

Belly busters

Area bakery prepared for Paczki rush

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Staff Writer

Never mind the fact they're loaded with lard, eggs and sugar.

Ignore for just a moment the idea a single one has more calories than 16 cookies.

For just one day, Northville residents throw away the diet regimen and splurge on paczkis - those sinfully delicious not-quite-a-jelly-doughnut pastries.

Northville's Meijer bakery began baking the treats Sunday evening and worked throughout the day and evening Monday in preparation of the onslaught of paczki lovers.

"It's been absolutely fabulous," said supermarket manager Pat Fuller. "Better than we could have imagined."

Fuller said crowds began the pilgrimage to the store bakery early Tuesday morning, buying up paczkis by the dozen.

Fuller, of course, said he had to sample a couple of paczkis, purely for quality control. "They were delicious," he said.

Asked if he had a favorite flavor or paczki, Fuller enthusiastically replied "custard."

Paczki (pronounced POONCH-keys, PUNCH-keys or POOCH-keys) were originally a Polish Catholic treat, intended as a last-ditch splurge before Lent - the season of personal sacrifice lasting until Easter. Tradition dictated all the lard in a home needed to be used up before Lent began, making paczkis almost a necessity to avoid wasting a family's food supply.

But it's not just lard that makes a paczki. The new-world version is an extra-large doughball rich in egg yolks and deep fried. It's then overfilled with some kind of fruit or custard filling, topped with a smooth sugar-glaze and rolled in granulated sugar.

All that good stuff doesn't come without a price. Each paczki is thick with a full 800 calories.

But paczkis have taken on an almost novel meaning since crossing the Atlantic. Many Americans have designated the day before Ash Wednesday as the very politically incorrect "Fat Tuesday." Informal statistics suggest Fat Tuesday is now the No. 1 day for baked goods to be sold in America, surpassing sales of Halloween doughnuts.



Photo by TOM HIBBELIN

Michelle Dankovic spends the night frying hundreds of paczkis for the "Fat Tuesday" rush at Meijers in Northville Township.

District officials mull changes to conduct code

By WENDSY WHITE
Staff Writer

The student code of conduct at Northville High School violates the rights of students and should be changed.

That's what some parents said at a school board meeting Feb. 23.

About 15 parents were present at the board's policy subcommittee meeting, as well as school board members and a few teachers from high school.

In dispute is a section of the code of conduct that outlines how administrators are to handle suspensions of ten days or less.

A recent revision to the code gave principals the authority to suspend students up to ten days without consulting an outside administrator or the student's parents.

Northville High Principal Dr. Tom Johnson said that authority has served him well as he supervises over 1,370 students.

"We have to deal with events daily. Our objective is to keep a safe and orderly environment for learning and we use the student code of conduct to maintain that," Johnson said.

Johnson exercised that authority

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principal

ty last October when a parking lot attendant reported catching three seniors with beer in their car.

According to the code of conduct, Johnson suspended the students for ten days and removed them from their sports teams for the remainder of the school year.

When parents of one of the students sued the district for \$10,000 and to waive the conditions of the suspension, a fire storm of protest ignited.

Some parents challenged Johnson's judgment that all three students were in possession of the alcohol, yet according to the code of conduct, there was no way to

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

On her feet

Eighteen-month old Johnna Lapetz clings to the leg of her mother Mary. The infant was born with lateral dislocation of the patella which caused her legs to be formed backwards. Reporter Wendy White talked with the Lapetz family and learned how doctors were able to correct the problem and have Johnna walking normally. Read Johnna's miraculous story on p. 6

Twp. seeks relief from drain problem



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Extensive bank erosion shows along a drainage ditch that runs through the property of Bob Fraser. Last week's heavy rains only added to the decaying of the creek's banks.

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Staff Writer

For many of the Quail Ridge residents who turned out for last week's Northville Township board of trustees meeting, it didn't matter if the fault for their disappearing backyards was due to Novi development or not.

All the Quail Ridge contingent wanted was a stop to the erosion before the property damage got out of control.

Or, in the case of a few residents, before someone got seriously hurt.

At the heart of the controversy: a drain which collects stormwater runoff from residential areas on the north side of Eight Mile Road and passes into Northville Township. The problem, according to the Township, comes from the unrestricted stormwater collection from Novi residential areas being

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channeled into the drain and abruptly dropping off after it crosses the road.

Once the water runs downhill - into Quail Ridge - it chews away the surrounding soil and grass. And according to many who spoke

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Ryan enters ninth Senate district campaign

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Staff Writer

Experience. That's what Jim Ryan, Republican candidate for the state's 9th Senate District seat, said separates him from others who've jumped in the political race for the Ninth District State Senate seat.

The seat will be vacated by Sen. Bob Geake, R-Northville, who is



Jim Ryan

retiring at the conclusion of his term.

Ryan, a senior project manager for Horizon Enterprises, announced last year he'd add his name to the list of candidates, and said he's confident his past dealings in the legislature can catapult him into office again.

"My record and experience help set me apart," Ryan said Monday. "My ability to get things done speaks for itself."

Ryan's had his share of experience. A former social studies teacher, state representative and manager for an auto component engineering firm, Ryan said his broad background has given him insight.

While serving as a legislator

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THE RYAN FILE

AGE: 34 (Born May 16, 1963)

POLITICAL AFFILIATION: Republican

EDUCATION: Graduate of Eastern Michigan University, political science major; earned teaching certificate from the University of Detroit.

OCCUPATION: Senior project manager for Horizon Enterprises; former teacher and coach at Redford Catholic Central High School

EXPERIENCE: Former state representative (1994-1996), former deputy director for Gov. John Engler's southeast Michigan office.

PERSONAL: Married to Terri, two children (Sean, 4; Jimmy, 1) Father is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals - 6th Circuit.

IN HIS OWN WORDS: "I intend to serve our communities with the same vigor and dedication (as outgoing state senator Bob Geake), but with the added strength of new and innovative ideas to assure that state government is responsive to the needs of our citizens, while at the same time assuring that government is the servant of our citizens and not their master."

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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. Mark all items "Community Calendar."
The deadline is 4 p.m. Monday for that Thursday's calendar.

THURSDAY, FEB. 26
SUBURBAN REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB: Monthly meeting at Bobby's Country House in Livonia at 11 a.m. The speaker will be Martin Brosnan on the topic "Lincoln: The Assassin's Trail." A charge of \$11 includes lunch. For reservations call 248-471-5659.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5
TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 9 a.m. at the Northville Area Senior Citizens Center, 215 W. Cady.
For more information call 349-8354.

NEW LIFE BIBLE STUDY: New Life Bible Study meets from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Northville on Eight Mile at Taft Rd. Baby sitting is provided. Newcomers are welcome. For more information call Sybil at 349-0006 or for babysitting call Judy at 348-1761.

SENIOR PINOCCHLE: Area seniors are invited to play pinocchle from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Northville Parks and Recreation Building, 303 W. Main. The cost is \$1.

MILL RACE QUESTERS: The Mill Race Questers meet at 7:30 p.m.

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL: The Northville Chapter will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Kerby's Koney Island, Eight Mile and Haggerty Roads. For more information call 734-397-9939.

SINGLE PLACE: Single Place meets at 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyte-

rian Church, 200 E. Main. The donation is \$4. For more information call 349-0911.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6
SENIOR VOLLEYBALL: Northville seniors play volleyball from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Northville Parks and Recreation Building, 303 W. Main. There is a \$1 fee.

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 8
SINGLE PLACE BRUNCH: Single Place will meet at 12:30 p.m. for brunch at Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Rd. 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.

MONDAY, MARCH 9
SENIOR VOLLEYBALL: Northville seniors play volleyball from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Northville Parks and Recreation Building, 303 W. Main. There is a \$1 fee.

NORTHVILLE LIONS: The Northville Lions Club meets at Kerby's Koney Island, 21200 Haggerty at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and meeting at 7:30 p.m. The featured speaker will be Lynn Sackett-Hodge, RN, BSN, who will talk about cardiac rehabilitation. For more information call 348-9075.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN: The Northville Business and Professional Women meet at 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Laurel Park, Livonia, for networking, dinner and a short business meeting.

NORTHVILLE MASONIC ORGANIZATION: The Northville Masons meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, Main near Center Street.

KING'S MILL WOMEN'S CLUB: The King's Mill Women's Club will

meet in the clubhouse at 7 p.m. All women residents are invited to attend.

MOMS: MOMS, a non-denominational support group for moms of preschoolers meets the first and third Mondays of every month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the First United Methodist Church in Northville.

Babysitting is provided for a small fee.
For more information call 248-305-5909 or 734-425-2634.

KINGS MILL WOMEN'S CLUB: The Kings Mill Women's Club will hold its monthly board meeting at the Clubhouse at 7 p.m. The business meeting will be followed by a coffee hour. All women residents are invited to attend the meeting.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10
NYA ADVISORY COUNCIL: The Northville Youth Assistance Advisory Council meets at 8:30 a.m. in Cooke Middle School, room 2.

SENIOR VOLLEYBALL: Area seniors are invited to play volleyball and other indoor sports at 9:30 a.m. at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main. For more information call the center at 349-0203 or Karl Peters at 349-4140.

F.E.M.A.L.E.: The Novi Chapter of Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge meets at 7 p.m. at the Providence Mission Health Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Rd. For more information, please contact Marie at 486-1498.

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

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

CHADD MEETING: CHADD (Chil-

dren & Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders) of Southwest Oakland County will hold a support group meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11
KIWANIS EARLY BIRDS: The Kiwanis Club of Northville-Early Birds meets at 7 a.m. at the Northville Senior Citizens Center, 215 W. Cady.

SENIOR VOLLEYBALL: Northville seniors play volleyball from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Northville Parks and Recreation Building, 303 W. Main. There is a \$1 fee.

SENIOR BRIDGE GROUP: Area seniors are invited to play bridge today from 12:15 to 3 p.m. at the Northville Senior Citizens Center, 215 W. Cady. The cost is 50 cents.

CIVIL AIR PATROL: Civil Air Patrol, Mustang Cadet Squadron, meets at 7 p.m. at the Northville VFW Post 4012, 438 S. Main. Everyone over the age of 13 is encouraged to view the activities.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21
CENTENNIAL DINNER-DANCE AUCTION: Ticket sales are really starting to heat up for the Northville Township birthday dinner.

The Centennial Dinner/Dance-Auction will be held at the Italian American Banquet Center on Five Mile Road near Haggerty in Livonia.

Cocktails and the silent auction will take place from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dancing will be to the music by Rare Blend. Ticket cost is \$80.

MOM TO MOM SALE: A Mom to Mom sale will be held at the Sacred Heart Church, 29125 W. Six Mile Road, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children's clothes, baby furniture and maternity items will be on sale.

Call Jennifer at 248-6227 for more information.

Black Heritage stamp tribute to entrepreneur

Madam C.J. Walker, an early 20th century beauty product pioneer and one of the nation's first female millionaires is being honored with the issuance of a new commemorative stamp - the 21st stamp in the U.S. Postal Service's Black Heritage series.



Walker was born in 1867 to ex-slaves under the name Sarah Breedlove. In her early life, she worked in both the cotton fields and the kitchen. In 1905, after marrying newspaper sales agent Charles Joseph Walker, she adopted his name and developed expertise in manufacturing hair goods and preparations. Walker soon launched her own business, designing cosmetics and hair-care products for black women. Using her success for the good of others, she earned a reputation as a philanthropist to

Africa-American institutions such as the NAACP, Tuskegee Institute, and Bethune-Cookman College.

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"Despite many social and economic barriers," added January, "Madam C.J. Walker realized her dreams of business success by relying upon a unique combination of steadfast determination and entrepreneurial spirit."

The stamp is the third in the Black Heritage series to feature a photograph and shows a successful Walker as seen on the packaging of many of her products.

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The Charlie Stillec Leadership Scholarship
Andy Smojver Memorial Scholarship

For more information or to request an application packet, call the Northville High School Counseling Office at 344-8422. The deadline for all applications is March 20.

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by John Goodman
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Police News

Driver smashes tree, plows through yard enroute to bed

CITY POLICE REPORTS

EXCUSE ME: A driver plowed into a tree and over a lawn on his way home around 1 a.m. Sunday. But the 22-year-old didn't let anything stop him as he maneuvered his '97 Jimmy into his driveway on Rouge St. and went to bed.

The next morning, his mother called police to file a report on the vehicle's damage. Although the driver had been drinking, the amount of alcohol he consumed couldn't be confirmed and he was cited only for reckless driving.

OUT AFTER DARK: A Northville High junior who left home in the middle of the night violated not only her parents' curfew but the city of Northville's as well on Wednesday.

After she got into an argument with her father for coming home after curfew, the teen stormed out of the house again. Her father called the police.

Officers searched the area around the home and caught up with the student around 4 a.m.

near High and Randolph streets. They arrested her on misdemeanor charges, took her to the station and released her when her parents came to pick her up.

NOW YOU SEE IT: A CD player was stolen from a parking lot off of Hutton Street sometime in the early morning hours of Feb. 20. The owner of the '92 Chevy S10 pickup said he'd parked in the lot near his apartment building and locked the doors.

No damage was done to the vehicle as the CD player was slipped out, unplugged and removed.

Nothing else was taken. According to police, there are no suspects at this time and rain washed away any trace of fingerprints that may have been left on the truck.

Although the owner bought his truck used and didn't know how much the CD player was worth, police estimated the unit at \$100.

OH NO YOU DON'T: Three teens were cited for skateboarding

in a prohibited area Friday afternoon.

A woman called police to complain that the youths were skateboarding down the stairway of the Cady Street tower leading to the Main Centre Building.

Police said they recognized two of the teens from a previous skateboarding complaint at Shopping Center Market.

Although those two said they hadn't seen the sign posted to designate the area as non-skateboarding, the third skater blew their cover.

"Yeah we did, it's right by that building," he told police.

All three were cited for misdemeanors and their skateboards were taken to the station to be picked up by their parents.

TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORTS

POWER TRIP: Approximately \$153 worth of 'AA' size batteries were recovered after Meljer store security spotted a 43-year-old Sterling Heights woman attempting to conceal 18 packs of batter-

ies in her purse and exit without making an attempt to pay.

The incident occurred around 8 a.m. Feb. 20.

AGONY OF GRAVITY: Officers on patrol near Six Mile and Haggerty at 12:45 p.m. on Feb. 23 were notified of a larceny in progress at the Northville Township Farmer Jack.

A total of four officers convened at the supermarket, and were told by store management that cashiers at the store had observed four cigarette cartons dropping from the coat of a man waiting in line. Management also believed the suspect was still inside the store.

A search commenced, which led police to the rear of the store. Officers tracked the suspected path of the man, but soon realized he had escaped over an embankment on the west side of the store and could not be located.

The suspect was described as a 20-year-old white male, standing 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighing 185 pounds. He was last seen

wearing a three-quarter-length blue coat, jeans, a red shirt and a baseball cap.

DYNAMIC DUO: Two Northville youths, age 17 and 18, will be in court March 18 after they were apprehended at Meljer on Feb. 18.

Store security observed the 17-year-old transfer expensive car seat cushions into a box marked with a less expensive price tag, while the 18-year-old concealed \$36 worth of various auto accessories inside his jacket. Among the items removed was a shift knob crafted in the shape of a skull.

The incident occurred around 4:45 p.m.

CAR BREAK-IN: A 40-year-old Crystal Lake man awoke Feb. 18 to discover the driver's side vent window of his 1995 Dodge Ram van had been forced open, allowing thieves to remove an estimated \$2,470 in various power tools from the van.

The man told police he had parked the vehicle around the cor-

ner from his residence the previous evening.

Several electric saws and drills were taken, and \$100 in damage was done to the vehicle window. There are no suspects.

CAR BREAK IN, Pt. II: A Silver Springs man told police someone had stolen \$4,200 in paint sprayers, tool boxes and paintbrushes by forcing open the cap to his 1986 Chevy truck.

The man said he left the car at 10 p.m. Feb. 17 and discovered the items were missing at 7:45 a.m. the next day.

CAR BREAK IN, Pt. III: In another Feb. 18 incident, a 23-year-old Township man reported that someone had forced entry into his 1998 Ford Escort and managed to get away with \$200 worth of sunglasses, \$200 in compact discs, a \$20 CD case and a \$15 sunglasses case.

Officers who inspected the car also found pry marks on the vehicle's CD player. There are no suspects.

Man bound over to court on marijuana charges

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Staff Writer

After better than eight weeks of preliminary legwork, 31-year-old Mark Glen Middlin had his day in court relating to charges of growing more than three dozen marijuana plants inside his apartment.

Police executed a search warrant in Middlin's Northville Township apartment complex the morning of Dec. 15. Inside, police discovered a total of 42 "very good-sized" marijuana plants.

Two witnesses testified Friday. The first was a female acquaintance of Middlin.

Under questioning from prosecutor John O'Hair, the woman said she telephoned Township

police to notify them of the presence of the plants after she had paid a visit to the apartment.

The woman said she saw the plants growing inside the apartment's bedroom closet, but wasn't certain of exactly how many there were.

Middlin watched and listened attentively during the testimony.

Also testifying was Township detective Paul Sumner.

He said he was present when the search warrant on the apartment was executed and discovered the plants on a growing shelf in the bedroom and in the bedroom closet.

He said there were very few housewares in the apartment

besides a couch and chair. Several magazines relating to growing marijuana, photographs of marijuana plants and a marijuana bong were among the items located in the apartment, he said.

Sumner then said he paid a visit to Oakland County jail on Dec. 24, where Middlin was being held on separate and unrelated charge, Sumner said.

Middlin was already in jail at the time the search was made.

While interviewing Middlin, Sumner said Middlin had told him the plants were grown mainly for personal use.

Only a small amount was sold to close friends, he said.

At an earlier date, Township

detective Fred Yankee said the arraignment was slow in coming because of evidentiary rules that require very specific chemical tests to be performed on materials suspected to be controlled substances. In this case, Yankee said the plants needed to be dried for an extensive period of time in order for proper analysis to take place.

Yankee said the bust was one of the larger operations he'd seen in his years on the police force.

The case was bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court. If convicted of the felony charges, Middlin faces a maximum of seven years in prison and up to \$500,000 in fines.

Red Cross seeks volunteers

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking disaster volunteers to help on local disasters - mostly single family home and apartment fires.

Volunteers are fully trained by the Red Cross to visit disaster sites, serve refreshments, offer support to victims, assess damage and dispense vouchers for food, clothing and other necessities.

Area of operation will not necessarily be in Wayne County. Call (313) 422-2787 for more information on helping others in the area.

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Administrators continue high school design work

By WENSLEY WHITE
Staff Writer

Northville's future high school is no longer just a vague dream. It's now set down on paper and one step closer to being set in stone. Exterior drawings of the future Northville High School show a massive structure in maroon and green, though those colors may change.

If all goes according to plan, the 350,000 square foot structure will be brick with a metal roof. It will face south toward Six Mile Rd. between Beck and Sheldon.

School administrators, teachers and interested community members have participated in designing the new school from the ground up, using \$35 million of the \$61.5 million bond issue approved by

voters last year.

"We are in very good shape in terms of the overall design schedule and we are progressing nicely," said assistant Superintendent Dave Bolitho. "If it looks like we're okay (budget wise), then we prepare the initial bidding documents."

After months of meetings involving the architectural firm of Fanning / Howey, the design teams have finalized the exterior design, interior layout and grounds of the school.

Now a construction manager will take all the specifications into account and estimate the cost of the project. His estimate will determine whether the design teams' vision can become a reality.

"We'd like to build what has been

designed and proposed by the staff and community with, naturally, guidance and input from the architect, but we're a little anxious," Bolitho said. "We know other districts have been shocked by the cost of doing business so we just hope we come in where we need to come in."

Although many aspects of the interior have been decided upon, including the location of such things as electrical outlets, kitchen equipment and science lab sinks, design teams will continue to meet in order to choose furnishings, fixtures and color schemes.

"Each type of room has specifications. We know what the departments have in mind, the architect understands, and it's all committed to paper so there are no sur-

prises later," Bolitho said. "You can see there's lots and lots and lots of consideration going into this."

If everything goes as planned, groundbreaking will begin this spring.

First on the agenda is contracting a company to conduct soil explorations to see if the chosen site can support the building.

Under recommendation from Fanning/Howey, the Northville Board of Education approved a bid from Engineering & Test Services, who priced the job at no more than \$16,425.

And as the new millennium opens with the year 2000, so will the doors of the new Northville High.

The school will accommodate

1,800 students. With current enrollment at 1,370, if population increases as expected, the building will be viable through the year 2006.

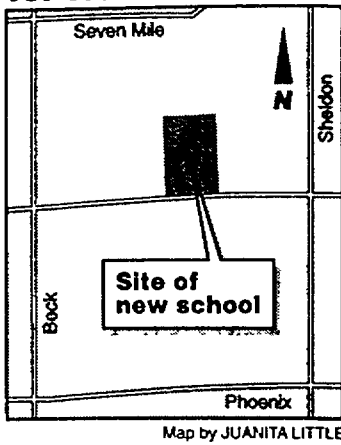
The plan also allows for a future addition that will handle 400 more students.

"That should serve us indefinitely unless demographically something unexpected happens," Bolitho said.

The old building, located at 775 N. Center St. will be converted to house Cooke Middle School, though the name might be changed.

According to school officials, boundaries will need to be redrawn to channel some current Meads Mill students into the expansive future middle school.

New High School for Northville



District will consider developer's offer for free school site

By WENSLEY WHITE
Staff Writer

Free land for a new elementary school.

It's an offer local developers hope the Northville school district won't turn down.

The Mocer Co. has proposed to donate 17 acres of land for an elementary school within a subdivision it's currently developing.

But it would be up to taxpayers to build the school and district officials say the population doesn't yet warrant the project.

Mocer Co. representatives presented a site plan to members of the school board at an administrative subcommittee meeting in November. The plan showed a school similar to Thornton Creek Elementary that was labeled "The Kirkland School," after the 247-home Kirkland Subdivision set for Six Mile Rd. just east of Napier.

District officials said the building plan was merely presented as a rough sketch. Ultimately it would be up to the district to design, build and pay for a school on the site.

But a new school isn't yet needed, school officials maintain, and whether the district could support it in the future hinges on both funding and student population.

Regarding population growth, assistant Superintendent David Bolitho said the number of subdivisions at the same stage of development in the Township is unprecedented, but a slackening birth rate makes it hard to project student population growth with any accuracy.

"We know a lot of homes are going to go in there but we don't know when and we won't have a handle on that for at least a year," Bolitho

said.

In order for the district to build a new school on the site, a new bond issue would need to be passed. The last bond issue Northville voters approved pumped \$61.5 million into the district for school improvements. Among the building projects now underway is the addition of six classrooms at Silver Springs Elementary.

The district is also redrawing the

boundary between Thornton Creek and Moraine Elementary to redistribute the student population.

Those measures combined should absorb the population growth for the next few years, making a new school unnecessary in the near future, Bolitho said.

"We've asked (the developer) to extend it to 2004-05, just to be safe," Bolitho said.

The proposal presented by Mocer

slated the school to open by the year 2002-03, but David Pawlaczek, project engineer for Mocer, said the company is willing to be flexible.

"We feel that it's important to have a school in that area. There's going to be a lot of kids that need close access to a school," Pawlaczek said. "The date is very, very arbitrary. We just put a number out there but it's really up to the school district."

The Mocer Co., part of Stonewater LLC, has developed the infrastructure, paved, graded and marketed dozens of subdivisions on the East side of Metro Detroit, Pawlaczek said.

Kirkland and the Stonewater Lakes development, a subdivision of 425 homes also located on Six Mile Road, are the company's first ventures on the west side.

Having a school within a new

subdivision is a valuable marketing tool, since surveys have shown 70 percent of Northville residents moved to the area for the schools, school board President Joan Wadsworth said.

But the school wouldn't benefit just the developers.

"It's a nice idea and it may be just what the school district needs in seven to eight years...but it may not be," Wadsworth said.

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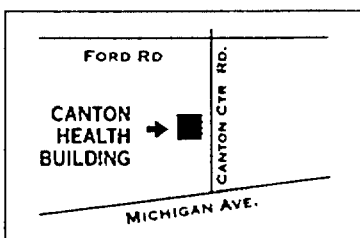
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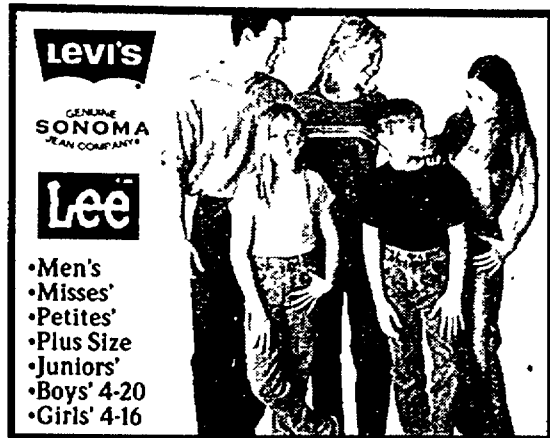
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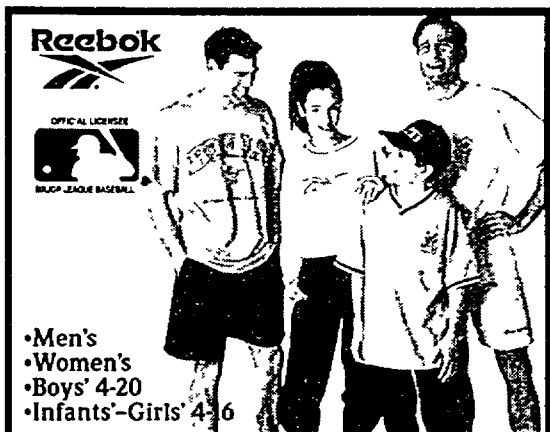
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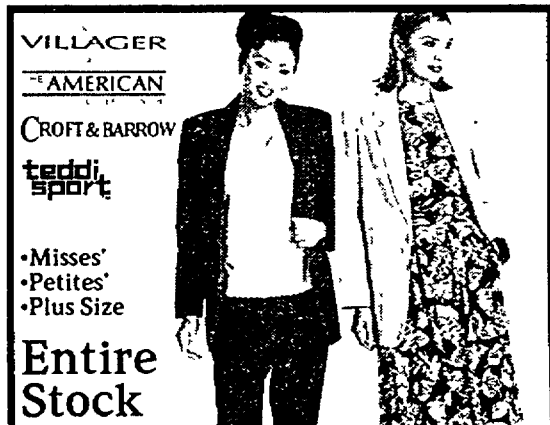
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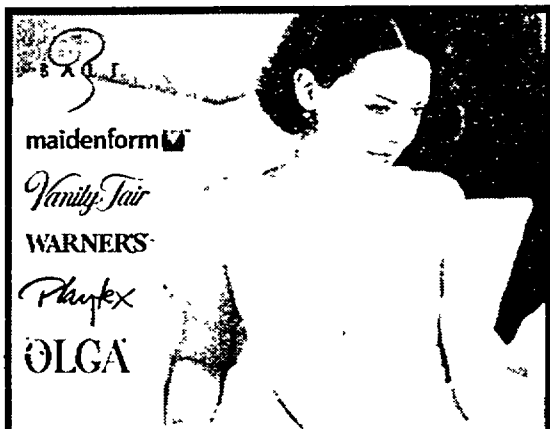
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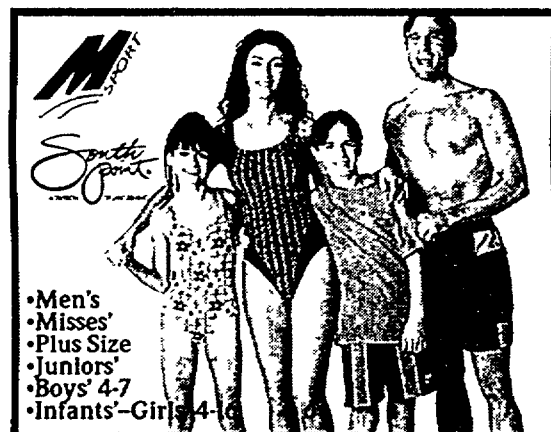
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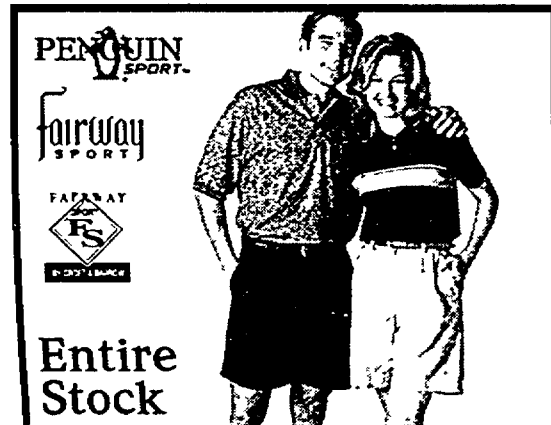
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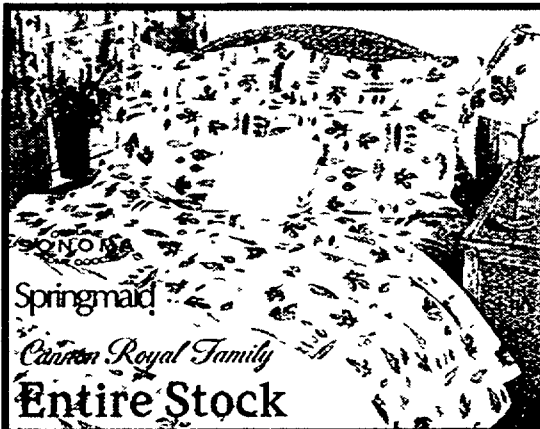
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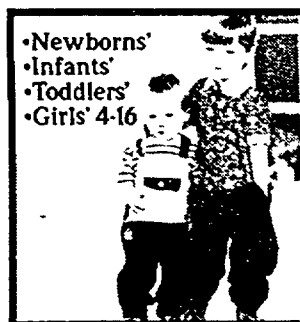


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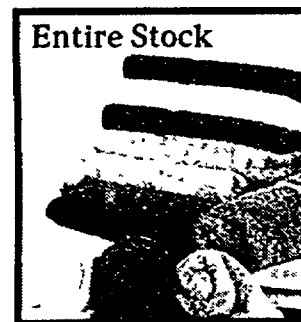


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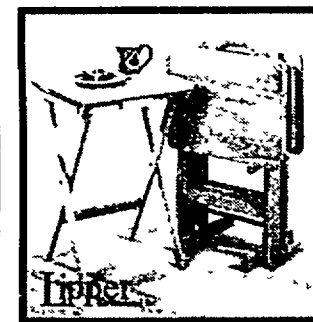
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Child's first steps a medical miracle



Above: Johnna Lapetz, weeks after birth, was born with a rare deformity called lateral dislocation of the patella.

During the labor of her fourth child, Mary Lapetz had a single, 45-minute contraction. Fourteen minutes after she arrived in the parking lot of the St. Mary's hospital in Livonia, Johnna was born.

In the delivery room, Mary and her husband John impatiently, expectantly asked the question at the forefront of every new parent's mind.

Is the baby normal?

In this case, the doctor was hesitant to respond.

"You could just sense they're trying to be calm, they're trying to be normal. They had to tell us something and they were figuring out how to approach it," John said. "I finally told them 'well we know about the feet ... is there anything else?'"

The doctor let out a huge sigh of relief, John said, and went on to tell the couple they were the parents of a healthy baby girl.

Except for the fact that her legs were on backward.

Contrary to what the doctor expected, Johnna's parents took news of the deformity in stride. After all, they had four months to come to terms with it, since an ultrasound had revealed the condition midway through the pregnancy.

"It was sort of interesting. Sure enough, right there in her stomach you could already see the bone structure. The foot was going the opposite way. It was really graphic," John said.

At the time of the ultrasound, Mary, then 37, was five months pregnant and raising three daughters: Sarah, 21, Jacque, 13 and Jordan, 7.

Despite the doctor's findings, abortion was something Mary never considered.

Instead, she thought of her husband of 17 years, who was living a fulfilling life with what appeared to be the same condition.

Labeled "Lateral Dislocation of the Patella," John, 47, was born with his kneecaps, along with the muscles and tissues connected to them, on the sides of his legs instead of the front.

Because that includes the quadriceps, the large thigh muscles that straighten the legs, John walks with perpetually bent knees.

Surgeries performed before he was 12 left x-shaped scars on his legs, but didn't fully correct the problem, and over the years his odd posture and the lack of padding at his knee joints have caused John back, hip and knee problems.

"I have pain, but I think everyone has pain. My body is like double my age. My knee joints are probably the joints of an 80-year-old man because they've worked in such an unusual way," John said.

But he insists he has come to terms with his legs, and doesn't consider them a handicap.

"I have always had this condition and gone through life doing the things I want to do in the way I want to do them," John said. "You kind of adapt. I have found a way to earn what I think is a very good living without depending on my body ... Sometimes it's not what you can do, it's how others treat you. That has as much impact as the physical constraints at times."



Johnna Lapetz first stood and walked near the family Christmas tree on Christmas Eve.

"On Christmas Eve she got up and walked with no braces or anything. It was just a miracle."

— Mary Lapetz

Although he rarely uses any type of medication to ease the pain, John explained that early fatigue has led him to begin using an electric wheelchair on day-long family outings, allowing him to out-

last his young daughters. He also uses it to navigate the corridors of the Ford Dearborn complex where he supervises a department that engineers vehicles to run on natural gas.

But he was concerned about how his wife would react to the prospect of raising a child with the same condition.

"I always thought this would be an issue with my mate. But I could tell Mary

was really sincere that the possibility didn't phase her," he said.

Mary said John was sometimes teased about his legs as a child, but his condition has had little impact on their lives together.

With the medical options available today, Mary was confident that things would be even better for Johnna.

"If John was born in the dark ages of medicine and he's so successful and happy, there's no way it could be worse for her," Lapetz said. "There was nothing wrong with him. His legs were on backwards, but he wasn't sick or anything."

Johnna's treatment began almost immediately. When she was just 11 days old, she was outfitted with plaster boots that began turning her feet around.

At three months, Dr. Neal Marcus of Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit developed and performed a surgery to correct her kneecaps (see related story).

Johnna wore plaster casts on her legs for six weeks and by the time they came off, she had developed a unique way of scooting on one side of her body that substituted for a crawl.

No one was quite sure if the operation was a success until Johnna took her first steps.

"On Christmas Eve she got up and walked with no braces or anything. It was just a miracle," Mary said.

Now, red ponytail bouncing with each step, Johnna wanders around the house like any curious toddler. At 18 months, she's learning talk in sentences and loves to swim in the pool behind her parents' Northville Township home.

"She just has a really happy disposition, people remark all the time. She can have an empty belly and a full diaper and still have a smile on her face," Mary said.

Johnna's general pediatrician, Dr. Camille Kureth at Henry Ford Medical Center in Novi, said Johnna's prognosis is excellent.

"She's doing beautifully. She's at or above her age level in just about everything. It took her a little while longer to walk, which is understandable. She wasn't able to use those legs for a long time," Kureth said. "She's an extremely happy baby."

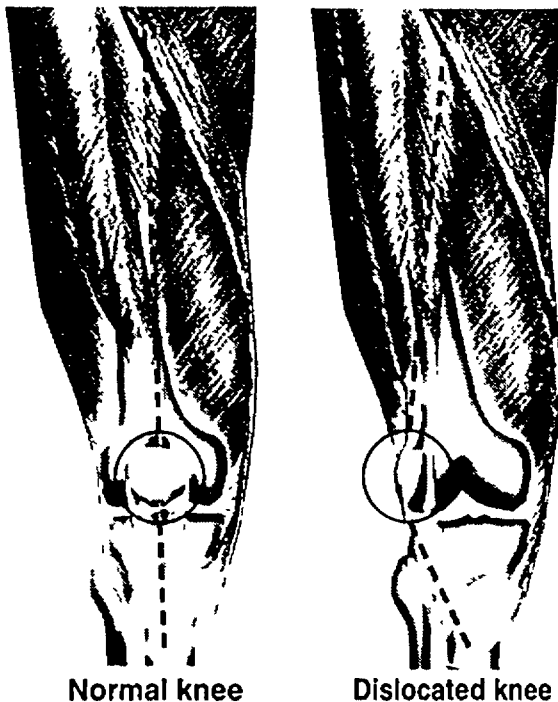
Like Marcus, Kureth cautioned that only time will tell how Johnna's legs develop.

"We'll wait and see if they work exactly like everyone else's as she grows. She's certainly going to walk beautifully, but as for specific activities, we don't know for certain. Considering that in 18 months she's walking like a normal kid is totally amazing. It will give a lot of hope to families who have children with special problems at birth. So many things can be done now and more are coming in the future."

If it weren't for hope, Johnna might not even be here. Mary credits her strong religious faith with giving her the insight to see Johnna's setbacks as challenges and her birth defect as a special gift.

"It's just such a blessing. God makes all kinds of people for different reasons," Mary said. "It's just a great opportunity to see what God has planned for this life."

Lateral dislocation of the patella



Normal knee

Dislocated knee

In a normal knee, the *patella* (knee cap) slides in a groove in the lower *femur* (thigh bone). This maintains the proper alignment necessary for the *rectus femoris* (muscle in front of the thigh) to extend the lower leg.

When the patella is dislocated to the lateral (outside) portion of the knee joint, alignment is lost and the leg cannot be straightened.

SOURCE: Dr. Neal Marcus

Illustration by SCOTT PIPER

New procedure developed to correct rare birth defect

When the parents of Johnna Lapetz took their daughter to see Dr. Neal Marcus, an orthopedic pediatrician at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, he got out the medical journals.

"It's a very rare condition. I've never seen it," Marcus said.

So rare, in fact, that Marcus found few published papers on the condition.

The most definitive was written in 1976 by Dr. Stanko Stanisavljevic of Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan.

In his report, Stanisavljevic had compiled cases of lateral patellar dislocation throughout history, the earliest outlined in a German journal dated 1856.

In many instances, patients didn't receive corrective surgery until they were young adults. The youngest to undergo an operation was three years old.

The problem, Marcus said, is detecting the dislocated patellas in infants.

Since much of a baby's skeleton is cartilage, kneecaps aren't visible on X-Rays for years, until that cartilage ossifies, or hardens into bone.

But Marcus knew what to look and feel for, with John providing a living example of why his daughter's feet faced the opposite direction.

"I had a great advantage. It was staring me in the face," Marcus said. "It was hereditary, enabling me to make the diagnosis early and treat her early."

It's the first time the condition has been linked to a parent, proving that it is hereditary and allowing Johnna to be treated before she even crawled.

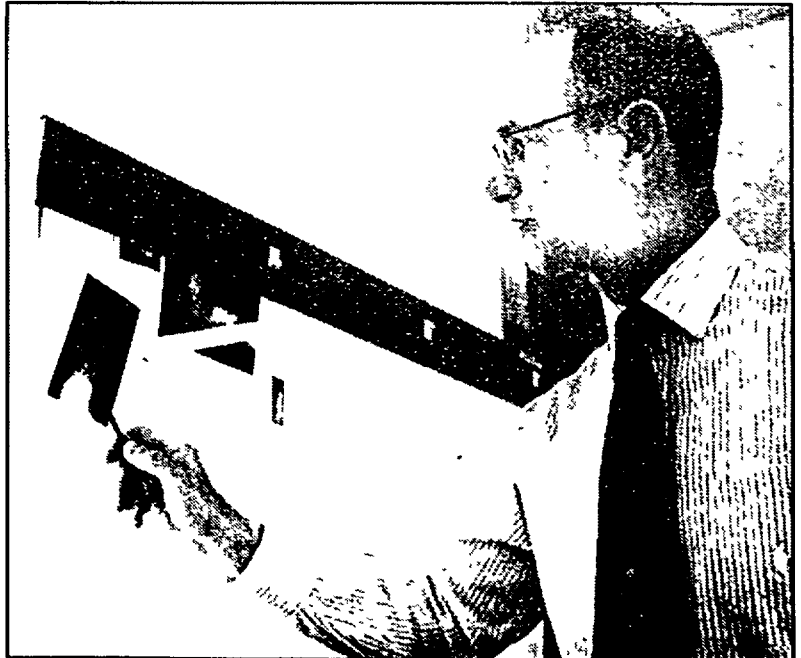
That, according to Marcus, made all the difference.

Her father didn't get surgery until he was a young adult and by that time many of his problems were irreversible, according to Marcus.

Modifying a surgical procedure outlined in Stanisavljevic's paper, Marcus operated on Johnna when she was just three months old.

"We had to cut all that tissue in her thigh, we released all the tissue that was holding it on the side, moved the knee cap to the front and tightened it on the other side to hold it there," Marcus explained.

"If you saw her walking down the hall, you'd think she was a normal



Pediatric orthopedic surgeon Dr. Neal Marcus takes a look at an x-ray of a child's foot in his Henry Ford Medical Center office. Marcus operated on Northville Township's Johnna Lapetz.

youngster, but that wouldn't have happened without the surgery. She would have walked in a crouch like her father. She was a little late to get walking but she's doing fine."

Marcus said Johnna has a sepa-

rate problem with her feet that should be corrected with a second surgery. Pending her parent's approval, he said he will lengthen Johnna's Achilles tendon to remedy a dislocated heel.

Stories by Wensdy White

Student writing wins accolades

By WENDY WHITE
Staff Writer

Strong family values and a four-year commitment to improve "writing across the curriculum" must be working at Cooke Middle School, where five students took awards in a statewide essay competition sponsored by the Detroit News.

The students were singled out from a field of over 940 applicants.

All five of the winners are students of Cheryl Gibbs, an English teacher who occasionally uses writing contests as class assignments.

"I was astounded. I never expected so many winners. One or two, but not five. It's like my ship came in," Gibbs said. "It's like winning the lottery."

But it took more than luck. Gibbs credits her students' success to "Power Writing," a new method of teaching expository writing that requires students to create a topic sentence and expand on it with "power" sentences that organize the themes of their work.

"This is the biggest success we've seen from it," Gibbs said.

Also attributed to Cooke's success is that the students could relate to the contest's theme, "My Family is Special Because..."

"They all have personal experiences with their families, and that's the key to good writing," Gibbs said. "(Northville) is an area where I think families invest a lot of time and energy into their kids. They had a lot to write about."

First place winner Kaitlin Hayes, 13, won a \$300 savings bond for her essay describing gifts that different family members gave her on Christmas Day. All of the gifts were intangible.

"My family has helped me a lot," Hayes said. "I always write better when I really believe in what I'm writing about."

Her classmate, Audrie Lin, 13, won second place and a \$200 bond for her essay on what's it's like to be part of a family from another culture.

"My family is Chinese so we



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Kaitlin Hayes, Audrie Lin, Rachel Marcus, Christine VanHorn and Jenny Price were recognized for their efforts in a Detroit Free Press sponsored writing contest.

have a lot of traditions. I wrote about what we do on vacation and when we celebrate holidays and festivals," Lin said.

Fifth place winner Jenny Price received a \$15 gift certificate from Barnes & Noble.

In the second annual Detroit News essay contest, 30 teachers from districts around the state acted as judges, choosing first through fifth place winners and twelve honorable mentions at the eighth grade level. They didn't know until after they voted that five of the 17 winners were from

the same school.

"I think what it has to say is that a lot of writing has to do with the teachers who were behind it," Detroit Newspapers Education Manager Sharon Martin said.

Mickey Mason of Mead Mill Middle School also received an honorable mention in the seventh grade category.

The winners will be featured in an upcoming article in the Detroit News and on the News World Wide Web page at www.detroitnews.com/nle.

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Area students complete N'ville DARE program

Forty-one area youth completed the Northville Area Drug Abuse Resistance Education program last week and were given the opportunity to be recognized for their commitment to saying no to drugs.

Among those completing the program: Melissa Adams, Katrina Asmar, Nicholas Boruta, Jack Bowers, Whitney Brownlee, Matthew Buckshaw, Bradley Clemons, Audrey Colthurst, Richard Coulter, Lauren Duggan, Heather Franklin, Katherine Gatliff, Andrew Guice, Seth Hall, Brian Harrison, Brian Henderson, Ashley Hernandez, Emily Judge, Amanda Keehl, Karolyn Kelly,

Alia Koczara, Megan Kumecki, Brian Laing, Hailey MacDonald, Brandon Mason, Clayton Mattson, Tara McCormick, John Miller, Malory Mossolan, Peter Olson, Rachel Ondejko, Eric Pearce, Cassie Pike, Angelika Raudszus, Mary Simkins, Lauren Soblesky, Justin Straub, Justin Swanson, Daniel Thomas, Joshua Trent, and Terry Wendt.

Officer Matt Mayes of the Township Police department, who was in charge of the DARE program, helped in the handing out of DARE certificates to graduates at the Feb. 19 ceremony. Graduates were honored at Northville Christian School.

Library Lines

The Northville District Library is open the following hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. For more information about services or locations, please call the library at 349-3020.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

The novel "We were the Mulvanys" by Joyce Carol Oates will be the focus of the March 9 book discussion group. Anyone is welcome to attend this open discussion, which takes place at 7 p.m. in the library's meeting room.

This regular book discussion group meets on the second Monday evening of each month.

The newly organized daytime "Brown Bag" book discussion group will meet on March 24 at 11:30 a.m. Bring your own lunch and beverages will be provided. Call the library for more information about the title to be discussed. No pre-registration is required for either group.

CONNECT TO THE INTERNET

Is cruising the Internet from home like being stuck in a traffic jam? Why wait on a modem that moves like a turtle when you can experience the speed of a T-1 connection to the Internet? The Northville District Library has two public Internet terminals with T-1 connections, available for use at no charge. For more information, or to reserve a 30-minute session, stop in or call the library at 349-3020.

HOW TO BUY A COMPUTER

Advice on how to select a computer for home use will be presented by Richard Truxall, of the Library Network, in this free program at the library March 12. Please register in advance for this program, which starts at 7 p.m., by calling 349-3020.

SPECIAL KINDERGARTEN/FIRST GRADE STORYTIME SESSION II (REVISED SCHEDULE)

Children in kindergarten and first grade are invited to join Senior Girl Scout Troop #409 for stories, crafts and treats. Programs will be offered on March 4 at 4 p.m., or on two consecutive Saturdays - Feb. 28 and March 7 - at 11 a.m. Each program lasts one hour. To register, stop in at the library's information desk or call 349-3020.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The next meeting of the Northville District Library Board of Trustees will be on Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Carlo Meeting Room. The public is welcome to attend.

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Antique dealer finally gets something new — a location

By WENDY WHITE
Staff Writer

Susan Sherwood framed a five-and-a-half foot long rattlesnake skin.

She also mounted a gold-plated kitchen faucet for the Masco corporation.

She framed a sketch of Pope John Paul II that was given to him during a Detroit area visit. It now hangs in the Vatican.

She's also framed countless prints, photographs and needle-points.

And now she'll be doing it at a larger, more visible location.

Sherwood has operated a framing, art and antique shop at three different locations in Northville since 1989. The most recent was tucked up a flight of stairs above Morrison's Antiques.

After three weeks of moving boxes downstairs into the shop recently vacated by Ann's Fabrics, Sherwood has officially opened anew at 111 E. Main St.

"Third times a charm," Sherwood said. "I've been open since a week ago Saturday and I've sold more antiques in a week than I did upstairs in six months."

In addition to custom framing, Sherwood offers a variety of antique prints and furnishings.

What sets her apart from other

"I'm just an antique junkie."

Susan Sherwood
owner of Sherwood Gallery

downtown framers and antique dealers, Sherwood said, is her knowledge of interior design and history.

"If someone says 'I have American Empire furniture in my living room', I know what kind of frames will go with it," she said. "I don't want to say I'm better than any other framer, but I'm different."

After graduating from a Chicago interior design school in 1971, Sherwood took a job at a frame shop in San Diego. What started as a whim blossomed into a business.

One of her specialties is making shadowboxes which contain and preserve "the kind of odd things that would be thrown in a drawer and get lost," Sherwood said.

The many prints of animals hanging in Sherwood's shop reflect the five years she worked at the San Diego Wild Animal Park.

Knowledgeable about paper and printing processes, Sherwood also collects old leatherbound books and scrapbooks and frames their pages.

"Nothing gets sent out, it's all done right here," Sherwood said.

Sherwood's workshop is in the back of her new store, and with a

larger display floor, Sherwood has more room for tea sets, furniture and craft items.

"I'm an antique junkie," Sherwood said. "This is just early hodgepodge in here. If I like it, I buy it."

The oldest piece in her shop is a pewter plate stand dated 1750.

On the board of directors of the Northville Historical Society for five years, Sherwood is currently working to furnish the Hunter House at Northville's Mill Race Historical Village with authentic pieces from the 1920's.

Sherwood shops for antiques up to five days a week, sometimes driving as far as upstate New York to search out rare collectibles.

Many things have changed here since settlers from Ovid, N.Y., planted roots in Northville, and Sherwood said small businesses are getting ever harder to maintain.

"It can be pretty tough. There's so many strip malls going in all over the place so it can be pretty frustrating. I bet 40 businesses have gone out of town since I've been here," Sherwood said.

So how has she managed to grow?

"Stubborn. I just like what I'm doing. I love artwork. I love antiques," she said.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Susan Sherwood, owner of Northville's Sherwood Gallery antique and framing store, holds onto the oldest antique available in her East Main St. shop: an English plate stand from about 1750.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF REVIEW WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review for the City of Northville, 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 following dates:

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1998: 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1998: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1998: 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1998: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Administrative Meeting

Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed value for 1998, the Wayne and Oakland County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 1998 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.

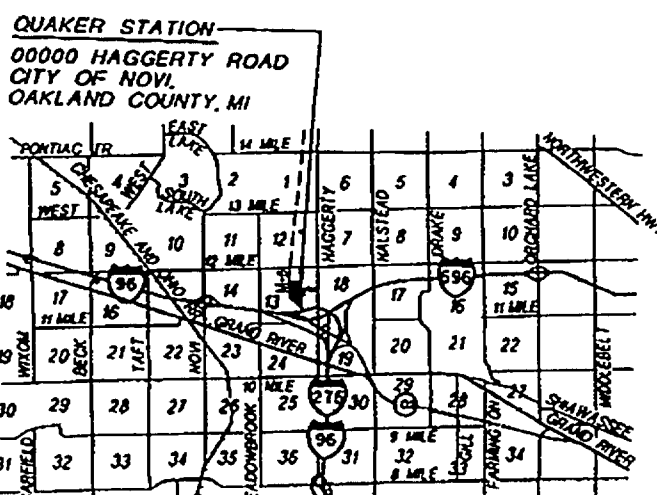
ALL TAXPAYERS wishing to review their taxable value or assessments with the Board of Review will be seen by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Appointments must be made on or before 4:30 p.m. EST, Friday, March 13, 1998. Please contact the Tax Department at City Hall at (248) 449-9901 for an appointment or with any questions you have regarding your 1998 taxable value or assessment.

BOARD OF REVIEW
MAUREEN RYAN
JEANNE FEDERSPIILL
KAREN WOODRUFF

(2-19/26 & 3-5-98 NR 819902)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 4, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **DETROIT EDISON QUAKER STATION, SP 97-42A**, located west of Haggerty Road and south of 12 Mile Road, seeking **PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL, SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL AND WOODLANDS AND WETLANDS PERMIT**.



LOCATION MAP

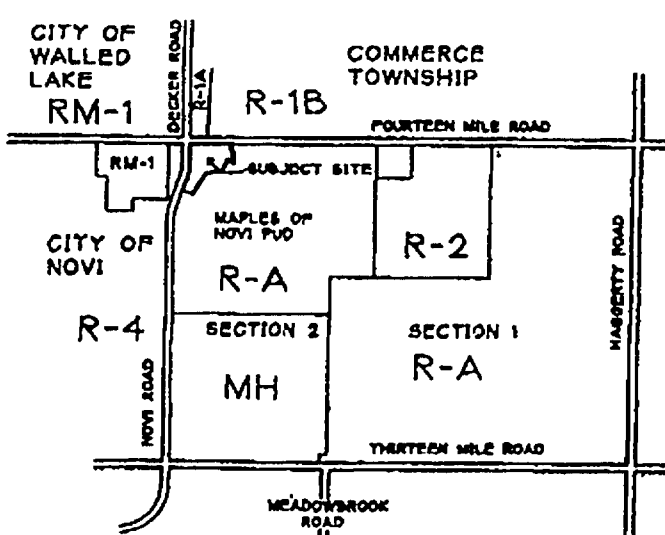
All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, 1998.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
KIM THOMAS CAPELLO, SECRETARY,
TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

(2-26-98 NR/NN 820786)

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LOCATION MAP

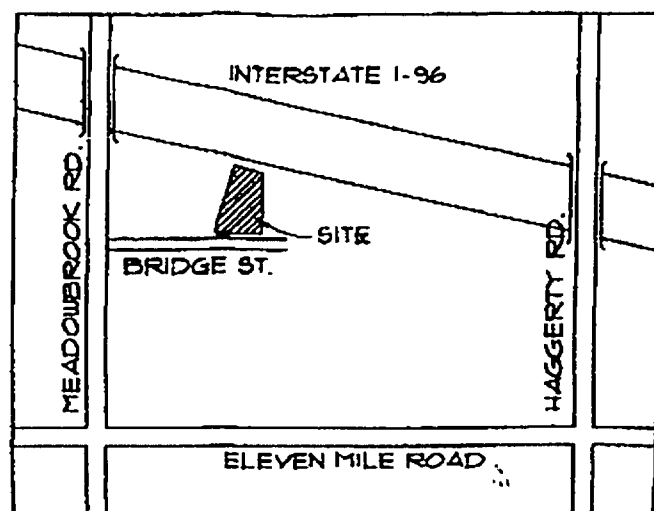
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NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
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(2-26-98 NR/NN 820788)

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LOCATION MAP

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NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
KIM THOMAS CAPELLO, SECRETARY,
TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

(2-26-98 NR/NN 820784)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

- DATE: February 19, 1998, TIME: 6:30 p.m., PLACE: 41600 West Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: 6:35
ROLL CALL: Karen Woodside, Supervisor, Mark Abbo, Trustee, Sue Hillebrand, Clerk, Russ Fogg, Trustee, Richard Henningsen, Treasurer, Bill Selinsky, Trustee, Mary Gans, Trustee
1. Approve Closed Meeting Agenda — Approved 7-0
- A. Labor Contracts, Update on Labor Negotiations — Discussion
- B. Land Acquisition Update — Discussion
- C. Adjournment: 7:30
- II. DATE: February 19, 1998, TIME: 7:30 p.m., PLACE: 41600 West Six Mile Road
2. Consent Agenda: Approval of agenda — Approved 7-0
3. Regular Agenda: Approval of regular agenda — Approved 7-0
- Brief Public Comments and Questions: None
4. Public Hearings:
- A. Public Hearing for 1998 CDBG Funds — Discussion
- B. Public Hearing for Quail Ridge SAD — Discussion, Presentation, Public Comment
- C. Police and Fire Protection SAD Ordinance — Discussion
5. Appointments, Recognition, Awards:
- A. Sue Hillebrand, Beautification Commission, term ending Mar. 3, 2001 — Approved 7-0
6. Petitions, Requests & Communications:
- A. Don Tilton, re: Rouge River Project — Presentation
7. Resolution & Ordinances: None
8. New Business:
- A. Police and Fire Protection SAD Ordinance Adoption — Approved 7-0
- B. Sunrise Rezone (5 Mile & Haggerty Seniors Housing) — Approved 6-1
- C. Kirklands Rezone (6 Mile between Ridge and Napier) — Denied 7-0
- D. 1998 CDBG Funds — Approved 7-0
- E. Rezone Development Review Fees — Approved 7-0
- F. Falls of Northville, Tentative Preliminary Plat — Approved with Conditions 7-0
- G. Rose Open Space Tentative Preliminary Plat — Approved with Conditions 7-0
- H. Wayne County Road (Jerome P. Cavanaugh vs. Centennial Drive) — Denied 1-1
- I. Lafarge Approval of Mining Contract — Tabled 7-0
- J. Cascades of Northville, Sanitary Sewer Utility Easement — Approved 7-0
- K. Schoolcraft College 1998 Summer Tax Collection — Approved 6-1
- L. Intergovernmental Agreement Gypsy Moth Spray Program — Approved 6-1
- M. Knights of Columbus, for the Mentally Challenged — Approved with Conditions 7-0
- N. Environmental Study \$3,500.00 — Approved 7-0
- O. Pension Benefits Amendments — Denied 4-3
- P. Union Contracts — Tabled
- Q. Emergency HVAC Unit for Financial Center — Approved with Conditions 7-0
9. Unfinished Business:
- A. Open Space Ordinance Amendment — Approved 7-0
- B. Cable Franchise Fees — Tabled
10. Bills Payable:
- A. Bills Payable in the amount of \$113,873.16, for February 1, 1998 — Approved 7-0
- B. Bills Payable Supplement in the amount of \$811,192.53 for Feb. 19, 1998 — Approved 7-0
11. Board Communications: Reports from: Supervisor, Karen Woodside, Clerk, Sue Hillebrand, Treasurer, Dick Henningsen, Director of Public Safety, Chip Snider, Planning Commission Liaison Report, Mary Gans, Zoning Board of Appeals Liaison Report, Bill Selinsky, Parks & Recreation Liaison Report, Dick Henningsen, Senior Alliance Liaison Report, Russ Fogg, Beautification Commission Liaison Report, Sue Hillebrand, Youth Assistance Liaison Report, Russ Fogg.
12. Any Other Business That May Properly Be Brought Before The Board Of Trustees:
- A. Sue Hillebrand resignation from Land Acquisition Committee, replaced by Mary Gans — Approved 7-0
13. Adjournment: 11:15 — Approved 7-0

(2-26-98 NR 820809)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
JAN BALOGH, DEPUTY CLERK

NORTHVILLE PARKS & RECREATION INVITATION TO BID DUGOUT CONSTRUCTION — NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY PARK

Northville Parks and Recreation is accepting bids for construction of dugouts at Northville Community Park, 15801 Beck Road (between Five Mile and Six Mile Roads). Construction plans are available for review by contacting: Northville Parks and Recreation, 303 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, (248) 349-0203.

Sealed bids are due to the Northville Parks and Recreation Department offices no later than Thursday, March 5, 1998, 10:00 a.m. at which time they will be opened and read aloud.

(2-26-98 NR 820803)

TRACI SINCOCK, DIRECTOR
NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION

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 at 9:00 a.m. EST, Tuesday, March 3, 1998 in the Novi Assessing Department at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road 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 City Council Chambers at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on March 9, 10 & 11, 1998. All appearances before the Board will be by appointment only. If you or your representative want to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 6, 1998. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office. NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT OFFICE.

Letters of protest will be accepted on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Wednesday, March 11, 1998. Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a letter of protest for the Board of Review's consideration, you must attach a completed petition (available at the Assessing Department), along with any supporting information.

All agents protesting values on property, other than their own, MUST HAVE written authorization from each property owner they are representing.

Persons on fixed or limited income may be eligible for a reduction in property taxes due to poverty. Applications are available at the Assessing Department.

BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE

Monday, March 9, 1998 — 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 10, 1998 — 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11, 1998 — 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m.

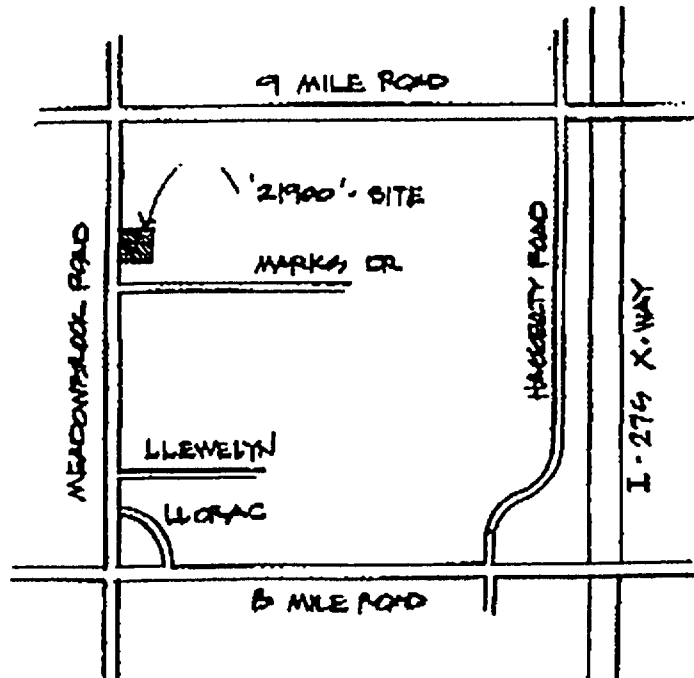
Any questions should be directed to the Assessing Department at (248) 347-0485.

(2-26-98 NR/NN 820806)

TONI BARTHOLOMEW,
CITY CLERK

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 4, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **PATHWAYS TO LEARNING, SP98-46B** located on Meadowbrook Road between Eight Mile Road and Nine Mile Road, seeking **PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL**.



LOCATION MAP

NO SCALE

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, 1998.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
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(2-26-98 NR/NN 820781)

Township Meeting Briefs

Notes from the Feb. 19 meeting of the Northville Township board of Trustees:

ROUND OF APPLAUSE: Unselfishness and quick-thinking on the part of Township residents Chris and Erin Round was recognized by fire chief Bill Zhmendak. According to the chief, the couple came upon two youths who had fallen through thin ice Feb. 10. Realizing the severity of the situation, the Rounds wrapped the youths in blankets, took them back home and dialed 911 to summon medical service.

The Rounds were given a certificate of appreciation for their action and shook hands with members of the board.

FULL-TIME FIGHTERS: Zhmendak also presented Tim Cowher and Mike O'Brien as the newest full-time firefighters promoted within the Township fire

department. Together, the two had completed in excess of 1,200 runs over the course of three years. They have been certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and have been trained in higher levels of emergency preparedness.

A feature article on Cowher and O'Brien will appear next week.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? The Township board gave conditional approval of the preliminary plat for the Falls of Northville residential area. Among the sticking points for approval: street names. Board members requested that developers not be allowed to use names of their relatives in designating the names of streets. Instead, the board indicated a preference for street names relating to tree species native to the Township or the names of persons of historical significance, given the fact 1998 is the Township centennial. Longer

de-acceleration lanes were also given as a condition of the approval.

REMINDER: A public hearing regarding rezoning at the southeast corner of Six Mile and Haggerty Roads has been scheduled for March 3 at Northville High School. The rezoning request is being sought by Farmington Hills developer Grand Sakwa Properties, to rezone the area from its current status as single family residential and small business to general business.

Grand Sakwa made an appearance at the Township planning commission's January meeting, but requested to postpone their presentation until a larger venue could be located. An overflow crowd of several hundred spectators crammed the Civic Center chambers as well as the lobby area outside during the meeting.

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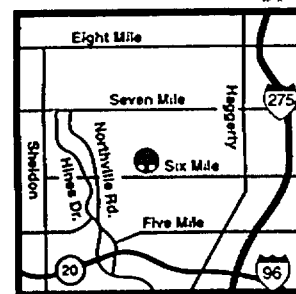
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Building season shaping up to be one of Township's biggest

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Staff Writer

If it seems like Northville Township has an abundance of homes, just wait. According to the recently approved master plan, 1998 promises to be the single biggest year of housing construction to date, with 2,300 new properties scheduled to be worked on.

The 43-page plan was adopted earlier in January after receiving approval from the Township Planning Commission. It was the first complete revision to the master plan made in nearly 20 years and required 20 months of effort to complete.

Township officials said that based on studies of demographics and population growth, it could be expected that the Township's population will exceed 27,000 by 2020. The plan also said that current residential acreage for both single-family and multiple-family housing accounted for more than 43 percent of all the developed land in the Township and 32 percent of the 10,600 acres in the Township.

And the price of single-family homes is on the rise, said Dan Smith, chief building official for the Township. He estimated that most new homes in the Township carry \$400,000 price tags.

Why the attraction? Smith said it's a combination of booming economic times, availability of lots and infrastructure capable of supporting a growing population.

"We do have a tremendous amount of platted activity going on right now in the Township," Smith said. "But at the same time, I think you can only have so many houses."

The escalating cost of residences

is being felt in more ways than one. Because so many of the homes now being constructed in Northville Township have elaborate features to them, the amount of time necessary to complete the work is growing. Smith said only about 200 to 240 homes would probably be completed this year to the point where a family could take occupancy.

And once those homes are available, Smith said prospective purchasers aren't in a mad rush to buy. He said subdivisions finished two years ago still have a fair number of unoccupied homes in them.

"That tells you there's a life span to these things," he said.

The zoning plan and the Township master plan are two separate entities. Whereas the zoning ordinance is a fairly rigid document that provides the law and specific regulations for development, the master plan is flexible to the changing conditions of the community and serves to provide general policies and as a guide for the future.

Three recommended goals were spelled out for the Township's residential growth in the master plan. They included:

- Offering a variety of home sizes in the community to accommodate the needs of seniors or those seeking smaller households;
- Maintaining the provision of open public space and active recreational facilities; and
- Designation of appropriate locations for offices to meet demand and provide transitions for commercial and residential areas.

The biggest single development slated for 1998 is the 424-lot Stonewater Lakes subdivision,

"...I think you can only have so many houses."

Dan Smith
chief building official, Northville Township

which will be constructed between Six and Seven Mile Roads, near Beck and Ridge Roads. The roads and utilities are under construction for the sub. The smallest is the 15-unit Maybury Crossings development.

Smith said he believed some continued growth would be seen in the Township for the next two to three years, but probably not to the extent it's been since earlier this decade.

"I think a lot of the success we've had is a tribute to the planning we've done over the last 10 years, and what you'll see down the road is a reflection of that," he said.

Along with standard residential housing, three new senior housing developments are also on deck for construction, two of which will be located on the north side of Seven Mile, opposite the Michigan State Police post.

Jim Pappas, the Southfield architect planning the communities, said the American Home complex will provide meals for moderately independent senior residents, while Addington House will have a nursing staff on board licensed to dispense medicine and offer more advanced assistance to those seniors who need it.

House aims to help target shooters

Target shooters would be able to practice on their own land without buying a hunting license under a bill ready for a vote in the state House of Representatives.

This is for owners who practice on their own property to compete in events. They should not be forced to pay for a hunting license," said the sponsor, Rep. Alvin Kukuk, R-Macomb County.

Kukuk said his bill will apply only in areas open to hunting. It would not supersede urban no-hunting ordinances.

(It buying a hunting license) is an infringement on our constitutional right to bear arms and

to the use of property," Ross Dykema, vice president of the Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners, told the panel.

There are many owners who target shoot but don't hunt," added Rod Collins, also of the gun owners group. "Target shooting goes on all year."

But Rep. Bob Brown, D-Deerborn Heights, stumped the bill's supporters when he asked: "What happens if your brother is out there shooting on your property? I have friends who own land. I want to be covered."

Committee chair Tom Alley, D-West Branch, asked Kukuk and Brown to prepare a clarifying amendment that could be added

on the House floor when it comes up for a vote, perhaps as early as this week.

The committee then reported out the bill on an 18-0 vote.

In other business, Alley said subcommittees are working on bills to regulate safety of personal watercraft, the so-called "jet skis" that kids use to speed across lakes.

"It will be ready within a week or two," said Alley. "Sen. Jon Clardy (R-Saginaw) has a package of bills, too. It will be quite a change in the law."

Refer to House Bill 6343 when writing to your state representative's State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

Parks & Recreation Briefs

Mouth watering cookie class offered by Sue Poster: A one-day class on March 18, from 7-9 p.m. at the Northville Senior Center.

There will be a minimum of six and a maximum of 12 students. There is a fee of \$25; \$28 for a school district resident; and \$32 for non-resident.

Mother and Son Spring Fling Hoe-Down is scheduled for March 13, from 6:30-8 p.m. The event is open to kids ages 4-12. It will be held at Northville Recreation Center for \$18 per couple and \$22 for mom and two dates.

Grab your partner and join in the fun as we will kick up our heels and get ready to dance the night away.

Enjoy music, dancing, refreshments and one complimentary Polaroid photo taken by recreation staff.

Other additional photos available for \$3 each. Preregistration is required by March 6.

Open and Lap Swimming. Northville Parks and Recreation is offering open and lap swimming at the Northville High School Pool for \$2 per person, payable to the lifeguards. Winter Open Swim Hours: Feb. 26, to April 23, from 7-9:30 p.m. (No open/lap swimming April 16). Call Northville Parks and Recreation for more information (248) 349-0203.

Northville Residents: Look for our Spring 1998 brochure to be mailed to area residents approximately the week of March 16.

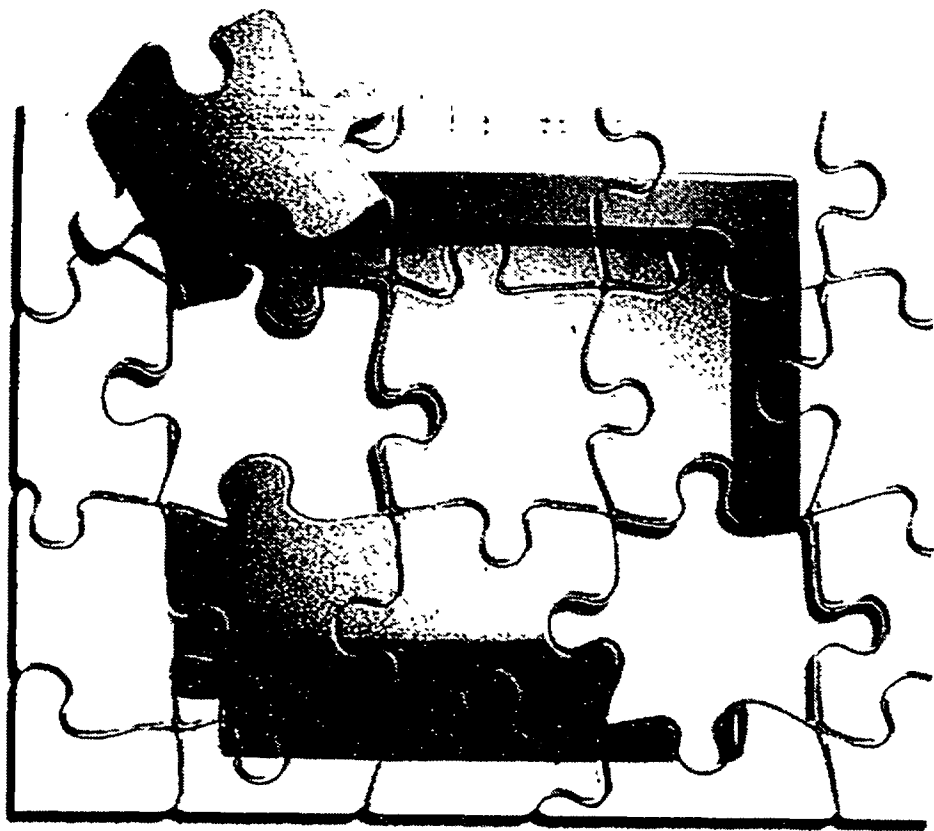
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Ocean motion

Sarah Stern, left, and Kasey Mohn, both seven, work on creating a necklace adorned with creatures of the ocean during last Thursday's "Under the Sea Tea Party" at the Northville District Library. About twenty kids from ages five to nine got to hear stories of the ocean, sing songs, make fish magnet toys, and have juice and cookies with their new fishy friends.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Taxpayer's guide available

Area residents can learn about the latest tax information by picking up a free copy of the 1997 Michigan Taxpayer's Guide offered by state Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi.

The booklet outlines many Michigan laws on property taxes, homestead property tax credits, farmland and open space tax relief, the Single Business Tax and other related subjects. For the 1997 tax year, the personal exemption is raised to \$2,500; pension and annuity income

deductions are larger; interest and dividend income deduction for senior citizens increases; and tuition tax credits are offered.

Cassis has provided free copies to local libraries throughout the 38th District. Requests also can be sent by writing to Cassis at the State Capitol, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909 or calling her office toll free at 1-888-NANCY (62629).

"I encourage everyone to pick up a copy," Cassis said. "The information is invaluable."

Erosion problems caused by drain

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at the meeting, the erosion has transformed the once-tiny drain into a small river; its power was demonstrated after last week's torrential downpours.

Donald Weaver, an engineering consultant for the Township, explained that the tentative plan called for realigning the channel, constructing a stone lining to the drain bed, and possibly adding a stormwater management structure such as a weir or drop structure.

About 800 feet of the waterway and banks would be affected by the work. Fifty-one percent of the residents who would be assessed by the assessment district would be required to sign a petition in order to finance the township's \$64,640 portion of the total bill.

Novi's share of the bill is better than four times as much, at \$298,000. Wayne and Oakland counties would pick up the remaining 4 percent of the cost.

But getting Novi officials involved with the project was proving to be a difficult task, according to Weaver. After engaging in several dialogues with representatives from Novi over the course of many years, Weaver said it had become apparent those on the other side of Eight Mile weren't interested in

voluntarily participating in the reconstruction effort.

Northville Township public services supervisor Bill Anderson said the reason the problem has taken so long to address is largely due to the several jurisdictions involved. Anderson said the Quail Ridge issue was "very unusual" because it crossed not only city but also county lines.

Communities don't have the jurisdiction to assess residents across city lines without the consent of the governmental agency overseeing them.

With that as a backdrop, Weaver said Northville Township was considering utilizing a portion of Michigan's drain code which addresses inter-municipality disputes.

"The solution we're looking at certainly does involve Novi," Weaver said. "We intend on bringing them into this."

Other residents who turned out for the meeting said they'd spent their time bringing people out of the swelling waterway, including Quail Ridge resident Alan McBride. In the two years he's lived in Northville Township, McBride said he's been forced to pull his son from the creek-turned-small river twice.

"I've got to tell you - when I came home from work on Monday, I expected to see that my deck wouldn't be standing anymore," he said.

For their part, Novi leaders said they recognized the significance of the problem, but said a good portion of the erosion problems came from poor construction planning within Quail Ridge.

According to a letter dated Dec. 23, 1996 from the Novi engineering firm of JCK & Associates, plans for Quail Ridge showed a pair of flaws, which in Novi's estimation, contributed heavily to the erosion problem.

First, JCK said the plans indicated two ponds "proposed to be restored were used as temporary sedimentation basins for the subdivision construction." Second, the ponds "were designed to be removed and a swale constructed with 1:4 sideslopes."

The letter said the grading of the Quail Ridge lots adjacent to the drain "appear to be substantially different than the original plans indicate."

For that reason, a letter sent from the office of Novi public services director Tony Nowicki to Anderson two months later said that based on JCK's analysis of

the situation, it was "recommended that the city of Novi not participate in (the) proposed drain improvements through the Quail Ridge subdivision."

On Tuesday, Nowicki said he had had no contact with township authorities regarding the Quail Ridge situation since February of 1997.

"We've always indicated that we've been willing to sit down and talk about it," Nowicki said. "After that Feb. 11 letter, we've had no communication with township people about it."

Novi city manager Ed Kriewall said that for the time being, Novi has no intent of voluntarily contributing to the reconstruction effort.

Before any work on the drain will be done, Anderson said a number of additional public hearings would be scheduled to allow residents to speak to the township board regarding the project, and also allow them to back out of signing the petition.

Though township authorities hope to move on the project mid-way through this summer, Anderson said the greater likelihood would be to have the construction begin in the spring of 1999.

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Ryan campaigns for senate seat

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from 1994 to 1996, Ryan said one of his proudest achievements was continuing Michigan's modification of the welfare system — reforms lauded by President Clinton on more than one occasion. But he said more needs to be done, which is one of the reasons he'd like to get back in the state capitol.

"Michigan has been the national leader in welfare reform, and we need to continue that trend," he said. "The problem is that we've cut the number of people receiving state aid dramatically, but the number of state employees working for the welfare system hasn't been cut with it. We have the same bureaucracy serving a smaller constituency, and that isn't right."

Ryan said he also helped move nine tax cuts through the House and had a close working relationship with Gov. John Engler. In fact, Ryan also worked as deputy director for Engler's

southeast Michigan office.

"My close working relationship with the governor is a strong portion of my campaign," Ryan said.

If he's elected, Ryan said his background in education will come to the forefront, as well. He said he was pleased with the passage of the state's zero-tolerance policy for bringing weapons to school. Now, he said, it's time to focus on class size.

"The issue is not the one kid we expel," Ryan said. "It's the 29 others in the class who suffer as a result. We need to focus on getting smaller class sizes in the state."

Ryan said he saluted Northville schools for having the lowest class size in Wayne County.

"The district has accomplished something the rest of the state should shoot for," Ryan said.

Primary elections are slated for Aug. 3, with the general election coming up Nov. 3.

School district officials mull changes to high school student code of conduct

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appeal the principal's decision.

"The due process has worked for the administration but I don't think it's always worked effectively for the students and parents," said Linda Bitell, who circulated a petition last fall that the code be changed.

It was the first time the code was challenged since a 1996 revision gave building principals definitive authority to levy suspensions of ten days or less.

Prior to that, principals had to consult an administrator before suspending students for more than five days.

"The issue is how are these procedures and policies applied on a consistent basis from case to case?" asked Leonard Bertagnoli, a parent of two Northville High graduates.

Some suggestions proposed by the community included:

- Allowing parents to attend meetings between the school principal and the student before any punishment is meted out.

- Sending parents copies of all documents relating to the suspension of their child for any length of time.

- Writing a clear cut procedure dictating the steps a principal must take before suspending a student for any length of time.

- Requiring clear cut guidelines that call for a principal to consult an administrator before suspend-

ing a student.

- Compiling statistics on how many suspensions are levied each year, their length and the number of repeat student offenders in order to realistically judge the impact of allowing each to be appealed.

- Reviewing codes of conduct used in other school districts.

- Defining "possession" better as it relates to drugs, alcohol and cigarettes.

Above all, parents called for the due process in the student code of conduct to be better defined and followed.

Most of the 200 average suspensions each year occur at the high school, and if an appeals process or administrative meeting were required before every one, Johnson said, the system would be clogged.

"What we've had since we changed (the code) has worked effectively. I'd like to see us continue that. I haven't seen any evidence that would make me want to change it," Johnson said.

He added that he rarely makes disciplinary decisions unilaterally anyway. He said he usually consults an administrative team and then checks with the central office, although he isn't required to do so.

Still, that procedure isn't mandated in the student code of conduct.

"This may be the procedure, but is it the policy? Is it written or not written?" said Robert McMahon,

BREAKING THE CODE

Northville High's student code of conduct's section B is in dispute. The section outlines due process procedures. The section was adopted in August, 1979 and has been revised five times since then.

Most of those revisions were in reaction to legislation or reflected simple changes to the legal wording, according to Robert McMahon, a board member since 1986.

The latest change, however, increased the building principal's authority over suspensions. It was implemented in September 1996. Before that time principals only had authority to suspend students up to five days. Beyond that, McMahon said, they had to consult a district administrator.

As it now stands, the code states that the principal "may impose a disciplinary penalty of a suspension not to exceed ten school days, and the building principal's decision is final and not subject to further review or appeal."

No consultation with an administrator from the central office is necessary, although Northville High Principal Tom Johnson said he usually follows an unwritten procedure and consults with administrators before any suspension over three days.

director of the policy subcommittee. "I think this meeting was productive. We found out how (the code) is followed and we heard from the community how it should be revised. I think this is the first time that the community was involved to the extent it is involved."

Officials said they will consider all the input, compile data and draft recommendations for the

next subcommittee meeting, tentatively set for April 8 in the third floor conference room at the board of education building, 501 W. Main St.

A separate meeting is set for May 6 to discuss the student athletic code of conduct.

All changes to the codes must be submitted in June in order to be printed and distributed to students next fall.

Wyman gears up for campaign drive

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Staff Writer

Midway through her third term in the state House, Rep. Deborah Wyman, R-Canton, said last week it's time to shift gears and try to take her experience to the state Senate.

Wyman announced her intent to run for Senate last month. She'll be vying for the seat currently held by Sen. Bob Geake, R-Northville, who announced last year he would not be seeking re-election.

Prior to taking up politics, Wyman worked for General Motors, a long-distance telephone company and at EDS, a General Motors computer component-production company.

Wyman said one of her proudest achievements was the abolition of Detroit Recorder's Court in July of 1996. The court heard cases from across Wayne County, but judges who preside in the courtroom were elected only by residents from within city limits. In Wyman's mind, that wasn't fair.

"When you have a breakdown in accountability, you've got a breakdown in the system," she said.

Recorder's Court was absorbed into Wayne County Circuit Court in October of last year. She said

the new system would be much more efficient than the old one.

"Now we all have a voting voice," she said.

Wyman has also testified before the state Senate to oppose the legalizing of same-sex marriages in Michigan and advocated a tourism boycott of Hawaii until the state dropped laws allowing same-sex marriages.

Though she said it's unlikely the House would take on the question of doctor-assisted suicide before she'd leave her current office, Wyman said she planned on bringing the issue before the legislature.

Among the other matters Wyman said she's in favor of discussing:

- Abolition of preferential treatment of contractors doing state government work. Wyman said that under the present system, a contractor wishing to do work for the state must first submit a plan as to how minorities would be guaranteed inclusion in the process.

- "I'd like to abolish public policy based on skin color," Wyman said.

- Establishing standardized concealed weapons policy across the state. As it stands, permits and regulations for carrying concealed weapons is a matter addressed by each individual county. In Wyman's estimation, it's too confusing and arbitrary a manner in which to allow residents to carry weapons.

- Policies which would affect residents' bank accounts, including a reduction in the state's income tax and exclusion of health care.



Deborah Wyman

THE WYMAN FILE

AGE: 39 (Born July 1, 1958)

POLITICAL AFFILIATION: Republican

EDUCATION: Holds B.S. in business administration and M.S.A. degrees from Central Michigan University.

OCCUPATION: State representative, 21st district. Worked for General Motors and a computer component firm prior to taking office.

EXPERIENCE: Has served three terms as state Representative.

HONORS AND AFFILIATIONS: Recipient of "Legislator of the Year" award by the Police Officers Association of Michigan, "Guardian of Small Business" award by the National Federation of Independent Business and "Outstanding Young Woman in America" award by the Outstanding Young Americans.

PERSONAL: Never married; no children. Worked in father's business which achieved Fortune 50 status.

IN HER OWN WORDS: "If I'm elected, people can expect more of the same sorts of things I've accomplished. I'm not afraid to take on the tough issues. One thing no one will ever accuse me of is being a wimp, and if people want their voices heard, I'm always willing to listen."



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ANDREW W. FAST

Andrew William Fast, 85, died Saturday, Feb. 14, at University Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was born Jan. 3, 1913, in Rosthern, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Mr. Fast was a graduate of the University of Manitoba, Canada, where he met his wife, Vivienne Odile (Totton). He emigrated to the Detroit area in 1946, after serving in the Royal Canadian Air Force during the war. In 1974, he moved to Northville where he was a resident for 22 years; he also at one time lived in Plymouth for three years. Mr. Fast had recently moved to the Ann Arbor area.

Mr. Fast had a CPA practice in Dearborn for more than 40 years. He enjoyed membership in the

Institute of Management Accountants and traveled extensively with his wife.

He is survived by son, Charles (Kathleen) of Alta Loma, Calif.; daughters, Doreen (William) Tress of Ypsilanti and Katherine (James) Kinney of Walled Lake; nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Mr. Fast was preceded in death by his wife, Odile.

Services were held on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at Casterline Funeral Home in Northville.

Memorials to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

MARJORY C. BRICKER

Marjory C. Bricker of Northville

died Feb. 8, at Angela Hospice in Livonia. She was 81. Mrs. Bricker was born Oct. 5, 1916, in Batavia, N.Y., to Saxon and Claribelle (Seaver) Coons.

Mrs. Bricker retired from the banking industry and moved from Dover, Del., to Northville in 1993. Her memberships included the Church of the Holy Cross in Novi, the Junior Board of Kent General Hospital, the Delaware Blood Bank, Episcopal Church Alter Society, Bridge clubs, Den mother and Girl Scout leader.

She is survived by son, John S. of Oregon; daughter, Elizabeth Ross-Kininger of Northville; and three grandchildren, Heather, Erich, and Matthew.

Mrs. Bricker was preceded in

death by her husband, Robert Smith, in 1972.

Services were held on Thursday, Feb. 12, at Casterline Funeral Home Inc. of Northville. The Rev. Leslie G. Harding of the Church of the Holy Cross, Novi, officiated. Interment was in Byron Cemetery, Byron, N.Y.

Memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Foundation, Detroit Area Chapter, 17220 W. Twelve Mile, Southfield, MI would be appreciated by the family.

ESTELLA MEYER

Estella "Sherry" Meyer, 87, died

Friday, Feb. 13, at Harborside Nursing Home in Rockledge, Fla. She was born in Matthews, Mo.

Mrs. Meyer moved to Northville in 1941, where she lived for 50 years on Eight Mile Road. She was an antique dealer in Northville and owner of the Weatherlane Antique Store. Her family owned the Meyer-Berry Farm. Mrs. Meyer was an elder and clerk of session of the First Presbyterian Church in Northville. She was a dental assistant in Plymouth for approximately 10 years, and was also a founder of the co-op nursery school.

Mrs. Meyer is survived by sons,

Howard F. of Plymouth and Lawrence L. of Northville; daughter, Sheridan L. Meyer of Cape Canaveral, Fla.; granddaughters, Debra Bostwick and Kelli Kahn; and grandsons, Fred, Tim, Matt, Michael and Robert Meyer; eight great granddaughters and two great grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard, in June 1977, and sons, Michael and Pat.

Services were held on Monday, Feb. 23, at Casterline Funeral Home Inc.

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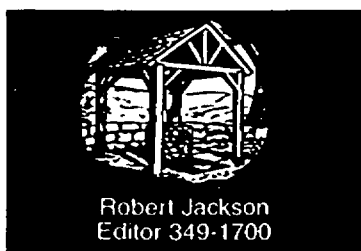
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Our Opinion

As blame goes around, Quail Ridge is crumbling

If you live in Quail Ridge who do you blame in a situation like this? Who do you blame when water is literally tearing apart your backyard and property is being threatened?

Well, you could blame the city of Novi. After all, according to Northville Township engineers, the Quail Ridge drain is being eroded because massive amounts of water that converge on the drain are gathering up speed as the water moves swiftly downhill.

That wouldn't have happened, the Township folks say, were it not for better design in Novi's residential areas and commercial developments near Eight Mile and Meadowbrook roads.

Or you might want to point a finger at Northville Township. Engineers from Novi insist that construction plans in Quail Ridge weren't adhered to.

In addition, they say two Quail Ridge ponds were restored as temporary sedimentation basins for the subdivision — a bad move on their part, so let Northville deal with it.

And then you could blame the state. No matter which side of Eight Mile you live on, you may have been able to control the construction of your swimming pool or deck, but it's safe to say you probably had little to do with

the engineering of the roads, the bridges or the drainage ditches that weave around your home. The state says tough luck, though — homeowners most affected by the improvement pay the bill.

But all the blame in the world won't make a bit of difference as soon as another big rainstorm hits and an 8-year-old playing in her backyard falls into the ever-growing ditch and drowns.

Suddenly, the question of who should pay the cost won't matter quite as much.

For that reason, we urge Novi and Northville Township officials alike to take whatever steps are necessary to fix the Quail Ridge drain now and figure out who

pays what at a later date.

Though damaged property can be a tremendous financial burden on a family, it simply can't compare to the loss of a loved one.

It's something like an EMS crew coming upon a dying person: the first priority is to stabilize the patient, not to worry about which insurance company will pay the deductible.

In this case, we're afraid the analogy of a dying person might be too appropriate...if the matter isn't addressed promptly.

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Hats off to design team members for commitment

They say if you build your own home, plan on it taking three times longer to complete than you expected.

But how much longer does it take to build a 350,000 square foot high school, convert Northville High into a middle school, move an entire special education program and renovate eight other buildings?

If the Northville District design teams keep up their current pace, the answer will be not at all.

Because of the hard work by school officials, building administrators, and community volunteers, all of the building projects funded by the \$61.5 million bond issue are right on schedule.

A truly momentous feat, considering the teams started from scratch.

In order to allow taxpayers to help determine what kind of facilities their students will study in, the board of education opened up the whole design process to the community, as well as teachers and school administrators.

Starting at square one, and giving up countless evenings, design team members pored over blueprints, figures and guide-

lines and came up with concrete plans.

Those same members were given outlines of empty building wings and called on to determine where they'd like everything down to the light switches. Everyone was asked what their dream school would look like and then asked to make concessions.

The community members brought expertise to the teams that the district otherwise would have had to pay good money for. Citizens with backgrounds in engineering, electricity and design offered valuable input.

Members adhered to an intricate schedule of meetings, and thanks to their consistent attendance, the projects are up to date.

We commend the district's commitment to follow through on the time line tax payers approved.

It remains to be seen whether skyrocketing construction costs will allow their plans to become reality.

But judging from the commitment of the design teams, if minor adjustments are needed to stay within budget, they'll be up to the task.

There is no cryptic message here

I always find it a bit amusing when people believe there is more to my editorials than meets the eye.

I've gotten all sorts of responses regarding the newspaper's editorial stance on subjects — from the irate to the downright foolish — as people read between the lines in an attempt to decipher some cryptic message that they believe lies beneath the surface.

Take the newspaper's stance on the informal meeting that was held between representatives from developer Grand Sakwa and about 20 representatives from various homeowners associations, as a case in point.

Sakwa, as everyone knows, is attempting to secure approval from the township planning and zoning commission to rezone property located at Six Mile and Haggerty roads. When the commission held its public hearing on the matter last month, dozens of area residents turned out to express their concerns. There were so many people, chairman Dick Allen had to postpone the hearing until March 3 — a move proposed by Sakwa.

A few days after the meeting Gary Sakwa sent an invitation to 20 homeowner association presidents to meet with him and a few of his representatives. What was to be discussed at the meeting was not outlined, and repeated attempts to interview Gary Sakwa about the meeting were ignored.

Needless to say we began to get a bit curious, and given Sakwa's refusal to talk with us I believed he was attempting to somehow circumvent the public process.

And that's exactly what I said in my editorial.

I didn't question Sakwa's right to request the rezoning, nor did I even consider how a strip mall or related type of development would impact that area. Those are planning and zoning commission decisions and believe me I have all the faith in the world in Dick Allen and his commission to protect the rights of property owners, while at the same time following the township's master plan. After the newspaper hit the streets and

people read the editorial, some came up with some conclusions — and I'm sorry to have to admit this — that had me laughing long and hard. Here's a few tidbits:

"Mr. Jackson I see you are taking up where your predecessor (former editor Lee Snider) left off. It's obvious to me that you and your newspaper need to sharpen your teeth on something, and that something is Northville Township. You and your reporters are pathetic." — irate telephone call from a longtime township resident.

"Are you blind...all you have to do is look at Sakwa's recent project (Ward Church) and you can tell that they are a first class operation. It's a shame you and people like you want to chase him out of town. You are obviously anti-development." — unsigned letter to the editor.

"(does the township) charge your reporter for using our kitchen (in township hall) to take his notes?" — phone call from an upset township resident.

Okay, you get the idea.

Very few people who responded to the editorial actually got the point. Instead they were reading things into the short opinion. Things that don't exist in my mind and certainly weren't considered when I wrote the piece.

To make myself perfectly clear, I have no trouble with Sakwa requesting the rezoning. It is his right as a property owner to do so. Nor do I have any problem with development occurring at Six Mile and Haggerty, so long as it conforms to the master plan. And I am absolutely not anti-township, anti-development, or anti-government official.

I am however, against circumventing the public process, and I will write thousands of editorials if need be, to defend the rights of the public.

In my opinion, Gary Sakwa's request for an informal meeting with a small segment of the public — prior to the public hearing March 3 — is curious at best and inconsistent with the normal public hearing process. Right or wrong, that is why I wrote the editorial, and if you have a problem with that, write me a letter.

Only do me a favor and sign it. That, too, is part of the public process.

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John Heider / In Focus



Steeerike!

Before heading for the pins, John Geis, 8, selects a ball at Novi Bowl last Wednesday afternoon.

Cats and kittens are not the answer

Were you ever forced to probe the innards of a dead, pickled frog?

And didn't you want to hurl them at your seventh or eighth or ninth grade biology teacher, for blackmailing you into doing this to get through his (or her) class with a passing grade?

In the first place, what a gross thing to do.

In the second place, I can to this day see no need why I had to have intimate knowledge of frog guts, when I could just look at a plastic model.

Recently, while talking to Cooke Middle School science teacher Dwight Sleggreen about toads and frogs, I learned that Northville kids don't need to undergo that distasteful rite of passage anymore. After listening to protests from parents, the Northville school district dumped frog dissections from the middle school curriculum.

Not only weren't students keen on the idea, but Sleggreen said teachers were beginning to view the practice as an unwarranted slaughter of life to educate kids who mostly weren't going on to medical school or the sciences.

Moreover, it wasn't healthy for the youngsters to be around all the formaldehyde that the frogs were packed in.

Today's a more enlightened era, at least when it comes to frogs.

Still, I feel a lingering sense of guilt about the whole experience, but not because of my brutality to Sydney Carton, my pickled frog corpse. (Our class was fond of literary names for the dead critters.)

When I did the dirty deed, I impressed all with my surgical precision in handling the tools, because my goal was to keep my fingers from ever coming in contact with rubbery frog flesh.

But before we started in on frogs, my biology teacher asked if anybody had any cats or kittens at home they didn't want and could donate to the class for chopping up.

A couple of outraged girls and I ran home and protested to our parents. My mom was one of many who had a few harsh words for the principal the next morning.

The school administrators called an end to the cat plan, but I always felt the smallest tinge of remorse for getting my teacher in trouble.

Especially after he gave me an A in dissection.

Oh, the frog-maniacy.

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This cure is worse than the disease

Remember the old line about the cure being worse than the disease? Here's a real life example.



Phil Power

The Michigan Senate passed earlier this month a package of bills that would consolidate school board elections on the November general election ballot instead of being held at various times during the year.

The disease, everybody agrees, is poor turnout at school elections.

"I was a township clerk. We have too many elections," says Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, sponsor of one of the bills. "We have turnouts of 30,000 for presidential elections and 1,500 for school board elections."

Worse, there's good evidence that school people — board members, principals, teachers unions, PTOs, whoever — often conspire to schedule elections at times when low turnout makes it possible for a dedicated minority of supporters to pass bond issues.

"I nearly fell off my chair," said Sen. Joanne Emmons, R-Big Rapids, "when a school board member, who shall be unnamed, said in our hearing, 'We don't want all those people voting in our election!'"

A quick look at recent Michigan school election statistics confirms the fear.

Michigan has 555 K-12 school districts and 57 intermediate (county-wide) districts. They produce a lot of elections. According to the Senate Fiscal Agency, there were 1,074 school elections in 1994 and 641 in 1995.

This can produce low turnouts, especially in millage elections. In 1994, for example, Birmingham voters by 3-1 approved 24.61 mills in February 1996. That's fine, but only 5,455 people voted out of 60,000 eligible voters, a 9.09 percent turnout. In March 1995, a 7.89 percent turnout in Rochester adopted 18 mills.

So what's the cure? The Michigan Senate, 31-5, thinks it's holding school elections only at specified times: Tuesdays following the first Mondays in April, August and at the November general elections. Schools could hold elections at other times, but they would have to pay 105 percent of the cost — a big disincentive.

Maybe so, but consider what really happens when you add school elections to the bedsheet ballot we see in November. When folks are trying to figure out voting for president, governor, U.S. senators, U.S. representatives,

state senators, state representatives, county officials and judges, it's pretty easy for school issues to get lost in the shuffle.

This concerns opponents of the Senate bill. Sen. Alma Smith, D-Salem, a former South Lyon school board member, said, "In June, the newspapers can focus on the school board. In November, they are focused on the president and governor. Where do you think we're going to get coverage of the same quality and quantity?"

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, agreed: "I have problems mixing the school board with the general election. It gets lost on the ballot, and school boards don't get the same kind of attention."

They're right. Responsible home town newspapers such as this one spend a lot of time covering all kinds of races and interviewing candidates. But time is not endless, and space in the newspaper is scarce. Adding school elections to the November ballot can only worsen the crunch of providing solid coverage for important local issues.

The Senate bill package is a perfect example of the cure being worse than the disease.

Fortunately, there is a good alternative available to the Michigan House as it starts to consider the matter. That is to lump together all education races into one single education election. Voters would select members of the State Board of

Education, regents of the University of Michigan, trustees of Michigan State University, governors of Wayne State University, community college boards, and members of local school boards.

Confronted with an entire election dealing with matters educational, the news media would be obliged actually to cover the races, to question candidates, to evaluate qualifications and question positions. Candidates would be required to explain their positions. "Name" candidates would be discouraged. Citizens would have a chance to think about the totality of education policy in Michigan.

Interestingly, this is exactly what we did in Michigan prior to adoption of the 1963 Constitution. Education races were clustered into one election held in odd-numbered years. When the new Constitution was approved, it undid a sensible system of education elections.

Members of the House have a terrific opportunity to solve this problem that has been festering for 35 years. Let's hope they can see that the cure proposed by the Senate is far worse than the disease of low turnout.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@eoonline.com.

Letters to the Editor

We're going to miss Bruce's garden

To the Editor:

Northville is a special place that invokes a strong sense of belonging for many of us. It comes from the many places and people that make this town so special. There is always a little sadness when one of those things is gone. So it is with Bruce's garden which is now an excavated hole and soon-to-be another new residence.

You could always count on Bruce's garden to have a magnificent display of vegetables and flowers. We will always remember the special day that we had our own personalized tour. We took some special Dahlia roots home that day for our own garden.

You can't stop progress so we can only hope that the soon-to-be residents of that new home will have their own special appreciation of Northville. But in the meantime, we will miss Bruce's garden.

Maybe a replacement will pop up in a new location.

Mark and Janie Cryderman

Hospice provides high standards

To the editor:

I read a letter to the editor from D. Ann Knight in the Feb. 12 Northville Record, which highlighted the work of Arbor Hospice in Ann Arbor. As a current and longtime resident of Northville, I share a similar passion for hospice. I have been a volunteer with Angela Hospice in Livonia for 11 years and I will be dedicated to this unique type of health care for the rest of my life.

Since 1985, Angela Hospice has been providing home care to many of the communities throughout Southeastern Michi-

gan including Northville and Novi. In fact, nearly 10 percent of its patients come from Northville and Novi each year. Also, with Angela Hospice being in Livonia, its nursing staff is closer to our community than any other hospice in Michigan.

In the 11 years, I have served as a volunteer. I have been the chairperson for an annual fashion show benefit, which reached its tenth year in November 1997. In this time, we have raised funds to benefit the many programs that Angela Hospice offers including hospice home care, skilled home health care, pediatric hospice and home health care, and inpatient care. In fact, in November 1993, Angela Hospice dedicated the first free-standing hospice inpatient facility of its kind in Michigan. Since then, the Angela Hospice Care Center has provided a home away from home for more than 1,000 incurably ill children and adults.

It has truly been a privilege to work with such special people in hospice. In fact, Sister Mary Giovanni, Angela Hospice President, has been a tremendous leader in the hospice and home health movement in Michigan. Sister Giovanni was recently named to the board of directors for the National Association for Home Care and also named chairman of the Hospice Association of America. With such a leader and innovator in this special type of care, residents of southeastern Michigan and right here in Northville can rest assured that Angela Hospice will provide highest standards of care to people in need.

Carolyn DiComo

Thanks for help at the blood drive

To the editor:

We would like to thank all the TSDs for having their girls come to our blood drive and the leaders who came and supervised the girls. We would like to thank all the donors for their support. We also would like to thank our leader, Julie Johnson, for supporting us. We would also like to thank the American Red Cross for all their help.

Claire Bacigal
Christina DeVincent

Odyssey students appreciate help for competition

To the editor:

On behalf of the Northville Odyssey of the Mind students, coaches and parents I would like to thank the following Northville High School National Honors Society members who acted as judges for our recent spontaneous workshop and mock competitions:

Andy Boarda, Jeff Clark, Stephen Cotterill, Keith Droz, Kelly Dunkerley, Charles Fan, Jenny Grady, Megan Golani, David Handley, Brian Horn, Greg Last, Marty Lenardon, Alex Lucas, Adrienne Manarina, Adam Melvin, Neil Patterson, Steve Traicoff, Geoff Turner and Steve Weickel.

Through the efforts of these students each of our 13 teams was able to participate in 15 verbal and hands-on activities as well as perform their long-term problem. These evenings were very beneficial in preparing our teams for the upcoming March 7 Regional Competition in Grosse Pointe.

Throughout each of these

evenings I received many compliments as to how kind and helpful these high school students were and what a fine example they set for our youngsters.

Again, thanks. We couldn't have run these two successful evenings without your help.

Judith A. Handley

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Roth IRA sounds like a good investment

People are always asking me, "What is the hot stock to buy?" or "which mutual fund should I own?" As of Jan. 1, the question should be, "How can I get a Roth IRA?"



Douglas Bingham

I'm not sure most of us really have a grasp on what an impact this new Roth IRA can have on our spouse's, children and grandchildren's lives.

Let's discuss two reasons why you should jump through hoops if necessary to get your money into a Roth IRA. First, think about not paying the IRS one penny. Perfectly legal. When I consult with

retirees about their investments and finances, a central question is always taxes. They are constantly looking for ways to reduce their taxes.

Think about it, the stock market has gone up over 60 percent in the last three years, which has been a double-edged sword. A boom for people's investments but major tax problems. What if all the increases were "tax-free?" We cannot go back, but we can surely look forward. What if we have similar increases in the next five, 10, maybe 15 years? Won't you be glad you have your money in a Roth IRA so you can say, "I don't have to pay taxes on that increase."

The second area deals with estate planning. We have some tools today like the A/B trust and the ability to gift up to \$10,000 per person that helps to reduce estate taxes.

But what if you cannot take advantage of these tools or you do take advantage and there is still a

tax problem?

This is where the Roth IRA comes in again. First, you don't have to take money out of your Roth IRA when you are 70 and a half, but you can leave it all to your spouse who could take it tax-free if they want. Or, if they choose not to take it out of the Roth IRA, they can leave it to your kids who could also take the money out tax-free.

This is mind boggling. Put pencil to paper and work out these numbers and you will better understand why I suggest we "jump through hoops" to get our money into a Roth IRA.

Yes, I know there are some restrictions on the personal income or on how long the money will be in the IRA. If possible, adjust your income so you conform to these "restrictions." It reminds me of the famous John Kennedy quote that got so much attention, "As not what your country can do for you, but what you

can do for your country."

When you are having your meeting with your tax attorney, CPA or financial consultant, which you should do as soon as possible, don't ask what the restrictions are or what the taxes may be but ask how you can make this work for you.

Just before I wrote this article, I was on my computer using software that compares the traditional IRA to the new Roth IRA. I was using myself as an example. Given certain scenarios,

I would run out of money before I die with the traditional IRA. With the Roth IRA, I leave a sufficient amount of money to my heirs when I die. "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water," i.e., don't dismiss the Roth IRA until you really understand what it can do for you.

Douglas Bingham, CFP, is a financial consultant for Roney & Co. Investment Firm.

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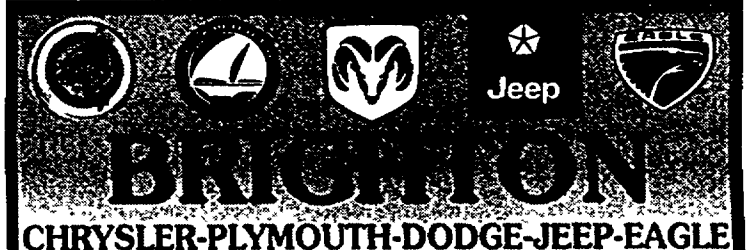
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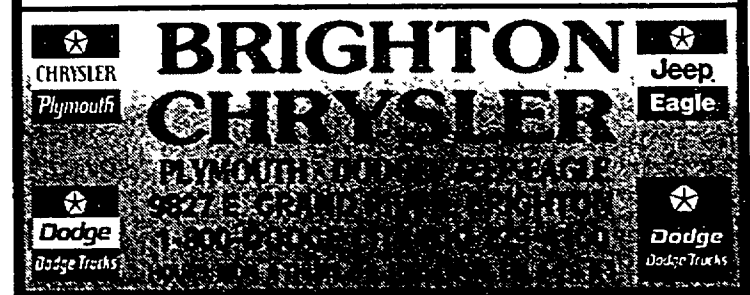
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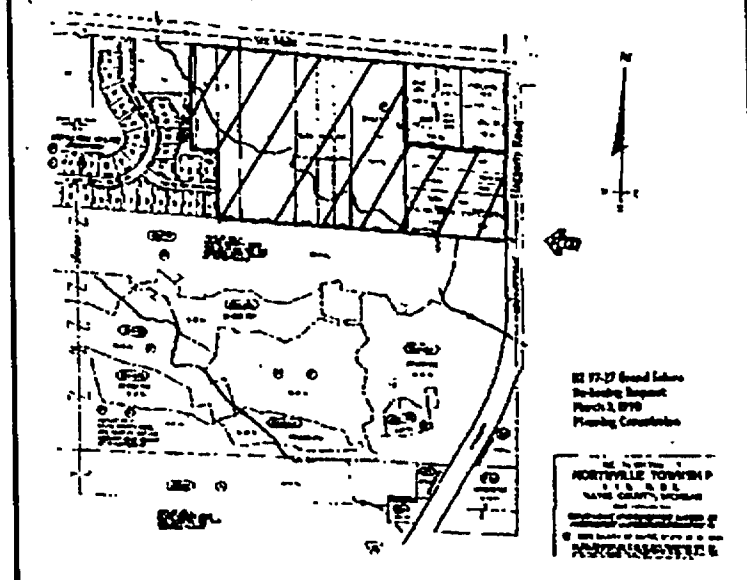
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PLACE: Northville High School
775 N. Center
Northville, MI 48167

There will be a public hearing on a request for re-zoning of property in Northville Township. This request is to rezone property located south of Six Mile and west of Haggerty Roads, Northville, MI, from R-3, Single Family Residential AND OS-1, Office Service, to B-3, GENERAL BUSINESS. The public is invited to attend this hearing and express their comments and questions. Those who have previously submitted written comments need not resubmit. Written comments will be accepted by the Planning Commission at 41600 West Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.

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1998 NORTHVILLE RECORD/NOVI NEWS RESTAURANT POLL

Best Chef

Rachwitz rated tops in the kitchen

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

The results of the Best Chef and Best Waitperson categories in the eighth *Northville Record/Novi News* restaurant poll which ran during the month of January have been tabulated.

You may have read last week that the restaurant chosen as the best overall by 192 respondents to the poll, which concluded Jan. 31, was Rocky's of Northville.

It probably does not come as a surprise then that the winner in the Best Chef category is the owner of Rocky's of Northville, for the second year in a row.

About two thirds of the respondents who chose Rocky's in the Best Chef category specified Chuck "Rocky" Rachwitz while the remaining third were less precise and wrote in Rocky's of Northville.

Although Rocky is around a lot, the

two sous chefs do the day-to-day cooking. The three work closely developing new menus which are prepared with the help of 10 cooks.

"The management and employees pretty much get the credit for the last year," Rocky said.

Rachwitz has been in the restaurant business for 22 years. Prior to opening his own restaurant in 1992, he was with Chuck Muer from whom he bought the building at 41122 West Seven Mile in Northville.

Rocky is jumping around a lot lately. He opened Rocky's of Brighton in May 1995. Just two months ago, Rocky went in partnership with Steve Allen and opened Steve and Rocky's on Grand River in Novi. Allen is the former executive chef at the Golden Mushroom in Southfield.

"I don't spend as much time in Northville as I'd like to this past year," Rocky said. "That's why the crew has done a wonderful job."



Photos by JOHN HEIDER

Chuck "Rocky" Rachwitz joins cook "Old" Dan Smith in preparing a batch of baby back ribs at Rocky's on Seven Mile Road in Northville.

Best Waitperson

Bartender can attract a crowd

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Karen Miller at Border Cantina in Novi has a large following, and that's why she received enough votes in the eighth annual *Northville Record/Novi News* Restaurant Poll to be named Best Waitperson.

"I dabble in a little bit of everything," said Miller of the job she has had with Border Cantina for the last four and a half years. Customers may find her waiting tables, hostessing or even managing. Mainly, she is the restaurant's bartender.

Miller has spent her entire career in the restaurant business, beginning with her first job at McDonald's when she was 16 years old.

"I like the fun, the money, the people," she said. "At one point, I was asked to be a bartender, that's where it all started."

Miller completed an extensive bartender training program while working at TGI Friday about 10 years ago.

"I have my freedom behind the bar to talk to people," she said. "It's the corner bar theory where you are the center of attention. You get the guests to react to other guests. I've always been pretty good at doing that. I like being the hostess of the party."

Miller estimates the number of drink recipes she has committed to memory to be in the hundreds. On occasion she might get a request that might stump her, like something new from a bigger club or that someone made up themselves.

"Sometimes I might slip for a second, but once I start picking up the bottles it will come back to me. You can't learn it from a recipe. You have to make that drink several times before you can commit it to memory."

Popular drinks at Border Cantina include different types of margaritas, especially the loaded ones like the Rolls Royce and Mercedes margaritas.

Miller, a resident of Livonia, said Cantina is usually a hopping place to be. "We get a lot of neighborhood families that come in," she said. "It doesn't matter what the weather is."

There are a lot of regulars that come in just to see Miller, according to manager Cheryl McDowell.

A full-time employee with Border Cantina, Miller experienced first-hand her philosophy of the corner bar theory just recently when a table of regulars sitting next to her in a restaurant were getting better service than she was.

"I try to make everyone feel pretty comfortable," she said. "Make people feel comfortable in the environment they are in and they will come back."



Voted the best waitperson in the eighth *Northville Record/Novi News* Restaurant Poll, bartender Karen Miller mixes up a margarita at the Border Cantina on Novi Road.

The 1998 Northville Record/Novi News PEOPLE'S CHOICE ACADEMY AWARDS

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People's Choice Academy Awards

Which of the 273 eligible movies will win "Best Picture of the Year" according to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences? You'll have to wait until the 70th Academy Awards is televised on March 23.

But in the meantime, if you had a chance to decide which movie of 1997 was a cut above the rest or which actor or actress gave an outstanding performance, how would you vote?

Now's your chance. Fill out the following People's Choice Academy Awards ballot and return it to *The Novi News/Northville Record*, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

All ballots must be received by Feb. 27.

One ballot will be selected at random to receive dinner and a movie for two compliments of *The Novi News/Northville Record*.

And the categories are:

Best performance by an actor
in a leading role: _____

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in a supporting role: _____

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Number of movies I've seen at the theater
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In Our Town

Town Hall resumes lecture series

The Northville Town Hall Series line-up of speakers and presentations continues with its third speaker of the 37th season - author, media personality and energetic storyteller

Larry Hedrick on Monday, March 9.

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

Hedrick will speak on "The Crown in Crisis," an authoritative analysis of the British monarchy. How did the Windsors take their sudden plunge from dignity to notoriety? Are they doomed or can they rebuild their tainted image? These questions will be addressed by Hedrick with flourishes of broad humor, incisive wit, and revealing photographs.

Hedrick has traveled to every corner of the British Isles and has produced commentaries on Royal figures from King Arthur to Prince Charles. He has been a featured guest on television and radio programs throughout the world. Prior to his writing and speaking career, he served as an Air Force intelligence officer in London. Currently, he is a resident of Seattle, Wash.

Hedrick's book of popular history, *Rogues Gallery*, was published in 1993 and his forthcoming book is entitled *The Last Royal Family Album*. His shorter writings have appeared in *World Monitor*, *Woman's World* and *Harvard Magazine*.

For more information regarding The Northville Town Hall Series for 1997-98, call the ticket and luncheon chairperson Carmen Kuckebeck at (810) 349-7227.

To order, mail check and detailed information to Northville Town Hall-Tickets, P.O. Box 93, Northville, MI 48167-0093.



Larry Hedrick

Talented musician gives recital

Sarah Messenger gave a Senior Flute Recital at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville on Sunday. Accompanied by Dr. Darlene Kuperus on piano, Sarah's selections included *Sonata in C* by J.S. Bach, *Sonata* by Poulenc, *Carnival of Venice* by Brucialdi, *Sonata in G* by Handel, *Syrinx* by Debussy and *First Sonata* by Martinu.

Sarah has been the first chair flute for the past four years at Northville High School. She played at Interlochen Arts Academy for the past five years, has performed with the Michigan Youth Band at the University of Michigan, and has performed at a University of Detroit graduation.

Sarah also plays piccolo, saxophone, baritone horn and piano. She teaches flute to middle school and high school students.

Last year, she was one of 125 finalists invited to the state Solo and Ensemble Finals.

Sarah is focusing on majoring in music education and performance in the fall when she attends the University of Michigan.

Garden group to meet at Cady Inn

The Country Garden Club of



Sarah Messenger performed at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville on Sunday.

Northville will meet on Tuesday, March 3, at noon at Cady Inn at Mill Race Village. This month's meeting will focus on water gardens.

For more information, call 305-8920.

The Woman's Club of Northville will meet on Friday, March 6, for a Doll Tea Party at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville at 1:30 p.m.

Chairperson of the day is Rigmor Cuolahan who has an unusual collection of international dolls. Cuolahan was inducted into the International Heritage Hall of Fame for outstanding service to ethnic concerns in 1996.

This is a guest day and members are requested to bring their

favorite or most unusual doll.

Interested woman can call Lonna Lemmon, president, at 348-2587.

Madam Alexander dolls topic at Questers meeting

The Waterford Bend Questers held their February meeting at the Northville home of Diane Quint.

Orla Hamilton presented the program on Madam Alexander Dolls. Hamilton gave an interesting history of Madam Alexander and the development and composition of the dolls. She displayed and introduced the members to the lovely dolls in her collection.

If you have information for the In Our Town column, call Feature Editor Carol Dipple at (248) 349-1700.



Submitted photo

Orla Hamilton displayed her doll collection during the Waterford Bend Questers' February meeting.

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17000 Farmington Rd., Livonia 422-1150
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Services 8:00-9:15 10:45am 12:00pm
Sunday School & Nursery 9:30 and 11:00
7:00 pm evening service
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Novi, MI 48374
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Reverend James F. Clark, Pastor
Parish Office 347-7778

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By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

The libraries in Northville and Novi both have showcases for patrons to display their private collections.

The Novi Library has three showcases. The largest is located in the lobby and is about 6 feet wide by 30 inches deep with three stationary glass shelves. Two smaller table top showcases are located in the children's section and measure about 3 feet by 5 feet and have a depth of 9 inches. All three are locked and insured.

The lobby showcase can be reserved for one month. Collections can be displayed in the two smaller showcases for two weeks at a time.

The lobby showcase is reserved through December, while the two table top showcases have already been booked for the next three months.

Individuals and non-profit groups are welcome to display their private collections. There is no charge but items in the display can not be for sale.

Patrons are responsible for setting up and dismantling their exhibit as well providing any written information describing the items in their collection. Parents are encouraged to work with their children and to write the child's name, age and grade on a sign to be included with the display.

"It is an organizational thing for the kids," said Jane Brown, assistant director of the Novi Library. "Kids lay out their things on the floor before setting it all up. You would be amazed at how much effort the kids put into their displays."

Exhibits in the smaller cases have included Beanie Babies, Legos, model figures, antique pocket watches, Depression glass, a dragon display, horses, doll collections and Hummels.

"Adults use the smaller showcases as well but they are real popular with the kids," Brown said.

For additional information or to make a reservation for a showcase at the Novi Library, call Jane Brown, assistant director at (248) 349-0720.

The Northville Library also has three showcases. A large showcase is set in the wall just inside

the main entrance. It is 10 feet wide and 4 feet high with three movable shelves.

"That one is very popular," said Ann Mannisto, assistant director of the Northville Library. "It is very popular with various community organizations."

Artwork from Northville public school students in the elementary grades is on exhibit through the month of February.

A second smaller showcase, which was donated by the Pyett family of Northville, is located in the main level reading area near the fireplace. It is a tall glass display case about 6 feet high with four adjustable 2 foot square glass shelves. Anne Pyett donated the case to the library in memory of her husband, Roger.

"This is very popular for displaying collections," Mannisto said.

The first display in the case was a collection of bells from around the world which belongs to Pyett. Currently on display is a collection of antique toys.

A third case is located in the youth area on the main level. It is also a display tower similar in shape but slightly smaller than the one in reading area. It is four feet tall and has adjustable glass shelves which are 15 inches square.

Currently on display is a collection of Beanie Babies.

"It is specifically designed for young people, ages 5 through 13, to show off their various collections," Mannisto said.

Exhibits have included action figures, sports cards, and dolls.

"The youth area one is extremely popular," Mannisto said. "The library has put some fun and neat collections in there."

All three display cases are usually assigned on a monthly basis. The large showcase located at the main entrance is booked through July. The two smaller cases are already booked through May. There is no cost. Individuals are responsible for setting up and dismantling their display. All cases are locked but are not insured.

For more information or to reserve a display case, call the Northville Library at (248) 349-3020. Ask for the youth department or for the reading room display case, ask for the information desk.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Sunetra Humbad has toys, jewelry, dolls and a wedding dress she brought from India on display at the Novi Library.

Collection dates back to childhood

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

There's just a few days left to view the lobby showcase at the Novi Library.

During February Sunetra Humbad has had a collection of items from India on display.

Born in India, Humbad lives in Novi with her husband, Niranjan, sons Nikesh, Shailesh and Parag, and daughter, Mikhila.

Humbad's collection includes a red wedding dress she wore to her arranged marriage in 1975 in India.

"We don't wear white or black, it is always a bright dress such as red, usually red," Humbad said.

The dress was custom made from five yards of material.

Along with the wedding dress, Humbad has included her wedding jewelry.

Humbad met her husband, Niranjan, through her father.

The couple moved to Novi in 1993.

Also in the collection is an assortment of bead animals which Humbad's two older sisters taught

her how to make when she was a teenager. Humbad also has four older brothers.

"When we get married we take our things with us," she said.

Everything in the showcase was brought from India or purchased on vacation trips.

The miniature stainless steel and aluminum kitchen set was purchased on one such vacation trip for Humbad's 12-year-old daughter, Mikhila, as well as the miniature brass table and chair set.

The Taj Mahala was given to Humbad by a friend upon her return from a trip to India.

There are also hand painted vases and a wall hanging.

"Vases are for good luck," Humbad said. "Most people have a vase next to the front door."

The exhibit also includes a silver picture frame and silver jewelry, two dolls Humbad had as a child, pure silk scarves made with gold thread, a hand-painted gold and silver plate by Mira, fabric, and a variety of bangles and jewelry.

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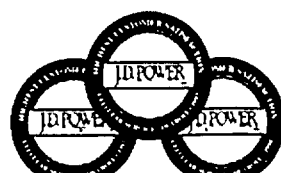
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Engagements



David Page/Amy Scafasci

Harold and Sandra Page of Northville announce the engagement of their son, David James, to Amy Koch Scafasci, the daughter of Mary and Owen Koch of Ypsilanti.

The bride elect attends Eastern Michigan University and is employed at the office of Dr. Gary Sandall in Ypsilanti.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Michigan Institute of Aeronautics and is currently attending Eastern Michigan University. He is employed at Champion Air at Metropolitan Airport in Romulus.



John Lambert/Lynda Christoph

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Christoph, former residents of Northville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynda Kay, to John Edward Lambert, the son of Mrs. David Smith of Southgate and Frank Lambert of Grand Rapids.

The bride-elect graduated in 1991 from Northville High School. She received her master's in environmental risk communication in 1997 from Michigan State University, where she was a member of the equestrian team. She is currently employed in the public relations department at Ford Motor Co.

The groom-elect graduated from Carlson High School in 1989, and received a bachelor's degree in animal science-equine physiology from Michigan State University in 1997. He too was a member of the MSU equestrian team, and is now employed at Rooker Training Stable in Fenton.

They are planning a May wedding.

Church Notes

Lenten Worship opportunities at **NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 41671 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, continue with Church Family Night Lenten Series Sunday Soup Suppers at 5:30 p.m. followed by a Lenten program at 6:15 p.m. The topic on March 1 will be "Walters: A Youth Musical about Waiting for the Lord" on March 1 with the "Inspired By God" youth choir under the direction of Roberta Helpap. On March 8, the Christian quartet from the First United Methodist Church in South Lyon, "Strings of Faith" will bring a variety of accompanying instruments such as guitars, electric bass, banjo, mandolin and hammered dulcimer for their performance.

For the youngsters, a 30-minute video on The Veggie Tales will be shown.

The Sunday Lenten Worship service topic will be "Lent One: Contemplation & Intimacy" on March 1 at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call (248) 349-2652.

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY, 41355 Six Mile Road in Northville, will offer a Divorce Recovery Workshop on Thursday evenings beginning Feb. 26 through April 16 from 7 until 8:30 p.m. for divorced and separated persons of all ages.

For more information, call (248) 348-9030.

CHURCH OF HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL, 46200 West Ten Mile in Novi, began its Lenten program on Wednesday, Feb. 25, with the Anointing of Ashes services on Ash Wednesday at both Holy Cross and St. Anne's which is located at 430 Nicolet in Walled Lake. The Lenten program continues with "The Last Words of the Resurrected Christ" on Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross and on Sundays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, at 7 p.m. at St. Anne's.

Botsford's Pathways to Parenting, New Mothers Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month at Holy Cross from 12:30 until 2 p.m. On March 4, the topic will be "Making Your Home Safe for Baby."

For details on the parenting group, call Botsford General Hospital at (248) 477-6100.

For more information, call Holy Cross at 349-1175.

NORTHVILLE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 200 East Main Street, On Sunday, worship and church school are held at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Child care is available at both services.

The Fine Arts Series continues with "Measure for Measure," the 80-voice men's chorus from Eastern Michigan University on March 8.

The Youth Logos Program meets on Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. for children in grades 1-5 and at 5 p.m. for middle school and senior high school students.

The Singles Place Ministry meets on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Rev. W. Kent Clise, senior pastor, or Rev. James P. Russell, associate pastor, at (248) 349-0911.

CHURCH OF TODAY, WEST, is moving to Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road in Walled Lake.

Beginning Sunday, March 1, services will be at the new location and remain at 9 and 11 a.m. The six-week series "What's Jesus Got to Do With It" continues through March 29.

The church will have a First Anniversary and Relocation Party from 12:30 until 1:30 p.m. The community is invited to attend this potluck luncheon. Visitors should enter off Meadowbrook just south of Thirteen Mile Road.

For more information, call the church at (248) 449-8900, or check out its web site at <http://www.cotw.com>.

SPIRIT OF CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 40700 West Ten Mile in Novi, announces a new way for families to praise God. Sunday mornings at 9 a.m., "Saints ALIVE!" begins with folks of all ages meeting for songs and a message geared toward children. Small group sharing follows, wrapped up by refreshments and fellowship.

Worship services are held Sundays at 10:30 a.m. as well as Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call (248) 477-6296.

Send church information to *The Northville Record* and *The Novi News*, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167.

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How does your garden grow

Gardener, radio host and author Janet Macunovich spoke to attendees of the Northville Woman's Club meeting Feb. 6 including Ann Clarke (center) on various garden and horticultural innovations. The group will meet on Friday, March 6, for a Doll Tea Party at the First Presbyterian Church of

Northville at 1:30 p.m. Chairperson of the day is Rigmor Cuolahan who has an unusual collection of international dolls. This is a guest day and members are requested to bring their favorite or most unusual doll. Interested woman can call Lonna Lemmon, president, at 348-2587.

School News

SILVER SPRINGS ELEMENTARY

We are back to school and ending the school news second quarter marking period. Expect report cards home in the Monday folders.

The ABBIT students for this quarter are:

Mrs. Gall's class: Margaret Bacigal, David Bandy, Emily Bazini, Amanda Carrington, Evan Duey, Claire Eley, Alexa Fox, Katie Hartshorne, Patrick Huarng, Julie Jones, Sarah Kidder, Matt Allott, Allison McHenry, Sarah Northcutt, Cory Patterson, Eric Pouget, Gretchen Warner.

Mrs. Curvin/Mrs. May's class: Priya Ahluwalia, Ashley Booms, Stephanie Brown, Lauren Frampton, Bridget Hughes, Kimberly Hughes, Matthew Long, Rachel Matlock, Adrienne McHenry, Alex Moroz, Lisa Mueller, Stephan O'Callaghan, Kelcey Phillips, Sandra Shoukair, Melanie Thomson, Sarah Wagner, Alaina Woloszyn, Danielle Wysocki, David York.

Mrs. Rigney's class: Amanda Walter, Nadja Sergev, Daniel Roberts, Nathan Meckstroth, Devin McBride, Katie Malmrin, Meghan Fidge, Jeff Kemp, Katie Conwell, Hitomi Ito, Alison Hedke, Jessica Albosta, Hlyssa Golani, Aly Flood.

Mrs. Stringer's class: Chantel Caldwell, Erica

Danaj, Andrew Gonyea, Abbie Good, Mallori Groh, Sara Henson, Amy Keller, Emma Kidder, Ashley Modjeski, David Porter, Sara Saremi, Chris Stiliwell, Rachell Szarnowski, Evan Villeneuve, Martin Walasek and Brooke Ziomek. Congratulations.

The holiday shop in December, run by Norma Stilwell and ably staffed by wonderful volunteers, was successful and enjoyed by all who participated.

The PTA Board of Silver Springs hosted an appreciation breakfast for the chairpersons of all our PTA committees at the lovely home of Linda Maxfield. Our guests included Dr. Leonard Rezmlerski, Northville Public Schools Superintendent and Silver Springs Principal Dr. Kenneth Pawlowski.

Also in December, our students collected donations of 150 hardcover books and cash donations of \$195 to purchase additional books to give the gift of reading to underprivileged children.

The next Junior Enrichment Series program is "Huck Finn" on Feb. 27. We have started our "Noon Hour" program, a volunteer staffed alter-

native to outside recess during the lunch hour. Thank you Laurie Deasy and Dawn Mueller for coordinating this effort and to the parents who made the time commitment.

We are continuing to collect Campbell soup labels, etc., and boxtops for education. For the month of February if you staple a Valentine to each boxtop, we will get double the credit. Keep on sending in those labels.

Dominique Moroz is chairperson of the recycling program. She has implemented a new forum for information regarding what is being recycled at Silver Springs. Please consult the bulletin boards in the lobby for current listings.

Family Night supper is fast approaching so reserve March 6 for an evening of eating, fun, games and prizes. This is always a fun night so plan on joining us for the festivities. The chairpersons this year are Roxanne Edge and Debbie Marshall. Thank you to all the volunteers who have signed up. We couldn't do it without you.

— Ruth Harn

Singles

SINGLE PLACE, an adult ministry for single people at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, meets Thursday evenings in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Every Sunday, the group worships at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary followed by brunch at the Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road, at 12:30 p.m.

On Sunday evenings, Single Place meets for coffee and cards at 6 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center Street in Northville.

On Fridays, the group meets at 5:30 p.m. at Mulligan's of Northville, 18730 Northville Road in Northville.

A Walk in the Park is scheduled every Saturday at 10 a.m. in Heritage Park between Ten and Eleven Mile in Farmington Hills.

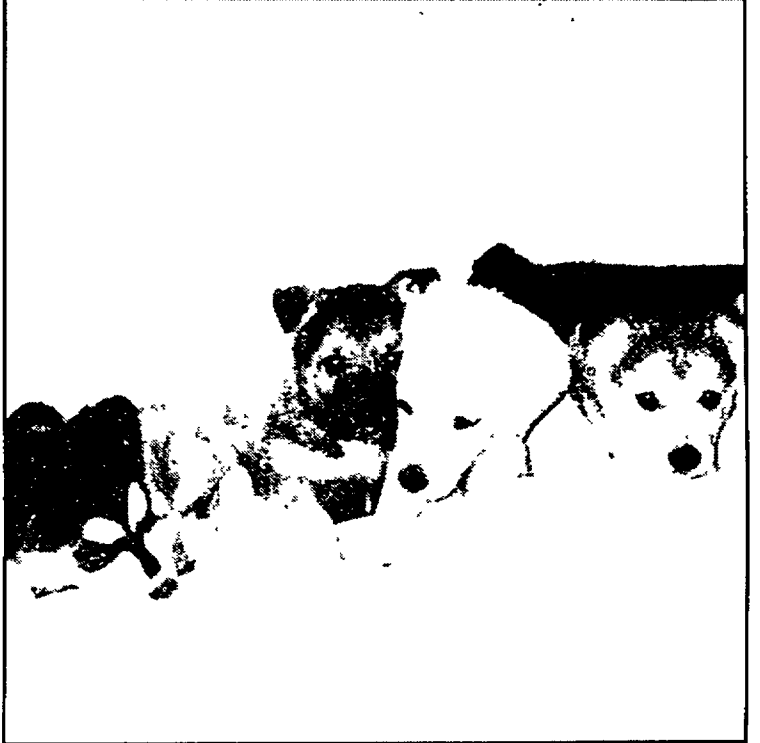
A Growth Workshop on "Redirecting Your Life from Stress to Balance" continues on Feb. 26 and March 5 from 7 until 9 p.m. with speaker William Rowell. The cost is \$27.

Expo '98 "Meeting on Earth: Beyond the Mars/Venus Syndrome," by Susan Baranoff, is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 28, from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Lunch and continental breakfast is included. The cost is \$17.50 in advance or \$20 at the door.

A Divorce Recovery Workshop is scheduled for March 12 through April 30 from 7 until 9 p.m. The cost is \$30. No workshop will be held on April 9.

For more information about any of the Single Place programs or to register, call (248) 349-0911.

Pet of the Week



Husky mix puppies

About eight 12-week-old male and female husky mix puppies will be among the variety of adult dogs shown by the Critter Connection at the Pet Supplies Plus store at 42660 Ten Mile Road on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

The puppies were on a kill list at a shelter when they were rescued by Critter Connection. There will also be 10 eight-week-old Doberman-Labrador mix puppies at Pet Supplies on Saturday. The mother

was found running around in Detroit pregnant on Christmas Eve when she was rescued. She delivered the puppies on Dec. 30.

Adoption fees are \$125 for puppies and \$100 for adult dogs which includes shots, neutering, worming and heartworm check. The fee is refundable if for some reason the adoption does not work out and the dog needs to be returned to Critter Connection.

For more information, call (313) 563-1823 or (248) 855-4136.

On Campus

Earning academic honors at Purdue University for the fall '97 semester were Northville students **RYAN CHARLES HOWE** and **JOY M. STEPHEN**. To receive honors, Purdue students must have at least a 3.5 semester or cumulative grade point average.

Howe and Stephens are majoring in management.

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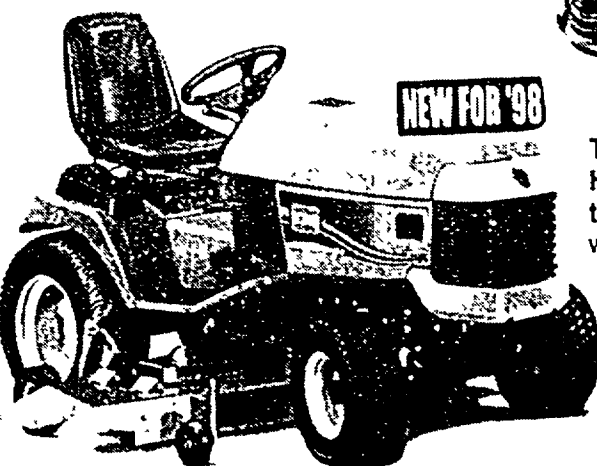
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THURSDAY
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Measure for Measure: A Men's Choral Society will perform at the Northville First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 8.

Fine Arts Series hosts men's choral group

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

The Fine Arts Series continues at First Presbyterian Church of Northville when Measure for Measure, A Men's Choral Society performs on Sunday, March 8, at 7 p.m.

Measure for Measure was founded in 1988 by former college glee club members to provide an opportunity for men to perform music

composed and arranged for male chorus. The ensemble made its concert debut in April 1989. The 70 plus member chorus has delighted audiences in Detroit and suburbs: Ann Arbor; Ypsilanti; Battle Creek; Farmington; Lansing; Marshall, Holland; Livonia; Plymouth; Toledo, Ohio; and Eau Claire, Wis.

Measure for Measure's Music Director Dr. Leonard L. Riccinto

will lead the chorus in a program of music written especially for men's chorus featuring selections by Bach, Bruckner, Thompson, as well as opera choruses, spirituals, and several college glee club favorites. Dr. Riccinto is a professor of music at Eastern Michigan University where he directs the University and Chamber choirs and teaches courses in choral conducting and secondary vocal meth-

ods. Dr. Riccinto is President of the American Choral Directors Association-Michigan Chapter and a member of the Michigan School Vocal Music Association.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and students and \$25 for families.

The First Presbyterian Church of Northville is located at 200 East Main Street in Northville.

For details, call (248) 349-0911.

In town

Submit items for the entertainment listings to The Northville Record/Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167 or fax to 349-1051.

AUDITIONS

ARSENIC & OLD LACE: The Plymouth Theatre Guild will hold auditions on Monday, March 2, and Tuesday, March 3, at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 11001 West Seven Mile Road in Northville beginning at 7 p.m. for the May production of *Arsenic & Old Lace*.

For more information, call the director Ralph Rosati at (248) 669-0436.

SPECIAL EVENTS

OLIVER: The Novi Theatres' present *Lionel Bart's Oliver!* (the musical) on Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14, at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, March 15, at 2 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

All seats are reserved. For ticket information, call (248) 347-0400.

SWEET CHARITY: Remaining performances for The Plymouth Theatre Guild's production of *Sweet Charity* will be Feb. 27 and 28 at 8 p.m. General seating tickets are \$11 in advance and \$12 at the door.

All performances are at The Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 11001 West Seven Mile Road in Northville.

For details, call (248) 349-7110.

BORDERS BOOKS: Kid Brother will be making an appearance at the Novi store in the Novi Town Center on Friday, Feb. 27, for a performance from 7 until 9 p.m.

The jazz trio will perform cuts from their self-titled, debut CD as well as Latin jazz favorites that are an integral part of the band's live show.

The performances are free and an excellent opportunity for those of all ages to enjoy jazz in an environment other than the usual setting of a smoky club.

The trio, Rich Kowalewski on bass, Kerry Lundquist on piano, and Rob Emanuel on drums, incorporate elements from many different genres - from jazz, to blues, to Latin, to electric fusion.

After the two hour set, the members of the group will stick around to sign copies of their CD, which will be available at the store, located at 43075 Crescent Boulevard in Novi.

For more information, call Borders at (248) 347-0780.

BARNES & NOBLE: Upcoming events include the Oprah Book Club, a monthly book discussion group, on Thursday, Feb. 26, at 10 a.m. to discuss *Paradise* by Toni Morrison.

Barnes & Noble is located at Six Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville.

For details, call (248) 348-0696.

THEATER

MARQUIS THEATRE: To celebrate the upcoming spring season, the Marquis Theatre will present a musical adaptation of Charlotte's Web live on stage March 7 through April 26.

Charlotte's Web is the tale of a little girl named Fern, her pet pig Wilbur, and Charlotte the spider who weaves their lives together with lasting friendship and love.

Performance dates are Saturdays and Sundays, March 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29, April 4, 5, 18, 19, 25 and 26. During spring break, performances will be held on April 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17. All shows are at 2:30 p.m.

No children under the age of three will be permitted.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in Northville. Tickets are \$6.50 Special group rates and times are available.

For details, call (248) 349-8110.

GENITTI'S: The interactive comedy dinner theater now through April at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall is *Tral by Error!*

Audience members may not find themselves called for duty if the jury box is full, but there are always other jobs available as say, the defendant.

Soupy Sales has been booked for March 13 and 14.

All dinner theater presentations include the restaurant's famous seven-course, family-style Italian dinner.

For the kids there's the mini luncheon and show *Beanie Baby Capers* on Feb. 28, March 7, 14, April 18 and 25.

Genitti's is located at 108 E. Main Street in Northville.

For reservations or more information, call (248) 349-6322.

ART

DANCING EYE GALLERY: The gallery is located at 101 N. Center at Main.

For details, call (248) 449-7086.

GATE VI GALLERY: An exhibit of nature and animal photography by Novi resident Craig Thompson runs through mid-March.

Month-long exhibits of local artists are held in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile in Novi. Viewing of the exhibit is possible during the hours the Civic Center is open.

Local artists interested in exhibiting at the Civic Center should call 347-0400.

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Adam Sandler (center) stars as Robbie in New Line Cinema's romantic comedy, "The Wedding Singer."

'Wedding Singer' spins humorous tale

By Kasey Everly
MOVIE EDITOR

If "Romy & Michelle's High School Reunion" just didn't give you your fill of 80's pop culture, never fear. New Line Cinema's latest romantic comedy, "The Wedding Singer," has plenty of Karina Channelon for even the most avid 80's nostalgist.

However, if the cotton candy like charm of "Romy" gave you more than your fill of 80's culture in the first five minutes, then it's probably best to stay home. You may get a tummy ache seeing "Wedding Singer," whose humor is widely stemmed from poking fun at the era.

The movie tells the story of two twenty-somethings trying to make a living by working local weddings in a fictional New York City suburb in the mid 80's. Robbie, played by Adam Sandler ("Happy Gilmore," "Billy Madison") is the ultimate Nice Guy/Wedding Singer. Robbie Hart, who has Rick Springfield hair and broken ambitions of becoming the next David Lee Roth.

However more than his ambitions are broken when he is jilted at the altar by his own band

groupie fiancée, played by Angela Featherstone. After a brief but serious bout with "pity party" syndrome, he finds himself growing ever fond of his waitress friend Julia, played by Drew Barrymore ("Everyone Says I Love You," "Scream").

She seems to be fond of him herself, except for one problem: She's engaged to egotistical, beer chugging yuppie Glenn (Matthew Glave) who runs around behind her back. But instead of breaking up with her ogre of a fiancée and confessing her undying love for Robbie, she asks him to help her plan her wedding to Glenn instead. Seems to make sense...

Herein lies the frustration of this film: It's exhausting to watch these two, who were obviously meant for one another, fight the inevitable at every twist and turn. The plot seems lacking on its ability to give the audience what it needs—the chance to see love blossom. The characters are too busy agonizing over one another.

One thing this movie is not lacking in though is laughs. "Wedding Singer" features a truly colorful cast of 80's weirdos and rejects, including a cameo from 80's rocker Billy Idol.

It also manages to poke plenty of fun at the cultural images of the time, from clothes to music to home decor.

The funniest scene features Sandler, who must still go to work singing weddings after his own wedding disaster, dedicates his own bitter rendition of the 1982 J. Geils Band hit "Love Stinks" to a pair of newlyweds at their recep-

tion. The scene snowballs into a brawl between Sandler and the father of the bride and all the guests.

Those willing to look past the ongoing frustration of wondering when these two will get together will find a genuinely humorous interpretation of what life was like in those days of teased hair, break dancing and spandex pants

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BACK TO BASICS

SWM,

Revenge

*Last year it was
Novi, this year it's
Northville's turn*

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Jason Dowdell may not have the best record on a team full of superstar wrestlers, but the Northville senior came up with the biggest win of the year for his Mustangs team at team district tournament last Thursday in Novi.

Dowdell pinned Novi's Chris Rumpf at 152 pounds to give his team an unexpected lift and eventually the district championship.

"It was a huge victory," coach Bob Townsend said. "This time of year you need someone to step up for you and Jason did that for us. To get a victory there — That's what won it for us."

The pin gave the Mustangs a 27-10 lead, a cushion they would need as they held on for a 33-23 win.

"Our kids were really focused on Novi," the coach said. "We feel like we were the better team that day. It was a big challenge, but our kids met the challenge."

Although it wasn't a win that clinched the title for Northville, Mike Livanos avoided a pin at 215 that took the pressure off of heavyweight Ted Bowersox to win.

Bowersox won anyway, taking a close 5-4 decision over Brett Faulkner.

Northville took early control of the match with Matt Tarrow nipping Ryan Churella 6-5 at 103. Kevin Arbuckle ran into a tough Dan Jilg at 112 and fell 9-0.

Ben Ashby, Ricky Torrence, Reggie Torrence and Anant Saran picked up expected wins at the next four weight classes to push the lead to 18-4.

Ashby topped Brian Dodds 7-3 at 119. Ricky Torrence dodged Nate Mitchell 26-11 to win by technical fall at 119.

Reggie Torrence, who had to default his match with South Lyon in the first round, came back to crush Andy Raudszus 17-3 to give his team four more points.

Saran had no problem jumping up a weight class. The senior

topped Ryan Reiter 13-2 for another four points.

Freshman Chad Neumann was pushed up a class and had the unpleasant task of facing state qualifier Mark Churella at 140 pounds. Churella got the pin with :10 left in the first period.

Dan Scappaticci set up Dowdell's win with a 5-4 win over Adam Borashko at 145 pounds.

A 3-0 decision by Ryan McCracken over Jon Cervi at 160 gave Northville a commanding 30-10 lead with the last four matches remaining.

Novi's top four of Andy Kalik, Jon Talbot, Nate Plecha and Faulkner had a combined record of 113-29 coming in, and it showed.

Ryan Giles was pinned by Kalik and Bryan Grider and Livanos lost to Jon Talbot and Nate Plecha.

"We told the kids if everyone stayed off their backs we'd win. That didn't happen, but we pinned them a couple of times too," Townsend said. "It was a war out there. The kids were really excited about beating Novi. They are a great team. It's a shame that if they were in any other district they would have advanced too."

Novi coach Tom Fritz said this is the best Northville team he's coached against in his 30 years in wrestling.

"This team is one of the best in the state," he said. "They're balanced and you can't take anything away from them. They were just too solid for us."

"They won't lose until they face Temperance-Bedford in the semifinals."

To get to the finals the Mustangs had to get by South Lyon, which it did 44-27. Winners for Northville included Tarrow, Arbuckle, Ricky Torrence, Saran, Neumann, Scappaticci, McCracken, and Grider.

Northville faced Milford in the first round of regional action last night (after the Records' deadline) in South Lyon. If it won it would face the winner of Detroit Catholic

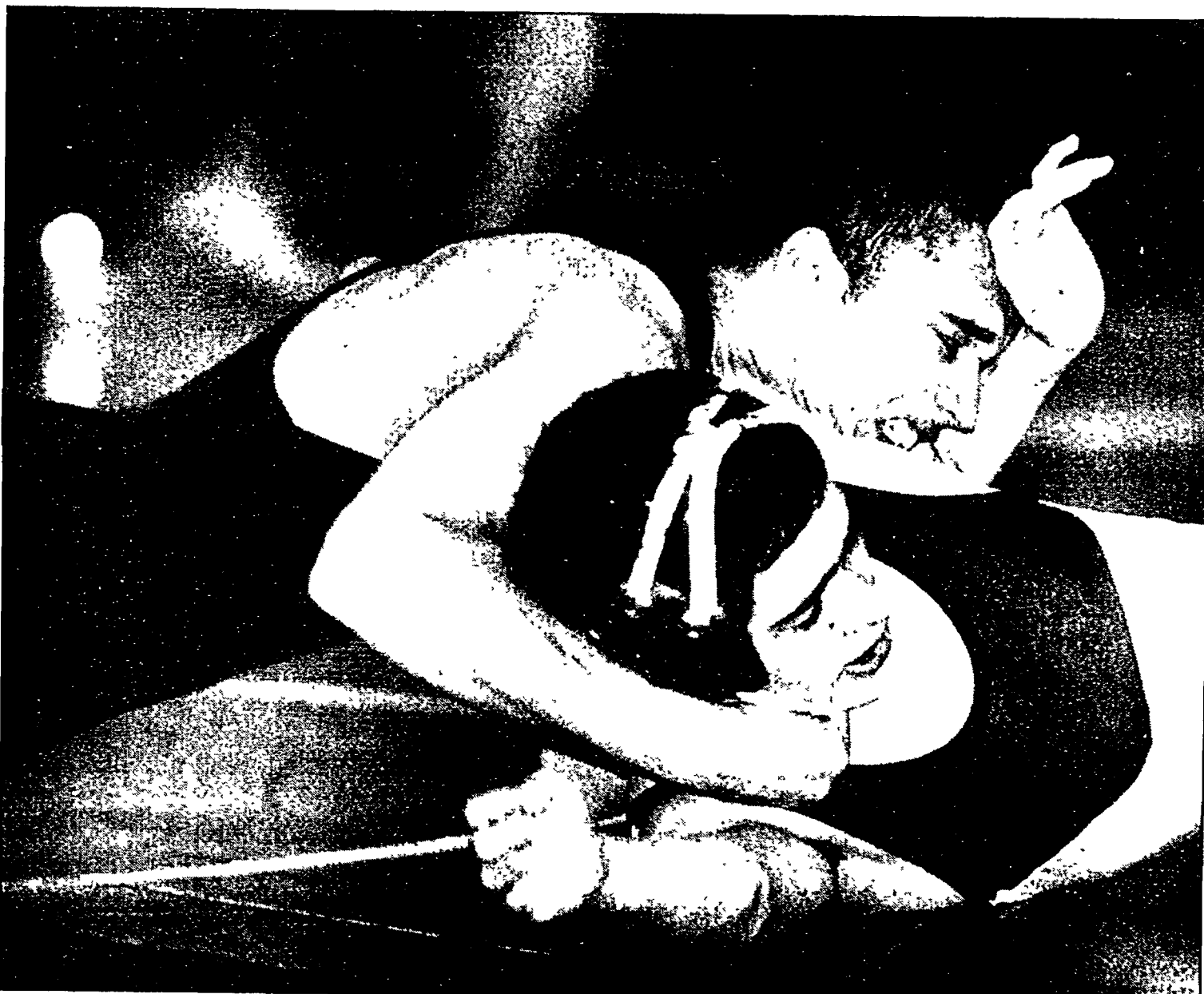


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Anant Saran remained undefeated this season after winning a district championship Saturday at Adrian High School.

Central/Royal Oak Kimball. The winner of this regional advances to the state meet in Battle Creek March 6-7.

MUSTANGS ADVANCE 10
Northville's team success trickled over to the individual district tournament held in Adrian Saturday.

The Mustangs advanced 10 wrestlers in 13 different weight classes to the individual regional tournament Saturday at Temperance-Bedford. Wrestlers needed to place fourth or better to advance.

Ricky Torrence and Saran remained undefeated on the year with district championships at 119 and 125 pounds.

Torrence pinned his Wayne Memorial opponent in 1:38 in the finals after topping Rivera of Adrian in the semifinals.

Saran needed 3:51 top pin

Saline in the championship match. He won by injury default over teammate Reggie Torrence in the semifinals and topped Ann Arbor Pioneer in the quarterfinals.

Reggie Torrence topped Pinckney's Matt Cowan in the quarters before running into Saran. He worked his way to the consolation finals before losing in a rematch with Cowan 5-3.

In the heavyweight division, Bowersox breezed through to the finals before defaulting to Salem's Charlie Hamblin 3-1 in overtime. Hamblin used a take down 1:30 into the extra session to top Bowersox for the second time in 10 days. Bowersox defeated Hamblin at the Western Lakes' tournament last weekend after losing to to Hamblin two days earlier.

Arbuckle (112) defaulted for second place after injury defaulting in

the finals. The coaches and Arbuckle agreed to default the match to Novi's Jilg instead of risking further injury to Arbuckle's left arm.

Neumann (130) and Grider (215) also advanced with third-place finishes. Neumann made it to the semifinals before falling to Belleville. The freshman then worked his way past Adrian and Plymouth Canton to take the consolation final.

Grider had a bye in the first round and pinned his Wayne Memorial opponent before running into Novi's Talbot in the semifinals. Talbot again had Grider's number, pinning the co-captain in 1:04. Grider fought back to beat Pinckney and Adrian to win the consolation final.

Tarrow (103), Scappaticci (140) and McCracken (160) joined their

teammates by placing fourth.

Tarrow had to beat Ryan Churella for the third time this season to qualify for the regional tournament.

Scappaticci made it to the semifinals before losing to Belleville. He went on to beat South Lyon to qualify.

McCracken took the long route after losing in the second round. He came back to defeat Pinckney and Romulus before losing to Belleville in the consolation finals.

"We have never lost 10 out of districts," Townsend said. "This meet was very tough emotionally and they came through."

Next up will be the regional tournament Saturday at Temperance-Bedford.

Wrestlers will again need to finish fourth or better to qualify for the state meet.

Alpha system successful so far

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

In its first season in existence the "Alpha" system the Michigan High School Athletic Association has adopted has been a big success.

Thus far there have been no deaths and no serious problems concerning weight-loss in high school wrestling. That can't be said for its big brother, collegiate wrestling. Following the deaths of three collegiate wrestlers within two months, the NCAA instituted emergency rules to detour any problems that may occur before permanent measures can be taken.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) took precautions before the issue even became a problem.

"We've known as a wrestling community that since the beginning of time coaches and wrestlers have, for the competitive edge, considered reduction of weight to the lowest class as a benefit," said Bill Bupp, assistant director/supervisor of officials for the MHSAA. "But research has shown that's not necessarily true."

The system is extensive, yet it focuses on educating the wrestlers, coaches and parents about weight loss and ensures that wrestlers are not abusing weight-loss procedures.

One requirement of the new system is that coaches and wrestlers participate in a nutrition education program designed and scheduled by the Michigan Wrestling Minimum Weight Program Committee.

"All of the changes have been great for our sport," Novi wrestling

coach Brad Huss said. "There's no perfect system, but what we've got going on in high school wrestling right now is a good system."

David Peck, a sports medicine physician at Providence Hospital, said he believes the system is a step in the right direction.

"Realistically we're dealing with small kids here," he said. "It's not perfect, but it gives you a good estimate to work with. It's a great idea and it's way ahead of the collegiate level."

University of Michigan wrestler Jeff Reese died of a heart attack while working out in early December. It was the third death of a wrestler trying to make weight in two months. Although Peck said these are the extremes, drastic weight-loss measures could cause a number of other symptoms.

"Other symptoms include dizziness, vomiting and headaches," he said. "You lose potassium and other minerals and this may lead to metabolic changes that can cause heart attacks, develop seizures and possibly brain damage."

The "Alpha" system also requires wrestlers to participate in skinfold assessments. A minimum wrestling weight based on 7 percent body fat for males and 12 percent for females is now required. These assessments are taken at the beginning of the season.

Although the system was made mandatory this year, the MHSAA said that more than 440 schools participated in the program in 1996-97, which involved over 10,000 individuals and nearly 280 skinfold assessors.

Not everyone is in favor of the



Photo by JASON SCHMITT

Coach Bob Townsend checks Ricky Torrence's weight.

new system. Northville coach Garrett Potter said his team has not had any problems in the past and he feels the new system punishes kids because of a few violators out there.

"When I was in college you'd cut off a leg to make weight. You have to make a decision in college," he said. "In high school you don't

have the time to work out."

"With the Alpha weight in system you just can't cut the weight anymore."

"I argue with people all the time on this. You win by making weight and then on the mat."

"Yes they do have to put in the

Unbeaten streak snapped, but icers finish with victory

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Senior Kevin Boone scored a hat trick and assisted on two other goals as Northville topped Walled Lake Central 5-3 in the season hockey finale Friday night.

Boone scored the game winner midway through the third period when he took a pass from Justin Walneo and weaved through the Central defense and beat the goalie for a 4-2 Northville lead. The Vikings would score with 4:33 remaining, but Evan Edwards scored his 16th goal of the season with 1:14 left to ensure the Mustangs' 14th win of the season.

"There wasn't a lot of flow to that game," coach Brad O'Neill said. "They forechecked us pretty aggressively. It wasn't a pretty game to watch as a fan, but we won."

The game may not have been pretty, but Boone was. The forward figured in on every Northville goal, scoring the first goal of the game with 10:03 left in the second period. Nick Yaris and Edwards assisted on the goal.

Edwards put the 'Stangs up two goals just :38 later after receiving a pass from Boone.

Central answered back to make it 2-1 before Boone scored his second of the night to put Northville up 3-1 with 4:17 left in the second.

"When the game's on the line I think he's determined to take over the game," O'Neill said. "He's a go-to-guy. I wish he was a junior."

Boone finished the game with

five points and is now fourth in the area with 22 goals. The senior is not selfish either. He leads the area with 30 assists.

"Going into that game we knew we had to win to move into third place. This game was a little pay-back for the loss earlier this season to Central," the coach said.

Northville's finished its regular-season record at 14-7-1 overall and 6-7-1 in the Suburban League's south division. Not bad considering the 'Stangs began the year 2-6 in league play.

DEARBORN 7, N'VILLE 3

Northville's 11-game unbeaten streak came to an end against a team it had beaten just five days earlier.

"As a coach, you know that's going to happen," O'Neill said of his team's letdown. "Dearborn was determined to come out and play well and we were really flat footed for the first time in a long time."

The Mustangs played Dearborn even the first two periods before the unified team broke free in the third.

Rob Ryan, Chris Snyder and Edwards got the goals for Northville. Walneo had two assists and Snyder and Boone had one each.

"They are a really talented team, but I think we didn't seem to be focused," O'Neill said.

DISTRICT PREVIEW

Northville drew Central in the

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BYE	District & Regional Hockey Tournament Pairings				BYE
Lakeland	Lakeland		South Lyon	South Lyon	
Hartland	Saturday, February 28 5:45 p.m.		Monday, March 2 5:30 p.m.	Huron	
Thursday, February 26 7:45 p.m.			Huron	BYE	
Milford		Wednesday, March 4 7:45 p.m.	WINNER	Howell	
			Saturday, March 7 Lakeland Arena	Saturday, February 28 6:00 p.m.	
Northville	Saturday, February 28 2:45 p.m.		Wednesday, March 4 6:30 p.m.	Brighton	
Walled Lake Central	Monday, March 2 7:45 p.m.		Monday, March 2 8:00 p.m.	Pioneer	
Walled Lake Western	Walled Lake Western		Pioneer	BYE	
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Icers begin district action

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first round of district action, which will begin this weekend at the Lakeland Ice Arena.

The Mustangs/Vikings winner will advance to play Walled Lake Western in the semifinals. Lakeland awaits the winner of the Hartland/Milford game in the other half of the draw.

The game between Northville and Central will be Saturday at 2:45 p.m. The winner and Western will

play Monday at 7:45 p.m. The district final will take place next Wednesday at 7:45 p.m.

The Mustangs split games with both Central and Western this season. Northville topped Lakeland twice and did not face Hartland.

The team didn't see Milford this year either. O'Neill spent eight seasons as an assistant at Milford and expects the Redskins to be a pre-district favorite.

"You'd be hard-pressed to find a team to be a runaway favorite in

this district," he said. "Districts in hockey are funny because anyone can beat anyone on any given night."

O'Neill said he likes the draw and didn't mind facing Central right away.

"They are going to be close games for us," he said. "But we look forward to that. They are league teams so I think its advantageous to our first-year team. We'll need a solid effort, that's for sure."

Mustangs look ahead to tourney

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The Northville volleyball team found itself pitted against a hot Livonia Franklin team in a battle for the Western Lakes' (WLAA) Western division title Monday night.

The Mustangs came out on the losing end, 5-15, 7-15, and finished second with the WLAA tournament coming up this weekend.

"This was a very bad game for us," coach Laura Murray said. "We were coming off of a vacation and it really showed. Franklin played outstanding and just outplayed us. I think we were still on vacation."

Northville finished conference play at 7-4, fifth overall in the conference and second in the division. The team is seeded fifth for Saturday's conference tourna-

ment at Farmington Hills Harrison.

"We have our goals set high for the conference championship," the coach said. "Once we get back into the flow I think we can come together and play well."

The Mustangs will compete in a pool with Livonia Stevenson, Walled Lake Western and North Farmington. The teams with the top two records advance to the conference quarterfinals.

Plymouth Salem won the WLAA with an 11-0 record. Stevenson was second, Walled Lake Central third and Franklin fourth.

The district tournament will take place Saturday, March 4 at Novi High School. Northville will be joined by Novi, Plymouth Canton and Salem and Livonia Churchill.

Mustangs hold off Franklin

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The Northville boys' basketball team decided not to wait until the fourth quarter to make its move, and it paid off in a 70-65 win over Livonia Franklin Friday night.

The Mustangs scored 27 points in the second quarter and built a seven-point lead at the half. The team then hit its free throws down the stretch and came away with its third Western Lakes' victory of the season.

"It was back and forth the whole game," coach Scott Baldwin said. "We ended up wearing them out and our great balanced scoring hurt them too."

Dave Terakedis led Northville with 18 points, but it was the strong resurgence of center Rob Reel that earned the most praise from the coach.

"He played superb basketball. He really got off to a good start and caught fire in the second quarter," the coach said. Reel scored nine of his 17 points during Northville's big quarter.

"It was a good, clean game," Baldwin added. "And we also got a couple of breaks."

One of those breaks came on a drive to the basket by Kip Szostek late in the fourth quarter. The sophomore took the ball strong to the basket and drew a foul on Franklin's best player, Brian Facione. It was Facione's fifth foul of the game.

The Patriots were forced to foul the remaining two minutes of the game and Terakedis and Kelly Bingley were a combined eight for 10 from the line.

"We had everyone healthy for the first time in seven games," Baldwin said. "That really helps."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Junior Rob Reel scored a season-high 17 points Friday.

It was Szostek's first game back from an ankle injury that sidelined him for seven games. Marshall Knapp, Justin Dilley and Bingley were all back to 100 percent after suffering similar ankle injuries midway through the season.

FARMINGTON 73, N'VILLE 63

Terakedis poured in 26 points including seven three pointers, but the Falcons Trevor Gaines scored 27 to lead his team to this league win.

Northville dug itself into a 20-7 hole after the first quarter. Steadily it began to claw its way back into

the game, but came up short.

"It was that first quarter again," the coach said. "We are a slow-starting team. Every game in which we've led after the first quarter, we've won."

"In this game we just came out incredibly flat. We played in a funk, like we were on winter break."

Baldwin said his team focused on stopping Gaines, but couldn't contain him.

The Mustangs wrapped up their regular season Tuesday at Howell (after the Records' deadline.) Tomorrow the team will play a crossover game.

Alpha system gains support

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plan to stop the idiots, but I think they should test them on an individual basis. I really believe making weight is part of the sport."

Novi athletic director John Fundukian agrees with the plan.

"They're kids and they need education," he said. "But I think you have to ask 'what is the problem?' To me a problem means allowing your weight to fluctuate inappropriately."

One common solution is the addition of more weight classes.

"In college they have 10 weight classes, high school 14 and in the middle schools they have 19 weight classes," Fundukian said. "They have to offer more weight classes. That's an essential issue."

No other immediate changes are scheduled for high school wrestling, but that's not so for collegiate wrestling. Several immediate changes were instituted until the NCAA meets again in April to discuss permanent measures.

"It's harder for kids to cut out what they are eating. It's easier for kids to eat like crazy for five days and then fast the other two," Huss said. "Bottom line is that kids are going to bounce up and down."

"We know that on certain teams they were using techniques that we know to be unhealthy and unsafe," Bupp said. "We wanted to build a standard that we could count on."

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Keppen (Howell)	14.9
Williams (Howell)	14.4
Kennedy (Howell)	13.2
Nelson (South Lyon)	13.1
Bahr (Lakeland)	12.1
Nash (Milford)	10.9
Maes (Lakeland)	10.9

TRIPLES	
Williams (Milford)	49
Porta (Hartland)	33
Kennedy (Howell)	31
Terakedis (Northville)	25
Command (Brighton)	25
Bingley (Northville)	21
Nance (Pinckney)	21
Houck (Lakeland)	20
Henry (Pinckney)	19
Neighbors (South Lyon)	17
Keppen (Howell)	16
Russell (South Lyon)	14
Duncan (South Lyon)	14
Drury (Novi)	14
Carroll (Northville)	14

REBOUNDS	
Henson (Brighton)	87
See (Hartland)	82
Martin (Lakeland)	80
Maes (Lakeland)	80
Keppen (Howell)	76
Proper (Fowlerville)	69
Reel (Northville)	64
Pearson (Brighton)	57
Nash (Milford)	53
Snearly (Novi)	52

ASSISTS	
Bingley (Northville)	50
Porta (Hartland)	45
Drury (Novi)	45
Taylor (Pinckney)	43
Cunningham (Novi)	42
Houck (Lakeland)	41
Harris (Hartland)	40
Drury (Novi)	35
Henson (Brighton)	34
Carroll (Northville)	31
Bahr (Lakeland)	31
Donovan (Fowlerville)	30
Cunningham (Novi)	30
Terakedis (Northville)	29

STEALS	
Taylor (Pinckney)	59
Henry (Pinckney)	49
Terakedis (Northville)	40
Drury (Novi)	37
Rau (Pinckney)	38
Porta (Hartland)	35

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	
Maes (Lakeland)	63.0
G. Hox (Milford)	61.0
Keppen (Howell)	54.0
Caldwell (Milford)	57.0
Neighbors (South Lyon)	56.1
Martin (Lakeland)	53.0
Knapp (Northville)	52.0

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	
Walters (Howell)	83.0
Nelson (South Lyon)	82.1
Taylor (Pinckney)	81.6
Allen (Northville)	79.2
Kennedy (Howell)	79.0
Carroll (Northville)	78.3
May (Howell)	77.0
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HOCKEY

SCORING	
Garcia (Brighton)	29-30-59
Bachmann (Howell)	34-21-55
Boone (Northville)	22-30-52
O'Toole (Milford)	38-14-52
Olczewski (Brighton)	21-31-52
DeArnett (Hartland)	23-15-38
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Sprague (Howell)	16-21-37
Moore (Brighton)	15-17-32
Zewatsky (Milford)	10-21-31
Edwards (Northville)	16-14-30
Wilson (Brighton)	8-22-30
DaArnett (Hartland)	9-20-29
R. Mexico (Brighton)	14-14-28
Labram (South Lyon)	15-13-28
Oberle (South Lyon)	11-17-28
Schwang (Lakeland)	17-9-26
Kastano (South Lyon)	14-11-25
King (Howell)	17-8-25
Merritt (South Lyon)	9-15-24
Schiebold (Milford)	11-13-24
Heyn (Milford)	9-15-24
Keller (Howell)	5-18-23
Lewis (Lakeland)	14-6-20
Pringle (Lakeland)	13-7-20
Knurick (Milford)	11-9-20
Watson (Hartland)	11-9-20
Snyder (Northville)	9-10-19
Ryan (Northville)	11-7-18
Perrault (Milford)	3-14-17
Machnak (Milford)	8-9-17
Burkart (Lakeland)	5-11-16
Gibson (Brighton)	10-6-15
Sleeva (Hartland)	9-7-16
Witucki (Hartland)	4-11-15
Kessgen (Milford)	2-12-14
Still (Howell)	4-9-13
Charles (Milford)	5-8-13
Richards (Howell)	4-9-13
Morrow (Northville)	2-11-13

GOALS-AGAINST AVERAGE	
Darr (Brighton)	1.58
Brown (Milford)	1.91
Reed (Brighton)	2.26
Strauch (Northville)	2.70
Sveska (South Lyon)	2.95
Cervin (Milford)	3.04
Ryan (Northville)	3.05
Cech (South Lyon)	3.36
Fons (Hartland)	4.33
Watts (Lakeland)	4.96

WRESTLING	
103 POUNDS	
Tarrow (Northville)	26-5
R. Churella (Novi)	35-10
Scannell (Hartland)	31-13
Boudreau (Milford)	17-7
Jambeck (Milford)	17-6
Bragg (Lakeland)	25-12

112 POUNDS	
Arbuckle (Northville)	28-8
Hill (South Lyon)	19-6
Klenschmidt (Fowlerville)	18-11
Reedy (Pinckney)	7-3
Petipren (Hartland)	27-13
Nuhn (Hartland)	12-7
Cozart (Howell)	17-10
Dodds (Novi)	14-10
J. Petkus (Milford)	25-13

119 POUNDS	
R. Torrence (Northville)	34-0
Jig (Novi)	39-2
Olson (Brighton)	37-9
B. Dorenzo (Hartland)	21-9
Lawrence (Milford)	26-15

125 POUNDS	
Saran (Northville)	37-0
Amel (Milford)	43-2

Cowan (Pinckney)	36-7
Kowal (Hartland)	26-7
Bair (Howell)	21-6
Kushner (Brighton)	21-9
Watson (South Lyon)	16-9
Mitchell (Novi)	18-15

130 POUNDS	
Bordenkarcher (Brighton)	27-5
Neuendorf (Lakeland)	36-6
Re Torrence (Northville)	32-6
Montour (Milford)	25-11
Chandler (South Lyon)	23-13
Brantley (Pinckney)	24-16
Reiter (Novi)	17-14

135 POUNDS	
Neumann (Northville)	30-6
Turner (Milford)	31-12
Wood (Brighton)	25-9
Chamberlain (Lakeland)	33-10
D. Call (Fowlerville)	33-10
Therweiler (Howell)	19-8
Fry (Pinckney)	27-14
Jakob (Hartland)	23-17
Glynn (Hartland)	12-10

140 POUNDS	
M. Churella (Novi)	36-3
Scappatucci (Northville)	28-6
Maskill (South Lyon)	22-10
S. Lambert (Brighton)	30-10
Herbert (Fowlerville)	11-6
Fench (Fowlerville)	31-19
Smith (Milford)	20-12
Miller (Pinckney)	3-2

145 POUNDS	
B. Wellman (Fowlerville)	37-1
Stekroth (Hartland)	34-7
Duneske (Hartland)	31-5
J. Lambert (Milford)	31-11
Heiner (Fowlerville)	12-7

Borashko (Novi)	18-18
Roy (Milford)	19-18

152 POUNDS	
Lusk (Hartland)	45-2
Yurkunas (South Lyon)	29-8
J. Call (Fowlerville)	22-13
Enfield (Lakeland)	17-16
Rumpf (Novi)	10-9

160 POUNDS	
McCracken (Northville)	21-7
Philburn (Fowlerville)	31-15
Woods (Fowlerville)	6-3
Clark (South Lyon)	18-11
Cervi (Novi)	10-7

171 POUNDS	
J. Wellman (Fowlerville)	36-2
Kalik (Novi)	35-9
Fuller (Brighton)	34-12
Humphries (Milford)	20-13
Giles (Northville)	20-15

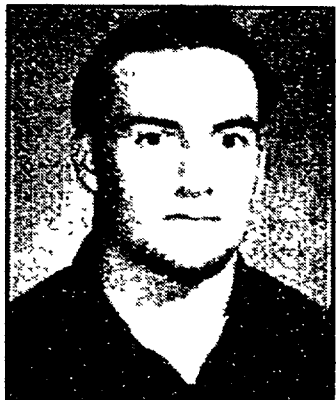
189 POUNDS	
Grider (Northville)	30-5
Sheehan (Pinckney)	29-4
Plecha (Novi)	29-7
M. Cuher (Howell)	24-7

215 POUNDS	
Tyle (Fowlerville)	35-1
Talbot (Novi)	36-4
Wilson (South Lyon)	10-6
Lvanos (Northville)	20-11

Heavyweight	
Posey (Hartland)	31-3
Bowersox (Northville)	27-5
D'Agostino (South Lyon)	22-8
Fortune (Lakeland)	16-6
Molnar (Milford)	26-11
Faulkner (Novi)	30-13

NORTHVILLE ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Bryan Grider—Senior



Grider was one of 10 Mustangs to advance to the individual regional tournament this weekend at Temperance-Bedford. The 215-pound senior finished third after pinning Adrian in the consolation finals. Grider is a co-captain for Northville, which finished as district champions with a 33-23 win over Novi in the finals.

Lauren Metaj—Senior



Metaj has been one of Northville's top players all year-long. Despite a loss to Franklin Monday night, the Mustangs finished second in the Western Division and are seeded fifth in the conference tournament Saturday at Harrison. Metaj and Ashley Ossola anchor a group that has put together a 17-13-2 record this season.

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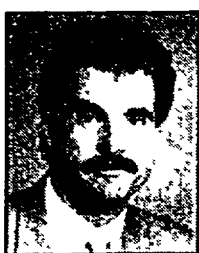
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HOW TO Fixing bricks and mortar

By Gene Gary
Copley News Service

Q. Our home is trimmed in brick along the foundation (approximately 3 feet high), and the chimney is brick. I have noticed some recent deterioration (cracking and crumbling) in the mortar around the brick. In fact, some of the bricks have become loose. What should be done in the way of repairs, and is this something I could attempt myself?

A. You are wise to be concerned about this condition. Cracked or crumbling mortar joints allow moisture to penetrate the wall, where it can cause even more extensive damage. Masonry should be inspected every year, and repair of damaged joints, along with replacement of damaged or loose bricks, should be made as soon as possible.

Fixing mortar joints is called repointing (or tuck-pointing). It involves chiseling out damaged mortar and replacing it. Although the process is not difficult, you should evaluate the job carefully. It's fairly easy to deal with small areas, but if a major rebuilding of the brick facing is involved, it's best to call in a professional mason. Similarly, if your chimney lacks a liner or has holes, large gaps or smoke coming from anywhere but the top, call a mason.

If you decide to make the repairs yourself, you will need a small sledgehammer, a narrow-bladed cold chisel and a paint-scraper to remove cracked and crumbling mortar. You will also need a mortar board, trowel and a tuck-pointer (a trowel with a long, narrow blade) to work the new mortar into the joints. A brick jointer should be used to give the mortar joints their final shape.

Select mortar that is most suitable for your climate (check with your local masonry dealer for recommendations). Begin by removing any damaged or loose bricks. You will have to chisel them out, removing the surrounding mortar. Break the brick with the chisel and sledge, if necessary, to speed up the work. Carefully chip away all the old mortar clinging to the surrounding bricks; sweep out the mortar debris.

Thoroughly wet the bricks, but do not put in the new brick until the surface of the surrounding brick is dry, or the mortar will not bond properly. Mix a small batch of new mortar. "Butter" the edges of the bricks around the opening and the appropriate sides of the replacement brick. Holding the brick carefully to center it in the opening, press it into place.

There will be a great deal of excess mortar that will be forced out. This is necessary to ensure a tight joint. Clean the edges of the brick with your trowel, then thumb the joint when the mortar is just thumb-print hard. Tool to match the old joints.

Once damaged bricks have been replaced, continue with the repair of any cracked or crumbling mortar joints. Use the chisel and sledge to tap out loose mortar in each joint to a depth of at least 1 inch, or until you reach solid mortar. Hold the chisel at a sharp angle and try not to chip the bricks. Rake the joints clean, leaving a flat surface at the back of the cut. After chiseling the mortar out, use high-pressure water to remove all particles of mortar in the joints.

The mortar you use for repointing is slightly different from that used for brick-laying. Make sure it is more pliable and better able to bond with the old underlayer of mortar by using the following recipe: Mix one part Portland cement, two parts dehydrated lime and eight parts sand. When adding water, add only enough to make a ball of mortar. Let this set for about 20 minutes, then add more water until it is a rich, plastic consistency ready for application.

This technique will reduce the tendency of old mortar to draw too much water out of the new mix and weaken it. Even so, brush water into the joints before filling with mortar. Work from the bottom of the wall up. Scoop some mortar onto a trowel, hold the trowel up to the joint and push the mortar in with the tuck-pointer.

Fill vertical joints first, then horizontals. Fill deep joints in layers. Allow each layer to stiffen some what before applying the next one.

After filling each joint, smooth the mortar with the tuck-pointer. Scrape any excess mortar off the face of the brick. Stir the mortar in the bucket periodically to keep it pliable. If it gets stiff, don't add water; discard it for a new batch.

When the mortar is firm enough to hold an impression of your thumb, give the joint the same finished shape as the older joints. To make a concave joint, press the rounded end of a brick-jointer into the mortar and draw it along the center. Use the opposite end of the brick-jointer to make a V-joint. Use the edge of a trowel to make a sharply angled "weathered" joint.

When tuck-pointing, it's important to use these recommended tools. The use of goggles is also recommended for protection against flying chips of mortar or brick fragments during any removal process.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Lighting in a home must suit the decor and function of a room according to Paul Bauman, owner of Reid Lighting in Novi, shown here with a Tiffany lamp by Dale.

Decorating with light

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Whether you're building a new home, remodeling, or just want to add additional light to your existing home, there are plenty of options from which to choose.

But the most common mistake people make when select-

ing lighting is that they buy something to match the decor of the house, failing to consider whether or not it will be functional, according to Paul Bauman, owner of Reid Lighting in Novi.

Lighting has to accomplish two things. It must suit the decor of the room and give off

enough light for the room.

The amount of light needed in a room is calculated by the square footage and function of the room.

"A kitchen needs more light than a den," Bauman said. "Different calculations are used to let people know what their lighting requirements are."

Most people are confused by all the lighting options.

"Our job is to unconfuse them," Bauman said. "There are so many different types and applications of lighting you can make a mistake."

It's better to do it right the first time, because it can become an ordeal to correct,

according to Bauman.

"For recessed (lighting) you better be sure because they are built into the ceiling," he said. "If there's not enough light, then you have a problem."

There are solutions but it's better to do it right the first

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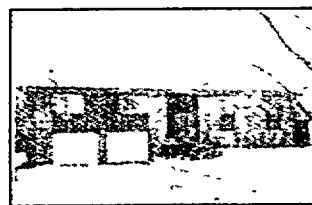
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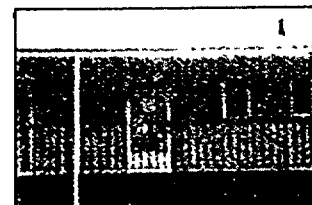
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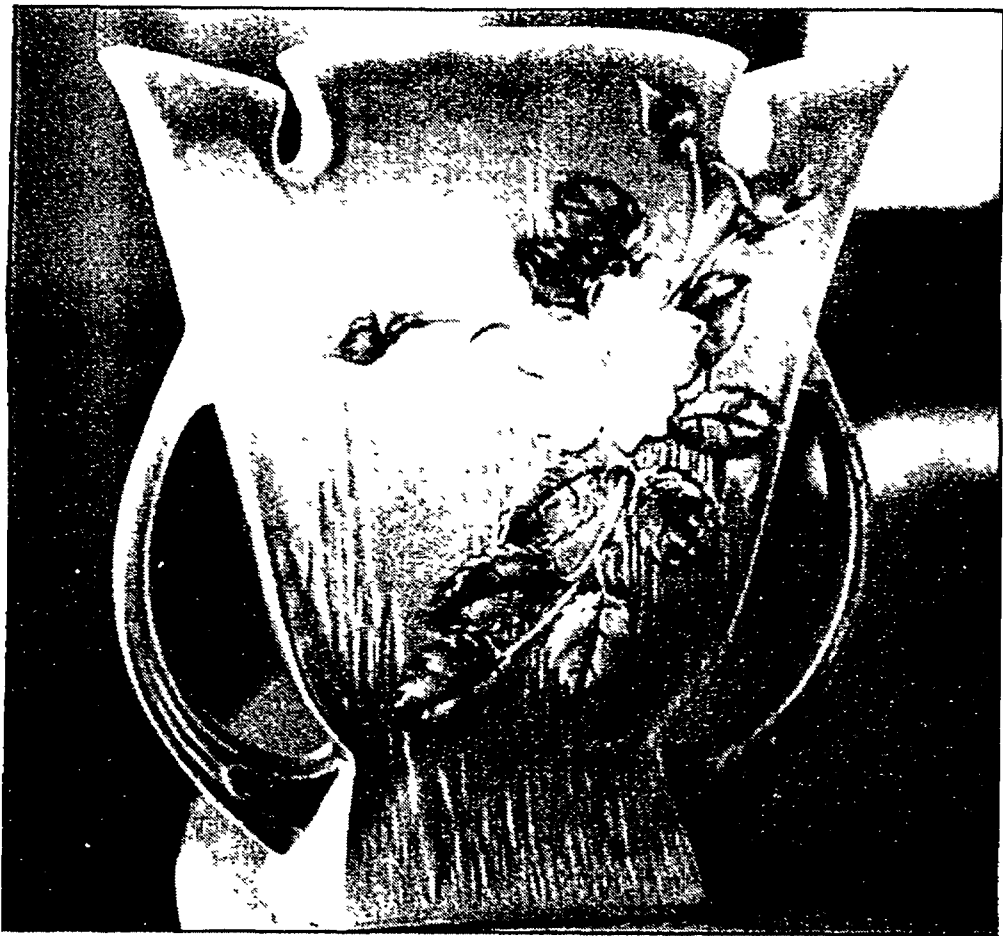
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ANTIQUES

Roseville company made many fine pottery works



This art pottery vase, made in 1940, is probably worth \$135-\$175.

By Anne McCollam
Copley News Service

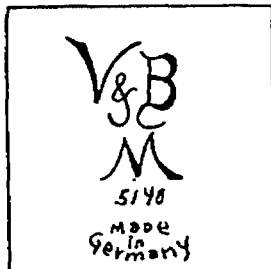
Q. I would appreciate any information you can provide about my pottery vase in this picture.

The vase is 9 inches high and blue with white flowers and green leaves. On the bottom of the vase are the words "Roseville - USA - 987 - 9." It is in perfect condition without any cracks or flaws.

A. Your art pottery vase was introduced by Roseville Pottery, Zanesville, Ohio, in 1940. The pattern is White Rose and was available in coral, sea blue or autumn brown. The number "987" is the model number, and "9" refers to the height.

It would probably be worth about \$135 to \$175.

Q. This mark is on the back of a framed blue-and-white tile that has been in our family for many years. The tile, without the frame, measures 17 inches by 6 inches and is decorated with a Dutch scene of ships sailing into a port. On the shore are people and a castle.



How much is my tile worth, and who made it?

A. Your Delft-type tile was made by Villeroy & Boch, Mettlach, Germany. This mark was used from 1893 to 1930. The number is a design number.

Its value would probably be about \$425 to \$475.

Q. I have a set of dishes that were my grandmother's. I believe she bought them in the early 1930s in Los Angeles. Each piece is square and green with tan edges. On the bottom of some of the dishes are the words "Gabriel - Pasadena." Others are marked "Winfield - Pasadena" in script.

I would appreciate any information you might have on them.

A. Winfield Pottery, Pasadena, Calif., made your dishes. They were in business from 1929 to 1962. Lesley Winfield Sample founded the pottery. Margaret Gabriel designed dinnerware

intended for everyday use. She created and initiated the square-shape designs. The Winfield script mark was used around 1941, and the Gabriel mark was used after 1947.

Each place setting would be worth about \$75.

Q. My grandfather gave me his cast-iron toy truck that he had in the 1920s.

The truck has a trailer ramp that carries three cars, and the overall length is 12 inches. The cars are red and green, and each has nickel-plated spoked wheels. On each car the word "Austin" appears.

What is the truck's value?

A. If your car carrier is an AC Williams, has the original paint and is in very good condition, it would probably be worth about \$800 to \$900.

Q. My mother gave me her porcelain tea set. It consists of a teapot, creamer, sugar and six plates, cups and saucers. They are decorated with delicate white flowers against a green background and trimmed in red-orange. The glaze inside the cups has a golden luster. Each piece is marked with an "H" in a flower and "Japan" below that.

I am 61 and can remember my mother using her tea set when I was quite small. I would like to know how old it is and what it is worth?

A. There has been an increase in interest in objects made in Japan in the early part of this century. Similar tea sets were made in the 1920s and 1930s.

Your tea set would probably fetch around \$150 in an antique shop.

BOOK REVIEW

"American Art Pottery" (Collector Books) by Dick Sigafosse is a beautiful collection of pottery, tile and memorabilia from 1880 to 1950. Featured are 48 companies from the well-known to the lesser-known. Also included is information previously not found in other guides. Sigafosse has compiled detailed histories, original ads, current prices and more than 500 gorgeous photos. This reference guide is a must-have for American art pottery collectors, both the experienced and novice.

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, self-addressed envelope and \$5 per item (one item at a time).

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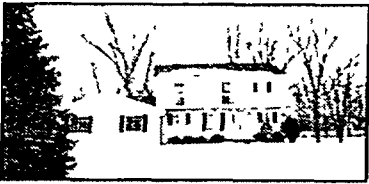
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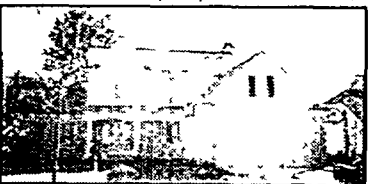
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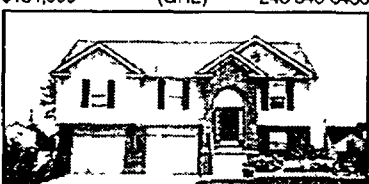
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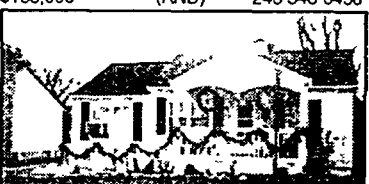
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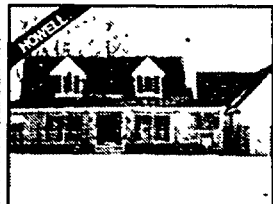
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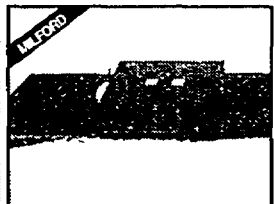
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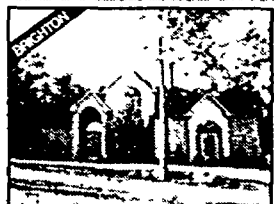
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13377 TEN MILE ROAD - SOUTH LYON
N SIDE OF TEN MILE/W OF DIXBORO
PICTURESQUE SETTING
Classy 3 bedroom ranch with 2 car attached garage. Professionally decorated with updates and top of the line extras throughout. Beautifully wooded lot is landscaped to a tee. Immediate occupancy.
\$169,500



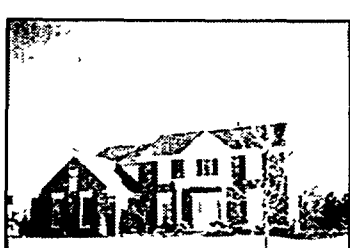
20246 SUNSET - LIVONIA
S OF EIGHT MILE/E OF MERRIMAN
NEW CONSTRUCTION & READY TO OCCUPY!
Features 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, dining room, formal living room, 1st floor laundry, 2 car attached garage and full basement. Prices begin at (246SU) **\$169,900**



CANTON'S FINEST
With an outstanding location backing to the commons, this beautiful Glengarry home is ready to move into. Tastefully decorated throughout and professionally landscaped make this a terrific home for the transferee.
(893SE) **\$264,900**



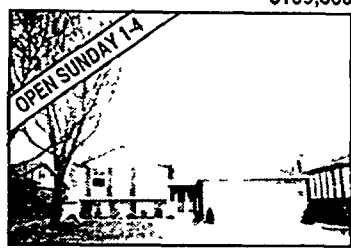
TOO GOOD TO LAST
Very clean 1992 built brick and vinyl colonial featuring 2 1/2 baths, 3 large bedrooms, central air 2 car garage and a finished basement. Super N Dearborn Heights Location for just (753KI) **\$149,900**



WINDSOR 1 MODEL IN FOX RUN SUB!
Canton Colonial on premium sized lot across from commons. 2 story with oak floor, 2 way fireplace between library and family room, 1st floor laundry, full basement, master suite with jacuzzi and giant walk in closet. (184ME) **\$294,900**



A RARE FIND
One year old Canton Cape Cod features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, upgraded carpet, neutral decor, privacy fenced 20x12 deck, 2 car attached garage, Canton schools, extra deep basement, glass block windows.
(647BR) **\$143,900**



46324 GAINSBOROUGH-CANTON
N OF WARREN/W OF CANTON CENTER
SUNFLOWER VILLAGE
Offers this immaculate, neutral decor, totally updated, spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath, including furnace, roof, carpet, some windows. Paint interior & exterior. Beautiful fenced yard with deck, newer landscaping. Pool, clubhouse and tennis. **\$179,900**



704 BURLINGTON - CANTON
S OF CHERRY HILL/E OF LOTZ
A LOT OF LIVING SPACE
Great 4 bedroom colonial, huge master bedroom, large 2nd bedroom has bath access. Updates in 1997 furnace, humidifier, garage door opener, reshingled foyer & kitchen floor, new carpet, hot water heater. Don't miss this one!! (704BU) **\$174,900**



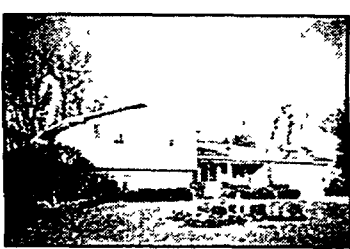
WESTLAND WITH LIVONIA SCHOOLS
Outstanding Cape on a double lot featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and almost everything new since 1992 (Furnace, Windows, Baths, Huge Garage and Shed) (138HU) **\$119,900**



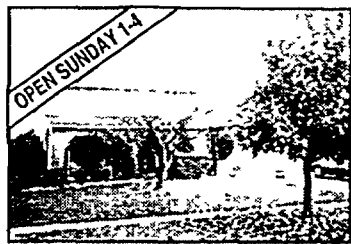
COUNTRY RANCH ON 2+ ACRES
Spacious family home with 4 fireplaces, wood floors, remodeled kitchen, 22x10 heated sunroom, partially finished basement with 2 bedrooms, towering trees, inground pool, perennial flower gardens. (775RI) **\$329,000**



CLASSIC
Well cared for red brick bungalow with 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, dining room, hardwood floors, 2 car garage. This gently used home has had original owners since it's birth, and has been maintained throughout its years. Sit on the porch and enjoy the perennial gardens. (442PE) **\$189,000**



DYNAMITE MEADOWBROOK LAKE
Now colonial with quick occupancy with lots of updates! Gorgeous 1/2 acre wooded lot, 2 car garage, beautifully finished hardwood floors in living room, dining room and master bedroom, newer roof shingles, family room with wall fireplace. (667EN) **\$239,900**



6930 EPPING - CANTON
S OF WARREN/E OF SHELTON
SO MUCH HOUSE FOR THE MONEY
Large 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial. Loads of cupboards in this extra large kitchen study, 1st floor laundry, family room with raised hearth fireplace. **\$173,900**



42718 SOMERSET DRIVE/CANTON
N OF FORD/W OF LILLEY
TERRIFIC 3 BEDROOM RANCH
Home with family room and fireplace beautifully updated and immaculate clean finished basement with full bath. **\$138,900**



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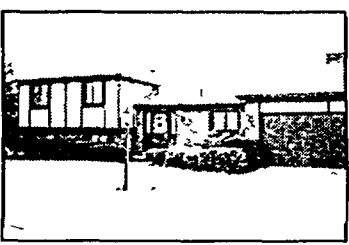
NEED ANOTHER BATH?
This 3 bedroom Canton ranch boasts that it has 2 full baths! Extra's including dining room, 1st floor laundry, appliances, many updates. Patio and 2 car attached garage. (697RA) **\$163,000**



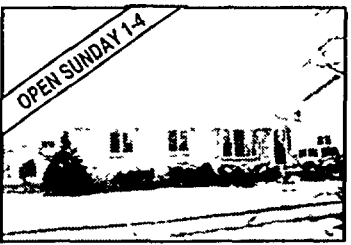
FIVE BEDROOMS
Finally a real five bedroom home! Over 2500 sq. ft., second floor laundry, second floor hobby room, 26x24 entry level family room, gorgeous remodeled kitchen, 2 1/2 baths and Plymouth Canton schools. No disappointments here! (212OR) **\$179,900**



46613 SWANMERE - CANTON
S OF WARREN/E OF BECK
CHOICE CONTENTS
This 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths Sunflower 8 beauty has a great room with fireplace, study with French doors, formal dining room, 1st floor laundry, master bedroom suite with luxury bath including soak tub & separate shower. **\$229,500**



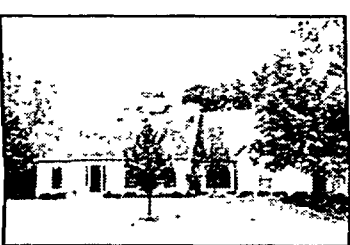
EXTRA! EXTRA!
Read all about this Livonia quad level! 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, family room, dining room, 1st floor laundry, fieldstone fireplace, wet bar off family room, new roof (98), newer kitchen floor, wood windows, patio and 2 car attached garage. (463NO) **\$214,900**



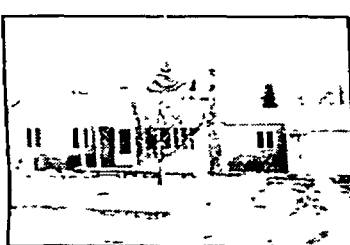
43665 APPLEWOOD - CANTON
S OF PALMER/E OF SHELTON
TOTALLY REMODELED
Must see! Newer kitchen with hickory cabinets, newer carpeting throughout, furnace, central air unit, paneled finished basement with work area, nice deck 16x12 with gas grill! Immediate occupancy. **\$129,900**



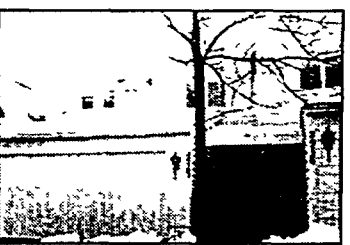
RANCH CONDO
Immaculate, neutral decor, 2 bedroom, 2 full baths, first floor laundry, gas fireplace in living room, central air, spacious kitchen with upgraded cabinets, basement, 2 car attached garage, pool, tennis courts, easy access to expressways. (649DR) **\$147,000**



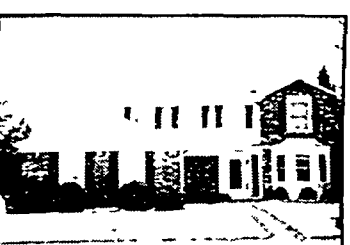
JUST FAR ENOUGH AWAY
To be called "The Ideal Location." Newer Cape Cod style home with 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, formal living and dining rooms, country kitchen and finished walk-out lower level. Situated on approximately 5 acres. (491SA) **\$392,000**



TREMENDOUS VALUE IN PLYMOUTH!
Mint 3 bedroom, 1 bath ranch in Plymouth Township. Newer carpet, bath, kitchen, paint, attached garage, large fenced yard, large living room with gas fireplace, all appliances included. What a great opportunity to live in Plymouth! (034MA) **\$119,900**



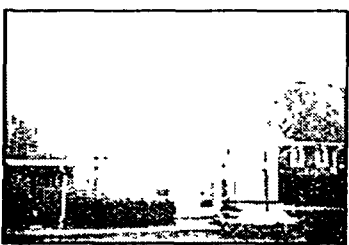
ALL THE AMENITIES
Are in this 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath townhouse overlooking treed area and pond. Woodburning fireplace, ceramic tile, skylights, first floor laundry, finished walk-out and 2 car attached garage. Walking distance to downtown Farmington. (123TA) **\$184,500**



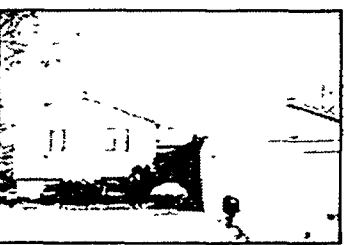
MAYFAIR VILLAGE
North Canton spacious 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, formal dining room, living room and family room with bay windows, newer windows on back and side, newer carpet on 1st floor, 1st floor laundry, fireplace, full basement. (850AS) **\$187,000**



10997 LAUREL - LIVONIA
S OF PLYMOUTH RD/E OF WAYNE
ROCKING CHAIR FRONT PORCH
Fenced 1/2 acre, 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, basement mechanics dream garage 25x30 with 10 ft ceilings & a 2nd garage 12x20 tons of updates in progress. Will look at all reasonable offers. Must sell. **\$145,000**



A SHORT STROLL TO DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH
Is yours from this sharp 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath condo with newer windows and doorwa! newer roof, beautiful Florida room overlooking the commons. Hurry on this! (701DE) **\$86,900**



NEED MORE SPACE, LOOK NO MORE...
Than this 4 bedroom, 3 full bath, nicely updated home. Offers: Open floor plan, ceramic foyer, oak kitchen with newer floor and newer carpet in most rooms, newer windows and roof plus 15x13 Florida room. (410ME) **\$169,999**



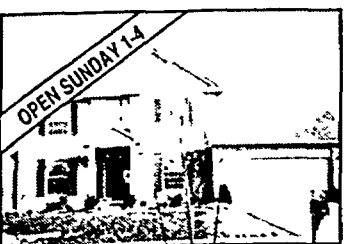
WEDGEWOOD VILLAGE
Two bedroom townhouse boasts private entry, fireplace, dining room, finished basement, first floor laundry, attached garage and prized location. (860LY) **\$117,500**



BRAND NEW & BEAUTIFUL
Three bedroom Cape Cod with open floor plan boasts 2 1/2 baths with additional bath prepped for in lower level which has a walk-out to Andover pond. This plan has a great room with fireplace, 1st floor laundry, formal dining room. (055WE) **\$245,100**



BRAND NEW AND READY TO OCCUPY!
This 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial has 2140 sq. ft., master suite, vaulted ceilings, walk-in closet and master bath. Family room with fireplace, 1st floor laundry, full basement and 2 car attached garage. (432NO) **\$209,900**



10111 FOOTHILL - CANTON
S OF CHERRY HILL/E OF LOTZ
NEWER BUILT
Your dream home awaits you, open floor plan features 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, den, formal dining room, with vaulted ceilings, 1st floor laundry & more. **\$224,900**



CONSIDER THIS
Open, airy almost new condo in wooded setting, wonderful 1st floor master, great room with 2 story ceilings, 2 bedrooms and loft, full basement and attached garage. (293NO) **\$214,900**



2 BEDROOM DETACHED RANCH CONDO
Very desirable central parkway condominiums. 2 car attached garage, full basement under condo, large wood deck, doorwall from master bedrooms to deck overlooking pretty pond. 2 bedrooms and 2 baths. (387MO) **\$129,900**



DREAM HOME COME TRUE
4 bedroom Colonial on over 2 acres in Sa'len, finished walkout to back patio and multi-tiered deck with inground pool with spa, plus professional landscaping with pond, new furnace and roof. (796LO) **\$438,000**



SPACIOUS AND UPDATED
This home will truly surprise you! Lots of updates throughout, major ones! 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, attached garage, almost a 1/2 acre lot, some new windows, roof, vinyl siding and much more. Not a drive by! (963WH) **\$129,900**



VERY CUSTOM RANCH
Custom 5 bedroom ranch, formal dining room, 1st floor laundry, 3 full baths, large master bedroom with master bath and jacuzzi tub and shower, walk-in closets, finished basement with recreation room and bar, all on 1/2 acre. (069FA) **\$299,900**

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BRIGHTON, SUN. 3-1-98, 1-4pm 536 Glenwyth. Reduced to \$161,900 Charming colonial, 1725sq ft. 4 br., 2 1/2 bath, 2 story foyer. Large deck off breakfast nook. Entry level bedroom (could be used as a den) Home warranty. Sellers highly motivated! Call Shirley Patrick at The Michigan Group, (810)227-4600 Ext. 321. Code No 19004

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FENTON, OPEN Sat. Feb 28th, 1-4pm 19300 Tipico Lake Rd (US-23 to White Lake Rd east past Denton Hill) Nearly 2500sq ft. home built in 1996 on 2 acres Just listed for \$265,000 Call Darlene Mortrose, (810)760-5917 or 1-800-731-5000 Robert Garrow & Associates Realtors

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BLOOMFIELD - For Sale by Motivated Owner 3 br., 3.5 bath, 2850 sq ft charming ranch Near Cranbrook. \$389,000 (248)647-4569

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3 BR. Ranch 1 bath, 2 car attached garage, large breezeway, close to school in downtown. No agents please \$128,900 More information (810)229-2228

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A+ TOP quality new ranch. 1900+ sq ft. walkout bsmt, 3 car garage, huge kitchen w/2 way gas fireplace Secluded sub, \$229,000 Open Sun 12-5pm (810)231-9054

BRIGHTON - 5410 Military Beautiful 1200sq ft ranch near downtown Professionally remodeled throughout including carpet, ceramic tile, crown moldings and fixtures Spacious living room, dining room, 2-3 bedrooms and new bathroom Large deck with fenced in yard and garage Newer windows, roof, siding and center air \$119,500 Open Sunday 1-4pm or by appt (810)220-8528 or (313)878-6979

Brighton City Home Four br., 3 bath ranch home overlooking Oak Creek for sale by owner Finished lower level walkout, A/C fireplace, skylight, oak flooring, two car garage, all appliances, and more Two blocks east of Main St. Call (810)220-8539 \$149,000

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BY OWNER. 4 br., 3 bath, 1 1/2 stories on 1/2 wooded lot, 1st floor master, 2 fireplaces, cathedral ceilings, large kitchen w/open concept. Minutes from x-ways. \$293,900 (810)227-3555

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LAKEFRONT. 3,232 sq ft., with 1300sq ft. finished walkout bsmt., large custom kitchen, 3/4 br., 4 car garage, Jacuzzi and more \$399,000 (248)446-9227

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PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP SHOWS. 3 br's., 2 baths, FR w/nat. fireplace, mature trees, sidewalks, great location (CO 7248L) \$149,900 00

SUMMER BY THE POOL. large deck, expertly landscaped, picture perfect! 4 bedrooms + a study, full fin walkout. (CO 7210L) \$314,500 00

FABULOUS EAST RIDGE SUB. 4 br's., 3.5 baths, formal DR, multi-level deck, w/view of nature. Walkout LL, 3 car gar., decking. (CO 7239L) \$279,900 00

NEW CONSTRUCTION. Largest lot in sub, mature pine trees, 3 br's., study, fireplace, deck. Brighton Schools. (CO 7245L) \$199,900 00

LAKE ARE PARADISE! Move in by spring! Light, bright, recent updates, fireplace, hardwood flrs, 2 br's., (LHP 7227L) \$94,900 00

ON BRIGHTON'S MILLPOND! 1700+ sq ft beautiful home. 3 br's., study, 6 person spa rm., 225 sq ft detached office! (CO 7222L) \$148,900 00

NEED 4 BEDROOMS? Great Family neighborhood. Fireplace, priv. backyard, deck, a/c, Lake & beach access. (LHP 7177L) \$139,850 00

HAVE IT ALL! 4 br's., finished walkout, LR, DR, FR, 2 fireplaces, wine cellar, wet bar, 3 car gar. (CO 7148L) \$259,900 00

WHAT A VIEW! Enjoy lake & beach access. 3 br's., 2 baths, kit. w/center isl., skylights, fireplace, huge deck and a/c \$139,900 00 (CO 7213L)

LIVE BETTER FOR LESS! Located in desirable, Shenandoah, Pond Sub; 3 br's., 2 1/2 bath, formal DR, full bsmt., living rm w/fireplace (CO 7228L) \$205,000 00

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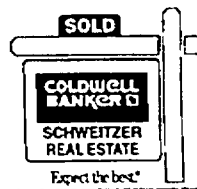
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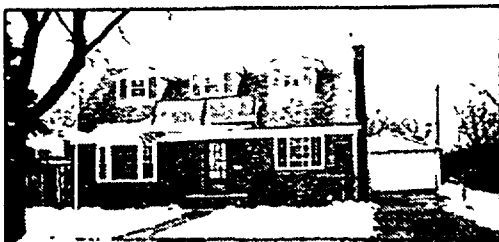
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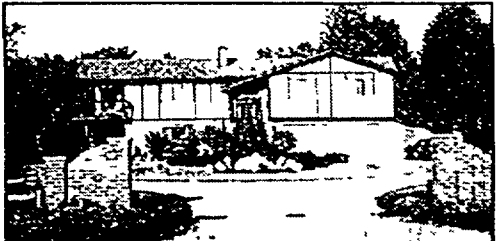
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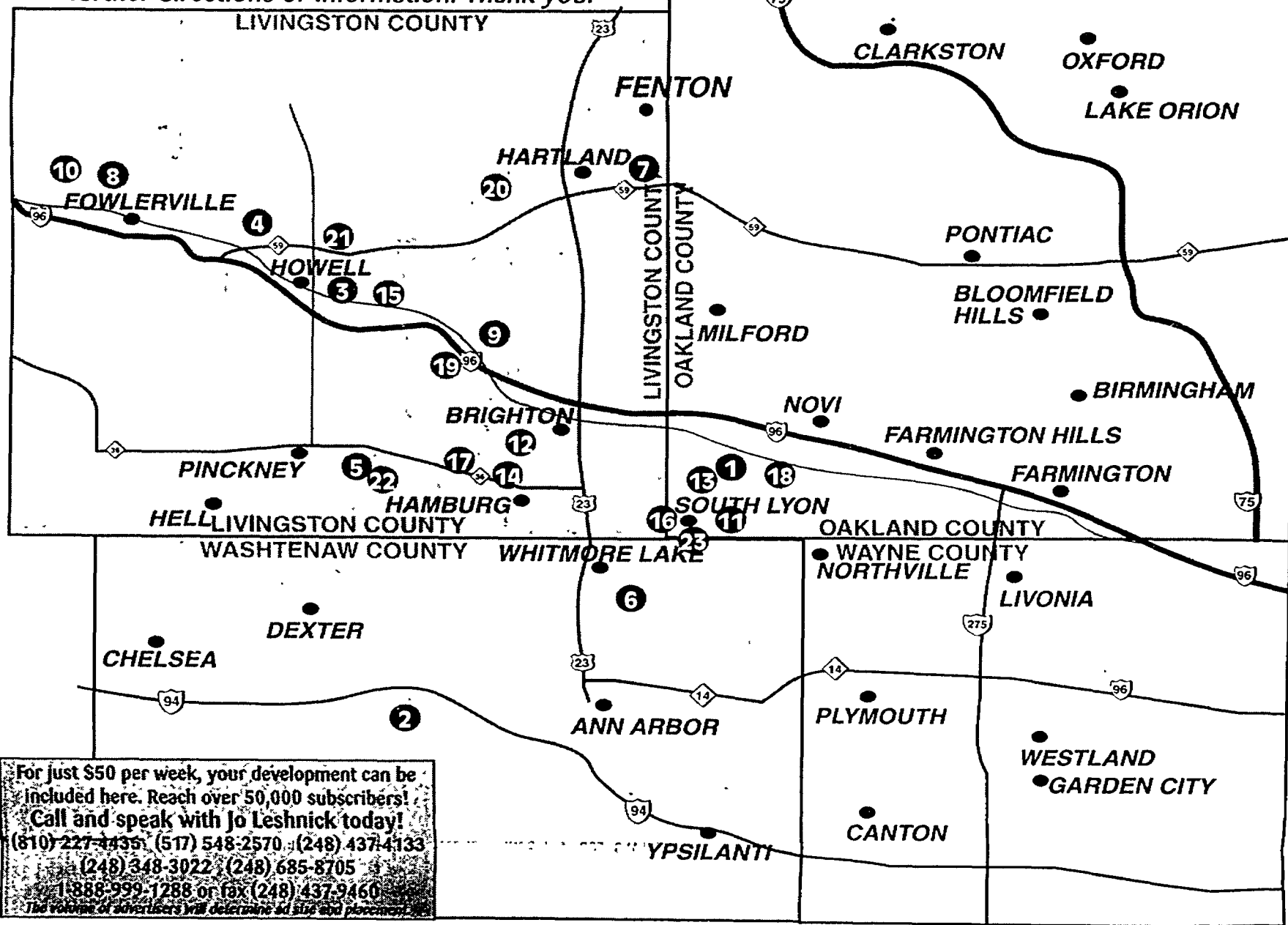
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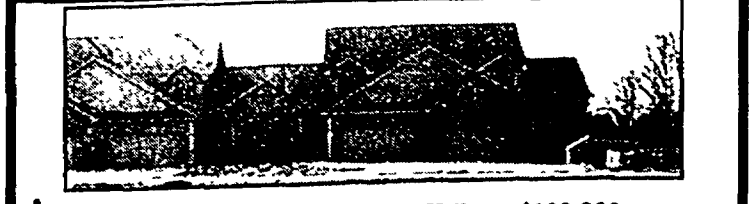


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New tax laws will ease homeowners' worries

By James M. Woodard
Copley News Service

It's that time of year when families are frantically looking for whatever tax deductions they can find to minimize their soon-to-be-due 1997 income tax, and plan for a more tax-friendly 1998.

The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 gave us (taxpayers) a few good breaks. Some are related to home ownership.

For example, capital gains on the sale of a home has been effectively eliminated for most owners. Gains up to \$500,000 for couples, \$250,000 for singles, is exempt from capital gains taxes if you sold your home after May 6, 1997.

For other capital gains, the maximum rate has been reduced from 28 percent to 20 percent. But for those who are in the 15 percent tax bracket, the long-term capital gains rate can be as low as 10 percent, according to a report from KPMG Peat Marwick LLP, an information and consulting firm.

Also, don't forget the time-honored tax deductions such as home mortgage interest, home mortgage interest points, property taxes, and certain job-hunting and moving expenses.

The new tax law affects most taxpayers in one way or another, it was noted in the KPMG report. The upside is that the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 actually reduces the tax burden for many taxpayers. The downside is that the law is extremely complex. If you plan to file with anything other than the standard deductions, you should consult a tax professional.

Occasionally, this column focuses on a very extraordinary home. If you know of one that is particularly unique and interesting, send the information to me. Here is one that deserves special attention:

This 20,000-square-foot residence is in the Aspen, Colo., area. Specifically, it's situated on a 67-acre site in Roaring Fork Valley, overlooking Snowmass, Aspen Mountain and the valley. The property is currently on the market, and can be yours for a cool \$24,880,000.

This is the premier luxury home in 852-acre Owl Creek Ranch, a world-renowned mountain resort

community. The home features hand-crafted beams and logs, accenting the stone exterior. Inside, you'll find six fireplaces, specially designed lighting, hand-crafted cabinetry and an array of luxury features too numerous to list here.

Visitors first notice the massive teak doors leading to the foyer. An office with fireplace is highlighted with a 28-foot ceiling. A spacious great room combines living and dining area and opens to wraparound terraces.

Two huge limestone fireplaces in the Great Room dramatize the space along with trusses and beams of reclaimed Douglas fir and butternut wood. And I should mention the media-game room with custom entertainment center and exercise room with steam bath - almost considered a necessity in today's new homes in resort areas.

The price tag for this home is even high for the Aspen area, where the average single family home sold for \$2 million last year, according to Bob Ritchie, broker-partner of the brokerage and management firm of Coates Reid & Waldron in Aspen.

"The market here continues to be very strong, with total sales up about 40 percent over 1997," he said. "Aspen's long-term investment in the infrastructure, the cultural amenities and the fact that it's a full-service four-season resort area has continued to support our real estate values."

Q. Just how hot was last year's housing market in the United States?

A. Driven by steady economic growth, low unemployment and extremely favorable housing affordability conditions, the 1997 housing market posted a record-high number of sales, according to a report from the National Association of Realtors.

Sales of existing single-family homes last year reached 4.21 million units, marking the highest sales total on record. The previous record was posted in 1996, when sales reached 4.08 million units.

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.

Base fixture choice on room's lighting needs as well as decor

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time.

Very common today is indirect lighting which is functional and casts an ambience in the room.

"People are lighting up rooms with more than one type of light source," he said. "Indirect lighting is very big. You see the light but not the source. We have a whole room dedicated just to that."

Indirect lighting can be used in coves, valances, above and below cabinets, in toe kicks and in floating vanities in powder rooms.

"Lighting needs vary from home to home," said Melissa Watters, a lighting consultant at Michigan Chandelier in Novi.

Along with indirect lighting, other choices to consider are recessed, track, decorative or overhead, uplight, vanity, undercabinet, over the cupboards or in the toe kick, sconces, and ceiling fans with lights.

Recessed lighting can serve as general illumination and can be used for accent lighting.

"A lot of the low-voltage lighting is for the accent," Watters said. When used with a dimmer, recessed lighting can serve a dual purpose - as general illumination and for ambience.

Track fixtures differ from recessed.

"They are better used for accent lighting to illuminate specific things," she said. "I don't like it for general illumination because it creates a lot of dark spots."

Track lighting can be used to illuminate paintings and plants.

Decorative lighting usually are the hanging type fixtures which hang over the dining room table or in the middle of the ceiling in a bedroom. They are good for general illumination in most cases.

Uplighting is used for ambience to create a soft mood.

It can be used alone or with a sconce.

Vanity lighting is commonly used in the bathroom. A row of exposed bulbs on a strip is also known as a Hollywood light which can be very stark.

"Sometimes bathroom vanity lights are uplighting," Watters said. "The nice thing about having it in a bathroom it goes up and

hits the ceiling and comes down which gives a nice wash."

In the kitchen there's undercabinet lighting which is also referred to as task lighting.

"The main purpose for undercabinet lighting is for the task right there on the counter," she said.

To add ambience to the kitchen, there's over-the-cupboard lighting or toe-kick lighting.

"It adds accent above and below the cabinet for a nice mood," Watters said.

Sconces are another fixture which can be used as mood lighting. Attached to the wall they can be wired right into the electrical source behind the drywall to avoid having a cord trailing down the wall.

Ceiling fans with lights serve a dual purpose. The fans are functional and circulate the air while the light on the bottom of the fan can be used for general illumination.

"Some people like that look of a light on the bottom of a fan," Watters said.

The amount of light needed in a room depends on the task.

Halogen bulbs are brighter, whiter and more natural than regular light bulbs. They give off 20 percent more light than a fluorescent bulb, according to Watters.

"Halogen lights in and of themselves are not dangerous," she said. "They do produce a little more heat than a regular light bulb."

Using a regular fluorescent bulb with a dimmer can be very expensive, according to Watters. Energy saving fluorescents are available.

"A lot of times when people come in they look around the lighting showroom (and) it's very hard to determine what size is appropriate for the application when talking about decorative lighting," she said. "In the showroom they look bigger than they will at home."

Watters sometimes works off blueprints, or makes a trip to the home to take measurements of such things as the room and table size.

"It's good to work with someone who is a professional," Watters said.



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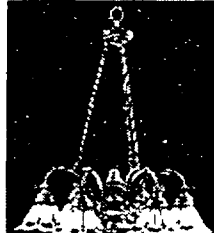
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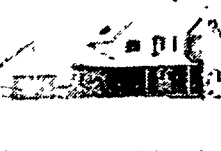
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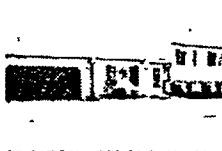
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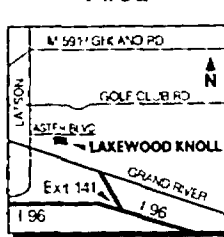
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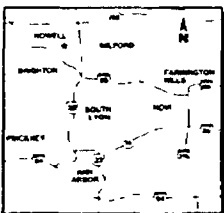
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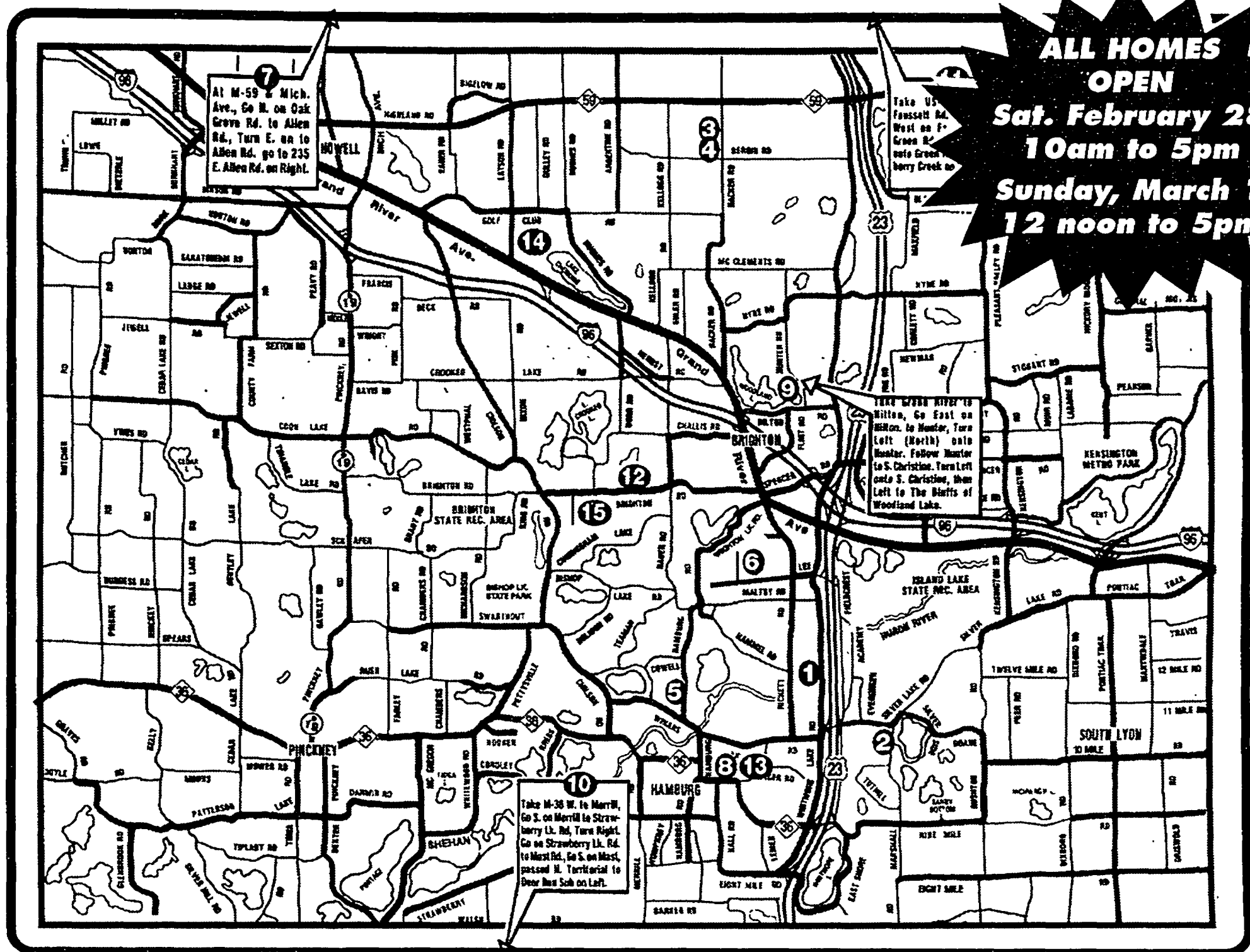
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Developer writes new chapter in Northville history

By JASON SCHMITT
Staff Writer

A piece of Northville history may have been lost, but a new chapter is being written with the addition of Maybury Crossing.

The new subdivision, just beginning to be developed by Bonnie Brook Development, is being constructed on Seven Mile just west of Ridge Road. It will sit where Foreman's Orchard used to be before Ralph Foreman decided to close up the cider mill this past fall.

"We love Northville, we want to take care of the community because the community has taken care of us," said Alan Wood, sales manager for Bonnie Brook Development, Inc. "An important thing for people to know is that this development is being built where an apple orchard stood, not where some landfill used to be."

Foreman's Orchard opened in the early 1930s and for four decades supplied fruit to wholesale dealers all over the area. In 1972, Foreman decided to expand the business to retail customers by opening up a cider mill. Twenty-five years later he decided to hang it up.

Maybury Crossing joins the Oaks of Northville as one of Bonnie Brook's latest developments in Northville Township.

Wood said some of the biggest attractions of the new subdivision are the lot sizes and the country atmosphere.

Maybury Crossing's lots are all

over an acre in size, ranging from 1.005 to 1.423 acres each.

"This is a rarity in Northville," Wood said. "There's not another subdivision in Northville that will offer this size of lots which are an acre or larger within Northville Township. We're finding people want larger parcels of property. They like the country atmosphere, yet they don't want five acres because they'd be too isolated."

Wood said that Bonnie Brook has become well known in Northville for the types of homes that it builds.

"Unlike so many neighborhoods you go into where you're required to buy A, B or C models, we're allowing people to come in and design their own home, basically their dream home," Wood said. "As long as that home fits underneath the deed restrictions of the neighborhood, traditional elevations and fits within the minimum requirements, which is 2,800 square feet for a two-story home."

Maybury Crossing will have 15 units with the back five lots directly adjacent to Maybury State Park.

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Wood said he expects the homes to range from 3,500 to 4,500 square feet and range in price from \$400,000 to \$700,000 each.

Wood said the majority of the families who have reserved lots in Maybury Crossing are from



Sales Manager Alan Wood shows off another of the Bonnie Brook Development company's subdivisions.

Photo by JASON SCHMITT

Northville.

"I think it says a lot when people are willing to make the move within their community. They love the schools, they love the township atmosphere and they love the accessibility," Wood said.

For more information about Maybury Crossing or to reserve a lot, call Alan Wood at the information center located at the site. The phone number is (248) 380-7547.

Business Briefs

STELLAR MATERIALS INC., based in Northville, has been named one of the fastest growing companies in the country by *Inc.* magazine, in its 16th annual ranking of the *Inc.* 500, the comprehensive guide to America's fastest-growing private companies.

The *Inc.* 500, profiled in a special October issue of the magazine, is an exclusive report on the companies and CEOs who are changing the face of American business. Noteworthy past-rankers include Microsoft, Domino's Pizza, and

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Stellar Materials, a manufacturer of proprietary concrete repair materials and refractory products, placed No. 189 on the list. They were joined by eight other Michigan companies that made the list.

"Our company's significant growth over the past five years has been fueled primarily by two things. First and most important, our technology far exceeds any other company's in our industry. Second, we have been very aggressive, competing with companies far

larger and more established than ourselves," said David Mintz, Stellar's director of Marketing.

To be eligible for this year's *Inc.* 500, companies had to be independent and privately held through 1996, had to demonstrate a sales increase from fiscal year 1995 to 1996, and had to show growth in revenues between 1992 and 1996 of at least 499 percent. Stellar Materials met these criteria, showing growth of 1,195 percent.

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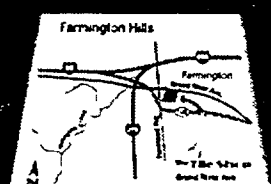
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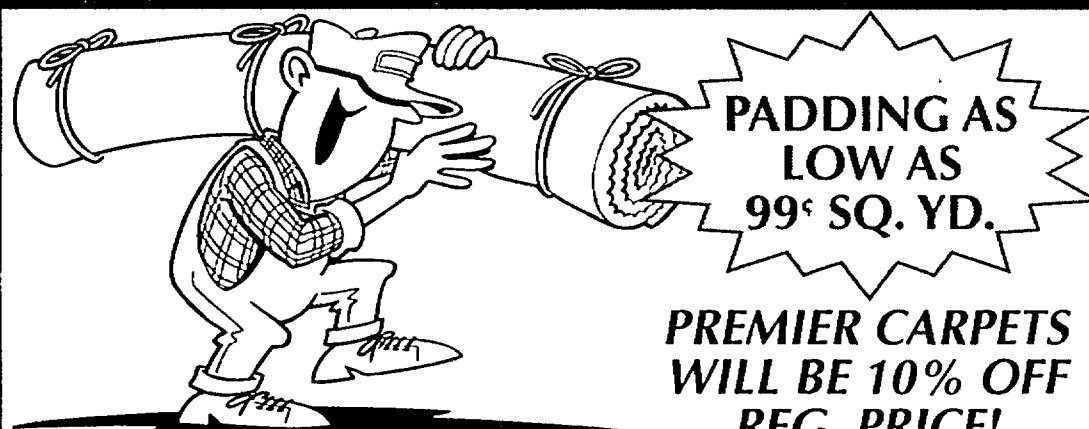
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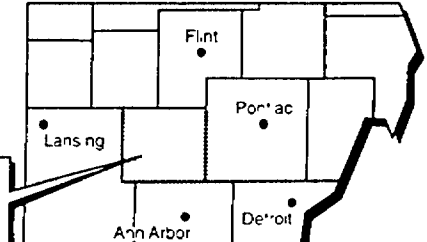
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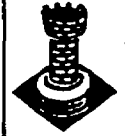
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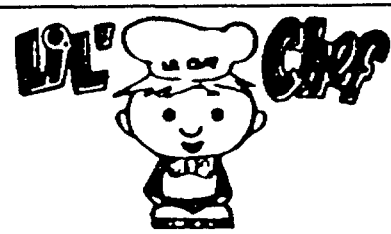
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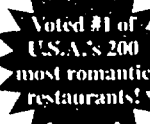
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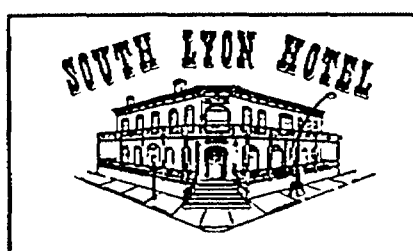
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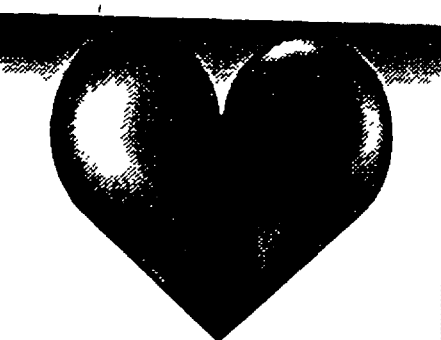
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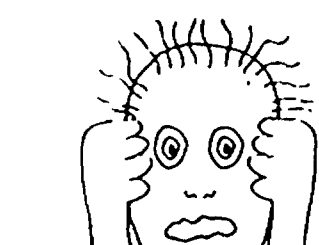
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'98 F150 4X2 SUPERCAB

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Clin soft brnch, preferred equip pkg 507A, XLT series, spd control, steering wheel, air cond, CFC free AMFM stereo/cass, clock, polished alum wheels, manual chrome mirrors, 4.2L EFI V6 engine, P235/70R16 BSW all season, 3.55 ratio regular axle, floor mats carpeted, 6000# GVWR package, sliding rear window.

\$179*

Stk#81197

SPECIAL OF THE WEEK

'98 WINDSTAR GL

126 Available

Light derra blue CC met., medium graphite cloth, preferred equipment pkg 470B, overhead console, speed control/stp whl, electric rear window defrost, high cap air cond, CFC free, elec AMFM stereo/cass/clock, light grp, luggage rack, per convenience group, pwr windows/locks, electronic pwr mirrors, privacy glass, bodyside molding, driver tpside seat, 3 BL SPI engine, 4 spd auto OD trans, P215/70R15 BSW interior convenience grp., cargo net, remote entry fr mats, GL 7-pass. bks w pwr & recline, steel wheels, 25 gal. fuel tank.

\$239* mo

Stk#80868

'98 EXPEDITION XLT 4x4

Preferred equipment pkg 685A, XLT trim, speed control, air condition, CFC free, premium elec., AMFM stereo/cass, bright electric mirrors, popular equip 4.6L EFI V8 engine, 4 spd auto, trans, P265/70R17HXL, all terrain, 3.55 ratio, limited slip axle, lighted running boards, tow pkg, 17 inch cast alum wheels, CD changer (6-disc).

\$349**

Stk#81578

'98 EXPLORER XLT AWD 4DR

Cloth sport bucket, pkg 845A, XLT trim, luggage rack, luxury group, electronics group, front overhead console, hi-tenes floor console, fog lamps, floor mats, color key carpet, cargo area cover, 5.0L EFI V8 engine, automatic overdrive trans, P225 Out all-terrain tires, 3.73 LS axle/trailer low, trailer towing package, running boards, cassette CD, electrochromic mirror.

\$339**

Stk#80899

'98 EXPLORER 2DR SPORT

Black clearcoat, preferred equip pkg 834A, sport trim, fr mats, color key carpet, luxury grp., fog lamps, luggage rack, electronics grp, front overhead console, hi-tenes floor console, 4.0 SOHC engine, auto overdrive trans, P255/70R16 AT OWL tires, 4.12 LS axle/trailer low, premium sport pkg, spec bar, leather town pkg, convenience pkg, cassette CD, chrome steel wheels, 167, stp brnch seat surface.

\$239**

Stk#81490

'98 F-150 4X2

188 Available

1998 Model Year, Oxford white clearcoat, cloth sport brnch, Pkg 507A, XLT series, spd control/stp whl, air conditioning, CFC free AMFM stereo/cass/clock, manual chrome mirrors, 4.2L EFI V6 engine, P255/70R16 OWL all season, 3.55 ratio regular axle, floor mats, 5550# GVWR package, sliding rear window, power chrome mirrors, cast aluminum wheels.

\$159* mo

Stk#81374

'98 CONTOUR 4DR

Cloth, 2.0L DOHC 4 cyl engine, auto overdrive transmission, P205/55R15 BSW tires, remote keyless entry system, interior carpeted floor mats, 60/40 60/40 down seat, 15" convert. steel wheels, illuminated entry.

\$198* mo

Stk#81298

'98 VILLAGER GS

Oxford white clearcoat, graphite cloth, preferred equip pkg 692A, GS trim, elect. rear window defrost, quad captain chairs, spd control, pwr grp., dual pwr mirrors, pwr windows/locks, 4 wheel anti-lock brakes, privacy glass, luggage rack, underseat storage, keyless entry key FOB only, 6-way pwr driver seat w/humbar, 10 open lockable windows, dual air cond, heater rear, 3.0L full inject engine, 4 spd elect. auto trans, P205 BSW all season radials, 3.86 ratio regular axle, deluxe alum wheel, pwr point, rear seat, cargo net, light group, rear view mirror.

\$289**

Stk#81367

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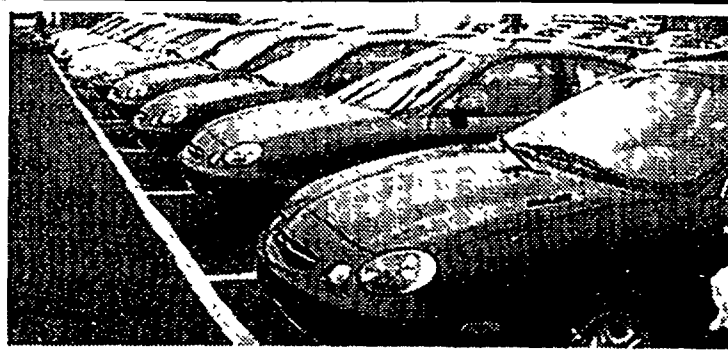
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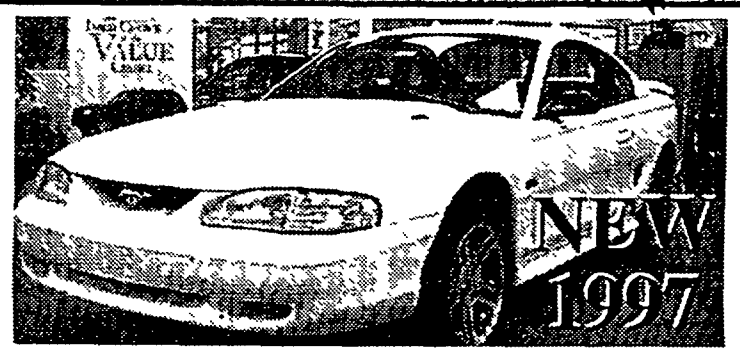
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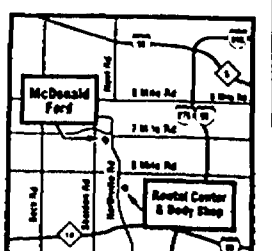
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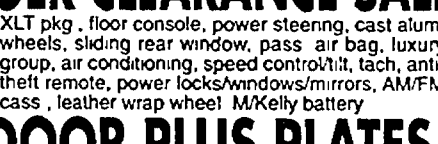
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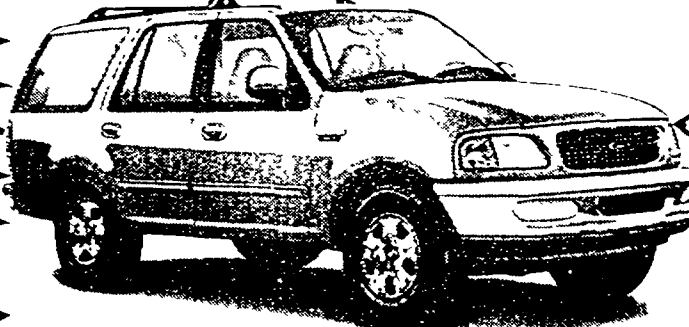


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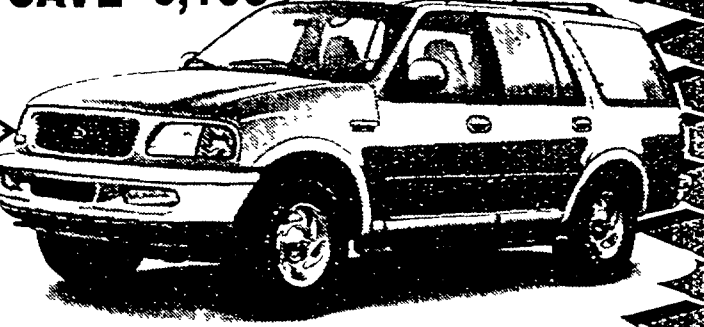
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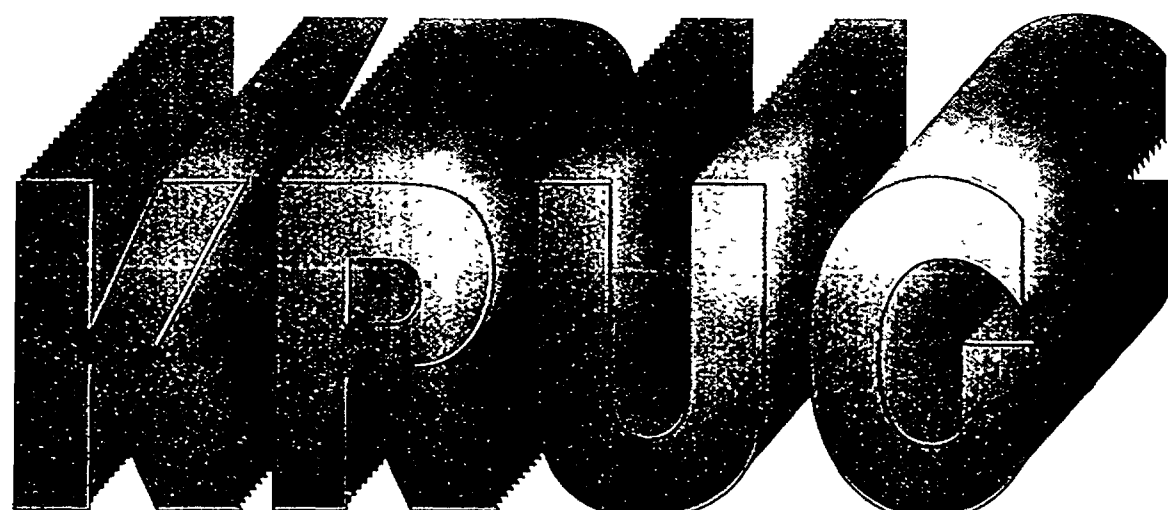


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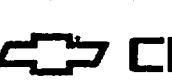
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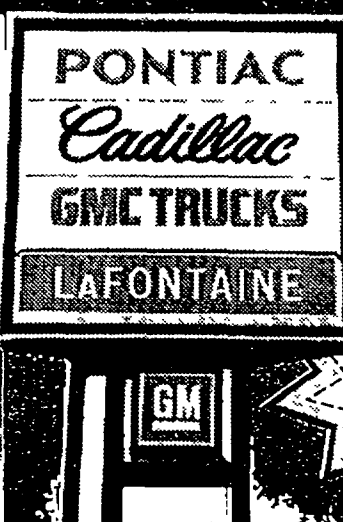
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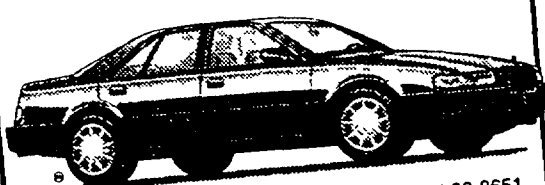
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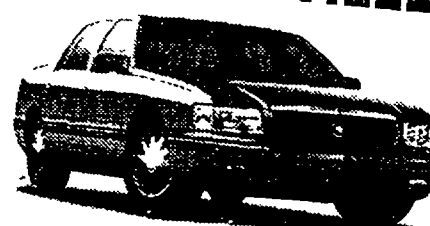
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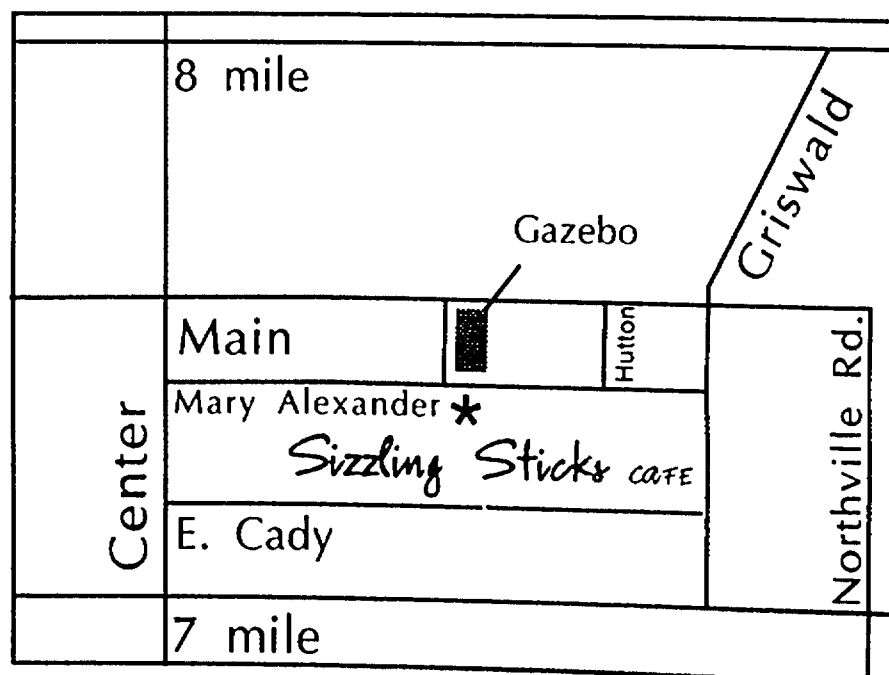
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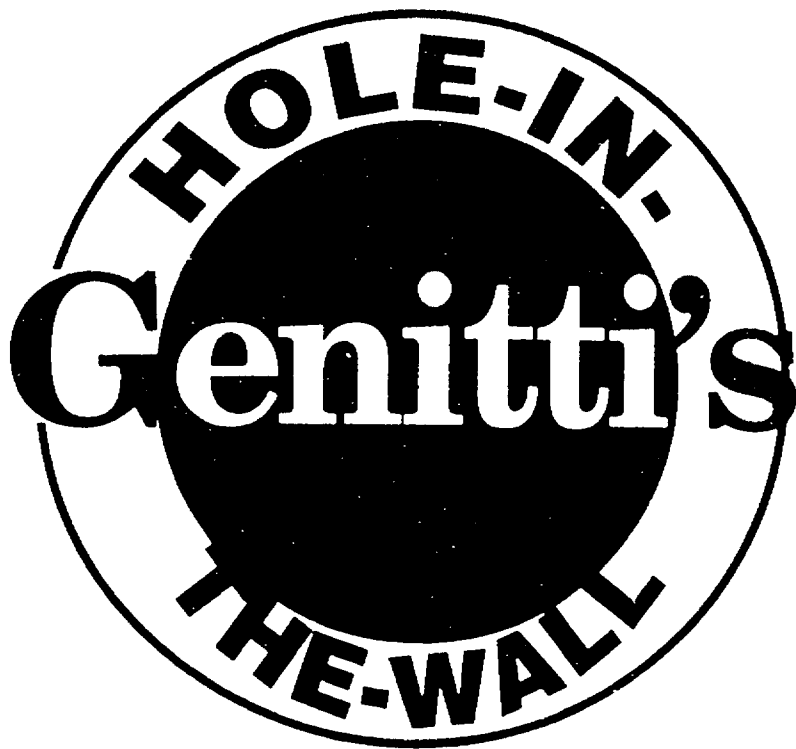
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Northville will welcome a new addition to its downtown this summer when the Cady Street Center opens for business.

About this book

Our Town, published by *The Northville Record*, provides a guide to the many attractions and events in the Northville community throughout the year. We hope it proves a useful planning tool for residents and visitors who want to spend time in our town.

Our Town includes a rundown of community points of interest; information on the major events that will take place in 1998; lists of local governmental officials; a directory of public school offices and buildings; commonly used phone numbers and addresses; maps showing voting precincts for school and general elections; addresses of churches non-public schools; and a lot of informative advertising from local retailers and businesses.

Additional copies of *Our Town* are available from the Northville Community Chamber of Commerce, 195 S. Main, from downtown merchants and at the office of *The Northville Record*, 104 W. Main.

For more information about the directory or *The Northville Record*, call 349-1700 or stop by our office during regular business hours. Visitor or resident, we hope you enjoy the natural beauty and historic charm of Northville and Northville Township.

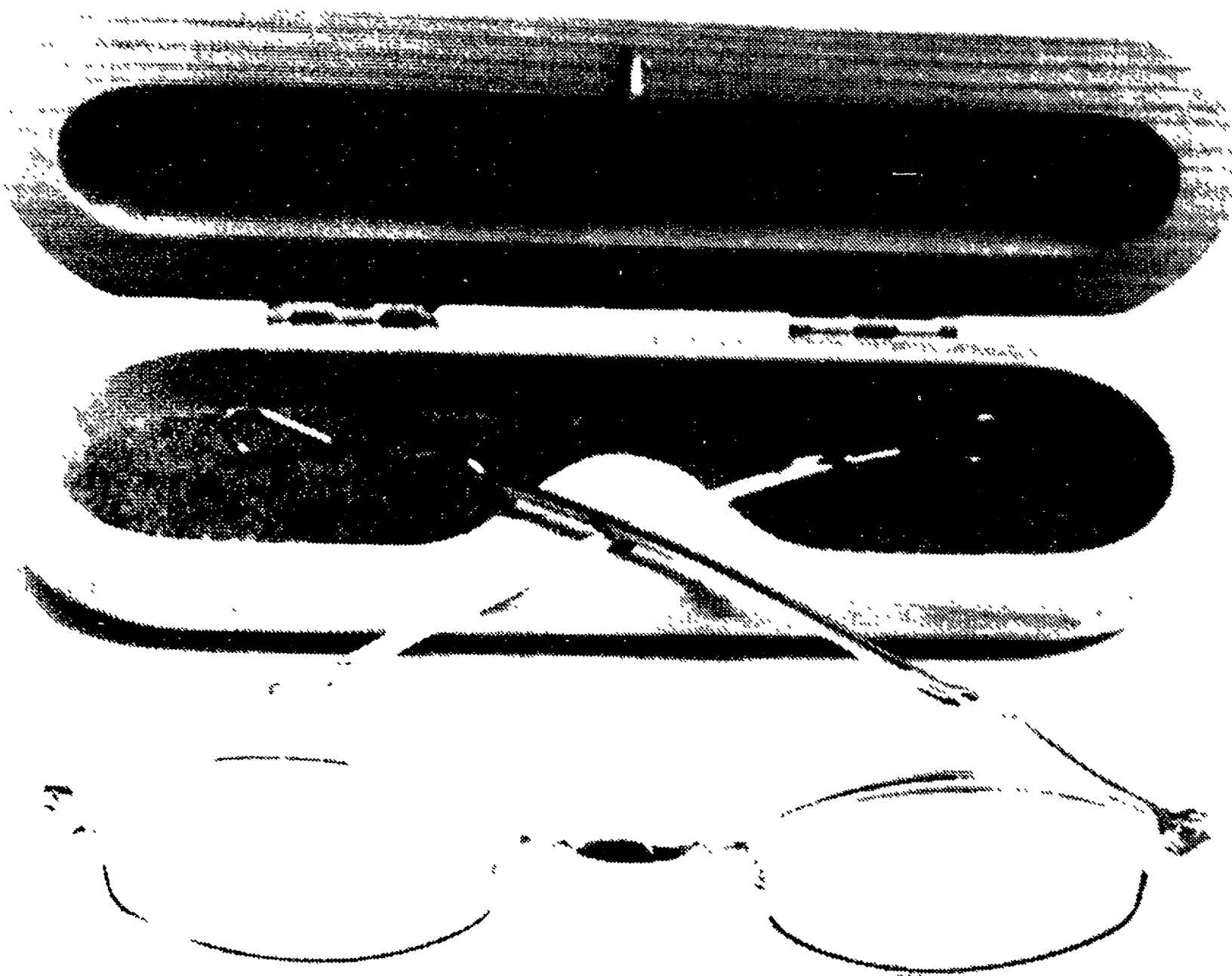
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JAN. 14 — Ribbon-cutting ceremony at Six Mile and Sheldon Roads.

MARCH 21 — A dinner-dance auction. Tickets are limited for this event, but names are being taken for persons interested in receiving an invitation to the dance.

APRIL — Copies of "Northville Township Remembered" hit the shelves sometime this month. (See related story elsewhere in this paper.)

SEPTEMBER — Children in grades 3 through 5 will be asked to design the holiday greeting card for the Centennial Foundation.

SEPT. 11 — Fox Hills Country Club will be hosting a special golf outing, followed by a buffet dinner.

OCT. 2, 3 — A combination of Oktoberfest

and food taster is in the works for the middle of autumn.

NOV. 1 — Centennial greeting cards go on sale.

DEC. 30 — Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will be hosting a special family event entitled, "Welcoming the Next 100 Years."

The Township Centennial Committee is putting together a book on the history of Northville Township entitled "Northville Township Remembered. Though all the research for history book has been completed, one hurdle remains: donations are needed to get the presses rolling. Peters said contributions of any size are both needed and welcomed, but larger donations will allow the contributor to have his or her name printed in a special section of the book. Call the Centennial offices at 374-0200 for more information.

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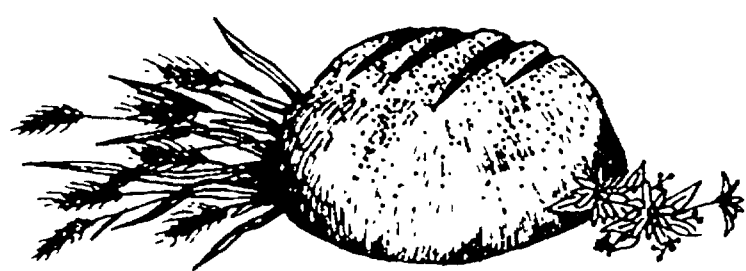
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Welcome

FROM THE NORTHVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Northville community is a very special place, full of historic sites, modern services and unique features. On behalf of the Northville Community Chamber of Commerce, I'd like to extend a warm welcome and invite you to explore all the fascination and fun our city and our township have to offer.



Laurie Marrs

The Chamber is a communitywide organization of business owners and operators who are committed to making the area a better place to visit, live and work.

The Chamber provides several programs for the business community and sponsors informative activities designed to benefit professionals, small business owners and managers. Chamber-organized events help members with networking, understanding legislative issues, advertising, recycling, goal setting, effective business communication and other professional areas of interest.

Special breakfast and evening activities are also offered to provide members with a wide range of opportunities to learn, socialize, and interact with other merchants.

The Chamber initiates a number of useful

information gathering projects, such as local demographic studies and listings of clubs, organizations, apartments, Realtors, doctors, dentists, schools and restaurants.

The Chamber also offers sponsorship of several significant community events, including:

- **Taste of Northville Business Showcase:** An opportunity for businesses, restaurants and non-profit groups to showcase their products and services. This year, the Expo will take place March 24 at Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main.

- **Farmer's Market:** Area families set up outdoor booths and sell fresh produce, plants, baked items and poultry every Thursday from May through October.

- **Art in the Sun:** A fine arts/crafts event. This year, Art in the Sun takes place June 20-21 throughout the downtown area.

- **Golf Outing:** The Chamber invites the community to participate in a day of golf and camaraderie on June 19.

- **Victorian Festival:** One of the most popular and comprehensive of the Chamber's activities, this grand event is a celebration of Northville's past. The whole community comes together during the three-day festival to commemorate its unique heritage. This year, the Victorian Festival will take place Sept. 18-20.

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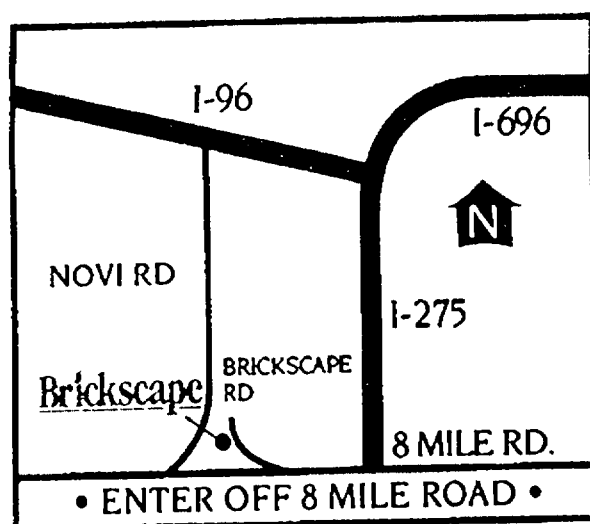
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The events get under way on Friday, Sept. 18, with a Victorian parade through the city's historic district. The Victorian homes and tree-lined streets of the community are the perfect setting for a return to the romantic era of yesteryear.

On Saturday, children's activities, 19th century medicine shows, a Victorian melodrama, street entertainment, food booths and a romantic candlelight Victorian ball are part of the festivities.

Sunday activities include a special family picnic at historic Mill Race Village.

All three days of the Festival feature a spectacular art show and sale, sponsored by the Northville Arts Commission.

One of the special aspects of the Northville Victorian Festival is its communitywide involvement. Non-profit groups from nearly

every organization, representatives of Northville schools, merchants who dress in period costume and a veritable army of volunteers participate in making the event a successful, entertaining and informative celebration of a bygone time.

The Chamber provides several programs for the business community and sponsors informative activities designed to benefit professionals, small business owners and managers.

- Christmas Walk: The Chamber sponsors this popular activity the Sunday before Thanksgiving, which this year is Nov. 22. Northville comes alive with lights, decorated windows and special shopping hours during this very special event.

The Northville Community Chamber of Commerce is proud to sponsor the activ-

ities and workshops that help make our community a such a great place to live and work.

For more information on the Chamber or community events, please call 349-7640.

Laurie Marrs
Executive Director
Northville Community Chamber of Commerce

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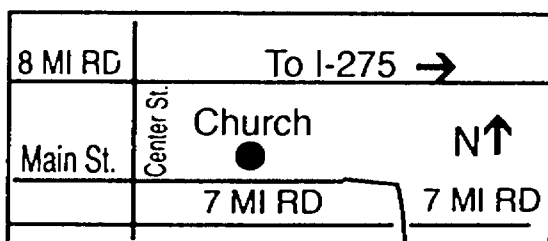
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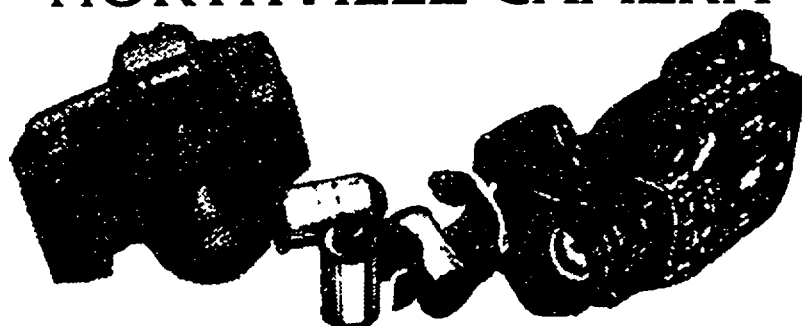
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March 21 – Township Centennial Dinner/Dance Auction

March 24 – Business Showcase at the Northville Recreation Center, from 5 to 8 p.m.

April 25 – Sixth annual Dinner Auction sponsored by Friends of Park and Recreation.

May 8 – Millionaires Party, sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce, at the Recreation Center.

May 19 – Secretary of State Candice Miller Luncheon.

May 22-23 – 11th annual Flower Sale in downtown Northville.

May 25 – Memorial Day Parade

June 16 – Michigan Retailers Association Breakfast at MacKinnon's Restaurant.

June 19 – Chamber Golf Outing at the Links of Novi.

June 20-21 – Art in the Sun in downtown Northville.

July 4 – Independence Day Parade begins at 10 a.m.

August 1 – Bargain Bazaar in downtown Northville.

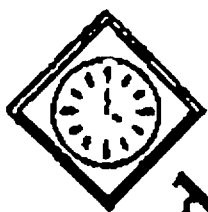
September 11 – Township Centennial Golf Outing.

September 18-20 – 10th annual Victorian Festival in downtown Northville.

September 25-26 – Tivoli Fair at the Northville Recreation Center.

October 3 – Township Centennial "Oktoberfest."

November 22 – Northville Christmas Walk in downtown Northville.



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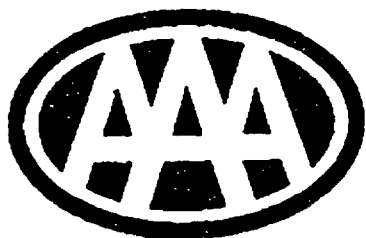
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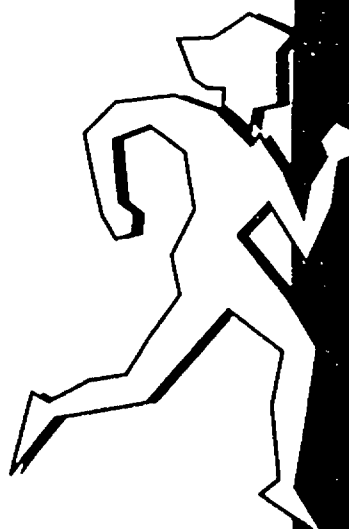
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The Northville community may be small but our town offers plenty of sites to see and things to do.

Throughout this book you'll find descriptions of some of the annual events that attract local residents and out-of-town visitors. Here's a run-down of a few of our most popular ongoing attractions.

DOWNTOWN

The central business district serves as the heart of the Northville community. Main Street, Center Street and the surrounding area are home to many unique retail and specialty stores: clothing, antiques, arts and crafts, gourmet food shops, cappuccino cafes and fine restaurants.

MainCentre, a retail and apartment development on the southwest corner of Main and Center streets, houses a variety of shops and eateries.

Shopping, browsing or just spending time in downtown Northville provides a fresh, relaxed alternative to the crowded malls. The stores and restaurants help the community carve out its own special niche, drawing regular visitors from around Michigan, Ohio and Ontario.

In addition to its business establishments, downtown Northville also serves as the location for many community events throughout the year. Its scenic features and abundance of benches make it a perfect place for a casual stroll at any time. Explore it for yourself.

MILL RACE VILLAGE

If you walk east of the Main Street business district and turn north onto Griswold you'll find yourself at Mill Race Historical Village, a favorite attraction of our town.

The village is a gathering place for historic buildings from the area, relocated and restored into a living museum. Most buildings are authentic and were uprooted from their foundations and moved to the village compound.

This ongoing project is the major undertaking of the Northville Historical Society, which sponsors guided tours on Sunday afternoons during the spring, summer and fall. Be sure to see the Cady Inn restoration and the interurban station.

The society opens the village for many community functions and rents it to private parties as well. For information on the Village or the society, call 348-1845.

THE FORMER FORD PLANT

At the east end of Main Street the road bends to the south before becoming Northville Road. Just before the bend is a building which used to be the Northville Ford Valve Plant — a structure

which holds a special place in Northville history.

The former "village industry" plant, built by Henry Ford, was recently purchased by the industrial firm of R&D Enterprises.

R&D now occupies the building and uses it as a site for the manufacture of heat exchangers for the marine industry. Other business also operate out of the facility.

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once provided some of the plant's power.

Another attraction is the waterfowl – countless ducks and geese that have become a symbol of the city.

The building also has architectural significance as one of the creations of Louis Kahn, the late Estonian-born American architect.

THE WELL

Just east of the plant on South Main you'll find the famous Northville Well. Once upon a time, the well was spring-fed and its silver spring water gained fame for its restorative properties.

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TOWN SQUARE PARK

This little urban park sits off the south side of Main Street east of Center. Its dominant feature is a bandshell which was a major community project a few years past.

Now the park hosts a variety of events, but it's most famous for free Friday evening music concerts held throughout the summer.

LIVE THEATER

You won't find many communities this size that boast a functioning live theater, but Northville has the Marquis.

On Main Street in the heart of downtown, this restored former movie house now offers plays and musicals throughout the year, geared to both adults and children. For more information, call 349-8110.

The Marquis is only the start of Northville's stage offerings, however. The Northville Players stage productions in winter and at the Victorian Festival in late summer (453-0891); Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall presents regular murder mystery dinners at its 108 E. Main Street restaurant and full theatrical productions at its Samuel H. Little Theater next door (349-0522).

Even the Plymouth Theatre Guild (349-7110) makes its home here, in the Water Tower Theater on the campus of Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital.

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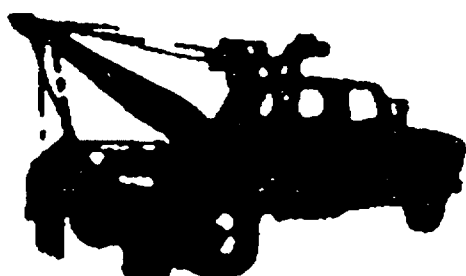
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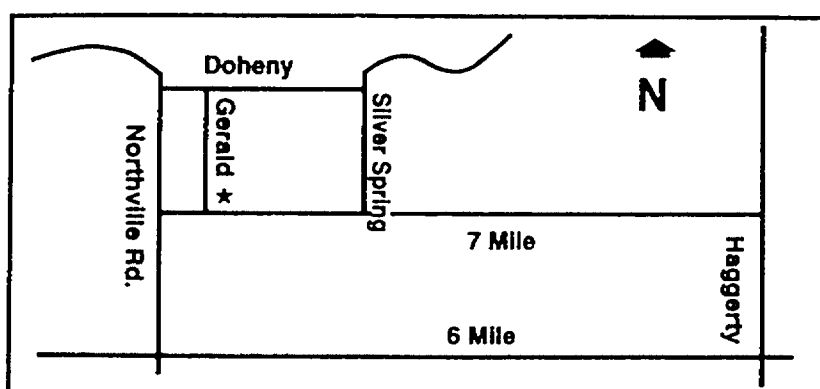
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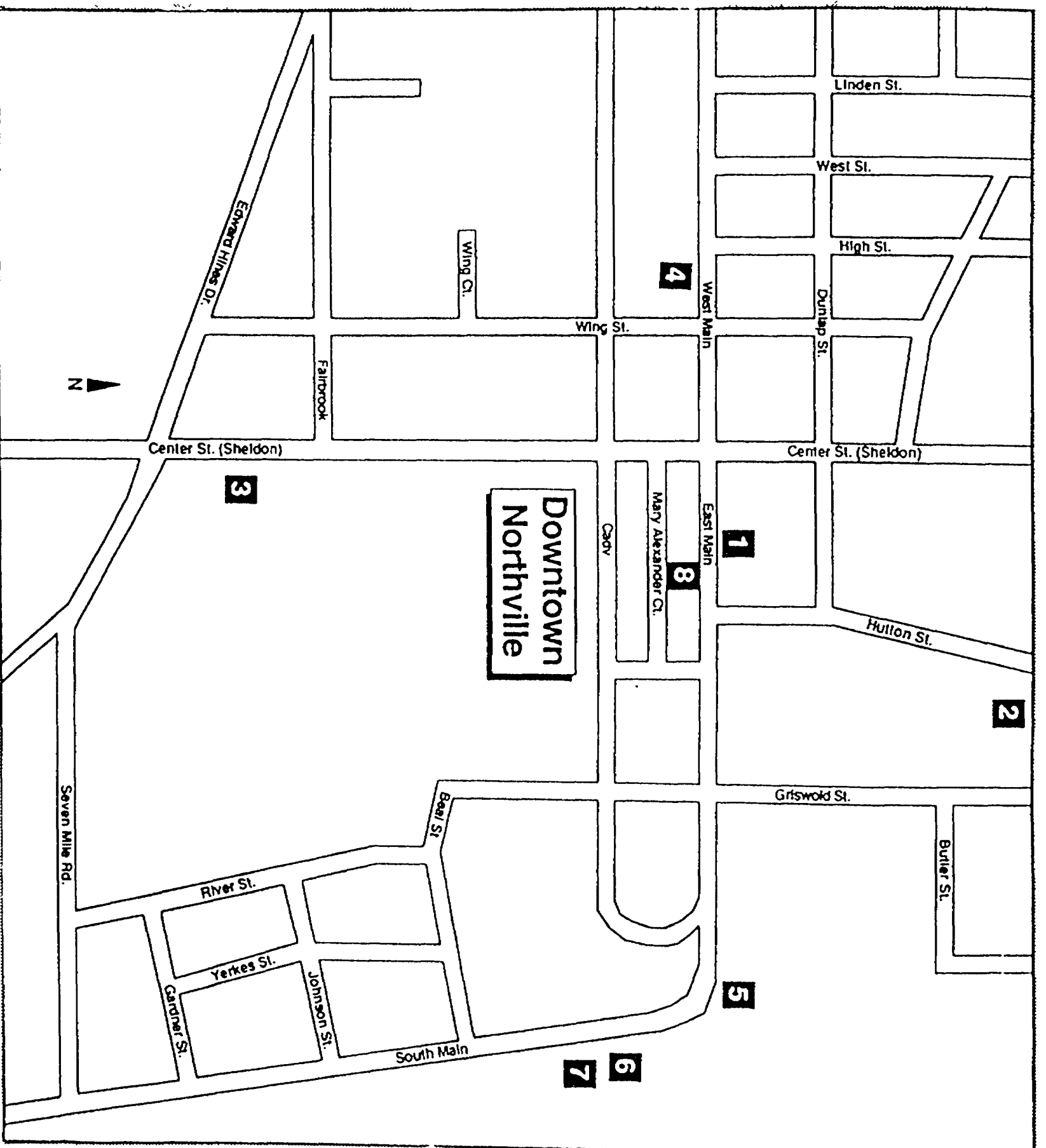


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Downtown Northville Points of Interest

- 1. Marquis Theatre**
Located at 135 East Main, the Marquis is a newly restored landmark to downtown Northville. Call 349-8110 or theatre information.
- 2. Mill Race Historical Village**
A restoration project of the Northville Historical Society, the village recreates life at the turn of the century.
- 3. Northville Downs**
One of Northville's biggest attractions, 'the Downs' exhibits trotting races as well as winter racing. Call 349-1000 for more information.
- 4. Northville City Hall**
Located at 215 West Main. Call 349-1300.
- 5. Historical Landmarks**
Water Wheel
The water wheel accents the historic Ford Valve Plant. A wishing well and duck feeding are also attractions.
- 6. Northville Well**
A popular spot for well water with "healing powers", as the local story goes.
- 7. Chamber of Commerce**
The Northville Chamber of Commerce office is located at 195 South Main. Call 349-7640.
- 8. Main Street Park**
With its new gazebo, the park hosts a Friday evening music series in the summer and other special events.

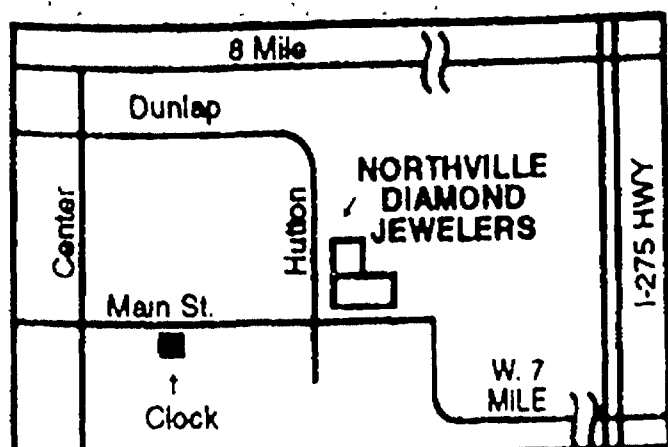
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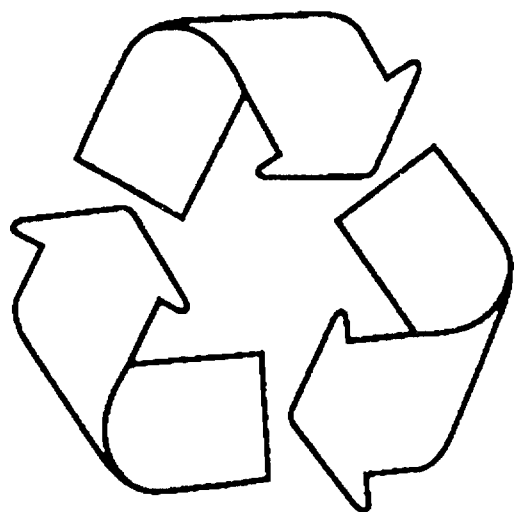
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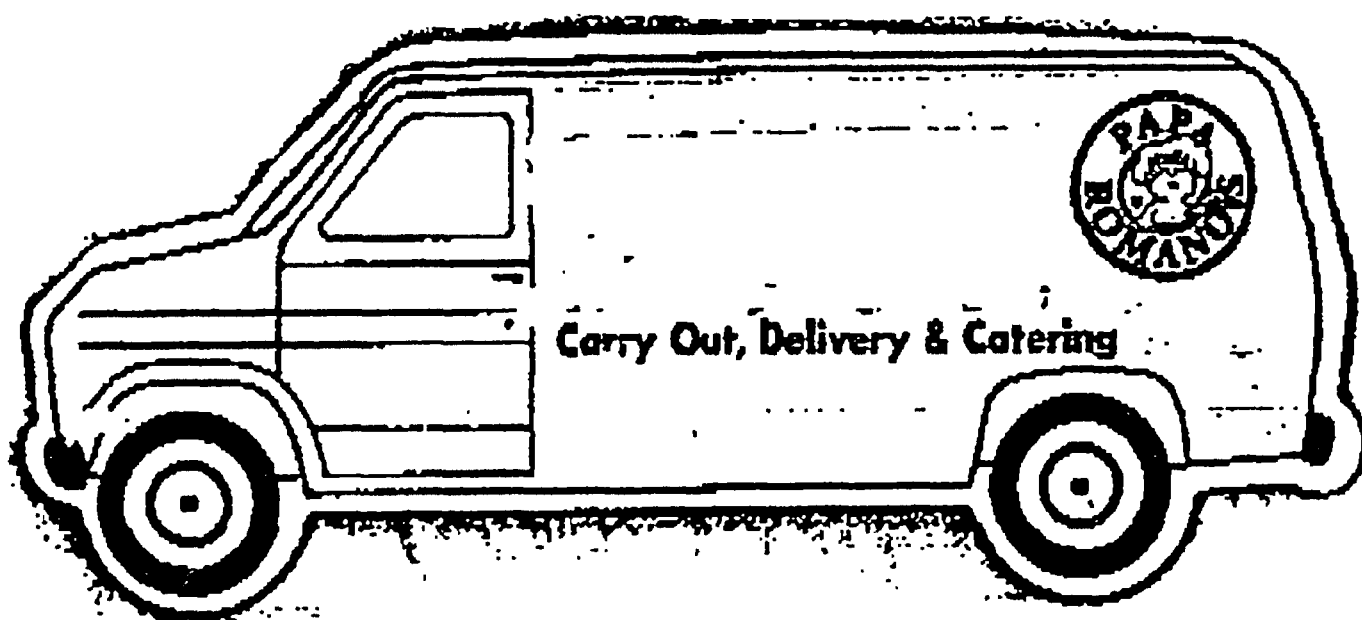
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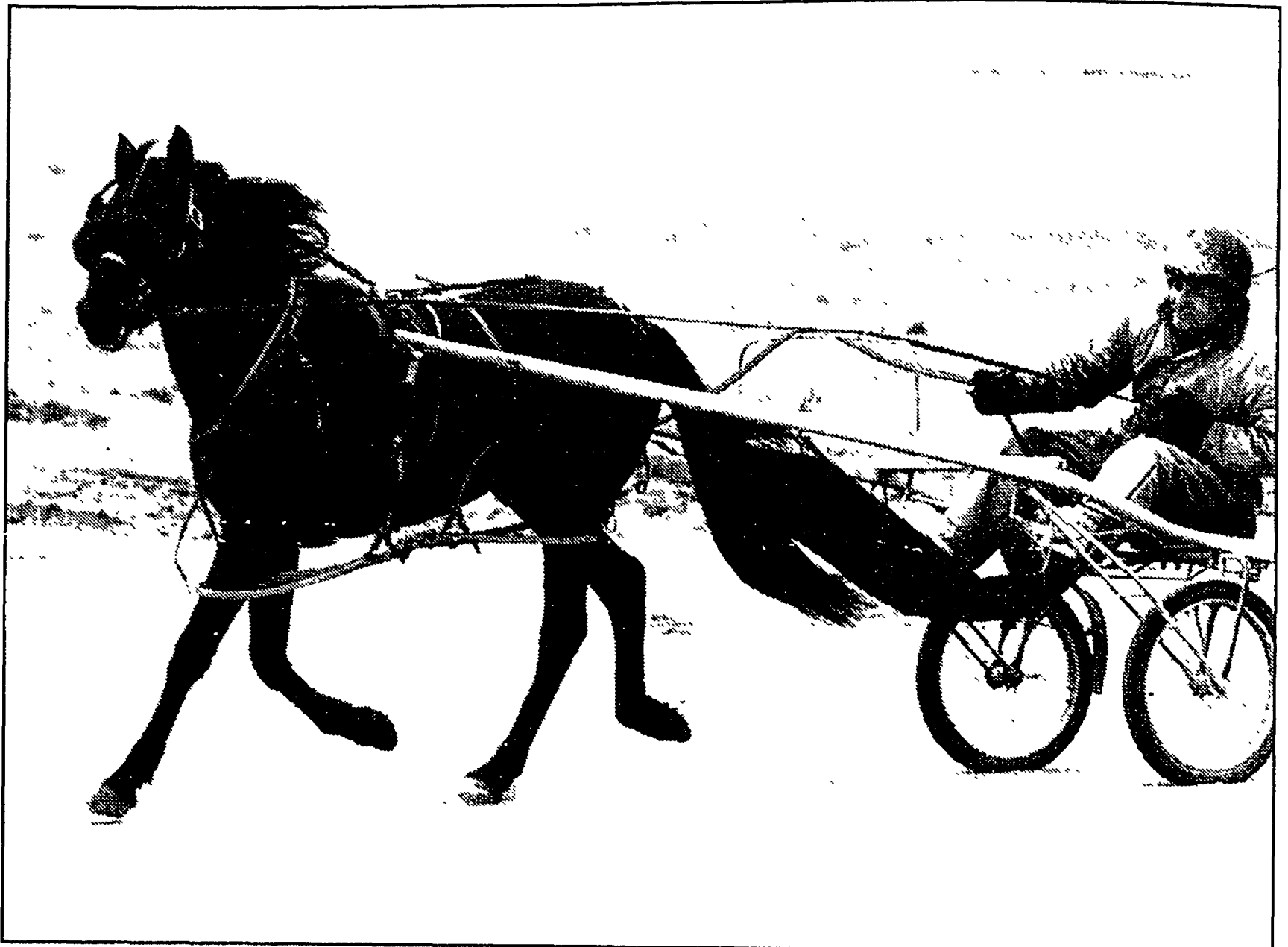
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NORTHVILLE DOWNS

Professional harness racing comes to Northville for six months of the year at Northville Downs, on the northeast corner of Center Street (Sheldon Road) and Seven Mile.

The usual schedule of racing is October through March, and now year-round simulcast dates bring the action from other tracks to the Downs. The track runs both evening and matinee programs. Call 349-1000 for more information.

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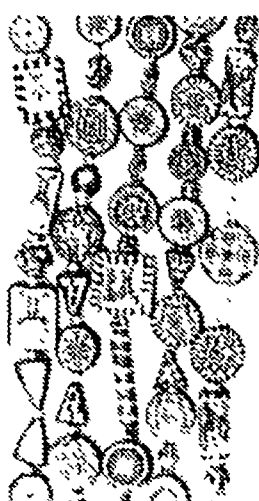
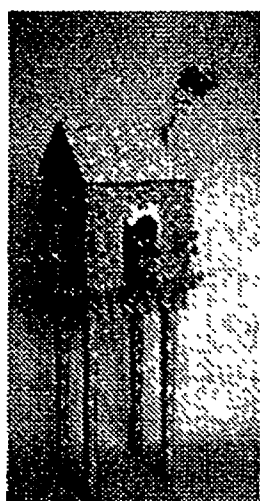
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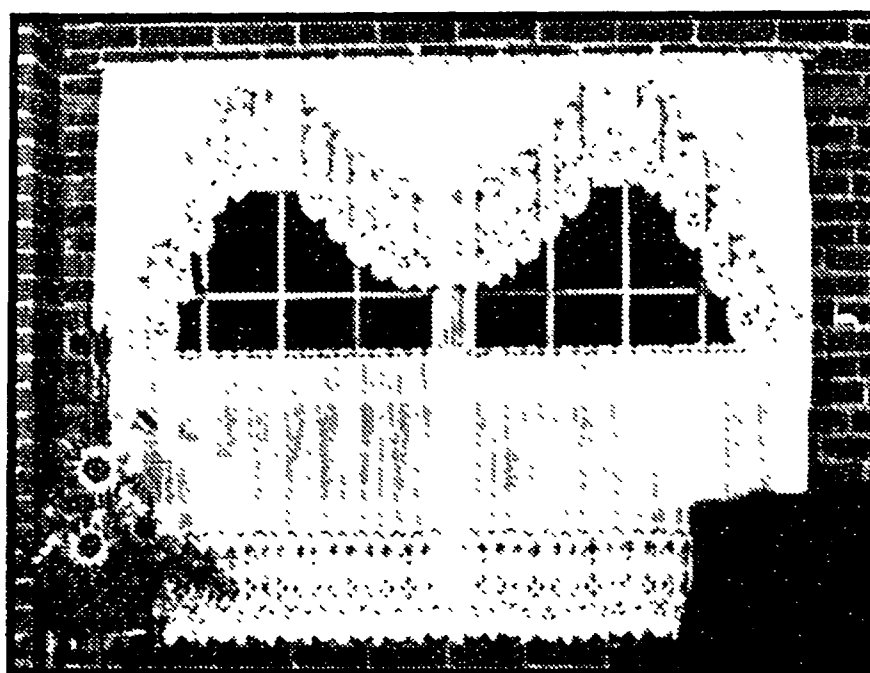
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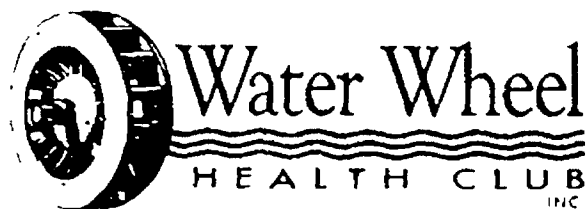
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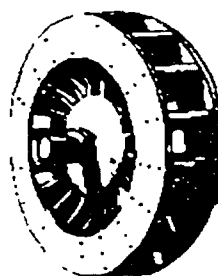
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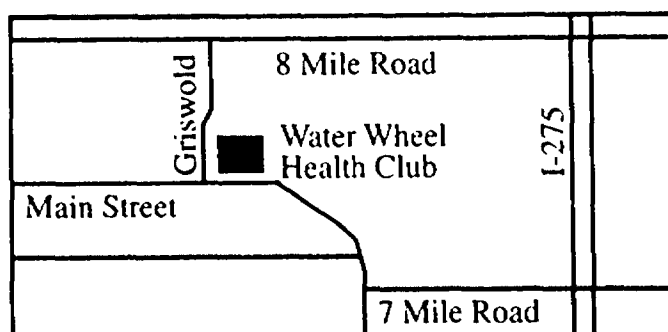
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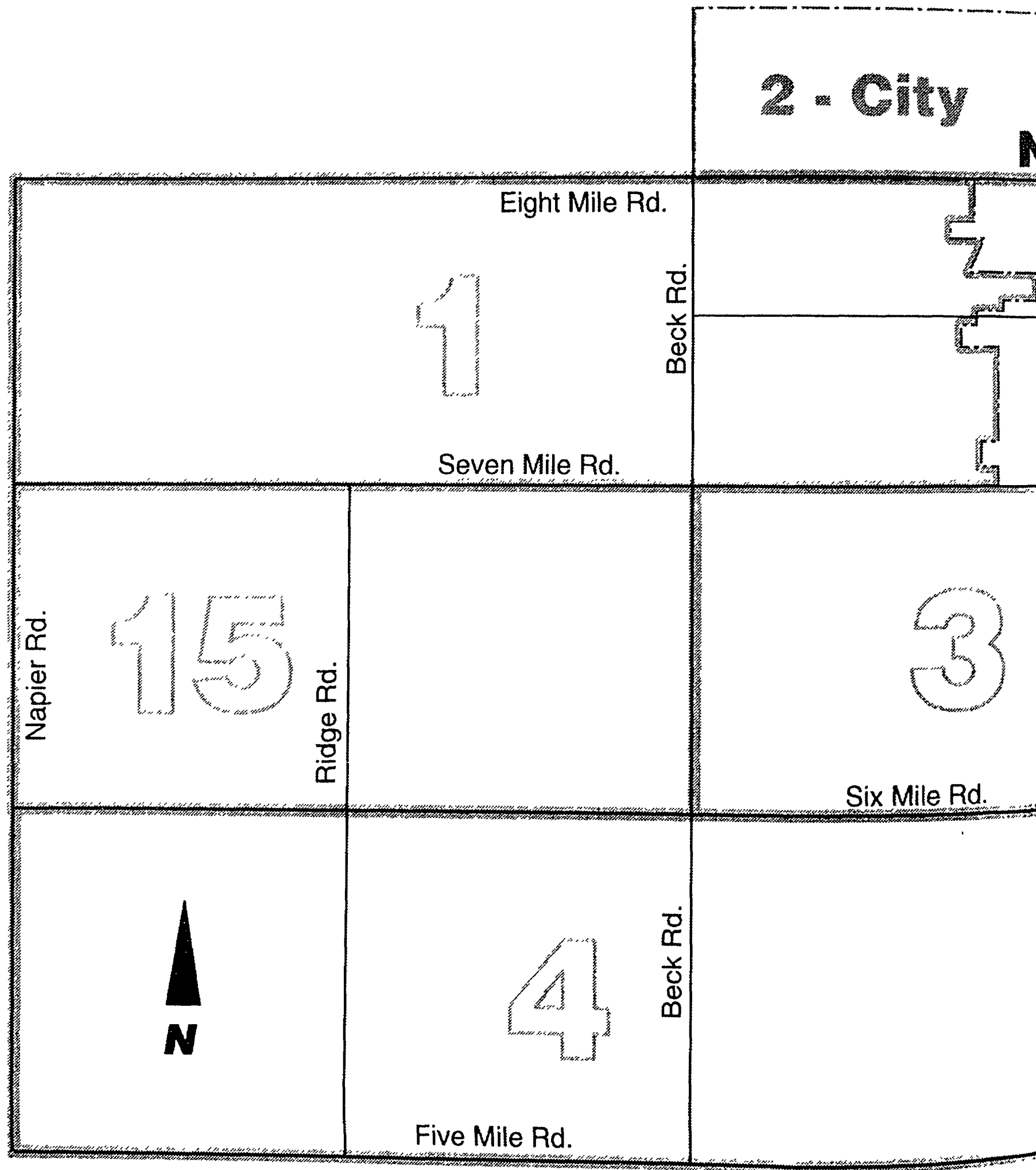
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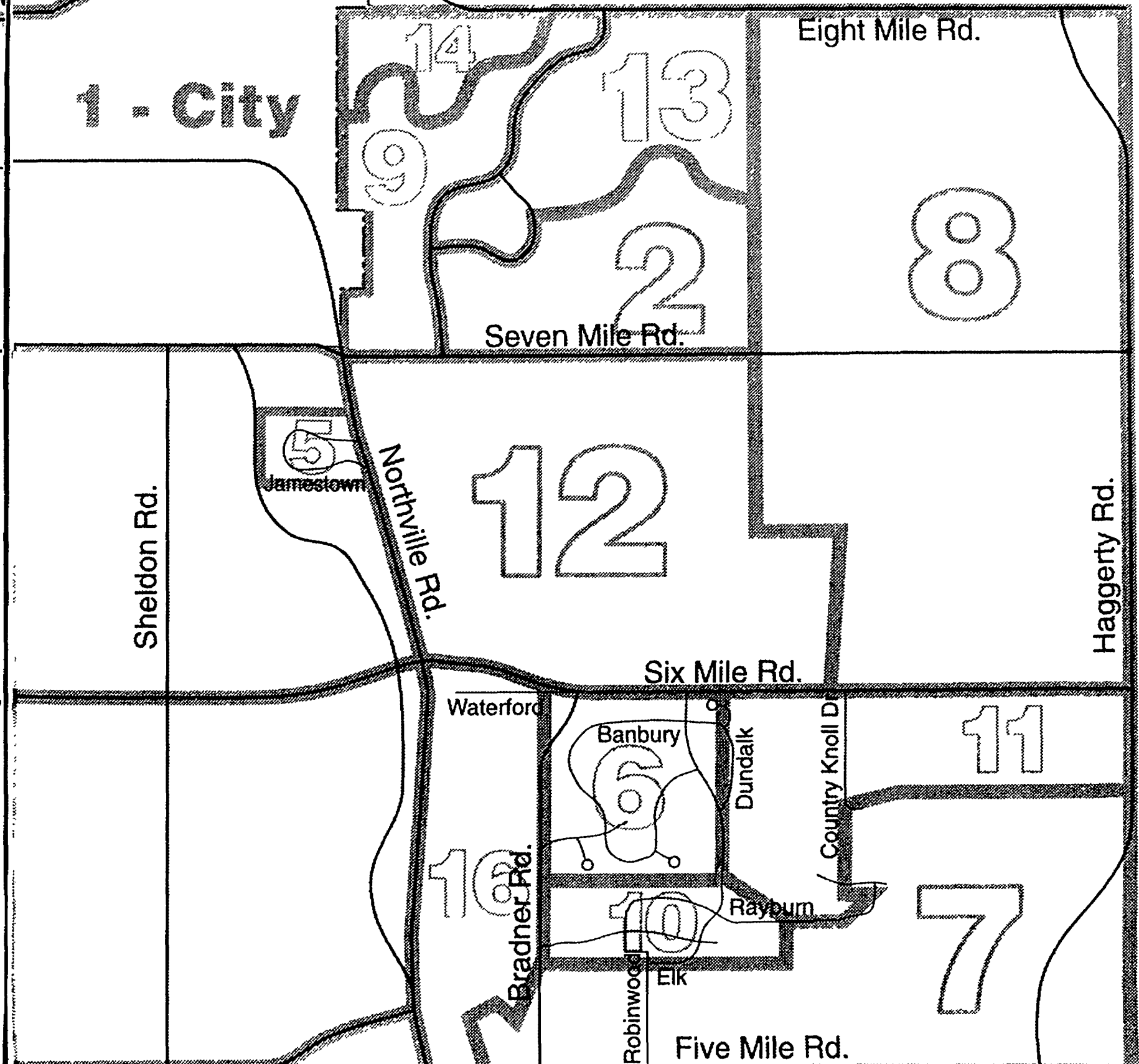
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CITY GOVERNMENT

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All meetings take place in the Northville City Council chambers unless otherwise indicated. (NOTE: Due to ongoing renovations of the city offices, meeting locations are sometimes irregular. Telephone city offices for specific meeting information. Renovations are expected to be complete late in 1998.)

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GARY WORD, city manager
NICOLETTE BATESON, assistant city manager/finance director
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TRACI SINCOCK, recreation director
KARL PETERS, senior citizen director
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CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Northville's mayor is elected to a two-year term, while council members serve four-year terms. City meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON, mayor
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H: (248) 349-0013
W: (248) 349-1300, ext. 202
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518 Morgan Circle
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256 Griswold
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Board of zoning appeals members serve three-year terms. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. (One vacancy on the board existed at printing time. That term expires July 1, 2000.)

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DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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BRUCE DINGWALL, board member
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KEVIN HARTSHORNE, city council liason

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Recreation commission members serve three-year terms. The board is comprised of both members from the city of Northville and Northville Township. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Sites alternate between the Northville City Offices and the Township Office, located at 41600 Six Mile Road.

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PLANNING COMMISSION

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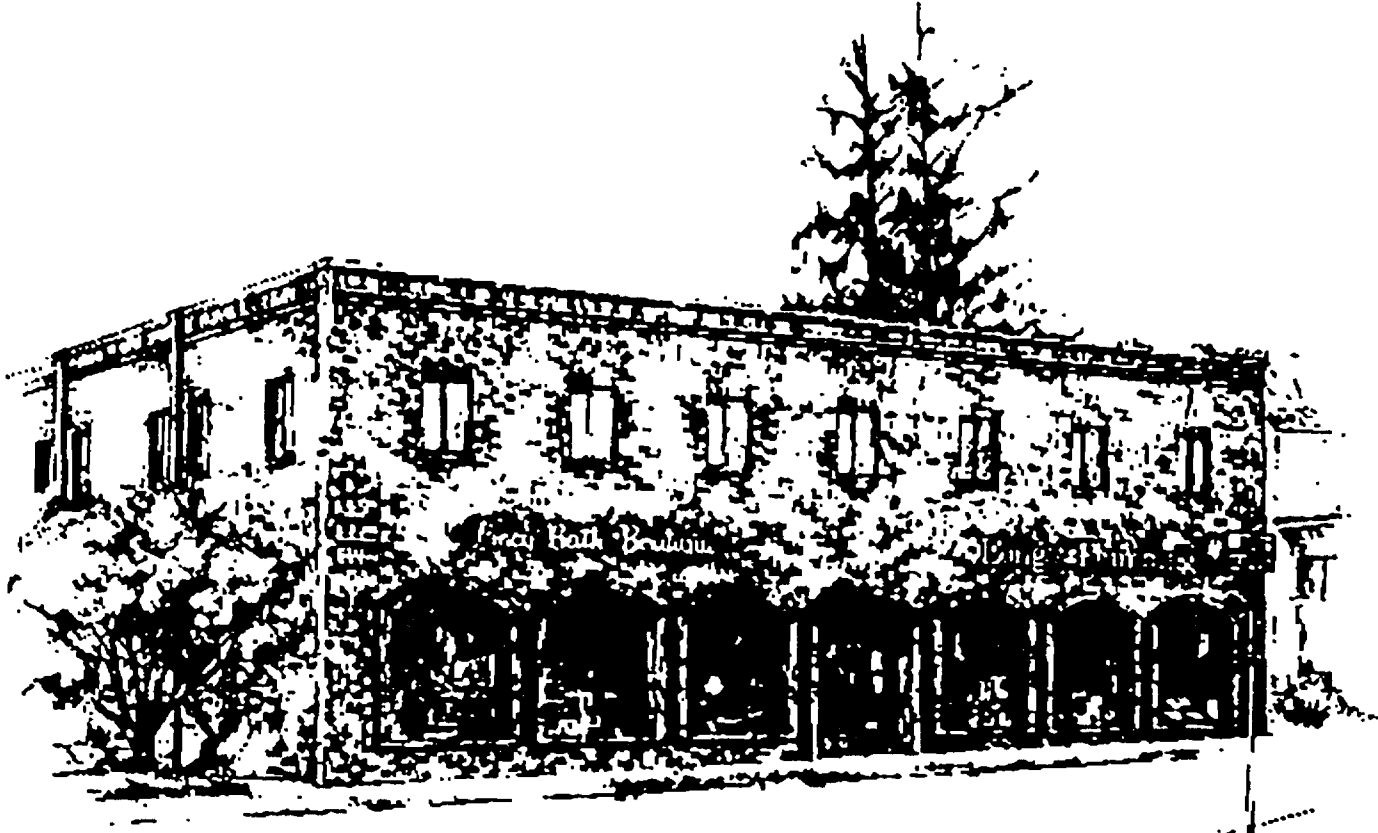
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NORTHVILLE YOUTH ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Youth assistance commission members serve two-year terms. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. It is comprised of residents from the city of Northville, Northville Township, educational groups and an at-large member

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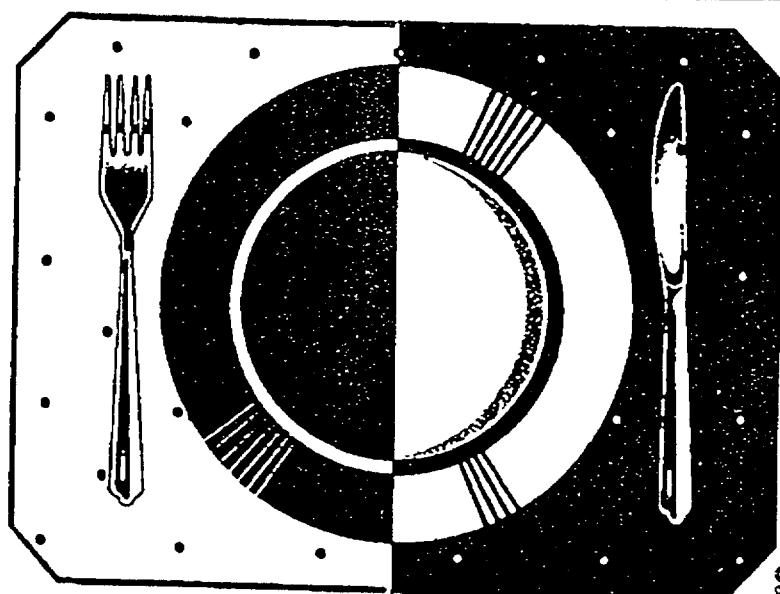
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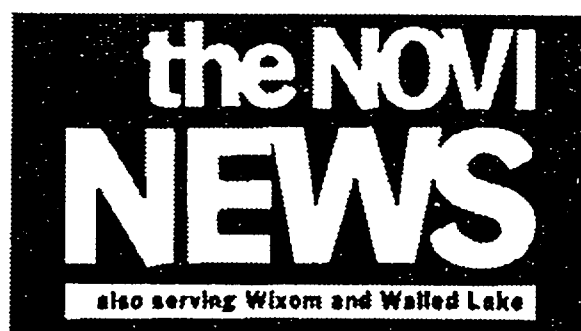
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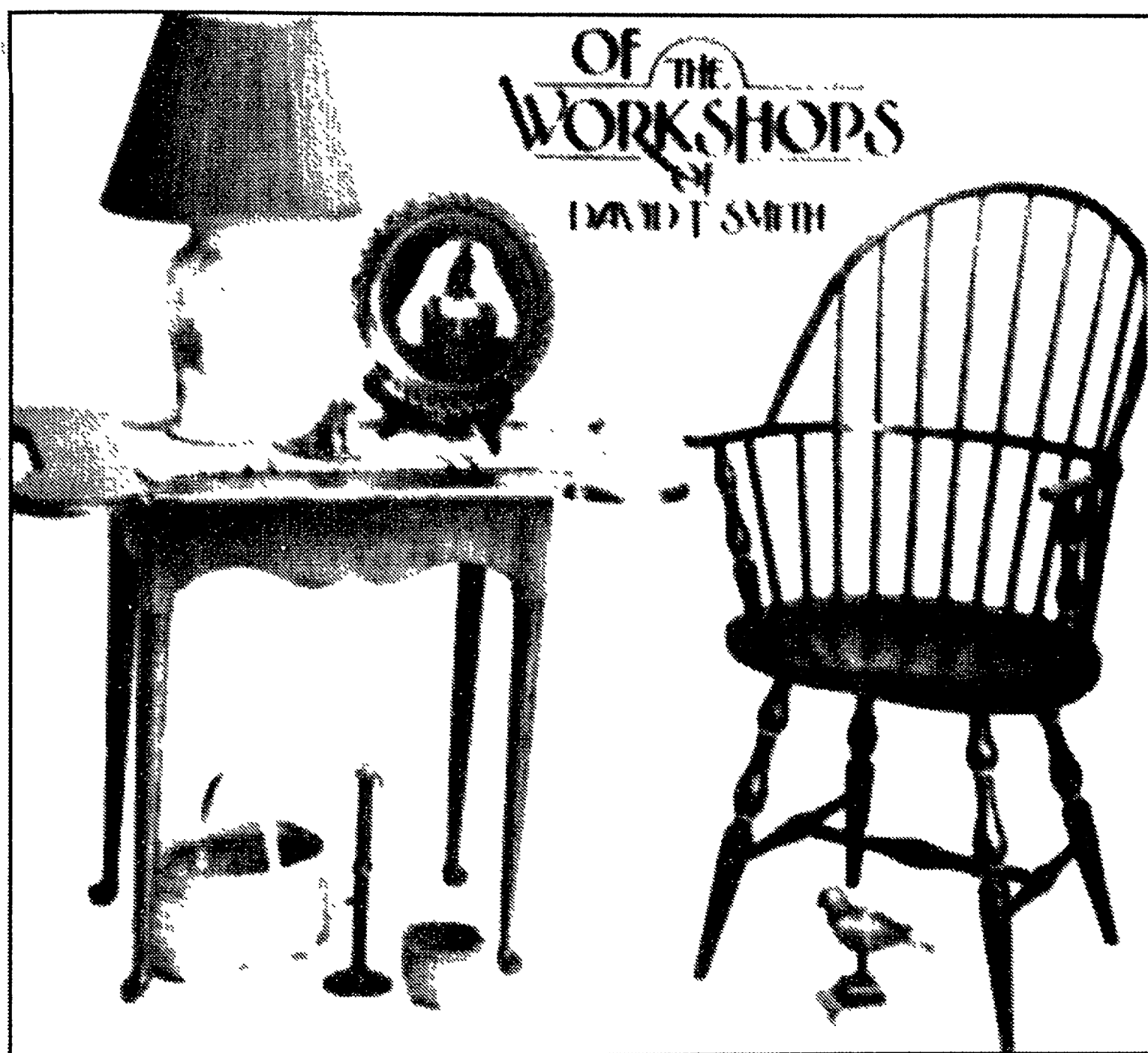


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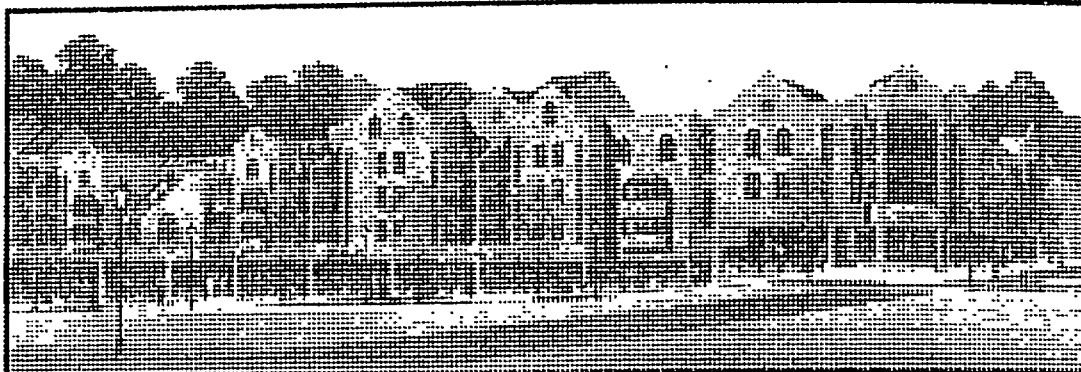
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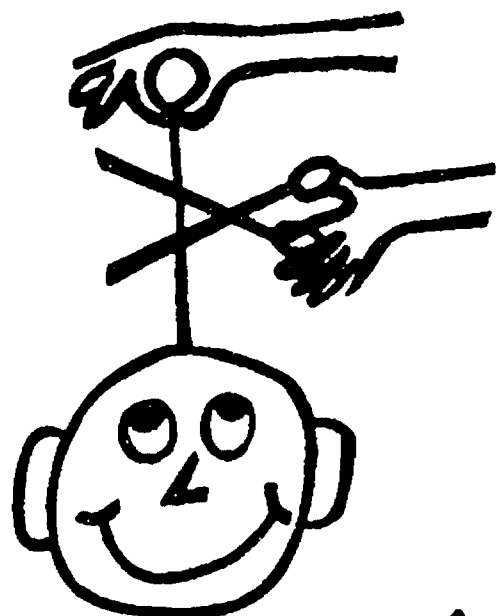
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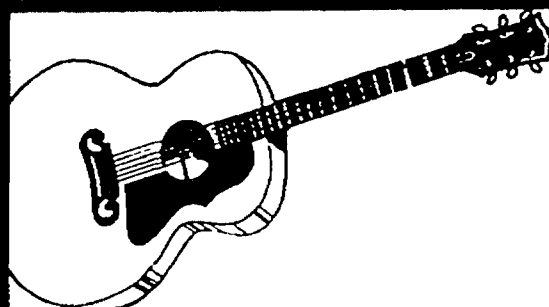
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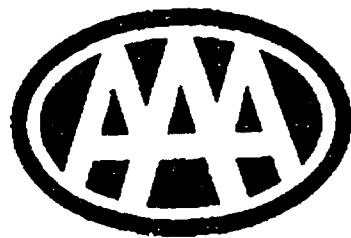
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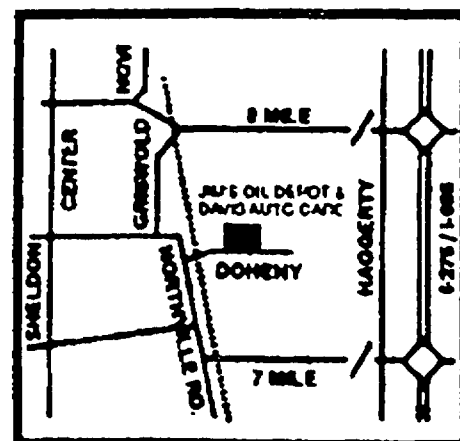
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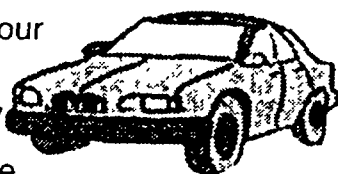
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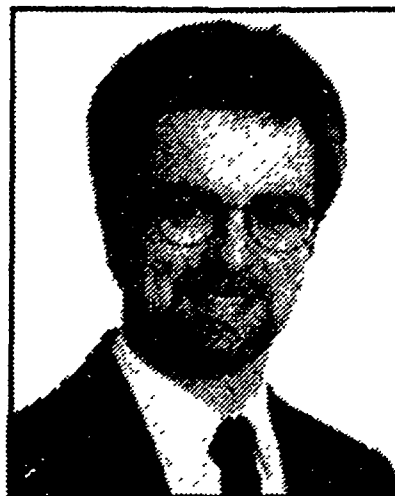


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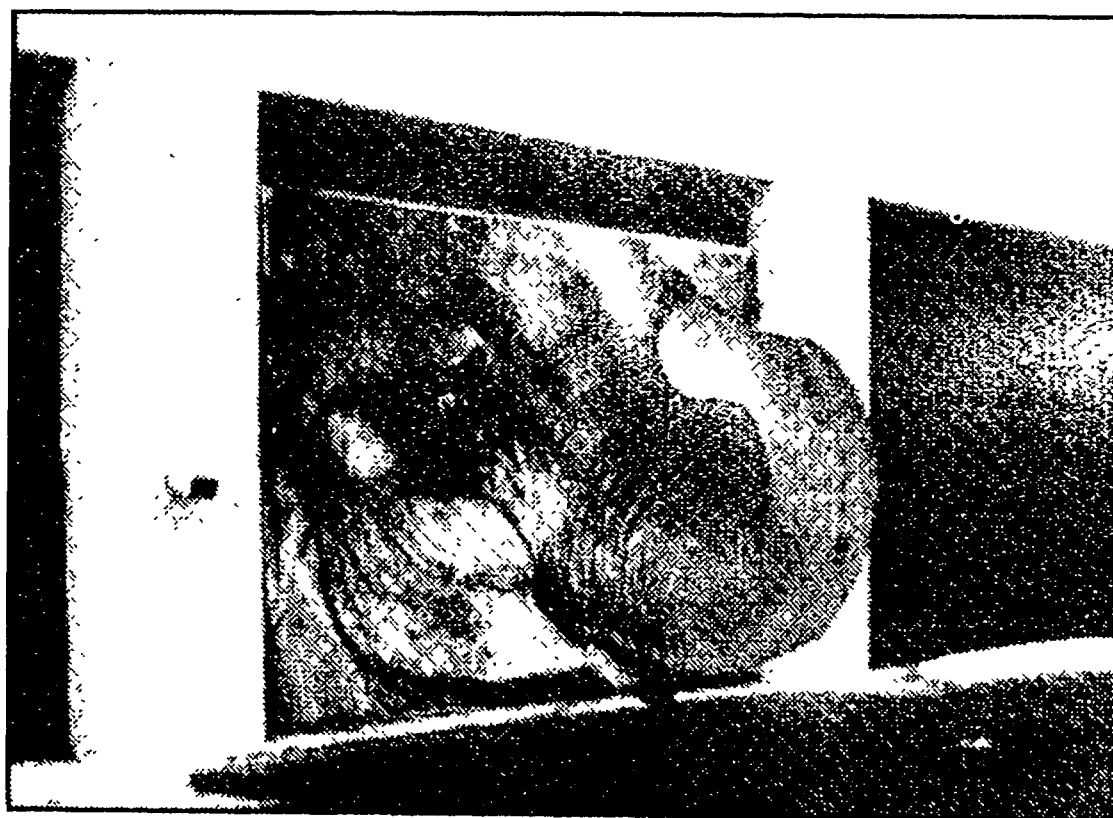
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LAURIE MARRS, member / director,
Chamber of Commerce
CHRIS SCHULTZ, member
JANICE WILKIEMEYER, member

• ETHICS BOARD

Ethics board members serve three-year terms. Meetings are held as needed.

JOHN BEBES, board member
JAMES LUNDY, board member
THOMAS KOPACK, board member
BARBARA NIMAN, board member
MARY MORROW, board member

• TOWNSHIP BUILDING AUTHORITY

Building authority members serve three-year terms. Meetings are held as needed.

FRANK MAGDICH, authority member
CHARLES MILLER, authority member
TONY WOLF, authority member

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Recreation commission members serve three-year terms. The board is comprised of both members from the Northville Township and the city of Northville. Meetings are held

the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Sites alternate between the Township offices and the City offices, located at 215 W. Main Street. (One vacancy on the commission existed at printing time.)

TRACI SINCOCK, director
JUDY KOHL, city member
JOE GALLAGHER, city member
JOHN KELLY, city member
THOMAS SWIGART, city council liason
BILL JENNEY, township member
CONNIE LIVANOS, township member
RICHARD HENNIGSEN, Township board of trustees liason
RICHARD BROWN, school district member

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning commission members serve three-year terms. Meetings are held the last Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

RICHARD ALLEN, chairperson
KENT ANDERSON, commission member
MARV GANS, commission member
SHIRLEY KLOKKENGA, commission member
CHRISTOPHER SCHULTZ, commission member
SUSAN VLANGOS, commission member
PHILIP WARGELIN, commission member

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Board of zoning appeals members serve three-year terms. Meetings are held the first and third Monday of each month.

MARJORIE BANNER, chairperson
SHIRLEY KLOKKENGA, board member
DONALD SAMHAT, board member
BILL SELINSKY, board member
DON ZAKI, board member

WAYNE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Economic development corporation members serve as liaisons on business concerning the Wayne County / Northville Township planned unit development. Meetings are held as needed.

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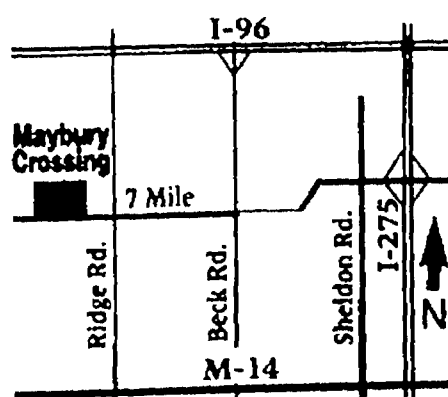
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Traci Johnson Sincock is the director of the Parks & Recreation Department. The department's main office is located in the Community Center building at 303 W. Main St., 349-0203. Regular business hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thirteen public parks of varying sizes and available activities are located in the Northville community. The two biggest are:

- Fish Hatchery Park, located on Seven Mile

between Rodgers and Clement Roads.

- Northville Community Park, located on Beck between Five and Six Mile Roads.

DISTRICT COURT

The jurisdiction of Michigan's 35th District Court includes the cities and township of Northville and Plymouth and the Township of Canton. Two judges preside at the court, which is located in Plymouth Township, (313) 459-4740.

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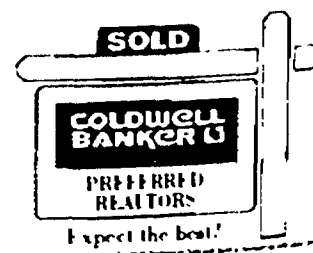
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Major area events

VICTORIAN FESTIVAL & ART MARKET



Northville's Victorian Festival has evolved into the community's largest single event and one of the most eagerly-awaited activities in the Metro area. The Northville Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Festival, but everybody gets into the act. Residents, school representatives and students, local governmental leaders, the Northville Historical Society, and everybody else who enjoys dressing up, eating great food and being entertained. For three days, Northville returns to the era which gave our town its start – an era still evident in the

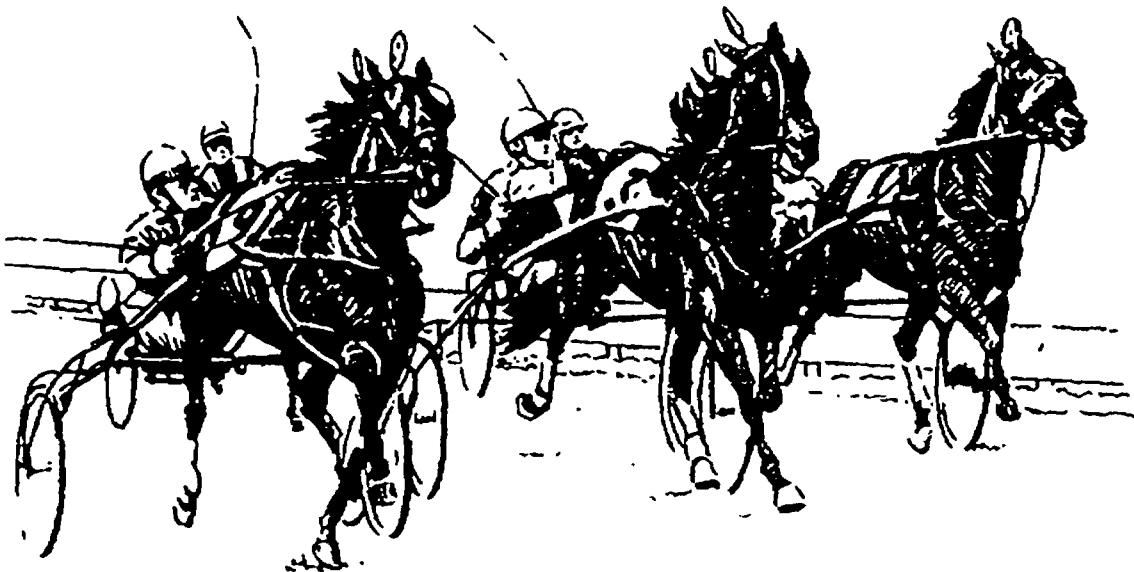
charming downtown shops and beautifully renovated homes. Among the major events are a Friday evening parade, a Saturday night costume ball and a Sunday afternoon picnic. Throw in novelty acts, strolling musicians and character actors and a great time's guaranteed for all. In conjunction with the festival is the Northville Arts Commission Art Market, a juried fine art street show. This is the ultimate "don't miss" event of the year. For information, call the Chamber of Commerce, 349-7640, or the Arts Commission, 349-6104.

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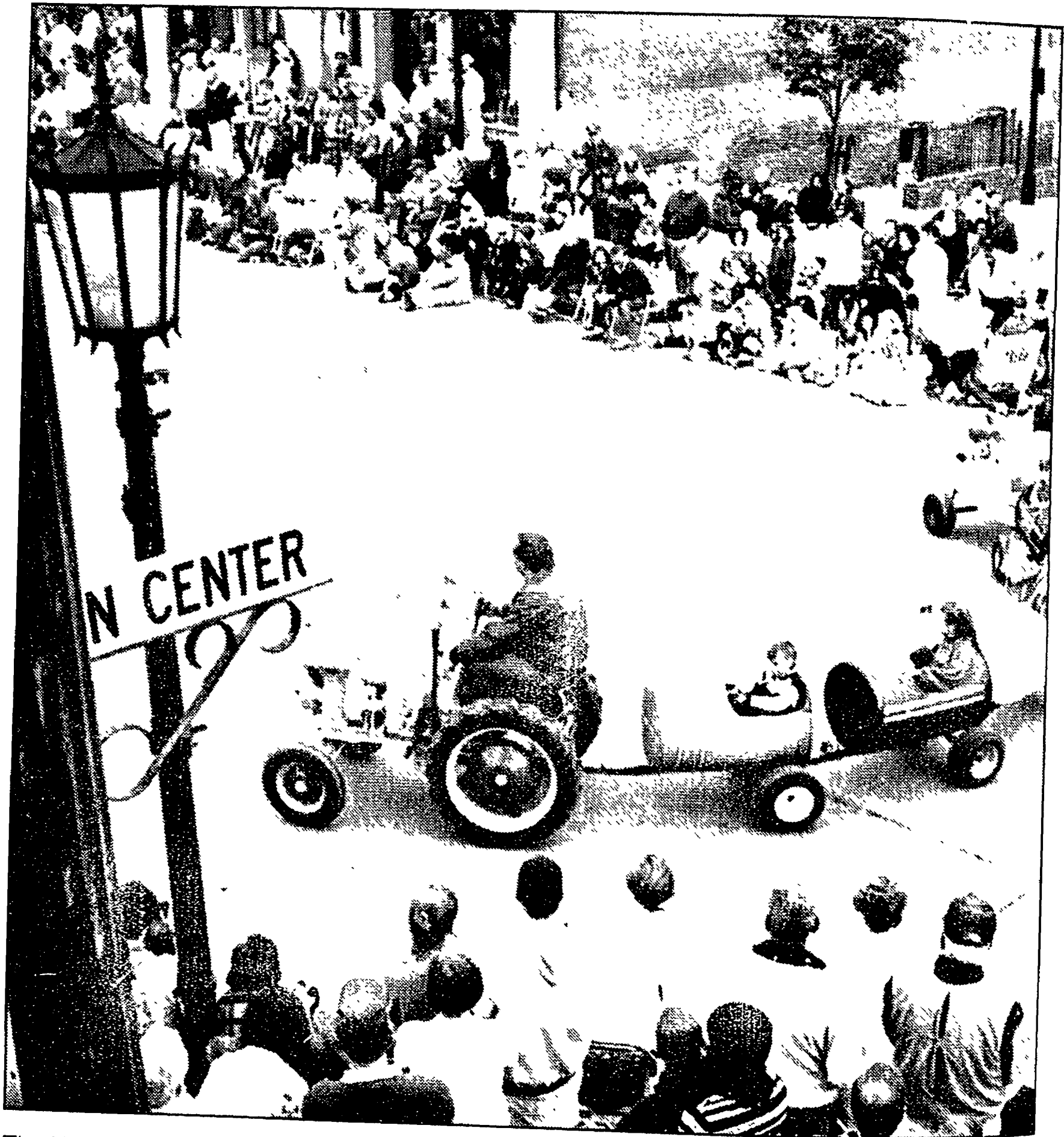
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Major area events

INDEPENDENCE DAY



The Northville Independence Day celebration is a much-anticipated event and a symbol of the city's renowned patriotic spirit. In 1991, Northville gained national attention with "Operation Welcome Home," a special Fourth honoring veterans of foreign wars, including the

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April 13, 14, 15, 16, 17

May-June **Hansel & Gretel**

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May 10, 17

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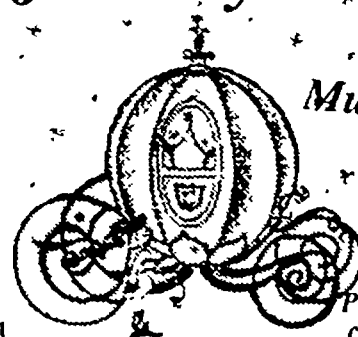
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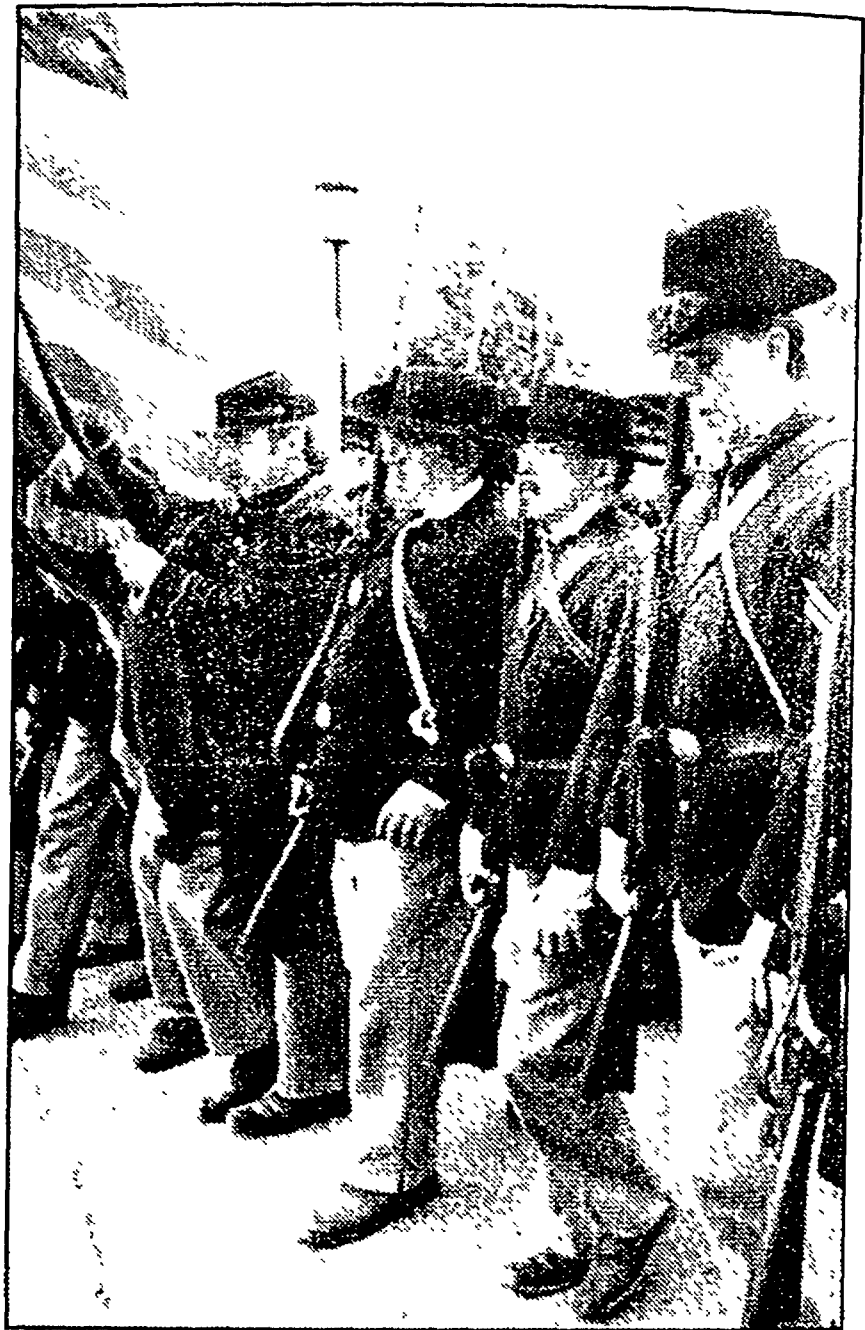
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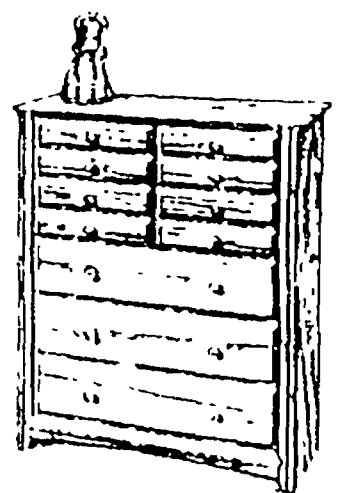
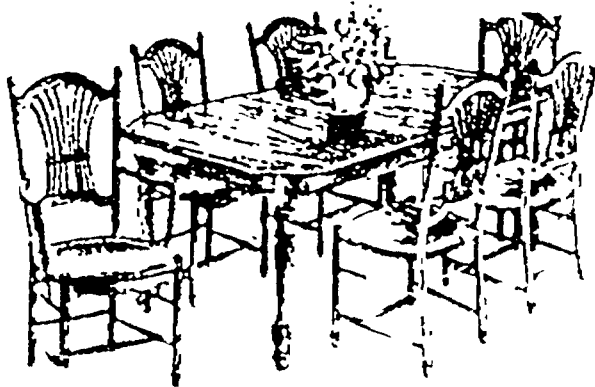
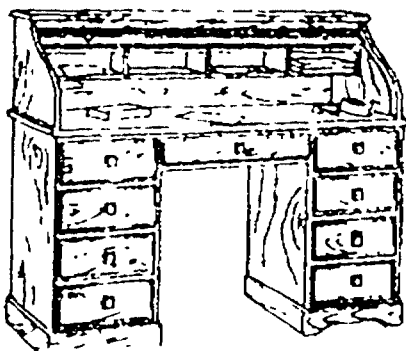
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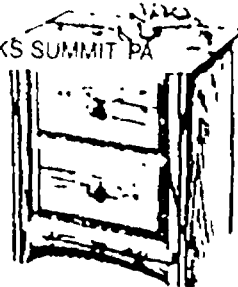
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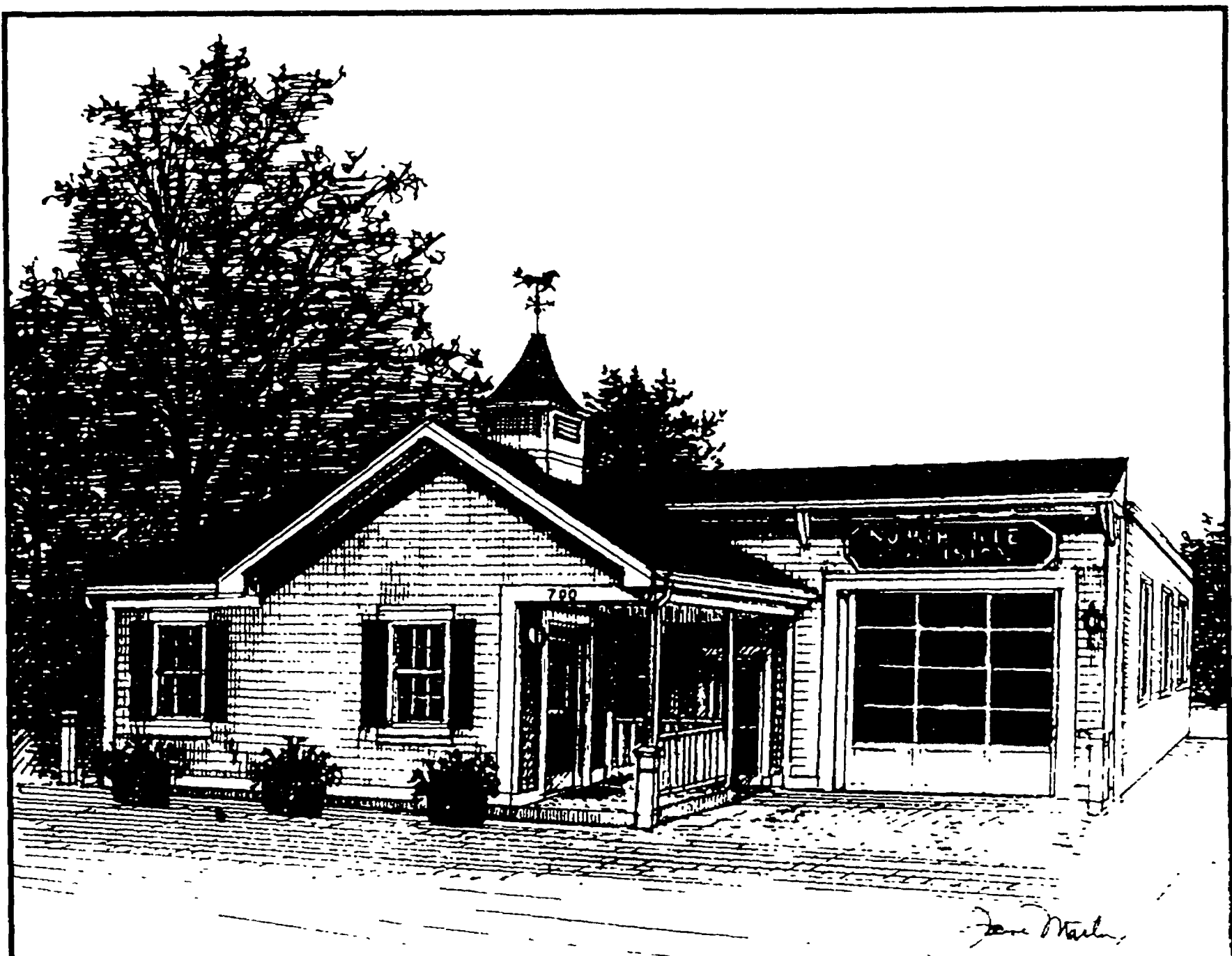
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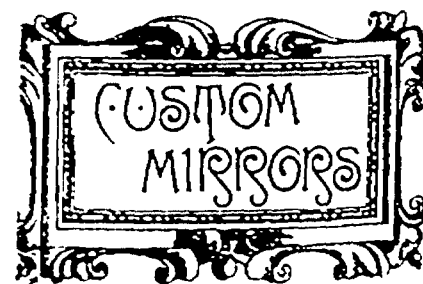
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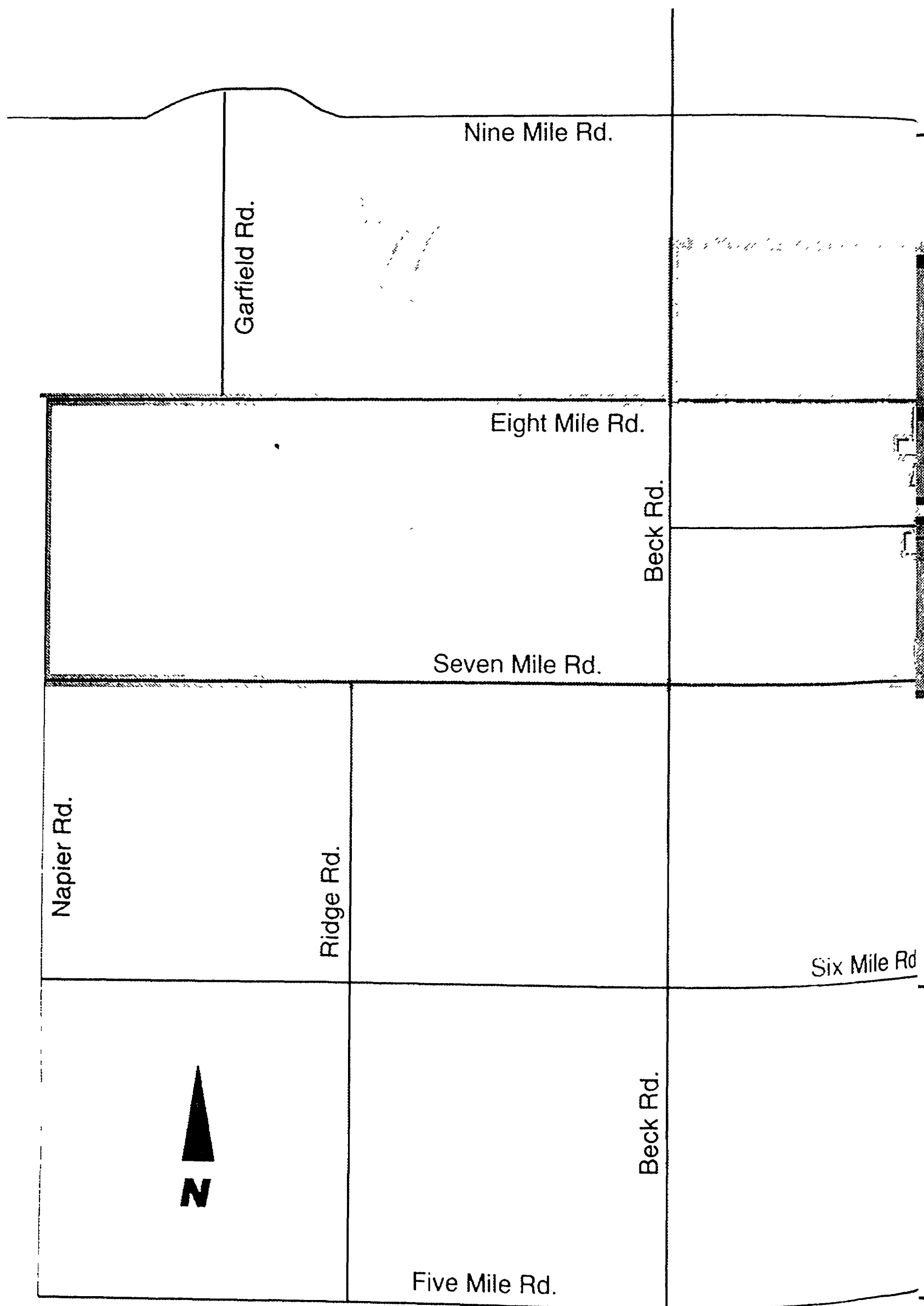
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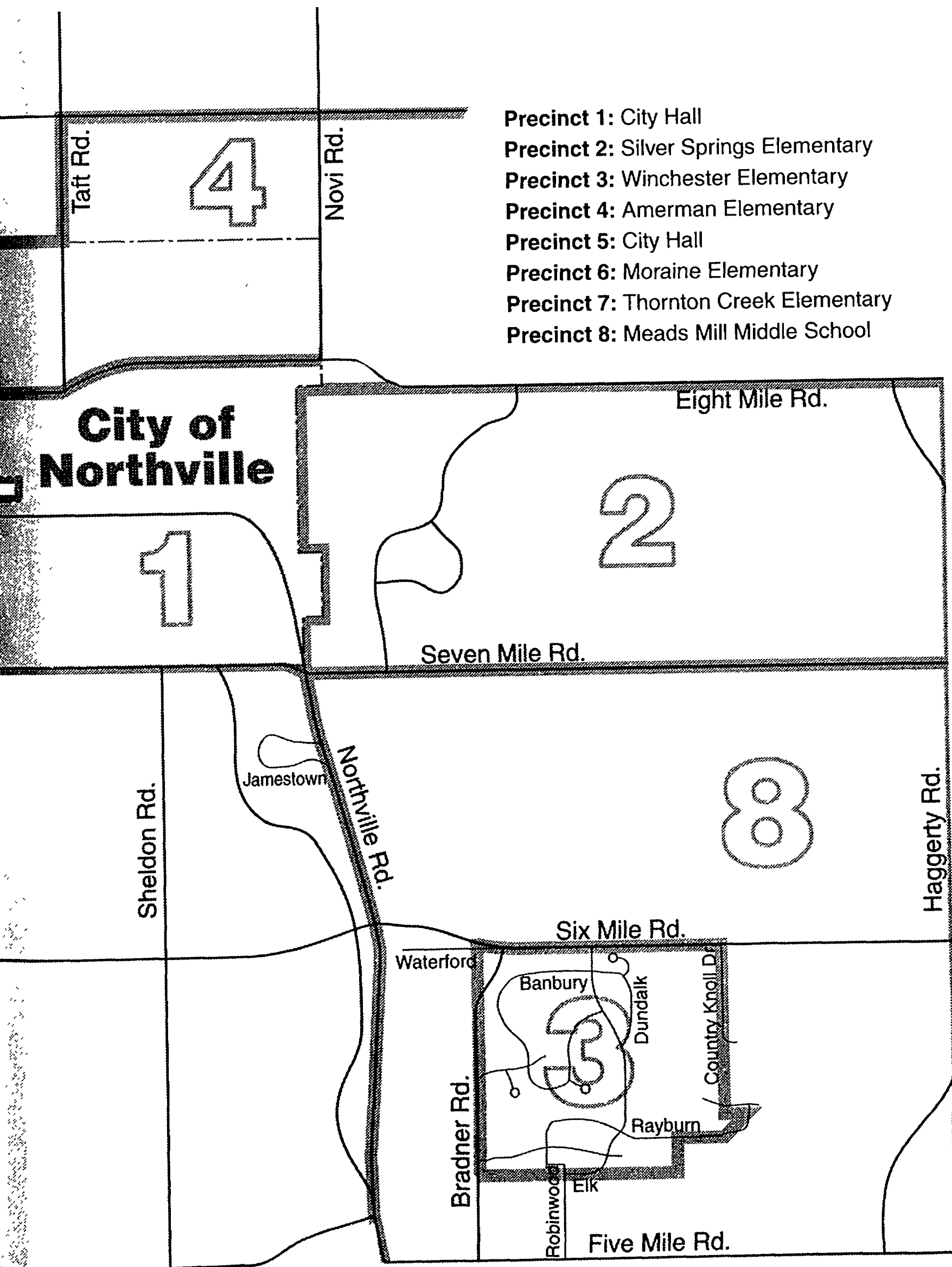
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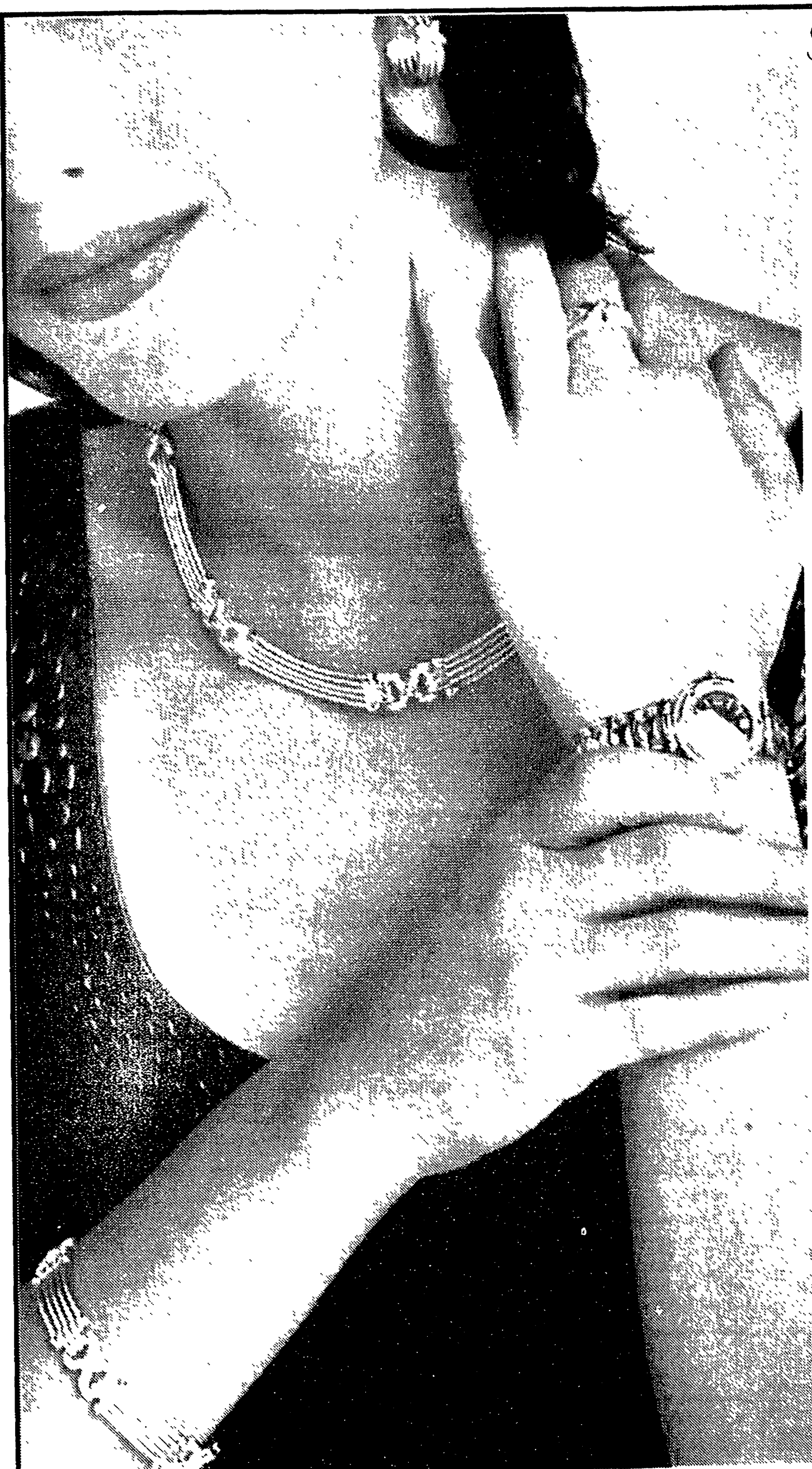
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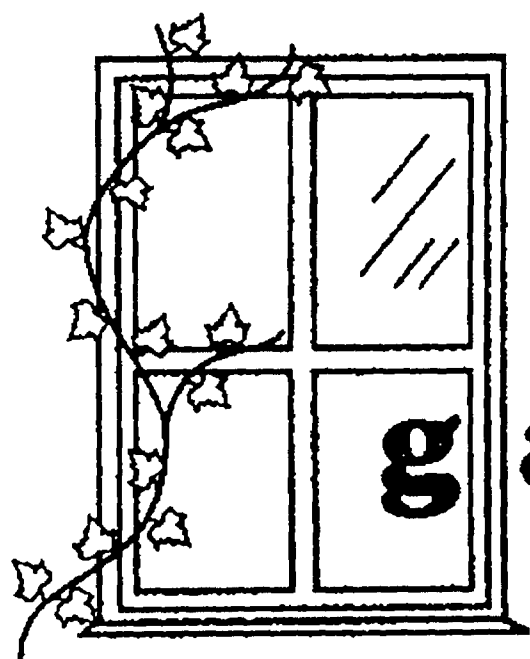
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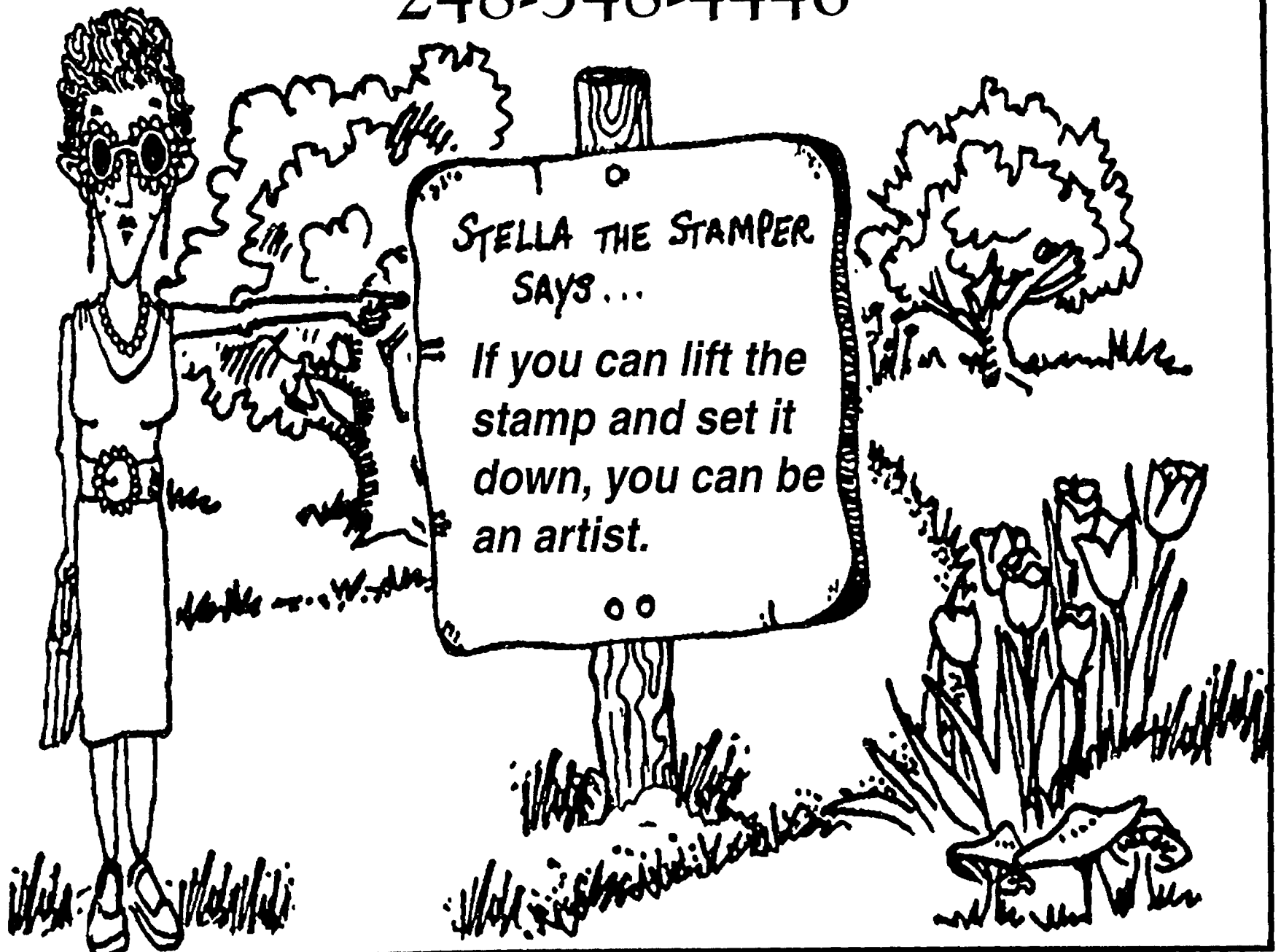
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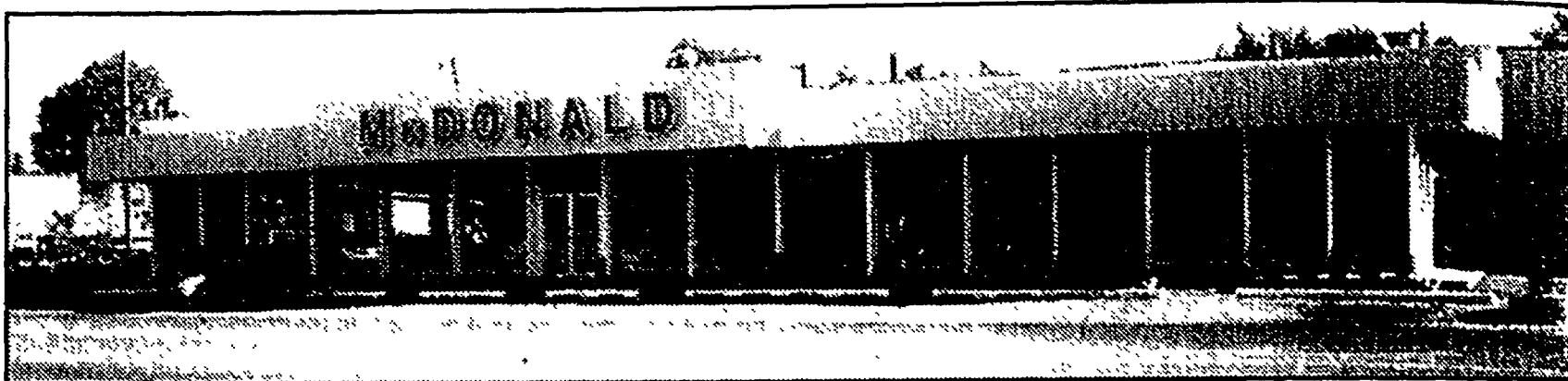
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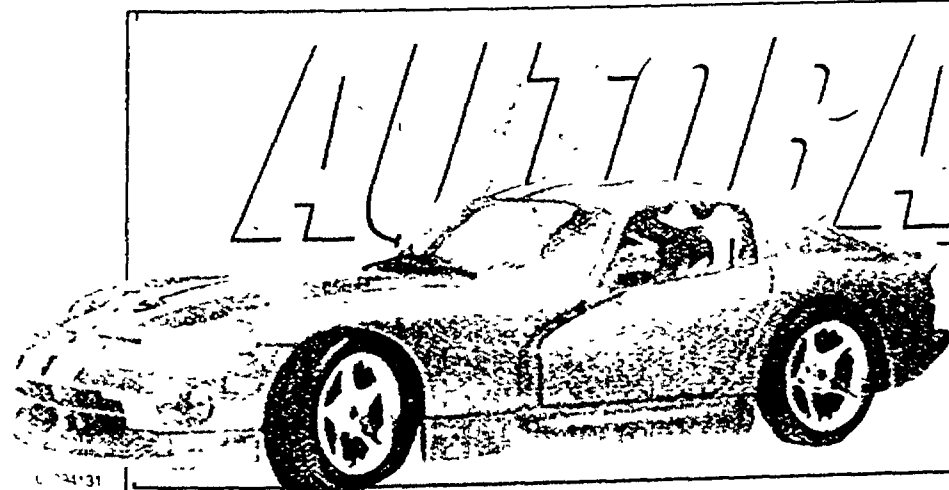
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Time to run for the border

Lots of value for U.S. dollars, duty free bargains and more await visitors to Windsor

By KELLY FINNERTY

Looking for more bang for your shopping buck? Now's the time to take a run for the border.

With the Canadian dollar at an all-time low, American shoppers are discovering substantial savings on various products in Canada. Savings that can be found in everything from a litre of Absolute vodka to a grand piano.

But few shoppers really seem to understand the full benefits of shopping in Canada. This special advertising feature is designed to help.

Shop on Over is packed with information which should take some of the question marks out of shopping in Windsor, and help you realize the savings that are available. Savings like the GST rebate if you spend more than \$200 on non-consumable goods while in Canada.

There is also a list of goods which are tax- and duty-free as well as stories on the rules - and savings - involved in buying certain kinds of products and services.

We also accompanied a U.S. resident on a shop-along expedition through some Windsor stores. Our mission: A cost-comparison of products in Windsor and Michigan.

The savings to American shoppers were eye-opening. Take a

look for yourself on page 12.

Alfie Morgan, a professor of business administration at the University of Windsor and expert in cross-border shopping, says the low Canadian dollar offers a "golden" opportunity for Americans to reap the shopping benefits in Canada. For Canadians the time is now to show Americans we have the service, the quality and the bargains to keep our neighbours coming back. "We have so much to offer but a lot of Americans do not know about it," Morgan says. "Everything in Canada is a bargain price-wise and very high in quality. The US dollar now buys more in Canada than in the US, as much as 40 per cent more."



ALFIE MORGAN

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Businesses can now fly a 'good hospitality' flag and consumers will be greeted with a friendly face and wide smile."

Price is obviously one of the big drawing cards to Canada. Morgan says an American shopper can save anywhere from 30 - 40 per cent in savings. In addition, the American Customs have a more liberal system which permits a shopper to bring back \$200 in Canadian goods, excluding liquor and cigarettes, tax and duty free after only spending a day in Canada.

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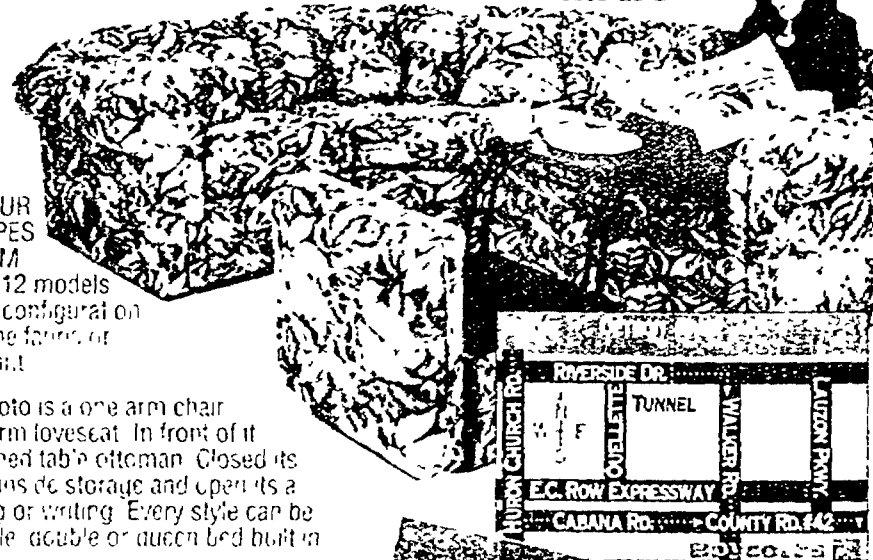
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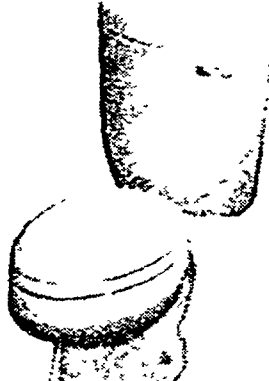
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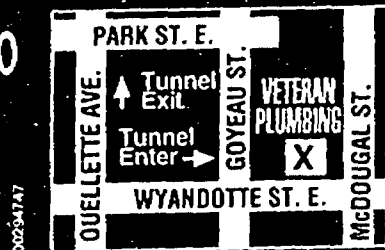
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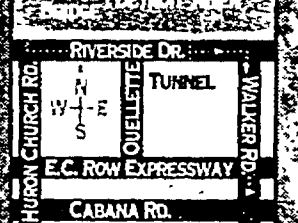


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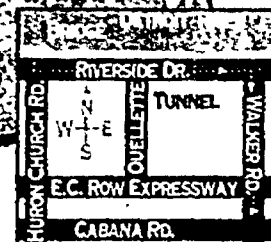
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Casino hits jackpot with visitors

Tax-free winnings and higher dollar deal winning hand at Casino Windsor

By WILLIAM CHATWOOD

In one sense, every American guest of Casino Windsor and The Northern Belle riverboat casino is a winner as soon as he walks into the building and change his money.

With the US dollar at an all-time high against its Canadian counterpart, an increasing number of gamblers are making the short journey to Windsor and finding one of the best gaming values around. According to Jim Mundy, Casino Windsor's director of corporate communications, there has never been a better time to visit the casino.

"A hundred US dollars will get you 146 dollars in Canadian at Casino Windsor," explains Mundy, quoting a recent exchange rate. Casino Windsor offers a rate that is usually better than the banks.

Mundy points out, however, that the favorable exchange rate is only one of many reasons that make Casino Windsor the busiest casino in North America based on square footage.

"We provide Las Vegas or Atlantic City gaming and entertainment," continues Mundy, stressing the casino's focus on customer service. "We offer all the games and machines people want. We make the gaming experience enjoyable so people will make Casino Windsor their first choice."

Coming up in March, for the third consecutive year, Casino Windsor will be giving away a car every week-day throughout the month. Customers qualify by visiting the casino and those with 'Players Prestige' cards will receive additional ballots by winning a jackpot on the slots.

Players Prestige card members receive points whenever they play a slot machine. These points can be exchanged for gifts, complimentary meals, or cash. Over \$1 million is given back to Players Prestige members every month. This is addition to the regular jackpots players have a chance to win.

Slot machines at Casino Windsor and The Northern Belle pay out a staggering \$10 million (CDN) every day.

The formula in Windsor seems to be working. On an average day close to 20,000 people visit Casino Windsor and The Northern Belle, with American patrons making up 80% of this base.

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JIM MUNDY

Visitors to Casino Windsor will find plenty to smile about, now and after the much-anticipated permanent casino opens.

Windsor is only a short drive - six hours or less - from cities like Cleveland, Toledo, and Chicago. For gamblers in Detroit and its suburbs, the trip can be less than half an hour.

"We exchange more currency every day than any other institution in Canada," says Mundy.

And it's going to get even better.

Windsor's new, permanent casino, scheduled to open by late spring or early summer, will offer expanded services. The 23-storey hotel will house 389 rooms and will offer spectacular views of the Detroit skyline.

The complex will also feature a health club, spa, salon, and 3,000 covered parking spaces. The main gaming area will feature 112 tables and 2,000 slot machines. Guests will be

able to find excitement the middle of the action or a quiet place to relax in one of the many restaurants, bars, and lounges.

If service, convenience, and favourable exchange rates are not quite enough to induce you to come to Windsor, there is one more item that should be of interest. All casino winnings in Canada are tax-free so what you win is what you take home.

Talk about a jackpot.





American Shopper Marie Zyren waves her exchanged money. On this day, the exchange rate was 42 per cent, which meant Marie's \$40 U.S. was worth \$56.80 Cdn. She smiled even more after dropping by a few Windsor stores and discovering how much money she saved (See pg. 12)

Kelly Finnerty photo

Quality and selection lure visitors

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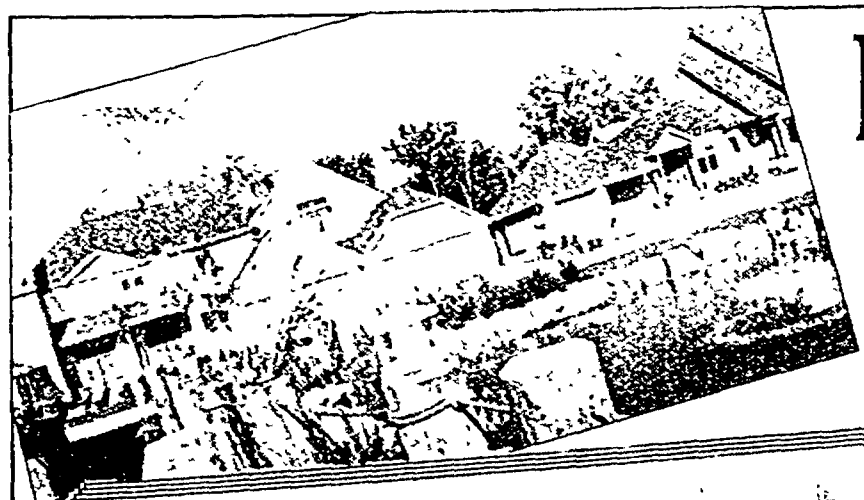
"Our products, especially groceries and vegetables, are cheaper here," Morgan says. "Our services are cheaper, from hairdressing to hospitality. It's almost 1/3 the price."

Morgan says Canada also has superior products when it comes to quality. "Our products, pound for pound, ounce to ounce, are far more superior than in the United States," Morgan says.

"Price might look a bit better in the states, but the quality isn't there."

Another big drawing card to Canada is the "melting pot" of exclusive stores, boutiques and bakeries. Morgan says on Erie Street, known as Via Italia - there are Italian restaurants, bakeries and small cafes lining the street. Over on Ottawa street, Freed's offers top name fashions for men and women.

"We offer service in many tongues and colours, each offering the unique flavour of their homeland," says Morgan. "We just have so many unique things to offer to an American shopper."

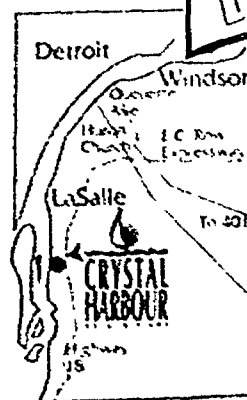


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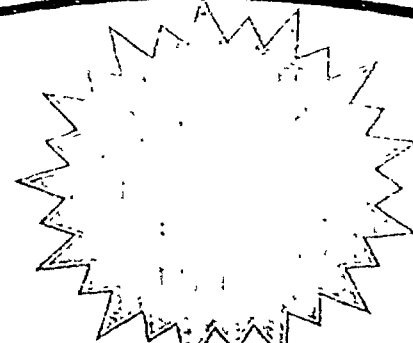
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List of duty free goods increases

Except for alcohol, tobacco and autos, NAFTA changes mean more goods are now duty free

BY STEVE CRAMPSIE

American visitors to Windsor have been reaping the rewards of a strong dollar for some months now, but the savings are even more dramatic after the recent implementation of "duty-free" purchases of Canadian goods made possible by the North American Free Trade Agreement.

As of Friday Feb. 6, Americans buying Canadian money could expect to find a rate of 40.25 at the border currency exchange.

Translation? Every \$100 US would yield \$140.25 Cdn.

The world's friendliest international border is downright cozy now, with duties on Canadian- and American-made goods being dropped entirely in the vast majority of cases. (Notable exceptions still include alcohol, tobacco products and vehicles.)

Even so, the Port Office at US Customs has some advice for American citizens returning from shopping in Canada.

All items must still be declared at the border, for example, and they should be for personal use. There is no upper limit in terms of dollar amount, but common sense dictates what is consid-

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Other long-standing customs regulations continue, including:

- US residents staying less than 48 hours in Canada may bring back up to \$200 US in general merchandise duty free, with the exception of alcohol and tobacco which are subject to duty and taxes.

- US residents staying more than 48 hours in Canada may bring back up to \$400 US in general merchandise, duty free, including 33.8 fluid ounces of alcohol, one carton of cigarettes, two pounds of smoking tobacco, and 50 non-Cuban cigars.

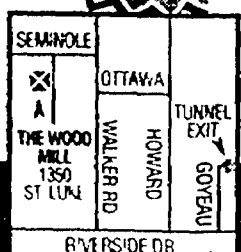
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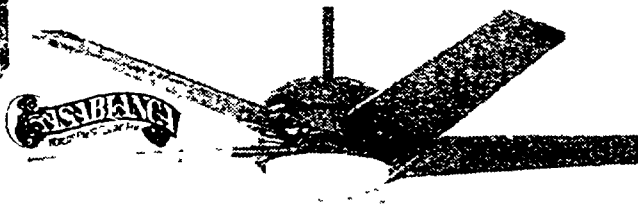
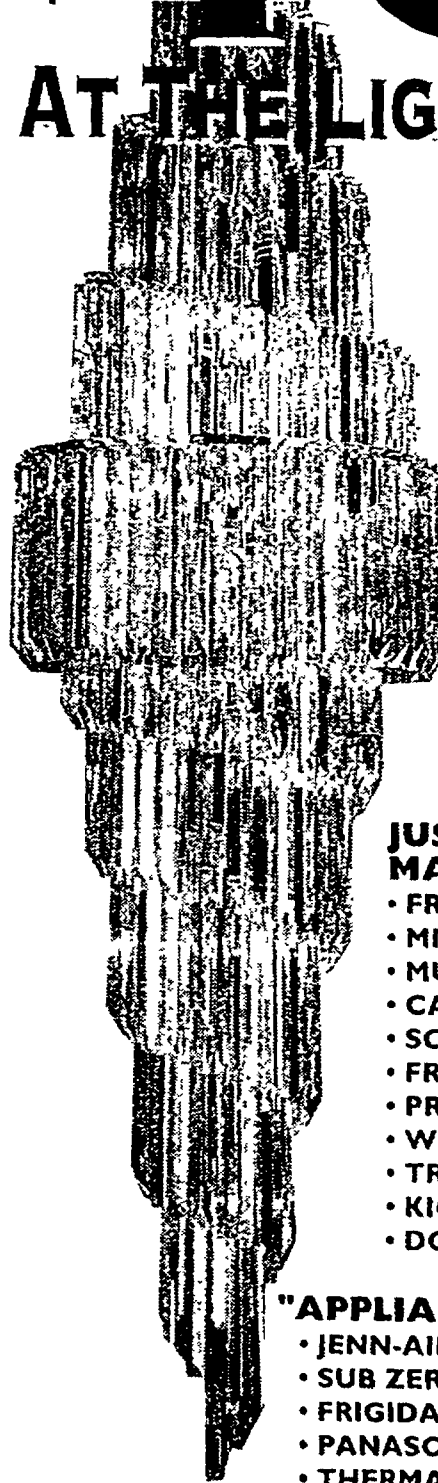
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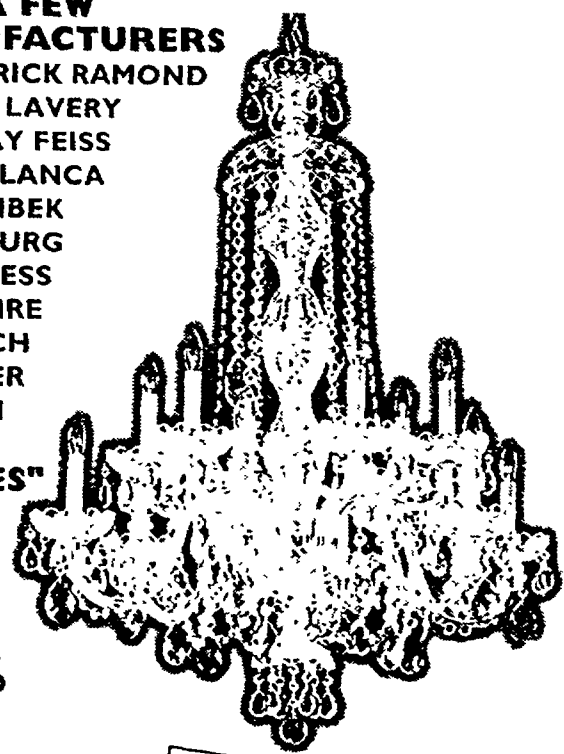


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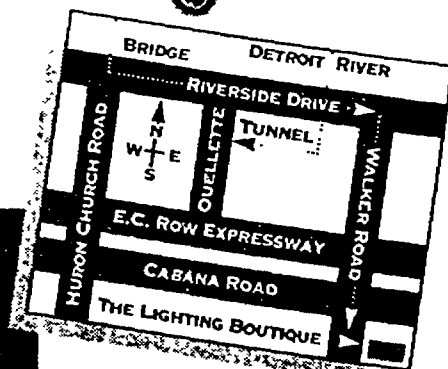
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Tax savings add up

By STEVE CRAMPSIE

Visitors to Canada who spend at least \$200 on taxable merchandise - thus paying \$14 Goods and Services Tax (GST) on non-consumable goods - can claim an instant refund if they have the goods available for inspection when leaving Canada, photo identification and original receipts.

It's worth noting that each original receipt must indicate a minimum purchase of \$50 (equal to \$3.50 GST), and that meals, beverages, gas, tobacco products, transportation services and entertainment are not eligible for GST rebates.

In general terms, the GST rebate applies to goods taken out of Canada, and accommodations.

Apart from the exclusions noted, Peter Brain, general manager of the Windsor-Detroit Tunnel Duty Free Shop, is aware of another small glitch in the process. "For us to do the GST rebate here in store, by federal law we have to keep the original receipts. So customers wanting to also claim the PST (Provincial Sales Tax) rebate have to send copies of the (same) receipts."

Brain adds that, "For the GST we do an instant cash rebate here, or we can give them a form to mail back to the government once they get home. We can handle GST rebates of up to \$500 per application," which would equate to about \$7,100 in purchases.

"We can handle the vast majority of

claims here as long as the paperwork is in order and they have the merchandise with them," he adds. "But we can only do the rebate up to the point when they take the goods out of the country."

Once goods have landed in the U.S., the rules change dramatically, Brain notes, adding that combining receipts from several trips then applying at the Duty Free is forbidden.

For goods that have already been exported from Canada, application forms for the GST rebate may be obtained by writing to the Visitor Rebate Program, Revenue Canada, Summerside Tax Centre, Summerside, Prince Edward Island, Canada, C1N 6C6.

The same forms can be obtained by phone, from outside Canada at 1-902-432-5608; or from anywhere in Canada at 1-800-668-4748.

Brain also acknowledges that forms for the PST rebate can be in short supply at times, so consumers can call the Ministry of Finance Request for Forms and Publications line at 1-800-263-7965.

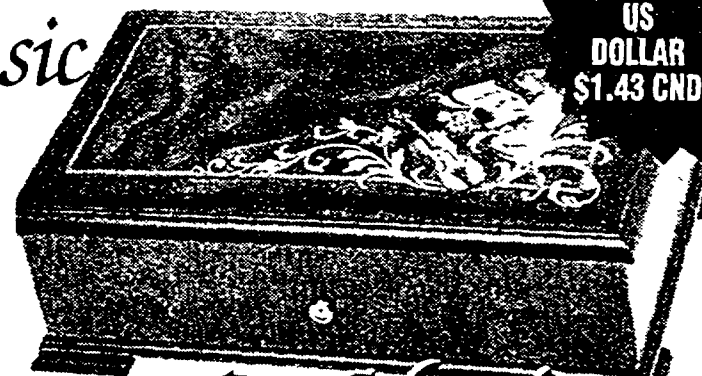
"You have to spend a minimum of \$50 PST on an individual item to get the rebate... which means you have to spend \$625 on an individual item," Brain adds.

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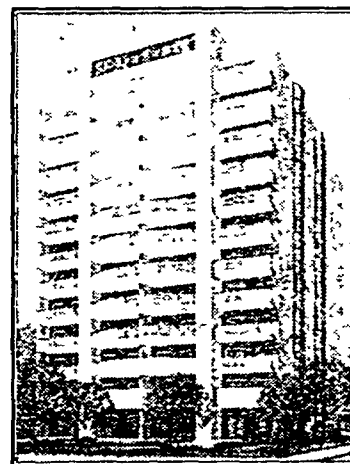


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Windsor: Take in a few sights

BY KAREN PATON-EVANS

Long before the slot machines and roulette tables came to Windsor, the city was aptly named The City of Roses. Beyond the glittering lights of the casinos and the shops and restaurants lining Ouellette Ave. are breath-taking parks and gardens, inspiring art galleries and museums rich in heritage.

Two of Windsor's treasured parks are situated on Ouellette Ave. Dieppe Gardens is nestled against the Detroit River, offering an unimpeded view of Detroit and river life, with its stream of local pleasure craft and the world's massive cargo ships. By travelling south on Ouellette Ave., you will see the edge of Jackson Park-Queen Elizabeth II Sunken Gardens. Twelve-thousand rose bushes in 450 varieties sprawl over 65 lush acres. A Lancaster bomber plane stands in its own rose garden in tribute to war veterans.

A quick drive from downtown reveals a world that is beautiful and restorative. A few minutes' journey east along Riverside Drive brings you to Old Walkerville and the graceful buildings of Hiram Walker & Sons Limited. Tours of the distillery and its timeless architecture give insight to the remarkable ingenuity of the American-born Walker.

Discover Walkerville's former town hall, now the home of the Galerie D'Art Royale. The genial proprietors are always thrilled to show visitors their international collection of paintings and sculptures. Be sure to tour Willistead Manor, the mansion once owned by Edward Chandler Walker, son of Hiram, and designed by famed Detroit architect, Albert Kahn. The grounds, always open to the public, are wonderful for a family picnic or stroll. St. Mary's Anglican Church, built by the Walker sons in honour of their mother, is reminiscent of an English country church and rectory.

Further east on Riverside Drive is Coventry Gardens and Peace Fountain. It is a favorite spot for children and adults alike, with meandering pathways flanked by a profusion of flowers, animal-shaped

shrubbery and a saucer-shaped fountain that sits in the Detroit River, spouting an ever-changing display of water play and colored lights.

In the opposite direction, west of Ouellette Ave. on Riverside Drive, is Assumption Park. The grassy strip of public park edges the Detroit River, providing a friendly spot to relax and picnic. Continue west on Riverside Drive to reach the historical community of Sandwich and Mackenzie Hall Cultural Community Centre.

This former courthouse was built in 1855 by Alexander Mackenzie, Canada's second prime minister. Now it hosts writers, artists and musicians and showcases their art. Enjoy browsing amongst books, fashions and gift items.

Just a stone's throw from Casino Windsor is the Francois Baby House: Windsor's Community Museum. The heritage Georgian home has been divided into a series of galleries which depict local history, including dramatic events like the War of 1812.

Gamblers might be surprised to learn the walls of Casino Windsor once displayed the city's art collections. The Art Gallery of Windsor has been installed in Devonshire Mall on Howard Ave., offering a quiet environment for shoppers and visitors to view and reflect.

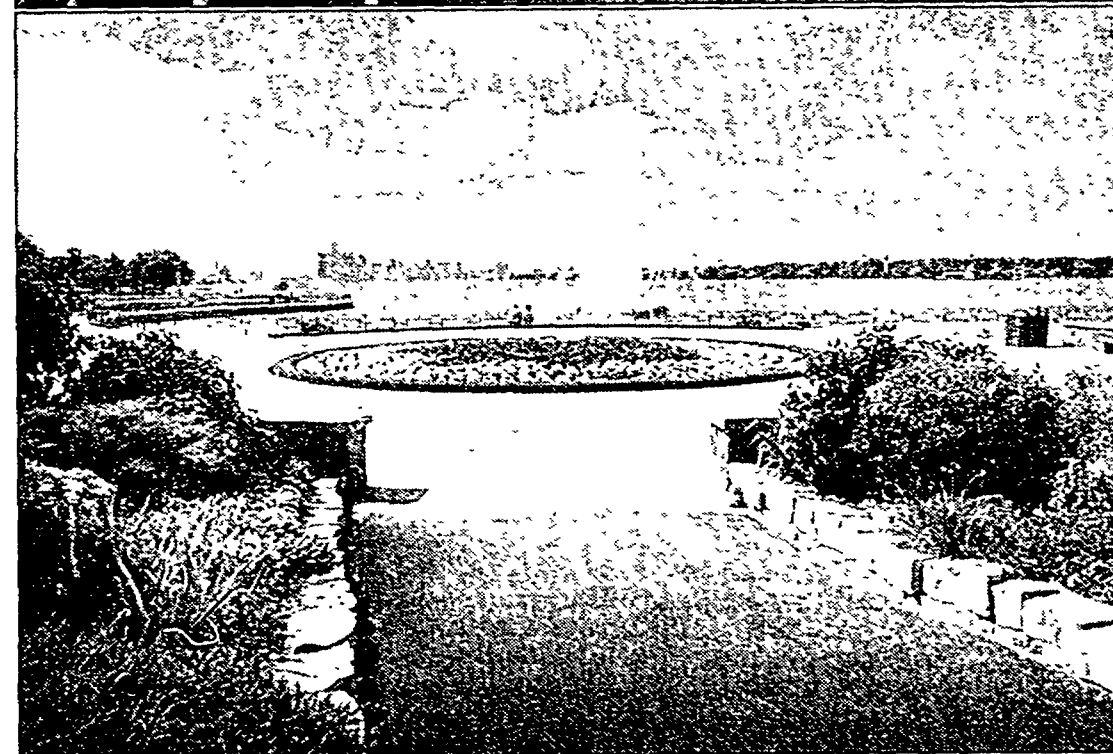
Fun, hands-on displays provide amusement for children. The gallery's store, The Uncommon Market Gift Shop, is filled with unique and intriguing items for everyone.

If you can't find your way, just ask the friendly people of Windsor for directions. They are always happy to oblige.

If you go:

Art Gallery of Windsor - 3100 Howard Ave., Devonshire Mall. Tues. to Fri., 10 am to 7 pm. Sat., 10 am to 5 pm. Sun., noon to 5 pm. (519) 969-4494. No admission. Donation appreciated.

Mackenzie Hall Cultural Community Centre - 3277 Sandwich St. Closed Mon. Call for hours. (519) 255-7600. No admission.



Top, the Galerie D'Art Royale has an international collection of paintings and sculptures. The Peace Fountain at Coventry Gardens has always been a favourite with tourists.

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Fashion and Windsor: A nice fit



BY STEVE CRAMPSIE

Canadian fashion stores are poised and primed to welcome more American customers than ever before, thanks to the removal of duties on Canadian-made fashions.

In short, everything from clothing to jewelry to eyewear is more attractive than ever, building on Canada's well-known fashion advantage and prices that defy description thanks to the strong American dollar.

And now that all duties have been eliminated on Canadian-made goods, the sky's the limit.

"If a guy buys 10 Canadian-made suits, and say they're \$500 each, he pays no duty on that purchase," stresses Ari Freed, owner of Freeds of Windsor.

"All Canadian-made clothing is duty free, and there's no limit. So they can buy as much as they want, and that has been the case since January."

That rule change has been a "very big positive," Freed adds. "It takes away the tie-ups at the border."

For non-Canadian goods, certain restrictions still apply however. "If a guy buys an Armani suit, made in Italy, and it's \$1,000, there would be duties on that. However, if he only buys an Armani tie, which is \$100, and brings that home to the United States, that would be duty free."

Current duty laws allow duty-free purchases of up to \$200 US in general merchandise on stays of less than 48 hours, with some exceptions.

On stays of more than 48 hours, the amount jumps to \$400, along with more liberal allowances on consumable substances.

American shoppers can also claim refunds on Provincial Sales Tax (PST) and

the federal Goods and Services Tax (GST), under certain conditions.

Beyond the tax advantages, Freed argues American shoppers owe it to themselves to shop at stores that offer the full rate of exchange, and to know what that exchange rate is.

Shopping at such stores not only maximizes the value. It sends a strong message to merchants offering less than the full rate.

As one of Windsor's leading merchants, Freed strongly believes in a standard policy across the city.

"What we urge the other merchants in Windsor to do is to offer the full rate of exchange on the American dollar."

Like most merchants, Freed has noticed an upturn in American clientele in recent months.

"We've noticed a tremendous influx of American customers since the Canadian dollar dipped to record lows; there's been a definite effect on our business. The word is out."

Canada also continues to enjoy the benefits of a strong textile industry, which translates into top quality clothing.

"Canadian-made clothing offers tremendous savings dollar-for-dollar. The proof is in the fact that there are literally hundreds of thousands of Canadian suits being exported to the United States, and on the other hand there are very few American suits to be found in the Canadian marketplace."

"On the global scale, Canadian-made clothing stacks up a lot better than American-made counterparts," Freed continues. "Talk is one thing, but they can come and see it for themselves. You are going to find, given the price savings, that

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Freeds, one of Windsor's best-known and respected retailers, prides itself in the quality of its fashions for both men and women. With rule changes in the North American Free Trade Agreement, fashion retailers are able to sell large volumes of their products duty free.

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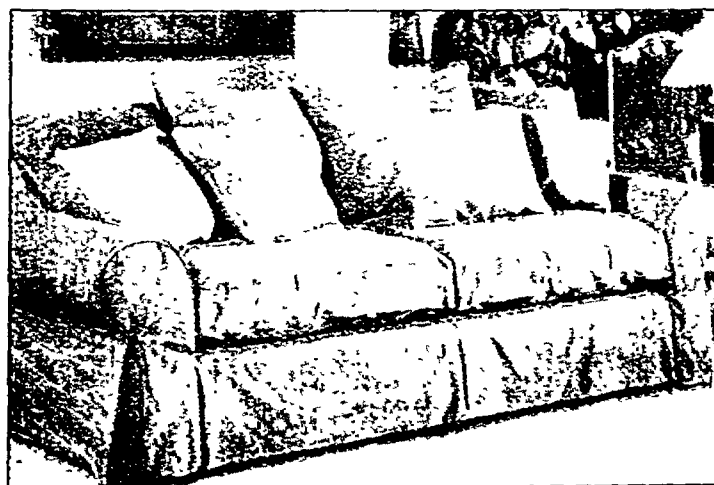
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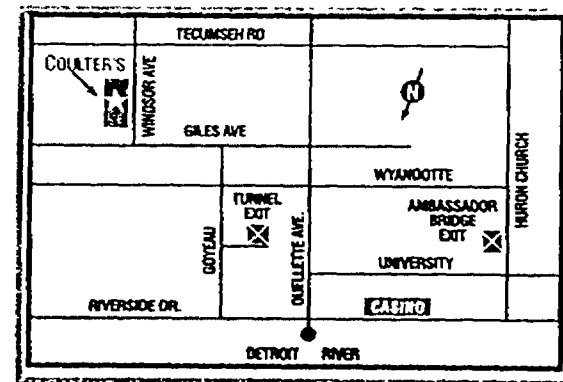
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'Shop-along' reveals big savings

Trip to Windsor stores to compare costs opens eyes

By KELLY FINNERTY

It was a shopping adventure like no other.

Our mission was really quite simple – to determine if it was cheaper for an American to shop in Windsor and if so what type of savings would face them.

During this 'shop-along', I solicited the help of American shopper Marie Zyren, of Westland, Michigan, who researched a list of items, ranging from a cup of coffee to a grand piano, and their price in the United States. Together with our research sheet and a curious mind, we hit local businesses in Windsor and compared the American prices with their Canadian counterparts.

Our first stop was the Ambassador Bridge Duty Free Shoppe to check out the convenience of the currency exchange booth. With \$40 US in hand, Marie headed up to the currency exchange counter.

Within moments, Marie's \$40 US had grown to \$56.80 Cdn based on the 42 per cent exchange rate offered at the exchange counter on that day.

"I knew there was a GST rebate. But I didn't know you would get it the same day. That's really a great idea."

- MARIE ZYREN

Walking away from the counter, Marie noticed a sign for GST rebate. Leaning into the counter, Marie asked the young sales representative for a little more information.

To Marie's and my surprise we discovered if an American shopper spends \$200 in non-consumable goods, including hotel and motel receipts, they qualify for an instant \$14 GST rebate, which is available as soon as the cash receipts are handed in.

"I knew there was a GST rebate," Marie says. "But I didn't know you would get it the same day. That's really a great idea."

As I chatted with the Duty Free manager Mike Maskery, Marie wandered around the shop looking at some of the unique items. Maskery pointed out that some of the best sellers in the store, and the best bargains, continue to be liquor and Canadian beer. In particular Absolute vodka, scotch and rye are great bargains.

"A litre of Absolute sells for \$13.73 here and is double the price in the states," he says. "A lot of our fragrances are nearly 20 - 30 per cent cheaper than in retail stores in Canada and the states."

Marie, who admits a strong love for Royal Doultons, noticed at the duty-free



American Shopper Marie Zyren discovers the Nintendo 64 unit costs \$199.95 in Canada at Microplay Video Game store in comparison to \$149.95 in US. Employee Jay Cottrell shows Marie how the game and its cartridges work. For an American shopper to purchase the unit in Canada, depending on the exchange, they can save close to \$20.

Kelly Finnerty photo

shoppe some of the collectibles were nearly 50 per cent off the price at some of the retail shops in the US.



Our next stop was Microplay Video Game store, on Tecumseh Road, just off of Huron Church Road. Eyeing some of the different games in the store, we finally settled on the Nintendo 64 unit and some cartridges.

At Best Buy in the US the Nintendo 64 system sells for \$149.95. At Microplay the same unit sells for \$199.95 and on our shopping day with the exchange rate at 42 per cent, the Nintendo game system would only cost an American \$115.98.

Add in a few popular game cartridges such as James Bond Golden Eye and WCW wrestling, which retail in the US for \$59.99 and are \$79.99 at Microplay, and a total savings to an American for the complete package would be \$61.18.

The money saved by purchasing the unit and two cartridges in Canada actually leaves enough money for an extra cartridge for the system. "I've been looking at this system for my grandson," says Marie. "I didn't really realize how much cheaper it would be in Canada but now I know I'll be coming back for it."

Microplay employee Jay Cottrell says as the Canadian dollar continues to plummet, the game store is seeing more and more American shoppers. "We get a lot of Americans in the store because we are close

to the bridge," Cottrell says. "A lot of Americans stop in because they say some of the games just aren't available in the states and they know we will have them."

So far, we have one big bargain confirmed for American shoppers.



Eagerly we jump in the car and travel to Leone's Music World on Dougall Road to see what kind of savings are in store for Americans looking for deals on



\$5,911 in savings: Based on \$14,799 cost in Windsor vs. \$14,495 in Michigan

musical instruments. Owner Reno Leone greets us and points out his business has reaped the benefits of the currency exchange.

"We've been getting a lot more US shoppers," he says. "We've experienced a growth like we've never seen before, basically our business has tripled."

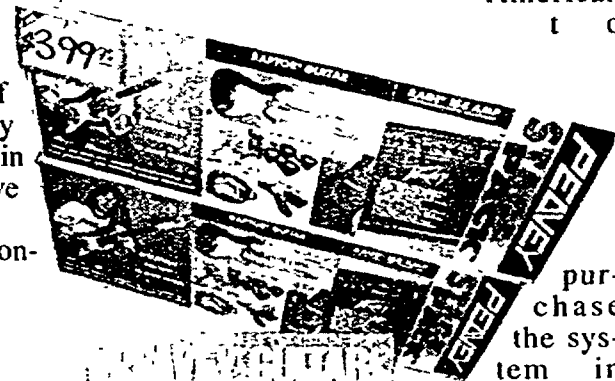
"There are such great savings for Americans coming to Canada. In fact we've had a lot of people call us up and ask if there are wholesale prices."

- REMO LEONE

A quick comparison of some of the popular items such as guitars, guitar cases and grand pianos soon has Marie and myself understanding why.

A Peavey Raptor Guitar package, which comes with amplifier, bag, picks and extra strings, is available at Leone's for \$399.95. At Arnold William Music Centre in Canton, Michigan, the same system is \$300, in U.S. dollars. For an American

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\$96.01 in savings: Based on \$399.95 cost in Windsor vs. \$300 in Michigan

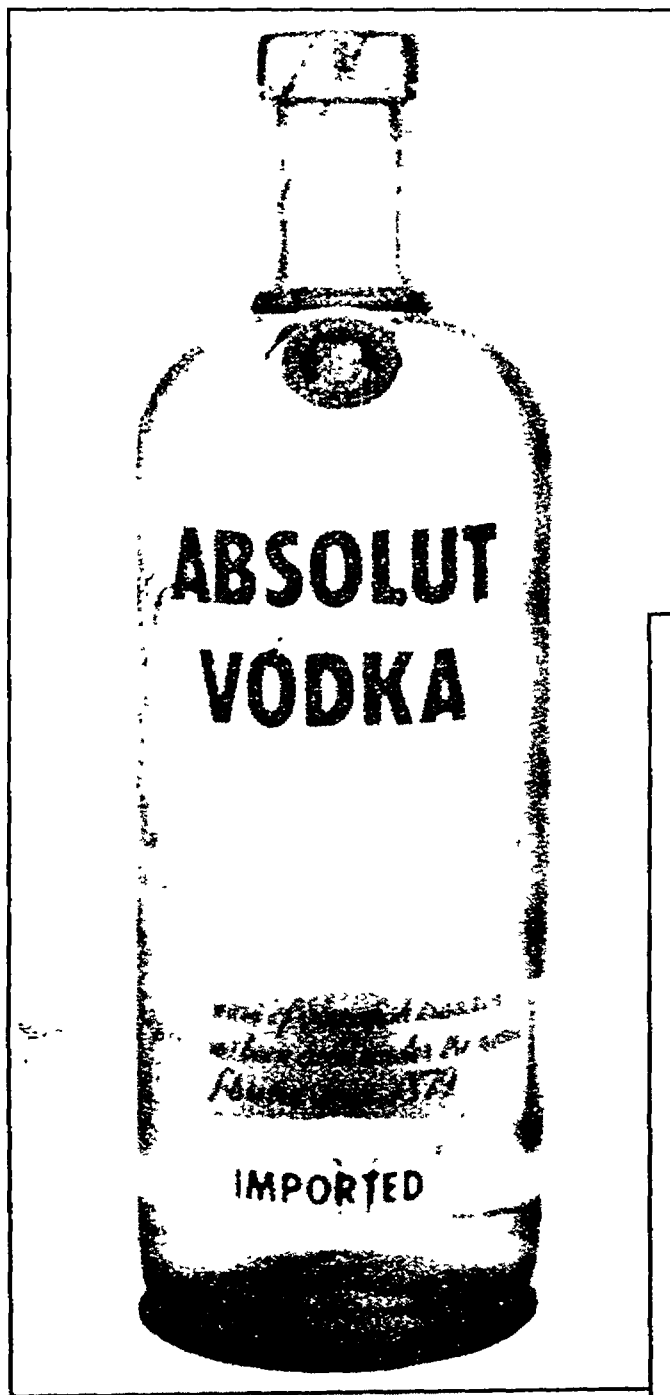
Canada, based on a 42 per cent exchange rate, he or she would save \$68.02 plus would receive an additional \$27.99 in GST rebate at the Duty Free Shoppe. A hard-shelled acoustic case retails for \$49.95 at Leone's and is \$38.95 in the US.

One of the biggest savings we noticed at Leone's was in the pricing of grand pianos. At Leone's a Yamaha grand piano sold for \$14,799. The exact same piano at Hamell Music in Westland sold for \$14,495. For an American shopper based on a 42 per cent exchange rate, the savings are astronomical – \$5,911 cheaper.

"The instruments which are made in the US are duty-free for American shoppers," Leone says. "There are such great savings for Americans coming to Canada. In fact we've had a lot of people call us up and ask if there are wholesale prices."

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Visitor sees "lot of difference"

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Shelley St. Aubin, owner of Autobahn in Devonshire Mall says she has been seeing an influx of American shoppers the last couple of months. She says the number of Americans coming to the store continues to increase as more people realize the savings in Canada.

Autobahn stocks a wide range of Polar Fleece sweatshirts with a wide range of car logos, such as Mustang, Corvette, Jeep and Volkswagen, for only \$59. They also have a popular Corvette (3-in-1) jacket which sells for only \$179.99.

For an American shopper, based on a 42 per cent rate, the sweatshirts would run around \$48, the jacket for \$147.

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Marie Zyren, of Westland, Michigan says she was coming to Canada to shop even before the exchange rate increased. She says she enjoys shopping in Canada because on some products, such as Royal Doultons, there really are big savings.

In addition, Zyren says she really enjoys the service and the prices at local restaurants. At the Ram's Horn in the US a hamburger and fries cost \$4.89. That same meal, at Margarita's in Devonshire Mall, is only \$5.25.

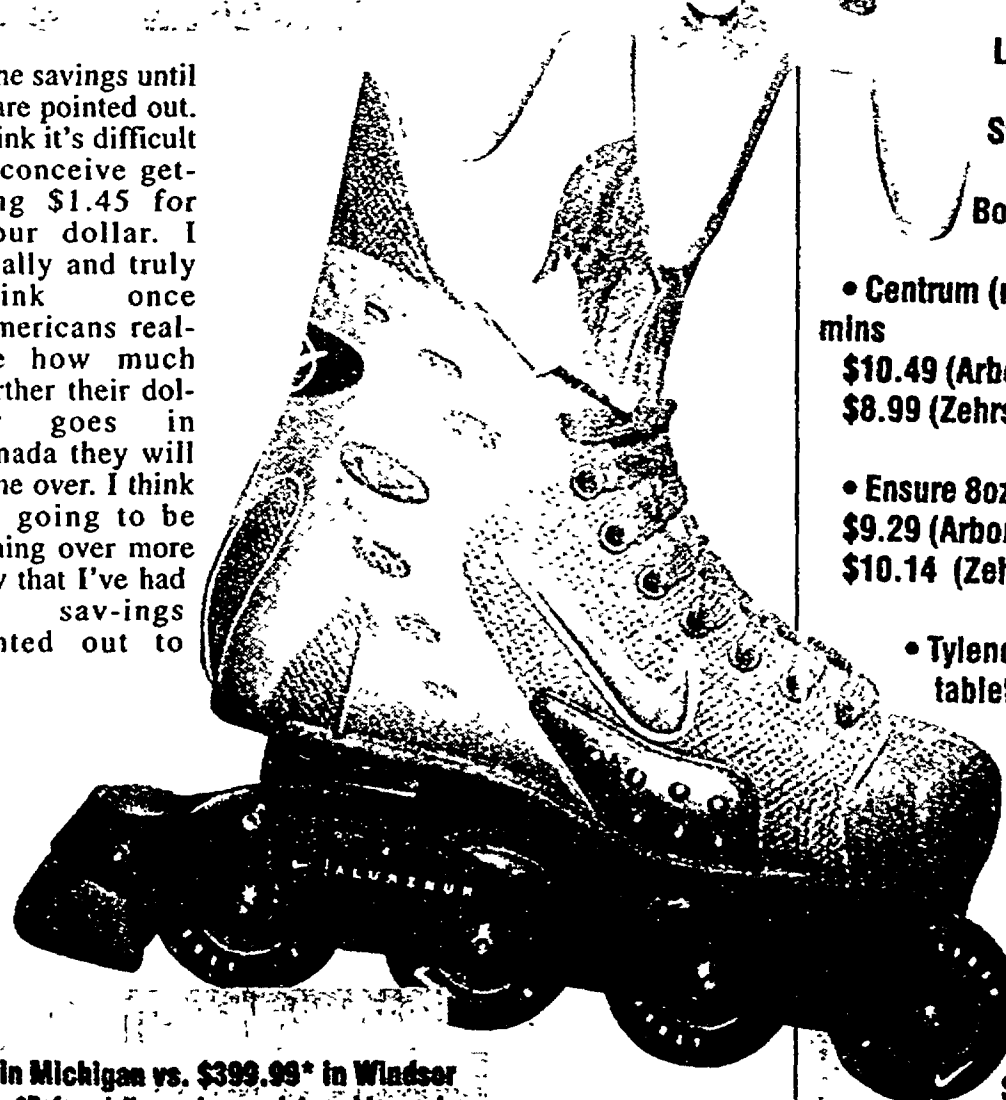
"I really saw a lot of differences in prices," Zyren says. "But I

think a lot of times when Americans come over they don't really



\$61.18 in saving: Based on \$149.95 cost in Michigan vs. \$199.95 in Windsor for the unit, and \$59.99 in Michigan vs. \$79.99 in Windsor for the games.

realize the savings until they are pointed out. I think it's difficult to conceive getting \$1.45 for your dollar. I really and truly think once Americans realize how much further their dollar goes in Canada they will come over. I think I'm going to be coming over more now that I've had the savings pointed out to me."



\$32.99 in savings: Based on \$179.99 cost in Windsor vs. \$147 in Michigan

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\$6.69 (Zehrs Food Plus)

• Nike Air Agitate Inline skates

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\$399.99 (National Sports)

Lakefront property attractive

By STEVE CRAMPSIE

The lure of lakefront property is undeniable, and there has never been a better time to consider such purchases on the Canadian shorelines of Lake Erie and Lake St. Clair, according to Canadian realtors and home builders.

For that matter, given the almost unbearable lightness of the "loonie" - our word for the Canadian dollar - property anywhere on Canadian soil is a hot commodity.

With the Canadian dollar hovering at around sixty-nine cents US (meaning an American dollar will get you \$1.41 Canadian), and the elimination of the once odious Foreign Investment Tax, it's a virtual bonanza on this side of the border.

"Before the Progressive Conservative (federal government) came to power, there was a 20 per cent Foreign Investment Tax levied at the time of deal closing," notes Windsor and Essex County Real Estate Board President Doug Jeffery.

That meant a purchase of \$100,000 escalated to \$120,000 in an instant. That tax has been eliminated, "so obviously our lake properties are much more attractive today," Jeffery adds.

But, he says, several intangibles add to the attractive nature of property in Canada. "Purchasing on the water here is closer than

anything they can purchase in Michigan, because we have Lake St. Clair in close proximity to Wayne and Macomb County and Lake Erie to Kingsville and Leamington with its share of cottage areas."

"There are some absolute pluses in terms of proximity, safety and those kind of things. The dollar differential is tremendous right now, and we have more lakefront property than Americans can find within the same distance."

Of course, anybody can buy a home in Ontario, Jeffery notes, but taking up immediate permanent residency involves arranging Landed Immigrant status. "The government frowns on using Canada as a bedroom community," Jeffery stresses.

On the other hand, "people can buy here from the United States and from other countries for that matter and use them as summer homes, similar to Canadians living in Florida for three months of the year without any problems."

Several attractive condominium and 'dockominium' developments also bear close scrutiny, many of which are only minutes from the Ambassador Bridge or tunnel. Developers in Windsor, LaSalle, Amherstburg, Tecumseh and St. Clair Beach are offering tremendous values, suited to most tastes and budgets.



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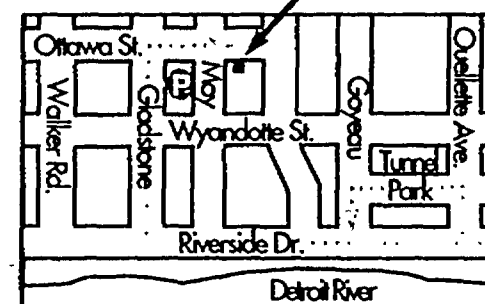
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BY KELLY FINNERTY

As the value of the Canadian dollar continues to drop, more American shoppers are discovering the savings across the border.

But most Americans don't realize there are savings on everything from a pack of cigarettes to a new vehicle.

Ron Milton, general sales manager at Overseas Motors in Windsor says an American shopper can save five per cent on a new vehicle. On a \$60,000 vehicle that means a \$3,000 saving based on a 45 per cent exchange rate.

"The exchange rate is not only a benefit when buying a new car, but right down the line," Milton says. "There are also savings on service. There are definitely some savings on buying a car in Canada."

Overseas Motors knows that more

Americans are coming to Canada looking for savings.

"We offer a shuttle service which goes into the States," Milton says. "We will take them over and bring them back."

When an American purchases a new vehicle they are required to pay a 6 per cent sales tax and a 2.7 per cent duty tax.

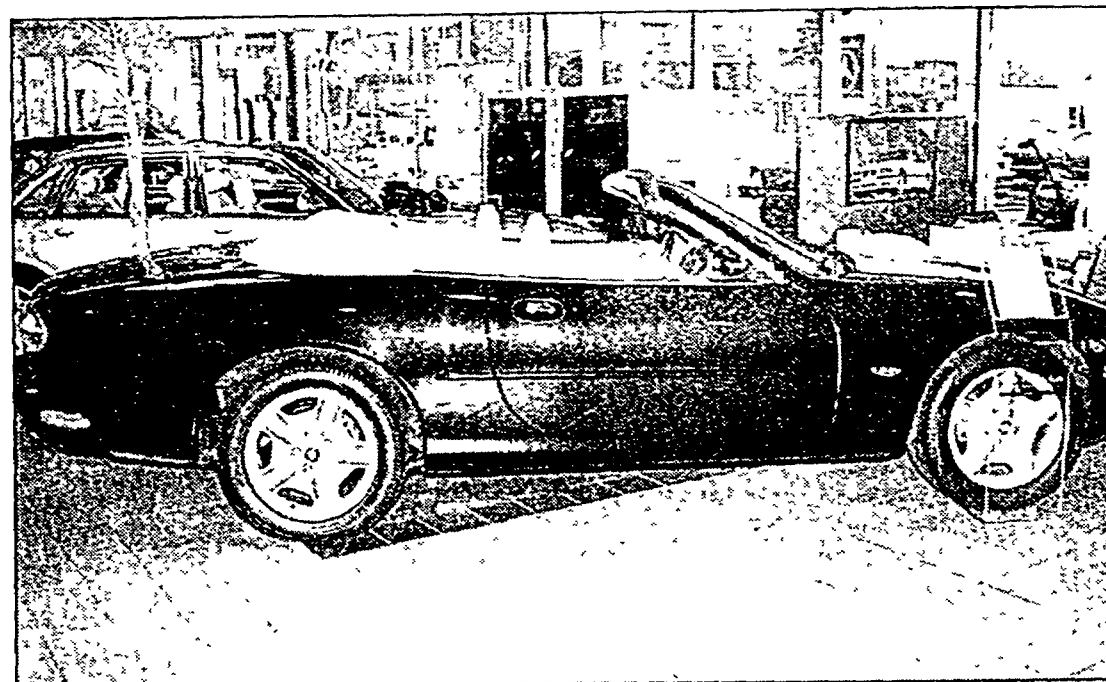
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- RON MILTON

On the purchase of a used vehicle, a customer only has to pay the duty tax. Overseas Motors has rolled those two taxes into the price of their new vehicles and now offers a "hassle free" service.

"We want to make sure our American shoppers have no hassle at the border," Milton says. "Most of the times we will deliver the vehicle right to our customer's front door. A lot of people don't realize they can buy a car here and bring it back to the United



A Jaguar XK8 convertible like this isn't out of the financial ballpark, when you factor in the higher U.S. dollar, savings in servicing and other incentives.

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Milton says Overseas Motor has been seeing "quite a few more" American shoppers coming through its doors. The dealership, located on Tecumseh Road, sells exotic and high end vehi-

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Laser treatment draws visitors

Procedure used for the eye, wrinkles or hair cost less and clear customs too

STORY BY LOUISE DEARDON

Laser treatment procedures is a red-hot item in Windsor, Michigan residents are increasingly finding.

And for good reason: The cost savings here are significant.

Laser, an acronym for Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission Radiation, is a type of light beam that is extremely precise in nature. Laser light is suitable for medical procedures including some types of eye and cosmetic surgery.

An excellent outcome is predicted for most recipients of laser therapy, although results may vary from patient to patient.

Among the most common elective laser treatments are laser eye surgery, laser cosmetic surgery, and laser hair removal.

Laser treatment traditionally comes with a high price tag, but crossing the border to have laser procedures performed in Canada can present a considerable saving.

Staff at the Windsor Laser Eye Institute (WLEI) point out several advantages for Americans who elect to undergo laser refractive eye surgery over the border.

For starters, the laser technology in

Canada is generally more advanced than in the US because of quicker and less stringent approval processes in Canada. Having access to new technology in advance of American physicians means that Canadian practitioners can gain experience with new technology at a faster rate.

At WLEI, patients can pay in US dollars for convenience. In addition, they may elect to see a physician of their choice in the US for follow-up care after surgery, or the WLEI can arrange follow-up care for them.

Neither provincial sales tax or GST (goods and services tax) applies to refractive eye surgery.

There are several American medical insurance companies who provide cover for laser refractive eye surgery. Some may specify particular procedures, so the WLEI recommends that patients check to see if they have coverage for the specific type of laser therapy they are considering and if the coverage

applies to treatment in Canada.

One Windsor specialist, Dr. Robin Deans, provides two types of laser treatment services at The Laser Wrinkle Centre: cosmetic surgery and laser hair removal. He estimates his American patients enjoy savings of 50% or more by using his services in Canada instead of seeking comparable treatment at home.

Dr. Deans adds that GST (7%) is payable on cosmetic surgery and is non-refundable, but there is no provincial sales tax payable.

Americans returning home do not need to declare the treatment to US Customs as they have purchased a service, not goods.

Laser eye surgery is commonly used to correct vision defects caused by refraction problems (i.e. myopia or nearsightedness, astigmatism, and hyperopia or farsightedness).

An initial no-fee consultation and comprehensive assessment will determine whether an individual is a good candidate for laser refractive surgery.

Several types of laser are suitable for refractive surgery. The newest and most

advanced procedure available in Canada is called LASIK, a procedure whereby an excimer laser is used by the surgeon to reshape the cornea to improve the eye's focus.

The other major laser used in refractive surgery is the Holmium laser, used to correct farsightedness. In this instance, the shape of the eye is altered by using the laser to heat the edges of the cornea and causing it to shrink.

Skin resurfacing is a type of cosmetic surgery which can be performed by laser therapy. The laser light is used to peel off layers of skin similar to peeling wallpaper off the wall.

The greatest advantage of the laser is that it is very precise. In most cases, the procedure is an outpatient treatment done completely under local anaesthesia.

A laser may be used in place of a scalpel for certain cosmetic surgical procedures. Bruising and swelling are reduced and bleeding is eliminated since the laser seals the blood vessels as it cuts.

Victoria Gorski, owner of Estetica Beauty Institute in Windsor, has just added the Nu-trolysis laser hair removal technique to the comprehensive list of services she provides at her day-spa.

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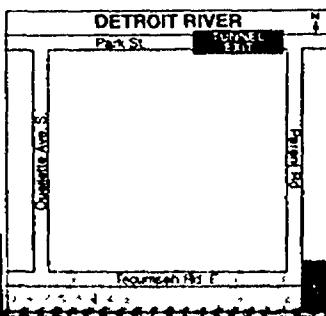
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Fashion and Windsor make the perfect fit

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there's just no comparison."

Clothing isn't the only savings oasis awaiting Americans. Windsor is also a shopper's paradise for those in the market for eyewear.

Hakim Optical Area Supervisor Vahid Sabeti knows why Americans frequent Canadian optical retailers.

"We have the very, very thin lenses that are not available in the United States, and that has been the major reason for American customers to come to Canada. A few years ago when the savings on the dollar wasn't as significant, we were still seeing plenty of American customers."

While Sabeti acknowledges the recent boon provided by the exchange rate, he firmly believes the Canadian advantage lies in lens selection.

"These plastic lenses are about 25 per cent thinner than Americans are able to find in the United States," Sabeti explains. Thinner means lighter, which translates into comfort.

Sales of extra-thin lenses account for about 50 per cent of sales, he says, adding that similar lenses account for almost 90 per cent of sales in Europe.

"In addition, there is no PST or GST

attributed to prescription eyewear in Canada. So that's a 15 per cent savings in taxes."

Operating in a smaller market also allows the Canadian optical retailer to keep pace with fashions coming out of Europe.

Frame styles are of the smaller, oval variety. The rimless frames have also proven very popular.

"In eyewear fashion Europe is number one, and the United States tends to be about a year-and-a-half behind."

Canada is better able to keep pace given it's smaller population. "We're able to change our styles much more frequently."

In jewelry, Ian Henderson has also noticed a shift in clientele.

"The nice thing about the exchange rate is it brings a lot of attention to us. It's a good marketing time (for us) and the exchange rate is obviously enticing," says the owner of The Gold Shop on Ouellette Avenue.

"It provides (Windsor) with an opportunity to strut our stuff to a whole bunch of new people, even though we've always enjoyed a moderate US customer base. Americans like it over here for many reasons, many of which have nothing to do with the money."

Laser treatment draws visitors

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Gorski explains that the laser works by emitting red light which is selectively absorbed by the melanin (dark pigment) found at the source of the hair growth, and works most effectively if there is high contrast between the hair and skin.

People with dark skin, which contains a large amount of pigment, are not good candidates for laser hair removal because the laser targets pigmented cells which may heal with either more or less colour.

Laser hair removal has two distinct advantages over the traditional permanent hair removal method, electrolysis. The first is lack of discomfort, since electrolysis causes varying degrees of pain.

The second is convenience. For example, a traditional electrolysis treatment to clear the upper lip area typically takes weekly appointments over several months. The Nutrolysis laser at Estetica will clear the entire lip area in 15 minutes, says Gorski. After two treatments, an average of 80% of the hair will not grow back.



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Myths of the Great White North

Windsor not a part of the frozen tundra year round

BY KAREN PATON-EVANS

There are many myths swirling around that pristine land known as Canada, the Great White North. While grand and thrilling, like most myths, reality is a shade different.

For visitors entering the country via Detroit, the first myth to shatter is that they are travelling north. Windsor is south of its American neighbor; it is actually in line with northern California.

Frozen tundra

Accordingly, it would follow that Windsor is not part of the frozen tundra year round. For decades, many Americans have been sighted with snow skis and sad faces as they crossed the border and stepped onto lush, green grass under a balmy August sky. In fact, downhill skiers would be disappointed at any time of year, as Windsor is unbelievably flat, without even a bunny hill to redeem it.

One thing is true: in comparison to many cities, Windsor is safe and well-policed. Its own police force serves the city, although the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are also stationed in Windsor. But don't expect

to see red-suited Mounties galloping through the downtown streets on horseback. A more likely sight is a city policeman on a bicycle, writing tickets for traffic offences.

English language

Language isn't a barrier to American visitors. English is the first language spoken, although Windsor's citizens are from all over the world and the streets, restaurants and shops are filled with many dialects.

If you want to figure out if you are in a crowd of Windsorites, just listen for tell-tale phrases, such as "you know" and "like" (as in, Well, like, I went to the casino, and like, I lost all my money, you know?).

Another common habit is to end a sentence in "eh?". For example, "How's it goin', eh?" (Not to be confused with the New York

greeting, "Aaaay, how's it goin'?!")

Canada has two official languages, English and French. While it is true that Windsor's strip clubs often feature French-speaking entertainers from Quebec, it is not true that all French-speaking women in the city are strippers. (A number of the entertainers are actually American performers, living in Michigan and working in Windsor).

One definite truth is that Canadian beer typically has a higher alcohol percentage than U.S. beer.

Also, Windsor's drinking age is 19 years, which, for some reason, seems to be a big attraction to Michigan people under the age of 21 who like to drink beer.

Booze smuggling

While it is true that enterprising Canadians and their American counterparts (like Al Capone) smuggled booze across the river during the exciting days of Prohibition,

it is not true that there is a tunnel dug beneath the mansion of Canadian Club distiller Hiram Walker's son, Edward, which snakes below the Detroit River and emerges on U.S. soil.

All the rum running was done in fast boats that pushed police boats to their limits or by coy young women who wore special garters that held bottles fast under their full skirts on the ferry journey to Detroit.

So don't bother looking for a forgotten tunnel on the U.S. side. Just pay the toll like everyone else.

Myth

Another myth that is threatening to become reality is that when an American visitor exchanges a couple of hundred dollars of his currency, he gets a wheel barrow overflowing with Canadian money in return.

While this isn't the case, yet, the low value of the Canadian dollar will make anyone with a pocketful of American money feel like a millionaire. Even if he, like, loses most of it at the casino, you know?



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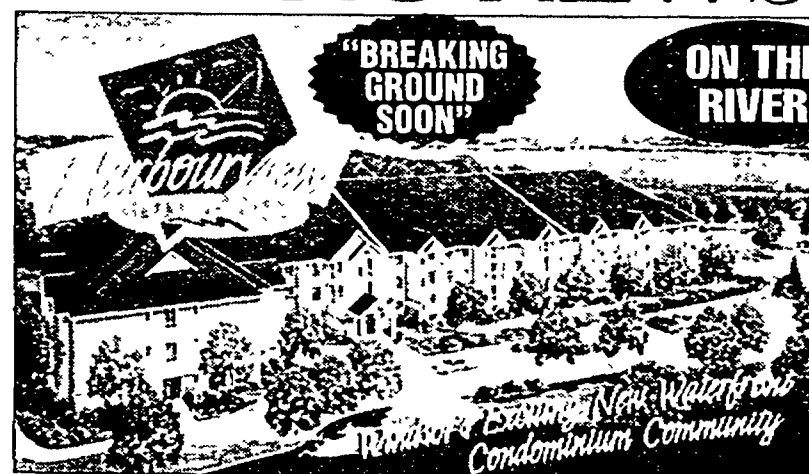
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The Origins of Duty Free

The concept of duty free trading is probably as old as international commerce. Ship's chandlers routinely supplied merchant sailing vessels and their crews with goods — such as liquor and tobacco —

that otherwise bore high taxes. Because these goods were consumed on the open sea and therefore beyond the reach of the King's taxman, a lozsgng-standing tradition was started.

In Europe, the modern version of the retail duty free industry dates back to post-World War II when a duty free store opened in Ireland's Shannon Airport. Airlines began selling liquor and tobacco on flight in 1948.

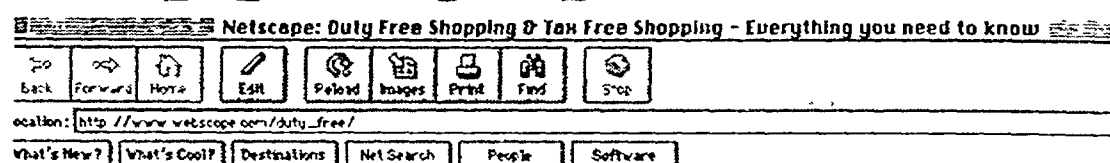
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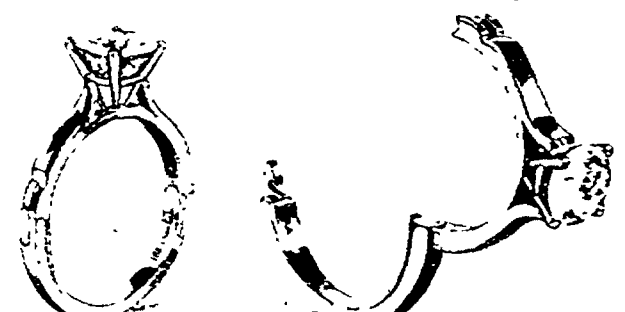
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- the receipt shows the number of nights of accommodation for each lodging establishment.

Room service and telephone charges, for example, are not eligible for the tax refund. But if breakfast is included in the fixed price of your accommodation, apply for the tax you paid on the total fixed price.

A family or group can apply for the refund under one name. If one invoice relating to accommodation is issued to a family or group, only one member can claim the refund.

This person must attach a list of names of the other members of the family or group to support the application.

Other information of value to U.S. visitors, in Revenue Canada's booklet "Tax Refund for Visitors", include:

Travel or tour packages

Travel or tour packages are usually a combination of accommodation and other services provided for an all-inclusive price, such as meals, transportation, sight-seeing tours and recreational fees.

Claim one-half of the full amount of each tax type paid and enter these amounts in the appropriate boxes in the application.

Quick calculation option

Whether you apply for a refund of tax paid on accommodation only, or on a tour package, you may claim a flat rate of \$5 per room per night, to a maximum of \$75 for each tax type for each application.

Be sure to include the original accommodation receipts with your application.

Non-resident businesses

Non-resident businesses which paid their non-resident employees' accommodation expenses in Canada can claim a refund based on the actual tax paid for each tax type. To support the application, non-resident businesses must attach a list of the names of their non-resident employees for whom the claim is being made.

Non-resident businesses can use the quick calculation option only for tour package claims where short-term accommodation is part of the tour package. They can claim the \$5 per night formula to a maximum of \$75 for each tax type and for each individual in each application.

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There is no refund for tax you pay on:

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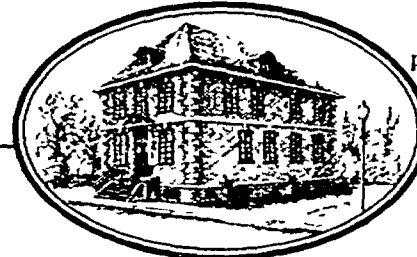
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Duty free stores deliver savings

BY KELLY FINNERTY

As the Canadian dollar continues to plummet in value, more Americans are discovering the savings associated with shopping across the border.

That includes shopping at duty free shops.

Peter Brain, Windsor Tunnel Duty Free Shoppe general manager, says Americans are starting to realize the savings and bargains to be found in Windsor. Statistics for December and January show that the shop had 30 per cent more visitors than the same period last year. But Brain says the increase is a combination of casino visitors and American shoppers.

"It's pretty good for Americans to come over to Canada right now," Brain says. "With the value of our dollar and the incredible bargains a lot of the stores are offering it's a great time for the shoppers. We are seeing a lot of shoppers with Freeds and Devonshire Mall bags than ever before."

Last year, Brain says the Duty Free Shoppe had an estimated quarter million people come through its doors with 100,000 of those people using the currency exchange. "Traffic volume is definitely up this year," he says. "There seems to be a lot more day trips than in the past, but it is hard for us to really gauge what percent-

age of those people were American. Our exchange business is already up for the year. But it safe to say Canadians aren't really going the other way very much except for sporting events."

Brain says a lot of American are starting to recognize that the Duty Free Shoppe is more than just a place to exchange money and visit on their way home. The shop also offers a currency exchange rate which is competitive with the Windsor banks and several in-store sales.

"We have a five page list of sales which we offer in the store each month," Brain says. "These usually target the liquor and fragrances and range from free glass and miniature liquor bottle to fragrance hand cream and soaps."

The number one seller in the shop continues to be liquor products. Brain says Absolute vodka is one of the bigger sellers because at \$10.61 Cdn it is less than half the \$23 price an American would pay to purchase it at corner store in Detroit.

A second popular line of product is the various fragrances available in the shop. Brain says a consumer can purchase these products 20 - 30 per cent cheaper than at an American retailer.

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Pat and Pat Foran, of Scarborough, Ontario take advantage of some of the bargains at the Ambassador Bridge Duty Free Shoppe before heading off to their condo-minium in Florida. The pair say that rye and scotch products are 1/3 the price of similar products in the United States.

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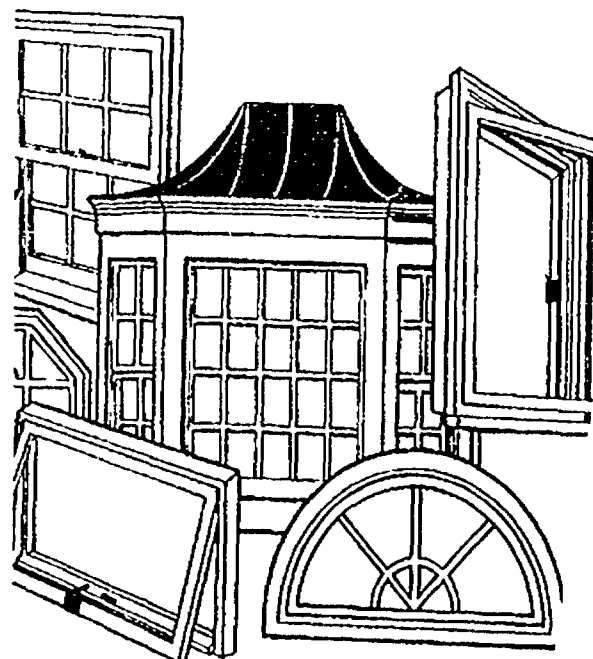
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Marie Zyren, our American shopper who went on a shop-along with a reporter to compare prices on products in Windsor (See pg. 12), exchanges money at the Ambassador Duty Free. Waiting on her is Gina Tedesco, sales assistant at the duty free.

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Duty free deals

Exclusive products,
big bargains on sale

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A lot of shoppers come to the Duty Free store because of its exclusive products which are available at selected businesses. An example, says Brain, are the Canadian Tundra sweaters and golf shirts which sell from \$50 and up.

"Americans are actually bigger shoppers than Canadians," Brain says. "Americans are finding value in Duty Free stores . . . They are finding some really big bargains and that is what is bringing them back."

The Tunnel Duty Free store isn't the only one experiencing a surge in sales. Skip McMahon, general manager at Ambassador Bridge Duty Free Shoppe, says his store has been experiencing an increase in traffic over the bridge in comparison to last year.

He says it is difficult to determine the ratio of travelers which are American but pointed out the traffic volume increase is a good sign.

Many Americans coming to Canada, says Gina Tedesco, sales assistant at the Ambassador Duty Free, are not familiar with the Goods and Services (GST) Tax rebate that is available.

If an American shopper spends \$200 while in Canada, he or she qualifies for the \$14 GST rebate. In order to claim the rebate, Tedesco says the shopper must bring in the receipt of goods purchased in Canada during the visit. Goods consumed in Canada and fuel do not apply for the rebate, however motel and hotel receipts do count as a purchase. The one condition which applies to the rebate is that each receipt must have a minimum of \$3.50 GST on it.

"A lot of Americans still do not know about this rebate and it's been in effect for at least five years," Tedesco says. "It's nice too because it's an instant rebate. They hand us the receipts and we give them the money."

Mike Maskery, manager at the Ambassador Duty Free, says on the weekend at least 60 per cent of its customers are American. During the week a lot of Canadians, particularly those on their way for the South, stop in to stock up on the liquor and cigarettes.

Those Canadians traveling to the United States are allowed one litre of liquor and a carton of cigarettes per person.

"A lot of people like to take advantage of that allowance," Maskery says. "They can purchase the goods here (and) use up the last of their Canadian dollars before heading South."

Pat and Pat Foran, of Scarborough, Ontario, have spent their last four winters in Florida at a condominium. Each year they stop into the Duty Free Shoppe to purchase liquor before leaving Canada.

"With the exchange on the Canadian dollar right now, it is a lot cheaper for us to purchase our liquor at the Duty Free than when we arrive in Florida," Foran says. "Not to mention, scotch and rye is about a third of the price that it is in Florida."

Maskery says a litre of Canadian Club rye sells for \$13.95 and 24 Canadian beers are only \$16.95. An American exporting goods from Canada is allowed \$200 per person, which doesn't include alcohol and tobacco products, for a day trip without duty and taxes.

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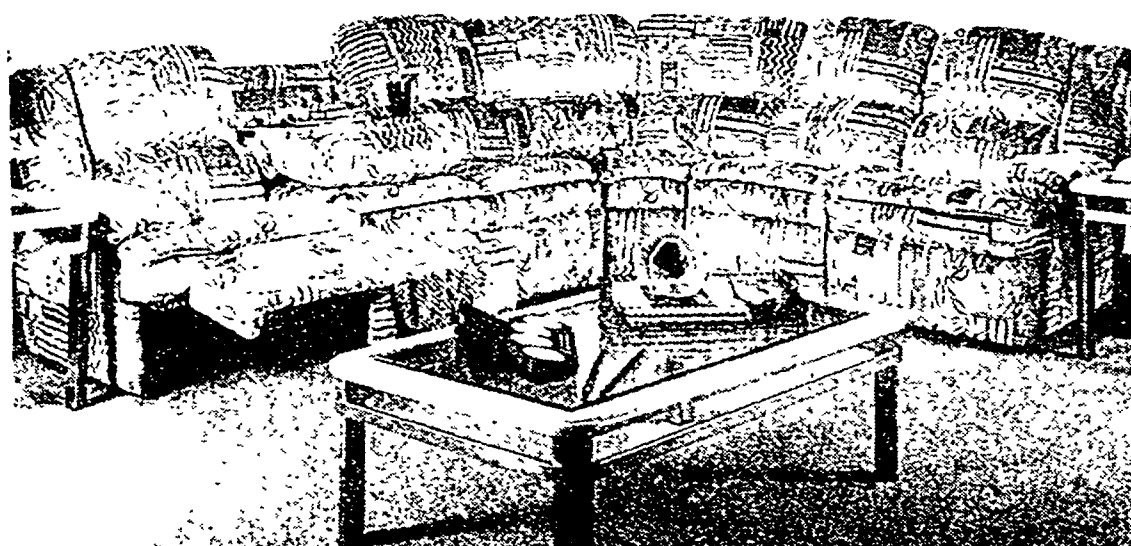
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Agreement removes duty on wood products

BY STEVE CRAMPSIE

The Free Trade Agreement has had the effect of gradually removing duty on wood products, until the January 1998 elimination of duties on Canadian furniture opened the market up entirely.

But it is Canadian quality in furniture, along with the dollar exchange Americans currently enjoy, that makes Windsor a shopper's delight.

Craig Coulter believes his American customers have always looked at Canadian quality, "because they realize Canadians build from the inside. It's better construction when it comes to bedroom sets, dining room sets, wood pieces."

The manager of Coulter's Furniture says Americans have become very educated about their buying advantage. "They look at the dollar advantage, they look at the tax rebates and they look at it being duty-free. . . they'd be crazy not to buy over here."

LA-Z-BOY recliner

Coulter offers a typical LA-Z-BOY recliner as an example, at \$499 including GST. "That seven per cent GST comes out right away, but we have to charge the eight per cent sales tax. Now remember, they get that back. So right off the bat, with a dollar exchange of say 45 per cent, they save 52 per cent. My \$499 chair costs them about \$240."

Another pleasant surprise awaits American customers opting for delivery of goods, Coulter adds. "In talking to some of our American customers, they're surprised when everything's unpacked and completely set up. We don't drop it on the doorstep in a box. People appreciate the extra stuff."

Coulter's has its own American customs broker, he points out, "and customers are required to pay for brokerage fees that usually run in the \$50 range. It's that simple. It's a lot simpler than

people think it is."

Jerry Whiteman, president of Saul Whiteman and Sons Furniture Gallery agrees that Windsor has become an American shoppers paradise.

"It's a tremendous unknown bargain for Americans. Now more and more of them are learning about it," and learning about the quality of goods available to them.

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Coulter is excited about the influx of American customers, not only from Michigan, but further afield. "We're going to see Windsor . . . getting a lot of people from further out. We've always seen people from Chicago visiting Detroit, but now they're also visiting Windsor thanks to money difference and thanks to the casino for example."

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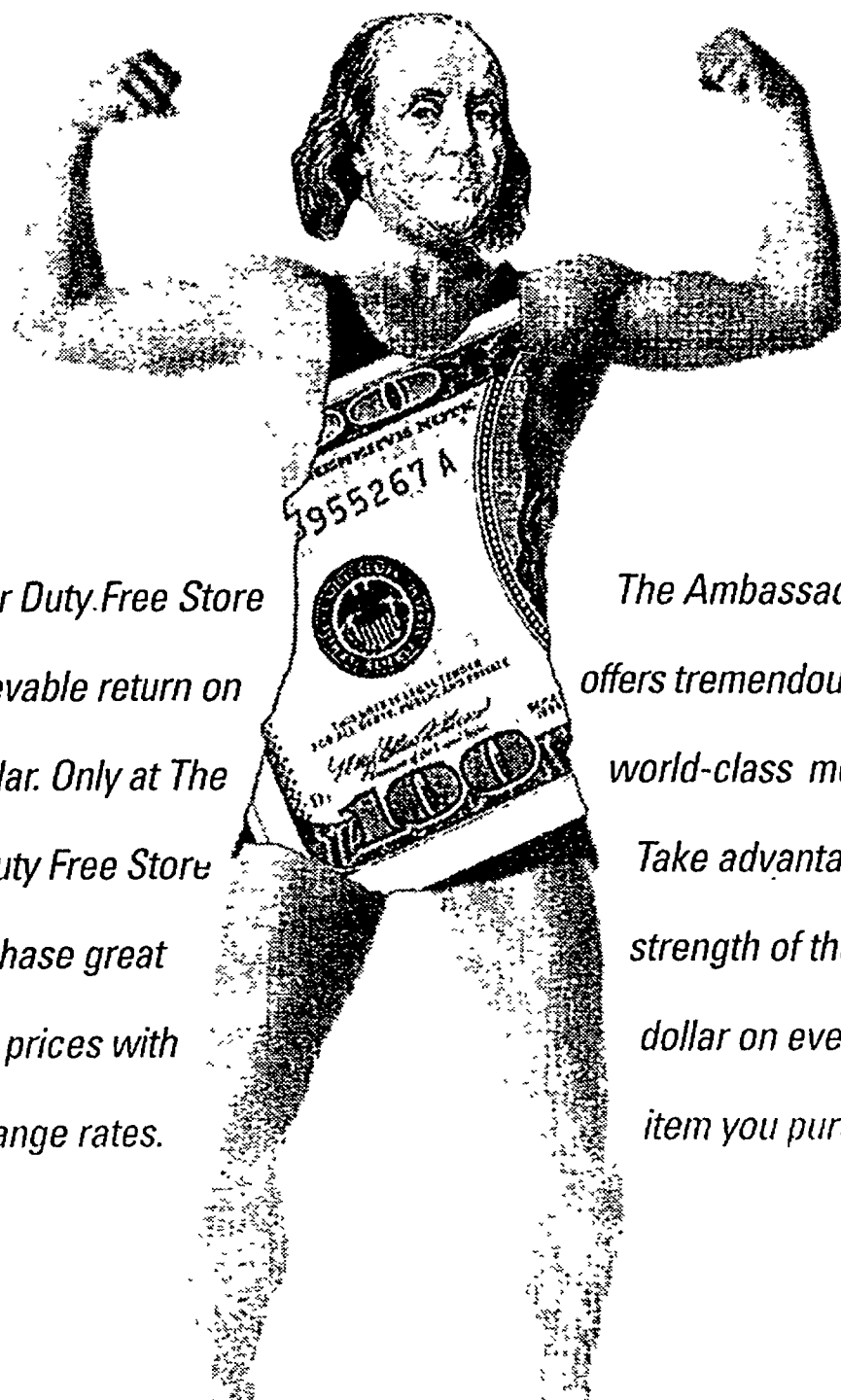
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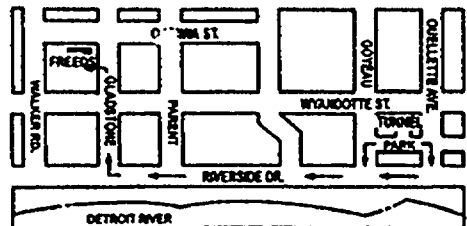
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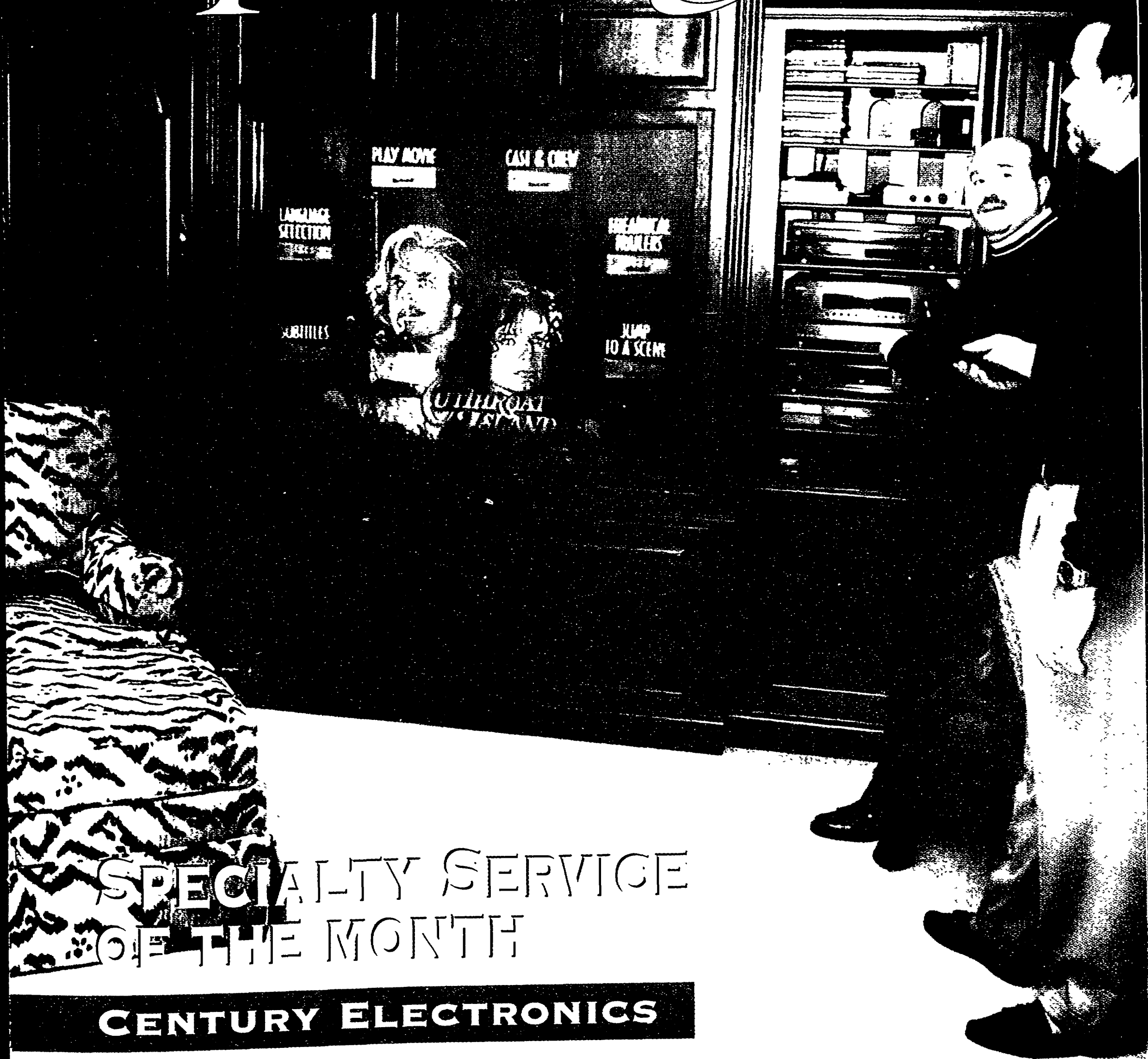
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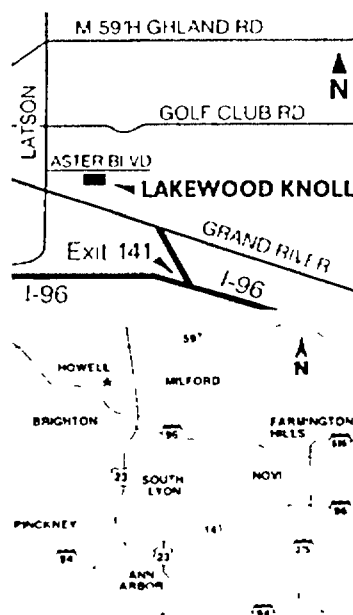


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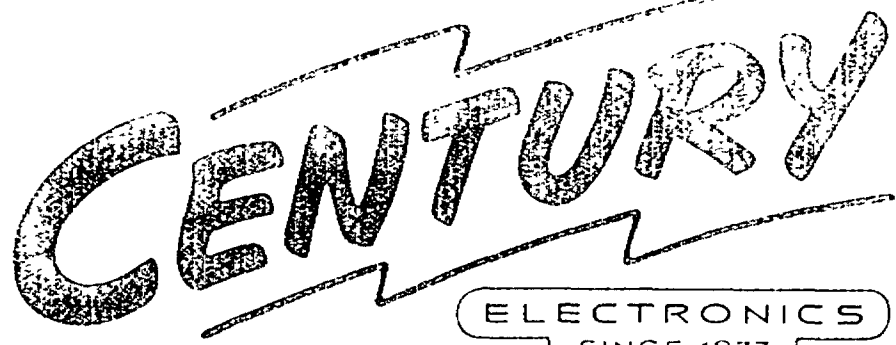
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By Susan Graham

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Trees also provide us with many of the valued products we use every day. Paper for instance, furniture, firewood. The majority of our homes are filled with wood products. We wake up in wood beds, step onto wood floors and walk through wooden doors. Even the skeletons of our home are composed of wood frames, beams, plywood and shingles.

Does all our daily use, all our constant needs, have a negative effect on the environment? There are several other materials to choose from instead, covering everything from flooring to cabinetry. But are we really saving the world by utilizing these other choices instead? The answer might surprise you.

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Forest managers watch over our trees making sure the rate of harvesting is kept well under the rate of growth. In 1993 alone, over 2.3 billion trees were planted. That doesn't even include all the managed forest replaced each year through natural regeneration. So while in Michigan we lose 12 trees per every thousand trees annually to harvesting and 8 to natural causes, 39 new trees grow. That leaves an annual average net gain of 19 new trees per thousand.

There are other environmental reasons to use wood in your home, including the large amounts of irreplaceable energy that is required to process many other alternatives. Consider these facts: It takes 21 times more energy to produce a 4" thick concrete slab floor rather than a raised wood floor; 9 times more energy to produce a steel stud rather than a wood stud; and 5 times more energy for aluminum siding rather than wood siding.

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Another benefit to using wood comes into play long after a project has been completed; it is one hundred percent biodegradable. Wood products, such as 2 X 4's and plywoods are often reused or regenerated into new products that last just as long. Items that are beyond their times return to become part of the earth once again. In fact, while wood accounts for only 7 percent of landfill space, plastics account for 20 to 25 percent and remains in its original form for half of a millennium.

With all these facts, it's obvious that utilizing our forests for wood products is not an unhealthy environmental choice. Taking them for granted is. Therefore, the best that we can do to protect our world is to use what we are offered carefully and intelligently. And to give back what we take. ■



WOOD

Many homeowners wouldn't dream of using anything but wood for their cabinetry. But there are a lot of different materials on the market today, including many wood selections to choose from.

According to Rod Blight, vice president of Woodland Kitchen and Bath Gallery in Livonia, wood is more durable and longer lasting than veneer cabinets. It also offers natural characteristics, such as knots and grains, designs that can only be duplicated in other materials. "On a national basis, wood is the most popular cabinet choice," says Dan Alvey of Kitchen Wholesale in Farmington Hills.

Out of all the wood species used in cabinetry, hickory is perhaps one of the most durable, hardest options available. It also has a lot of style with its blonde spots and deep streaks. Even so, cherry and maple are the most popular choices in upscale homes. "They both have a lot of character," says

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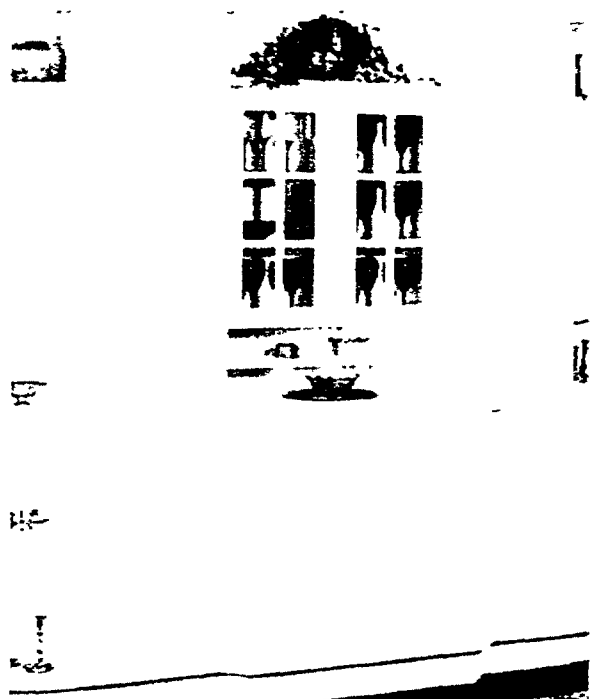
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Cabinetry

Cabinets *from pg. 9*

Blight. Both have tight frames with close grains. Their appearances are quite different however. Cherry tends to be a darker wood, more fitting in the traditional home. Maples are lighter and great for contemporary homes.

Oak cabinets are still a popular choice for many homeowners and may offer the most flexible decorating option, matching traditional, contemporary and even country homes depending on the stain, cabinet design and trim used. Of course, wood cabinets fit well with any decor, so take your own preference into consideration when selecting the species that is right for your home.

If you're in the market for custom cabinets, it may be wise to visit a showroom first. This is a great way to get a visual idea of the different species available as well as how that cabinet might hold up in your kitchen. Alvey recommends bringing in measurements that include the dimensions of your entire kitchen, locating the door and window openings in your sketch. Also note ceiling heights and whether or not you have soffits that might effect cabinet space. Most importantly bring a budget, the most controlling factor in selecting custom cabinetry.

As far as wood, oak is typically the least expensive option. Maple can run an average of ten percent more. Another item on the market perfect for large families is called *thermafoil*. It offers a printed wood grain that imitates real wood, yet is extremely durable for hard use.

Before you purchase your new wood cabinets make sure you know exactly what you're getting. Cabinets that include both wood and particleboard can be labeled as "all wood" when in fact they are not. To avoid this, check all end panels to see what they are constructed of - and don't forget to ask your representative if "all wood" includes particleboard. ■

From the Experts...

Cabinet styles today have come full circle and with that the variety is endless. But some styles have prevailed and remained consistent in their popularity with a few new accents.

Country is still the most prevalent theme design, however the country look is evolving. It has become a much cleaner and less cluttered style. The most recent additions include the "southwest" and "lodge" looks. The exotic grain patterns of Hickory and the distinctive knots in Pine maximize this look.

Period or historic influences are behind the trend toward the recent "shaker" look. This is a simple style characterized by a single or double flat center panel. Designers are taking these timeless styles and adding slight modifications to reflect a homeowner's personal preference. For instance using a round edge instead of the usual sharp square edge on a shaker door produces a softer more eclectic style. Maple and cherry woods are used because of their finer, closed grain patterns.

One of the biggest trends is toward specialty finishing treatments. A colored glaze is layered over stained wood in order to highlight grain or door details. Mixing stained and solid color cabinetry offers a way to achieve a distinctive and yet affordable style.

As a result of these trends, homeowners are buying less standard stockline cabinets. They are finding that their tastes are best met by semi-custom manufacturers such as Michigan's Pioneer Cabinetry. Companies such as Pioneer are able to offer the various door styles, wood species, and stain choices necessary for theme design at prices that are only slightly above the stock brands.

Careful selection of a competent kitchen designer will insure that your kitchen or bath will not only be functional, but will also reflect your own individual style.

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Wood Flooring

Oak is still the most widely chosen hardwood. It is the traditional flooring many people remember their mother's and grandmother's having. It also accepts stain more readily than other types of hardwood, providing a wide range of end results. Stain pulls the grain out from oak and exaggerates its beauty. Oak is the least expensive option and in many cases is cheaper or comparable to high priced vinyl.

Because oak is so stainable, it is perfect for creating patterns with colors. One example for instance is to utilize an ebony stain along the border of the floor, while using a lighter stain on the interior planks. While stains might be more difficult to repair than a clear-coated floor, the cost in savings may be worthwhile.

Hardwood floors are a natural product and therefore particular looks can be matched but not duplicated.

There are several more luxurious options for those willing to spend a bit more. There's a lot of requests for maple, cherry and walnut. Although one of the more expensive options, reclaimed wood is becoming more prominent. This refers to wood that has already been used and is being refurbished into another product. "This is environmentally friendly. The wood's already been cut, and often already over 100 years old," says Jim Moody, owner of Paynter Floors in Novi.

Add depth to any room by installing a unique wood species. Exotic woods such as Brazilian cherry, Brazilian walnut and Australian cypress bring character to any home. The beauty of these exotics come from within, requiring only a clear coat to enhance their tones and colors. "Exotics are becoming more popular because people don't mind spending three or four hundred dollars more to get a customized look," says Moody.

Homeowners can mix and match various wood species in a pattern. "We've done a fair amount of maple floors with accent bands or borders of purple heart or Brazilian walnut," explains Dave Ohlinger of Riemer Floors in Bloomfield Hills. "This creates a really good contrast."

Exotic wood trims can also spruce up the traditional oak floor. "We seem to be getting to a period where so many people have used oak floor forever. They're turning to something different when they can afford it," says Ohlinger.

Turn your floor into work of art with randomly installed custom inlays. Produced to fit as one easily installed unit, inserts can be custom-designed for colorful pre-made patterns, like a star, made up of several wood species.

According to Moody, the best tool a homeowner has is their ability to communicate with the contractor. Make sure that the installer understands your needs so you aren't disappointed with your floor in the end. Ask questions throughout the process, starting at the design stage. But always keep

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Wood is quite a durable product, but it requires some basic maintenance. Sweep or vacuum your floor often. Mop lightly when necessary. Two things to stay away from are stringent soaps and large amounts of water. Don't forget area rugs, especially in the winter. Not only do they add fabulous color to your room, they'll help keep your wood protected from harsh wear and elements.

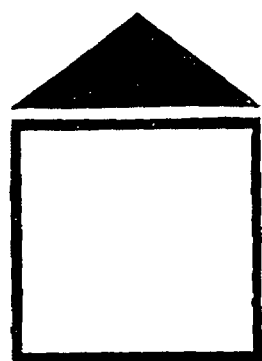
With any amount of care at all, your wood floor has the potential to last for centuries. For any homeowner intrigued by the look of wood, but not the vulnerability, consider laminate. Laminate floors are designed to resist burning, fading, rotting and staining. "It's great for children's rooms or play areas," says Catherine Buchanan of Independent Carpet One in Westland. "Magic marker and nail polish can be removed without staining."

With ordinary use of this floor you often can't tell the difference between real wood and laminate choices that resemble oak, birch, maple, mahogany and exotic species, just to name a few. They are also available in a wide range of designs from geometric patterns to tiles that simulate marble.

These floors do require light cleaning, including sweeping and vacuuming. They also have the potential to scratch. However, they are generally much cheaper than an authentic wood floor. ■



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Outdoor Decks



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Decks are perfect for merging your home with the outdoors. In the summer, they increase our living space, allowing us to sit in our favorite spot, enjoying songbirds and the rustling of surrounding trees. They're also great for picnicking or evening entertaining.

If you're considering adding a deck to your home, here are some tips to keep in mind. Wait until your new home settles to start your deck. That is unless your design constitutes posts close to the house. If this is the case, you may indeed need to wait a few months to a year.

The first step to installing your deck is design. "Think about your traffic patterns and the purposes of the deck," says Gowell. A deck that is for entertaining should be large enough to handle a group of people. One off the master bedroom may require more privacy. "A deck really is an extension of living space of the home," says Ken Gowell of Renaissance Renovations in Brighton. "Add something unique that compliments your house and works around your lifestyle."

"Multi-levels are very popular with shade trellises overhead," says Terry Worful, owner of Outdoor Ingenuities in Canton. They're typically custom designed so as to accommodate the home and lifestyle of the family. For example, these two to three level decks can be created with a smaller, more private level for a spa and a larger decking area off the entertaining room.

Your deck can also be designed to accommodate planters, gazebos, benches and a built-in hot tub. However, if you do install a hot tub, make sure your deck has been built strong enough to support the added weight.

With the functional aspect being very important, aesthetics should also be a main priority. A deck should be treated like an addition to the home. No deck should appear as an after thought. "You should use the same product applied to the wood trim of your home, whether its an exterior house paint or a solid stain," says Mike McCoy, president of Coy Construction in Walled Lake. He also suggests taking advantage of the free design services offered by many professional deck building contractors. This will help you get the best

possible deck design for your specific house.

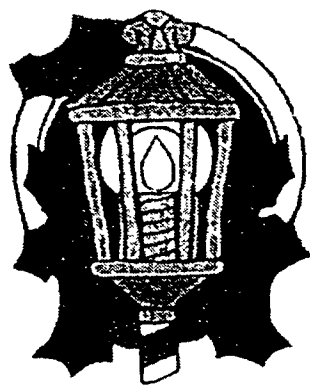
There are two basic types of wood used on Michigan decks – treated wood and cedar. The biggest advantage to treated wood is the price. You can save up to half the price on treated wood over cedar (materials only). Still for many, nothing beats the richness of cedar. Another advantage of cedar is that it tends to shrink and warp less than typical treated wood. It also has a high resistance to decay.

At Outdoor Ingenuities in Canton they utilize both products. Treated ponderosa pine is used for the framing and substructure of the deck; cedar is used for the facial lumber.

No matter what type of wood you choose for your deck, maintenance is key. Washing it off with a garden hose every so often keeps your deck free of the dirt. Also, make sure to apply an oil base treatment to help cure your deck. This treatment is an important step regardless of which type of wood you've selected. Without treatment, both woods will gray leaving little difference in appearance between the two over time. These products may come in a variety of colors, but are not meant as a stain and will soak right into your wood.

According to Gowell, it is best to seek professionals that are trained in finished carpentry rather than rough carpentry to install your deck. Make sure the installers use screws to secure your deck which are much stronger and safer than nails. Screws will also make it easier to repair problem boards.

With the proper installation and the right design, your deck can bring a whole new level of enjoyment to your home. ■



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As Michigan's long, cold winter drags on, one thing that may help you shake off the season's doldrums is the thought of buying a new home. Spring is traditionally the time most people begin the process of looking for a new place to live and it's not too soon to start seriously thinking about the move you'd like to make.

With interest rates continuing to remain low, many people find it's a great opportunity to purchase their first home or upgrade their residence to the home of their dreams. As you begin to consider the best choice for you, keep in mind that some of the accepted practices concerning buying a home have changed recently.

For example, one of the cardinal rules of home buying over the years has been to put as much money down on the house as you possibly can. This included buyers who were moving up to more expensive homes. The conventional wisdom said take all of the equity out of your first house and use it for the down payment on your second one.

This strategy is currently undergoing some rethinking. Many people feel that, due to changes in the tax laws and

current economic conditions, it may make better fiscal sense for buyers to hang on to some of their equity and make a lower down payment.

You may ask, "Why would anyone want a larger mortgage with higher monthly payments?" The reason is, since mortgage interest payments are one of the few tax deductions left for homeowners, you could come out way ahead in the long run.

Let's look at an example. You've lived in your present home for some time and now you're looking to move up. Finding a home you like for \$200,000, you sit down to calculate how much you can put down on the house. You find you have \$50,000 in equity from the sale of your first home, plus \$10,000 in savings for a total of \$60,000.

You could put 25 percent down on the house. This would use up the \$50,000, plus an additional \$5,000 for closing costs, leaving you only \$5,000 when all is said and done. Let's assume at this time, you also have two car loans totaling \$20,000, with combined payments of \$525 per month at an interest rate of 12 percent.

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This low down payment strategy isn't for everyone. The ideal candidate is a move-up buyer with a strong income, substantial cash reserves and good credit. This plan won't work unless you are committed to carrying it out.

If you have any questions about whether this strategy will work for you, contact your local real estate or mortgage loan professional. If it's right for you, the low down payment plan will allow you to get the home of your dreams while retaining your financial flexibility. ■

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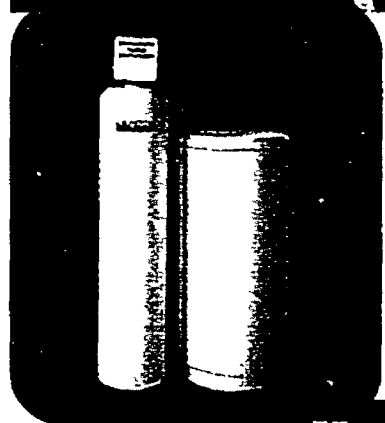
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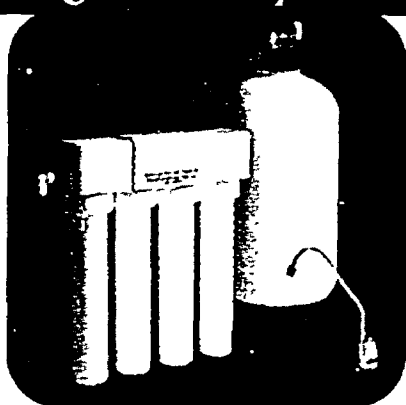
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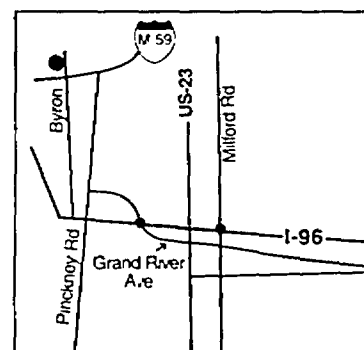


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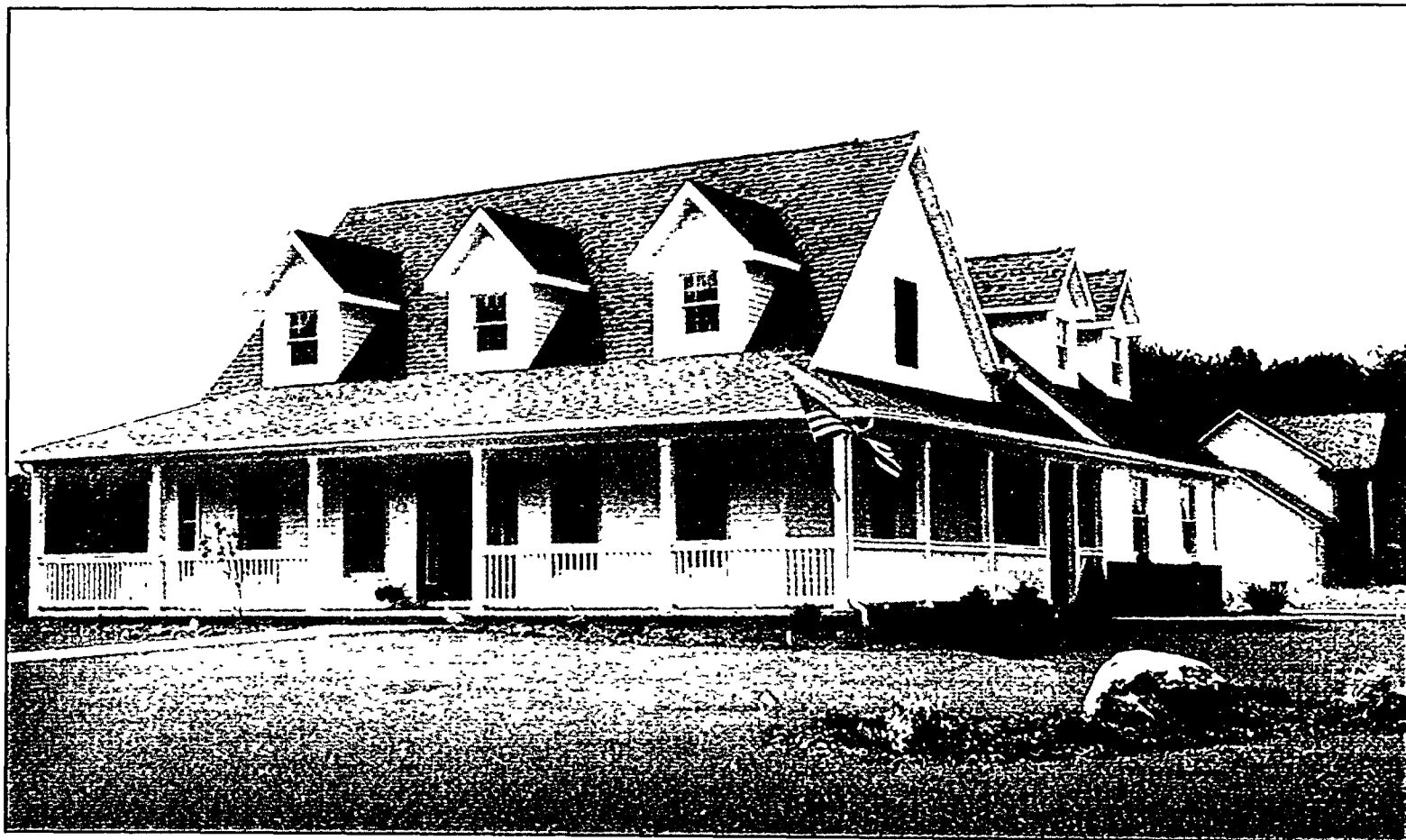
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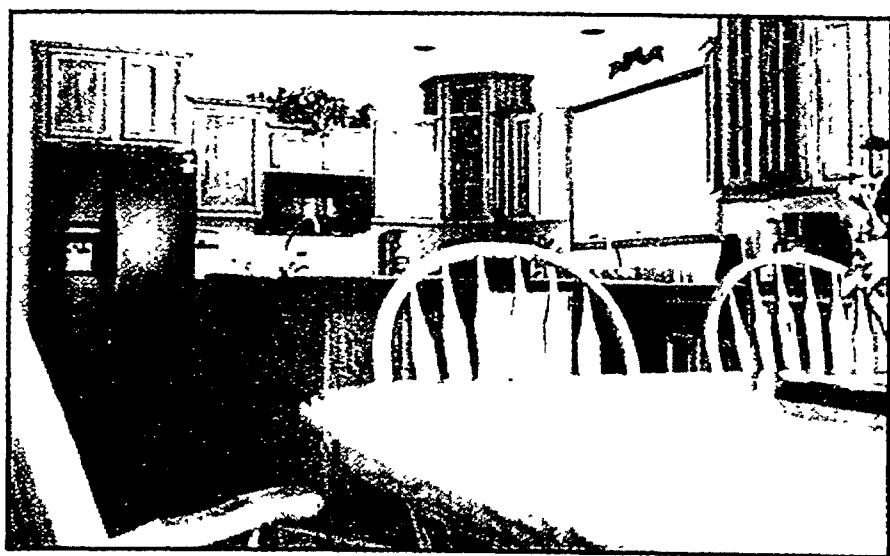
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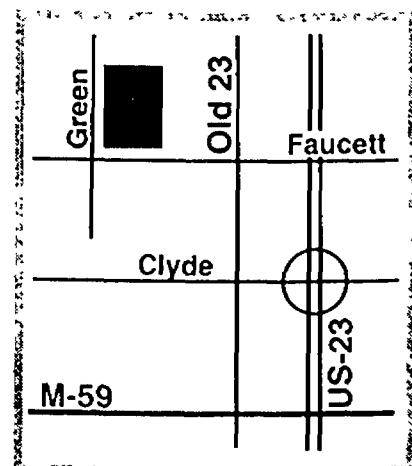


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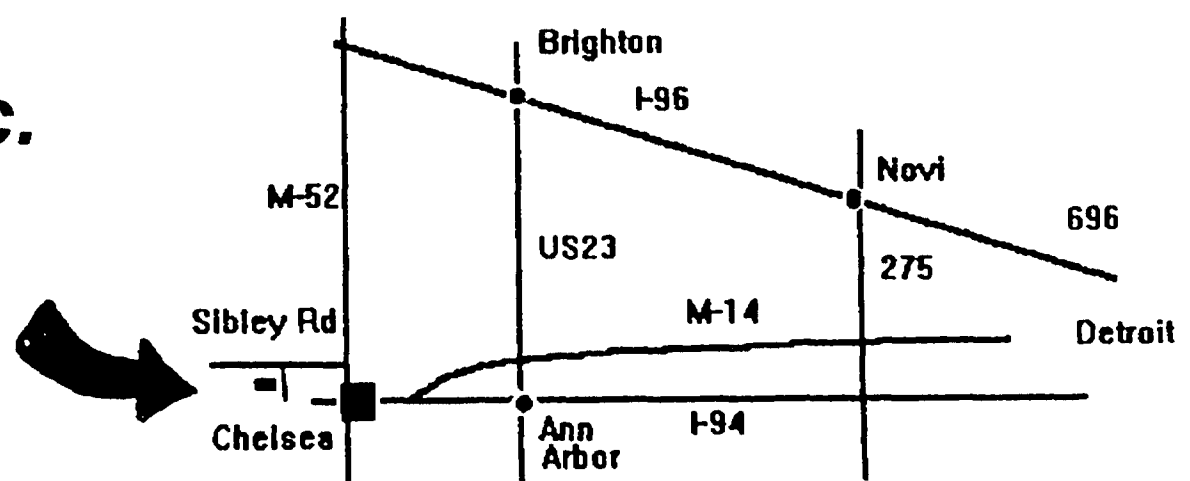


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