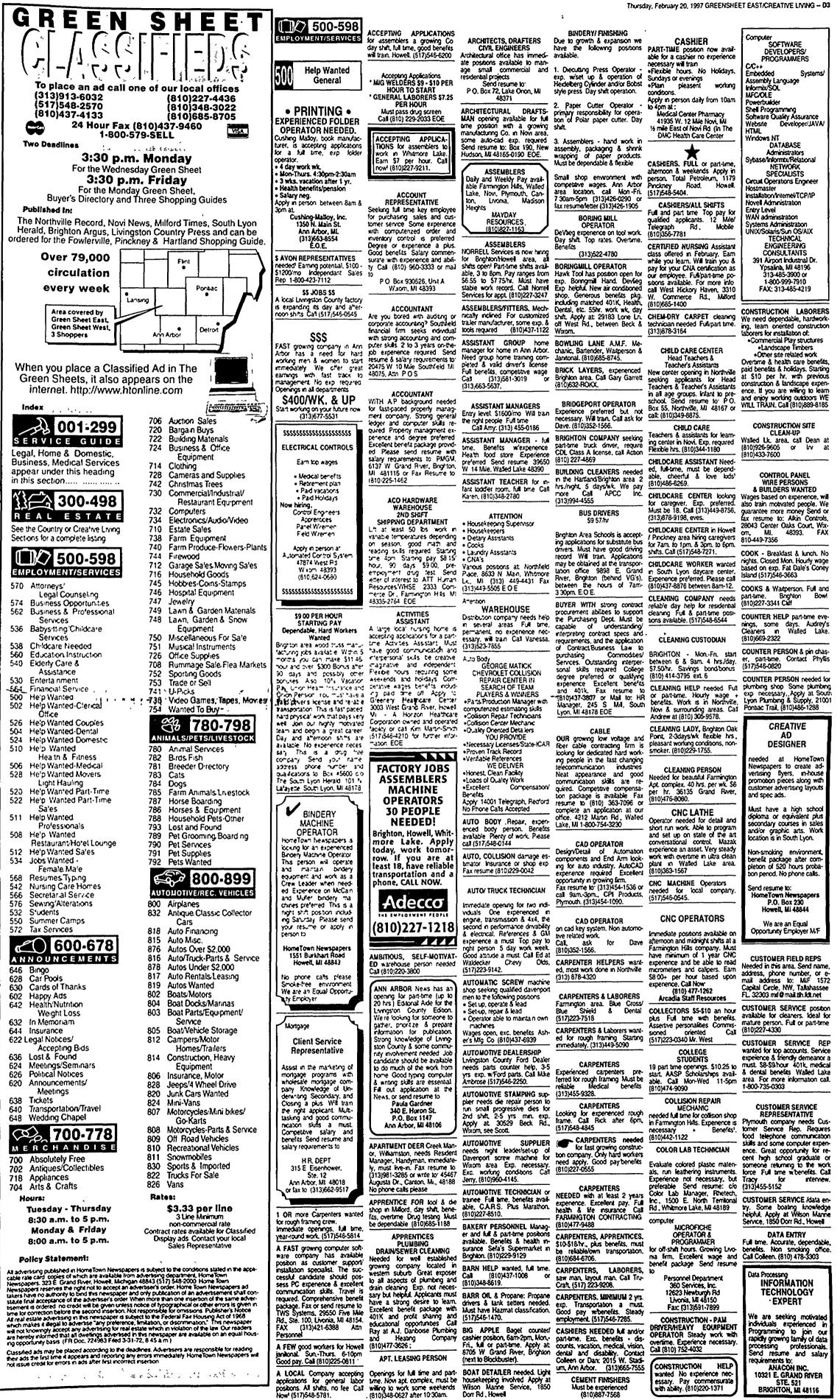
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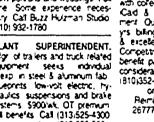
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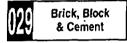
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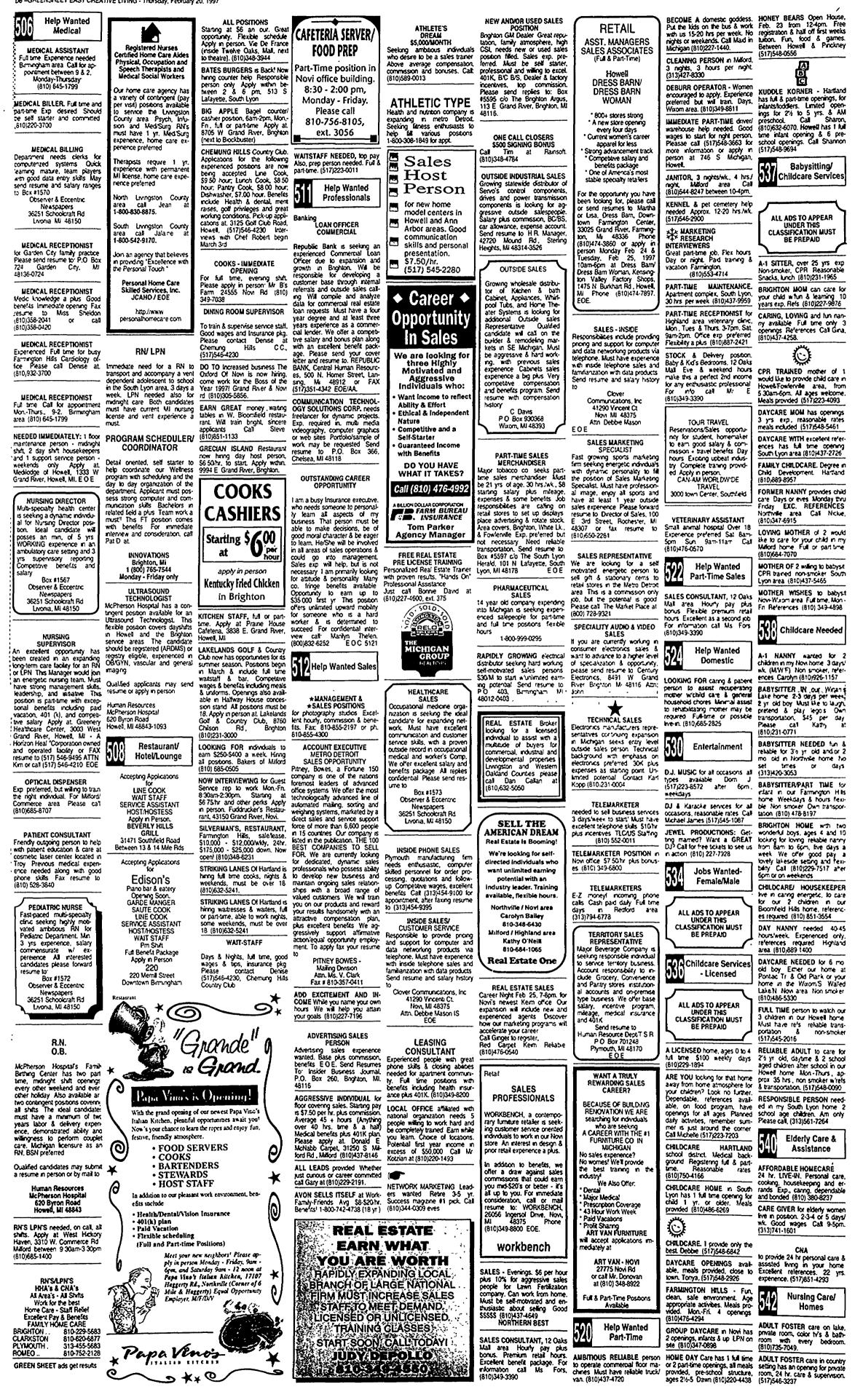
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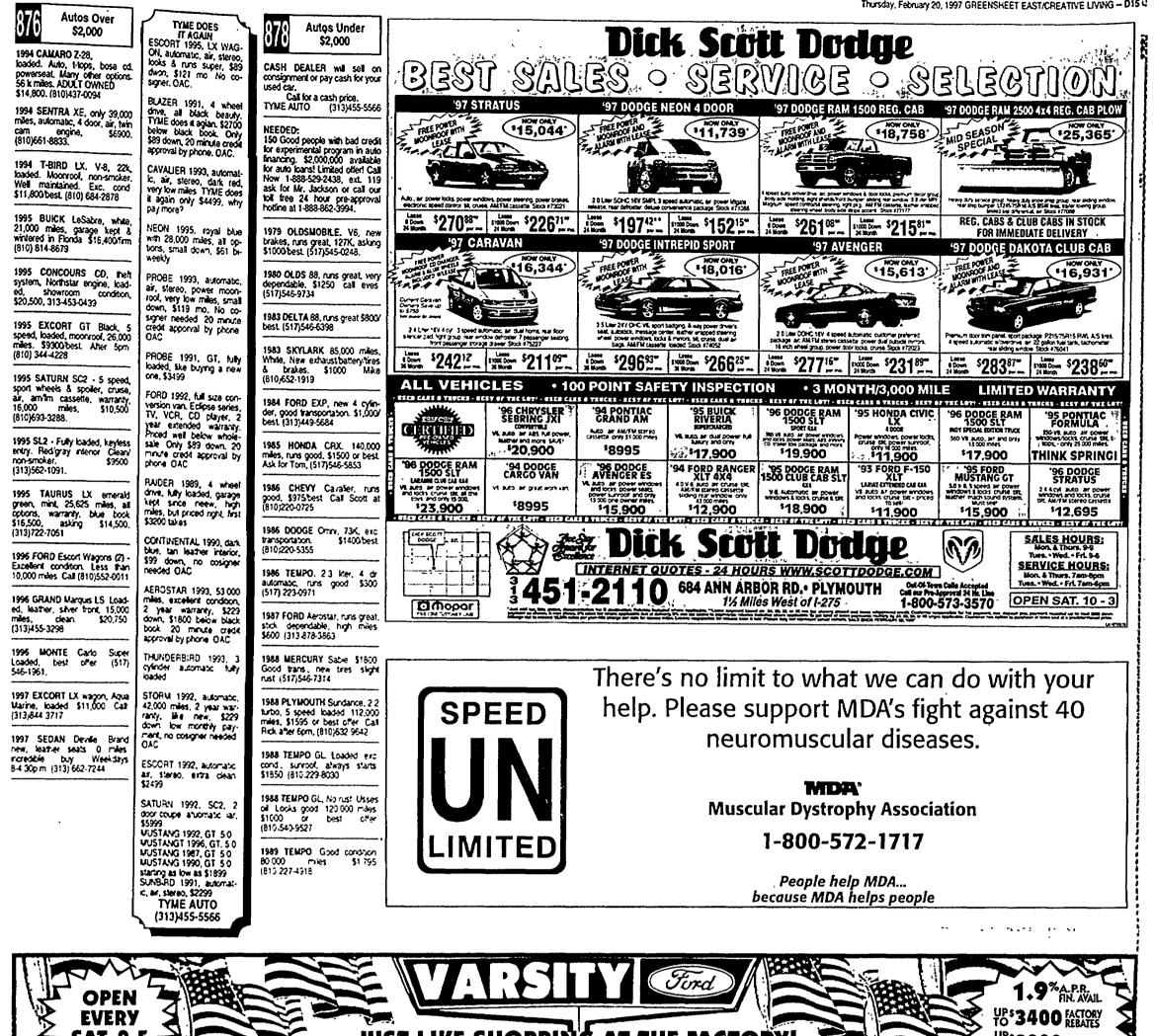
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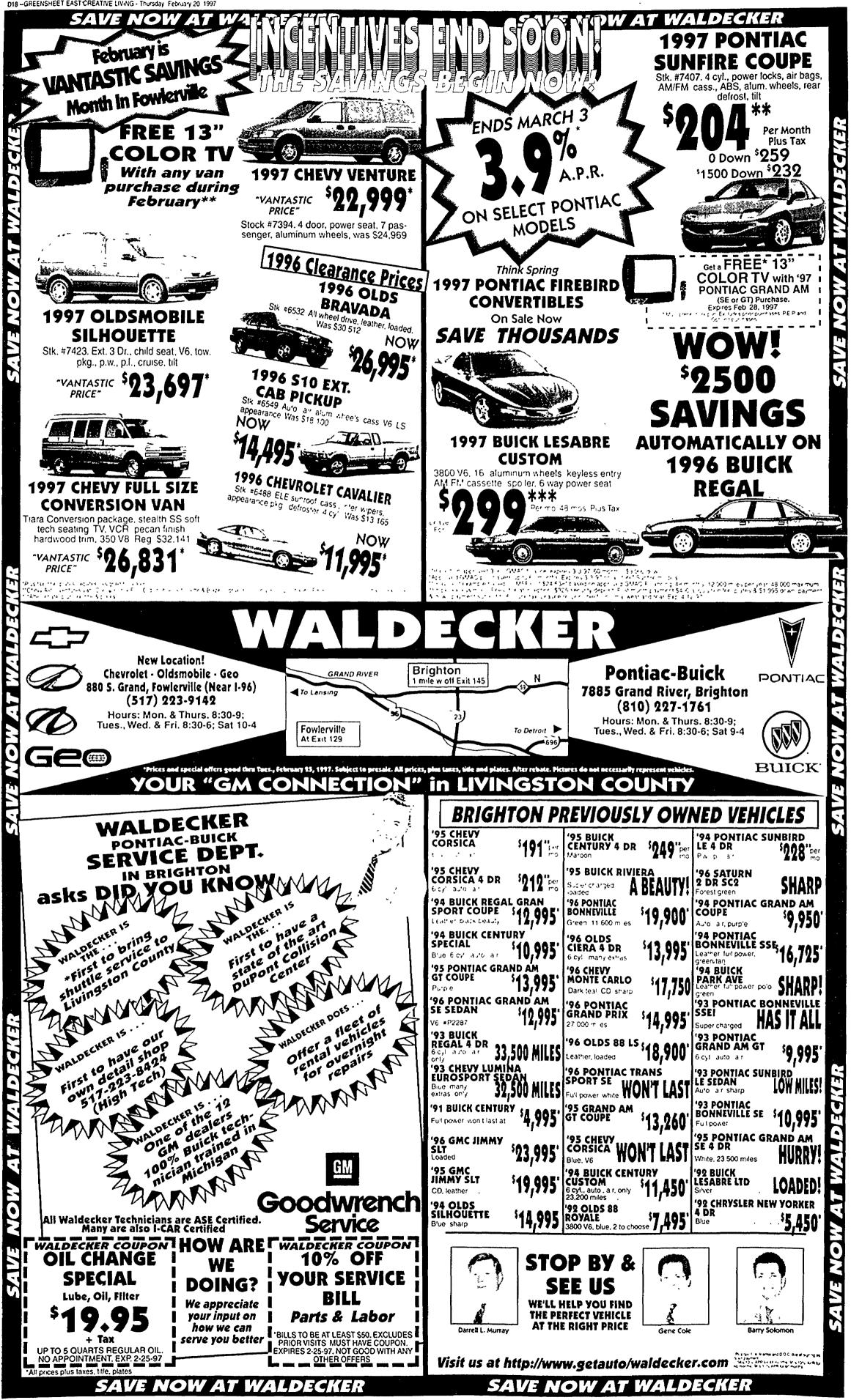
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Sheer layers of chiffon and tulle surround the bride in a cloud of romance.

Bridal gowns continue to take on a traditional glow

Sharon Maclay

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Copley News Service

Here comes the bride, all dressed in ... red? Well, it may be a trend among avantgarde fashion designers like Nicole Miller, who recently introduced a line of colorful wedding dresses, but most designers still prefer traditional pastels and silhouettes.

"Elegant and refined" is how Michele Piccione, head of design for Alfred Angelo's bridal collection, describes spring wedding fashions.

Indeed, the "hottest" bride of 1996, Carolyn Bessette-Kennedy, chose a simple, but chic bias-cut silk sheath to wear for her

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Piccione sees a return to "drama provided by pure lines and lovely fabrics." She still likes white, the perennial favorite, but enhanced with touches of blush pink. While red is a little too daring for most brides, softer tones of rosy hues are blooming for spring dresses.

Pale pink tones are also favorites of the designing duo Badgley Mischka, who give their spring gowns a rosy blush in tulle covered with glass beads and layered over a silver satin slip.

Soft colors are saying "I do" in the Carolina Herrera Bridal Collection, too. At the end of Herrera's spring runway show, the designer sent out a gorgeous mint-green gown, swirling with a chiffon skirt topped with a sheer bodice covered in cut-velvet roses.

The sheer, layered look is wafting out of the ready-to-wear collections and right into the wedding albums. Chiffon, tulle and organza are romantic choices for brides this spring. Satin is also making a comeback, as is all-over embroidered lace and silk shantung.

Bateau, scoop and V-necklines; long, fitted sleeves or sleeveless dresses; and soft, flowing skirts or slim, body-conscious designs are all elements that make this year's gowns stand out at the altar and later on the dance floor.

But don't envision many Cinderellas waltzing around out there. Just a few fairytale princesses. The latest wedding gown designs are very sophisticated, according to Piccione. Princess and empire shapes are the most popular silhouettes marching down the aisles this spring. Movie-star glamour is back with romantic dresses in shapely styles. Think Gwyneth Paltrow in the movie "Emma."

Or think Camelot and knights rather than Emma's Mr. Knightly. Bob Mackie's interpretation of the bridal gown for spring is a

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Busy brides and grooms are combining the wedding ceremony and honeymoon in one romantic getaway.

Travel packages offer convenience without hassle

By Alison Ashton Copley News Service

When Stacey and Rick were planning their wedding three years ago, they decided that all the hassle of planning a big todo at home was too much work. So they headed to Sausalito, a tiny, picturesque village across the bay from San Francisco. Their wedding pictures show some of the traditional trappings - she's wearing an elegant gown, he's in a tux, and a few friends and family members are in attendance - but the hotel where they stayed

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took care of the details.

Gina and Jay chose to escape the wedding-planning whirlwind by eloping to Las Vegas, and both sets of parents were happy to join them. Like Stacey, Gina wore the dress of her dreams and let the hotel plan a nuptial celebration with all the trimmings. There was a time when a couple who wanted to get married quickly and with a

minimum of fuss said, "We do" at city hall. Or maybe they drove over to the next state. But these days, after announcing the big

news of their engagement, the first call

many couples make is to the travel agent. They want all the festivity of a traditional wedding, but they don't want to spend a lot of time actually planning it. Hotels and resorts, mostly concentrated in the Caribbean and Hawaii, are happy to accommodate with special wedding/honeymoon packages that make it convenient to get married, but still enjoy a romantic, memorable celebration.

Some couples even use these vacation weddings as a way to gather far-flung family and friends in one place. And many guests are only too happy to jet to St. Lucia or Maui to witness the event.

According to Modern Bride magazine, 65,000 couples planned their weddings away from home last year. Modern Bride's travel editor, Geri Bain, even wrote a book about it, "Honeymoons and Weddings Away."

She says, "Complicated family situations, different religions, and conflicts over wedding styles and who should attend are among the reasons why couples opt to marry away. It's a way of removing a wed-

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This year's spring bridal fashions are elegant, refined

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white crepe-and-satin spiral long-sleeve gown topped off with a cone-shape hat and veil. Perfect for modern-day Guineveres.

The sheath dress is another stylish option for brides this season. Classically elegant in shimmering satin or covered with embroidered lace, the form-fitting silhouette is enhanced even more with rolled collars, draping cowl necks and back details. Vera Wang uses sheer chiffon to give her new spring gown the illusion of a backless dress.

And that's where it often counts the most. Every bride knows that it's the back of the dress people will see for most of the ceremony. That's why many bridal designers this spring are conjuring up tiny rows of buttons, lacing up gown backs like corsets and adding interesting cut-outs, lattice designs and keyholes. That ought to make the rear view a little more interesting.

As the weather warms up, so will halterstyle silhouettes. Halter bodices in ruched taffeta or slinky satin turn bridal dresses into not-so-traditional gowns.

But for those brides who prefer to be a little more covered up, the jacket has made a comeback in elegant brocades or extraordinary bead designs. Styled as matching boleros or waistcoats, the jacket is perfect

Using your head

By Sharon Mosley Copley News Service

It's a personal decision. Do you go with the sweeping veil anchored with a headband studded with beads? Or do you choose something, let's say, a little more daring like the satin cocktail hat with the silk roses? Or do you just forget the whole head thing?

Well, it's easier than you think. Say goodbye to all the rules and let your heart - no. that's head - tell you what's right to top it all off. Here are a dos and don'ts when it comes to choosing a headpiece for your gown:

Do choose a headpiece after you've picked out a dress. Many gowns have matching headpieces; however, do not feel like you have to buy anything unless it's exactly what you want and you've shopped around for other alternatives.

Don't be afraid to be creative. There are no hard and fast rules when it comes to veils and headpieces anymore. Think

for brides who want a more sophisticated look, especially if it's a second wedding.

Another versatile alternative now offered by many bridal manufacturers is the detachable train that can easily be removed

from the dress after the wedding ceremo-

about the way you'll be wearing your hair, the shape of your face and what will complement the design of your dress before you buy your headgear.

Do consider wearing something different. Look at all your options. There are large picture hats brimming with possibilities, velvet hoods flowing with romance and even sculptural pieces carved with porcelain flowers that would be lovely to wear long after the wedding flowers are encased in a shadowbox.

Don't overdo it. On one hand, it's nice to wear a headpiece that's different from the ordinary veil. On the other hand, there are some tiaras out there that may be just a little too much. You probably need to kiss quite a few toads and turn into a real princess before you dare to wear one of these crown jewels.

Do keep it simple. Chic and elegant is best. A simple satin bow or garland of fresh flowers may be the most charming solution to getting ahead with your wedding plans.

ny, just in time for the reception - without worrying about little cousin Joey and his two left feet.

Once you've picked a dress, don't overlook other details. It's true that your wedding day is not the time to experiment with blue eye shadow or a new curling iron. However, several weeks before the big event is the perfect time to test out a shimmering lipstick shade or have your hair twisted into a new undo. Plan a visit to your favorite cosmetic counter and your hairstylist for a consultation weeks in advance of the wedding date.

Don't wait until the last minute to pick out shoes and accessories, either. After you've chosen your dress, you'll want to start picking out all those finishing touches that will complement the gown. There is now a wide variety of shoe styles to choose from in satin, velvet and silk, and they're stepping out in wedded bliss. You'll want to wear these again and again. How about a pair of sling backs decked with roses or slippers swathed in face and pearls?

Pearls are still a classic accessory for brides, whether it's a pearl-beaded handbag, pearl and diamond drop earrings or a cuff bracelet wrapped around your operalength gloves. Choose your jewelry to flatter the neckline of your dress as well as your hair style and headpiece.

A dress rehearsal before you make that trip to the photographer will prove invaluable. Then you'll be picture perfect when the real wedding bells ring

Your local travel agent can help plan a festive celebration

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ding from sticky situations and the world of 'shoulds' and easting it in a new romantic light."

She adds, "Almost all couples who get married away say that one of the biggest, and often unexpected, bonuses is being able to focus on each other."

And it's become big business for the hotels and resorts that offer the service. Sandals Resorts, which operates 10 allinclusive couples-only properties in the Caribbean, coined the phrase Wedding-Moon and hosted 3,000 couples as they exchanged vows last year.

"We have married people in Jacuzzis, underwater, in gazebos," says John Lynch. Sandals' executive vice president of sales worldwide. "We've done weddings for \$500, and we've done ones that cost

Wedding Locales

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Here is a list of some of the hotels and resorts that offer wedding-planning services. To find out about more, contact your travel agent:

Sandals Resorts, (800) SANDALS. Friends International Resorts, (800) 752-6824.

Braco Village Resort, (800) 654-1337.

Bora Bora Lagoon Resort, (800) 223-6800 (Leading Hotels of the World).

plimentary wedding ceremony when they reserve an all-inclusive vacation. Couples who plan a six-night vacation at Rendezvous in St. Lucia get complimentary basic wedding arrangements that include obtaining the marriage license, legal fees, a champagne reception, decorations and a candlelight dinner for the wedding party. The resort caps it off with breakfast in bed the following morning. The couple may choose to pay extra for flowers, photographic services, live music and the wedding cake. Braco Village Resort's "Marrymoon" in Jamaica costs \$200, including a pre-wedding pedicure, manicure and hairstyling for the bride and massage for the groom, plus all the wedding trimmings. At Bora Bora

y LUCAIES Hyatt Regency Maui, (808) 667-4430.

The Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua, Maui, (800) 262-8440.

Frenchman's Reef, St. Thomas, (800) FOR-LOVE.

El Conquistador, Puerto Rico. (800) 468-5228.

Franklyn D. Resort, (800) 654-1FDR. Rendezvous, St. Lucia, (800) 544-2883. Walt Disney World, Orlando, Fla., (800) 828-3400.

Lagoon Resort, the wedding package includes Tahitian dress for the couple, a Polynesian-style waterfront ceremony and a sunset cruise in a canoe, serenaded by Tahitian music. Many couples head to Hawaii, where just about all the major resorts have some kind of wedding-planning program. The Hyatt Regency Maui, for example, has three different wedding packages, ranging from \$825 to \$1,550, and even built a new wedding gazebo to accommodate all the nuptial couples. In addition to a romantic tropical setting, Hawaii's marriage license requirements are simple. Proof of age and a photo ID are all that's needed; Hawaii doesn't require blood tests.

time around, resorts such as the Franklyn D. Resort in Runaway Bay, Jamaica, have packages aimed at families with kids. For \$400, Franklyn D.'s staff will arrange for the wedding license and plan the wedding and a family cocktail reception.

If all this sounds tempting, here are some ideas to consider when planning a honeymoon in paradise:

Examine the wedding/honeymoon package closely. Be sure you understand exactly what is included and how much is charged for extra touches.

Understand the marriage license requirements at the destination. Resorts that have in-house wedding departments usually handle this for you, but if you want to get married at a smaller property, such as an intimate bed-and-breakfast, you'll need to do the research yourself. Inquire about waiting periods, blood tests, needed docu-

\$30,000."

Sandals' WeddingMoons start at \$750, depending on how long the couple stays and the level of accommodations they choose. A basic wedding includes a justice of the peace or clergy, tropical flowers, a Caribbean wedding cake, champagne celebration dinner and wedding-day video. Onsite wedding coordinators can assist couples who want something more unusual.

Other resorts are wooing couples with special offers, such as throwing in a com-

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ments, etc.

If a number of friends and family members are joining you for this happy vacation, find out if the hotel or resort can offer a special rate or other perks.

Remember, you don't have to go far to enjoy an out-of-town wedding. Inquire about wedding/honeymoon packages offered at hotels, lodges and inns in your area. These can be very romantic, and a real boon to couples who are short on time or money.

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Today's wedding cakes, like this one created by Chef Karen Krasne, are works of art.

Today's couples demand creative cakes

By Priscilla Lister Copley News Service

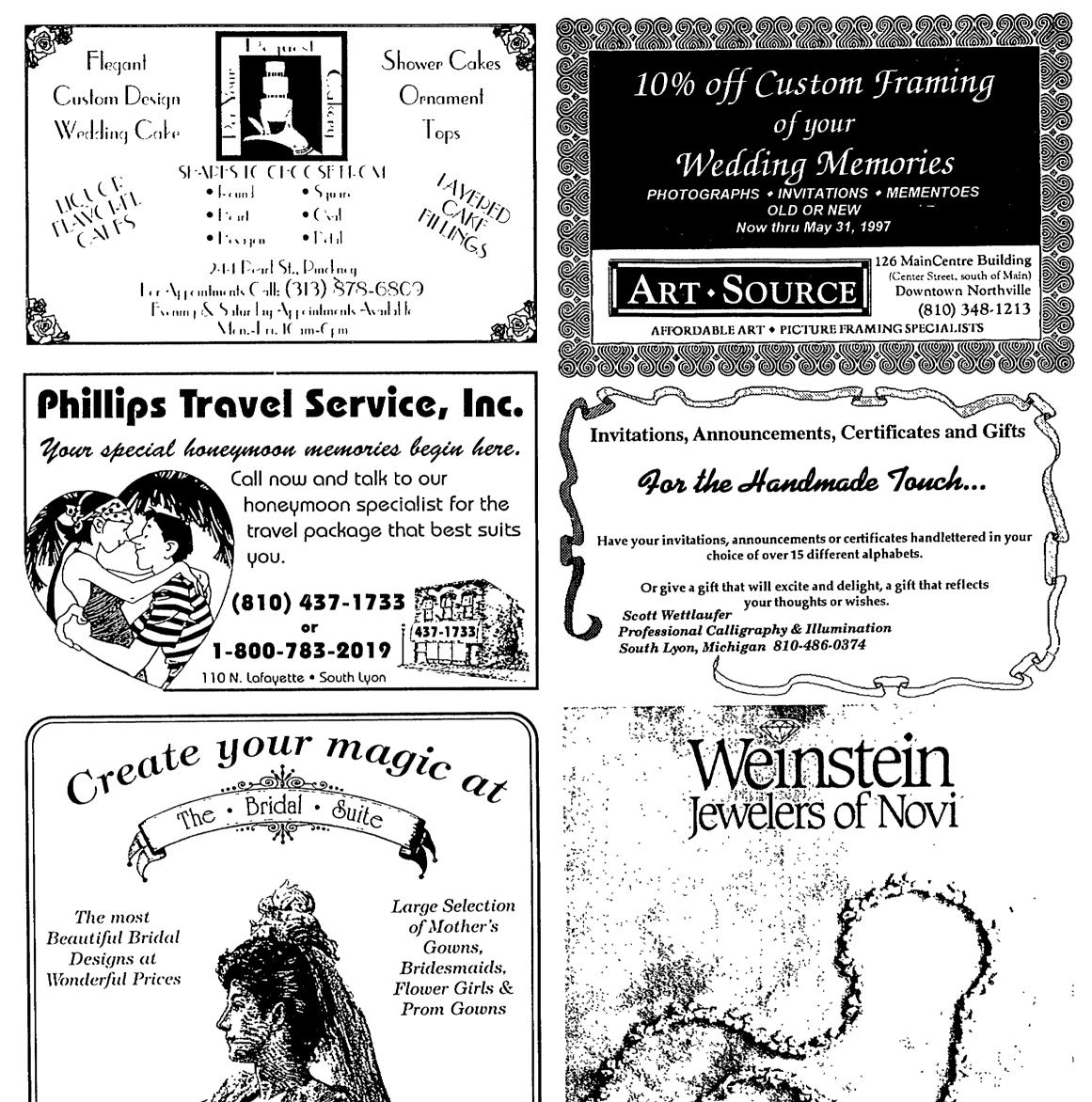
Wedding cakes are breaking out of yesteryear's all-white molds. Today's cakes have personality, panache and, more than ever before, fantastic flavors. "The wedding cake today is a real emotional decision." said Margaret Lastick, owner of Le Royale Icing in Oak Park, III., custom supplier of wedding cakes for all the major hotels in Chicago. "The two items in a wedding that tell people why they're at the event are the bride's dress and the wedding cake," she added.

When customers come to Lastick to design their wedding cake, "they want to be different somehow. The cake can be traditional, but they want it to have a personalized twist," she said. One trend she notices today is the return of the cake top - variations on the little bride and groom that stand atop the highest layer.

"For years, brides and grooms were

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Wedding fashions aren't just for brides anymore

By Sharon Mosley Copley News Service

Brides, watch out! The groom doesn't have to take a back seat anymore when it comes to being fashionable at his own wedding. That guy who's been wearing jeans for the past few years might look like someone who just stepped out of a Hollywood movie when it comes time to walk down the aisle.

With all the dashing options now available at formalwear shops, grooms can put together a black-tie package that not only coordinates with the bride's attendants, but makes a special fashion statement as well.

"Whether they choose to buy or rent, men will find formalwear is no longer uptight, but reflects an easy air that helps a man look good and feel totally confident when and where it counts," says Edward S. Kaminow, president and chief executive officer of Lord West Formalwear.

There are many things to take into consideration when choosing what to wear. Is it going to be a large, formal wedding, or a small, intimate affair? Daytime or evening?

Cutaways for the groom and stroller coats for the groomsmen are appropriate for daytime weddings, tuxedos for late afternoon and evening weddings, according to Bernte Toll, spokesman for Lord West Formalwear. In warm weather, a white or ivory dinner jacket is fine.

After the bride has chosen her dress and her attendants' dresses, the next stop should be the local formalwear specialist, says Kaminow. With so many choices available, it's necessary to get expert advice.

Don't even think about wearing something as boring as a one-button tuxedo. "That's past history," says Kaminow, "Now manufacturers are producing single-breasted models with two-button and as many as seven-button closures."

For spring, tuxedos take on new lapel treatments with jackets that are slightly longer, great for enhancing any groom's physique.

"Forget cookie-cutter expressions," says Kaminow, "The black-tie world is changing."

Designers of formalwear are offering a host of options for the groom. Lord West has a new, longer jacket with a defined sil-



houette emphasizing the full chest and suppressed waist. Designed with satin notch lapels and a four-button front, this design may be worn with a Euro four-in-hand tie, vest and wing-collar shirt - a very fashionforward look.

Chaps Ralph Lauren offers notch, shawl and peak lapels edged in satin in addition to the traditional full satin lapels. Silhouettes from this designer emphasize the natural slope of shoulders and an expression of ease through the chest and waist.

Ralph Lauren adds his own accessories with vests in neat patterns and subtle colors, most often paired with wing-collar pleated-front shirts and satin bow ties.

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Consider time of day and the wedding's formality when choosing formalwear.

Perry Ellis also emphasizes a more relaxed silhouette for grooms.

This designer collection features twobutton and three-button single-breasted styles and six-button double-breasted styles. Accessories permit men to create an individual look with choices of wing-, stand-up or cross-collar treatments. Use of bow ties or button covers is the wearer's option. Perry Ellis vests are designed with six buttons in a wide variety of colorful silk patterns. Vests are a perfect way to coordinate color with the bride's attendants and the groomsmen.

Pierre Cardin offers one of the newest formalwear looks around for grooms with a new tuxedo designed for a body-conscious fit with satin plackets and satin neckband with throat latch. This is worn with a stand-up collar shirt and striped silk vest with metallic accents.

Formal shoes are also available at many

specialty stores, including classic slip-ons and lace-up oxfords.

Indeed, accessories can play a defining role in creating a unique wedding style. With a wide variety of shoes, vests, cummerbunds, ties, button covers, stud and link sets, each groom can choose an individual look - for himself and his attendants as well.

The bride and her bridesmaids will be sure to notice.

Ask intelligent questions to find ideal vendors

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By Sharon Naylor Cop'ey News Service

Planning a wedding means hiring various professionals and vendors who will create your big day. These are big decisions, which can make or break your entire wedding, so you must shop smart when choosing a caterer, florist, mustcians, photographer, videographer and anyone else who will have a hand in your ceremony or reception.

Your two goals should be to hire the best person for the job and to avoid getting ripped off. It just takes a handful of questions to do both efficiently

Where do you start? Who do you hire?

You might flip open the yellow pages and choose the florist with the biggest ad. You might think that a photographer with a big corner storefront in the center of town will do a better job for you than the man who works out of his home office. These surface appearances should not be your only criteria.

After all, just because a vendor has a big store doesn't necessarily mean he'll give you the best service at an affordable price.

The only true way to choose the best vendors is to interview and investigate. Protect yourself,

your wedding and your budget with these questions to be included in your interview with all potential vendors, from the florist to the caterer to the photographer and beyond:

Do you belong to a professional organization?

This is very important, since many organizations have strict rules of professionalism and conduct for membership. Checking with an organization is like getting a seal of approval, which

will help you make your decision. Look up professional organizations in your local phone book, through library question/answer lines or through the tollfree directory.

(800) 555-1212. How long have

you been in business?

This criteria is mainly subjective. Just because a videographer has been in business for 10 years doesn't mean he's any good. A recent college graduate with just two months under her belt may do just as professional a job. Use this information only as an addition to the truly helpful data.

Where did you

get your training? A pastry chef trained at a prestigious culinary institute has the knowledge and background that could give her the edge over a self-taught baker. Always ask for samples and a portfolio. The truly professional will be glad to oblige.

Do you (cater/bake cakes/photograph) full time?

Do you want to entrust your wedding to someone for whom catering is "just a hobby"?

How many weddings will you be doing at that time?

You want to hire someone who doesn't have four weddings that weekend because you want their undivided attention and their best efforts directed toward your wedding only. Some vendors have the staff and facilities to cater multiple affairs, but most brides agree that you don't want a phone call the day before the wedding, saying you can't have coconut shrimp because they ran out at yesterday's wedding.

Can I have some referrals? Ask your caterer or florist if you could

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talk to some of their previous clients. Granted, they're likely to connect you with the couples who gave them raves, but you will get a feel for the kind of service the vendor is capable of.

Can I see you in action⁹

Any band, photographer, disc jockey or florist who won't let you get a firsthand look at their services should be crossed off your list immediately

What are the exact elements of the contract you're offering?

It a florist has a standard wedding contract, he should be willing to discuss exactly what is available to you. The florist should have a price list for each item and element, not a guess off the top of his head

Every detail should be spelled out in the contract, including the most basic things.

One bride hired a five-person jazz band for her wedding, only to find that in the four months since she signed with them, they changed three members and became a club music band

What is your exact payment schedule? Does the vendor wish to be paid up front? Is there a monthly installment plan? Do they offer you the option of paying the final bill after service is rendered? Do they take credit cards, or does their whole operation have an under-the-table feel? Be sure to get an exact payment schedule in writing.

What is your policy on refunds? No one wants to cancel a wedding, but circumstances such as weather or health problems just may creep in and force a postponement or cancellation. You want to be sure your vendors are not going to cry "no refunds!" and keep your money.

What are your extra fees?

Some vendors may have hidden fees, little extras that add up to thousands more tacked onto your bill. As you get all fees in writing, make sure that it is written that there are no hidden fees. Always check to see if a gratuity is included in your contract, so that you don't tip the band twice. Ask about overtime.

One bride was slapped with a huge fee when the limo driver had to wait an extra hour for the bride and groom to locate their luggage in a relative's car trunk before leaving for their reception. and helpful? Do they treat you with respect? Do they go by the old adage "the customer is always right"? These are the vendors you want to add to your short list for consideration.

Will you be present the day of the wedding?

Will the florist be available should you need a last-minute quick-fix or a replacement? Will the caterer be in attendance as the entrees are served? If so, how will they dress? They should be willing to dress to the formality of the occasion. Don't hesitate to ask. Think of how you'll feel if the mustcian you hired shows up at your ultratormal reception in a pink tux or, worse, black jeans and a turtleneck.

As you investigate the various vendors for all the aspects of your wedding, always check with the Better Business Bureau in your area to see if there have been any complaints registered against them. This is the best way to be sure you're dealing with a responsible, dependable professional, not some fly-by-night, too-good-to-be-true ripoff artist. Get a full report on each vendor's professional history, and protect yourself.

Another great way to ensure quality service from your vendors is to get a referral from someone you know. If a friend was highly satisfied with her florist's work at her wedding, ask for the florist's number.

A bride who hired the disc jockey from a friend's recent wedding, which she attended, saw firsthand how great he was at his job. She knew his repertoire and his rapport with the crowd, and she knew he was a professional. He was perfect for her wedding, and she couldn't have been happier with his work. Her guests raved, and she got her money's worth.

Trust your gut instinct when choosing. It never lies.

When your choices are made, and it's time to make it legal, always read your contract carefully. Your vendor should allow you plenty of time to go over every word in fine print. One who fusses and seems to be trying to get you to sign without reading just may have something to hide. So go over everything. Highlight questionable phrases and ask detailed questions of the vendors.

Remember: There are no stupid questions. When you're handing over that much money, you've earned the right to ask for clarification on the most basic contract elements.

BRIDEFACTS

Check out the photographer

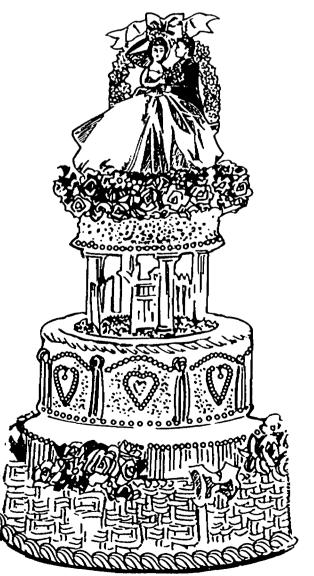
Wedding photographs are a lifelong memory of your special day. Make sure the photographer you choose will get the photos right.

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Personality: Getting along with the photographer is an important factor. Credentials: Look for a Masters of Photography from the Professional Photographers of America.

> Referrals: Firsthand referrals from friends are a good sign.

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Are you willing to negotiate your price? The most professional choices will be willing to discuss your budget, and they may be willing to give you a break on some extras. See if they're willing to give you a discount or a freebie for your patronage.

Are you willing to give me what I want? High-quality vendors will always do their best to listen to your wishes and help grant them. If a vendor seems unavailable or annoyed that you want to mess with their formula, cross them from your list. As you speak to them, are they friendly Make sure everything that's supposed to be in there is in there, and there's nothing in there that shouldn't be. Have several people read it over, just to be sure. Once you sign it, you're bound by it.

And "I didn't know" isn't going to help you out much. So protect yourself with pen in hand by reading the fine print and being a smart wedding consumer.

Sharon Naylor is the author of "1,001 Ways to Save Money and Still Have a Dazzling Wedding" (Contemporary Books).



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Festivities abound before the wedding day

By Elizabeth Scheibner Copley News Service

Pre-wedding parties are just one of the many perks of getting married. Depending on the size of your wedding and the number of friends and relatives who reside in the immediate area, you will probably be invited to a number of showers and parties in the months preceding your wedding.

Usually someone in your wedding party will offer to host a party in your honor and will ask for your thoughts and ideas on how to celebrate. If you prefer a couples shower to a "ladies-only" gathering, this is the time to speak up. Or if you prefer an informal gathering of close friends as opposed to cocktails and dinner, let your host know upfront.

Be sure to provide your host with a complete list of the guests you want to invite. including their addresses and phone numbers (for those who fail to RSVP). Limit your guest list to your closest friends and relatives. You're not expected to include everyone who is invited to your wedding - nor is it fair to expect your host to entertain throngs of people.

WEDDING SHOWERS

Showers are typically held a couple of

weeks before the wedding. While showers used to be for the bride only, it's become more commonplace to include the groom and his friends.

Couple showers tend to be very different from the traditional bridal shower. For one thing, it would be next to impossible to drag most men to an afternoon tea to play bridal games. Couple showers can be anything from an outdoor barbecue to a buffet brunch to an afternoon tailgate party. Ideally, the theme of the shower should reflect the personalities of the couple.

If the bride and groom are outdoor enthusiasts, for example, sporting goods might be the most appropriate gifts. For the couple who likes to entertain, gourmet food and wine would probably be welcome. Other shower gift ideas include holiday decorations, gifts from different countries or travel items for the honeymoon.

REHEARSAL DINNER

The rehearsal dinner is usually held the evening before the wedding, after the wedding rehearsal. While it is traditionally hosted by the groom's parents, it can also be hosted by the bride's parents, a close friend or relative or by the wedding couple.

The rehearsal dinner can be as formal or

informal as you and the hosts like. It could be sit-down dinner at a restaurant, a catered affair at home or an informal backyard barbecue. Guests should include all members of the wedding party and their spouses or significant others, parents and grandparents. the clergy and any out-of-town guests

After dinner, the bride and groom will typically present their gifts to the wedding attendants and, perhaps, their parents and each other. It is customary for the best man to propose a toast to the couple and for the couple to toast their parents. Others are also encouraged to join in the toasting.

BRIDESMAIDS PARTY

The traditional bridal luncheon, given by the bride for her attendants, has given way to other options, including breakfast, brunch or dinner on the town. The purpose of the party is for the bride to thank her attendants for their friendship and support and to give the women an opportunity to become better acquainted if they don't already know each other. Often the bride will use this occasion to present her attendants with their gifts.

The bridesmaid party does not have to be the least bit formal - or expensive. The bride may want to take her friends out to lunch

after picking up their bridesmaids dresses. treat them to a facial and manicure the day before the wedding, or invite them to happy hour one evening after work.

BACHELOR PARTY

Bachelor parties are notorious for being rowdy, boisterous and a bit risque. But in truth, they are not always as offensive as men would like women to believe. Given by the best man or brother of the groom, bachelor parties are usually held at a favorite bar or nightclub. Because there is usually a lot of drinking, it makes sense for the host to hire a limousine or appoint someone as the designated driver. For obvious reasons, it is also wise to hold the bachelor party several days prior to the wedding rather than the night before.

BACHELORETTE PARTY

Just as the groom and his friends are entitled to a night of carousing before the wedding, the bride and her friends often plan a night on the town. Younger brides may hire a male stripper or go bar hopping, while older brides may prefer dinner out. Bachelorette parties, which are usually given by the maid of honor or the bride's sister, can be often be just as unruly as the bachelor party - if not more so - depending on the group.





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Weddings There are many options available for wedding cakes

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not interested in the traditional bride-andgroom cake top," said Lastick. "Now I'm finding as long as something is very personalized and unique. I'm asked more and more to put a cake top on a wedding cake."

A recent example she created for one couple was a cake top of tiny Limoges frog boxes. "They were gorgeous and very cute, and a very elegant look because they were Limoges boxes. Then I handmade flowers out of sugar and a lify umbrella over the frogs. It actually looked absolutely gorgeous," she said.

She said she's one of the few bakers in Chicago that still does sugar flowers. "You can eat them, but generally people want to save them. They can bring them back to me and I can make a bouquet and put them in a dome setting they can keep for a lifetime," said Lastick.

But as for the cake itself, her customers want to eat it.

"Ninety-five percent of my customers want the wedding cake for dessert. It's very important what it tastes like," she said. "They want dessert-size slices, not little slivers to put into boxes to take home.

They want a good-size piece of cake that's actually a plated dessert with little flowers or sauces or pieces of fruit on a decorated plate."

Flavor is decidedly the driving force behind Karen Krasne's Extraordinary Desserts shop in San Diego. The holder of a certificate de patisserie from Paris' Le Cordon Bleu, Krasne has been wowing couples with her wedding cakes for nine years.

"Our top seller now is a Passion Fruit Ricotta Torte. It's three pound-cake layers soaked with passion fruit juice and layered with passion fruit whipped cream. kiwifruit, strawberries and bananas," said Krasne. "It's a light cake, very fragrant. and I don't think there's a person who doesn't like it.'

Her second top seller is called Moka, three layers of very dark bittersweet chocolate cake soaked with coffee and separated with espresso-infused chocolate mousse, caramel and pecan espresso pralines.

Then there's her White Chocolate Linzer Torte, a hazelnut almond cake with white chocolate butter cream, fresh raspberries, homemade raspberry preserves and nut meringue; the flavor choices at Extraordinary Desserts are as luscious as

the cake's presentation.

"Our signature look is fresh flowers or fresh greens. We like it to look as though it's natural, in that organic garden idea," said Krasne.

Some of her stellar wedding cake designs have showcased seven layers with real pink anthuriums and tiny white orchids; layers wrapped entirely in sugared pansies; tiers of cake dressed tuxedolike with really smooth frosting punctuated with real ribbon in the same color, then pressed with bright-red rose petals while the top layer is covered with bright-red rosebuds: or those same tuxedo-style tiers festooned with leaves in the colors of fall.

"I'm trying to get out of the pillar thing," said Krasne. "I'm trying to avoid having any plastic pieces on the cakes, trying to keep them very organic."

And judging by the winners in the 1996 Domaine Carneros Sparkling Wine Wedding Cake Contest in Napa, Calif., whimsy can define a wedding cake as well.

Mike McCarey of Amazing Cakes in Redmond, Wash., won the grand prize for his "King Kong & Fay Wray Cake" - a banana caramel cake replicated to look like New York's Chrysler Building, with a chocolate King Kong scaling the building

while grasping Fay Wray in his hand.

Richard Ruskell of The Phoenician Hotel in Scottsdale, Ariz., won first prize in the celebrity category for his "Dr. Jekyll and Mrs. Hyde" entry - a double-tower wedding cake consisting of four black and white oval-shape tiers intertwined in a ying-yang pattern, each side decorated with gum paste flowers and Mexican paste stencil.

Mrs. Hyde's cake was dark chocolate with chocolate mascarpone and fresh raspberries; Dr. Jekyll's was a white butter cake with vanilla mascarpone and fresh raspberries.

But what about the individualist couple who doesn't want a wedding cake at all? Krasne has an idea.

"Some people just don't want a wedding cake. They could maybe have a cake that says, 'This is our wedding day,' but it isn't about being a wedding cake structure. They could instead have little petite desserts, extremely beautiful little treats," she said. "I like that idea for about 50 guests, but not for big crowds or it starts to look like a buffet. But for 50 to even 75, around a big gorgeous dining table, it really works."





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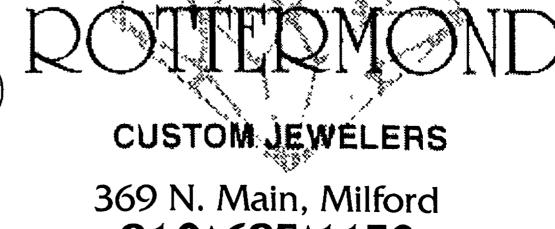
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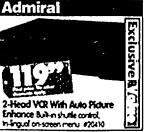
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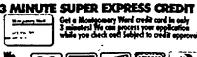
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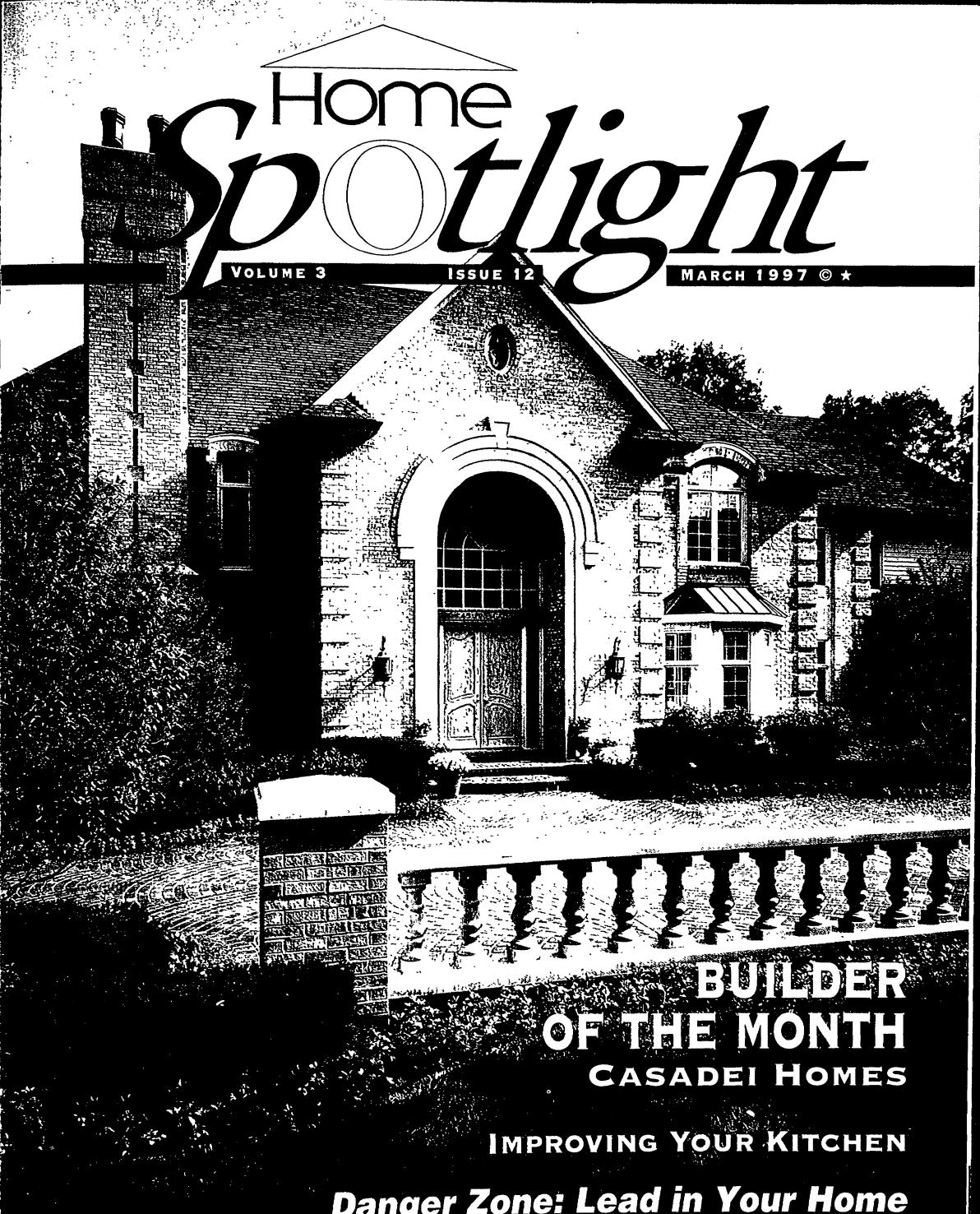
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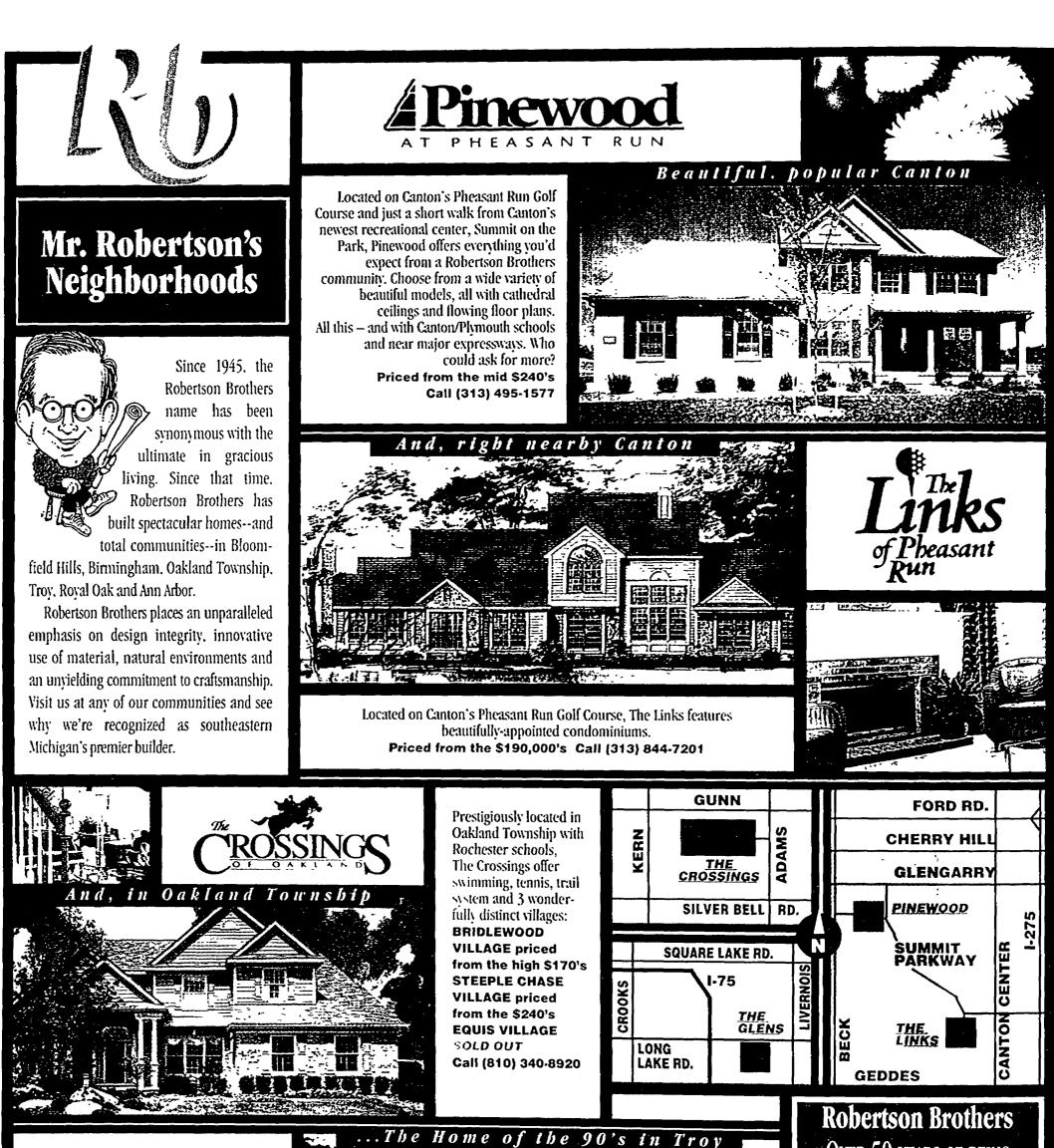


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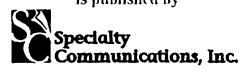
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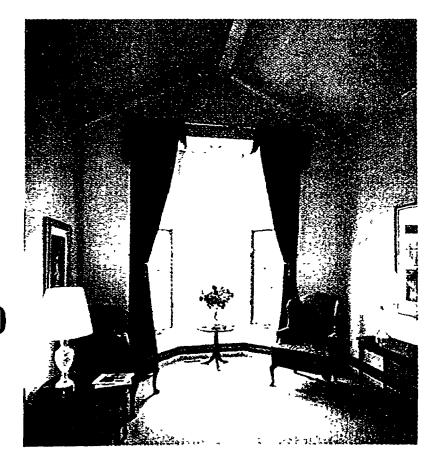
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On The Cover: *Builder Of The Month* **Casadei Homes**

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Ask the Builder

O. We are building a new home and my husband and I want to incorporate numerous special touches to create a unique ambiance throughout the house. We are planning to install wood floors in the kitchen and family room and we would like to add some 'eye-catching' elements. Can you offer some unique ideas?

Mrs. A. Waits

A. One of the most exciting things about designing and building a new home is individualizing each room to reflect your family's lifestyle and tastes. Whether your preference is contemporary, traditional or the country look, here are some ideas that will 'floor' your family...and your guests!

• Instead of installing the wood strips or planks parallel to the walls, lay them down on an angle to add interest.

 Consider selecting several different species of wood for your floors as well as using a contrasting wood type for the border.

 You can also include ready-made borders and inlays made of exotic wood species.

• Incorporate another material, such as ceramic tile, marble or slate, into your wood floor design.

• Tap into your own artistic talents and buttons and take the window out of the

stencil designs or paint decorative borders, stripes or other shapes and scenes on the floor. Make sure to use a high gloss paint that is compatible with the wood you are using. To protect the paint. apply two coats of clear finish.

Q. We had some difficulties opening and closing the sliding windows and screens on our metal storm doors last year. Spring will be here soon-what can I do to repair them so that I don't have to buy new ones?

Mr. F. Meyers

A. You didn't indicate how old your storm doors are but my guess is that they simply need to be cleaned and lubricated. Maintenance on storm doors is commonly neglected and overlooked but if you clean them now, they should be in good working condition when the warmer weather arrives.

Before cleaning, take a quick look at the sashes to determine if they are in the correct channels. You can tell whether your sliding windows are aligned by checking the latch mechanisms and retaining pegs in the channels. If they are in different channels, they were installed incorrectly and the window will bind if you try to slide it up. To fix, push in the latch

wrong channel. Reinstall it so it is aligned in one track.

President, Robert R. Jones Associates

When you are ready to clean and -lubricate the



Robert R. Jones

storm doors, remove the windows and dip a paintbrush or narrow sponge paint applicator in mineral spirits. Run the brush or applicator down the channels to remove any dirt that has accumulated.

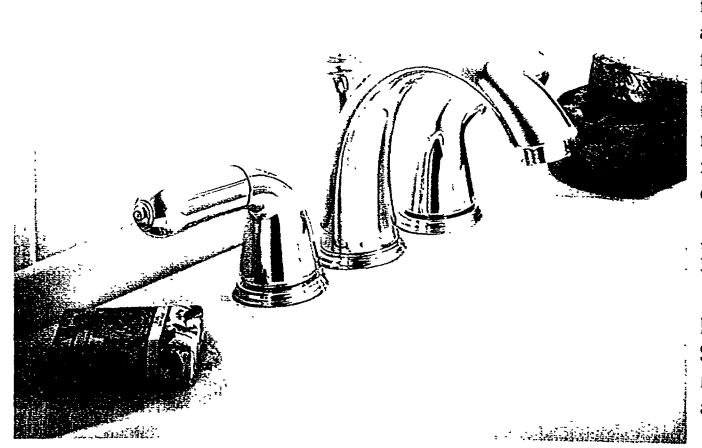
Take a clean cloth, also soaked in mineral spirits, and wipe the edges of the window and screen frames. When dry, apply a spray lubricant to the channels. latches and sash edges.

Once the channels and the frames for the windows and screens have been cleaned, reinstall them in the door frame. If they are in the correct channels, they should move freely. 🔳

Robert R. Jones was named Best Small Builder in America in the first annual Builder's Spotlight Awards program and was honored as one of the 15 Best Custom Home Builders in America in the first annual 1995 National Pacesetter Awards program. He is a past President of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and is Secretary of the Michigan Association of Home Builders.

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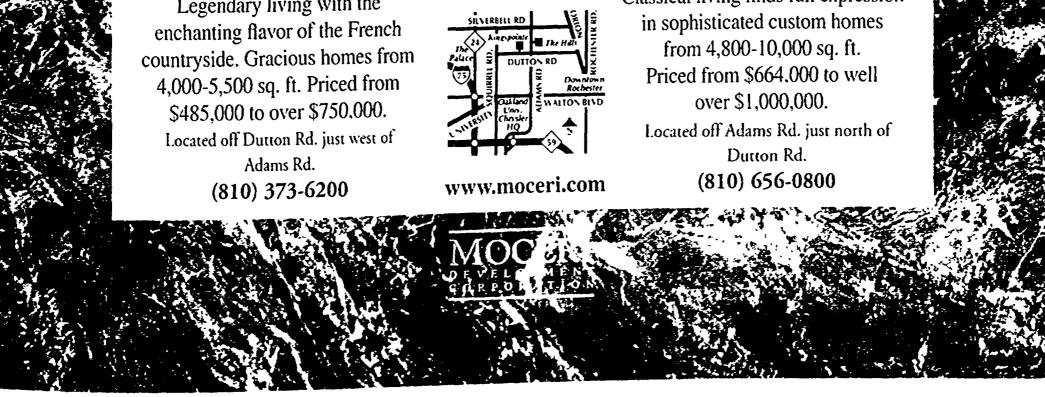


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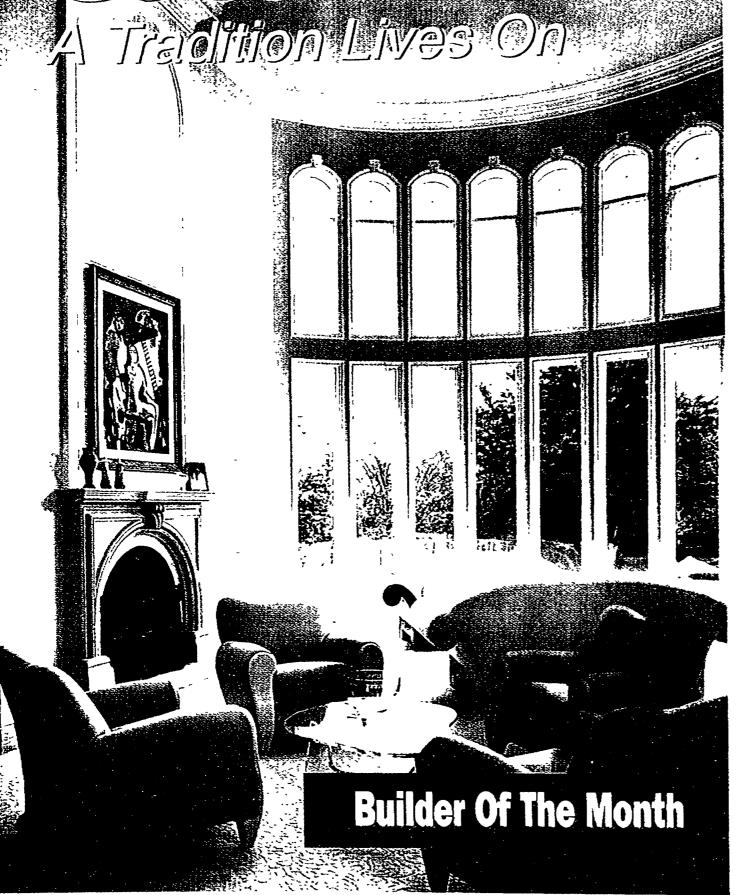






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By Susan Graham



There the well-regarded name of Casadei Homes, three brothers are continuing on with their father's tradition of developing the highest quality of elite homes.

Casadei Homes is certainly a noble

world. Nowadays, a very high percentage of San Marinese live in the Detroit area, many in the construction trade. "They are very proud people," explains Bob Casadei, "very proud of their craft." father the honor of being the head of the Building Committee for the San Marino Club. I was the superintendent of the project," says Casadei.

After that. Sebastiano and Bob formed a strong partnership that would last over twenty years. "My father was the founder of the Casadei Building Company and at the time I was the vice-president. We viewed each other as partners."

In 1992, with the semi-retirement of Sebastiano. Casadei Building Company became Casadei Homes, now led by sons Bob, John and Enzo, and assisted by sister Maria. "We're the same people, but it's the mark of a second generation," says Casadei.

True enough, the Casadei creations are still regarded as high-end custombuilt homes: some in the multi-million dollar price range. "It makes me happy to see our name in a publication of resales. We see our homes listed proudly as 'Casadei Custom Built' homes. This is a validation of our belief that we have an excellent reputation." says Casadei. "It feels good to be recognized as a known "commodity" of a very high-end product."

Like their father and other ancestors from San Marino, the Casadei brothers are just as proud of their telented

generation to be part of. Founder, Sebastiano Casadei, has always been known for having talented craftsman of the highest caliber working on his homes. "My father's tradesman were always in demand," explains Bob Casadei, "They were near magicians."

The distinct quality of these homes perhaps comes from the Casadei family heritage. Sebastiano was born in San Marino, an independent community located in the midst of Italy. Only twenty six square miles in size, San Marino is the oldest and smallest republic in the

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It is no surprise then, that Sebastiano Casadei had been in the construction business ever since he came to this country. He was once a wood craftsman and then went on to contracting for both commercial and residential projects.

The first time that Sebastiano and his son Bob worked together in a major capacity was on the development of the San Marino Club, a catering hall in Troy. This club was owned, designed, constructed and financed by members of San Marino decent. "They gave my

their talented craftsmanship.

The majority of the Casadei homes have been built in the prestigious Bloomfield Hills. Now the company is heading toward the northern suburbs, to Oakland Township - considered to be Michigan's next "Bloomfield Hills." Oakland Township consists of a large

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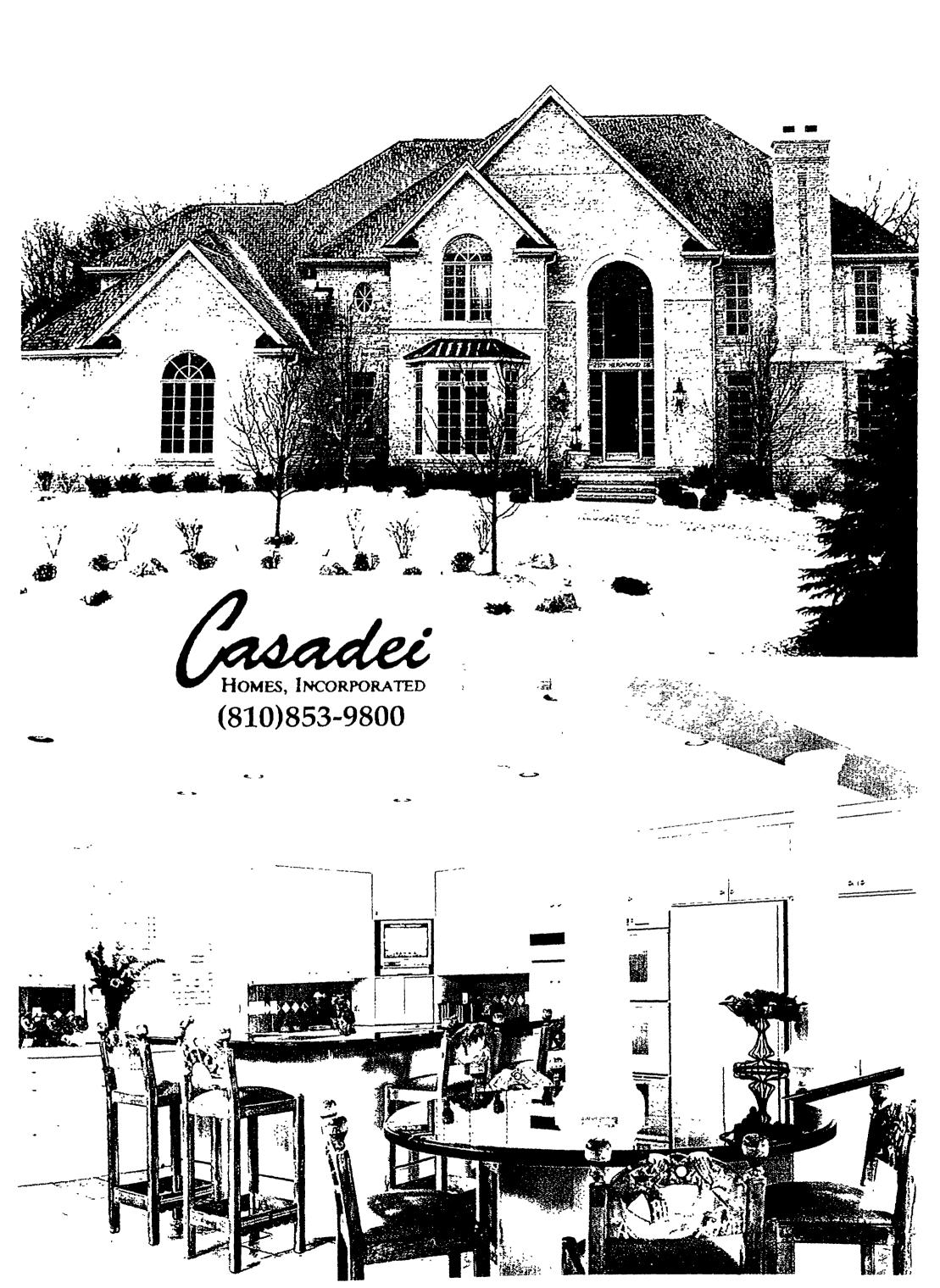


Casadei Homes from pg. 6 amount of rural land with a huge potential for new homes to be built. "Plus the community has strict zoning restrictions to limit commercial and industrial development," says Casadei. "Their goal is to keep it mainly residential, without destroying the natural beauty of the area." Casadei Homes is currently focusing on two Oakland Township developments, Century Oaks and the Woods of Country Creek. Keeping in line with the township's beliefs, the Casadeis have retained natural, open-air seetions in both developments. "The lots 8

are gorgeous and include nice walk-out sites," says Casadei. The 4,000 square foot homes are reasonably priced at \$450,000 to \$550,000. "We feel we're offering a tremendous value in these communities, they're high quality homes in a great area," says Casadei. The Casadeis have found that while everyone wants the modern conveniences and features of the 90's-tall ceilings, extra bathrooms and open space rooms-most customers still prefer some type of customization over the "cookie-cutter" options commonly provided. For that reason, they offer a varied inventory

of floor plans and designs, in which they are willing to customize and deviate for each customer. Casadei Homes also provides spec homes for customers that are interested in moving within a short time period. These products are made ahead of time, so that customers do not have to wait the full length of time for their home to be built. Like their father and other ancestors from San Marino, the Casadei brothers are just as proud of their talented craftsmanship. And through their determination, the family tradition of offering homes of the highest caliber, continues. 🔳

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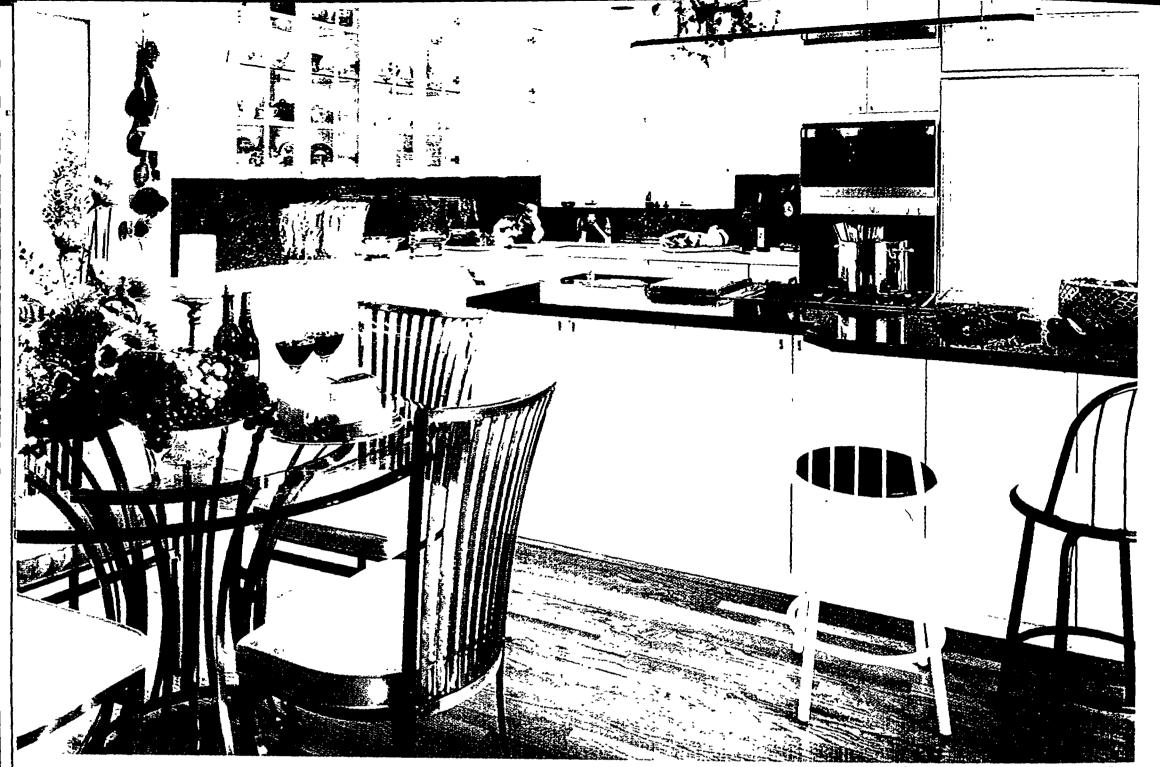


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Improving Your Kitchen By Susan Graham

More and more people are spending their free time improving their homes. And one of the first rooms in a house to be changed is the kitchen. Enhancing and modifying existing space and making cozy, gournet and two-cook kitchens is a popular trend. Homeowners are also living in their homes longer, and are therefore willing to invest in highly durable equipment. The soaring kitchen industry has made accessible a new range of fun and innovative products for one of our favorite rooms.

a variety of colors and variations. One common color is black absolute. This deep, black granite has little variation to it unlike the lighter tones which tend to vary in color and pattern. Hancock highly recommends that homeowners pick out their own granite slab. "This way they can actually see what their counter top will look like."

Next to solid surfacing material, there are also man-made products designed with a polyester base developed by Corian, Fountainhead, Gibraltor, Surreal and Avonite. Compared to laminant counters, they have a higher heat, stain and scratch resistance, and are repairable in most cases. For best results, Hancock suggests that homeowners only buy these products from a certified fabricator installer. Still the least expensive and most widely used counter surface is laminant. Laminant comes in hundreds of colors and is easily maintained. However, it is the least scratch, heat and stain resistant.

number of designs and colors with

prices that range across the board. Mthough ceramic is more popular in other areas of the U.S., it is commonly used in the Midwest as a backsplash.

Marble is also used for backsplashes. Although a beautiful product, its soft, porous qualities make it a less durable choice for countertops.

Chop block countertops are also not suggested, since the wood is porous and tends to hold bacteria.

To add variety and keep costs down, consider using more than one material in your kitchen to mix and match. For best results, do not allow patterns or color tones to fight each other. Also try not to match colors perfectly. Instead, utilize a contrast of compatible colors and patterns. For example, match an island in hunter green Corian with a white linoleum counter top that has a hunter green stripe. To really make countertops last, Hancock suggests using cutting boards in regular work stations. In addition, homeowners working with professionals should be informed on how to care for and maintain their countertop.

Counter tops

Countertops can instantly set the tone of a kitchen. Since there are so many materials to choose from, homeowners should take the time to understand the properties, maintenance needs, price and aesthetics of countertops before making a selection.

Carmen Hancock, owner of Kitchens Plus in Livonia, is seeing a higher demand for granite countertops. "Granite has the hardest, most durable surface but is probably the most expensive."

It is a natural product that comes in

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Another option, ceramic tile, is extremely durable with a high scratch and heat resistance. It is available in a

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Cabinets

Now that kitchens are being designed and remodeled with higher ceilings, cabinets are becoming much taller and more spacious. So the massive soffits, once used to keep cabinetry within reach are being removed.

Beverly Hersh of Allied Cabinet Distributors has provided some insight into what is in and out for kitchen cabinet decor. According to Hersh, laminant kitchen cabinets are out, although you may still find them in the laundry room or childrens' bedrooms. Pink pickling or washed cabinets are no longer in. This is true for the lighter colors, however, the darker or beige washes are still popular. You'll also find warm wood tones such as maple and cherry stains common choices. Glass doors on cabinetry is a lovely trend, especially beveled, stained and etched glass.

Islands are great workstations and conversation spots. They provide extra counter, storage, cooking and workspace. According to Hersh, this is an important feature for our busy society. "People are spending more money on bells and whistles in cabinetry; tray dividers, roll outs, vegetable bins, cutlery, ironing boards, and other convenient items."

addition, homeowners are lnputting a lot of decorated, more traditional pieces into their kitchen. "People want warm feelings around them. They want a softer feel to their surroundings," says Hersh.

Manufacturer Haworth Country Furniture provides this touch with handmade furniture and cabinetry designed with an aged appearance. "Customers see it and fall in love," says Dan Evon from Northpointe Design Group in Birmingham, the exclusive Michigan Haworth dealer. "It replicates the old English cottage look."

With so many kitchen options to choose from, homeowners can end up spending from \$5,000 to \$50,000 depending on their needs. "Therefore, we try to educate our customers," says Andy Sallan of Millennium-The Inside Solution in Birmingham.

Cabinetry should take on the identity of the homeowner and fit their needs. "Our job is to make their dream a reality without breaking the bank. We're really able to meet customers needs with customization. We do a 'needs analysis' for our customers using a check list on items from function to design to door styles and personal styles. Our professional designer then meets with the support staff and creates a cabinet on the computer. Next, the client reviews the idea and is able to

critique it to their liking. Once they settle on a design, we place the budget needs for the customer," says Sallan.

Many people are using raised panels in light earth tones or with a white lacquered finish. The second most popular option is the shaker style door, which is a flat panel with wood accents around the door. Sallan recommends planning ahead when doing major renovations, especially if the project means making alternate plans for cooking.

Reviving Cabinets

If you are pleased with your current cabinets and other wood surfaces, but would like to revive them, consider the unique restoration approach of Kitchen Tune-Up in Southfield. "Unlike refinishing, we do the job in a fraction of the time at a fraction of the cost, using no harmful chemicals, no sanding, no stripping, no mess, no drying or downtime. It's safe for the kitchen, and can usually be completed in less than one day. Cupboards can even stay full," explains franchise owner Jack Balderas.

Kitchen Tune-Up utilizes a multistep process, using special solvents to clean and prepare the surface and remove all grime and dirt. After that

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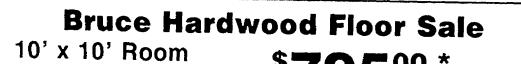
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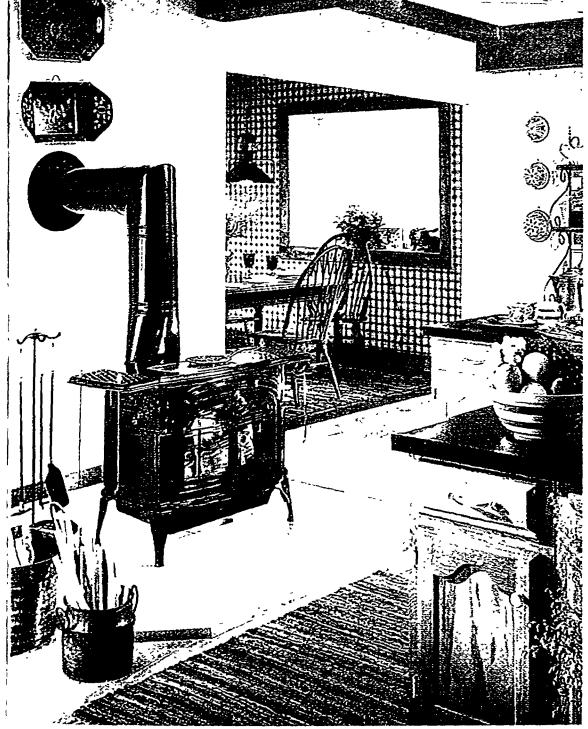
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the Viking Range Corporation, is another great option. These ranges combine a gas stove with an electric oven. "The gas offers a restaurant-quality sautéing and grilling. It's wonderful to see what you can create," says Laura Tokie from Trevarrow Inc., in Auburn Hills. The electric oven is also self-cleaning.

This dual fuel system comes in the standard 50" size that fits most homes, as well as 56" and 48." The 48" has two side-by-side self cleaning ovens. This product comes in nine designer finishes including the popular stainless steel and white with brass trim.

Another trend is the integrated dishwasher, also by Gaggenau, that offers an unobtrusive control panel at the top of the dishwasher.

The Sub-Zero Freezer Company has developed the 700 series, which is a modular refrigerator that fits anywhere in the kitchen. "It remains totally hidden until you open it." says Ken Goss manager of Specialty Showroom in Berkley. "It is set flush with the counter tops and cabinets."

Specialty Showroom features built-in appliances, like the hidden refrigerators and cabinet ovens. Their showroom is designed with vignettes to display everything as you would find it built into your kitchen.

Another draw is the aesthetic appearance. Most built-in appliances can be covered with panels designed to look like the cabinetry. The panels come in stainless steel or can be customized to match. Utilizing standard heights and widths, they offer a continuous flow throughout the kitchen.

Specialty Showroom also sells unique washers and dryers with no vents. "You just need a water line and electrical outlet. They are great for closets or upstairs." says Goss.

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they use stain to cover up stains, wear, and to seal the area. Next they apply a special oil designed by the franchised system. This oil is the closest thing to the natural nutrients that wood has but starts to loose over time. "We give added life by replacing the nutrients. It really brings back the richness of wood," says Balderas.

On the non-cosmetic side, Kitchen Tune-Up lubricates all hinges on doors and tracks and realigns drawers if necessary. "Sometimes doors get loud so we use a bumper pad to relieve the stress. Unlike felt bumpers, these will last for years," says Balderas.

Anyone with wood is a potential customer for Kitchen Tune-Up, unless the surface is painted. "We restore wood to its original color but we do not change it," says Balderas. "Many people have said that we make their twenty-year old wood look new again."



Appliances

Today, the choices of appliances and their accessories has exploded. Many homeowners turned "house chefs" are opting for commercial, built-in equipment.

The AGA Cooker, available at Northpointe Design Group, is an old world cooking stove from England. This efficient stove bakes using radiant heat rather than circulating hot air from one heat source. The AGA Cooker hasn't changed since it was first designed in 1922.

In an effort to avoid uneven browning and baking, Gaggenau, a German manufacturer known for kitchen innovations, manufacturers a state of the art European oven. These ovens circulate the air in the oven cavity to eliminate hot spots.

The commercial-style dual fuel oven, manufactured by March & 1997 LIFESTYLE



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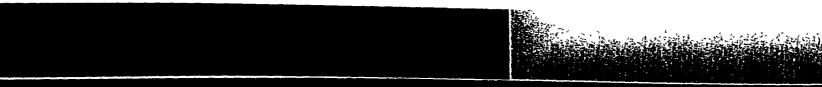
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Wood Floors

Historically, oils and waxes have been used as finish on wood floors but have been replaced in the last ten years by polyurethane. Because of polyurethane, the wood is less susceptible to moisture damage and is great for kitchens and baths. "We still have to caution people that the urethane won't last forever, and should be replaced every few years," says David Ohlinger of Reimer Floors, Inc. in Bloomfield Hills.

The polyurethane is replaced with a screen and recoat process. This is the process of stripping off the urethane and recoating the floor. It is not a major project, and involves no sanding but is part of the normal maintenance. "When people let the floor go six or tens years, its too late," says Ohlinger. Instead, this should be done every two to four years depending on the traffic on the floor. Homeowners should watch for water on the wood as well as the high-pressure pivot spots around the sink, refrigerator and chairs.

The best way to tell if your floor needs to be resurfaced is to look for signs of reduced gloss on the floor. Urethane is purchased in different shine levels, so keep in mind how glossy the floor was in the beginning. Rather than using the highest gloss polyurethane which tends to show more wear, Ohlinger suggests using a satin finish. As far as wood tones. darker colors will show more dust and lint while light colors show heel marks. Medium tones, such as golden browns and chestnuts are the best choice.

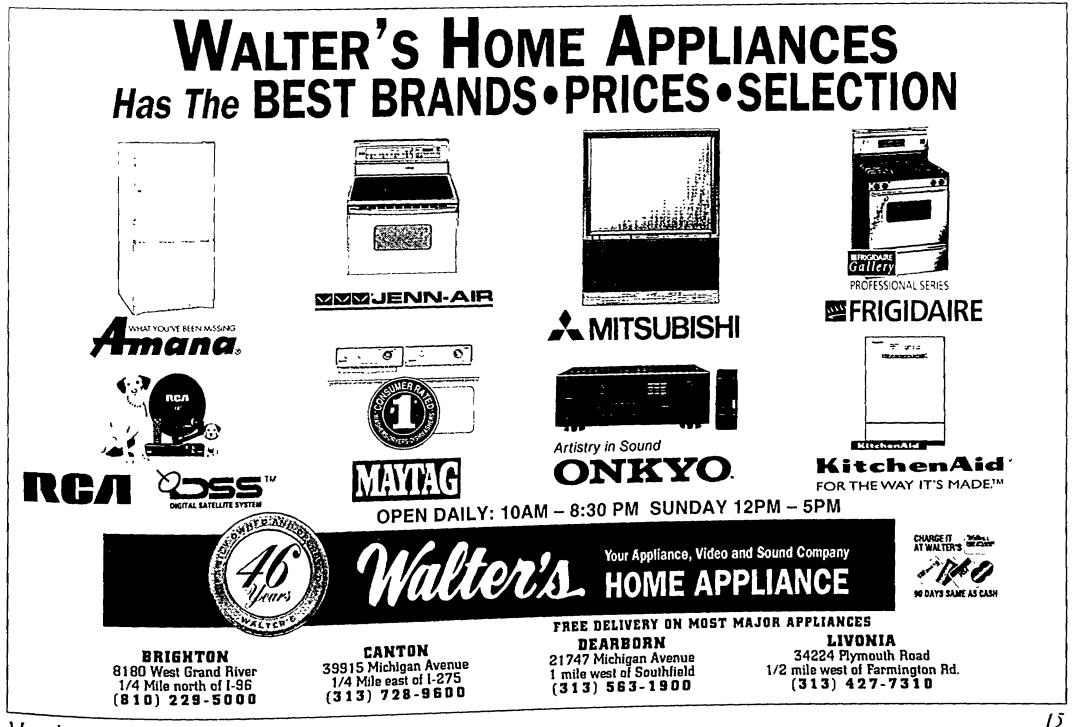
To clean wood floors, homeowners should use a cleaning solution of window cleaner and water (one cup to one cup) and lightly mist with the spray bottle. For best results, dry the floor as you go.

Ohlinger adds a special recommendation for homeowners with wood floors in kitchens that lead directly into the backyard, garage or any area that has the potential to drag sand onto the wood. "Pay more attention to these areas. Use throw rugs and keep the floor well-swept."

Stoves and Fireplaces

Built-in, see-through gas fireplaces and gas stoves are frequently used to divide the kitchen and family room. "This is

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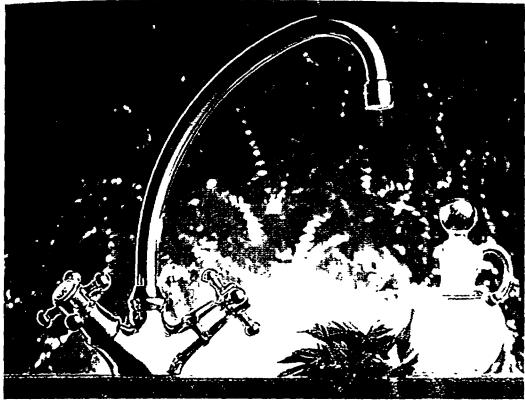
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is a nice way to share the ambiance of the fireplace with both rooms," says Rick Bray General Manager of Emmett's Energy. "It creates an area that invites people in for its comfortable, relaxed atmosphere."

Emmett's Energy carries Vermont Casting stoves, cast iron stoves available in both wood and gas fuel. Both types come in porcelain or flat black finishes. The gas stove can be purchased as vented or unvented. Options for the wood cast iron stoves include a top loading feature as well as spark screens for leaving doors open. Vermont Casting also manufactures steamers that are designed to add extra humidity to the room. The vent pipe and steamers are both available in

matching porcelain finishes.

Hearthstone manufactures a convenient soap stone cast iron stove. Because the stove uses soap stone it can extend heat life. It consists of a thermal mass that slows down the time that heat transfers out. "The heat is radiated out over time rather than in peaks and valleys like other stoves," savs Bray.

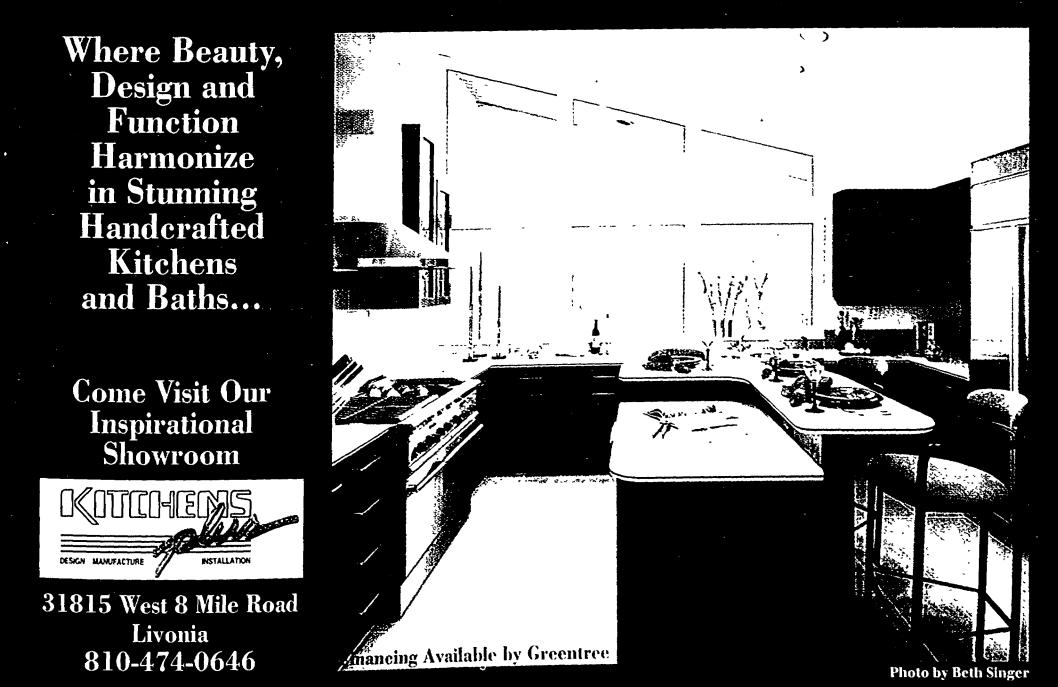
Kitchen Faucets

Once available in only chrome plate, faucet sets are now found in bright colors and fashionable styles. Faucets are also more ergonomical than they use to be. According to Jeff Ahnen, Showroom Manager of Nu-Way Kitchen and Bath in Shelby Township, the leading type of kitchen faucet is now the pull-out spray. This spray is incorporated right into the faucet eliminating the need for holes and providing a much cleaner look. Delta offers a competitively priced pull-out faucet with a lifetime warranty. "Delta's name has been around for a long time-it means reliability," says Ahnen. White, almond and chrome are the most popular colors for these faucets.

Another useful feature for the sink is a mounted soap dispenser. The pump dispenser is the only portion that is visible. Homeowners can have a single dispenser or multiple dispenser installed, providing easy access to hand soap, dish soap or lotion.

The faucets in Delta's Waterfall series have high arched spouts with plenty of room underneath for large pitchers and other oversized objects.

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DANGER ZONE Lead In Your Home

by Susan Graham

rs. Johnson could not understand what was wrong with her daughter. Little Olivia had been sick the last few days and nothing seemed to help.

Stepping around renovating tools and a belt sander in their cloth-covered foyer, Mrs. Johnson carried tiny ill-feeling Olivia up the dusty staircase. "Perhaps it's just the flu." she thought. "Maybe Olivia will feel better tomorrow."

Could you be at risk for lead poisoning? Are you living in a home or apartment that was built in the mid-seventies or prior? Are you renovating an older home?

Unaware of its dangerous potential, many homes in the early 1970's and prior were coated with lead-based paint. According to Bob Redlich of United Paint in Southfield, leadbased paint was widely used because it provided a solid coverage at an economical price.

But at certain levels, lead can be very dangerous, espe-

cially to children. Slowly and quietly. it enters our body through inhalation or ingestion. It may cause serious health issues including reproductive, digestive. memory and concentration problems, high blood pressure, nerve disorders, joint pain and slowed growth. However, the initial warning signs of lead poisoning can

Fortunately, the federal government finally banned the paint from housing in 1978. But, it did not remove the risk from the homes in which lead-based paint had already been used.

be minimal, keeping us in danger for a longer period of time.

developing. Lead damages a child's brain by disrupting the formation of neurons and their connections. Even moderate exposures can cause damage to the kidneys, blood and central nervous system. It is important to note that children can be exposed to lead long before they begin to show symptoms. They may appear perfectly healthy with no signs of side effects. Others may show symptoms similar to that of the flu which is easily overlooked. Therefore, it is important to test your child's blood for high lead levels if you feel your home may contain lead-based paint. Pregnant women should also consider lead testing since high levels can endanger the fetus.

Children with lead levels of ten or higher should be checked every three to four months for potential increases. At levels of 15, children should be rescreened and the local health department should check for sources of lead.

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Fortunately, the federal government finally banned the paint from housing in 1978. But, it did not remove the risk from the homes in which lead-based paint had already been used. More importantly, the removal of the leadbased paint in these homes can be both dangerous and expensive.

Children are at a particularly high risk. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, one out of every eleven children in the United States has dangerous levels of lead in their blood-stream.

The consequences can be long term for children exposed to lead, since their bodies absorb lead much faster than adults and their nervous systems and brains are still

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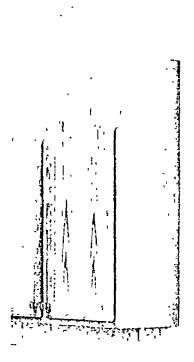
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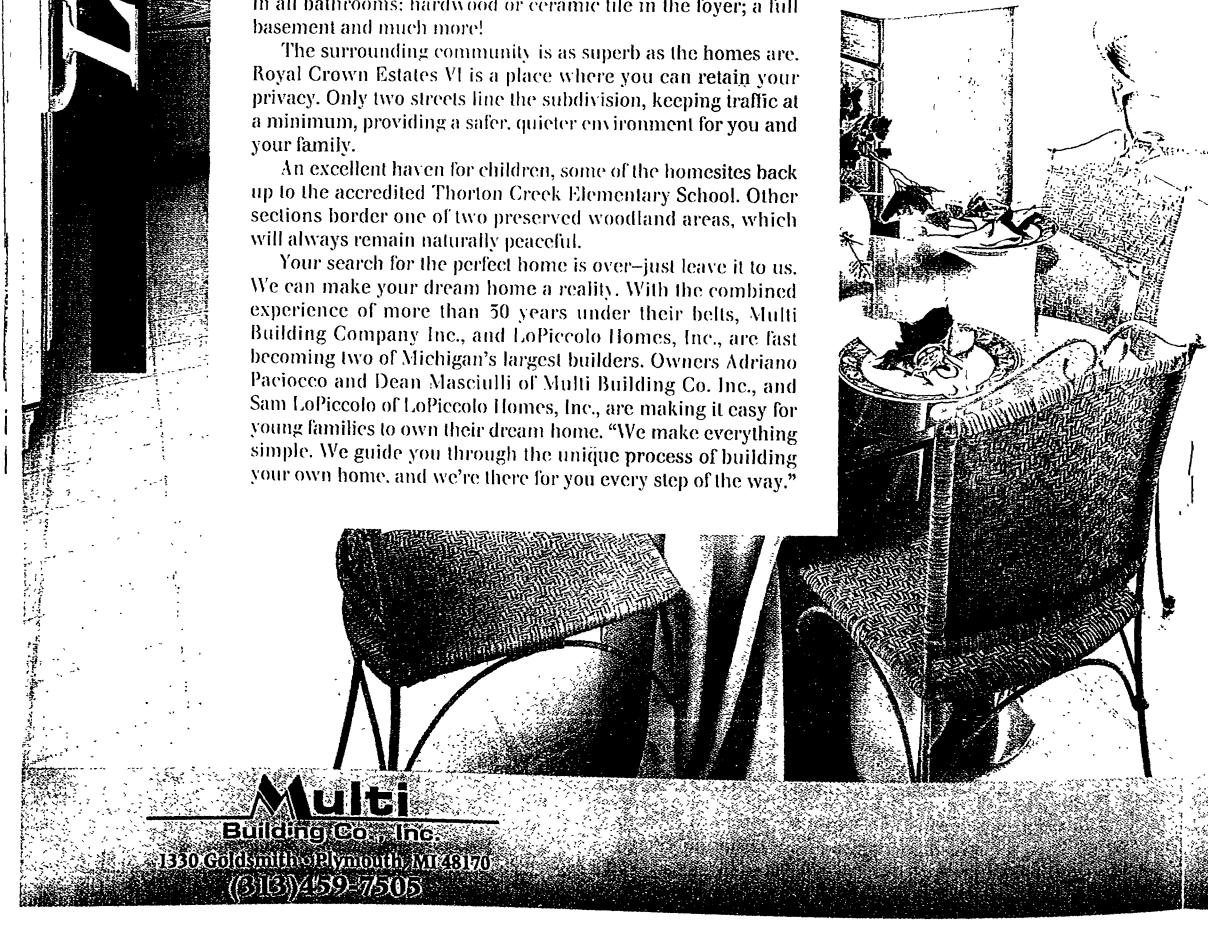
The new Royal Crown builders, Multi-Building Company Inc., and LoPiccolo Homes, Inc., have brought five lavish. 📕 new floor plans to Royal Crown Estates VI in Novi. All five plans feature an elegant master suite with a private master bath and walk-in closet. Three additional bedrooms allow plenty of room for a growing family.

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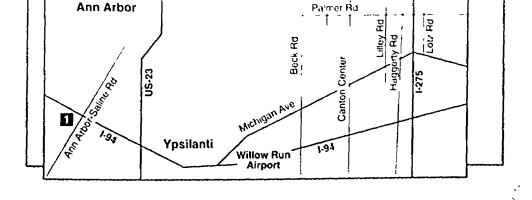
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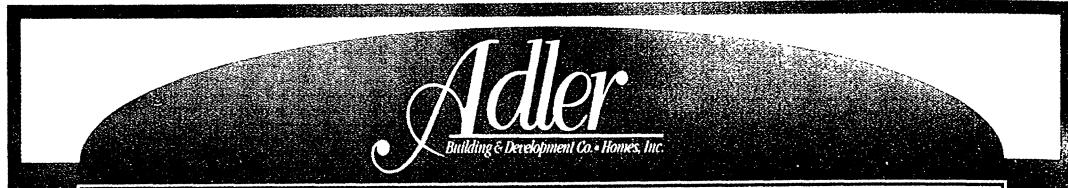
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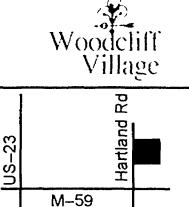


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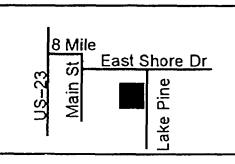




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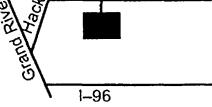
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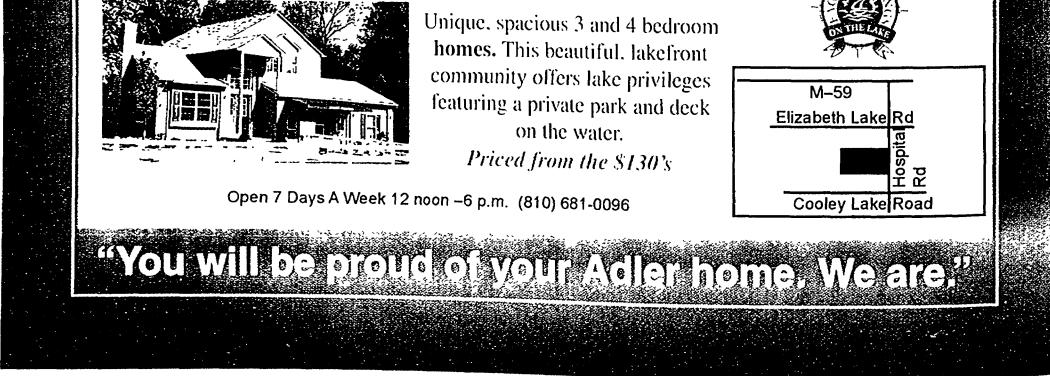
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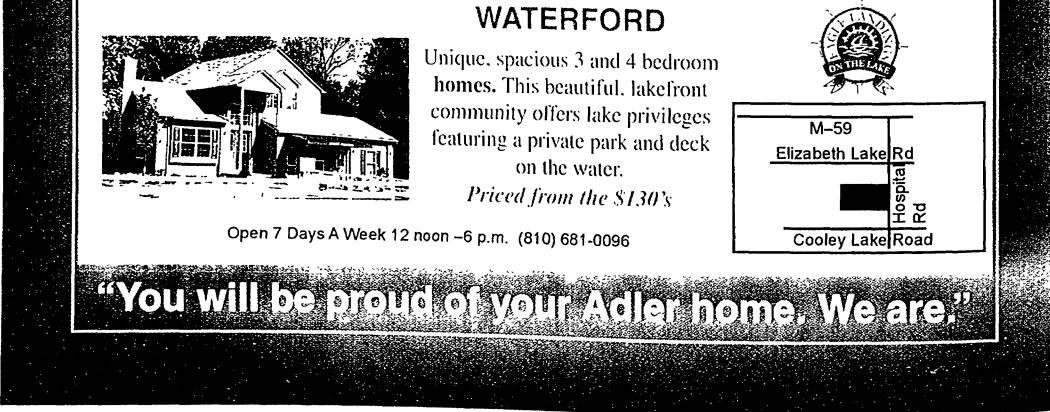
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Children with blood levels above 20 should be seen by a physician.

Just knowing that a home has lead-based paint does not necessarily mean that it poses a health hazard. Leadbased paint that is in good condition is usually safe, however, peeling, chipping, chalking or cracking lead-based paint is not. These sections can be ingested or may disintegrate to form dangerous lead dust, which can be inhaled. Settled dust can reenter the air when people vacuum,

sweep or walk through contaminated sections.

Lead found on surfaces that children can chew or that wears and tears easily is also seriously dangerous. Areas to keep an eye on include windows and sills: doors and door frames: stairs, railings and banisters; porches and fences,

Lead may also be found in soil outside. Children playing in the soil may contaminant

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their food or face from dirty hands and leaded soil may be tracked inside on shoes.

To check for lead hazards, homeowners can order a paint inspection, a risk assessment or both. A paint inspection shows the lead content of every painted surface within the home. It will not however, tell whether the paint is a hazard or how it should be dealt with. A risk assessment identifies any sources of serious lead exposure. It will also tell you what actions to take to remove or reduce these hazards. The house should be checked by a trained professional that will visually inspect the condition and location of paint within the home. They may send out samples of paint or paint chips to a lab for tests.

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For instant results, Redlich suggests using a home test kit. Since professional lead testing can be expensive, this may be a good start. However, some recent studies have shown that they are not always accurate.

If you suspect that your home has lead hazards, there are some immediate steps you can take to reduce your family's risk. Start by cleaning up all paint chips immediately. On a weekly basis clean floors, window frames and sills with a mop, warm water and all-purpose or special lead cleaner. Rinse all mops and sponges thoroughly after cleaning contaminated areas. Clean and remove shoes before entering your home to avoid tracking leaded soil inside. Wash childrens' hands often, especially before a meal.

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Wash childrens' play area, toys and bottles regularly. Make sure they eat nutritious, low-fat meals high in iron and calcium to reduce the absorption of lead.

In addition to day to day cleaning, you can temporarily reduce hazards by repairing damaged paint surfaces as well as burying or covering contaminated soil. Of course, these are not permanent solutions. To permanently remove lead hazards you must have the lead abated. It is best to hire a professional, certified lead abatement contractor to deal with any major lead hazard problems.

One option for homeowners is the removal of the lead-based paint. While this may seem like the most obvious solution, it can inevitably cause a variety of more serious problems, and is therefore not always recommended. Paint is removed by sanding, scraping or blasting, but scraping and blasting paint generates dangerous chips, while drysanding produces migratable lead dust. Scraping molten paint, heated by a heating coil or air gun, is considered a safer method if the temperature remains below 1,000 degrees to avoid vaporizing the lead. Workers should wear respirators and the room should be sealed off completely, including heating windows and closing grills. According to Redlich, after scrapping, make sure all remaining paint and lead particles are cleaned up. Then, repaint over the wall with a sealer and cover with a good latex paint. This method should not be utilized in a home with children or a pregnant woman.

In addition to being potentially dangerous, the removal of lead can also become expensive when taking into account the amount of labor needed as well as the high cost of disposing the hazardous lead waste.

Enclosure is a procedure which involves replacing or covering all windows and doors and installing fresh sheetrock over the walls that contain the lead-based paint. This also tends to be expensive.

Perhaps, the best method for removing lead-based paint is encapsulation. Encapsulation is the application of a coating specifically designed to create a barrier to lead-based paint and dust. For example, a vapor barrier paint is rolled on to a wall with loose and flaking plaster. While it is still wet it is covered with fabric. Next, you may wallpaper over the fabric. In another scenario, floors could be covered with a full sheet of linoleum. Encapsulation is often as easy and inexpensive as repainting.

In some instances it is safer to leave lead-based paint alone. If you do have a lead problem don't do any construction, paint stripping, sanding, plaster demolition or repainting, until you have a full understanding of how to do this safely if at all.

Nowadays, most painters use waterthinned paint such as latex-based paint, water-based, or water born. "Water born paint has no odor, is easy to apply, dries faster than oil and is easy to clean-up," says Redlich. "Water-thinned paint is now used in at least 95% of the homes."

If you are concerned that your home may contain lead-based paint, contact the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-LEAD-FYI for more information on children and lead, or call 1-800-424-LEAD for information on lead hazards.



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California Closet can be found from Oprah's and other celebrity homes to college students dorms. All agree that having a new closet is like having a new wardrobe. Remember that the 80/20 rule applies to closets, since we rely on 20% of our wardrobe 80% of the time.

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The blinds through the house do not need to be completely uniform, you can avoid the "matched to death" look by varying the texture or shape of the blinds. As a general rule, most homeowners prefer to have the same style within one visible area; for example, the Informal Eating Area and Food Preparation Area (better known as kitchen) can be easy on the eye if coordinated.

Now specific answers to your questions. According to Anita at Tut's Blind Ambition, many clients welcome her capabilities to use a dual treatment on the same window. Anita specifies Ductte from Hunter Douglas to do just that. One pull, and your vertical blinds can be sheer and still provide visibility; another pull, and it can be as dark as a blackout. These choices can be especially useful during the warm season to keep the room cool. Anita also shared the second trick of the window trade, which is called "Bottom up, top down." This is especially applicable for the Master Bedroom and Guest Rooms where you only wish to be exposed from the neck up. The top horizontal portion of your window is clear and the rest is covered.

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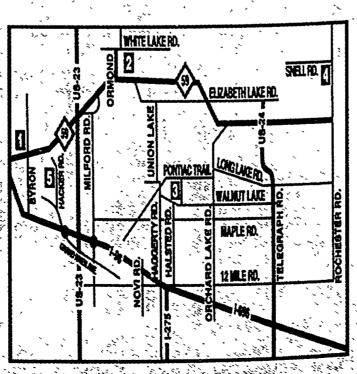
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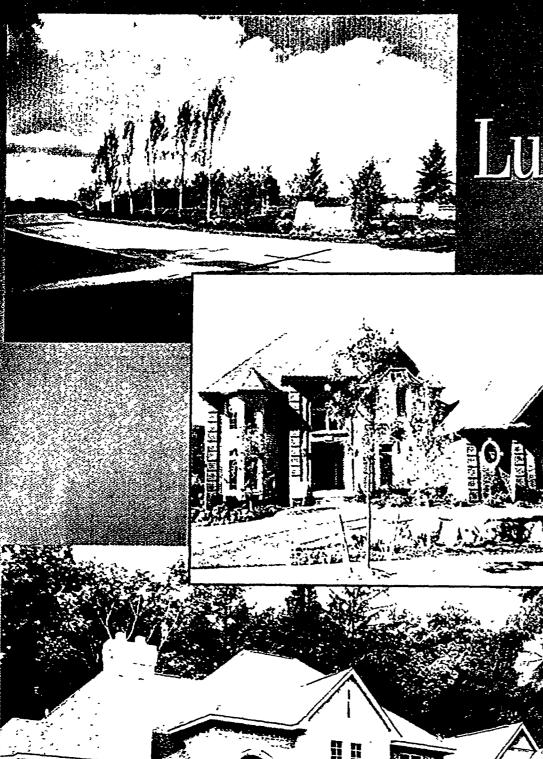
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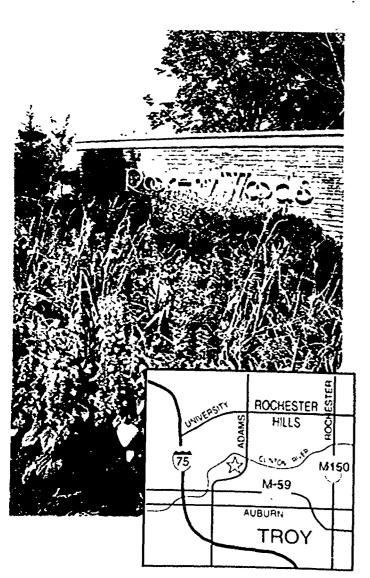
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Space Saving Savvy

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• Us amazing, no matter how large or small our house is: we never seem to have enough space, especially storage. It's true even if you've moved from a tiny one-bedroom apartment to a two-story, four-bedroom house. Within just a few weeks, every inch of that "extra space" you thought you had, has managed to disappear.

Although we have some idea where it went-under family collectibles, household necessities, furniture and clothes, we still don't know how we managed to loose so much so quickly! Rather than surrendering to stacks and boxes or throwing out all of your beloved valuables, keep in mind, there is hope.

Extra space often lurks in the most unexpected places. Start by looking at every corner of your house, behind doors, under stairs, inside closets, in crawl spaces. With a little imagination you can often convert this extra space into utilized storage.

The first step is to eliminate unnecessary clutter. Sift through the belongings that are no longer used or items inappropriate to your current lifestyle. Old magazines, forgotten knickknacks, broken toys or games and any unused clothing, should either be thrown-out, recycled or given to Goodwill. Next, it's important to reorganize how and where you store things. Separate your belongings into three piles based on where and how often you will use them. One pile is for live items. This should be reserved for items that you use nearly everyday. If possible, they should be stored in or near the room that they will be used in. For example, matches should be kept in a kitchen drawer near the gas stove.



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The next pile is for occasional use: for any items that you use on special occasions or certain times of the year. This may include wrapping paper and Christmas items. Depending on how bulky they are and how often you will need them reflects where they should be stored. Holiday items, should be stored safely in the basement or the attic and clearly labeled. They should be rotated from the front to the back of storage depending on the time of year. Sports equipment should be stored by season as well.

The last pile is labeled as dead storage and covers anything that must be kept, yet is rarely needed. This may include tax and personal information. or family treasures. Fragile or important documents should be boxed or covered and all "dead storage" items should be stored in safe, out of the way locations.

Now it's time to find a place for everything that you have decided to keep. Most likely, it includes most of what you started with. Try looking at the nooks and other unused space in

your home. Consider how you can make these areas more functional. You may also want to think about installing space saving systems. There are many affordable tricks as well as more permanent solutions to consider.

Kitchens

Toss out damaged pots and pans that are no longer used. Place special items such as holiday trays and cake decorators away. Add vertical shelves to store flat pans and trays, making them more easily accessible than stacked items. Pull-out and rotating shelving units are convenient options that can easily double or triple cupboard space. There is usually hidden storage space above the refrigerator. This is a great spot for cookbooks or phone books where they remain both unobtrusive and easy to access.

Create instant counter space in the kitchen by installing a shelf that folds down when not in use or by placing a cutting board over the sink. Gain extra space with appliances that permanently mount to the bottom of cupboards where space is rarely utilized. You can find space saver can openers, toasters, even clock radios and mini televisions. For flexibility try a portable work station that can be moved as needed and offers extra storage underneath.

Living Rooms

Storage facilities can be integrated into the overall decor to add function to the room and provide additional space. Consider furniture that contains hidden storage or provides a decorative display center. Some couches have built-in sections for magazines and remotes, entertainment sets come with drawers and shelving units. Bookshelves add a traditional appeal to a cozy living room, especially centered around the fireplace. Cabinetry and drawer dividers are helpful ways to keep your home tidy and can be utilized in any room.





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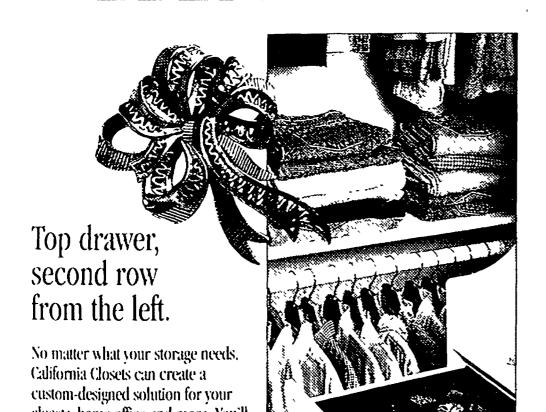
Home Offices

Approximately 80 million people in America are currently working out of their home. Therefore it's not a surprise that Tim Whipple of Closet Decor in Highland is seeing a growing need for layout assistance of home offices. Space is limited and organization is crucial to a successful home business, but it's often difficult to obtain when your office doubles as "living space" before and after work hours-sometimes even during.

Because the use of home offices can vary dramatically from business to business and from household to household, there really is no rule of thumb for organizing and storing items. "Everything we do is designed to meet that specific customer's needs. Everyone is different," says Whipple.

To get the most from the limited space, there are a few things home business owners should pay attention to when laying out their office. The first is to purchase the right equipment and products to store and the right products to store and protect that equipment. Select desks with appropriate storage space to keep business files safe when the family is using the area, or consider filing cabinets which come in different lengths, heights and colors.

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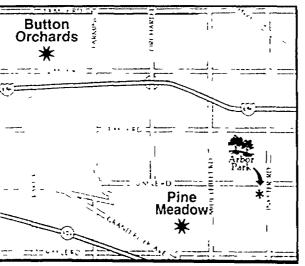
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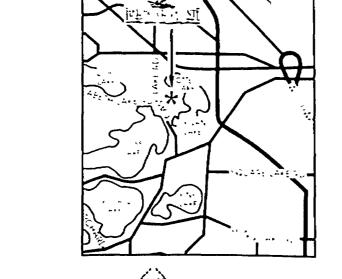
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1996 Another Banner Year For Builders

FARMINGTON HILLS, MI – January 7, 1997 – 1996 was the best year since the '70s in single-family home permits in southeastern Michigan.

"Despite acute labor shortages in most trades, which caused delays in new home construction, there was an incredible demand for new homes," said Scott Jacobson, 1997 president of Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BLA) and of S. R. Jacobson Development Corporation in Bingham Farms.

Total single family permits issued for 1996 were 16.614, an increase of 2.5 percent from 1995, in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb. Washtenaw, Monroe, St. Clair and Livingston counties, compared with 16, 208 for 1995.

"Low interest rates, solid growth in employment and income, high levels of consumer confidence and a strong Many home buyers in 1996 were upgrading to new homes with the latest in luxury features such as master bedroom suites, media rooms and home offices.

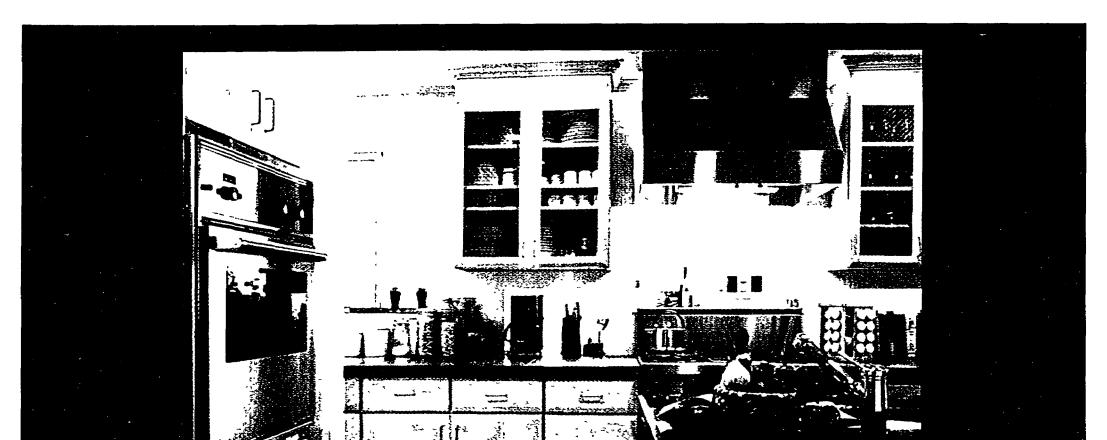
automotive performance were key factors in the strength of the market." said Jacobson. "1997 permits may very well reach 17.000."

The most popular areas for new construction in 1996 were in Canton, Chesterfield, Macomb, Shelby and West Bloomfield Townships and Novi, he reported. Housing prices and the number of permits issued remain fairly constant from year-to-year in southeastern Michigan, unlike other areas of the country which tend to see greater peaks and valleys, explained Jacobson. The number of permits issued has been between 10,000 and 16,000 for each of the past ten years. "Michigan's housing values are among the best in the country," added Jacobson.

"Housing is vital to the nation's economy, " said Jacobson. "The building industry accounts for millions of jobs, about five percent of the gross domestic product and billions of dollars worth of goods, services, wages and taxes each year and is essential to any economic recovery."

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Many home buyers in 1996 were upgrading to new homes with the latest in luxury features such as master bedroom suites, media rooms and home offices. Remodeling is yet another way to enjoy these new conveniences and many homeowners chose that route in 1996. "Remodeling is a strong component in our industry due to its popularity and professionalism."

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"The housing sector is facing volatile housing component prices," said Jacobson, "Lumber price spikes will not sink the housing sector as long as serious supply shortages can be avoided, but the disruptions play havoe with builder cost estimates,"

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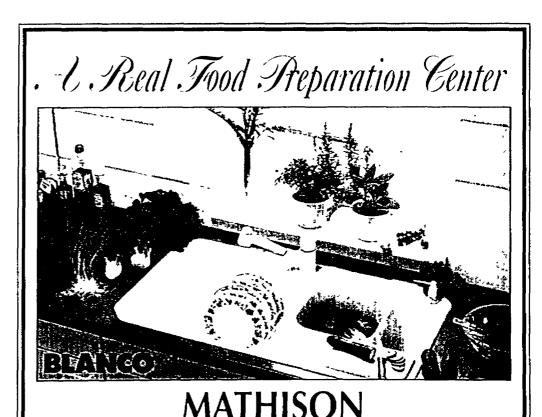


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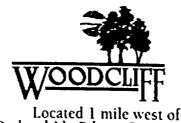
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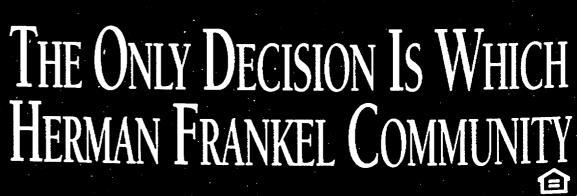
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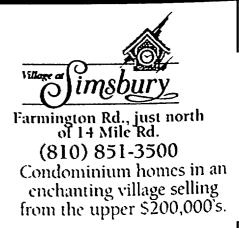












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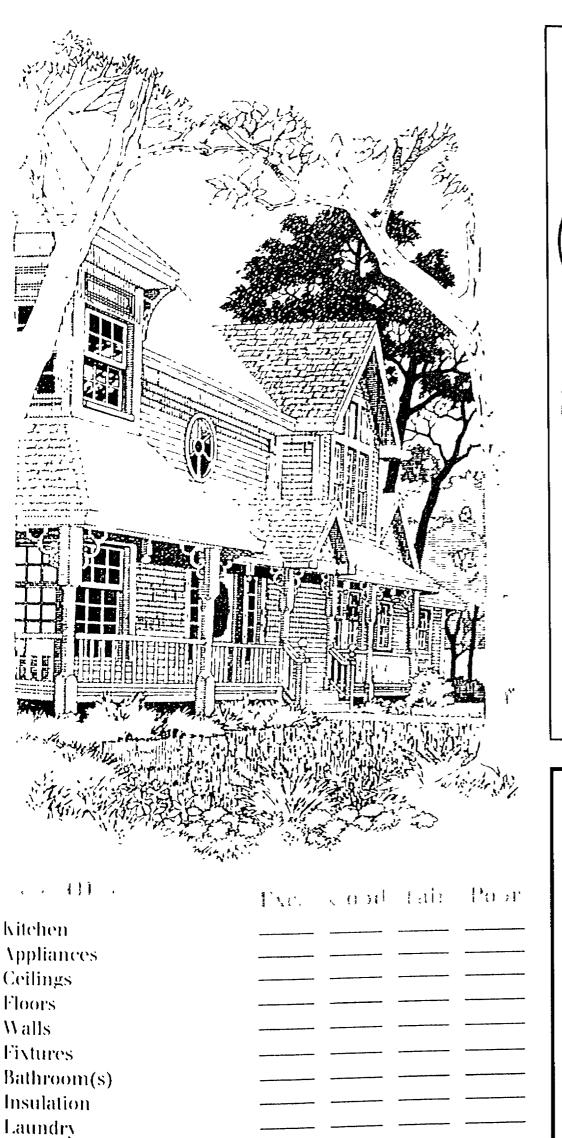


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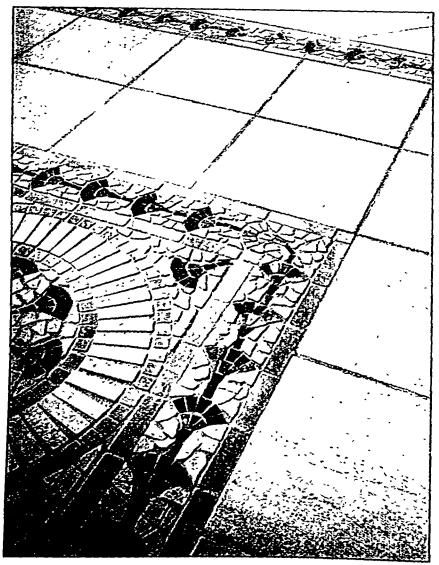
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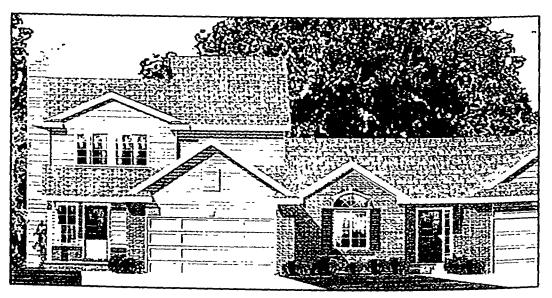
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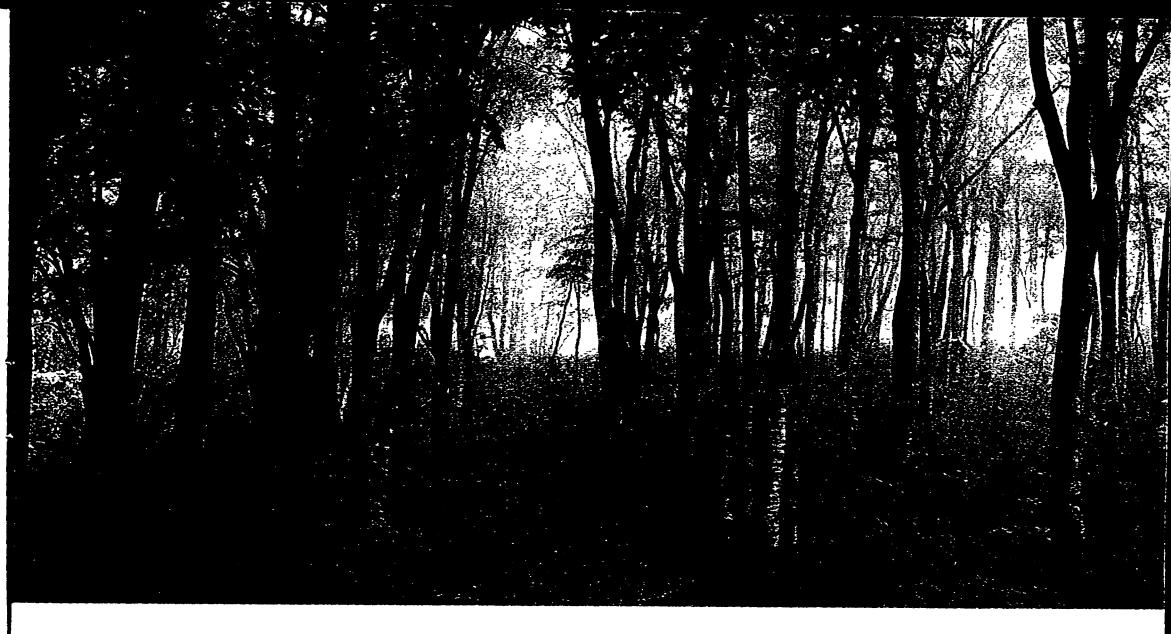
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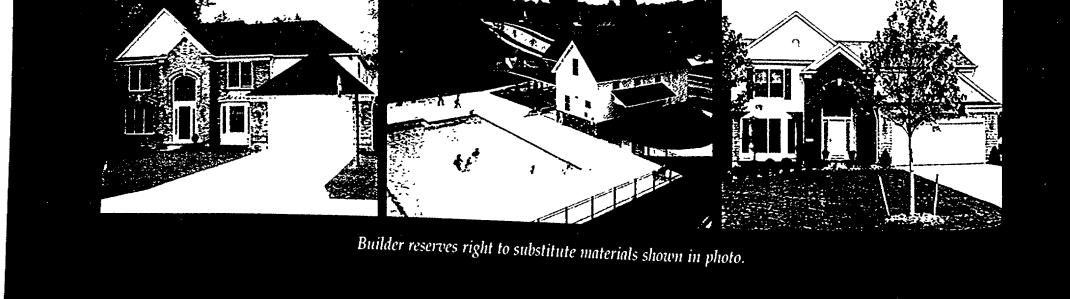


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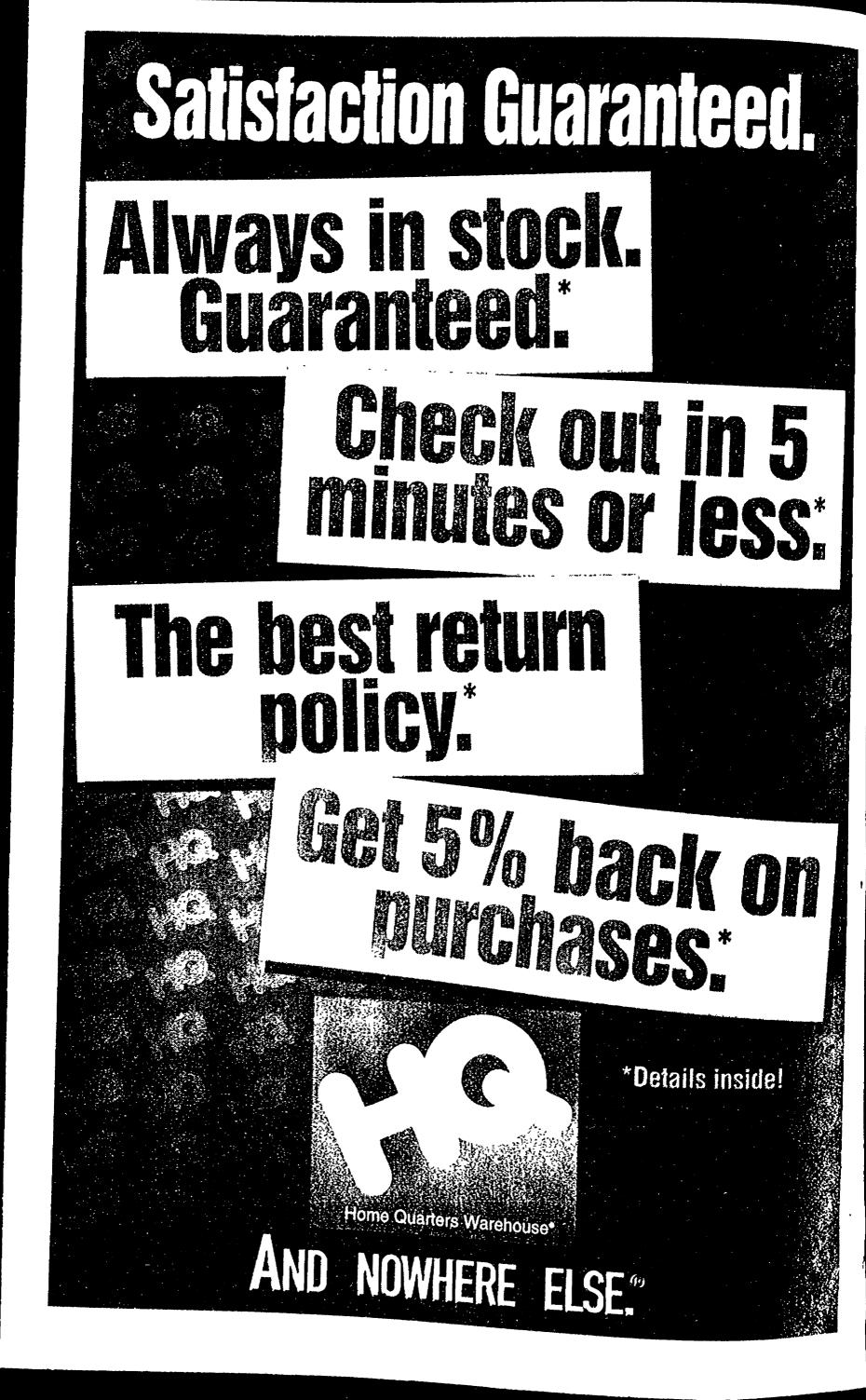








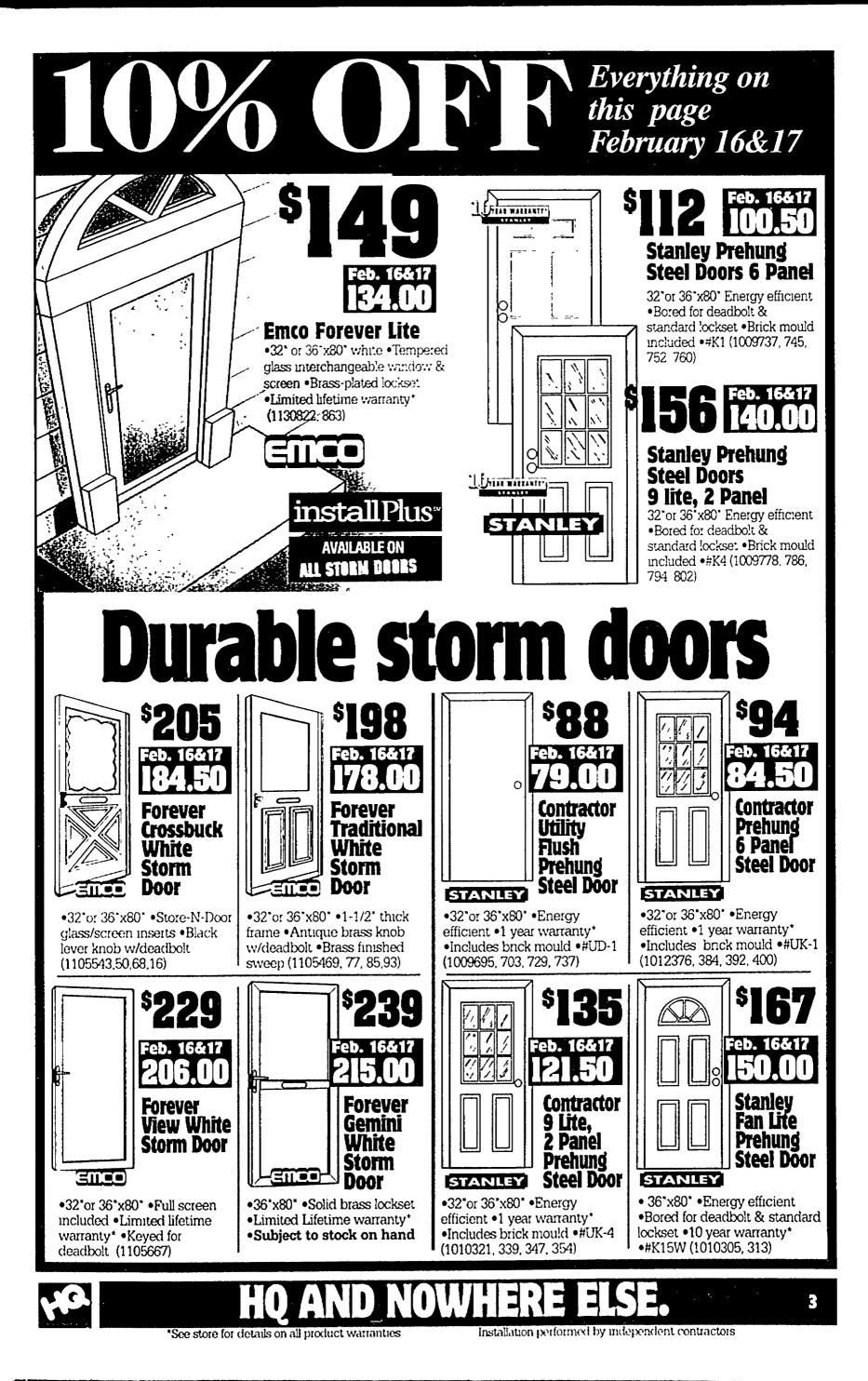
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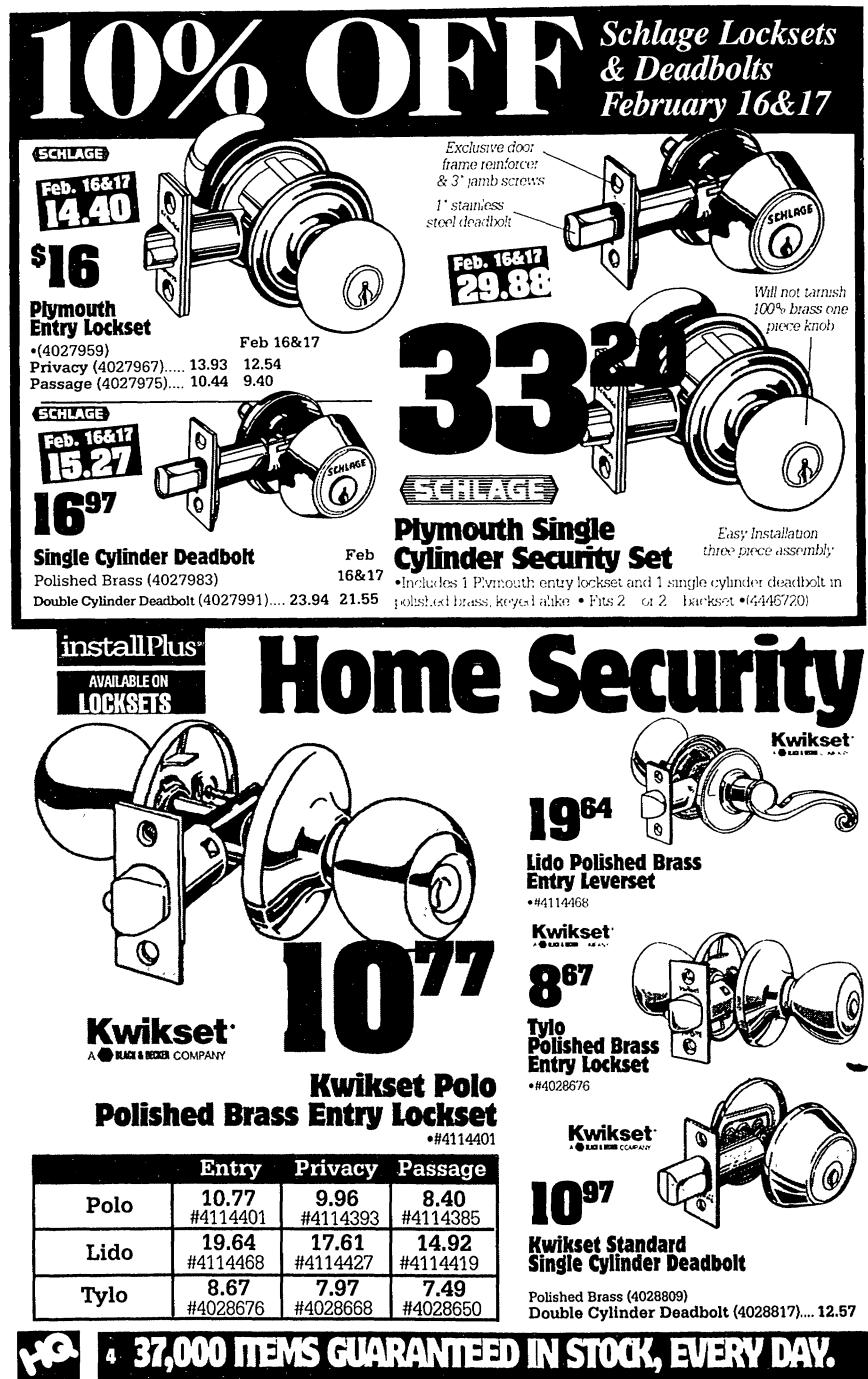




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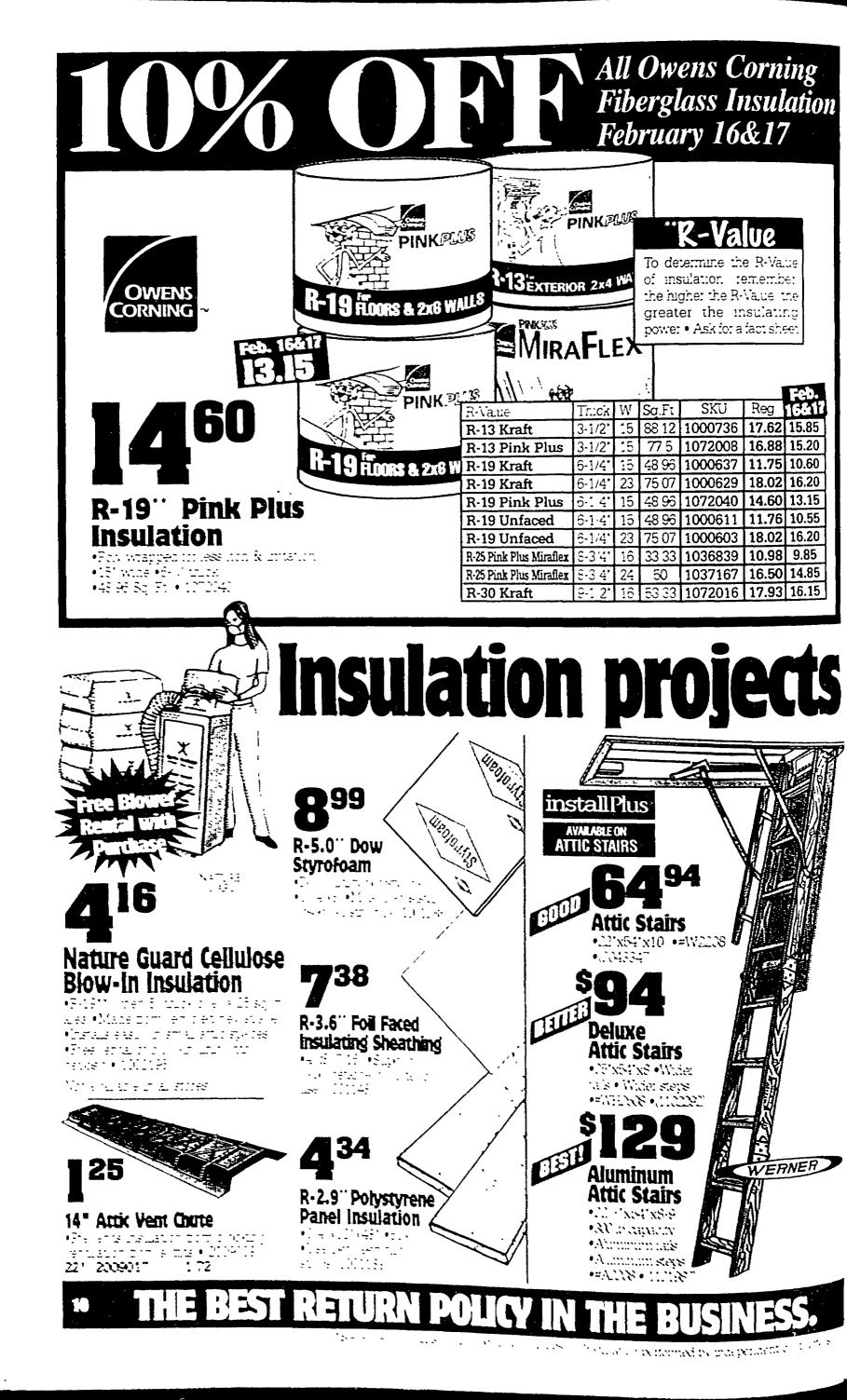


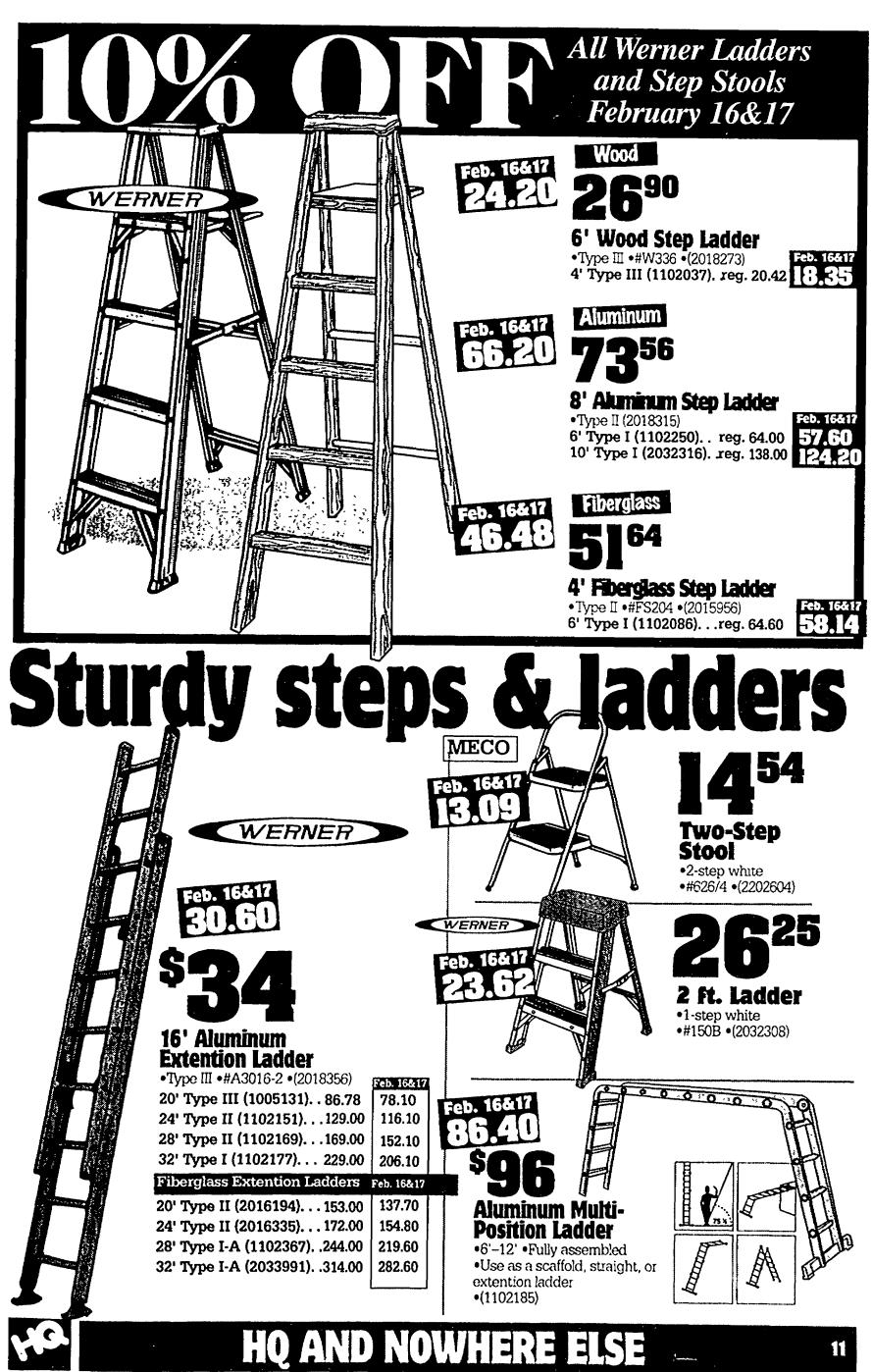
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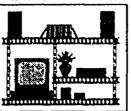
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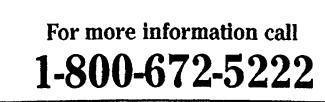
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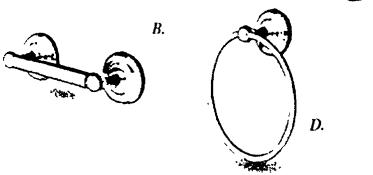






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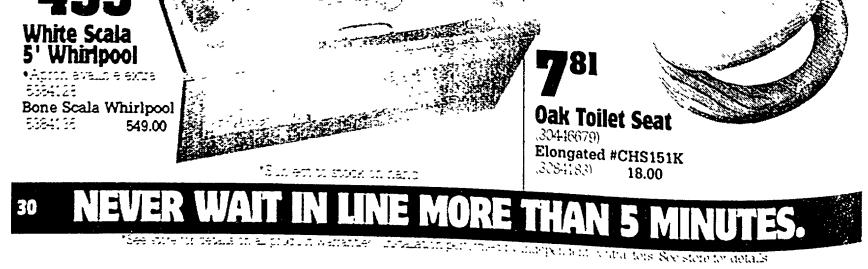


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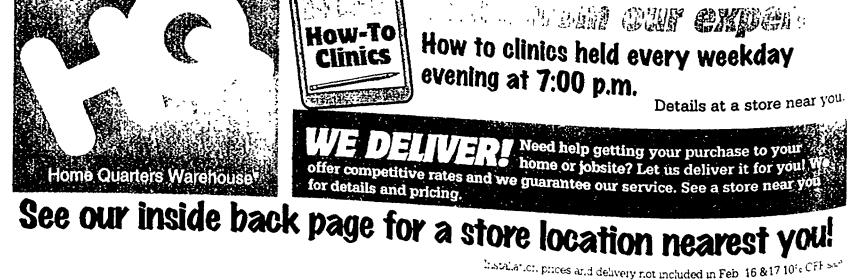


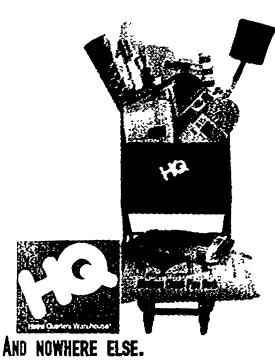












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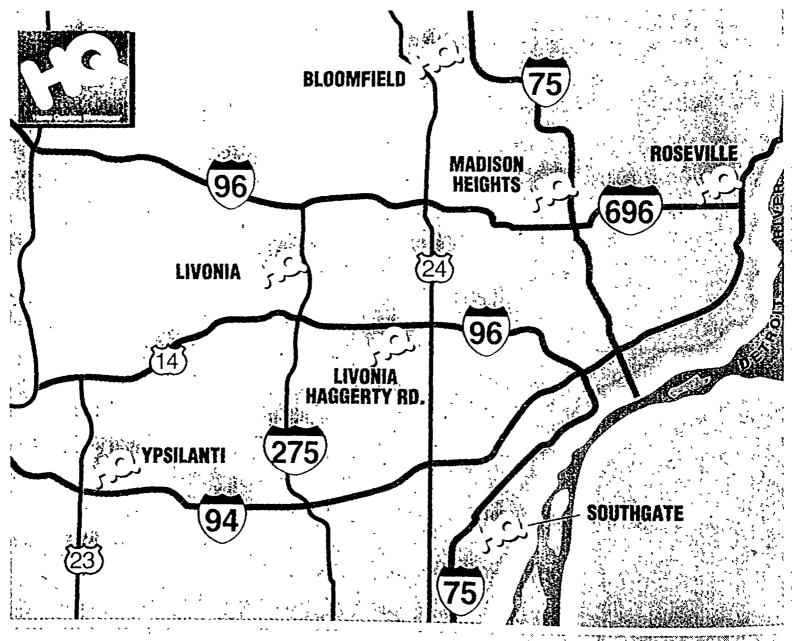
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