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Pomeroy resigns from township

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Editor

Private sector lures trustee away from board spot

The private sector was what Bill Pomeroy left behind to take up a job as a Northville Township trustee. Now, some eight months after he returned to public service, Pomeroy is poised to be heading back to his roots.

Pomeroy made official his resignation on Monday morning, which said he would be leaving his post on Jan. 31. Pomeroy said he would be

heading back to work in a consultant's role, along with two other business partners.

"As a result of the recent and completely unexpected economic decline, my associates are inundated with requests and have asked for my assistance to once again conduct pre-retirement and outplacement seminars," a statement from Pomeroy said. "I have agreed to do

so, and I could be away from home for lengthy periods."

Pomeroy has had a long history working in Northville Township government, but came into his most recent position after being re-elected to the township's board of trustees in November. His election followed an appointment to the board on an interim basis, made in the wake of the resignation of former township

supervisor Karen Woodside.

Pomeroy and his wife, Dorothy, moved to Northville Township six years ago. Since relocating, Pomeroy has worked as a member of the Country Club Village board of directors, a member of the township manager committee and as a trustee.

Pomeroy said the workload demanded in his role as a consult-

ant was too intensive to and scheduling too difficult to effectively be able to commit the necessary time to township responsibilities.

"It seemed to be an injustice to the township if I wasn't going to be able to get to as many township meetings as was needed," Pomeroy said.

Pomeroy retired from Ford Motor Company in 1987, but then took a position working for Michigan State

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Rrrrrrrumblng

Instructor Don Housholder allows a Thornton Creek student to fire up a 600 HP Cummins Signature diesel engine, as other students hold their ears last Wednesday morning. A group from the Northville school toured the Novi plant and saw engines being built and repaired and started — including the monster seen here, which is normally used in gravel-hauling vehicles. The class was at Cummins as part of its investigation and study of various careers.

House party stopped by cops

BY CHRIS C. DAVIS
Editor

Cold feet and alcohol citations were the name of the game last week, as Northville police broke up a house party hosted by a girl who said the event had just gotten out of hand.

According to Northville city police reports, police officers were dispatched to a McDonald Drive residence at about 10 p.m. on Jan. 19 on the report of a large party taking place in the area. Officers found the suspect house, where an estimated 30 vehicles had been parked on the street nearby.

A pickup truck was seen backing out of the suspect home's driveway. Officers stopped the driver and the occupants of the car. Police questioned the vehicle's occupants about what they knew about the party. The occupants said they knew nothing, as they had just arrived at the party following a high school basketball game. Officers smelled alcohol coming

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Buried under heavy snow, fire hydrants disappear

By JENNIFER NORRIS
Staff Writer

In some professions, excessive amounts of snow on the ground can cause pose serious hazards.

And firefighting is no exception. Northville fire officials are alerting residents to be careful not to bury fire hydrants when removing snow from walkways and roadways.

Guy Balok, a firefighter with the Northville Township Fire Department, said fire hydrants can become buried as large amounts of snow accumulate and drift, or even as road crews or homeowners clear snow with snowblowers, shovels or snowplows.

"It certainly causes some concern on our part as fire fighters," said Balok.

He said fire hydrants are typically located within 10 feet of the roadway, which is a common location for snow piles to accumulate.

"Make sure hydrants stay clear all the time," he said. Balok suggested making a few clearing loops around each fire hydrant and cre-

ate an access area of ten feet around the hydrant.

Balok also said icy conditions also pose a problem. While fire officials are less concerned with frozen fire hydrants, having clear access to a hydrant in an emergency is a top priority.

"Our system is fairly new," he said. "[We] don't expect problems with frozen hydrants but access is a main concern. When you're trying to make quick access, minutes count."

Fire hydrants in residential neighborhood are typically 500 feet apart from each other and are a key water resource for firefighters.

Balok said although the fire department does have trucks that carry water, oftentimes that is not enough and additional water is needed from a nearby hydrant.

He said the fire department needs the public's help in keeping fire hydrants from becoming buried. If residents are unable keep a nearby fire hydrant clear or know of a blocked hydrant, they

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HYDRANT SPEAK

Here's a list of some of the part of a fire hydrant:

BASE: A part that provides a lateral connection to the hydrant lead and directs the flow vertically upward into the lower barrel. Also called shoe, bottom, boot, elbow

DRAIN OUTLET: The opening in the base through which water escapes to the ground when the drain valve is open.

HOSE OUTLET NOZZLE: An outlet nozzle that has an opening that is 3 in. or smaller in diameter, and is suitable for attachment of a fire hose.

OPERATING NUT: An external hydrant part that is turned by a hydrant wrench in order to rotate the stem nut or stem; it may be integral with the stem nut or stem.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville Township fireman Phil Southland clears a hydrant on Tall Pines Court that was buried under four feet of snow.

What recession? Northville business stays brisk

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Editor

"Based on the number of people I saw in the Northville area, I have the feeling it was a pretty good season."

What was true on the national scene held didn't apply in Northville this season: cash registers were ringing to the sound of shoppers making purchases.

Northville area Chamber of Commerce director Laurie Marrs said that based on conversations she had had with retailers, the melancholy national economy of the 2000 holiday shopping season didn't seem to

trickle its way into Northville.

"Based on the number of people I saw in the Northville area, I have the feeling it was a pretty good season," Marrs said. "Even

though the economy is slowing down, it didn't hit us that bad."

Marrs said one of the reasons downtown Northville retailers may have avoided the

sting had to do with the markedly different approach to business when compared to regional shopping malls.

"Around Christmas time, people will tell you they like shopping in smaller towns," Marrs said. "Places like Northville have that small-town charm that they're looking for."

Events like the Holiday Lighted Parade and the Christmas Walk likely brought back out-of-towners who had previously stopped by just to take in the sights of the town, Marrs said, adding that she had felled sev-

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Police Reports

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORTS

GREEN LIGHT! A 26-year-old Plymouth man was arrested by Northville Township police on Jan. 14 after he was observed by officers weaving in his lane while driving.

According to police reports, an officer on duty was traveling in the southbound left-hand lane of Haggerty at Six Mile Road at around 3 a.m. The officer stopped behind a red pick-up truck. When the traffic signal turned green, the driver of the pick-up began sounding the vehicle's horn. The officer then shifted the patrol car to the right-hand lane and observed the vehicle in front of the pick-up, a 1987 Toyota Camry. The Camry remained stopped at the intersection for an estimated 30 seconds after the light had turned green.

The Camry then proceeded southbound on Haggerty at approximately 35 mph and was seen swerving within its lane. Officers followed the suspect vehicle until the car was stopped at Five Mile Road.

Officers questioned the driver of the car, who said he had been drinking throughout the night, with his last drink coming about a half hour prior to the stop. After performing a series of field sobriety tasks, the man was given a breathalyzer test, with the results coming back at 0.29. The man was transported to the Northville Township police station. He was in 35th District Court on Jan. 22.

STEREO STEALTH: Northville Township police and Meijer store employees apprehended a 39-year-old Whitmore Lake man who had stolen a \$150 stereo system from Meijer.

The incident occurred at

around 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 14.

According to police reports, detectives observed the man select the stereo, as well as a \$6 magazine, and place the items in a shopping cart, then attempt to leave the store without paying for them. When confronted by store security, the man fled on foot.

The man ran to the nearby Target store, where he was being held to the ground by an unknown citizen. The suspect told police that his right knee was sore from the citizen stomping on it, but officers only witnessed the citizen holding the man down.

The suspect will be in 35th District Court on Feb. 9.

COULDN'T MAKE THE RENT: A branch manager for McDonald Ford's rental department said an unknown person took a Silver 2001 Ford Escort from the business' south lot without permission. The car is valued at \$11,000. The manager said she had the keys to the vehicle.

The incident was reported to police on Jan. 17.

HEARTBREAK HOTEL: A maintenance employee at the Northville Township Hampton Inn told police that someone had broken into a hotel storage shed and took an \$800 parking lot vacuum. The incident would have occurred sometime between Jan. 5 and Jan. 18, police reports said.

Police investigating the scene said there were no signs of forced entry at the scene.

THREATENING LETTER: A 42-year-old Northville Township man filed a police report on Jan. 18 after receiving a threatening letter at his residence.

The man said he was the president of a company involved in marketing. The man said he origi-

nally received the letter on Dec. 29, and was delayed in making a complaint to township police after making a similar report with Dearborn police and the company's human resources department.

The letter contained a small cartoon reading "I'm bewildered!" followed by a vulgar, derogatory remark hand-printed. The paper also contained the statement, "Be careful — it's payback time."

The man told police an ex-employee might have been involved in sending the letter.

TUNES N' TOBACCO: A 15-year-old Northville Township girl was stopped by Meijer store security on Jan. 18 after she attempted to conceal four compact discs and a package of cigars on her person and leave the store without paying. The girl was turned over to her stepmother after being processed at the scene. The incident occurred at 6:45 p.m. on Jan. 18. A court date will be determined by a juvenile court, police reports said.

HANGOVER PREVENTION: Meijer store detectives stopped a 46-year-old Detroit woman at around 7:30 p.m. Jan. 19 after she was seen selecting several bottles of liquor and attempting to leave the store without paying for them.

In addition to the liquor, detectives said the woman also selected a \$4 package of Alka-Seltzer tablets and concealed those, as well.

A Northville Township police report said after purchasing lottery tickets, the woman exited the store without offering to pay for any of the hidden merchandise.

CONCEALED ITEMS DU

JOUR: A 35-year-old Detroit man was stopped by Meijer store security after he attempted to leave the store with several unpaid items.

The incident occurred at 3 p.m. Jan. 20.

According to police reports, the man selected two \$80 CD players, a \$40 rug, and a \$200 cookware set. He placed the items in a shopping cart and attempted to leave the store without paying for them.

The man was processed by township police and released at the scene.

NORTHVILLE CITY POLICE REPORTS

OUIL: Officers on patrol on Jan. 21 observed a vehicle traveling northbound on Center Street. Officers were alerted that the driver of the vehicle might be driving under the influence of alcohol. Officers followed the car past Dunlap Street, observing the vehicle to be weaving within its lane. When the car neared Eight

Mile Road, officers activated signal flashers and stopped the car.

Officers approaching the car observed the driver, identified as a 38-year-old Northville man, having difficulty producing the necessary paperwork. The man produced a green piece of documentation, which police said was a restricted drivers license. The man told police he had consumed "a couple" of drinks during the day.

After performing a series of field sobriety tasks, the man was administered a breathalyzer test, which registered at 0.207. The man was arrested and transported to the Northville police station, where he was administered follow-up breathalyzer tests.

Police asked the man where he had been drinking, but the man declined to answer, saying he was friends with owners of the bar in question.

The man will be in court Feb. 2.

OUIL II: Northville city police officers arrested a 25-year-old Plymouth man near Sheldon and

Six Mile roads Jan. 19 at 1:45 a.m. after failing a breathalyzer test.

Northville police reports said officer on patrol near Northville Downs observed a car traveling southbound on Center Street near Seven Mile traveling 50 mph in a 35 mph zone. Police followed the car, which was clocked at traveling at a consistent 49 mph rate of speed for five or six seconds.

Officer stopped the car and spoke with the driver, who said he had two beers and one shot of liquor during the night. After performing a series of field sobriety tasks, the man was given a breathalyzer test, which checked in at 0.123. The man was arrested and transported to the city's police station.

A check on the man's police record showed he had a 1995 conviction for operating while intoxicated, two violations in Southgate for speeding and a violation of a safety belt law. The license plate on the man's car was destroyed and the car, a 1997 Ford, was impounded.

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Club labors on phone book

By JENNIFER NORRIS
Staff Writer

The Mothers' Club of Northville is now in the process of creating the latest edition of the Northville Community Phone Directory.

Bonnie St. Thomas, co-chair for the advertisements in the Mother's Club phone directory, said the phone directory will be consist of two sections. She explained the front section will be the residential listings, including all residential listings for the Northville Public School District area (including Northville City and Township, parts of Novi, Salem and South Lyon) plus listings for all businesses choosing to purchase advertising in the Community Directory.

The second section, she said, will have business listings under descriptive headings selected by advertisers. Advertisers can purchase display ads and place them in the residential listings or the business listings, creating a "Northville-Area yellow pages," said St. Thomas.

The deadline for advertising is March 26.

St. Thomas said the new phone directory will be distributed to approximately 18,000 residents locally.

She added that the project is funded through advertising which covers the costs of printing and distribution. Proceeds from the 2001-2003 Mother's Club directory will be earmarked for supplies and enrichment activities for

Northville area students, said St. Thomas.

St. Thomas said that businesses that had not received information on the new directory can contact her at (248) 349-4091 or fellow Club member Joan Wadsworth at (248) 348-5881. Residents with unlisted phone numbers or updated information should contact Tracy Lempke at (248) 348-4197 to be included in the Community Directory.

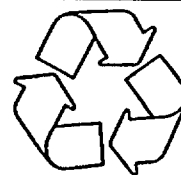
St. Thomas said the organization has issued the phone directory at no charge to the community since the early 1970s.

Jennifer Norris is a staff writer. She can be reached for comment at (248) 349-1700 or by e-mail at jnorris@ht.hometown.com.



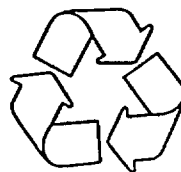
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Thursday, Jan. 25

Archivists, Cady Inn, 9 a.m.

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Stone Gang, Cady Inn/Grounds, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 31

Mill Creek Community Church Prayer Meeting, Church, 7:30 p.m.

The Northville Historical Society held their annual membership meeting/potluck dinner on Thursday, Jan. 18 at the Cady Inn. The event was well attended. Carolyn Stuart, president, held a brief meeting for the membership which included honoring the many volunteers who were in attendance.

The guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Russell Atchison who enamored the attendees with remembrances of his earlier years in the medical profession. Dr. Atchison has had some wonderful and interesting experiences in his life. You can read about these in a book by Bill Sliger called "This is Doctor Atchison," which is available in the Cady Inn at Mill Race, the chamber of commerce, and the library. With a \$20 tax deductible donation to the Northville Historical Society, you will receive a copy of the book.

Three Key Awards were given this year. Two of the recipients were Dave and Melody Arndt who have both served on the board as well as having organized major events like the Christmas Walk and Harvest Festival. Most recently, Melody served as vice president until her retirement from the board last year. They have always been on hand at the Society's events to pitch in and give a helping hand. They were both definitely deserving of such an award.

Our third deserving recipient was one of the "founding fathers" of the Northville Historical Society. Fran Gazlay. Over the years, Fran has worn many hats with the Society; served on the board for many, many years and held the offices of vice president and president. Fran was in charge of facilities and was here every day checking on buildings to make sure all was well. On Tuesdays, Fran headed up a group of wonderful men known as the Stone Gang. The Stone Gang helps to maintain the buildings and furnishings. Fran retired from all these positions last summer and as Carolyn Stuart said at the meeting, it is taking three people to replace one Fran.

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PLANNING COMMISSIONER RESIGNS

City of Northville planning commissioner Jerome Mittman tendered his resignation from the commission effective Jan. 16. In a letter to the Northville city council, Mittman wrote "I have enjoyed serving on the planning commission and look forward to continuing my service to the community as a city council member."

WINTER CONCERT SERIES KICKS OFF

Join the Northville Arts Commission for an afternoon of great music at Genitti's Restaurant in Northville for a new winter concert series.

The first concert will be held on Sunday from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and features the music of Blues Master, Robert Jones and his acoustic guitar. He has been a longtime host of WDET-FM Saturday blues program, "Blues from the Lowland."

Future musicians include folksinger William Dunforth on Feb. 11 and Ron DiSalvio, keyboard artist, on Feb. 25. Tickets for each concert will be sold at the door for \$7 per person or \$25 for families. The Northville Arts Commission sponsors this Winter Concert Series. For more information, call (248) 349-1565.



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Guys n' girls

Olivia Seyfaith links arms with her dad, John, during last year's Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance. The tradition will continue this year on Feb. 10, with two dances scheduled — one at 4 p.m. and another at 7 p.m. Refreshments, giveaways and a gift for the girls will be available. For reservations to the dance — which sells out regularly — call (248) 349-0203.

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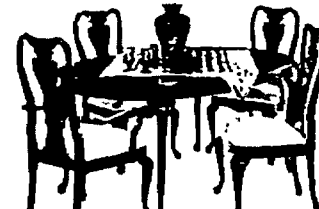
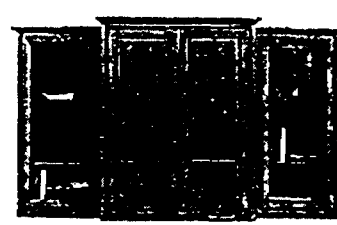
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By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Editor

Forget the crusty piles of snow and frosty windshields. In Shari Peters' mind, the focus is on warmer weather.

Peters, director of the Northville Community Foundation, is putting out a plea to Northville residents to help out with preparations for the 2001 Northville Independence Day parade. Peters said the group was looking for any and all available help in getting ready for the longest-running July 4 parade in Wayne County.

"We need people who can think like a kid," Peters said. "We've received letters from [Northville mayor Chris Johnson] and [Northville city manager Gary Word], so the pressure is on to make sure it's better this year than it was last." Peters said the encouragement was beneficial to make certain that expectations were met — even though parade organizers and

workers didn't have a chance themselves to see the fruits of their labor in action.

The parade, scheduled for July 4, will follow the traditional route through downtown Northville and begin at the regular 10 a.m. time, Peters said.

Monetary contributions are wel-

come, but it's mostly brainpower and human leadership that are being sought, Peters said.

An initial organizational meeting of the group is slated for Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville city hall. Peters said the meeting is open to the public.

"You can be in charge of clowns

or floats — it doesn't matter to us," Peters joked.

The Northville Community Foundation can be reached at (248) 374-0200.

Chris C. Davis is the editor of the Northville Record. He can be reached at cdavis@ht.homecom.net.



"Uncle Sam" hands an American flag to a young girl during an Independence Day parade in Northville.

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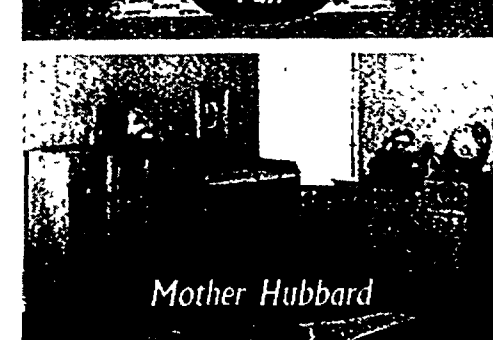
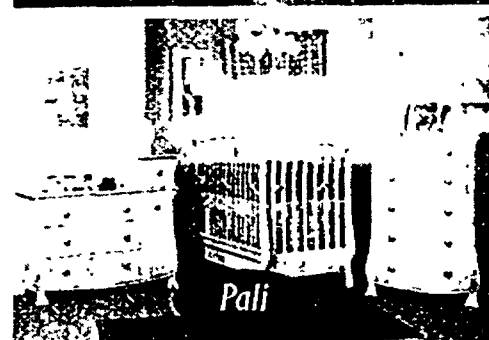
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Private sector beckons Pomeroy

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University from 1987 through 1989. Pomeroy's early consulting work was done at a time when the national economy had cooled. But not three years later, companies began expansion, courtesy of a healthier economy, forcing Pomeroy to shift gears and work to help locate qualified employees for companies.

The most recent downturn in the economy was returning Pomeroy to the mode of conducting pre-retirement outplacement seminars for those affected by layoffs.

Township manager Chip Snider said the plan for seeking a replacement for Pomeroy would involve a meeting of supervisor Mark Abbo

"His counsel...to this office will be missed."

Chip Snider
manager, Northville Township

and other members of the township's executive committee, at which a process for installing a new trustee would be established.

"We'll go through the process and make a short list of people we think would be a good fit," Snider said.

Snider said Pomeroy's absence from the board would be noticeable.

"I'll remember his boundless optimism and deep commitment to this community," Snider said, adding that Pomeroy held a "deep sense of honor" with regard to his

position.

"His counsel and friendship to this office will be missed," Snider said.

Township supervisor Mark Abbo said he felt Pomeroy's decision to provide assistance for those displaced in the job market was indicative of his personality.

"Bill was a good guy. He did very well when we had his services," Abbo said. "He's always been an honorable person, and what he's going on to do is just one more indi-

cation of that."

Abbo said he wanted to establish the field of potential replacements for Pomeroy to as wide a field of candidates as possible.

"We've got 20,000 residents in this community," Abbo said. "I'd really like to open it up."

Until a replacement was named, Abbo said the township board would operate with six members instead of the typical seven. Abbo said a definite timetable for replacing Pomeroy would be established no later than the board's Feb. 15 meeting.

Chris C. Davis is the editor of the Northville Record. He can be reached at cdavis@ht.hometown.net.



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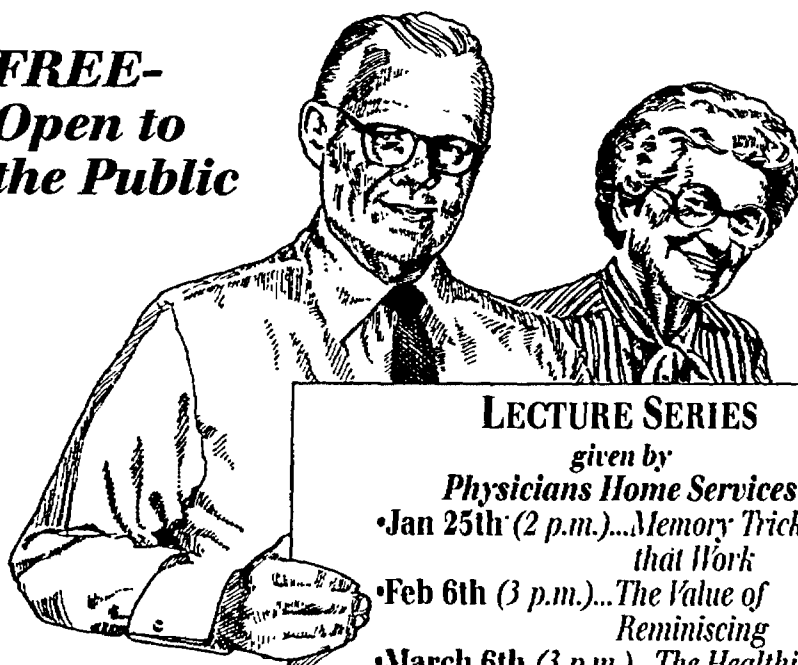
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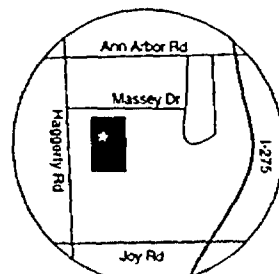
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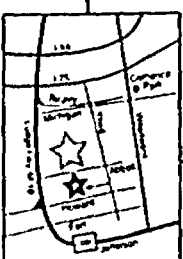
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Obituaries

DR. WALTER K. BELASCO
Dr. Walter K. Belasco, 89, of Northville died Jan. 20 in Novi. He was born Aug. 9, 1911, in Toronto, Canada, to Percy and Jessie S. (Lofts) Belasco.
Dr. Belasco moved to Northville in 1941. He retired from the Marine Corps Reserve as chief warrant officer. His background includes employment as a commercial artist for Montgomery Wards Optical Department, from which he also retired; he operated his own optometry practice in Northville; and was former owner of Northville Travel Plans.
Dr. Belasco was a life member of the VFW and an active member of the Rotary Club.
He is survived by his wife, Velma, whom he married in February 1941; and a daughter, Judy Belasco Bryant of Tennessee.
Services were conducted on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at Casterline Funeral Home Inc. of Northville. The Rev. John Hice of the First United Methodist Church of Northville officiated. Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery.
Memorials to the charity of choice would be appreciated.

JANE M. FROSLIE
Jane Malone Froslic died Jan. 21 at her son's home. She was born Aug. 29, 1912, in Pierre, S.D.
Like most children of her time, Mrs. Froslic began her education in a one-room schoolhouse and finished it at Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa. She moved to northwest Detroit in 1940, and lived the last 15 years in Northville. Mrs. Froslic was a dedicated and respected high school history and civics teacher. According to her family, she always pursued the answers to life's mysteries by searching for truth and trying to make the world a better

MARGIE A. DAVIS
Margie A. Davis, 75, of Northville died Jan. 11 at Arbor Hospice in Ann Arbor. She was born Feb. 1, 1925, in Somerton, Ariz., to Sidney and Mabel (Jennings) Johnson.
Mrs. Davis lived in Northville since 1952, except for one year in Wellesley Hills, Mass., and 3 1/2 years in England. She was a homemaker and a former real estate agent. Mrs. Davis was a very active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville and was instrumental in the decorating of the church sanctuary. Mrs. Davis was a former board member of the Downtown Development Authority and served on many committees of the Northville Women's Club. Mrs. Davis was past president of Mother's Club, and former owner of Old Friend's Antique Store. Her other affiliations included membership of Alpha Phi at the University of Arizona. She was very active in the many organizations to which she belonged.
Mrs. Davis is survived by her husband William E. Davis, who resides on West Main Street in Northville; three sons, Gary (Trisha) of Ohio, William M. (Patty) of Massachusetts, and Matthew (Lisa) of Northville; one daughter, Anne (Robert) McLaren of Wisconsin; sister, Betty Johnson of Arizona; brother, Leural (RoseMarie) of Arizona; and 11 grandchildren.
Mrs. Davis was preceded in death by brother, Kenneth Johnson.
Services were held on Monday, Jan. 15 at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, with the Rev. Kent Clise and the Rev. James Russell officiating. Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery.
Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home Inc. Memorials to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 6296, Plymouth, MI 48170 would be appreciated.



Margie Davis

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mrs. Davis' obituary is a reprint from last week's edition due to typographical errors. The Record regrets the errors and we send our condolences to the Davis family.

place. A long time activist, Mrs. Froslic lived her convictions. She will be greatly missed by family, friends and students.
Mrs. Froslic is survived by daughters, Mary Ann Wilens and Mary Alice Karch; son, Joseph; brother, Dr. Thomas Malone of West Hartford, Conn.; and one granddaughter, Celeste Karch.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Elroy in 1988, whom she married in June

1939; son, John and daughter, Mary Josephine. Mrs. Froslic and her husband had five children during their 49-year marriage.
A funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at Christ the King Church in Detroit. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.
Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville.
Memorial contributions To

Christ the King Church in Detroit would be appreciated.

MARIA M. HIRT
Maria M. Hirt, 95, of Novi died Jan. 21 in Milford Township. She was born March 16, 1905, in Germany, to Julius and Bertha (Eiche) Keller.
A homemaker, Mrs. Hirt moved to the area from Southfield in 1972. Before retirement, she was a cook for the Southfield Schools. Her memberships included Our lady of Victory Church and GBU - German Social Club.
Mrs. Hirt is survived by a son, Joseph A. (Barbara) of Novi.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph in 1984.
Services were held on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at Our Lady of Victory Church, with the Rev. Ernest Porcari officiating. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.
Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home of Northville.
Memorials directed to Masses at Sisters of the Precious Blood, Shrine of the Holy Relic, Maria Stein, Ohio 45860 would be appreciated.

THELMA M. ISENBERG
Thelma Mae Isenberg, 89, of Northville died Jan. 18 at Hartland Health Care Center-Dorvin in Livonia. She was born July 14, 1910, in Hollidaysburg, Pa.
Ms. Isenberg was a resident of Northville since 1947. She was employed for 43 years by Detroit Public Schools as a kindergarten teacher at Burns Elementary School. She retired in 1974. Ms. Isenberg was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia and a lifetime member of Tyrian Florence Chapter No. 469 Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by one nephew, William Isenberg of Farmington Hills; two nieces, Elizabeth Comoford and Janet Troyer; and sister-in-law, Bernice Isenberg.
Services were held on Monday, Jan. 22 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia, with the Rev. William C. Lindholm officiating.
Interment was in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.
Arrangements were made by Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home Inc. of Farmington.
Memorial contributions to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia, MI would be appreciated.

MARY SCAHILL
Mary Scahill, 93, died Jan. 19 in Middlebelt Nursing Home of Livonia. She was born Sept. 23, 1907, in Glasgow, Scotland, to James and Jeanie (Gillfallen) Collins.
Mrs. Scahill retired in 1972 as a receptionist with the Shaw & Slavsky Co.
Mrs. Scahill is survived by a daughter, Patricia (Richard) Schwartz of Northville; three grandchildren, Theresa, Rick and Christopher; and eight great-grandchildren.
A funeral Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville on Tuesday, Jan. 23, with the Rev. Steve Wer-tanen officiating. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.
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LIBRARY HOURS

The Northville District Library is open Monday-Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and open Sundays, from 1 to 5 p.m. Located at 212 W. Cady St. near city hall, with parking off Cady Street. For detailed information about programs or services, or to request or renew library materials, call (248) 349-3020.

TOT STORYTIME

Limited space is still available for the expanded winter session of the Tot Storytime for 2- and 3-year-olds, with a caregiver. Please call the library for more information.

VALENTINE FUN FOR KIDS

Kids of all ages are invited to drop in on Feb. 13 and make fun Valen-

tine crafts. Children age 4 and younger should be accompanied by a caregiver. There is no registration for this program, which runs from 4:15-5 p.m.

LITTLE ME CLUB LAPSIT STORYTIME

Little ones, parents and caregivers can make new friends while enjoying music, beanbag fun, and simple stories with youth librarian Miss Dorie. Designed for children ages 10 months to 2 years, this monthly program will be offered again on Feb. 8, from 10:30-11:15 a.m. Infants and older children are also welcome to attend. No registration required.

CONNECT TO THE LIBRARY FROM HOME

Check the library's catalog from the comfort of your home. Including

placing requests and renewing items. You can also search and print out magazine and newspaper articles in full-text from the many online databases, such as Infotrac and Firstsearch, or use specialized databases for school assignments, such as Electric Library and SIRS Discover. All you need is a PC with an Internet connection and a valid library card. Start with the library's

home <http://northville.lib.mi.us> and follow the prompt to "Search the Library Catalog" or "Databases accessible from home."

BOOKS, CHAT AND CHOW

If you like books and sharing your ideas, join us for this monthly book discussion group, open to fourth graders and up. At the next session

on Jan. 31 at 4:15 p.m., the title discussed will be "Welcome Home, Jellybean" by Marilyn Shyer. Please register at the information desk and pick up a copy of the book. Refreshments served.

EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION

Join us on Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. for the next monthly session of the library's Book Discussion group.

The title for discussion will be Maya Angelou's autobiography, "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings."

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Northville District Library Board of Trustees will be Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings, typically scheduled on the fourth Thursday.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

Date: January 18, 2001
Time: 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting
Place: 41600 West Six Mile Road
Call to Order: The Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Abbo at 7:30 p.m.
Roll Call: Present: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marv Gans, Shirley Klokenga, Bill Pomeroy, Brad Werner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
Clerk Hillebrand delivered the Oath of Office to the Township's new Police Chief, John Werth.

1. Agendas: Motion to approve the agendas with amendments approved. 7-0
2. Petitions and Resolutions:
 - A. WTUA Referendum Resolution approved: 7-0
 - B. 35th District Court (Third Judge) Resolution approved: 7-0
 - C. Mitsubishi Petition for Tax Abatement denied: 7-0
3. Public Hearings:
 - A. A Public Hearing was set for 2/15/01 for the CDBG Budget.
4. Brief Public Comments and Questions: None
5. New Business:
 - A. Computer Network Software Upgrade approved: 7-0
 - B. Computer Communication Switches approved: 7-0
 - C. Computer Network Server Hardware approved: 7-0
 - D. Revision to the Open Space Plan for Woodlands South approved: 7-0
 - E. Northville Hills Golf Club Phase II Maintenance Bond, Bill of Sale and Sanitary Sewer Easements approved: 7-0
 - F. PMC Machinery Water Main Utility Easement approved: 7-0
 - G. Revision of Resolution #00-165 Concerning Storm Drainage approved: 7-0
 - H. Purchase of Office Copier and Desktop Copier for the Department of Public Services approved: 7-0
 - I. Plymouth-Canton School District Summer Tax Collection approved: 7-0
 - J. Northville School District Summer Tax Collection approved: 7-0
 - K. RESA Summer Tax Collection approved: 7-0
 - L. Schoolcraft College Summer Tax Collection approved: 7-0
 - M. Hillside Renovations Agreement and Appraisal for Painting Auxiliary Gym approved: 7-0
 - N. Amendment to the Wayne County PUD approved: 6-1
6. Unfinished Business:
 - A. Kirklands Final Preliminary Plat approved: 7-0
 - B. Baltimore Purchase Proposal tabled: 7-0
7. Ordinances: None
8. Bills Payable:
 - A. Bills Payable in the amount of \$844,168.28 for January 18, 2001 approved: 7-0
9. Board Communications: Monthly reports from: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Dick Henningsen, Marv Gans, Brad Werner, Shirley Klokenga and Chip Snider.
10. Any Other Business that may properly be brought before the Board of Trustees:
 - A. Brad Werner was appointed as Board Liaison to Northville Youth Assistance approved: 7-0
 - B. Richard Henningsen was appointed as Board Liaison to the Northville Senior Advisory Council approved: 7-0
11. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

MARK ABBO, SUPERVISOR
SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK

(1-25-01 NR 1024412)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT PLEDGING THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT AND TAXING POWER OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM UPON THE NEW CONTRACT

TO ALL ELECTORS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on September 21, 2000, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Northville adopted a resolution approving and authorizing the execution and delivery of a new contract between the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth and the Western Townships Utilities Authority (together the "parties") pursuant to the provisions of Act 233, Public Acts of Michigan, 1955, as amended, relative to the long-term lease, expansion and financing of wastewater treatment facilities of the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority to serve the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth.

PURPOSE OF NEW CONTRACT

The new contract, when it becomes effective, will replace the parties' Construction, Finance and Service Agreement dated September 28, 1988 and provide among other things for the long-term lease and expansion of wastewater treatment facilities of the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority ("YCUA") by the Western Townships Utilities Authority for the purpose of providing cost effective transportation and treatment of wastewater for the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth, and for the issuance of new bonds by the Western Townships Utilities Authority (the "Authority") in principal amount sufficient with other available moneys, if any, to defray the cost of leasing and expanding said wastewater treatment facilities. The new contract as approved estimates the Authority's share of the total cost of leasing and expanding the wastewater treatment facilities of YCUA to be \$91,250,000 and also provides that the Authority may increase the cost of the acquisition and construction of such facilities in order to complete the same in accordance with the plans approved in the new contract and issue additional bonds therefor without further approval by the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth. The new contract also provides that the cost may be increased by variations or changes in the plans and paid for by the issuance of additional Authority bonds or in any other way agreed to with the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth. The new bonds to be issued will be secured by the obligation of the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds when due. This new bond obligation is in addition to existing bond obligations of the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth to pay the principal of and interest on existing bonds when due.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP'S CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION AND SOURCE OF PAYMENT

The new bonds to be issued by the Authority will bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed ten percent (10%) per annum or the applicable rate allowed by State law and will mature over a period of not exceeding 33 years. The full faith and credit of the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth have been pledged in the contract for the making of payments to the Authority in amounts sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the new bonds as the same shall become due and for the payment of bond service charges incurred by the Authority. The shares of the Charter Townships are based on these percentages of capacity in the expanded YCUA wastewater treatment plant: Canton — 51.28 percent, Northville — 22.17 percent and Plymouth — 26.55 percent. Taxes levied by the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth for the payment of their obligations to the Authority will be subject to applicable constitutional and statutory limitations and the charters of the Townships.

RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM ON NEW CONTRACT

This notice is given by order of the Township Board to and for the benefit of the electors and taxpayers of the Charter Township of Northville and any other interested persons in order to inform them of their right to petition for a referendum upon the new contract. The new contract will not become effective until the expiration of 45 days after the publication of this notice. If, within said 45-day period, a petition signed by 10% or 15,000, whichever is the lesser, of the registered electors residing within the Charter Township of Northville is filed with the Township Clerk requesting a referendum upon the contract, then such new contract will now become effective until approved by a majority of the electors of the Charter Township of Northville qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information relative to the subject matter of the new contract and this notice, including the description and location of the facilities, may be secured at the office of the Township Clerk where a copy of the new contract is available for examination during normal business hours.

This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 of Act 233, Public Acts of Michigan, 1955, as amended.

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Sawmill's owners carve out niche furniture market

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Editor

At age 27, Brandon Mardossian is still working his first job. And he couldn't be happier.

Mardossian and his wife, Ashley, recently took over ownership of Northville's Sawmill furniture shop. The purchase of the solid wood furnishings store was the destination point in a career dream that started when Mardossian turned 14.

"From the day I got my first job here, I knew this is what I wanted to do," Mardossian said.

Mardossian's first job at The Sawmill was working in stock. Over time, he jumped around to deliver, manufacturing, sales and eventually, management. The purchase of The Sawmill was made official on Jan. 1.

Mardossian said he had no definitive plans for changing the way The Sawmill did business, but qualified that statement by saying that changes of

some kind were almost inevitable at some stage of the game.

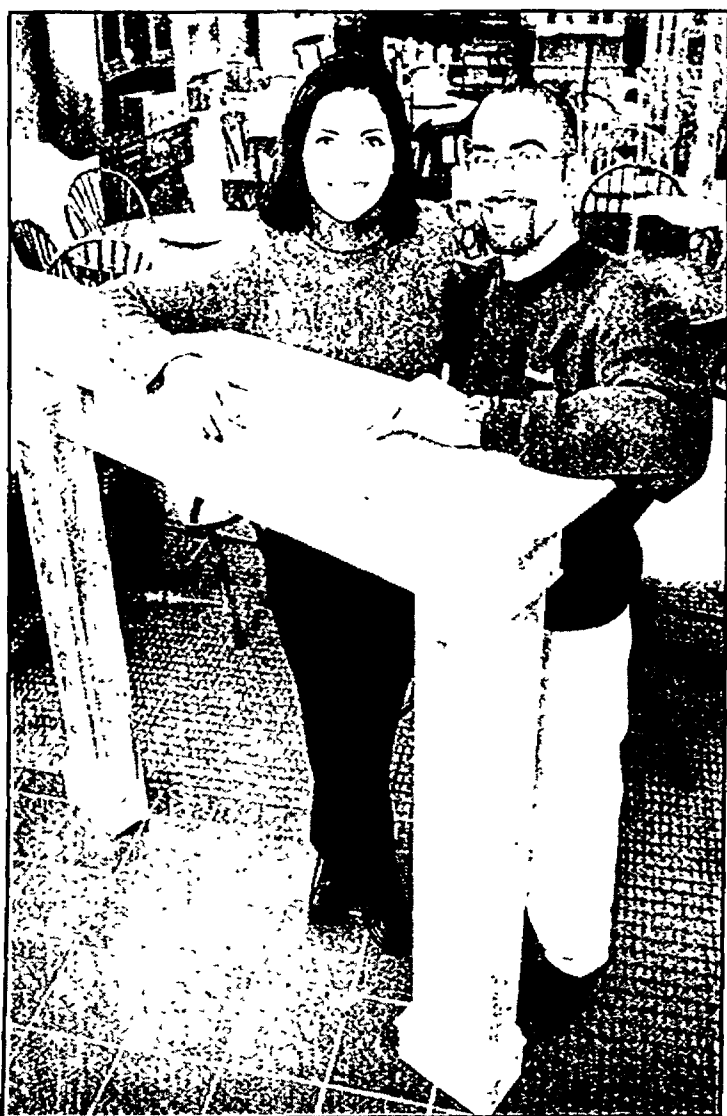
"With anything, there's always change involved," he said. "We've been successful for several years. We'll take it as it comes. Time will tell."

Mardossian said The Sawmill separates itself from fellow furniture stores by specializing in solid wood furnishings with custom finishes. The store also does custom manufacturing of furniture in any size and any color, Mardossian said.

Both Mardossian and his wife are members of Northville High School's graduating class of 1991.

The Sawmill is located at 316 N. Center Street, and can be reached at (248) 349-8585.

Chris C. Davis is the editor of the Northville Record. He can be reached at cdavis@ht.homecomm.net



Ashley and Brandon Mardossian, new owners of The Sawmill, stand with a solid birch mantel, which retails for \$1,200.

Missing lapel pin has reader hoping for classified help

Each week *Hometown Newspapers* will be delving into the pages of its own classified sections, discovering tales of promise, misfortune and opportunity, then putting a familiar face on stories otherwise left untold and unbookmarked in the course of human events.

By DAVID M. AGUILAR
Staff Writer

Shirley Cauzillo's mother, Adele, gave her the pin eight years ago, a keepsake that Shirley only wore during the holidays and only with outfits befitting nostalgia.

But on Dec. 21 the rhinestone-covered Santa Claus pin that had once meant so much to her mother before she died, disappeared. The unique three-inch holiday ornament that 72-year-old Shirley wore only with a special sweater or a fashionable silk scarf, came up missing after she returned home from St. Joseph's Catholic Church in South Lyon that day.

She noticed the missing pin after returning home. As she hung up her coat in a closet Cauzillo noticed the empty patch on her coat's lapel, the exact place where the pin had been secured when she first left the house. Somehow the wind had swept in and taken away a piece of her family legacy.

And all that remained was a hole in Cauzillo's heart.

"I was broken-hearted," Cauzillo said. "I am absolutely devastated. The pin itself has no financial value, but it was my mother's favorite pin, and she gave it to me before she died. The only time I ever wore that pin was during the holidays. It was just unique, and

being my mother's made in very sentimental."

Cauzillo said she has since retraced every step along her path that day, from those taken at the far reaches of St. Joe's snow-piled parking lot, to the Farmer Jack trip she made immediately following mass. Even a thorough search of her Colonial Acres condominium proved fruitless.

"I have searched just about everywhere, through closets and lost and founds. The pin was so pretty," Cauzillo said. "Everyone who ever saw it commented on it."

She said it featured a Santa Claus shape with individual rhinestones decorating the red cap and white tassels filling out its beard.

Now she waits for either melting snow or the tender hand of fate to set things right.

"I am praying to St. Anthony," Cauzillo said. "Maybe it is under one of these snowbanks, and when they melt it will be there. I don't know. I'm just heartsick. My mother didn't have a lot of money, but this was her favorite pin, so it means quite a bit to me."

Anyone with information about Cauzillo's lost Santa Claus pin can contact her at (248) 486-8306.

There is much to be found in the pages of *Hometown's Classified* section — the Green Sheet. Turn to section D of this paper to find out more. To place any ad, big or small, *Home Classifieds* can be reached at (248) 685-8705.

David Aguilar is a reporter for the *Midford Times*. He can be reached at (248) 685-1507 or by e-mail at daguilar@homecomm.net.



Footnotes
Dr. Michael P. Burk



ARCH PAIN

While heel pain is a common symptom of plantar fasciitis (inflammation of the tendon running from the heel bone to the base of the toes), the condition can also cause arch pain. When the fascia suffers repetitive, constant strain, heel and arch pain can be the result. Patients often feel a burning in the sole of the foot, with increased pain when standing on tiptoe. The area may be tender to the touch. Arch pain can be caused by a person's exercise program. Runners who increase their mileage quickly or train on steep hills may experience arch pain. Ill-fitting or inappropriate shoes for a particular activity, wearing basketball

shoes to go running, for example - can contribute to the condition.

Pain is often the first sign of a foot problem, but pain doesn't always reveal the cause of the condition. The best way to determine the exact cause, location, and seriousness of foot pain is to have a podiatric evaluation including medical history, examination, and test. If you have any questions about today's column, or any questions about footcare, your own or a loved one's, please feel comfortable calling NOVI FOOTCARE ASSOCIATES, 248-476-1500. Our office is located at 39555 West Ten Mile Road, Suite 307.

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Police break up big house party

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from the vehicle, and observed an open case of beer in the truck's cab. No one in the car was over age 21, but all eventually admitted to drinking one beer. The beer in the cab was confiscated, the occupants were told to remain in the truck, and officers proceeded to the front door of the home.

Inside the house, officers could see an estimated 15 youths in the basement of the home. Police knocked at the front door of the house and asked to speak with the owner of the house. One the home's owners was identified as an 18-year-old woman, who told officers the party she was having

a party that had gotten out of control. She requested the assistance of police to disperse the attendants.

Police honored the girl's request and sent those in attendance home. Only one beer was located inside the house, and officers noted that none of the youths seemed to have been drinking. Several beer cans and bottles were discovered outside the house, however.

As the scene was being cleared, officers were met by another 18-year-old woman in the house's garage, who told police that when officers arrived, a flurry of youths had run from the house into the woods behind the house, and

that during the confusion, the girl's 16-year-old brother had disappeared. The girl was wearing no coat and no shoes.

Officers searched the surrounding area, and called out for those in the woods to come out. Two boys emerged from the woods, wearing no shoes themselves.

The four youths were tested for alcohol consumption. One of the boys tested positive for alcohol, and was arrested for underage use.

Officers then returned to the pickup truck and processed the three occupants for alcohol use. All three tested positive and all three were arrested. The driver of

the truck insisted the beer belonged to his father, but police told the driver that the driver of a vehicle was responsible for all the items contained therein.

The 18-year-old owner of the house was issued a citation for having an open house party and was instructed to have her parents contact police when they returned from vacation.

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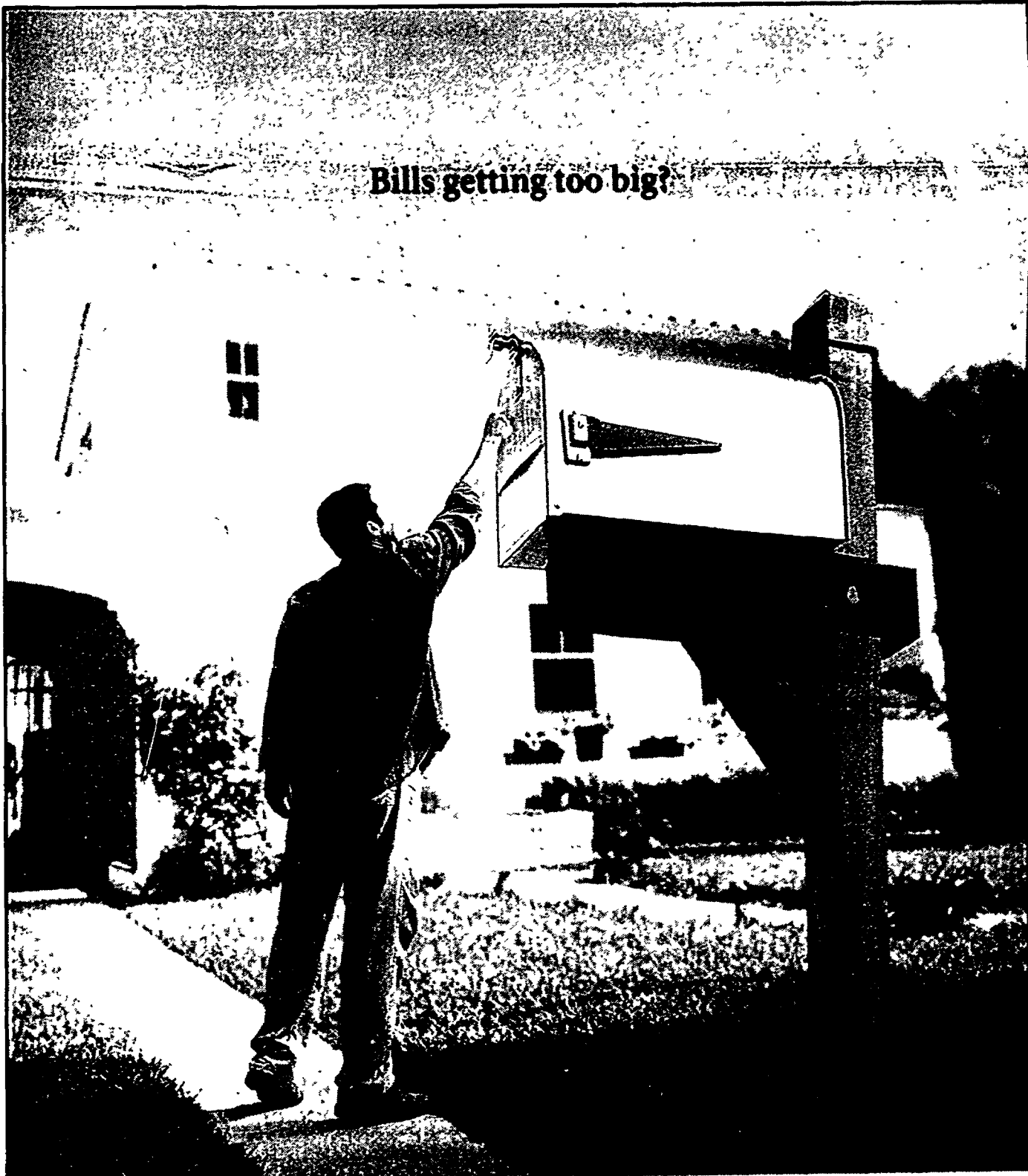
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Good people go — our loss, their gain

One of the troubling things about public service is that it's just that — a service.

Not unless one ascends the ranks of Capitol Hill do those in office generally find their positions able to pay the bills and cover the expenses of living. And particularly at the local government level, those running for a seat on a public body are doing it not to get rich, but because of a sense of public duty.

When the good people leave because the private sector can offer more, that's a sad reality, and that's why we're disappointed to learn that Bill Pomeroy will be moving on to other things. Certainly, we wish him all the best in his future plans, but losing someone like him leaves some big shoes to fill.

Mr. Pomeroy returned to the Northville Township scene in the wake of the sudden resignation of former township supervisor Karen Woodside. Originally brought in to help fill a spot on the board which had been politically divided, Mr. Pomeroy eventually sought the position for the long term, and won election to the chair last November.

We had high hopes for Mr. Pomeroy and the two other new faces on the board — Shirley Klokkenge and Brad Werner, as well as Mark Abbo (the new township supervisor) and Chip Snider,

who was eventually named township manager.

Together, the group worked to help smooth over some very rough spots on the board. Mr. Pomeroy's thoughtfulness and experience played an instrumental role in helping to see the business of the township worked through to completion.

Monday's announcement may have come as a surprise, but it wasn't surprising. Talent like Mr. Pomeroy's doesn't go unnoticed, and sweetened offers from employers are often too enticing to pass up. We can't blame Mr. Pomeroy for making the decision he did. We're only trou-

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bled that someone else's gain will be the township's loss.

Mr. Snider has indicated that a proposal is in the works to help the township deal with situations like the one at hand, when a vacancy on one of the key township governmental boards arises. Apparently, Mr. Snider believes it is entirely possible to reel in qualified, experienced leaders, and not just casual acquaintances.

We hope that is the case, because folks like Mr. Pomeroy don't come around every day.

We salute Bill Pomeroy for a job well done — even if it wasn't for as long as we would have liked it to be.

Business success means doing more

Amid all the down-in-the-mouth news about the U.S. economy, Northville seemed to be at least one partly-sunny spot a generally gloomy financial weather map.

The formula for avoiding a lackluster holiday shopping season was the same one that had gotten Northville this far: offer specialized services and focus on customer service, rather than trying to give lower prices than the national chains.

It apparently had decent success for Christmas 2000, but whether that same kind of approach is enough to let Northville survive what might be a lengthy economic recession remains to be seen. And to that end, we agree with Northville Chamber of Commerce director Laurie Marrs: new businesses, particularly in the downtown area, need to be convinced that Northville is a great place to set up shop.

Demographically, Northville is changing. No longer is it just a place for lifetime residents or third-generation families. Rather, it is attracting younger people and new faces. Their needs and their wants may very well differ from what the downtown Northville community has to offer.

The pending arrival of a Starbucks Coffee to Northville is an indication that marketing people

from abroad are taking note of the community's change. And while the opening of a national chain in a central business district dominated by small, independent businesses may send up flaming red flags to old-school purists, we think that a blend of the old and the new is the way to go.

One thing's for certain: we don't think rolling the dice and continuing to do business while wearing rose-colored glasses is a prudent

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way to sustain the viability of storefronts. Northville is lucky, but history tells us that luck can only take an individual, a team or a community so far. Eventually, realities catch up.

Northville has strong governmental leadership, is nearly entirely built up and has residents who share in the proud traditions of the community. We think embracing Northville's legacy while recognizing the socioeconomic metamorphosis taking place will give the community the strongest possible hand to hold as we enter the 21st Century.

POSTSCRIPT: (The Taste of Northville Business Showcase is coming up in March. This would be a golden opportunity for the chamber to put its best foot forward and give the hard sell to prospective businesses and bring them to the community.)



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Jon Robideau, right, and other students from Northville's Thornton Creek Elementary School seem to enjoy their visit to Novi's Cummins Diesel factory last week. The students were able to keep the hard hats and safety glasses.

LETTERS

■ Compare electric policy across U.S.

The news from California is not good. The state has experienced rolling electricity blackouts and the two largest power companies talk of bankruptcy.

Last June, Michigan's Legislature passed new laws restructuring much of our state's power industry. This begs an obvious question: Can California's power problem happen here?

The answer is no, not if we continue to prudently move toward customer choice and support new generating plants and electric transmission and distribution facilities needed to power Michigan's growing economy.

California's electric utilities cannot keep up with the public's demand for power. While the people of California are increasing their use of electricity at nearly triple the national rate, no new power plants have been built in more than a decade because of many reasons — including opposition from the public.

By contrast, demand in Michigan is growing more slowly, about 2 percent annually, and several generating units have been brought into service. Consumers Energy rebuilt and restarted three units at our plant in Muskegon and our holding company, CMS Energy, has added units in northern and southern Michigan that can generate power during times of peak demand.

Michigan's new laws removed many of the uncertainties that kept power suppliers from building new plants here. A number of new units are planned over the next several years. With their output, we could have enough electricity to exceed customer demand on peak-use days by 40 percent or more. Some already face very strong public opposition, however, so the percentage could turn out to be much smaller.

California encouraged its electric utilities to sell most of their fossil-fired power plants. Now, California's utilities are dependent on a volatile, short-term wholesale power market to buy power one day at a time. They are barred from signing long-term power contracts or using the other tools available to utilities elsewhere to ensure a reliable supply.

By contrast, Michigan's utilities are allowed to keep enough existing generating capacity to serve our current customers. By relying on our own plants and firm contracts to buy power elsewhere, we have taken the necessary steps to ensure a reliable supply for the present.

California's extraordinarily strict environmental rules have discouraged construction of new power plants and encouraged too much reliance on natural gas. Michigan gets a much smaller fraction of its power from gas-fired plants. Our primary fuel source is coal, which is abundant, affordable and increasingly clean. Coal-fired and nuclear-powered plants provide more than half of our electricity, at prices that are lower and historically more stable.

California also suffers from inadequate transmission capacity to import electricity from other states. By contrast, Michigan's law requires the state's utilities to expand transmission capacity by 2,000 megawatts by June 2002. We are already working to meet that requirement.

Finally, Michigan's new laws empower the Michigan Public Service Commission to establish performance standards to ensure that our electric customers continue to enjoy quality service.

Michigan's different approach is keeping us from a California-style mess. During a few hot summer days in 1998 and 1999, when electric supplies were very tight, our customers responded to our public appeals to conserve by turning off some lights and cutting back a bit on air conditioning. We didn't have to resort to a dramatic, California-style action and kept the power flowing.

Resolving the long-term problem will require cooperation. You and I vote with our light switches every day for more electricity. There's no need for a recount. We vote for more central air conditioners, computers, electronic devices and products from factories which use large amounts of power.

On the other hand, many people are very quick to vote no when it comes to new generating plants and power lines near their communities.

How shall we reconcile the two votes? We need to respond by conserving electricity when demand is unusually high, like on very hot summer days. We also need to work together to develop a long-term plan to build the plants and power lines that Michigan's families and businesses will need. That's no small task.

California has gotten everyone's attention. Now that we're thinking about the problem, let's work together on ways to make sure new power supplies can be developed in a manner that is environmentally responsible, economical and in time. That way, when you turn on the light switch several years from now, you won't wonder if the power will be there.

David W. Joos
President / CEO
Consumers Energy-Electric

■ Give George W. benefit of the doubt

We, here in the United States, are extremely fortunate to be living in a country where, for the past two hundred or so years, the passing — or retention — of the presidential baton, every four years, has come about with a minimum of disruption or dislocation. Let alone bloodshed, as too often happens in other lands.

Whatever doubts we may have had about the ballot counting in Florida this past election, the fact is that now, George W. Bush, is our legally-certified president.

Let us give him the benefit of the doubt about the agenda he will pursue, and wish him well as he rolls up his sleeves — figuratively speaking — and tackles the difficult domestic and world-wide problems that beset *homo sapiens*.

For one, now that the die is cast, wish our newly elected president, George W. Bush, success in his efforts to improve the life of his national constituency.

To paraphrase Daniel P. Moynahan: It is my sincere hope that G.W. Bush realizes that ideological certainty easily degenerates into insistence upon ignorance.

■ Thanks for help with Salvation Army

Alfred P. Galli

The totals are in and despite the adverse weather, the Plymouth Corps of the Salvation Army met its goal. All money donated in the red kettles in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville area during the Christmas season stays in those communities to help those less fortunate. Thank you to all who gave of their time and money: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, First United Methodist Church of Northville, Our Lady of Victory, Northville Police Department, Northville Fire Department, Northville City Administration, Northville High School honors Society, Northville Kiwanis, Northville Mothers' Club Life Members, Northville Co-op Preschool, Northville Christian Assembly Missionettes, Moraine Elementary, Thornton Creek Elementary, Silver Springs Elementary, Cub Scout Pack No. 903, Advanced Technology, Michelle Benson, Burke Family, Ron Bush, Jan Cole, Charlie Cox, Dwayne Defer, Doolin Family, Joy Donnellon, Tracy Grabowski, Dave Gulau, Bob Hoffmann, Carl Hartmann, Schuyler Hoving, Bryan Hurley, Michael Hurley, Mary Jolliffe, Penny Junk, Katherine Knott, Robin Kulow, Jim McMichael, Jay Moore, Carolyn Nicuwoop, O'Brien Family, Barb Read, John Romanik, Markene Roney, Greg Spinazze, Carolyn Stoeck, Harvey Stroyan, Swigart Family and Ro Varley.

Judy Kohl
Northville Coordinator
Salvation Army
Kettle Campaign

■ Educate yourself on sex ed curricula

Novi parents, take note that the Novi schools are on the road to approving the grades 4 through 9 Growth and Development curricula.

In other words, this is your chance to have input regarding the sex education of your children and their friends. Please take the time to obtain an outline of the content for these classes, and I encourage you also to view the student materials, handouts, videos and teacher materials/guides. Also, voice your opinion at the one remaining public hearing, held before the next school board meeting. Note that there is no formal policy detailing "opting out" of these courses. Students and parents have had difficulties with the issue of alternative assignments when their children have opted out from the sex ed classes, in Novi as well as in Northville.

Obtain a copy of the outline or view the materials (for grades 4-8) through the office of Rita Traynor at the educational services building on Taft north of Ten Mile, phone (248) 449-1200. For grade 9, make arrangements to view the materials with the High School, (248) 449-1500.

The public hearing will be at 6:45pm before the next school board meeting, at the Ed. Svcs. Bldg. on Feb. 8.

Parents, I encourage you to become educated yourself about the materials and approaches used by the schools, and about the risks of teenage sexuality. The stakes are much higher than a generation or two ago, and are not fully negated by use of prophylactics. I refer not only to AIDS, but also to Herpes, HPV, and chlamydia, which can have lifelong consequences (illnesses and infertility), and HPV (and possibly chlamydia) can cause cancer.

Please check out these websites for more information:

www.meditinstitute.org, www.mikelong.com, www.lovenmatters.com, www.nih.gov/news/pr/jan2001/nichd-04.htm (NIH News Release about effectiveness of a virginity pledge)

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Sizing up Michigan's race for gov

News that former governor Jim Blanchard has launched the "Jim Blanchard for Governor Committee" has jump-started the process that will eventually result in a Democratic candidate for governor in November 2002.



Phil Power

That election will be a very big deal for both parties. It will be the first with no sitting governor on the ballot since 1982. Thanks to term limits and increased turnover in the legislature, the relative powers of the governor's office have increased in recent years — a process both abetted and encouraged by Gov. John Engler.

Here's a look at the three major possible contenders and what's driving them.

Since his embarrassing defeat by Engler in 1990, Blanchard has hardly been idle. A close advisor to Bill Clinton in 1992, Blanchard was rewarded by an appointment as Ambassador to Canada. By all reports, he did a good job.

Blanchard returned to Washington to a law-and-lobbying practice with a well-connected firm. He kept his toe in the Michigan politics, most recently as co-chair of the successful effort to defeat the school voucher proposal.

A former Congressman, Blanchard clearly would enjoy returning to Washington as a Senator. Incumbent Senator Carl Levin, however, looks like he has other ideas. Most observers figure he'll run for a fifth term, making a Blanchard challenge in a primary

seem, um, impolite.

So Blanchard, who remains vigorous and active, finds the governorship a likely target. He says he's returning to Michigan "tested and improved by experience, but still with plenty of fire in my belly."

While Blanchard was moving around the state, Michigan Congressman David Bonior — currently the number two Democrat in the U. S. House and in line to be majority leader should the party win the House next year — discovered the 2000 census results will cost Michigan one congressional seat. Since Republicans will run the redistricting process — they control both the state Legislature and Supreme Court — they've got a terrific device for getting Bonior out of their hair: Redistrict him out of office.

So what's a very senior Congressman whose district is at risk to do? Run for governor, of course. Bonior's biggest ally is UAW President Steve Yokich, also a Macomb County resident and a long-time friend. Yokich could probably bring in plenty of support for Bonior from other segments of organized labor.

Some Democrats, however, think a labor-backed Bonior candidacy would be *deja vu* of disaster all over again. After all, Howard Wolpe, picked by the UAW for governor in 1994, was a terrible candidate. Larry Owen's candidacy in 1998 (also created by the UAW) led directly to Geoffrey Fieger. Moreover, Bonior is viewed as fuzzy by some important Democratic constituency groups on key issues such as choice on abortion and support for Israel.

Standing quietly in the wings is Jennifer Granholm, the Democrats' eminent blonde and certainly the most popular figure in a party that has long struggled for a leader with brains and star power. Granholm's career is largely the product of Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara and Wayne

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County Prosecutor Mike Duggan, who together run probably the most competent Democratic machine around.

Elected Attorney General by a wide margin in 1998, Granholm faces an interesting set of political choices dictated in part by the fact that her time in office is limited to two four-year terms. If she chooses to run for AG again, she can expect a stiff challenge from Scott Romney, Engler's choice to run for AG but side-tracked to a seat on the MSU board. If she wins reelection as AG but still hankers for higher office after her term expires, a campaign for the governorship occupied by somebody else might be difficult.

One-on-one, I'd guess both Blanchard and Granholm would beat Bonior. With Blanchard and Bonior splitting the male vote, Granholm would likely clean up in a three-candidate race. With Democrats hoping for a candidate who can win in November and wouldn't be dominated by organized labor, it appears Blanchard and Granholm have an excellent basis for a long conversation about who does what and when.

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Thoughtful laws? It could happen

There is an unusual calm in Lansing these days.

The start of the coming Legislative session is running behind the normal schedule and members I've talked to, on both sides of the aisle, are starting to get antsy to get things rolling.



Mike Malott

Kendall Wingrove, aide to new House Speaker Rick Johnson, R-LeRoy, admits lawmakers are about a week off the usual pace. There are reasons, he says, and good ones.

First, there was the inaugural of President George W. Bush last weekend. Many state Republicans, not just Gov. John Engler, were in Washington D.C. for the festivities. Politicos would argue that is not just a matter of having fun. They expect the state's fortunes will rise with those of the new Republican administration, so being there at the outset will give Michigan more clout in the end.

According to Wingrove, that took more out of lawmakers' schedules than just the one day of inaugural festivities. Actually, top Michigan Republicans were involved in Washington for four or five days, he contended.

When the House's Committee on Committees should have been meeting last week in preparation of making assignment recommendations to the speaker, inaugural distractions kept those members away from the table.

That has put committee assignments

behind schedule as well. Where normally, at the outset of a new legislative session, they would have been released last week, committee assignments for the state House are not expected until later this week.

Likewise, Gov. Engler has put off his State of the State speech a bit this year. It is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 31. In previous years, Engler's annual address was already in the history books by this time. His spokesperson Susan Shaffer contends it was initially scheduled for the last day of the month because Engler knew his inaugural duties would take that long to complete.

What Engler is likely to say is kept close to the vest, she said. Details of what will be in the speech aren't released until the day of the address.

And with the governor's agenda for the year not yet laid out, state lawmakers aren't putting out their either. Democrats have already devised their list of priorities, but Minority Leader Kwame Kilpatrick, D-Detroit, is holding back the caucus agenda for now.

House Republicans, likewise, have already met in a two-day retreat to come up with their priorities. The Senate GOP caucus was in a retreat of its own this Tuesday and Wednesday this week hammering down its own plans.

Individual lawmakers are, of course, willing to give their agendas — it's the overall priority lists compiled by the caucuses that are waiting until after the State of the State.

Background discussions are taking place. Wingrove said Johnson and Kilpatrick have met several times. Shaffer said the governor is coordinating with the new speaker, but organizational issues have to be left to him.

Wingrove also contends some of the delay is the result of "the shift to a different style of leadership. Johnson wants to 'reinvigorate

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the committee process," he said. He wants the agenda to be set, not just by leadership, but too come up from the committee members themselves.

Johnson is of the opinion more work on legislation should be done in committee rather than on the House floor, Wingrove explained. Many of the changes taken up on the floor in previous sessions would be better accomplished in committee.

That would make for more refinement of bills before they come before the full House.

"It's a more intimate setting," he said. "You have people testifying in committee, and what an opportunity it would be for an exchange of ideas and for debate and discussion while you have the experts sitting right there in the room with you. When you are the floor, they aren't right there with you, they are up in the gallery or in the lobby."

That, he says, goes along with Johnson's style of being a consensus builder.

Yes, lawmakers are late getting started on their work this year. But to hear them and their aides tell it, that's not a bad thing. To the contrary, it might just end up with more thoughtful legislation coming out of Lansing as a result.

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Bill, John, Lonnie, Jen, etc.

More random thoughts and observations on life...

• Bill Pomeroy's announcement of a pending resignation as township trustee came as a surprise, but not a surprise in the bad sense. I've dealt with Bill off and on for about a year now, during which time I've gotten to know him as one of the good guys in a world of local government that can be viewed in a terribly cynical light.



Chris C. Davis

When opportunities arose and Bill determined that he couldn't adequately juggle his schedule, he had to make a choice, and far be it from me to blame him for making that choice. I only hope we can find someone as good as Bill (fat chance!) to do as good a job as he's done.

• I'll bet anyone that the Nielsen television ratings for the Super Bowl outperform the ratings for the presidential inauguration. Just one more sign of the times.

• The days have gotten about an hour and a half longer since we bottomed out on the sunshine meter last December. And I

started to realize that aside from an early-season blizzard and a week or two of cold temperatures, this really hasn't been that bad a winter so far. (Speaking of which — I saw my first advertisement for lawn chairs and barbecues last week.)

• The thing I'm going to miss the most about not being able to traverse the Griswold Street bridge is driving past the Mill Pond in the spring time. What a great scene that is, especially around Mothers' Day.

• Congratulations to John Werth on being sworn in as the new chief of police for Northville Township. I've known "Tiny" for quite a while, and I've never known the man to be anything less than pleasant and businesslike. I wish John and all the rest who wear the badge good luck in the Werth era.

• Don't look now, but the new condominium development near the Warren Products building is starting to rise up from the ground. Soon we'll have a new residential pocket in Northville.

• Speaking of condominiums, don't look now, but the development at Six Mile and Haggerty is taking off, too. If you're a Northville resident who'll be hosting a family reunion this spring, and Aunt Greta (who moved away in 1991 and now resides in Phoenix) will be attending, know that she'll probably not recognize the community she left behind 10 years ago.

• One of the nice things I've had the

chance to experience over the last couple of weeks is being able to once again work as a reporter. Since I took over as editor of the Record a year ago, reporting is one of the things I've only been able to do on a limited basis. I've had the chance to roll up my sleeves and get back to writing again. I suppose it's just one of those passions that you don't give up in this job.

• Many of you have called or written about coverage of stories going on in the community. I'm pleased to announce that starting today, I've got two new reporters on board here. Jen Norris and Lonnie Huhman will be handling reporting duties for the Record now. We'll have formal introductions of these two next week. But for now, know that the news section of the Record is getting back in the swing of things.

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Dome to re-open pending repairs

By KELLI COOLEY
Editor

Deflated.
The Oasis Family Golf Center, 39500 Five Mile Road, in Northville Township experienced a sudden drop in business last month when the golf dome was taken down for repairs.
Combinations of low pressure inside the dome and high winds and severe weather outside caused a hole, said Mike Ashley, general manager of Oasis Golf. The dome has been down since Dec. 12, however, Ashley said the dome will be back up the week of Jan. 15.

"We're hoping to open next week.

Weather was the biggest barrier to get it fixed. We patched holes just like you would in a pair of jeans," Ashley said.

The dome is the majority of the family center's business and Ashley said they are one of the busiest domes in the country.

"Having it (the dome) down will be a dent on the business side but we'll get by," he said.

To set up an appointment in the dome after Jan. 15, call (734) 420-4653.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville Township's Oasis Golf Indoor Dome is set to re-open soon, after being shut down for some repair work.

Commerce stays hot in Northville during holidays

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eral phone calls from people asking about the locations of shops and dates of future events.

With regard to the upcoming year, Marrs said two of her wishes for Northville business will be answered. The downtown area will soon be host to a gourmet food and wine shop and a new mens' clothing store.

Northville will be a shop that will allow patrons to make their own wine.

"I'd like to see places in

Northville that have an entertainment draw," Marrs said. "People that come downtown and stay a while tend to spread their dollars around, which is good for many types of businesses."

Pamplemousse owner Laura Williams said the holiday season worked out well for her business.

"We had a really good holiday season," Williams said. "It was nice seeing Northville residents out on the streets and visiting the Northville shops."

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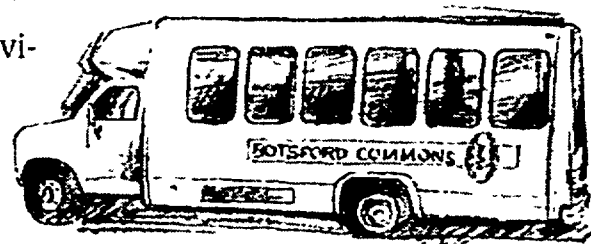
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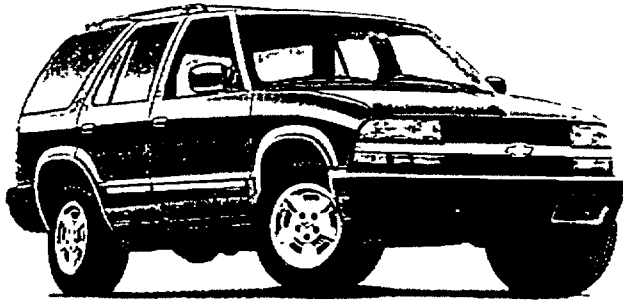
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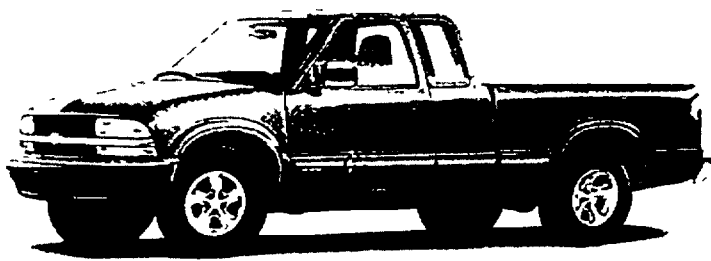
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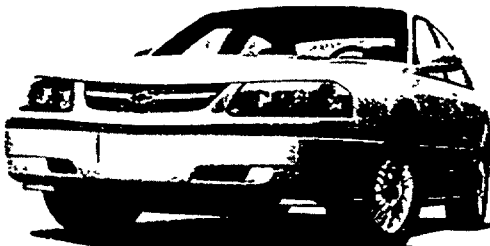
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Taorello's Marketplace co-owners John Taormina (left) and Rod Kello ensure customers receive only the freshest and highest quality fruits and vegetables by hand-selecting them every morning from the Detroit produce terminal. Taorello's Marketplace, which is celebrating its one-year anniversary, has become one of Livingston County's premiere shopping destinations.

Taorello's Marketplace

Livingston County's popular shopping destination celebrates its one-year anniversary

Taorello's Marketplace has quickly become one of Livingston County's premiere shopping destinations. Within a year's time, business partners and long-time friends John Taormina and Rod Kello have established a reputation for quality produce at competitive prices.

Taormina and Kello did more than just combine their names when they became partners. They combined years of business and specialty market experience.

Being in virgin territory they say it's been a challenge determining what customers wanted, but the two have fared well and are pleased with the way the business has come along.

They listen to their customers, and make changes they feel are necessary based on those customer needs.

"Your customers have to tell you what they want ... you can't just sell what you'd like to sell," Taormina said.

And tell them they do. Taormina said the store's customer request box is usually pretty thick with suggestions. Many of the requests

are for specialty wines even though merchandiser and wine buyer Donna Hauser keeps Taorello's stocked with nearly 2,000 different labeled wines.

"It's been an area that's really impressed us," Taormina said. "We just can't seem to get enough variety."

Taormina said that unlike some wine shops where customers are left to stare at a wall of different wines to try to make a selection on their own, Taorello's knowledgeable staff is there to help.

"We have staff here who truly know their wines," he said. "They don't just pretend to know — they know their wines."

Looking for the finest in fresh fruits and vegetables? Check out the selection available at Taorello's that often includes everything from ugly fruit to organic produce. All at competitive prices.

Taorello's is the first place (in Livingston County) that literally brings in fresh produce, other than local farm markets in the summer," Taormina said. "We go down every morning at 1 a.m. to

the Detroit produce terminal. Our produce is hand-selected, hand-purchased, brought in every day."

That extra effort assures customers they're receiving only the freshest and highest quality items at a very competitive price — in most cases at prices that should beat the competition.

"If you buy a green pepper from Taorello's, you can put it in your refrigerator and it's going to last for a few days," Taormina said. "If you buy a green pepper from the chain store, you better use it today or tomorrow or it's going to turn into soup. And that's the difference."

The success of Taorello's meat department can be directly attributed to Taormina's experience in

the meat business, beginning at the age of 10 beside a father who was in the business for 40 years. Hand-picking their meat manager, Todd LaCoe, didn't hurt either, and based on sales it's the number-one department of the store. Taorello's carries only USDA Choice or better, cut fresh everyday.

The same goes for the seafood counter. Manager Tony Signorelli — hand-picked, knowledgeable and creative, just loves what he does and freely gives recipes and cooking suggestions.

But it's the same throughout Taorello's Marketplace. Friendly, knowledgeable staff, willing to share their experience with customers.

For many, Taorello's Marketplace located at 1007 Grand River Ave. in Brighton, has transformed shopping into an enjoyable leisurely outing rather than a regular weekly chore. And Taormina and Kello couldn't be more pleased. Response has been very positive.

"We really think we have something that everybody will enjoy," Taormina said. "Even men enjoy coming in to shop. It's educational, it's fun. People come in and see their neighbors, socialize, have a cup of coffee. It's really neat."

A favorite gathering spot is Taorello's bakery department with its window displays of mouth-watering sweet treats to its racks of hearty and robust specialty breads. Many of Taorello's taste-tempting sweets are made fresh in-house and its beautiful tortes are created by O'Leary's Bakery in Howell.

A full-service floral department, managed by floral designer Diane Signorelli, can provide everything from color-coordinated

corsages and boutonnieres for homecoming to corporate gift baskets for pick-up or delivery.

But Taorello's greatest asset? Customer service.

"When an individual comes in and asks for a particular beer from Germany ... we don't just make one phone call," Taormina said. "We find it. If it takes the Internet, going through the distributor to someone higher up. Whatever it takes."

It's one of his favorite aspects of the business. One, he says, that can create a customer for life.

When Taorello's Marketplace opened in Brighton one year ago, Taormina and Kello's goal was to create a specialty market offering customers fresh, high-quality food items at competitive prices. They wanted to provide people with everything needed to put a delicious meal together from start to finish. A-to-Z. Right down to a luscious dessert "and fresh flowers for the table," Taormina said.

"And I think we've pretty much achieved that," he added.



Rod Kello (clockwise from above) in Taorello's Floral Department; Donna Hauser, wine buyer and merchandiser for the store, assists in wine selection; Rod Kello and John Taormina display some taste-tempting tortes sold in their Bakery Department. John Taormina with Meat Department manager Todd LaCoe serve only USDA Choice or better meats at Taorello's. Seafood manager Tony Signorelli offers cooking preparations and recipe ideas for the fresh seafood sold at Taorello's Marketplace at 1007 Grand River Ave., in Brighton.



Thursday, January 25, 2001

Novi downs Mustangs 55-44

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

Two losses drop team below .500

Both Northville and Novi teams have had their struggles this year, but when they tangle throw the records out the window, and get out of the way. When the Mustangs and Wildcats meet on the basketball court, anything can happen.

When the final horn sounded the Wildcats ended on top of a 55-44 score.

With "Welcome to the Jungle" blaring out of the speakers, the teams bursted from the locker rooms. In warm-ups Northville shot well, and looked unfazed by the growing enemy crowd, or the other sights and sounds of what Wildcat faithfuls affectionately call the "jungle." Coming off a 20-point whip-

ping at the hands of Milford a few days before, Novi was looking to regroup and make a strong showing against their neighboring rival.

Familiarity plays a big part in these matchups between neighboring schools. The players and coaches know each other, so it's not a secret what these two teams like to do.

"We pretty much knew exactly what Northville was going to do. They like to get the ball down into their big-men, and take advantage of their size. Our plan was to clog their middle, and on offense, spread the ball out - getting their big guys out to the perimeter to

clear some space inside," said Wildcats' coach Pat Schluter.

Early on, that plan worked perfectly. Novi senior Jim Cavan started the scoring with a 3-pointer from the wing, and Novi ran off an early 9-2 lead. Pressing, and unable to hit shots down in the paint, Northville watched the Novi score rise. The 'Cats played patient and hit the open shots they got. Northville became over-anxious on offense and defense, and found themselves down 16-6 at the end of the first quarter.

If the Northville first quarter was bad, then the second quarter was worse. Still unable to hit shots, or

get their offensive star Aaron Redden any open looks, they allowed Novi to start the quarter on a 9-0 run. Novi turned up their aggressive first half defense, and contested almost every Mustangs' shot and pass. For the half, the 'Stangs could only manage 15 percent shooting (3-20). Unable to find any rhythm on offense or defense, the Mustangs fell behind and saw themselves looking up to a 20 point deficit at halftime, 30-10.

"We just couldn't buy a basket in the first half. They played aggressive defense, and from the tip didn't allow us to get our half court offense going," said Northville coach Scott Baldwin.

Perhaps the only thing that could stop the Novi assault was a

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Mustang Brandon Langston feels the pressure from a Novi Wildcat defender during Northville's basketball game last week.

'Stang winning streak at two

■ Hockey team buries Ann Arbor Huron 11-1 and follows up with 6-1 win against Plymouth Canton.

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

The Mustangs really know how to get a hot streak started.

Unable to string together consecutive wins all season, the Mustangs followed up a heart-breaking loss to Franklin on Jan. 12, with an 11-1 record-setting trampling of Ann Arbor Huron on Jan. 15. The 'Stangs then embarked upon their first winning streak of the season when they took down Plymouth Canton 6-1, on Jan. 17.

The Mustang offensive stampede was in full throttle in the 11-1 dismantling of Huron. Not only was the net scorched for 11 goals, but several Northville school records were toasted, as well. In the game, forward Scott Schueler netted a school record five goals, to go with two assists and tied a school record with his teammate Tim Hillebrand (2 goals, 5 assists) for most points in a game with seven.

"Scott is a complete offensive player, and can score in a variety of ways," said coach Brad O'Neill.

Rob Ryan had a goal and five assists for a line that combined to score an amazing 20 points.

"It's great to see that line have a game where they all came together and played amazing hockey," said O'Neill.

The 11 goals was a season high for the Mustangs, as was the 10-goal win margin.

NORTHVILLE 6, CANTON 1

The last time they faced the Chiefs, the Mustangs found themselves on the bad end of a 9-2 thrashing. Coming into the town with a solid 8-4-2 record, many expected Canton to once again saddle Northville, and push their way up the Kensington Valley Conference standings. The 'Stangs had other plans.

Still high off a superior showing against Huron, Northville apparently still had plenty of goals left in their sticks. Rob Ryan and Mike Stewart had two goals each, and Aaron Selwood and Jason Engelland had a goal each for the victors. Bradon Szatkowski, Tom Hillebrand and Scott Schueler each contributed two assists. David Ely-Bond was terrific in net, as stopped 24 of 25 shots.

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Take down



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville's Ricky Riegner wrestles against Mustang's home meet last week. The a Livonia Churchill grappler during the wrestling team is unbeaten in 15 contests

Mustang wrestlers remain unbeaten, sweep through Brighton invitational

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

The wins just keep on piling up for the Northville wrestling team, and that nasty word—"loss"—has yet to become part of the team's vocabulary.

The Mustangs improved to 15-0 last weekend when they swept through the Brighton Invitational, beating teams from all around the area.

The 10 teams were split into two brackets, with the winners of each bracket facing off in the final. The 'Stangs disposed of all their bracket opponents, starting with the team from Jenison, 43-27. Charlevoix was the next victim, as they were stam-

peded, 51-25. Flint Kearsley (55-21), and Lansing, Sexton (45-21) were the final two teams that added to Northville's win total.

By going 4-0 in the bracket, the Mustangs earned a place in the final against the other bracket winner, Northmont, Ohio.

"We wrestled real well in our bracket, and found ourselves facing off against a great team from out of state," said Northville coach Garnett Potter.

All afternoon the Mustangs were forced to void weight-classes because of illness, and that put added pressure on the ones that did wrestle. But Northville wasn't undefeated because they fold

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Lady Mustangs notch two wins with tough defense

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

Defense.

If any sport or team has a great one, they always have a chance to win. For a great example of that theory, look no further than the Lady Mustangs volleyball team. Once again, their staunch defense put on the clamps, as Northville won their second in a row. This pushed their record to the .500 mark (10-10-2) in a win over Livonia Franklin on Jan. 17.

"We served real well and played excellent defense," said Northville coach Nikki McEvers. "We forced them into numerous service errors, and let them beat themselves."

Leaning on their defense and serving, the Lady 'Stangs turned away Franklin 15-11, 15-3. Leading the way for Northville was Lisa Tellish who had four aces and four digs; Emily Ott who had four kills and six digs; and Kathleen Ochmanski who added four aces of her own. Also playing a large part in the win were the subs, led by Maria LeBeau, who was one of

Northville	15	15
Franklin	11	3

nine girls total to see time on the court.

"I was very happy with the effort we got from our subs. It's great to be able to get these girls some playing time, and have them ready to step in any time they are called upon," McEvers said.

Northville will have faced two tough tests in their battle to get above .500 this week against Salem on Jan. 22 and Walled Lake Central last night. Coach McEvers expressed some concerns about the week, but was optimistic.

"Last year, this was our toughest week of the season. Salem and Central always put out good squads, but if we can get and continue to get good defensive play, I think we can pick up two more wins," she said.

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Former Mustang enjoys success in collegiate ranks

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

Former Northville basketball star Lauren Metaj is on the verge of immortality at Northwood University.

This time next year, she should be the all-time leader in several categories, and will be marked as one of the best players ever at the university.

Earning all-state and all-conference in her senior year for the Lady Mustangs, Metaj took her game to the collegiate level, and picked up right where she left off in high school. In her freshman year, the 5-8 smooth shooting guard led the Northwood University Lady Timberwolves in scoring with 10.3 points per game. She was even better her sophomore when she set

the school record for highest points-per-game average with 16.9. That season she also had the third highest steals total in team history with 65. Highlighting that year was a career high 36-point effort in a win over Siena Heights, and a 20-point, 10 steal performance in a win against Westminster.

Back for her junior year, Metaj has done nothing but get better. Through 15 games for the 8-7 Lady Timberwolves, Metaj is averaging 19.1 points a game, and on Tuesday January 16 she became only the eighth player in school history to go over the 1,000 point plateau. Currently, Metaj is eighth on the all-time leading scorer list, and if she remains on her current scoring pace, she should easily become the Lady Timberwolves all-time leading scorer, as well as being the all-time leader in steals, and field goals made by the end of next season.

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Lauren Metaj

Mustang swimmers handed tough home loss by rival Wildcats

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

Whenever two undefeated teams meet, it's a great matchup. But when those two teams belong to neighboring rivals, Novi and Northville, you can expect a war. The 12 event battle waged in the waters at the Northville pool was close early, until the Novi diving team took control and propelled the Wildcats to a 116-70 win.

"I thought it would be a close meet, against a real fired up opponent," said Novi coach Bill McCord.

After the first five events, it was as close

as it could be with the teams tied at 31. Novi opened the contest with a win in the 200-yard Medley Relay, when the team of Jordan Moblo, Taelwan Yoo, Andrew Sawmiller, and Andy Capanyola swam in at 1:46.78. Finishing in second for Northville with a time of 1:50.01 was the team of Derek Ohlgren, Bobby Gulewich, Anthony Serge, and Dan Myers. Bouncing back, the Mustang's John Moors (1:51.98) won the 200-yard Freestyle. Runners up Mike Bliss (1:55.16), and Jack Tyler (1:57.17) earned seven points for Novi to give them the lead 17-13. Wildcat Ian Robertson (2:11.69) took first by only 0.4

seconds over the Mustangs' Serge (2:11.73) in the 200 IM.

"That race was just the first of a couple of extremely close races we lost," said Northville coach Rich Bennetts.

Once again Northville returned fire, this time sweeping the 50 Freestyle. Mike Mueller (24:16), Myers (24:16), and Ben Maxim (24:36) seemed to give Northville the edge, and the momentum it needed heading into the diving event. But only the Mustang momentum took a dive. Novi divers once again dominated, as Steve Alberty (2:35.25), and Derek Zonca (2:07.55) took first and second. Jason

Albosta (2:02.10) prevented the sweep, and finished in third.

"We had our worst diving scores of the year, and not doing well really killed the momentum we had built," said Bennetts.

Sawmiller (57.79), and Robertson (59.12) earned first and third in the 100 Butterfly, as Novi continued to build on their lead. Ohlgren (58.56) swam his best time of the year in the event for the 'Stangs, but had to settle for second. Northville got back on the winning track with a win in the 100 freestyle by Moors (50.84), but Bliss (51.06) and Capanyola (52.42) earned the important second and

third place points. Moblo (5:10.37) earned Novi a win in the 500 freestyle. The 'Cats sealed the win with a sweep in the 100 breaststroke by Juhwan Yoo (1:07.42), T. Yoo (1:08.96), and David Benton (1:12.22). Robertson, Sawmiller, Moblo, and Bliss won the final event, the 400 freestyle relay over the Mustangs' team of Mueller, Serge, Ohlgren, and Moors.

"The entire meet was much closer than the score indicated," said McCord. "Some races could have gone either way, and a few Northville wins in those could have made a difference in the final outcome."

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Gymnasts continue winning

BY COLBY J. CAVALIERE
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northville-Novt gymnastics team continues to flip, tumble, and roll over the competition. In dual meets they have yet to be defeated, and most recently, took first place in the Hartland Invitational on Jan. 20.

Going up against teams from Tri-Farmington (140.55), Hartland (140.25), Brighton (137.5), Walled Lake (134.15), Freeland (130.8), Vassar (116.4), and Cass City (116.1) the split squad, composed of gymnasts from both Novi and Northville, nearly swept the four event tournament, totaling a score of 144.95.

Taking first in the vault was Monica Fink with a score of 9.85, followed by her teammate Jennifer

Phipps who's score of 9.1 was good for third. Allison Gillette (9.75) and Jennifer Sturgis (9.65) earned first and second place in the Bars event. Taking first in the Beam, was Megan Samhat (9.5). The floor event was the only one the Northville-Novt team didn't win, but Samhat's score of 9.4 was good for second. Also performing well in several events was Andrea Ledbetter and Lindsey Carlson.

Setting personal bests on the Bars (9.1) and Beam (8.6) was Sara Wilchowski. Amanda Crawford was a key performer for the team's B squad, which earned second place in their division.

The great showing in the Hartland Invite came on the heels of a dual meet win over Canton, 137.55-129.8 on Jan. 15.

Northville-Novt set the tone early

with a sweep in the Vault by Monica Fink (8.65), Missy Esper (8.35), and Gillette (8.3). Gillette returned to take second on the Bars with her personal best score of 9.05, with Fink (8.85) following in second. Samhat earned astounding scores of 9.5 in both the Beam and the Floor events. And teammates Gillette (9.2), Larissa Szysat (8.65), and Jennifer Mehl (8.25) all performed well in the Floor event as well. Gillette capped her stellar evening by earning first All-Around with a total score of 34.3.

Up next for the red hot gymnasts is the Farmington Invitational on Saturday.

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Gymnasts Meagan Samhat performs on the balance beam during a recent gymnastic meet.



Mustang defenseman Aaron Selwood, right, tries to corral the puck in a game against Canton.

Mustangs score 16 goals in two victories

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"We got a great win against a good team in our division.

Not only has the offense tallied 17 goals in their last two games, but the defense has only allowed two goals to get into the net.

"It's great to finally have both our offensive and defensive units working well at the same time," said O'Neill.

The balanced win upped the

Mustangs' record to 6-8-1, and got them back into the middle of the division race.

"It's a great time of the year to start getting some things together with the tough games we have on the horizon," said O'Neill.

Those tough games started this week, when, the Mustangs hosted state-ranked Livonia Stevenson on Wednesday night. The results of that game were not available when

the Northville Record went to press.

On Saturday, Northville is slated to hit the road to take on Walled Lake Central at 11:30 a.m., and then returns home for a Monday evening contest to take on Livonia Churchill at 8 p.m.

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Basketball team drops pair

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break. As halftime ended, Wildcats came out tight. Passing up numerous open looks and forcing passes, Novi's offensive production slowed, and Northville was able to put together some offensive momentum. Shut out for the entire first half, Redden finally got his first points of the game 5:30 left in the third. After a 3-pointer by Redden mid-way through the quarter, Northville had trimmed the huge lead, down to 13.

"We came out in the second half like we should have started the game," Baldwin said.

Northville cut the lead to nine early in the fourth, and a three-point play by Joe Rohloff cut the Novi lead to 43-38. The game was settled on the next Mustangs' possession, when Redden was fouled shooting a three. He only hit one from the line, and at 45-38, Northville got as close as it could get. Brandon Davis was 10-10 from the line in the remaining minutes of the game, and Novi was able to run down the clock and earn the win.

"Coach Schluter does an excellent job with the lead. His team protects the ball well, and makes their free-throws down the stretch," Baldwin said. "We played a decent second half, but we just got down too far and couldn't climb back. You can't spot a good team like Novi a 20-point lead at half-

"We need to get some wins this week to get back in the thick of things, and turn ourselves around."

Scott Baldwin
Mustang basketball coach

time and expect to come back and win."

Matt Emmenecker led a balanced Wildcat offense with 12 points. Davis and Jamie Schram each added 10 points of their own. Leading the Northville scoring effort was David Gregor with 13.

MUSTANGS CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE IN LOSS TO CHURCHILL, 52-50

The game against Churchill looked to be a good opportunity for Northville to bounce back after the disappointing loss to Novi three nights earlier.

This time the Mustangs came out in the first half and built themselves a comfortable 30-20 halftime lead, but the shooting demons that haunted the 'Stangs in the game against the Wildcats returned.

"Frankly, I'm a bit disappointed. We could have and should have beaten them, but we are still plagued by poor shooting," Baldwin said.

The first half lead they had built, evaporated in the second half, and an offensive meltdown that includ-

ed nine turnovers in the fourth quarter allowed the Chargers to work their way back into the game.

"Mistakes killed us in the fourth quarter and we just couldn't seem to come up with a big basket late in the game when they were coming back," Baldwin said.

As a team, Northville shot 33 percent from the floor and only 16-30 (53%) from the free-throw line. Despite their offensive struggles, David Gregor was able to put together a fine game and 24 points.

The second consecutive loss dropped the 'Stangs under .500 (4-5) for the season. Northville traveled to Farmington on Tuesday evening, after the Record's deadline and will return home for a game against Canton on Friday night at 7pm.

"We need to get some wins this week to get back in the thick of things, and turn ourselves around," Baldwin said.

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Mustang swimmer Joe Lunn won the 200 IM in Northville's easy win over Walled Lake Western.

Swimmers bounce back against Walled Lake Western, 146-40

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"They basically handed it to us, but I thought we swam real well in some races but came up short," said Bennetts. "As a team I don't think we raced as good as we could have, but Novi has a really talented and deep team."

NORTHVILLE 146, WESTERN 40 It's not easy to come back after loss against a big rival, but Northville was able to rebound after their loss to Novi on January 16th, with a 12 event sweep over Walled Lake Western two days later.

The Mustangs kicked things off

with a win in the 200-yard Medley Relay by Derek Ohlgren, Dan Myers, Anthony Serge, and John Moors. The team swam their best time of the year in the event with a time of 1:49.54. Making up some of the nights wins for the 'Stangs were Zach Carter (2:04.69) in the 200 freestyle, Joe Lunn (2:14.71) in the 200 IM, Ben Maxim (24.13) in the 50 freestyle, Jason Albosta in diving with a score of 235, Lunn (1:02.66) in the 100 Butterfly, Moors (51.40) in the 100 freestyle and Ohlgren (5:09.79) who "had the best swim of the night" according to Bennetts in the 500 freestyle.

Northville closed out the meet with wins in the 100 backstroke by Serge (1:00.56), Myers (1:12.78) in the 100 breaststroke, and the team of Mueller, Ohlgren, Moors, and Serge (3:34.14) in the 400 freestyle.

"We bounced back very well, and got some underutilized swimmers some pool time," said Bennetts after the win.

Northville is on the road for a division showdown against the Harrison Hawks tonight at 7p.m.

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Wrestlers remain undefeated

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under pressure. Losing 4-1 early in his match, Matt Doyle (125) didn't quit. Instead, he wrestled like a winner, and pinned his opponent at 1:52.

"Matt's win was huge for us. It was one of those matches that builds momentum, and fires up the team," said Potter.

The match was remained tight going into Anton Palushaj's (160) match. Knowing the team needed to distance itself and take over, Palushaj overcame a 9-4 deficit,

and pinned his opponent at 5:17.

"Anton came up huge in his match. His win put us up 29-13, and gave us the control we needed to earn the win, and take home the invitational championship," said Potter.

Doyle and Palushaj were both 5-0 on the day, and voted most outstanding wrestlers by their teammates.

"It was a great showing for our team. That final match against Northmont was won with heart and desire," said Potter. "We wrestled well despite a lot of kids being sick, but

we are getting healthy, and ready to move on to our next opponent."

That next opponent is a big one. Tonight the Mustangs travel to Canton, to take on the Chiefs at 6:30 p.m. for what could determine the WLA West Division title. The two teams are currently tied atop the division, and Northville has an unbeaten streak they will try to keep intact.

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Youth camp brings kids together

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For the past two Saturdays in the Northville High School gym, school has been in session. No, the 250 elementary students haven't been there to learn math, or history — they are getting up early on the weekend to learn basketball.

Run by varsity coach Scott Baldwin, the camp's first two sessions were held on January 13,

and 20, with the final session to take place this Saturday. Put together as a fundraiser for the high school basketball program, Baldwin said he was employing the use of players from both the boys' and girls' varsity and junior varsity teams to act as counselors.

"We are trying to bring together the youth basketball players of the community and teach them the basics of the game, and have some fun at the same

time," said Baldwin. The first session of the morning belonged to the first-third grade group, and went from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The older group followed from 10:30-12:45pm.

"Everyone in the community has been so helpful in getting this to be very successful," said Baldwin.

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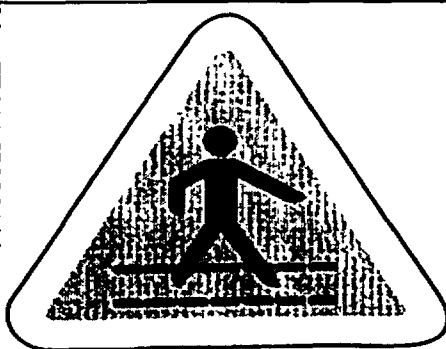
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Journaling helps ease life tensions

Many of us start the new year with good intentions by making New Year's resolutions but only a few of us are good at keeping them. One reason is that change and the good things in life do not come easy. You have to work for them. You can't just resolve to do something and have it happen. You need to develop a plan of action with steps for follow through if you want to change.

Keeping a journal is an excellent way to create, maintain and complete desired goals and changes. Journaling helps you get in touch with yourself and identify what is going on in your life.

The act of putting words on paper can make resolutions become more meaningful and real. A journal serves as a chronological document of where you are day to day. Journals can turn into teaching guides and powerful quick references for growth. They are helpful because it's difficult to see growth and change from day to day. When you review a journal and see where you started, you often find an amazing transformation taking place. So it is an excellent way to see and monitor your progress and success.

There are several different types of journals. The following are journals that can be used to make changes in your life. For best results create a journal that encompasses the following as sections within it.

- **Resolutions/Goal Journal** - Enter the date, what your goal is and what you want to accomplish. This is your strategic plan. Determine what your next steps



Penny Weaver

are to reach your goal. Refer to this section regularly to monitor your progress and continually determine the next step to reach your goal.

This type of journal is a powerful way to make progress, recognize growth and propel yourself to more success.

- **Meditation Journal** - Track ideas that occur to you in meditation and use it to monitor your hopes and wishes. You can also use meditation to help you set goals and follow through on them.

- **Gratitude Journal** - List the things you appreciate and are grateful for. Make an entry every day. The best thing about this journal is that the things you pay attention to in your life are the things that grow and develop.

- **Night Dream Journal** - Track your nighttime dreams. This is an excellent tool to get in touch with your inner self since dreams are made of the things in your subconscious. This also puts you in touch with your creative, intuitive self. Keep the journal by the nightstand to immediately document your dreams upon waking. This is important since dreams can be quickly forgotten.

— If you don't normally remember dreams this process may be helpful in stimulating your recall.

— You may also gain insight into yourself and have fun by interpreting your dreams and trying to understand why you dreamed something.

Tips to keep in mind include:

- Partner with a friend on this project - The act of simply sharing the information with another person can make you more committed to achieving positive results. Set a weekly meeting to review your progress with one another. The idea is similar to doing physical exercise with a friend: having someone to share the activity with makes it more fun and strengthens your commitment.

- Purchase a special notebook - The act of purchasing a special notebook to use as your journal is the first step of your journey. If you're creating your journal on the computer, you may want to print your pages and insert them into the journal since this will be a quick and easy reference.

- Include meaningful items - Your journal can contain more than just your words - you may

want to staple, tape or paste special items into your journal.

- **Positive affirmations** - Positive self-talk is very helpful. Write a positive affirmation in your journal each day. The affirmation goes right to the conscious mind and can be activated in your everyday life.

- **Confidentiality** - The information you enter in your journal is private. The contents should not be read by others without your permission. If confidentiality of very private information cannot be protected, perhaps it is best to not enter it.

Journaling is a very powerful technique that makes goals real when you write them down and work with the conscious, subconscious and the forces that motivate us. Over time you can see tremendous growth and improvement, particularly if you make journaling a part of your life and can look back on years of work.

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There is still hope for macular degeneration

If you have trouble seeing while doing everyday tasks such as driving, reading, watching television or even differentiating colors, you're not alone.

About 14 million Americans experience these difficulties as a result of low vision, most often due to a common condition called macular degeneration. Although this condition cannot be corrected with conventional eyeglasses, or restored through laser and invasive surgeries, which only work to slow the progression of certain forms of macular degeneration, there's still hope.

Low vision rehabilitation, through the use of several techniques and new high-tech devices that use the eyesight patients have left, is now the most effective way to help patients cope with macular degeneration.

Macular degeneration, which represents about 45 percent of low vision problems in the United States, is typically caused by changes in the retina due to aging and affects a person's central vision, says Susan J. Gromacki O.D., M.S., an optometrist at the University of Michigan Kellogg Eye Center.

"As people age and they get macular degeneration, they start to lose some of their central vision," said Gromacki. "Initially it's just splotches of the central vision, so they do have 20/20 vision if they use the part of the retina or the part of the macula which is good."

However, once the disease advances, people can completely lose their central vision. As the baby boomer generation has grown older, the number of low vision cases has increased, said Gromacki.

Although researchers are searching for a cure for macular degeneration and other causes of low vision, there have been many recent advances in vision technolo-

gy to help patients to retain a normal lifestyle.

"The problems created by low vision can be devastating, but devices, such as the ones we have here at the Kellogg Eye Center, can really help people cope with their vision loss and enable them to maximize the vision they do have," said Gromacki.

Gromacki says some of the most widely used aids include hand-held magnifying glasses, high-powered spectacles, colored filters, telescopes, binoculars and closed circuit televisions.

The closed circuit television allows patients to magnify text or other objects from three to 36 times its actual size onto a television screen. Many of the units come with a television screen built directly into them, while others can be plugged into a patient's own TV.

A new device, called a mobile electronic magnifier, goes beyond the capabilities of the closed circuit TV by allowing the patient to focus on objects at any range, says Gromacki. One of these devices, named "Jordy," is a battery-operated system that has a camera in it and can be worn like a pair of glasses or used as a DeskTop CCTV when placed in its docking stand. It can help a patient, for example, watch television read a book and see people's faces clearly.

Several other kinds of low-tech vision aids also are available from special eyeglasses to hand-held magnifiers. However, it is possible for patients to cope with low vision by using other techniques and even by making some changes at home.

Good lighting, especially at home, is crucial for people suffering from low vision, says Cheryl Terpening, an occupational therapist at the Kellogg Eye Center.

"I have gone into people's homes and just by changing the lighting, it has allowed (low vision patients)

"Marking stove dials, thermostats, remote controls and telephones will help someone manage to do those tasks they couldn't do before."

Cheryl Terpening
occupational therapist

to read," says Terpening.

Since many visually impaired people have difficulty reading the labels on items around the house, Terpening suggests creating larger labels by using a 3.5 card, a black magic marker and a rubber band.

"This labeling system can be used for canned goods, frozen foods and clothing," said Terpening. "Marking stove dials, thermostats, remote controls and telephones will help someone manage to do those tasks they couldn't do before."

But whether a low vision patient chooses to use a high-tech device or a simple technique, Terpening said the patient needs to be committed to learn, despite the initial frustration.

"You've got a lot of learning taking place at one time - learning to use the best part of your vision, learning to use the device, learning to read in a different manner," said Terpening. "Any device, whether it be hand-held or high-technology, is going to have a learning period. So if someone's willing to put in the effort, I think any device can probably work for him or her."

Jack Measley has been learning to cope with low vision since 1996, when he was diagnosed with macular degeneration in his right eye. Measley underwent laser eye sur-

gery to improve his condition, but discovered last year that the disease also had affected his left eye.

"It was quite disheartening because of the fact that I could not drive, which I loved to do. I also love to work with projects and hobbies such as golfing, carving decoys out of wood, doing stained glass, working on small engines, welding and home repairs," said Measley, noting that all of these hobbies were at risk because of his condition.

Measley and his wife searched for more than a year for low vision aids to help improve his eyesight. Finally, Measley made his way out to the Kellogg Eye Center where he was introduced to the "Jordy" system.

With the help of Terpening, Measley learned how to operate the portable "Jordy" and has used it to resume some of his projects and hobbies.

"It improved the quality of my life because it gets me through the areas that I like best; being able to do the things that I could not do without my good vision," says Measley. "It brings my vision back to, I feel, approximately 90 percent of what it was before."

Also by using high-tech devices like the "Jordy," Measley feels he has taken back control back of his life and worked to improve his future with low vision.

"I may have macular degeneration, but I'm going to do everything I can to live with the situation," said Measley. "I'm a fighter and I'll just keep on doing what I can do to make things of a quality nature for my life. And if that includes different equipment, if it's available, I'm going to try it."

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Health Briefs

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With the commotion of the holidays coming to an end, take a moment to smell the healing power of flowers at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement's new stress management class. The third in a series of four classes, "Flower Power: Bach Flower Remedies" will be held Monday, Jan. 29, from 7-9 p.m.

Bach Flower Remedies utilize the essences of flowers for healing, health enhancement and well-being. This workshop will give participants an overview, history and explanation of how to use these remedies to relieve common ailments. The expert instructor will also demonstrate how to use the remedies to further enhance a wellness program. Each participant will receive a customized combination of flower essences.

"Everyone appreciates the beauty of flowers, but not many people think of the healing benefits that flowers may hold,"

explains Caroline Smith, Health Programs Coordinator for Botsford's Center for Health Improvement. "The goal of the stress management classes is to teach techniques that participants can take home and apply to their everyday lives."

Classes are held 7-9 p.m. at Botsford's Center for Health Improvement, located at 39750 Grand River Ave. in Novi. The final class in the series is "Acupressure" on Wednesday, Feb. 21.

To register for "Flower Power: Bach Flower Remedies" or another class, or for more information call the Center for Health Improvement at (248) 477-6100. The cost of each class is \$45 per person plus a \$10 materials fee for the Flower Power class only.

PrimeCare of Novi, a southwestern Oakland County medical practice, has joined the medical staff at Botsford General Hospital. This practice of highly experienced physicians has a motto: "Modern medicine - old fashioned

care." The physicians are committed to bringing patients quality, accessible, personalized care to the best of their ability in a timely fashion. They attempt to meet the needs of their patients in a caring, compassionate manner.

PrimeCare, located at 39555 W. Ten Mile Road, Suite 302, in Novi will make every effort to offer an appointment on the same day that a call is received. This practice offers appointments Monday - Thursday until 8 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-noon. PrimeCare has these on-site services: X-ray, full-service lab, casting and splinting, sigmoidoscopy, minor wound care, colposcopy, Holter monitoring, lunch capacity testing, vision and hearing screenings, a mini-pharmacy and natural supplements. To schedule an appointment, call (248) 426-7200. For more information about this practice, go to www.primecareofmi.com.

The Botsford Health Care Continuum is an integrated system of care that includes Botsford

General Hospital, the Botsford Physician Network, Community Emergency Medical Service, the Botsford Continuing Care Corp. and the Botsford Center for Health Improvement. Botsford's Web address is www.botsfordsystem.org.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will present senior health connection lectures on "Happy Hearts: Nurturing Relationships in Your Life," Wednesday, Feb. 14 and Herbal Therapy and Supplements, Wednesday, March 14 in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital auditorium from 1-3 p.m.

On Feb. 14, Elaine Koons, Livonia Public Schools, will show participants how to strengthen positive relationships with their family and friends. On March 14, Linda DeVore, registered dietitian, will teach attendees about possible health risks of some popular herbal supplements, how to locate reliable resources for herbal supplement information and their effects on the body.

HELP and HOPE

MDA
Muscular Dystrophy Association
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Year of the Snake

Chinese New Year celebrates family, friends



For the upcoming celebration of the Year of the Snake, Chinese will festoon homes with vibrant flying dragons.

Food and family.

It is the staples of the Chinese New Year or Spring Festival which is a 15 day celebration in late January to early February.

The new year for China is determined by the lunar/solar calendar. New Year celebrations end on the 15th day of the lunar month, according to Chinatown Online. www.chinatown-online.co.uk.

These celebrations involve lots of family and friends gathering over dinner. On New Year's Day, time is spent visiting neighbors, family and friends, said Kelly Chang, co-owner of China Cafe, 24299 Novi Road, Novi.

Chang said there are different regional China traditions. In south China, foods are eaten that may not be in north China. Fish, however, is a lucky food to eat during the New Year's celebration because the sound of the word, yu, is the same as lots of luck, he said. Many foods are eaten because of the similar sound to a lucky word.

Luck is important in the New Year and Chang said the Chinese are very superstitious to make sure the next year will be filled with fortune, luck and happiness.



Hanging in Novi's China Cafe, these symbols in Chinese roughly translate to "may you have good fortune in the new year".

Red becomes more prominent throughout China during the 15 days because of its association with happiness. Chang said good luck words are written on banners, called couplets, and hung throughout the house to bring luck to the home and family.

"It's like the American Thanksgiving. The biggest meal is New Year's Eve. Large family dinners are served and it is a time to wish everyone happiness and to have a prosperous year," Chang said.

Besides fish, in north China dumplings are boiled and served. Many families put coins inside, he said, and the object is to get as many coins as possible to have lots of luck.

Chinese zodiac plays an influential part in the New Year as well. Each year is associated with an animal - 2001 being the snake. Chang said the animals associated with the new year comes from the story of Buddha, who thousands of years ago was ready to go on his journey and wanted to take all of the animals with him. Only 12 showed up. So each animal was ranked in the order they appeared. The rat was first, ox second and so on - until the twelfth, which was the pig. Once the 12 animals are represented, the animals are repeated.

The New Year celebration also has a tradition of setting off fireworks to scare away the last remaining monster of the earth, Nian, according to Chinatown Online. Nian in Chinese means year, however, it also stands for a monster who supposedly appeared to scare the Chinese around the time of the new year. Legend has it the Nian was called upon by a wise man to kill the other monsters. After only the Nian was left, he came back to begin scaring people again. He was stopped and scared away, however, by children playing with firecrackers.

Chang's wife, Susana is the other owner of China Cafe. She said the cafe will not be serving a special dinner for the New Year, however, their food is authentic Chinese which can be eaten for the New Year as well as every day. Susana said they expect a large Asian crowd for the holiday.

Kelly Chang, right, whips up some traditional dishes that will be sampled during the Chinese new year.



Susana and Kelly Chang, at Novi's China Cafe, will offer many traditional Chinese dishes in the upcoming year of the snake including (clockwise from top) yang jam pi chap chai, oriental lettuce wrap, ginger stir-fry chicken with green beans, and five pepper chicken.



CHINESE ZODIAC

The legend of how the Chinese New Year is associated with twelve animals began as Buddha was preparing to make a long journey. He invited all the animals to go with him however, only 12 showed up. These twelve were ranked in order and each year the animal rotates. Here are the twelve animals and what they correspond in terms of horoscope:

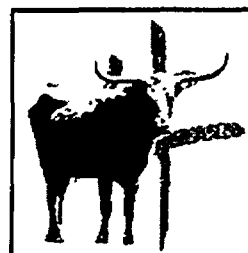
RAT

Rank: First
Corresponds to western sign of: Sagittarius
Lucky stone: Carbuncle
Fixed element: Water
Charismatic, the rat is usually welcome anywhere, however retains only a few close friends. Rats are smart, hardworking and family oriented.



OX

Rank: Second
Corresponds to western sign of: Capricorn
Lucky stone: White onyx
Fixed element: Water
Born under two signs, the ox is patient and a perfectionist. Oxes are extremely strong, stubborn and somewhat introverted.



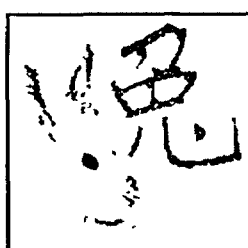
TIGER

Rank: Third
Corresponds to western sign of: Aquarius
Lucky stone: Sapphire
Fixed element: Wood
The tiger was born under the sign of courage, making it adventurous, confident and enthusiastic. Tigers are successful, brave and have a strong sense of self.



RABBIT

Rank: Fourth
Corresponds to western sign of: Pisces
Lucky stone: Chrysolites
Fixed element: Wood
The rabbit is intelligent, lucky and creative. Rabbits are sensitive, love beauty and are bargain shoppers.



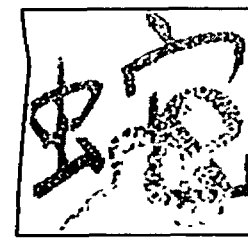
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Rank: Fifth
Corresponds to western sign of: Aries
Lucky stone: Amethyst
Fixed element: Wood
The dragon is a strong creature. Dragons are confident, energetic, enthusiastic and inspiring.



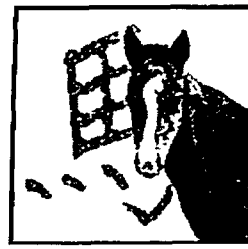
SNAKE

Rank: Sixth
Corresponds to western sign of: Taurus
Lucky stone: Mossagate
Fixed element: Fire
The snake is a philosopher. Snakes are intuitive, penny pinchers, and have a good sense of humor.



HORSE

Rank: Seventh
Corresponds to western sign of: Gemini
Lucky stone: Beryl
Fixed element: Fire
The horse is a hardworking sign. Horses are well liked, independent and honest.



RAM

Rank: Eighth
Corresponds to western sign of: Cancer
Lucky stone: Emerald
Fixed element: Fire
The ram is a quiet sign. Rams are gentle, caring and peaceful. They make ideal performers.



MONKEY

Rank: Ninth
Corresponds to western sign of: Leo
No stone available
Fixed element: Metal
The monkey is rebellious. Monkeys are charming, intelligent and mischievous.



ROOSTER

Rank: Tenth
Corresponds to western sign of: Virgo
Lucky stone: Pink jasper
Fixed element: Metal
The rooster is an organized sign. Roosters are faithful, family-oriented, old fashioned and somewhat insecure.



DOG

Rank: Eleventh
Corresponds to western sign of: Libra
Lucky stone: Diamond
Fixed element: Metal
The dog was born under the sign of idealism. Dogs are loyal, caring, complex and brave.



PIG

Rank: Twelfth
Corresponds to western sign of: Scorpio
Lucky stone: Topaz
Fixed element: Water
The pig is a peace-maker. Pigs are honest, carefree, proud, messy.



Lunch

HomeTown Authors

By Karen Patterson

He always sat alone at lunch and was alone all day.

No one ever took a minute to just say "hey."

If he was talked to, all that he would hear was, "Go away, freak, you're not wanted here."

Finally one day, I got the courage to walk over and say, "Mind if I sit down?"

Startled, the boy looked up. His mouth no longer a frown.

He slowly nodded his head.

On that first day we sat together, not that much was said.

The next day I sat with him again.

He was glad, I could tell, because he wore a large grin.

To my surprise he was less shy, and luckily, so was I.

He told me how he felt so alone, he had no friends except for his dog, Ramone.

He told me his interests, same as mine.

How could this boy be considered any less than fine?



Karen Patterson

We became good friends and ignored all the laughing and pointing because we knew those would never end.

He was never fully accepted, but was by me and my friends.

And I knew for sure, his thanks for that would never end.

If you don't judge a book by its cover, you will soon discover, the inside is what really counts.

My advice to you? Talk to someone new, and you might be surprised.

Just open your eyes and you will see, no one is that different from you and me.

Karen Patterson is an eighth grader at Meads Mill Middle School in Northville.

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- 3.) Stories should be between 300 and 500 words

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6.) We'd also like a parent or guardian to sign your form.

7.) Mail your story, signed form and photo to:

HomeTown Authors
c/o Kelli Cooley
104 W. Main St.
Northville, MI 48167

Author's name: _____ Age or Grade _____

Title of story: _____

Parent or guardian: _____

Parent or guardian signature: _____

Address (includes street, city and zip code): _____

Telephone number: _____

School: _____

Teacher: _____

Northville Seniors

The staff at the Northville Senior Center at 215 W. Cady Street coordinates the following services and activities for seniors age 50 and older. For more information or to register for an activity, call (248) 349-4140.

SERVICES

• Newsletter

The senior newsletter is a monthly publication filled with information on senior citizen activities, trips and services. You can pick up a newsletter at the Senior Center or receive it monthly by mail for an annual contribution of \$7.

• Telephone Reassurance (Telecare)

Homebound residents can receive a daily telephone call or an occasional call to check on their well being or to talk to someone free of charge. Please call the Senior Center to register.

• Blood Pressure Screening

Come get your blood pressure checked free of charge. Held at the center on the second Monday of the month, from 1:30-3 p.m. by Westland Convalescence Center and the fourth Monday of the month, from noon to 2 p.m. by St. Mary's Hospital. An appointment is not necessary.

• Focus: HOPE

Food distribution is usually the fourth Friday of every month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Center. January distribution will be on Jan. 26.

• Senior Services Directory

The Northville Senior Center has created a directory of services available to senior citizens. The directory includes information on support programs, health and medical services, available housing, organizations providing financial assistance

and much more. Please stop by the Senior Center to pick up your free copy today. (Funding for this directory was provided by the Oakland County Community Development Block Grant Program.)

• Tax Counseling Services

Free tax counseling sponsored by AARP will be available on Tuesdays, Jan. 30 through April 10. Hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Volunteer tax counselors will prepare your state and local tax forms. Most forms will be on hand. Appointments are scheduled at 1 1/2 hour intervals. No charge for service, however, donations to the senior program will be gratefully accepted. You must call the Senior Center ahead of time to make an appointment. (248) 349-4140.

TRANSPORTATION

• Bus Service for Local Shopping Trips

Tuesdays: Meijer, Kohl's, Target and local banks. Fridays: Farmer Jack/Hiller's or Shopping Center Market/Busch's (alternating Fridays.)

Bus begins pickup at 9:30 a.m. from your home. Cost is \$2. Call the Senior Center for reservations 24 hours in advance.

• Bus Service for Movies, Lunch and Shopping at the Mall Twice a Month

The senior bus goes to AMC 20 and Laurel Park Mall for an afternoon (noon to 4 p.m.) of movies, lunch and shopping. The days scheduled are the second and fourth Monday of each month. Pick-up will begin from your home at 12 p.m. or the MAGS parking lot shortly thereafter. Cost is \$2. Please call to make reservations.

• Wanted: Bus Drivers

With the addition of a second

bus in January, we now have immediate need for additional part-time bus drivers. This position requires a CDL driver's license. Hours are flexible, events are great to attend free, and seniors are rewarding to serve. If interested, please call the Senior Center at (248) 349-4140.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

• Card Playing

Join us for cards at the center. Enjoy several hours of fun for just \$1. The schedule is as follows: Bridge, Wednesdays, 12:15-3:15 p.m.; Pinochle, Mondays and Thursdays, 12:30-4:30 p.m. and beginning Pinochle on Tuesdays, from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

• Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Northville Senior Center has reserved tickets to various concerts throughout the season. Tickets to Classical Coffee Concerts are \$28 for residents and \$35 for non-residents. Upcoming classical concerts include: The Fantastic Symphony, Feb. 2; and Beethoven's Eroica, Feb. 23. Future Pops Concerts include: Fielder's Favorite, Feb. 8 and Debbie Reynolds, March 8. (Cost for Debbie Reynolds is \$38 for residents, \$45 for non-residents, departure time is 7 p.m. from MAGS.) Tickets to Pops Concerts are \$34 for residents, \$41 for non-residents. Departure time is 9 a.m. from MAGS for all concerts unless otherwise indicated. Registration is necessary.

SENIOR FITNESS

• Senior Drop-in Morning Volleyball (for co-ed adults 50 and up)

Do you want to look young, think young and feel young? Get rid of that sedentary feeling. Come out and play volleyball. All levels of play are welcome.

Held on most Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Parks and Recreation Gym from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$1. For more information, call the Northville Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 349-0203.

• Healing Touch Therapy

Healing Touch is an energy-based alternative healing. It balances the human energy field: touching body, mind, emotion, and spirit. Beginning in January, Cynthia Drolshagen R.N., a Healing Touch practitioner, will be available on Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon at the Senior Center. Cost is \$10 for a 45-minute to one hour session. Please call the Center (248) 349-4140 for an appointment.

• Massage Therapy

Treat yourself to a well-deserved hour massage by a certified therapist on Wednesdays at the Senior Center.

The cost is \$36 for one hour. You must call ahead for an appointment. To cancel an appointment, call 24 hours in advance or you will be charged for the appointment. For your first appointment, please arrive ten minutes early. Call the Senior Center to register.

• Bowling at Novi Bowl

Come and bowl a few games at Novi Bowl on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 1 p.m. Bring along a few friends and enjoy a little exercise. Bowling fees are \$1.75 per game. If you would like transportation on the senior bus, the cost is \$4. Please call the Senior Center to register.

• Senioreise

Join us for a basic exercise class at the Senior Center that will improve your strength and flexibility. The four-week session begins Jan. 17 and meets

Wednesdays, 10-10:45 a.m. Cost is \$20. Stop by the Senior Center to register.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND DAY TRIPS

• Pot Luck Luncheon

Held at the Senior Center on the third Monday of every month from noon to 1 p.m. Bring your own table service, a dish to pass and \$1.

• Dinner at Dan's River Grill in Manchester

Join us for dinner at Dan's River Grill in Manchester on Thursday, Jan. 25. Bus will leave from MAGS at 4:30 p.m. Cost for transportation is \$4 payable to the driver. Please call the Senior Center to register.

SENIOR CENTER TRIPS

• Jan. 26-Feb. 5, Fort Myers Beach. Cost is \$999 per person, double occupancy.

• Jan. 30, Greektown Casino. Cost is \$16 for residents.

• Feb. 28, Soaring Eagle Casino. Cost is \$26 for residents.

• March 28, Motorcity Casino. Cost is \$16 for residents.

• April 1-9, California Coast. Cost is \$1979 per person, double occupancy.

• April 19-26, Savannah, Geo.

Cost is \$1,069 per person, double occupancy.

• April 26-28, Chicago. Cost is \$379 per person, double occupancy.

EXPANDED TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIORS

Northville's new senior bus service provides transportation to run errands, visit a friend, have a hair appointment, have lunch out, go to a doctor's appointment, etc. Medical appointments always secure priority when scheduling.

Service hours are Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Passengers must be a Northville or Northville Township resident, 50 years of age or older, or handicapped.

The service area will be a five mile radius from the Northville Senior Center. Reservations must be made at least two working days in advance, Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Requests cannot be accepted at any other time. Call (248) 349-4140.

On Campus

Jayesh V. Mehta of Novi, a marketing major at Madonna University, was among those who received the 2000-2001 Highest Achievement Award in their major. The award is given annually to a student from each major who attains the highest GPA. To be eligible, each student must have completed 40 semester hours in the major, 30 semesters hours at Madonna University, and 15 hours within the past three semesters.

Additionally, students receiving High Achievement Awards which were given to students who had completed a minimum of 30 semester hours at Madonna University, and 15 hours within the major with a GPA of 3.5 or above:

NORTHVILLE
Denise Anderson, accounting; Susan Wilson, accounting; Judith Whelan, business administration;

Kathleen Hoover, business administration; Eileen Finn, business administration; Edward Cairns, management; and Mary Fairchild, accounting.

NOVI
Sharon Beard, business administration; Lynda Mammel, MSBA leadership studies; and Marie Sayer, accounting.

The University of Michigan-Dearborn named 133 students to the Dean's List in the School of Education for the Fall 2000 term.

Students on the Dean's List earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average while carrying at least 12 credit hours in a semester.

NORTHVILLE
Mary Miller, education-elementary.

NOVI
Angela Santoni, senior, social studies; Cynthia Russette, senior, mathematics studies; and Banan

Obeld, junior, education.

Michigan State University has listed the following students as degree candidates for fall semester 2000:

NORTHVILLE
Ellen L. Seiba, bachelor's degree in English and a bachelor's in journalism; and Jeffery Ryan Sieving, bachelor's in advertising.

NOVI
Scott Raymond Baetens, bachelor's in criminal justice; Loretta Ann Burkhardt, master's degree in special education; Loretta Ann Burkhardt, master's in special education; Christine Ann Collings, bachelor's in medical technology; Geoffrey M. Ernst, bachelor's in packaging; Michael D. Hart, bachelor's in packaging; Megan Rebecca Loomer, bachelor's, zoology; Nicole Marie Pollaccia, bachelor's in dietetics; Bryan R. Reinhart, bachelor's in

marketing; Geoffrey Russell Scott, master's degree in integrative management; Trevor M. Surdu, bachelor's in building construction management; and Mark S. White, master's, integrative management.

WALLED LAKE
Kerry Lynn Brennan, bachelor's degree in communication; Heather Kathleen Hicks, bachelor's with high honors, psychology; Teresa Marie Large, bachelor's degree with honors in food science, and a bachelor's degree with honors in microbiology; Bridget Gail Morse, bachelor's in LBS environment biology/zoology; and Margot Elyse Wilcox, bachelor's degree in packaging.

WIXOM
Alice Dittmar Raden, master's in education technology and instructional design; and Robert

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(734) 216-7454 Ron Schubert, Pastor

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Wisconsin Ev Lutheran Synod
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Worship 10am
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Sunday 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11 a.m. Sunday School & Nursery
The Rev. Leslie F. Harding

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44400 W. 10 Mile Novi, Novi 349-5666
1/2 mile west of Novi Rd.
Richard J. Henderson, Pastor
Jennifer M. Sood, Associate Pastor
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Sunday School & Nursery Provided
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Live Service Broadcast WLLZ 560AM 11:00 a.m.

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Novi, MI 48374
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Reverend James Francis, Pastor
Parish Office 347-7778

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375
Masses, Sat. 5 p.m., Sun. 7:30 am,
8:45 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm
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Parish Office 349-8847

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Sunday Worship Service 11:00 AM
Led by Pastor Keith J. McKee
The Comfort Inn - Maclelland Room
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For more info. call: (248) 926-4105 anytime

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Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
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CHURCH DIRECTORY

For information regarding rates for church listings call
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(248)349-1700

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New Location
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Services at 10 AM
Children's Church 10 AM
Minister Barbara Clevenger

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Worship & Church School - 9:30 & 11:00am
Childcare Available at All Services
Youth, Preteen, Boys, Girls, Adults
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Rev. W. Kent Cline, Senior Pastor
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T. Luback, Pastor
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Wednesday Worship 7:30 p.m.

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Rev. Gordon Nuz
Rev. Jennifer Bixby

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Dr. Gary Ethier, Pastor
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www.novichristianoutreach.org

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217 N. Wing
Sunday Worship, 10:45am & 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Youth Meetings 7:00 p.m.
Boys Brigade 7 p.m., Pioneer Girls 7 p.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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21260 Haggerty, Northville 348 7600
(between 8 & 9 Mile Rd. near Novi Hutton)
Sunday School 9:45 am
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Wedding

Josephine Ana Caruso and Brian Douglas Ruhl were married Sept. 16, 2000, at Sts. Peter and Paul in Detroit. Officiating the ceremony was the Rev. Carl Bonk. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Vito Salvatore Caruso.

The bride is the daughter of Giacomina Caruso of Northville and the late Salvatore Caruso. She received her master's degree in clinical psychology at the University of Detroit-Mercy. Josephine is employed at NYK (USA) Inc.

Attending the bride were Daniela Cosenza and Stacey Fitzpatrick-Caradonna. Bridesmaids were Renee Ruhl, Laura Dornbier, Elaine Chefan, and Andrea Caruso.

The bride wore a couture ball gown of ivory double-faced silk-satin. The bodice was accented with hand-sewn buttons, and the skirt and eight-foot train were trimmed in hand-pleated antique ivory silk satin and hand-clipped Alencon lace.

The bridal bouquet was a nosegay of four dozen Vendela roses.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Ruhl of Fowler, Mich. Brian received his master's in finance from the University of



Caruso-Ruhl

Detroit. He is currently employed at Ford Motor Credit Co.

Scott Ruhl was the attending best man. Groomsmen were Christopher Chranko, Dennis Fox, Ryan Bradley, and Vito Salvatore Caruso.

The couple went to Bar Harbor, Maine, and Italy for their honeymoon.

What are "stretched out IRAs"?

Recently, we have read and heard much about the "stretch-out" IRA. Many investors with IRAs have raised questions about these issues as addressed in the national press. Some wonder what exactly is a "stretch-out" IRA and does my financial firm, as an IRA custodian, offer them?

Well, the "stretch-out" IRA is not a new type of IRA, but an unfamiliar, imaginative term. In fact, it's more of a strategy for required minimum distributions (RMD) than anything else. RMD rules state that once a participant reaches the age of 70.5, funds must be withdrawn each year from their IRA. RMD calculations are based on the participant's birthdate, the beneficiary's birthdate, the previous year's ending value of the IRA account and application of the life expectancy method elected. Based on these ingredients the required minimum distribution (RMD) is determined by simply dividing the previous year ending



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value of the IRA by the factor from an IRS life expectancy table.

Upon the death of an IRA participant who has begun RMDs, the beneficiary is required to continue (or accelerate) withdrawals from the IRA. The "stretch-out" IRA concept simply addresses the availability of beneficiaries (often younger beneficiaries) to continue the "life" of the IRA. This allows the beneficiaries to receive the benefits, such as continued tax deferral, of the IRA

over the remaining "life" of the IRA. This is possible with the proper beneficiary designation and the selection of the appropriate life expectancy method. A very important point is that in order for an investor to reap these benefits, their IRA custodian must allow options with respect to RMD life expectancy methods.

Some custodians, to simplify operations, design their IRA document to restrict participants to a simple RMD life expectancy method, such as single life recalculation. The consequences of these restrictions can be dreadful for non-spouse beneficiaries. Because single life recalculation involves calculating life expectancy based only upon the participant, when the participant dies, he or she has no remaining life expectancy. Therefore, the non-spouse beneficiary must withdraw all assets from the IRA by the end of the following year, and the "stretch-out" is lost.

With this in mind, it is important for the IRA document to be designed to offer all available life expectancy methods. With this flexibility, beneficiaries may extend the life of the IRA through use of other available life expectancy methods, elapsed time and modified recalculation. This availability is key in many instances for younger beneficiaries to maximize the benefits of continued (or "stretched-out") tax deferral and avoid the potentially large tax liability with a lump sum distribution.

While these issues are a very important part in future planning of an IRA, remember each case is different and only part of an overall financial strategy. With this in mind, solutions for these issues are best addressed with the assistance of your financial advisor and/or tax professional.

Doug Bingham, CFP, is with Raymond James & Associates.

Novi Highlights

Novi Community Education

Several classes have been planned during mid-winter break. As an example, Techno-Science Computer Camps for grades kindergarten through second titled, "Operation Brainy-Zany"; for grades three-eight, "Mind-Masters"; Activity Camp for ages 4-6; and Funstastic Activity Camp for ages 6-12 will be offered. "Painted Pottery Creations" for ages 4 and up will be held at the Ready, Set, Paint establishment located in Novi Town Center. Parents or caregivers are requested to accompany the ages 4 and up for the "Painted Pottery Creations."

The Creative Pursuits section offers many programs, such as: "Magic Bag of Tricks," which will be held five different days at five different locations. A Valentine's Day craft for grades one through four, registration deadline is Feb. 2; Easter crafts for grades one through four, registration deadline is March 16; cartooning workshops for grades one through four will be held five different days at five different schools, and one for grades five and six at Novi Meadows on March 12.

Music and Dance section offers:

Private instrumental music lessons for grades five and up, Monday-Thursday, from 2-8 p.m.; private piano lessons for ages 7 and up. Due to the limited number of openings, please call the Community Education office and place your name on a waiting list. Vocal music lessons are for ages 12 and up; music and dance for ages 2-13, and Hip Hoppin' Groovin' and Movin' for ages 7 and up.

There are classes available in personal interests, physical activities, and Saturday specials.

Special brochures are available for children and teens. For more information, please call the Novi Community Education office at (248) 449-1206. Gift certificates are also available.

Novi United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Jan. 28, the Health Ministry team will sponsor a presentation by Providence Hospital on Women's Health. Everyone is invited to join in the program, which will be held in the sanctuary from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This will take the place of the adult Sunday School class. Those attending this program are encouraged to bring a friend.

A women's spiritual retreat led by

Pastor Louise Ott will be held Jan. 26-28. This program is a kick-off for the formation of a Tuesday afternoon spirituality small group. There are many small groups within the church calendar.

Starting Jan. 25, the book "Life Directions: Experiencing the Gift of God's Guidance" by Jane Kise and David Stark will be studied. The authors use both biblical and real life examples and explore ways that Christians can search for direction in their lives. They will be meeting every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Another group is doing a comparative study of the major religions of the world. The course will focus on Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Lee Davis will serve as moderator. Davis holds an undergraduate degree from Purdue University in philosophy, with major focus on theology and minors in sociology and psychology. The classes are currently in session every Sunday at 11 a.m. and will continue through February.

The church offers many opportunities for youth in grades 7 through 12. They meet on Sundays from 6-7 p.m. Plans for concerts, sporting events, district lock-ins and mission work trips are on the agenda

for discussion and planning.

For more information on programs, family events and activities, call the church office at 349-2652.

Novi Boy Scout Troop No. 407

The scouts enjoyed their busy summer, white water rafting trip, summer camp, and helping at the Novi Music and Motor Festival. The group is planning an adventure trip to Florida Sea Base. To prepare for this, the scouts have participated in several events, including a high adventure campout in southern Pennsylvania. The troop also went to Camp Rotary near Clare for a week of camping and earning merit badges. They also had a campout at Grand Ledge where they went fishing and hiking to Sugar Maple forest.

The troop held a fund raiser during the holidays and sold holiday greenery to help cover the cost of the approaching Sea Base trip.

At the fall picnic and Court of Honor, nine scouts were recognized for the rank advancement earned during the summer. The following received the rank of Scout: Jeremy Church and John VanDeanBeelt; John Favorite and Greg Laskowski, both received Tenderfoot; Scott Hockett received Second Class; and

Dan Church received First Class. The following received a Star: Eric Adams, Dan Heilman, and Jon Krueger; and 79 merit badges were earned over the summer by 18 scouts, some of which were: First Aid, Indian lore, cooking, rifle, personal fitness, communications, golf and small boat sailing, computer, swimming, lifesaving, camping, wilderness survival, pottery, leatherwork, astronomy, reptile and amphibian study, mammal study, citizenship in community, and many more.

Church of the Holy Family

Golden Dimensions, a newly-formed group for those 55 and older, meets at the Holy Family Catholic Church. For more information, call Betty Wizinsky, director of Golden Dimensions, at 380-8340. She is assisted by a 24-member committee to help make arrangements for trips and/or programs.

During the fall season they took several trips: to Casino Windsor, an overnight trip to Mackinaw Crossings to see the Island; Center Stage Theater; and visited Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio.

Last month they saw the Rockettes at the Fox Theater with

lunch at Sinbads. The group enjoyed visiting the Tour of Lights at Domino's Farms and had pizza following their tour of "winter wonderland." Hines Park Light Fest and Christmas carols accompanied by Mike Kelly on his guitar was also enjoyed by everyone.

Also held was "Celebration 2001 Luncheon" with 139 members and friends of Golden Dimensions who enjoyed lunch and conversation with old and new friends.

State Rep. Nancy Cassis will be a special guest on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Center.

Plans are being made to attend "Stars on Ice" on Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Palace. Featured will be Scott Hamilton (his farewell tour), Tara Lipinski and Kristi Yamaguchi (both former Gold Medalists), Kurt Browning, and other Olympians. Also attending with the group will be Mike Rybicki and his family.

March 24 is set to visit the IMAX Theater at Henry Ford Museum, with lunch at Kiernan's Steak House in Dearborn.

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, call 624-0173.

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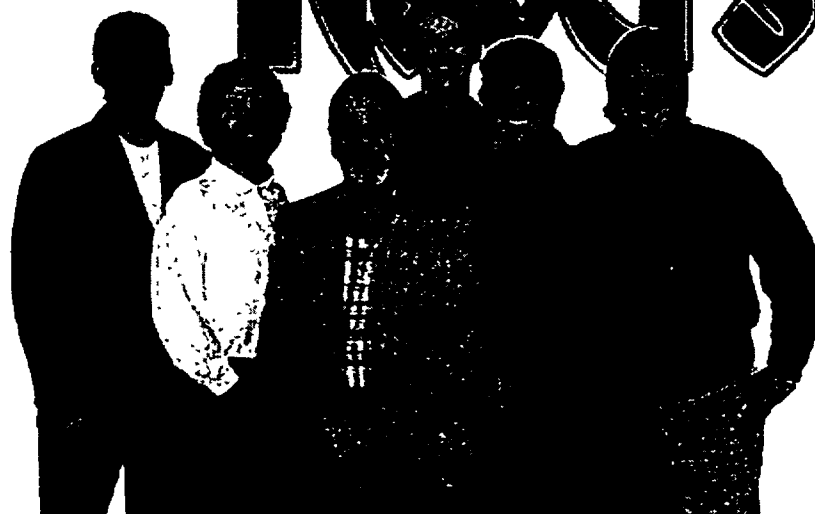


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GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP FOR WIDOWS

New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center, offers support for widows and widowers with children on the second and fourth Tuesday night of each month. The group meets at St. Kenneth's Parish in Plymouth, from 7-8:30 p.m. and is offered free of charge. Professionally led children's groups meet at the same time and place for children between

the ages of 4 and 12. New Hope also offers groups for widows and widowers of all ages and a group for bereaved teens as well as other bereavement resources. For more information, call (248) 348-0115.

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Learn important strategies for keeping yourself safe at this two-evening seminar taught by Sgt. Tom Kellman, defensive tactics instructor of the West Bloomfield Police Department.

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ple self-defense techniques, how to leave compromising situations, ways to neutralize your attacker, etc.

Seminar will take place on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 29 and 30, from 7-9 p.m. at Ward Church in Northville. The cost is \$10 per person, \$15 for mom and daughter, \$20 for family of three or more.

For more information and to register, call (248) 374-5937.

WOMEN'S HEALTH SEMINAR

A Women's Health Seminar will be held on Sunday, Jan. 28 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary at Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. Ten Mile Road, just west of Meadowbrook. An open invita-

tion is extended to the public.

The program will include information regarding osteoporosis, perimenopause, menopause, women and heart disease, breast cancer prevention and detection.

Northville First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville has offered a series of sermons about family life. The next Family Kaleidoscope sermon will be held on Jan. 28 during the three worship hours of 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m., and 11 a.m. "Praise the Lord Anyhow" will offer a message about Apostle Paul's adaptability and on how to handle dysfunction.

For more information, call (248) 349-1144.

On Campus (Con't)

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Patrick Skorupski, master's in integrative management.

Julie B. Surma has been named to the President's List for fall term at Northwood University. To achieve President's List recognition, students must earn a 3.85 grade point average.

Surma is the daughter of Louis and Diane Surma of Northville.

Angie Saferian, a sophomore at Northwood University, was named to the Dean's List for fall term.

Saferian achieved this recognition by earning a 3.25 grade point average.

Saferian is the daughter of Richard and Pauline Saferian of Wixom.

Paul J. Waling, a freshman at Northwood University, was named to the Dean's List for fall term.

Waling was recognized for his academic achievement by earning a 3.25 grade point average.

Waling is the son of Paul Waling of Novi and Denise Waling of Walled Lake.

Calvin College has announced its fall 2000 Dean's List. To earn a spot on the Dean's List at Calvin requires that a student maintains a 3.5 grade point average for the semester and has a 3.3 cumulative grade point average at one of the

country's top Christian, liberal-arts colleges. Named on the list was **Tracey L. Crawford**, a freshman and **Andrew I. Busch**, a senior majoring in mathematics.

Crawford is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terrence Crawford of Northville and a graduate of Northville High School.

Busch graduated from Walled Lake Western High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Busch of Walled Lake.

In August 2000, **Monica Susan Gabry** of Northville was awarded a mastery certificate in dental assisting from Washtenaw Community College. She also received an associate degree in general studies and public services in December 2000.

Elizabeth A. Baiocchi and **Deborah M. Gullede** were among the 900-plus Harding University students included on the Dean's List for grades achieved during the fall semester at Harding.

To be eligible, a student must carry an average scholarship level of 3.65 or higher.

Baiocchi, a sophomore majoring in English, attended Plymouth Christian High School before entering the university. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Baiocchi of Northville.

Gullede, a sophomore majoring in management, also attended Plymouth Christian Academy before entering Harding. Gullede

is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh B. Gullede of Novi.

Kristy Enderlen of Novi was named to the Dean's List for fall semester 2000 at Capital University, Columbus, Ohio. Enderlen is a freshman majoring in nursing.

Enderlen is the daughter of Jeff and Becky Enderlen, and a 2000 Novi High School graduate.

Local students who recently graduated from Madonna University:

NORTHVILLE
Denise R. Anderson, accounting; **Mary C. Fairchild**, accounting; **Cristi M. Jarvis**, nursing; **Tanya L. Pado**, marketing; **M. Lynn Pederson**, general studies; and **Jennifer L. Webb**, nursing.

NOVI
Sharon J. Beard, sales specialist and business administration; **David J. Hart**, accounting; and **Adelheid R. Kirchner**, international business and economics.

In recognition of earning a 3.5 or higher grade point average for fall semester at Adrian College are the following students who were named to the Dean's List:

NOVI
Laura M. Pitcher, a junior studying business management. She is a 1999 graduate of Novi High School, and the daughter of Mark and Janet Pitcher.

WALLED LAKE

Aubrey E. Repicky, a senior majoring in exercise science. She is the daughter of Ronald and Julie Repicky, and a 1997 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School.

Andrew N.G. Borda, a sophomore at Washington and Lee University, has earned honor roll status for fall term.

Honor roll status at the university represents a term grade point average of at least 3.75.

Borda is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Borda of Northville.

Named to the Dean's List in recognition for superior academic achievement during the past term at Madonna University were the following local residents:

NORTHVILLE
Michael C. Young, history, senior; **Gina M. Yaquinto**, computer science, junior; **Richard C. Wise**, management, senior; **Julie R. Sharp**, merchandising management, senior; **Rosita A. Stenta**, marketing, senior; **Kristin R. Senne**, psychology, senior; **Jane F. Reisman**, social work, senior; **Michael F. Petri**, criminal justice, senior; **M. Lynn Pederson**, general studies, senior; **Melissa C. Pardo**, marketing, freshman; **Tanya L. Pado**, marketing, senior; **Donna L. Pace**, English/journalism, senior; **Marie C. Nolan**, undeclared, freshman; **Keith E. Morency**, business administration, junior; **David C.**

Marino, communication arts, senior; **Colleen R. Klinger**, legal assistant, senior; **Westley R. King**, biology, junior; **Kathleen A. Hoover**, business administration, senior; **Keri R. Hofmeister**, marketing, sophomore; **Cheryl L. Himes**, international business and economics, junior; **Anthony Hanks**, business administration, sophomore; **Melinda Green**, criminal justice, senior; **Gregory W. Grazloli**, computer information systems, senior; **Sharon M. Giammarco**, psychology major - mental health concentration, junior; **Laurie D. Gannam**, legal assistant, post degree; **Jennifer Jane Gerish**, secondary provisional program, post degree; **Julie Fritsch**, legal assistant, senior; **Cheryl A. Faucher**, general studies, senior; **Susan S. Harrison**, history, senior; **Matthew P. Falkiewicz**, criminal justice, sophomore; **Christopher P. DeWitt**, English, senior; **Catherine Czajkowski**, business administration, senior; **Walter D. Jachimowicz**, nursing, post degree; **Erin M. Cunningham**, biology, junior; **Sara E. Cotton**, mathematics, senior; **Maryann E. Cotterill**, English, senior; **Melanie C. Combs**, general science, senior; **Eve R. Chalom**, English, sophomore; **Jullianne Capretta**, management, sophomore; **Kelly J. Calabrese**, social work, junior; **Edward F. Cairns**, management, sophomore; **Karen**

Ann Burrill-Duggan, elementary provisional program for initial certificate, post degree; **Mary M. Burch**, SSC-social studies for teachers, senior; **Rhonda L. Brown**, long term care administration, senior; **Elizabeth R. Sant**, undeclared, sophomore; **Gretchen Baurath**, nursing, junior; **Nancy S. Baumhaft**, hospice education, junior; **Linda A. Bastien**, nursing, senior; **Judith Whelan**, business administration, senior; **Shannon Lynne Atzinger**, elementary provisional program for initial certificate, post degree; **Kelly S. Artymovich**, undeclared, junior; **Denise R. Anderson**, accounting, senior; **Claire W. Anderson**, elementary provisional program for initial certificate, post degree; **Debbie L. Mitrevski**, fine arts, junior; and **Laura C. Charpentier**, social work, senior.

Walsh College is pleased to announce eight students from the Northville/Novi area who were awarded scholarships for the Fall 2000 semester. The students received tuition scholarships by maintaining at least a 3.5 grade point average or by meeting certain needs-based criteria.

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COMMUNITY FOCUS

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Thursday, January 25, 2001

State police post moved to Northville in 1977

The state police headquarters for the Southeastern Michigan District came to Northville in 1977, according to the "Royal Oak Daily Tribune," "so its staff of 109 persons can better curb crime in rural Wayne and Oakland County."

The \$2.25 million complex was dedicated in January of that year. Before that, the state police was headquartered in Redford at Grand River and Seven Mile roads.

The Redford headquarters opened in 1937, one of several state police posts throughout Michigan. The early posts, like Redford, were built by the Works Progress Administration, an organization developed during the Depression era to create more jobs. The three-year WPA construction program resulted in what "The Detroit News" considered "one of the best equipped police organizations in the country."

The Michigan State Police got its start shortly after World War I. In 1917, the Michigan State Troops were created by the War Preparedness Board to replace the National Guard who were fighting in Europe. The main focus at the time of their creation was to protect

vital areas in the United States and to combat sabotage. "In World War I, the State Troops guarded power plants, railroad terminals, mines and river tunnels," explained "The Detroit News." According to an article in "The Detroit Free Press," "...their work was so well done that two years later - after the war - the (Michigan State) legislature made the organization a permanent law enforcement body - the State Police." The original State Troops officially became the Michigan State Police on July 1, 1919. Two years later, the title was changed to the Michigan Department of Public Safety,

Barbara Louie

but the Department of Michigan State Police was created in 1935, becoming the Department of State Police 30 years later. In 1941, there were 41 State Police detachments throughout the state, in eight districts. New equipment was continuously added to the various posts in order to bring each facility to its most modern and efficient level possible. The 1960s brought a number of high-tech improvements to the force. "Voice print" machines recorded and scrutinized voices much like identifying fingerprints. Something called a "neutron activation analysis" provided a more

sophisticated way of examining clues. The use of "snooper dogs" to track fugitives was also employed.

The year 1969 marked both the first of State Troops patrolling freeways and computerized police cars. Known as the "Visual Average Speed Computer and Recorder" (VASCAR) they were designed to catch speeders more efficiently. Mounted beneath the seats of the police cars, the VASCAR was capable of clocking cars from all directions.

Considered more effective than radar, the new device was touted as the "Speeder's Friend" by "The Detroit News," because getting a ticket from a VASCAR-equipped car was slightly less costly than a regular speeding ticket. The department began with a single officer in 1919. By the 1940s, over 600 people were attached to the agency. Today's Michigan State Police has been recognized as one of the leading state police forces in the nation.

Novi resident Barbara Louie has published two books about the history of Novi and writes about local history for the Novi News.

Business briefs

Three corporate travel consultants with a combined 54 years' experience in the industry have joined Passageways/Carlson Wagonlit Travel.

All three consultants joined Passageways' Novi office after long careers at the former Carlson Wagonlit Travel corporate business center in Farmington Hills. They include:

- Carole Marmon, who was the office manager and regional manager at the Carlson office. She was employed at the Carlson office for 21 years.

- Judy Sheehan, who was a lead agent at the Carlson office. She spent ten years with Carlson and has been in the travel business for 18 years.

- Lori Whitacre, who was a lead agent at the Carlson office. She was with Carlson for 15 years.

"Passageways is very pleased to have Carole, Judy and Lori join the team," said Lisa Hoeft, Passageways' Metro Regional Manager. "All three have wide-ranging experience in working with reservation systems, and will provide a big boost to our corporate customers who need domestic and international travel assistance."

Passageways, one of the fastest-growing travel management companies in the country an average annu-

al growth rate of 35 percent each year for the past 20 years, has eight offices in the metro Detroit area. Passageways is headquartered in Traverse City. It is the second largest agency in Michigan in terms of locations, and is the fourth largest franchisee in the Carlson Wagonlit Travel network. Carlson Wagonlit Travel is the largest travel agency network in the world with 4,100 locations in 141 countries.

Cambridge Homes of Novi announced today the opening of Bellagio, a gated community in Novi that is now available for presales.

"Bellagio is Italian for a beautiful place of leisure," said Mark Guidobono, CEO, who runs the company with his brother and president, Eric Guidobono. "Bellagio features estate-size homes surrounding a central park of gardens and walking paths."

A brick and iron entrance opens into the 77-acre community featuring 55 home sites that are just under one acre in size. Homes are priced starting from \$900,000 and begin at 4,000 square feet. Many standard features are included such as masonry fireplaces fitted with custom mantels and extensive use of crown molding and Victorian trim. A variety of options are available like an indoor pool, wine cellar,

solarium and many more.

The brothers were inspired by Old World European architecture in creating Bellagio. Home sites are arranged around the park and in cul-de-sacs. The four-acre central park features a limestone gazebo. Home sites offer mature trees and rolling terrain. Many sites border protected woodlands and several overlook the park. Old fashioned lampposts light the entrance.

"Inside the homes, character is expressed in careful attention to details including the strategic placement of banks of windows to capture the morning sun, hand-carved banisters, marble columns and leaded glass windows," Guidobono said.

"Each custom home reflects the personality of the owners, creating a prestigious neighborhood rich with architectural diversity. We meet one-on-one with every Cambridge homebuyer to hammer out the details. Every home is as much a part of the homeowner's creation as it is ours," Guidobono said.

Bellagio is located on the west side of Beck Road between Eight and Nine Mile roads in Novi. For further information, call (248) 348-3800.

Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village President Steve

Hamp has announced several new hires and promotions for the nation's largest indoor/outdoor museum, which welcomes more than 1.5 million people annually.

Carol Zazo of Northville was promoted from marketing manager to director of marketing and sales.


Oliver/Hatcher Construction, a design/build firm in Wixom, has hired 15-year industry veteran David Tremonti of Ann Arbor as pre-construction services manager.

Tremonti will be involved in project management, business development, estimating and value engineering for the rapidly-growing firm.

Formerly with R.A. DeMatteis Co., Tremonti has broad experience in construction management and estimating for projects in mid-rise office, freezer storage, medical, warehouse, health/fitness, educational, mass transit, roadway and electric transmission.

Tremonti has managed construction projects of more than 1.5 million square feet, valued at over \$215 million, with individual projects of up to \$31 million and 325,000 square feet.

Tremonti, who received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Michigan in 1985, lives in Ann Arbor with his wife, Leah, and their two children.




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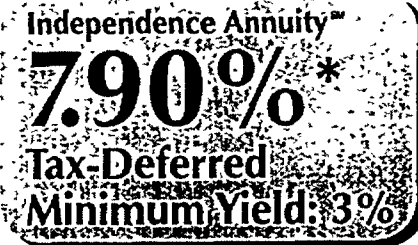
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Greenfield Galore

Brownie Troop 50 from Thorton Creek found out Greenfield Village is a fun place to visit, even in the winter. The third graders toured the village and museum as part of the G.A.M.E.S. program. They also learned dances from different time periods and were able to go swimming.

From left: Lauren Evasic, Kara Weber, Mackenna King, Hilary Agoston, Lauren Kubert, Danielle Chew, Ashley Filipowicz, Rachel O'Shaughnessy, Kelsey Olinik and Kelly Burford. Lauren Hall is in front. Absent: Kelsey Fiscus.

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Hanks is no Gilligan in this 'Survivor' tale

Cast Away
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By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

If heading off to the movie theater is on your agenda, *Cast Away* offers a tale to remember.

Starring Tom Hanks and Helen Hunt, the plot of *Cast Away* puts a new and refreshing spin on the familiar story of human survival and endurance.

Hanks' character is determined, highly time-oriented, and somewhat of a workaholic employed by the FedEx Company. His character is also a bit of a perfectionist-attempting to ship items as fast as possible, formulating effective working strategies and pulling out the best aspects in his fellow co-workers. Throughout the film, these same qualities he tries to instill in others are the same ones he adopts for himself, especially when tragedy strikes.

Time is a key element in this film. At the beginning of the film, Hanks character is busily working, giving orders to workers and shipping packages. Hanks seems so focused on carrying out his

assigned tasks in the most time efficient manner, that little else matters to him.

As Hanks is aboard a plane equipped with packages on their way to their final destination, the pilots somehow lose control of the plane in a storm and the aircraft plummets into the Pacific Ocean.

In the chaotic moments before the crash, Hanks manages to find a inflatable life boat. Shortly after the plane becomes submerged, Hanks manages to escape - with his boat - and later is able to drift to an unknown shoreline.

Hanks awakens from his plight as the waves crash against his yellow raft and push him further onto land. Interesting camera angles are used once he reaches the island and Hanks does an excellent job throughout the movie of conveying to the audience the sense of emptiness and isolation he experiences.

Before becoming stranded on a deserted island, Hanks' girlfriend played by Helen Hunt is working on achieving her doctorate degree. Loving and patient, Hunt accepts the fact that her boyfriend's line of employment requires him to be away at times.

The film is set a short time prior to the arrival of the New Year, and

prior to Hanks' departure he gives Hunt a small gift, with instructions to open it on New Year's Eve. Audiences are led to believe it is an engagement ring.

As time is crucial to this film, the development of Hanks character is

also well done and excellently filmed.

Once he realizes he is truly alone, he begins gathering as much food as he can find, creates some crude, simplistic tools and builds a type of shelter.



Tom Hanks plays a workaholic stranded on a deserted island in *Cast Away*.

Cast Away does a commendable job of depicting how Hanks tries to cope with his surroundings and his attempts to get off the island. Also clever are the steps the film takes in Hanks' psyche to readapt and gain a clearer perspective of his future. Gone are his notions of quick deliveries, his beeper, and other modern technology however he still maintains the mindframe of working effectively to achieve goals like finding food. In a sense, he has cast away his predisposition toward being the fastest and develops a better understanding of what is truly important in his life.

It is interesting to see the gradual -and well done- change in Hanks' character as his days on the island accumulate. Viewers wonder what his future holds in store for him. Would he be found and rescued? Will his girlfriend still

love him?

Cast Away also does a satisfactory job of holding the attention of the audience. The simplistic surroundings of the island form an ironic backdrop against the transformation of Hanks character. As he rummages around for supplies, his thought processes are well portrayed and audiences can easily follow the development and growth of his character.

The film incorporates much of the current fascination with survivorship, but skillfully delves deeper to tell the story of one's man metamorphosis.

Jennifer Norris is a reporter for the *Northville Record*. She can be reached for comment at 248-685-1507 or by e-mail at jnnorris@ht.homecom.net

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This is just one example of the spectacular mantles created by Lynn Balok of Heritage Mantels in Howell

Submitted Photo

Paying attention to details can turn an ordinary home into a truly extraordinary one. Those details, such as the trim and finished carpentry work, are the icing on the cake to a home. That's where Lynn Balok of Heritage Mantels, and Quality Carpentry and Millwork comes in. For those who want more than just the run of the mill, the Howell craftsman can build most anything their hearts desire.

"It definitely upgrades the quality of the home," said Balok.

The finish carpenter's work ranges from subtle accents to stunning focal point pieces. Instead of an ordinary trim, why not use custom made piece that will stand out.

"It brings the eyeballs to the floor, (baseboards) or with crown moulding it takes it up there, people

notice it," he said.

Always a hands-on type person, Balok's interest in carpentry began while helping his father remodel their basement. After being involved in various parts of the building industry, Balok eventually found his niche and began his own finish carpentry and mantel business about 12 years ago.

"I manufacture everything from a raw piece of lumber to the finished product," he said.

Over 12 years of experience as a finish carpenter gave him the vision to help determine what the finished product should look like.

"In most cases, when I go to someone's house, I can see what people could use in their homes. I merely make it as a suggestion, they can use it or not," he said.

In one home, Balok suggested that they continue the dental trim moulding from the custom-made entertainment center and use it throughout the ceiling. In his own home, he added oak raised panels to add detail and warmth to a bath area. For another customer, he created a bench seat where there was wasted space during the remodeling of a kitchen. It not only added a place to sit, but extra storage area for cookbooks as well.

"Now, she can sit there in the sun and thumb through her cookbooks," he remarked.

The biggest mistake he sees in today's homes is that because finish carpentry is one of the last steps, often it's a place where people try to save some money. Unfortunately, after a while people tire of it, and they end up paying to replace it with

what they really wanted in the first place.

"My experience has been you go to some house, and when the people get to the trim stage, they buy a basic package. Usually they want it replaced or take one room at a time and really deck it out."

And decking it out is one of his specialties; with wooden accents that add convenience and beauty. A project may include built in cherry bookcases in a den, or wine cellars in the kitchen or wet bars, coffered ceilings, Triple Crown moulding or interior and exterior doors. A good example of his patience is a carved tray ceiling with 147 corbels in one of his customer's foyer

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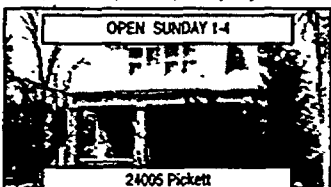
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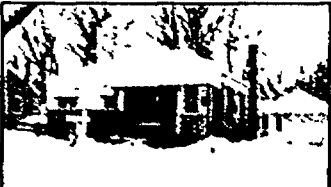
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By Jeff Rugg
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Well, it is a new year and that means there will be new catalogs in the mail that have new and fantastic plants. How do you know which plants are good enough for you to plant in your yard? One way is to have the help of people who have tested the plant against other plants in their own garden.

The rose-testing organization is called the All-America Rose Selection and it is a non-profit organization set up to research and promote roses. It has been testing roses since 1938 in gardens all across the United States. They are tested for 15 different traits, including color, disease resistance, hardiness and growth habits. Each rose is tested in the gardens for two years before the scores are graded.

For the year 2001, there were only three roses to meet the demanding standards. The first one is a grandiflora type called "Glowing Peace." It has both yellow and orange on the several dozen petals that open to a 3-inch flower. The flowers give off a slight tea fragrance. The leaves are a deep green that turn burgundy in the fall.

The shrub grows to 3 or 4 feet tall and wide. The second rose is an orange-blooming floribunda that grows to 3 feet tall and wide. The flowers are 3 inches across with about 25 petals and bloom all through the season. The leaves are olive-green and satiny.

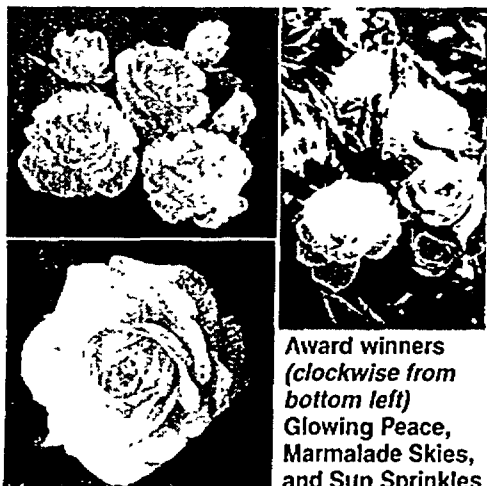
The third winner is only the fifth miniature rose to win an AARS award. It is called Sun Sprinkles and it has 2-inch bright yellow flowers with 25 to 30 petals. The flowers have a moderate spicy fragrance. The leaves are a dark glossy green. The plant only grows to 2 feet tall, making it a good plant for in front of larger shrubs that have lost their lower leaves. It can also be grown in containers where it will flower all season long.

Another non-profit organization that uses

extensive independent evaluations is the All-America Selections (AAS). They test both flowers and vegetables. They have nine winners for the new year. AAS Trials have been conducted every year since 1932. There is an AAS Gold Medal award reserved for a breeding breakthrough. Gold Medal Awards have been rare, only given once or twice a decade. The other AAS Award recognizes a flower or vegetable for significant achievements, proven superior to all others on the market.

A network of almost 200 AAS Display Gardens in the United States and Canada provides gardeners with opportunities to view the most recent AAS Winners. These gardens are open to the public throughout the growing season and may charge a small fee. Many are located near large cities. Check out their Web site at allamericaselections.org for a state by state list of sites near you.

Final gardens evaluate entries looking for desirable qualities such as novel flower forms,



Award winners (clockwise from bottom left) Glowing Peace, Marmalade Skies, and Sun Sprinkles

flower colors, flower show above foliage, fragrance, length of flowering season, and disease or pest tolerances or resistance. Vegetables are judged looking for such traits as earliness to harvest, total yield, fruit taste, fruit quality, ease of harvest, plant habit, disease and pest resistance.

The winners this year are "Avalon Bright Pink" which is a 1-foot tall Nicotiana or flowering tobacco. It has star-shaped bright pink flowers. The "Forever Blue" Eustoma looks like a very bushy petunia. Both plants are good for containers or for bedding plants.

Dwarf, disease-resistant, free-flowering plants are what most consumers want and that is what they are getting with the new AAS plants. "Margarita Rosita" portulaca is a good ground cover or hanging basket plant. It has dark pink semi-double blooms about 2 inches across. "Profusion White" zinnia is 1 foot tall by 2 feet wide, with 2-inch, daisy-like flowers. "Ring of Fire" sunflowers reach to more than 4 feet tall. The flower petals surrounding the seed disc start out dark red and blend to orange and then yellow. All three do well in full sun and are drought-tolerant plants, but the sunflower will produce more seeds if it gets more water.

The remaining four plants are vegetables. The "Super Star" white onion produces 1-pound, mild, sweet onions in only 100 days. The "Giant Marconi" green peppers are 8 inches long and designed for grilling. "Jolly" cherry tomatoes weigh 1 1/2 ounces, are peach shape and have a point on the end. The vines are indeterminate growers, which means they do not stop growing until the frost gets them. "Honey Select" sweet corn is designed for fresh eating. It has both sugary enhanced and supersweet kernels. The supersweet kernels slow the conversion of sugar to starch, resulting in a sweeter tasting ear of corn. It also does not have to be isolated from other corn pollen, making it easier to plant your garden.



Submitted Photo

Not only mantels but spectacular staircases are created by Lynn Balok

Woodworking that's taken to an art form

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One of Balok's favorite creations includes elaborate hand-crafted mantels. As the focal point of the room, each custom-made piece makes a powerful impact. Each mantel is made to exacting specifications of the customer.

"I can modify any design, custom fit or create a design of their choice," he said.

The mantels include hand carved solid woods, such as oak, maple, cherry or mahogany, some are accented with marble and

granite.

The wood trim and accents not only complement a traditional, Victorian or Country French decor. Balok notes they work well in many contemporary homes for work areas, cupboards and bookshelves.

Lynn Balok can be reached at Heritage Mantels, or Balok's Quality Carpentry & Millwork at 3571 Grand River Ave. in Howell. For appointments call (517) 546-6700, or (517) 546-5100.

Beware of this knock-off Geisha line

By Anne McCollam
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q. The cocoa pot in this photo is part of a 23-piece set that includes the pot, cups, saucers, dessert plates, a cake plate, a creamer, a covered sugar bowl, several bowls and a toothpick holder. All the dishes are decorated with Geishas, each of whom is holding an umbrella. The handle of the cocoa pot, its edge, and the finial on the lid are red-orange. Most pieces are marked "Made in Japan" and are in very good condition. I was told the set was acquired in the 1920s and 1930s.

I am interested in learning the value of my set.

A. Your set is an example of Geisha Girl porcelain that was made in Japan for export to the West. Over 150 manufacturers produced more than 300 pattern variations in a time period between 1910 and the mid 1930s. As a rule, the designs were hand-painted over stenciled outlines. Be on the lookout for pieces decorated with decals, they are suspect. When demand reached its peak, Czechoslovakian porcelain factories made an attempt to benefit from the market. They used decals and fake Oriental marks. Reproductions

that abounded in the 1960s through the 1980s are recognized by pure white backgrounds and minimal detail. In contrast, reproductions made in the 1990s are extremely ornate.

Your 1920s-era set would probably be worth about \$225 to \$250.

Q. I have enclosed the mark found on the back of my cake set. My father bought the set in Germany, many years ago for his mother. The set consists of a cake plate with handles and six matching dessert plates. They are decorated with pink flowers against an off-white background and trimmed in gold.

I don't think I'd ever want to part with the dishes because they belonged to my grandmother, but I wonder if you can tell their value.

A. Your dessert/cake set was made by Edelstein Porcelain Factory in Kups, Bavaria, Germany. They have made porcelain from 1890 to the present. Maria-Theresia is the name of the pattern and the numbers are mold and design numbers.

Your set was made in the 1930s and would probably be worth about \$125 to \$150.



Edelstein
BAVARIA
Maria-Theresia
15074

Q. I have a cream-colored cereal bowl that was given to me when I was a child in the 1940s. The center is decorated with a scene of a family of bunnies working in a flower garden. A goose wearing a bonnet and a larger rabbit stand near a fence. Beneath the scene is the artist's name, Barbara Vernon. On the back of the bowl there is a mark showing a lion, a crown, the words "Royal Doulton" and "Bunnykins" and three bunnies.

I plan to pass my bowl on to my great-granddaughter and would like to know more about it and its value.





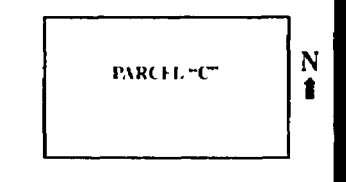











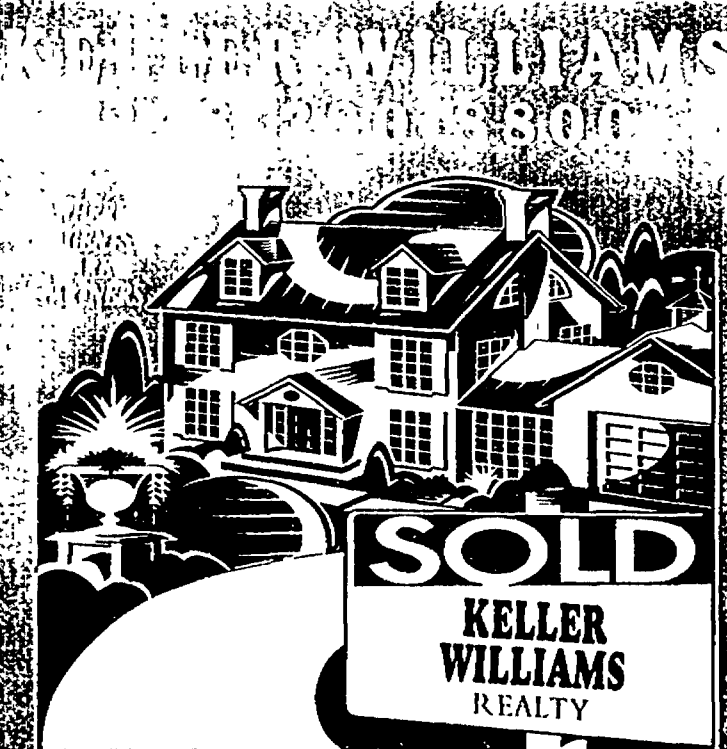




A. Royal Doulton, located in England, introduced their Bunnykin children's ware in 1933. They have produced around 150 scenes featuring bunnies. Early pieces that were signed by Barbara Vernon are the most sought by collectors. The Bunnykin line continues to be made today.

Your bowl would probably be worth about \$125 to \$150.

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 \$10 per item (one item at a time).



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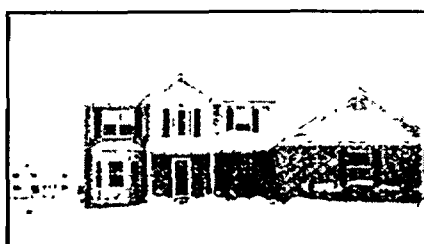
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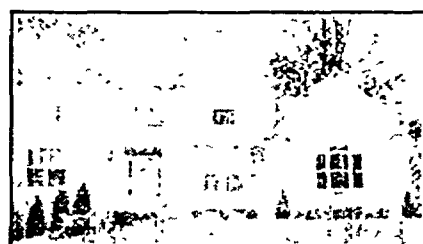
NORTHVILLE \$1,550,000
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Custom Condo On Lake! Best view in complex, 2 story fireplace in great room, 1st floor master suite, Oak kitchen, awesome walkout bsmt, immediate occupancy & 4 full bath. (BGN79BLU), 248-347-3050



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Custom built w/all the extras! Very desirable floor plan. Formal living rm. & dining rm. Library w/french doors, soaring ceilings, 4 BRS, master suite w/jetted tub. Upstairs laundry. Built 2000! BGSLY11LON. 248-437-4500



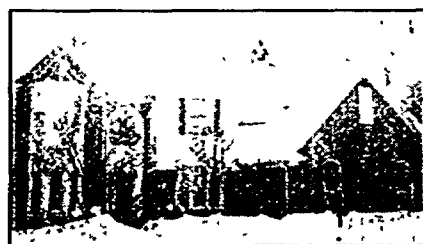
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Over 3 acres of riverfront! Is the setting for this quality home. Fabulous vaulted family rm, master ste w/adjoining sitting rm. One of a kind location and home. Breathtaking (BGN87PIC), 248-347-3050



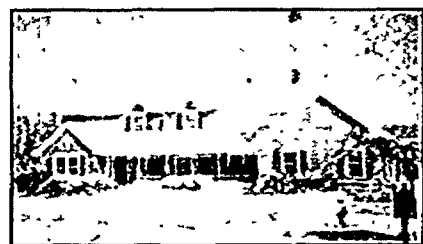
NOVI \$489,900
Truly Custom Novi Cape Cod! Chase Farms home on dynamite wooded lot, awesome Florida rm, 3 fireplaces, side entry garage w/steps to finished basement, circular driveway & more. (BGN10DUN), 248-347-3050



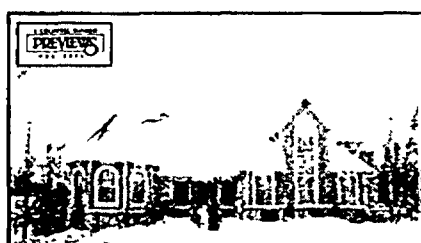
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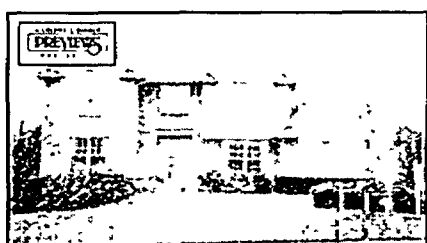
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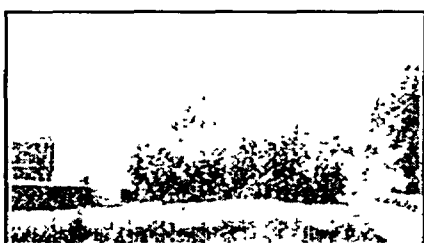
SOUTH LYON \$300,000
Spectacular Lakeside Setting! 4 br, 4 baths, hwd floors, family room w/fireplace, library, formal living/dining, finished bsmt, screened gazebo, brick paver, deck. (BGN17ATW), 248-347-3050



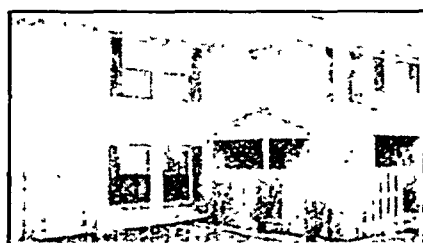
NORTHVILLE \$959,900
Best lot Pheasant Hills! 6 br, 4.5 bath w/exec. office. 22 ft ceilings in LR. Beautiful LL w/oak bar & indoor pool. Backs to preserve. Gourmet kit w/nice views. New gazebo & deck. Custom touches galore! (BGN49MCD), 248-347-3050



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BETTER THAN NEW! This almost new home is better than new with over 3000 sq ft., a large private yard & an additional 1,200 sq ft. in the finished walk-out bsmt. (BGN01WIN), 248-347-3050



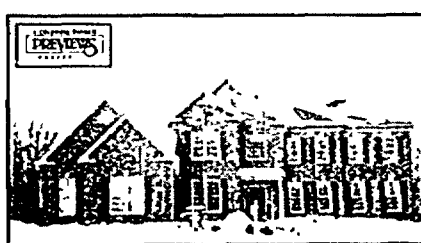
NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP \$1,604,000
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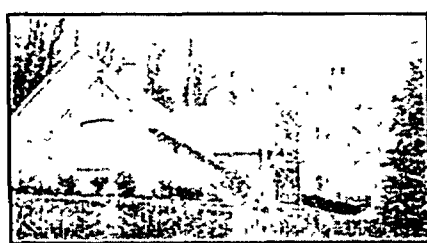
NORTHVILLE \$125,900
PRIVATE LOCATION! Ground floor home. Newer foyer floor-newer carpet, new light fixtures, laundry tub & cabinets, new patio & deep walk-in closet in master br. (BGN25NOR), 248-347-3050



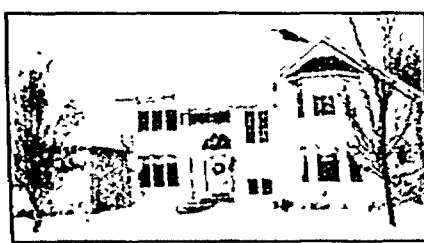
SOUTH LYON \$164,000
Great Location Ranch-style home. This home offers 3 BR, 1 bath, large living room w/fireplace & many updates. Oversized garage and nice lot w/lots of trees (BG-SLY-82FAJ), 248-437-4500



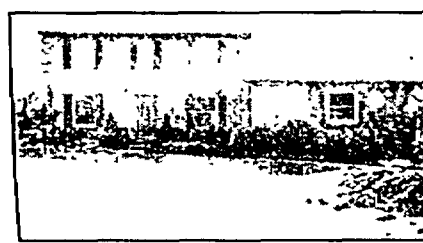
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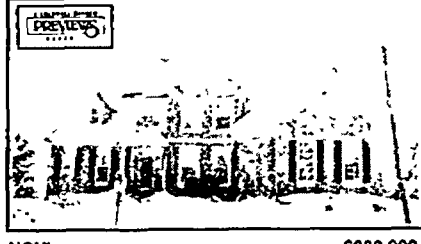
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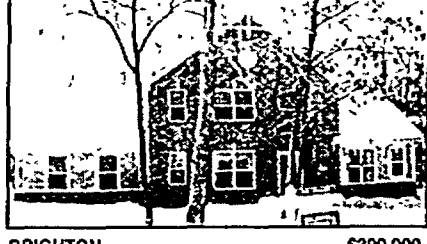
NOVI \$375,000
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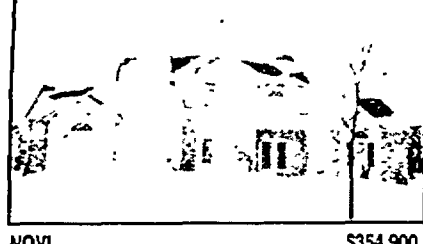
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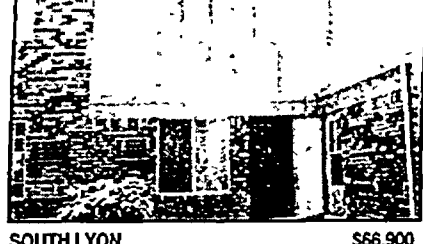
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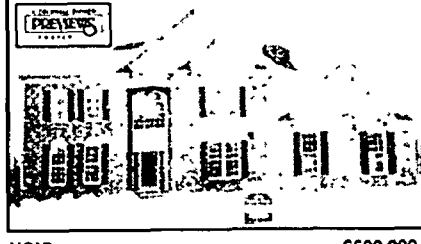
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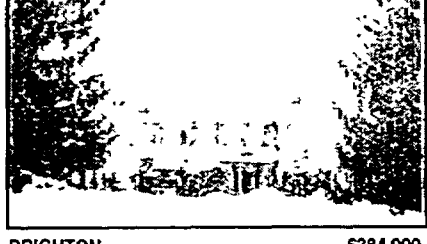
NOVI \$354,900
Stunning home! Unmatchable style & quality. 1996 built, 2-story w/3 br, 2.5 baths, great room w/fireplace, dining room, library w/French doors, deck, sidewalks! Hurry! (BGN08WOO), 248-347-3050



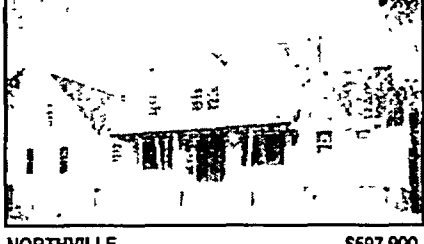
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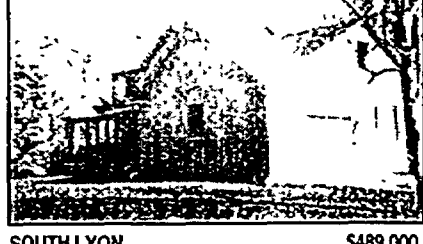
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CUSTOM ELEGANCE! Prestigious sub location. 3600 sq. ft., 4br, 3.5 baths, 9 ft ceilings, full Oak staircase, gourmet kitchen, eat-in nook, 2-story family room, 3 car garage. (BGN10ABE), 248-347-3050



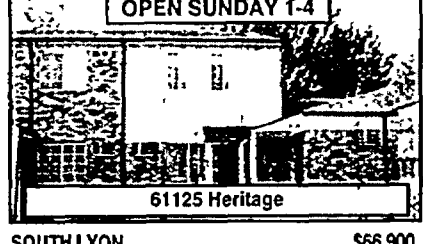
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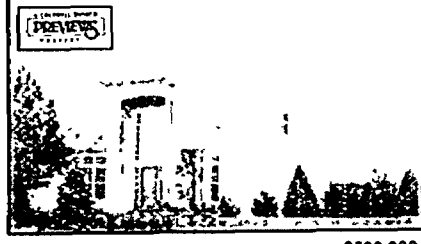
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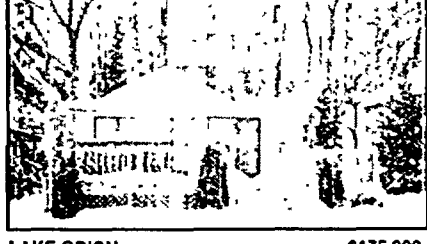
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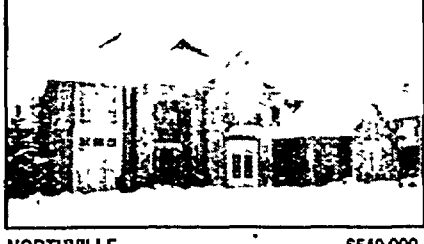
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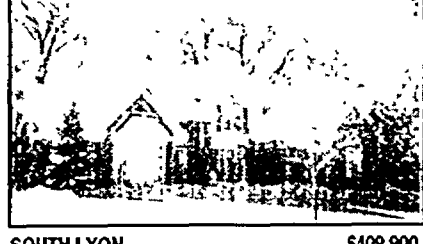
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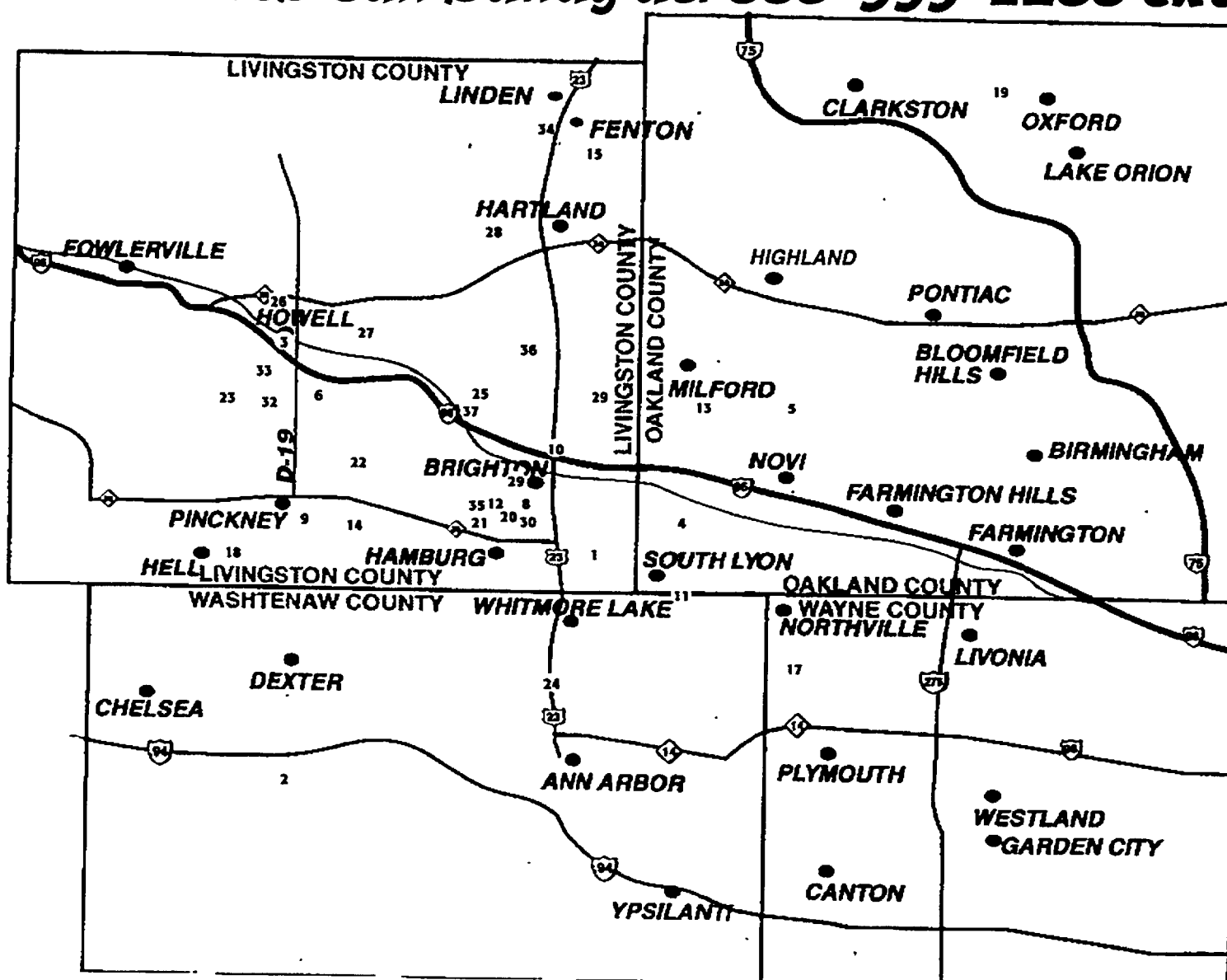
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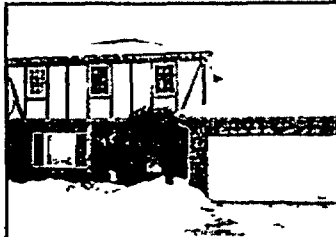
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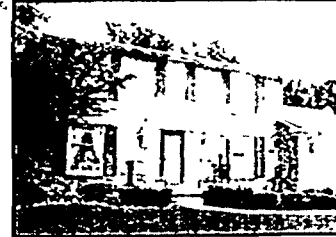
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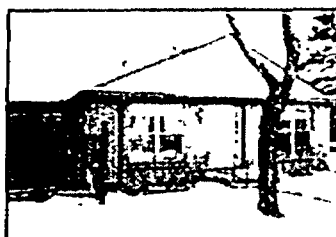
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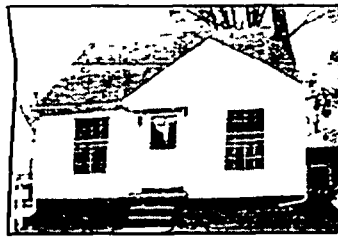
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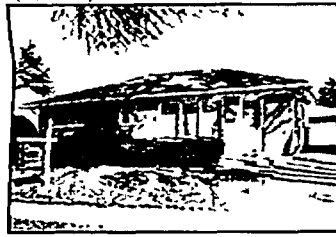
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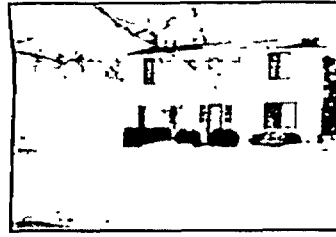
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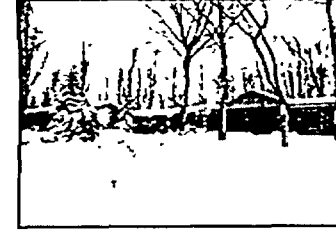
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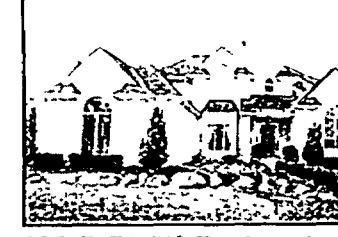
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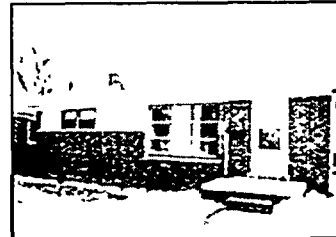
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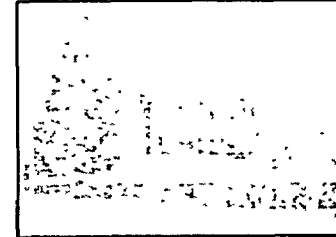
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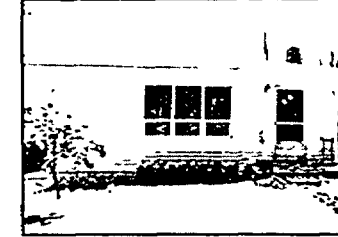
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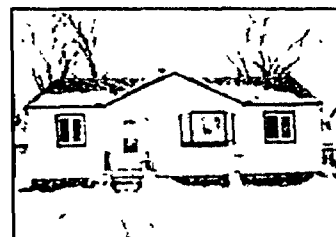
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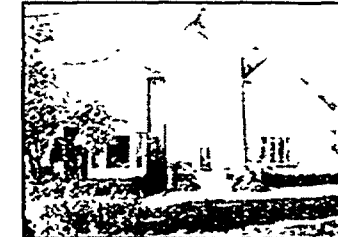
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Furnishing your home at a great value

Novi's Value City can save you money while you decorate your home

By Annette Jaworski
Contributing Writer

A new Novi business wants to put more value into your home furnishings. Value City Furniture's 40,000 square foot facility is a new addition to the West Oaks shopping center that's packed with a variety of furniture and accessories. General Manager Jim Draper, says the move is part of the plan to market more aggressively in Michigan, with their fourth store soon to open in the metro Detroit area in Ann Arbor.

"What we see is an opportunity to give customers around here a better value for the money on furniture and accessories," said Draper.

He believes that in addition to great prices they offer consumers a wide variety of merchandise to suit any taste, from traditional, contemporary, Country French to Early American. Many of the items are found only at their stores.

"A majority of products in here are exclusive to Value City as far as merchandise," Draper said.

This includes one of their more popular lines, The American Signature Series, merchandise usually associated with the high-end places, he notes. Primarily geared to a casual lifestyle, they're dressy enough to lend a formal look, but durable enough to stand up to everyday use.

One bedroom set in the series offers a 22 step veneering process in heirloom pine, with intricate details. Sales Associate, Bobby Lyles, notes there are smoothly finished drawers, to hold socks or fine garments, and a dresser with several interior drawers including a jewelry tray. As the Value City tag states, it's a reminder of how furniture used to be made.

Jim Draper points out that most of the merchandise offered by Value City can be mixed and matched, which is a big help to customers who are trying to pull together a look. He likes to say it's like the Garanimals of furniture, where coordinating pieces have the same style tags and are grouped together. These pieces can all be mixed in matched within the same or adjoining rooms. With today's open floor styles it's even more important to have a coordinating look or be conscious of the look that flows, he points out.

"That way you can rest assured that pieces will look good together. Not everyone can afford to have a decorator come to their home," Draper said.

When Value City approaches their manufacturers for items such as sofas, they may ask them to create extra furniture legs for matching dining room furniture or end tables. This is another way they help the customer coordinate their home décor. Any accent pillows on the sofa displays are also included with the purchase of that particular sofa.

By ordering from their manufacturers in volume, they're able to pass the savings along to their customers. For example, they carry the same bed by the same manufacturer that a competitor does at half the price, he notes.

Leather is an increasingly popular option for their customer. Here again,



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Caroline Wilson and Bobby Lyles, salespeople for Value City, stand amongst the "American Signature Collection" inside the store located in the Novi West Oaks shopping center complex.

Draper says that purchasing in volume allows them to pass along a great value on 100 per cent leather.

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ety of finishes. And, it's more durable than cloth.

Other ways they try to keep prices down is by keeping financing simple. Although they offer 90 days the same as cash, they don't offer two or three year financing

plans since that ends up costing consumers in the long run.

"We don't believe in charging prices to compensate for financing costs," he said.

He adds that their entire store inventory is value based, not just a few items placed

in an advertisement.

The new regional store aims to service the territory of Novi, Walled Lake, Wixom, Farmington Hills and the surrounding area. Find them in the West Oaks Shopping Center. Or call (248) 347-8100.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Gibson named as law partner

Lori L. Gibson was recently admitted to the partnership of the law firm Warner Norcross & Judd LLP, where she concentrates her practice on employment law and litigation of employment and commercial matters.



Gibson earned her J.D., magna cum laude, from the University of Minnesota where she graduated first in her class, was Order of the

Coff and a member of the Minnesota Law Review. She earned her masters degree, cum laude, from the University of Michigan and her undergraduate degree,

cum laude, from Wheaton College.

She is a member of the State Bar of Michigan (Labor and Employment Law and Litigation Sections) and the Grand Rapids Bar Association. Originally from Milford, Gibson, her husband, Joel, and their children, Joshua and James, currently live in Kentwood.

MRPS appoints Scodeller as VP

The Michigan Road Preservation Association (MRPA) is pleased to announce the appointment of South Lyon resident Pete Scodeller to the position of MRPA vice president. Scodeller began his term as vice president in December 2000. His



P. Scodeller

term expires in November 2002. He is the president of Scodeller Construction.

The MRPA represents companies that supply preventative treatments to Michigan's roadways.

Accountants promoted

Clayton and McKervy, P.C., the Southfield-based public accounting and business advisory firm, recently promoted Trudy Thornsberry to accounting services group manager from supervisor.

As manager she will coordinate the delivery of services designed to help clients enhance their

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Thornsberry is a South Lyon resident and a graduate of Cleary College.

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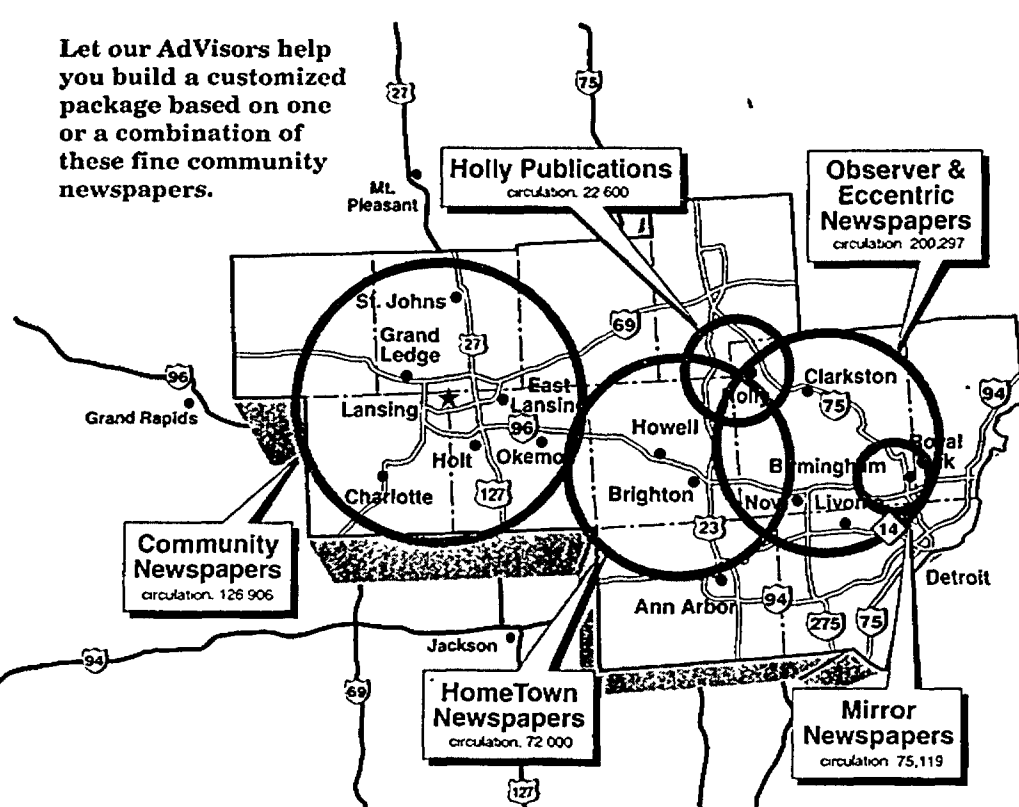
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JACK RUSSELL Terrier 1 yr old female, great w/kids. New baby in house (248) 887-0536

QUEEN WATERBED. (248) 437-2678

700 **Absolutely Free**
All items offered in this "Absolutely Free" column must be exactly that, free to those responding. This newspaper makes no charge for these listings, but restricts use to residential. HomeTown Newspapers accepts no responsibility for actions between individuals regarding "Absolutely Free" ads.
(Non-commercial Accounts only.)
Please cooperate by placing your "Absolutely Free" ad not later than 3:30pm Monday for this week's publication.

2 YR. old white female Persian cat, needs older person to take care of her. (248) 437-4061

ATTENTION PET LOVERS
HomeTown Newspapers discourages ads which offer pets for free. HomeTown Newspapers suggests you charge a nominal price for your pets. If offered for free the ads may draw responses from individuals who might use your animal for research, breeding or other purposes. Please be sure to screen respondents carefully.
Your pet will thank you!

BABY & adult rats, friendly or feeders. (248) 624-3717

BROWN NAUGHYDOE Kriehof couch. (810) 227-0487

CHICKENS - barred rocks & rhode island reds, roosters & hens, 12 Total. (248) 685-8081

DOG HOUSE, wood with shingles, & bed, for large dog. Milford area. (248) 685-0371

EXERCISE STATION. Everything works. (248) 437-9809

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SOFA FULL size, medium blue, no stains or tears good condition. Comfy. (248) 486-4464

706 **Auction Sales**
BLUE STAR AUCTION COMPANY
PRESENTS
ANTIQUE AUCTION
Friday, January 26, 2001
5:30pm Preview 7pm Auction
Northville Rec. Center
303 W. Main Street
Northville, Michigan
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1-248-347-6293
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LARGE ESTATE AUCTION
Sun, Jan. 28, 2001
12:00 Noon
Fowlerville, MI
512 S. Grand Ave. Take I-96 to exit 129. Proceed north 1/2 mile to the auction hall.
Features include: 1993 Ford Taurus LX Wagon, leather, all options, Vintage carved ivory, Chalcodony Agate; 35 lots of coins, 20+ pieces of furniture, 1920 and up sports cars, including Mickey Mantle 565 home run card, signed baseballs from Negro league, Lionel Trains, Traditional Caledon Pottery; 15 pieces of "Mid" precious stone rings and jewelry, GM Memorabilia; WWII Training rifle, Czech Art glass, candlewick, large Royal Doulton Toby Mugs; lots more glass, art, good household and outdoor items. 400+ items in all. Come and see the rare treasures Alan Stone, President of Alma College, gathered from around the world!
Auction Pros of MI (517) 223-4799
for photos/detailed list visit auctionpros4michigan.com

DO YOU HAVE LEFT OVER GARAGE SALE ITEMS AFTER YOUR SALE???
Let us place an ad for you under the Household goods section and we will charge you 1/2 off the ad cost.
What a Deal!!!
GIVE US A CALL

716 **Household Goods**
4 POSTER cherry queen size bedroom set, more, Dining table w/2 upholstered chairs, Walnut desk 3x5 1/2 ft., Queen wrought iron bed, Misc. tables, lamps, etc. (248) 349-0779

80 YDS. of beautiful brand new Berber carpet. Oriental w/iron flecks in color. Cost \$1700, will sell \$450 (517) 521-1814

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AMISH 6 piece log br set including 6 drawer dresser w/mirror, 5 drawer chest, 2 drawer night stand & queen size log bed brand new. Cost \$4200 Sacrifice for \$2000. Also Amish daybed with mattress, cost \$1100, will sell for \$500 (517) 521-1814 ask for Bill

BEDROOM SET - new 9 piece, Mason Philip cherry sleigh bed, dresser, mirror, 2 nightstands, armchair, still boxed. Cost \$8500, sacrifice \$2800 (248) 350-8538

BEDROOM SET: 9 pc. solid cherry, hand carved 4 poster bed, 2 nightstands, triple dresser w/in-fold mirror, chest. Unused in-box. Cost \$7000, sell \$1900 (248) 350-8864

BROYHILL RECLINING couch & matching recliner - country blue, excellent condition, \$700 for both. (248) 486-6594

DINING ROOM - 14 piece collector's cherry edison 94" double pedestal table, 2 leaves, lighted hutch & buffet, 8 Chippendale chairs, side server with dove tailed drawers, unused still in box cost \$12,000. Must sell \$2800 (248) 514-6122

GIRLS BR. set, white 3 yr old refrigerator, \$150. Iron rod bed cage, \$25. (248) 596-0644

LEXINGTON ANTIQUE oak dining room group, lighted hutch/ credenza, 72" table with 2 leaves, 6 chairs, finest quality, \$2500 (517) 540-1244

Gary T. Gray Auctioneer
517-546-2005

710 **Estate Sales**
CERTCO ESTATE SALE
1778 West View Tr. Howell San Marino Sub S off M-59, W of US-23 Fr. & Sat. 10am-4pm. Beautiful home filled with quality items including House of Denmark teak dining room & living size bedroom sets, sofa & coffee tables, stereo cabinet Sofas, Lazy-Boy chairs, kitchen set, twin & queen bedroom sets, Cuckoo clock, Toby mugs, fine glassware, sewing items, material, John Deere lawn tractor, snowblowers, drift press, radial arm saw, freezer, Household & garage items. #s at 9:00am. (810) 231-2716

SWE SWE SWE
A great selection of quality furniture & accent accessories in like-new condition
RESELL-IT ESTATE SALES
34769 Grand River Farmington
248-478-SELL
Daily 10-6pm • Sun 12-4pm
Now Accepting Consignments

713 **Garage Sales/ Moving Sales**
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PRECIOUS MOMENTS AUCTION
Sat. Jan. 27th - 1:00 pm
OLE GRAY NASH AUCTION
202 S. Michigan Ave. downtown Howell (corner of Michigan & Sibley)
About 180 Precious Moments figures - many older - Birthday Train - ornaments - 99¢ mint in box. Incl. 88 "The Good Lord Has Blessed Us Tenfold"; "Babys First Step"; and 84 "I Get A Kick Out Of You". Special Edition members only 86-91 such as "Grandma's Prayer", "Mow Power To Ya"

716 Household Goods

NATUZZI PELLE leather sofa, light beige, 4 pieces, exc. cond., \$500 firm. (248) 684-5700

PINE HUTCH 2 piece, country style, excellent condition, \$600. (248) 343-6112 after 5pm

QUEEN SIZE Englander pillow top mattress set - brand new in plastic with warranty. Cost \$1100, sell for \$350. (517) 732-1395 leave message.

QUEEN-SIZE CHERRY sleigh bed with brand new luxury firm mattress set. Cost \$900, sell \$350. (517) 521-1814.

SOFA, LOVESEAT, CHAIR 100% Italian leather, unused, still in plastic. Cost \$4500, sacrifice \$1850. (248) 514-6122

732 Computers

SKY-TECH COMPUTERS Save Big on SDRAM DIMMs! (416) 533-1288/5622. Howell, (517) 545-2923. 2321 Grand River & Chilton Ann Arbor (734) 975-6932 *www.sky-pro.net*

733 Farm Equipment

1994 JOHN Deere 955 Hydrostatic, 4WD, 33HP, always stored inside, includes front loader & fresh mower. \$15,995. Call Grand Blanc Tractor Sales at (810) 694-5314.

740 Farm Produce/Flowers/Plants

2ND CUT HAY \$3.50/bale. South Lyon area (734) 449-8297

4X4 WRAPPED round bales inside & out. \$15/\$30 No rain. (517) 545-8139.

CLEAN, BRIGHT wheat straw, \$1.50 a bale. Delivery available. (517) 521-4801

FIRST CUT hay, round bales, \$15 & up each, (517) 223-9067 days. (517) 223-9639 after 7pm.

744 Firewood

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5 FACECORD, all hardwood, 4x8x16, \$275. Call Split & Delivered. (517) 223-0857.

DELIVERED & STACKED, \$65 a face cord, 4x8x16, & hardwood. Woodie, (248) 437-1854.

SEASONED FIREWOOD, \$60 per cord, split & delivered, 4x8x16, electric start, 1 yr. old, \$750. (517) 468-2310

748 Lawn, Garden & Snow Equipment

CASE INGERSOLL 48 in. snow blower, for model 3016 tractor, \$750 (248) 684-8462.

CRAFTSMAN 9 H.P. 28" snow blower, electric start, 1 yr. old, \$750. (517) 468-2310

748 Appliances

Reconditioned Washers, Dryers, Refrigerators, Ranges \$129 and up. Guaranteed Delivery Available A-Direct Maytag 10043 E. Grand River & Brighton (810) 220-3585

722 Building Materials

G.E. WASHER & Electric Dryer, almond, clean & work great! \$100 each (248) 437-8837

724 Business & Office Equipment

AFFORDABLE USED - Fie cabinets, fire files, desks, lateral files, chairs & more. Livonia (734) 525-8268

MAHOGANY DESK & bookcase, fireplace, showcases, bookcases, shelving, racks, banquet tables (248) 634-5500

750 Miscellaneous For Sale

GENERATOR CLOSOUT Kawasaki GE 2900, regular \$1430, now \$950. GE 4300, regular \$2060, now \$1250. While supplies last. Call Cougar Sales. Nov. at (248) 348-8864

751 Musical Instruments

PIANO LESSONS - ages 7 through adult. My Milford home (248) 685-7390.

PRIVATE MUSIC lessons, 2 teachers. Quick start program, violin, piano, cello, viola, bass. Now area 1-877-213-8442

752 Sporting Goods

MICHIGAN ANTIQUE ARMS COLLECTORS 400 tables of quality antique and modern firearms. At the Novi Expo Center, 1-96/Novi Road on Saturday 27th Jan. (9am-5pm) and Sunday 28th Jan. (9am-3pm). For information call John Patterson at (248) 576-2750.

754 Wanted To Buy

\$ TOP Dollar Paid \$ For gold, diamonds, jewelry, tools, town Exchange (810) 227-8190

BABY CRIB and Travel Yard playpen wanted. (248) 486-5889

780-798 Animals Pets Livestock

2 BABY Lovebirds w/cage & accessories. (248) 624-3717

BEAUTIFUL CANARIES, all colors, breeders & singers. Call today. (517) 546-1593.

782 Birds/Fish

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783 Cats

CAT SHOW Jan. 27 & 28 10am-4pm Southgate Civic Center 14000 Dix Rd., Southgate Adults \$5/Seniors \$4/Child \$3. Benefits Michigan Humane Society. More info, Judy (248) 681-4863

784 Dogs

NEWFOUNDLAND PUPS - Cardiologist cleared. Written contract. Ann (810) 629-3181

PUGS PUPPIES - Beautiful quality! To proven homes. (313) 937-3716

785 Farm Animals/Livestock

2 MINI Alpine bucks \$70/best. Nigerian dwarf buck \$200. Mature stallion, not broken \$500. Ask for Tina (517) 548-5567

786 Horses & Equipment

3 YEAR old Morgan gelding, great blood line, excellent hunter prospect, good disposition. \$2500 (248) 684-0254

9 YEAR old Pinto saddlebred, wonderful personality, may be ridden in several seats, has been shown, excellent 4H prospect, wonderful family horse, must be an experienced rider. \$5500. (248) 684-0254

786 Construction/Heavy Equipment

1985 FORD 1 ton welding truck, 6900 cc, 1000 miles, 441 Miller Trailblazer 400 amp welder, MIG, TIG, stick, \$6,300. (517) 546-8660.

1987 GMC 5 yard dump truck, exc. cond., never painted, diesel, runs great +/- 1000 miles in past 3 yrs., this truck has been pampered and ready to work. \$11,000 or best. (517) 552-3018

786 Musical Instruments

QTR. HORSE gliding. Flashy Bay, 8 yrs., 15 hand, impressive, HYPP-, English or Western \$4000. (734) 699-7388

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

for horses Haven - a non-profit humane care & adoption agency for horses. Must be 18 or older - seniors welcome & love animals. No experience necessary, we will train. Only a couple hours per week - weekdays or weekends, am or pm - bring great rewards. Make new friends & have fun! Call Spring at (734) 662-2011 e-mail: auth-spring@ic.net. Patil at (248) 437-8642.

788 Household Pets-Other

RABBIT FOR Sale, Floppy eared dwarf. Food, litter and bedding \$20 (248) 685-8077.

790 Pet Services

BYWANA BRIG'S Pet Sitting at your home. Farm & Domestic animals 4 yrs exp (810) 229-0822.

PET GUARDIANS Farm & Pet sitting Bonded & insured Years of experience. Dependable. (248) 889-2924

793 Lost and Found

FOUND FEMALE young pit bull Brown w/black streaks. South Lyon (248) 437-8858.

FOUND LHASA-APSO male, tan w/black ears, collar, 10 Mds/ Rushion. (248) 486-4711

807 Motorcycles/Minibikes/Go-Karts

1996 HARLEY Davidson Electric Glide, Classic Blue, 1500 miles. Exc. cond., \$16,000/firm. Original owner. (517) 546-2324

811 Snowmobiles

SNOWMOBILE REPAIR - engine & shock service, performance work. (248) 563-8661

EXCITERS (2) 88 Yamaha, 570 w/trailer. Like new. \$3,999 or best offer. (248) 449-4706

814 Construction/Heavy Equipment

AC 700 ZR, 1994, studded, 3300 mi. exc. cond. Stored inside \$2300 (517) 546-1877

1996 SKI-DOO MXZ 583, exc. cond., 2100 miles \$2700 or best offer. (248) 437-4321

822 Trucks For Sale

1982 DODGE 3/4 ton V-8, 4x4, asking \$1,500/best. (734) 657-3675

1990 CHEVY Silverado w/cap, runs good. \$3000/best. (248) 437-0521 after 6pm.

1994 GMC FLE 1/2 ton, standard cab, 8 ft. bed, 2 wheel drive, 111K, \$6,200. (810) 229-8661

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1990-1996 VANS WANTED. Come to you. Call Dale, in Lansing anyday. (517) 882-7299

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1994 4 Runner, immaculate cond., 44,000 miles, non-smoker, power sunroof, stereo, power windows, rear heater and rear ac, power locks, tilt, dual air bags, power antenna, Gold pkg., running boards, fender flairs, aluminum spoke wheels, tow pkg., roof rack, \$21,000 (517) 623-6744

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2001 TOYOTA Rav4 L 4wd, 5 speed, silver, 2700 miles, \$21,950 (734) 455-3298

880 Sports & Imported

1989 MERCEDES 300SE (Big body) Fla. car, like new, 146K \$10,600/best. (248) 437-4630

2000 FORD Mustang, V-6 5 speed, loaded, 33K hwy miles \$13,500 or best (517) 546-1268

2000 VW Beetle, bright yellow, 5 speed, loaded, diesel, 45mpg \$18,000 (517) 546-6089

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Now \$13,597⁵⁰* Lease \$99⁹⁹**

NEW 2001 BLAZER LS



Vortec engine, air conditioning, AM/FM stereo, cassette, center console, tinted glass, luggage carrier, aluminum wheels, pass lock theft deterrent system, anti-lock brakes, much more. Stk. #196922 was \$20,040

Now \$13,747⁸⁵* Lease \$99⁹⁹**

NEW 2001 SILVERADO



Vortec engine, AM/FM stereo, cassette, anti-lock brakes, pass. lock II theft deterrent system, tilt steering, much more. Stk. #196910 Was \$15,750

Now \$12,189⁵⁰* Lease \$129⁹⁹**

NEW 2001 VENTURE



4 speed automatic, air conditioning, 4dr., 7 passenger seating, AM/FM stereo, ABS, tinted glass, rear defogger, visor vanity mirror, variable speed wipers & much more. Stk. #197013 Was \$21,920

Now \$17,525⁷⁸* Lease \$179⁹⁹**

NEW 2001 IMPALA



4-speed automatic transmission, dual air conditioning, AM/FM stereo, cassette, tinted glass, power windows/locks/mirrors, cruise, tilt steering, pass. lock theft deterrent system, rear defogger, intermittent wipers, much more. Stk. #96958 Was \$20,831

Now \$16,446⁷⁹* Lease \$129⁹⁹**

NEW 2001 S-10 EXT CAB LS



Vortec engine, air conditioning, AM/FM stereo w/CD, alum. wheels, 3rd door, deep tinted glass, ABS & much more. Stk. #196863 Was \$17,606

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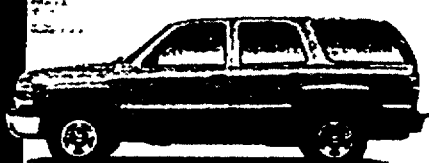
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3.4L V6, automatic, air conditioning, power windows/locks, AM/FM stereo, cassette, anti-lock brakes, much more. Stk. #MX97300X was \$20,180

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NEW 2001 TAHOE



Vortec 5300 V-8 4 speed auto w/tow haul mode, front and rear air conditioning, AM/FM stereo CD, locking differential, power seats/windows/locks/heated mirrors, cruise, tilt, trailer pkg., keyless entry, aluminum wheels, much more. Stk. #197084 was \$33,805

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THE REMAINING 2000'S



2000 MALIBU

Auto, air, 6 cyl., pwr. windows/locks, 32K miles.

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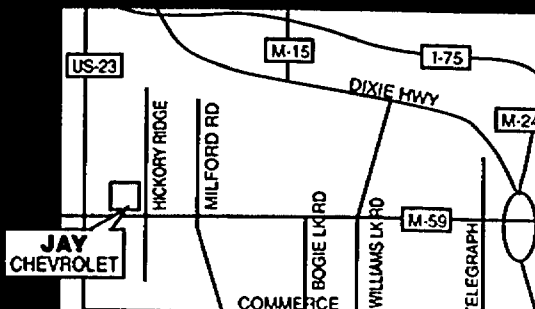
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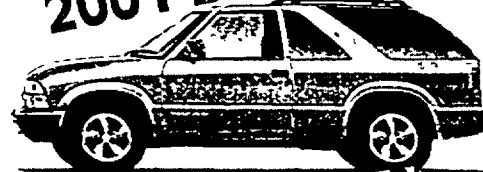
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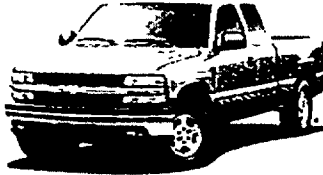
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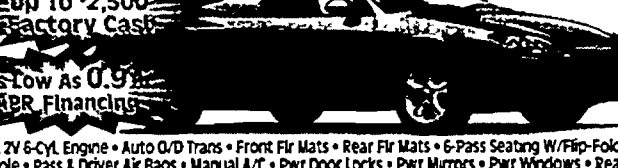
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		PURCHASE \$14,572			\$1,588
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P L A N	24 Mo. Lease w/Renewal Bonus	A O R Z	P L A N	24 Mo. Lease
	\$164*			\$186*
P L A N	M.S.R.P. \$19,690	A O R Z	P L A N	SAVE
	PURCHASE \$15,946			\$3,744
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A P L A N O R Z	24 Mo. Lease w/Renewal Bonus \$228*	A P L A N O R Z	24 Mo. Lease \$249*
A P L A N O R Z	M.S.R.P. \$27,045	A P L A N O R Z	SAVE
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A P L A N O R Z	24 Mo. Lease w/Renewal Bonus	A P L A N O R Z	24 Mo. Lease
	\$146*		\$167*
A P L A N O R Z	M.S.R.P. \$24,885	A P L A N O R Z	SAVE
	PURCHASE \$19,969		\$4,916
NO ADDITIONAL DESTINATION CHARGE = \$560 VALUE			

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Stk. #1771R



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Financing

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A P L A N O R Z	24 Mo. Lease w/Renewal Bonus	A P L A N O R Z	24 Mo. Lease
	\$118*		\$139*
A P L A N O R Z	M.S.R.P. \$25,070	A P L A N O R Z	SAVE
	PURCHASE \$18,483		\$6,587
NO ADDITIONAL DESTINATION CHARGE = \$690 VALUE			

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A OR Z	PLAN	M.S.R.P. \$38,135	A OR Z	PLAN	SAVE
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A P L A N	O R Z	M.S.R.P. \$42,345	A P L A N	O R Z	SAVE
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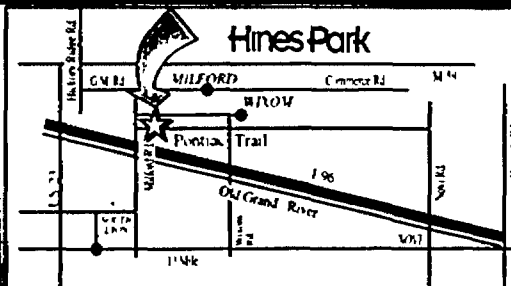
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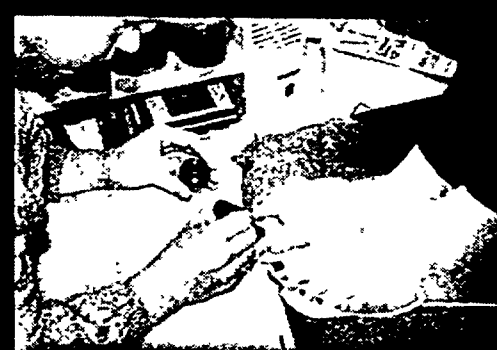
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Friday-January-19
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Friday-January-26
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February

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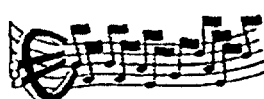
Friday-February-2
Putter's House Band
Featuring Moon and James!

The Amanda Waggener Band



Friday-February-9
Traverse City
Sensation

The NoteBenders



Friday-February-16
Local Rock,
Rhythm and Blues

Steve Somers Band



Friday-February-23
Seven Piece R&B Band
Featuring vocalist
Valerie Barrymore

March

The Blue Cats



Friday-March-2
Five Piece Blues
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Mystery Train



Friday-March-9
Jim McCarty
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St. Patrick's Day Weekend Bash
Fri-March-16 Sat-March-17
Irish Band to Assist
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LADY SUNSHINE



Friday-March-30
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April

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Friday-April-6
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Detroit Music Awards (1999/2000)

BlueRays



Friday-April-13
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The Blues Review

Mass Transit



Friday-April-20
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soul & funk heavy dance band

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Friday-February-27
Putter's House Band
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May

SPITTIN' BOOGIE



Friday-May-4
Six piece R&B dance band

Jill Jack



Friday-May-11
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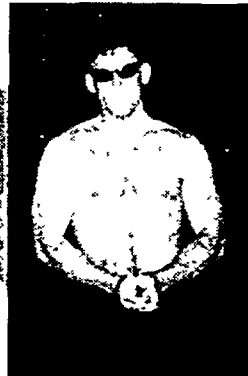
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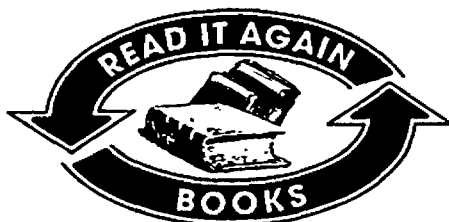


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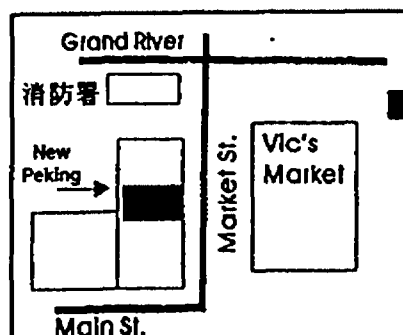


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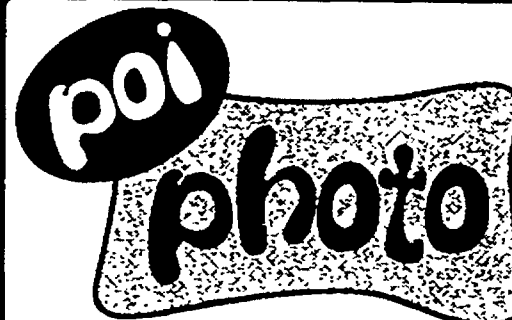
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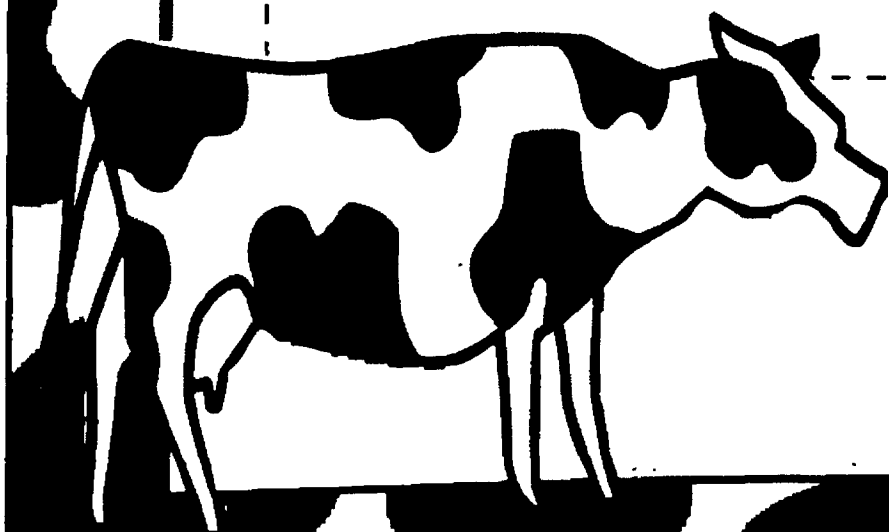
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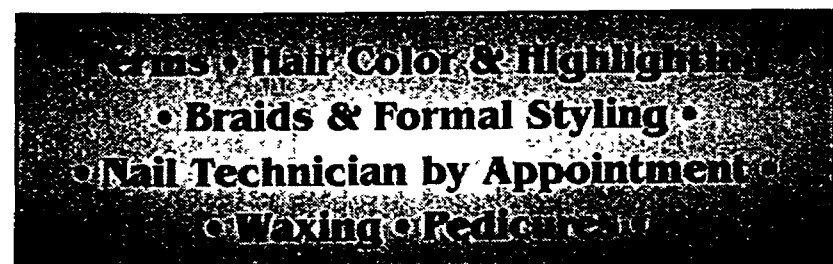
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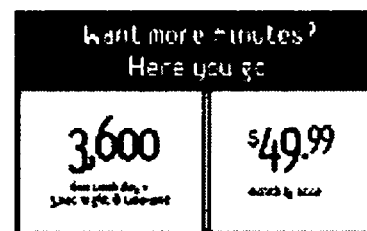
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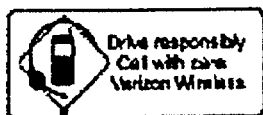
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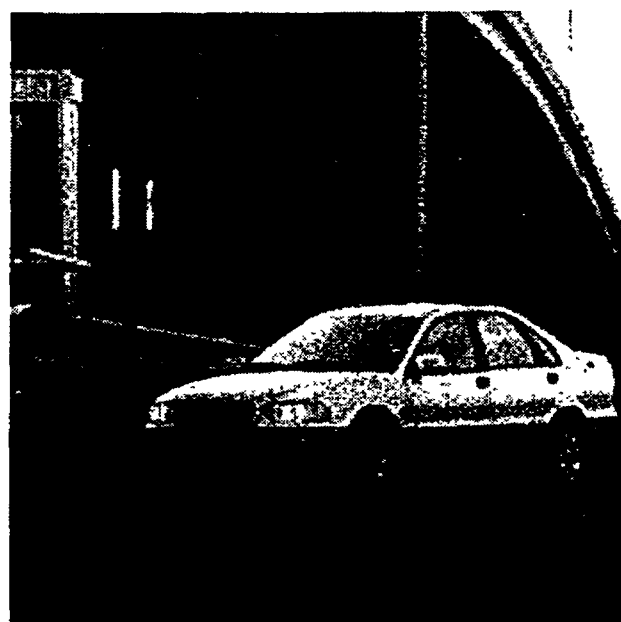
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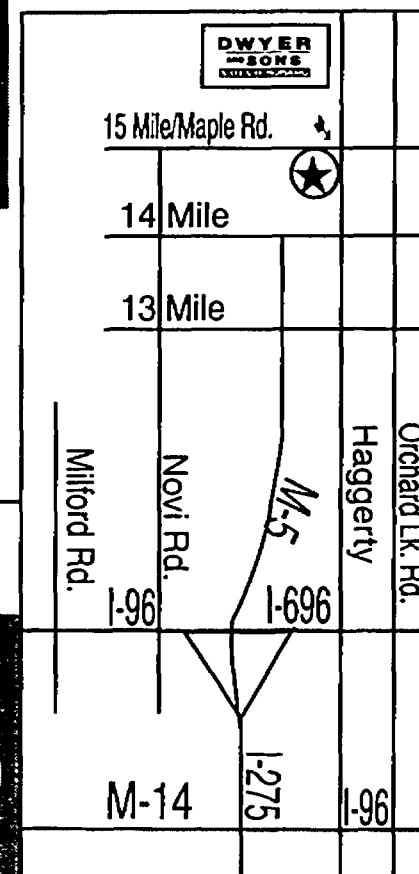
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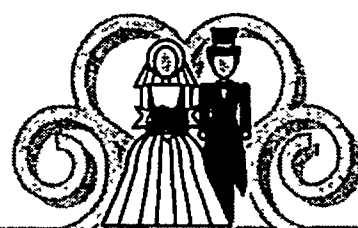
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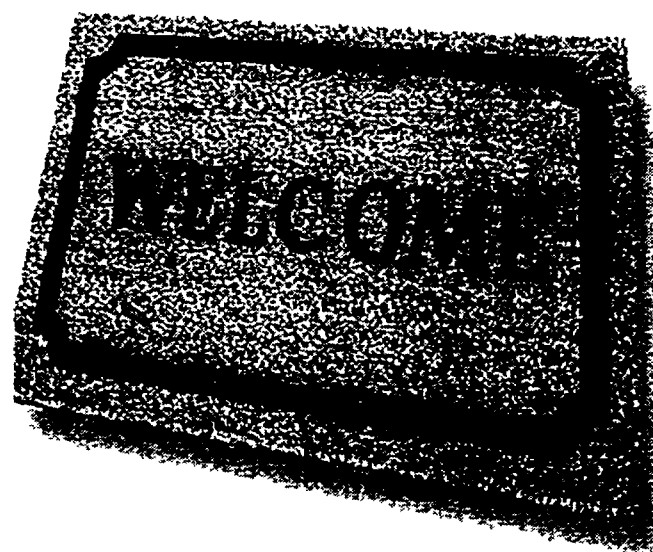
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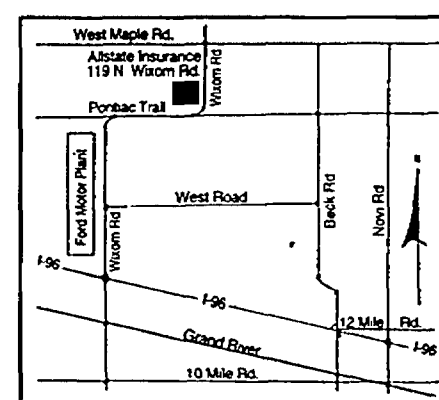
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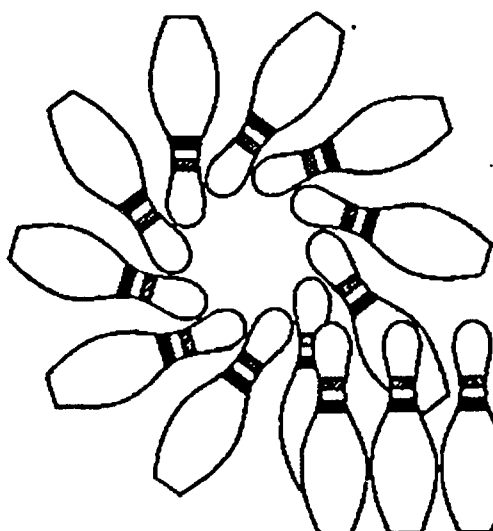


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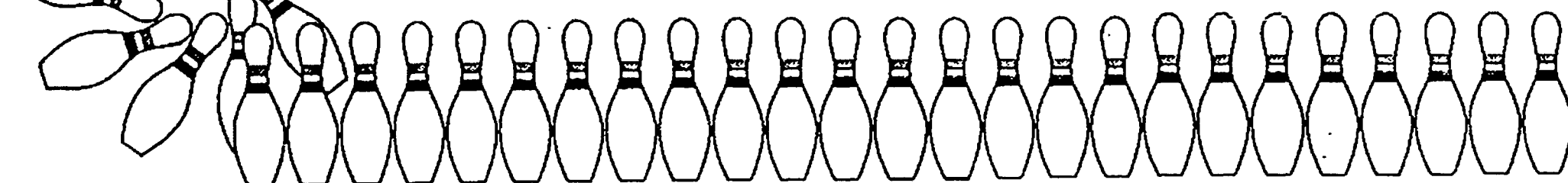
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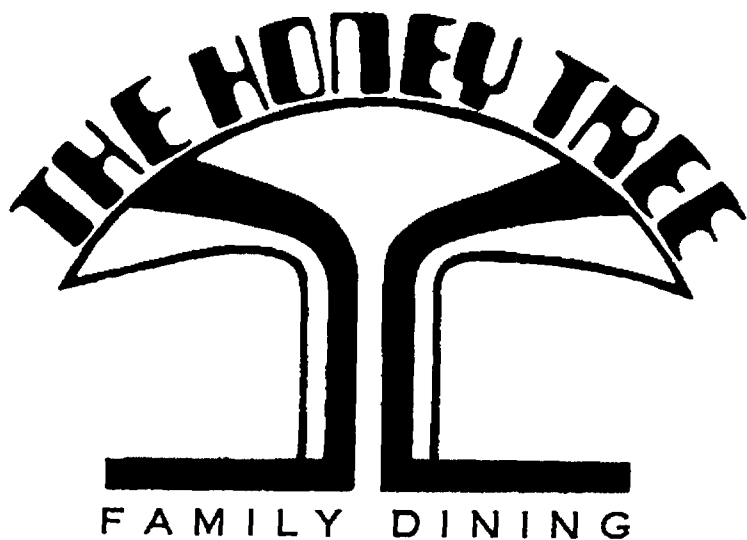
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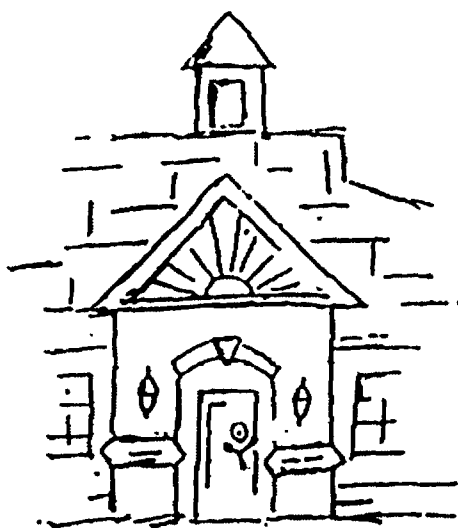
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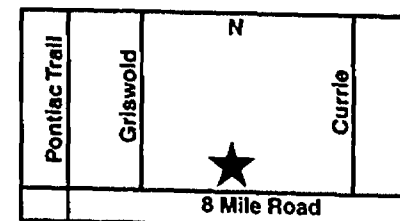
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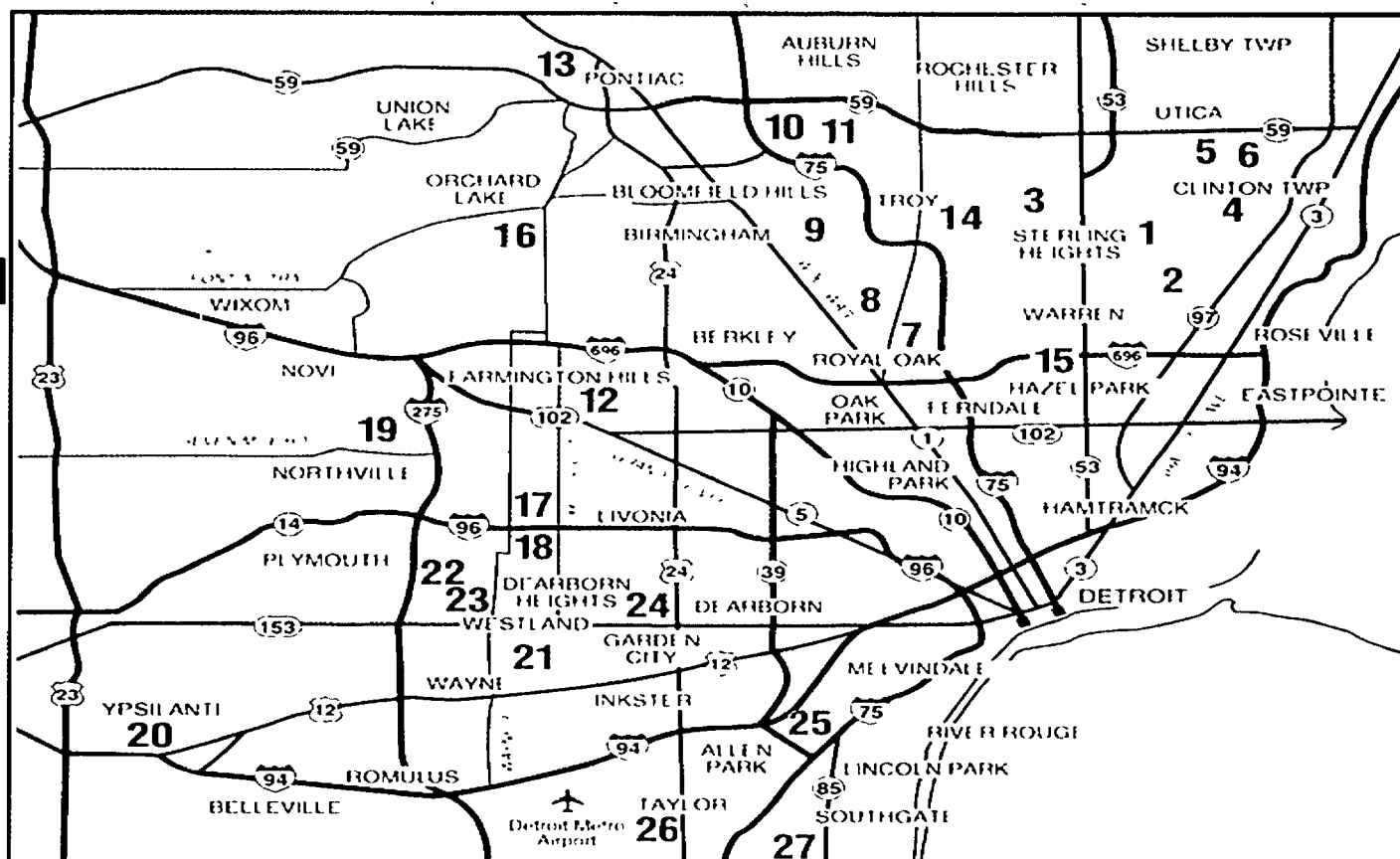
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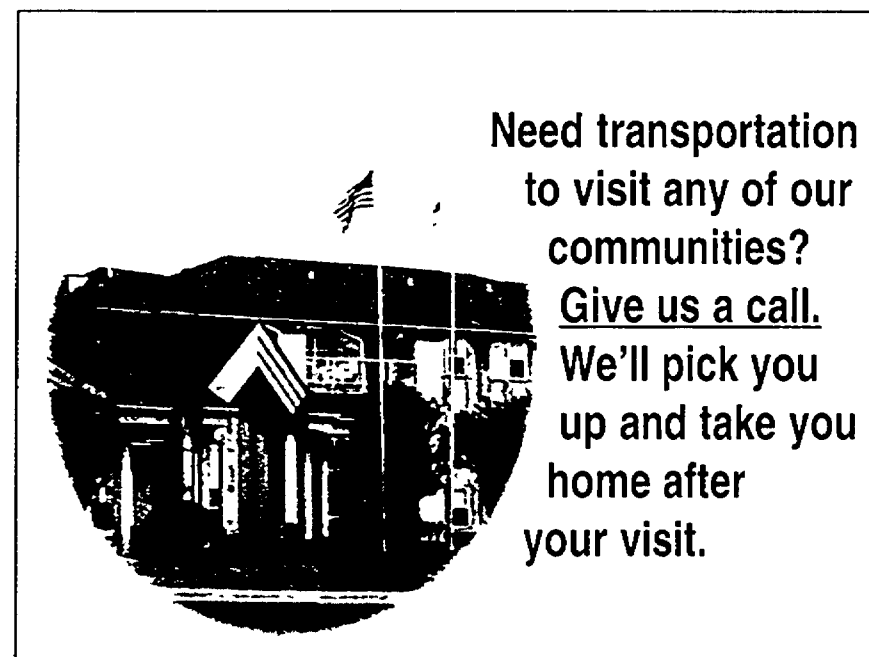
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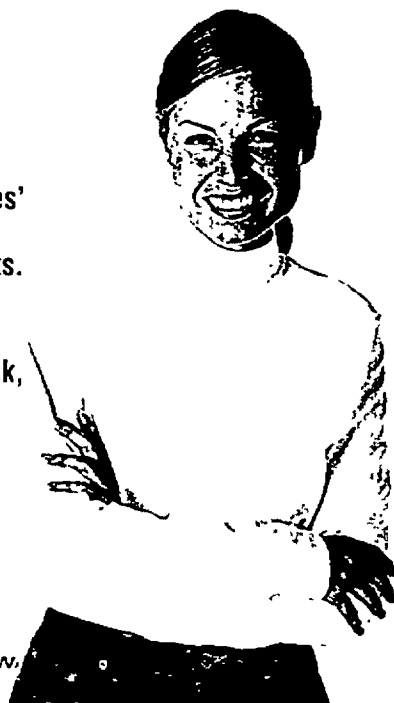
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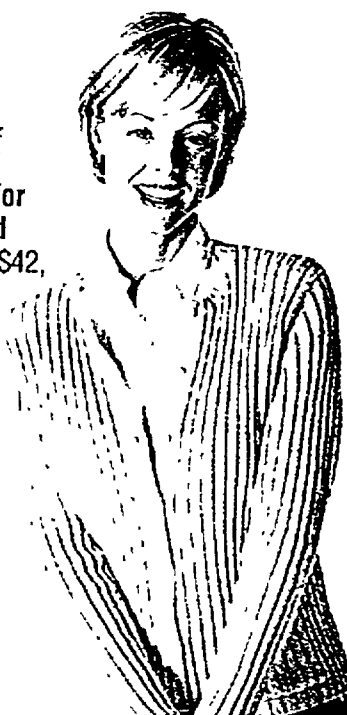
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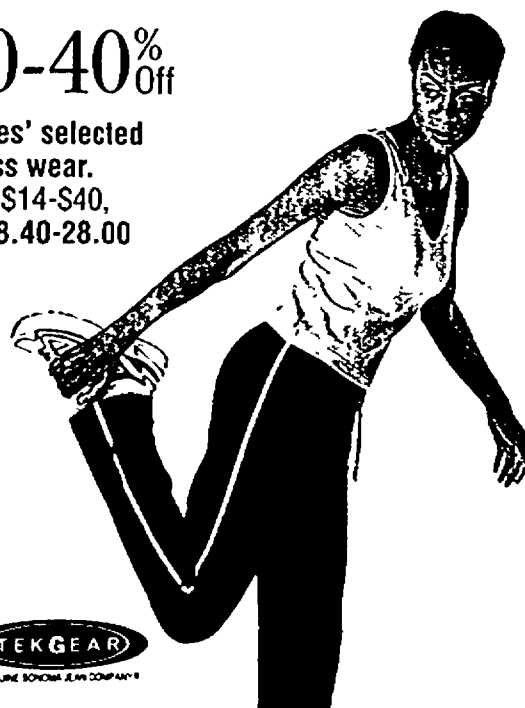
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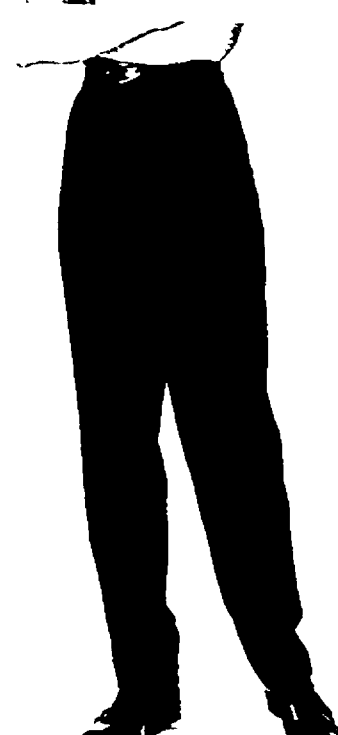
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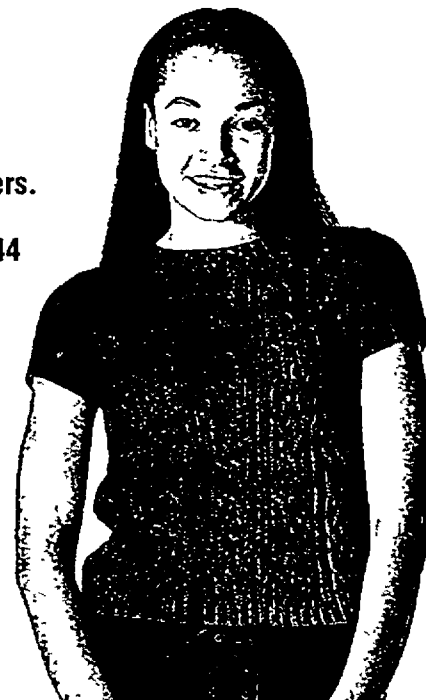


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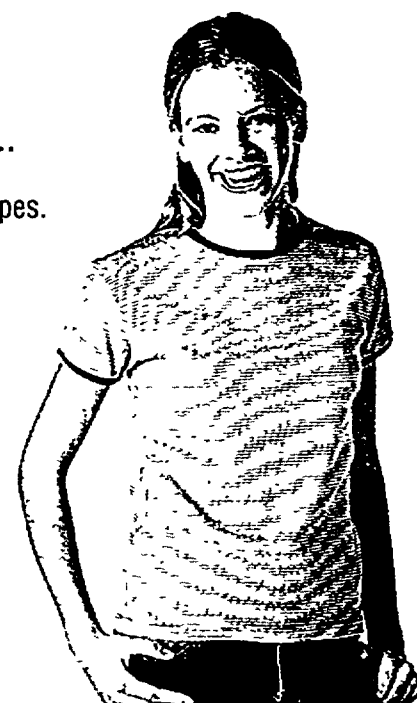
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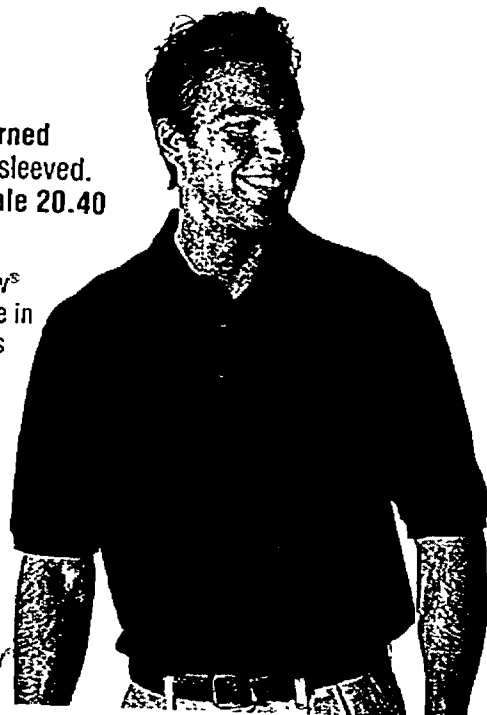


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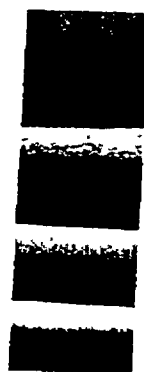


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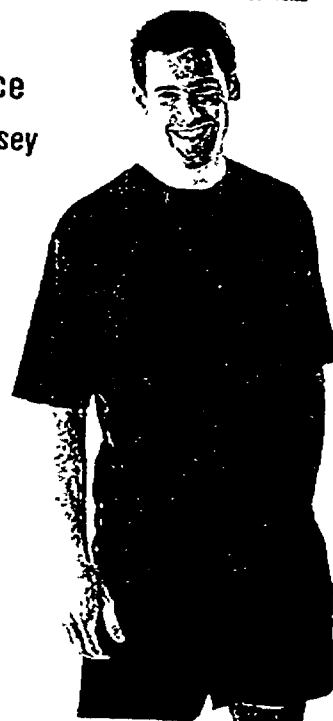


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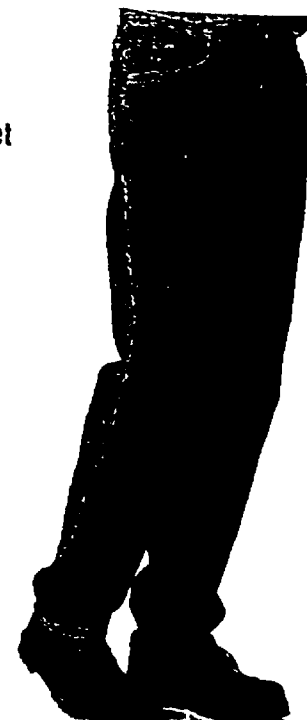
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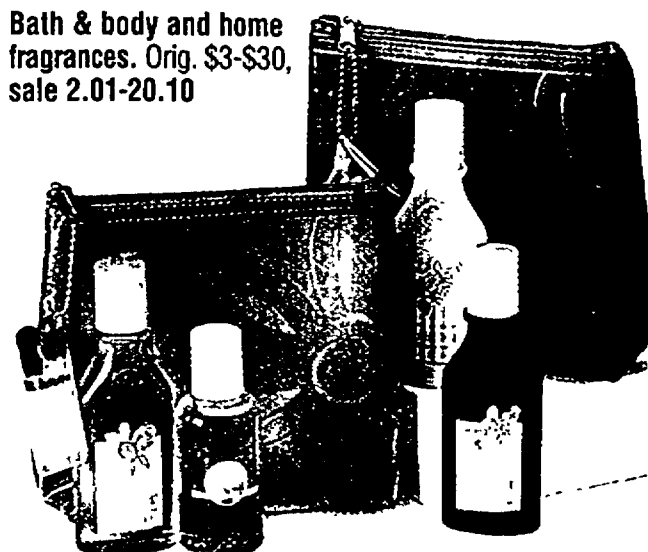
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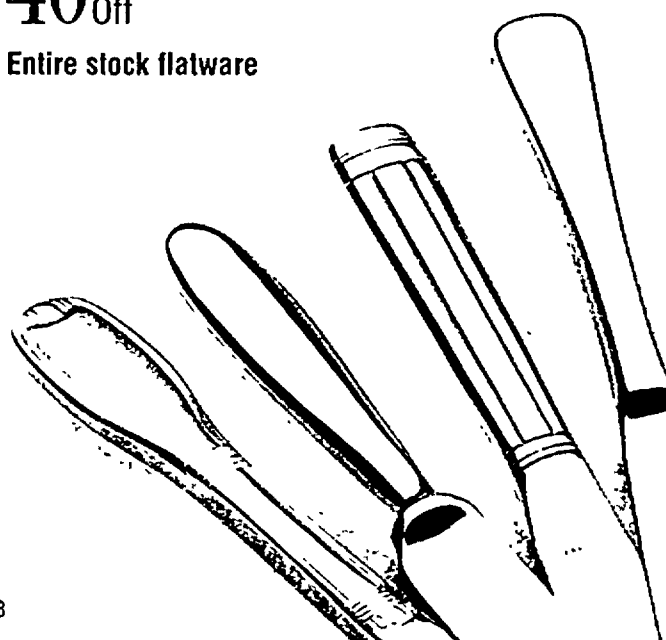
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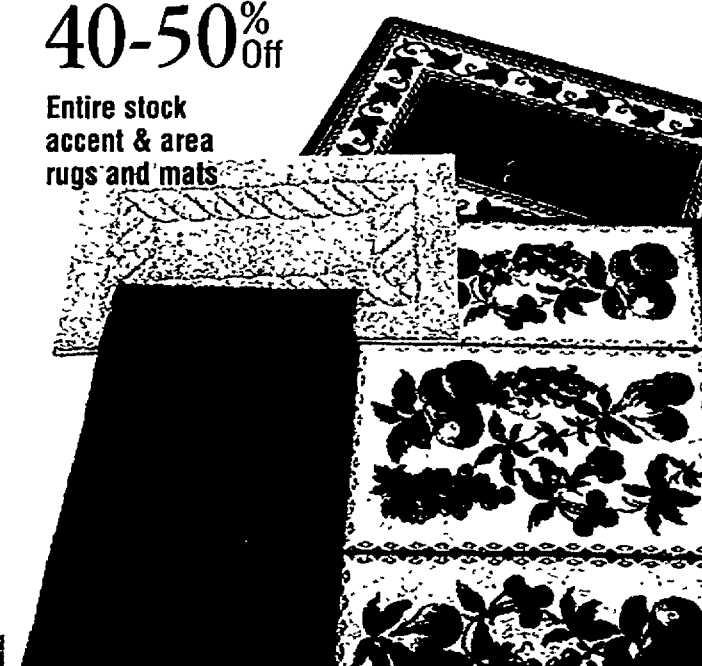
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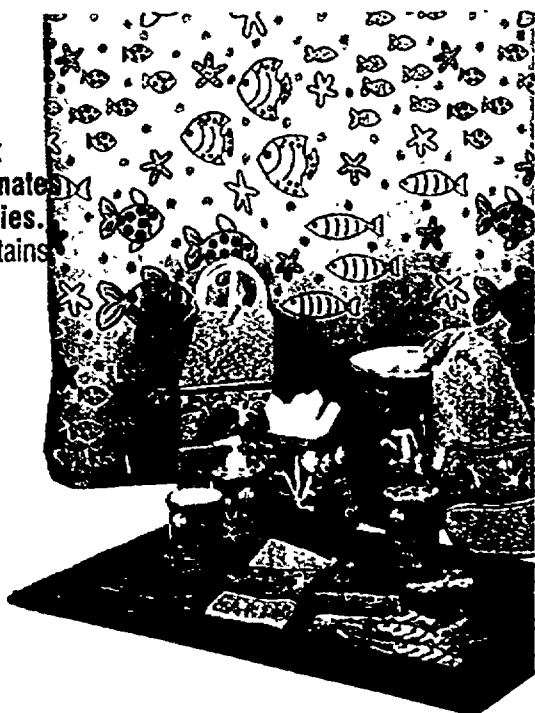
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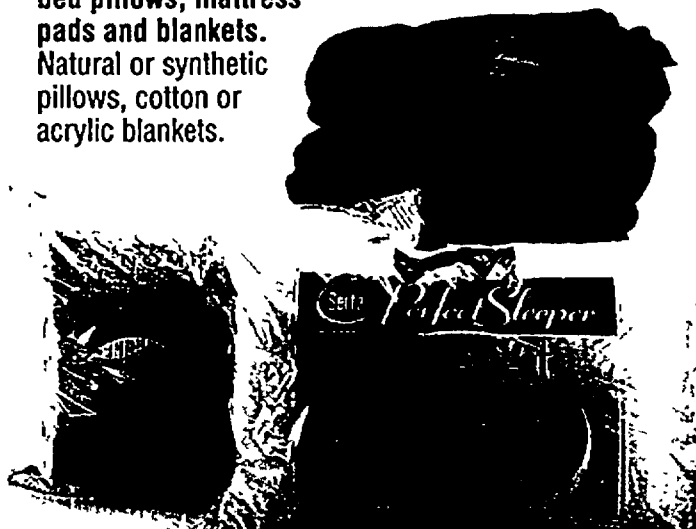
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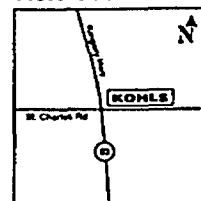
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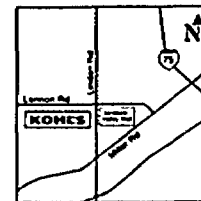
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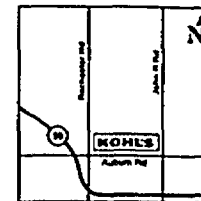
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By Jeremy Hull

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Lakeside prides itself in satisfying all its

customers' needs. "It's not uncommon for a builder to send in a homeowner to talk with us," Young says. "Builders enjoy the fact that we can steer the homeowner through the different options."

Their reputation is strengthened by the industry's surest test of a quality company — repeat business. Satisfied builders and architects come back year after year to enhance client's homes. The company remains busy even in the winter months, and its volume has increased 70-fold since its start in the early 80s. Says Lakeside Window Company salesman and minority owner Patrick Ceresa, "We've built our business on referral."



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Of course, a reputation for quality can't come without a quality team. Most staffers have worked with the company for more than ten years, a testament to their dedication. The 15-member staff works with the customer throughout the building process. In the showroom, staffers study blueprints and help clients choose from an array of products and options. In the warehouse, deliveries are efficient and accommodating. On the building site, staffers such as service manager Pete Schmidt coordinate the supplying of the windows, screens and grilles at each stage of the home's completion. Says Young: "We take care of builders and homeowners almost to a fault."

Low turnover provides the customer with the benefits of years of knowledge and experience. On a state level, Lakeside keeps current by active membership in several building associations: Flint Builders Association, Washtenaw Builders Association, the Livingston Builders Association, Oakland County, and the Building Industry Association of Michigan. In addition, Lakeside keeps up-to-date on national industry trends through trade shows and talking to manufacturing plants about their latest and greatest designs.

This knowledge and experience, coupled with attention to detail, saves the homeowners and builders time and money, according to Mike Tessman, a Lakeside Window minority owner and salesman. Before the worksite is even visited,



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company representatives review the builder's and architect's plans to perfect window choices and placement — lessening the chance of future window breakage, consumer maintenance and builder callbacks.

Lakeside Window's location is just as user-friendly as its services. The 1,600 square foot showroom and 18,000 square feet of warehouse is located conveniently on M-59 in White Lake, the "center of everything," as Young says — easy for customers to visit the showroom and easy for staffers to travel to building sites within a 60-mile radius, as far north as Grand Blanc and as far south as Saline.

Providing every option

Part of service means providing options and the possibilities can be endless. Lakeside Window Company offers a wide selection of quality lines for customers to choose from including: Marvin, Norco, Peachtree, Wenco, and the venerable line of Andersen windows.

Lakeside also provides Hy-Lite Block. These acrylic blocks give the illusion of glass block, but acts as a better insulator. According to Young, this type of block is 70 percent lighter than

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original glass block, comes pre-framed, and offers the privacy of an obscure glass while still providing a diffused, or natural light.

Each possibility leads to more possibilities. Besides window size and style, the various bars that enhance the windows can be standard or custom made – removable for easier cleaning, or come between the glass. Clients even have grille alternatives such as simulated divided light, where a muntin bar is permanently glued to the exterior and interior of a piece of insulated glass to give the illusion of authentic divided light.

By setting themselves up with product lines that offer so many options, Young says the company remains flexible for the consumer. "[Our] product lines give us the ability to make adjustments," says Young. More and more, "Homeowners are requesting certain designs, and we have had the luxury to accommodate them almost 100 percent."

Flexibility. Knowledge. Experience. Convenience. At Lakeside these aren't just business philosophies, they're the way business is done. It's a practice that can only help fuel success. As Ceresa adds, "We let our service speak for itself." 🏠



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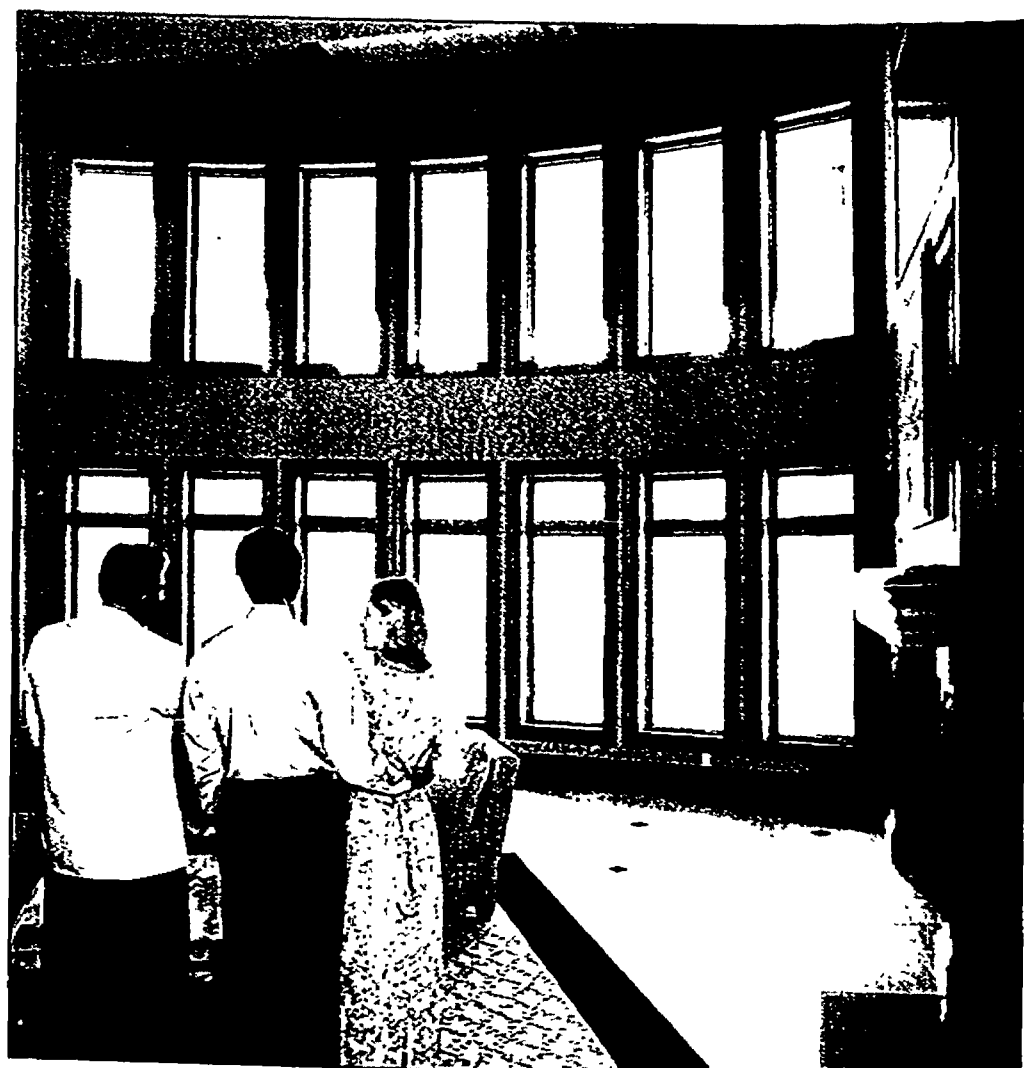
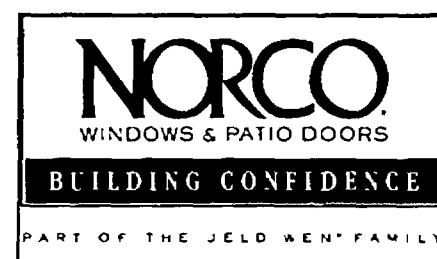


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Making the most of your bathroom space

By Sandra Tolbert



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Experimenting with light, space and illusion can add, in an oblique sort of way, that extra needed bathroom space you've been talking about for years. Try a multitude of strategies -- effuse the natural sunlight, create depth, minimize bulk or bend back reflections that engulf your back yard or the colors in a favorite classic wall hanging.

Installing clear glass shower doors is the first change to make, according to Mike Carlson, design sales professional and co-owner of Carlson Design Products in Brighton. "Clear or rice paper glass opens and enlarges especially in the shower, while obscure glass stops the flow," he

said. Make it clear or more artsy with cast glass of etched patterns and styles to take full advantage of your bathroom's visual depth. Carlson especially likes the Euro shower doors.

Then add the warmth of the natural sun with strategic aligned mirrors. Effusive light will brighten those dark nooks, while the space and dimension of small will become illusively larger expanding on the depth already created by the clear glass shower doors.

Carlson recommends a large mirror over the vanity from the countertop to the ceiling. And he is talking about mirroring the whole wall with lights mounted on the surface of the mirror.

Whatever is opposite the mirror will be reflected and expanded. It could be a beautiful window view of nature or your favorite Monet wall hanging or the depth created by the clear glass shower door.

Sometimes, a well-placed large framed mirror, either beveled or oval, can suffice with class and ambience. This is where the talents of the Carver's Guild are most appreciated. Carlson describes their work as awesome, when he elaborates on the unique designs such as birds or veins carved into the frame. Choices range from contemporary to traditional to rustic.

If you're lucky enough to have a bathroom window, then preserve the natural light by bring-



ing it into your world and not blocking it out. Instead of the those traditional curtains and shades, try art glass inserts that let the light in, yet you can't see in or out. They are richly textured and patterned inserts with a dual purpose. Privacy is kept intact, while the natural light remains unencumbered and completely accessible. Carlson carries a full line of items including overseas designs, primarily from Germany.

The smaller powder room, the one on the first floor used by guests, is the place you can most impressively change. Try a beveled oval mirror, pedestal sink and mirrored reflections to increase the space and charm its visitors. ■

Q & A with Bob Martens of Artistic Kitchens

What mistakes do homeowners make in planning bathroom space?

Homeowners tend to spend too little thought on how the bathroom will be used. Example: there are tens of thousands of people taking showers standing in bathtubs designed to sit in when most people would be better served by a stall shower. A bathtub uses 12 1/2 sq. ft. of floor space while a shower uses 9 sq. ft.

Do most homeowners plan their bathroom cabinetry well?

Rarely. Inadequate drawer space is common. Also two lavatory basins are a waste of cabinet space and money for two people who rarely wash up and brush their teeth at the same time.

What recent trends are helping homeowners take advantage of their bathroom space?

Installing tall linen cabinets and shallow wall cabinets that fit over toilet tanks are a good space-saving solution. Also, taller vanity cabinets are more convenient and store more.

How can a homeowner tell if they are using their bathroom space effectively and efficiently?

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Choosing energy efficient windows



B. Gretchen Morena

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Oh, the weather outside is frightful, but inside we're all delightful, thanks to the newest in energy efficient windows. It has only been in recent history that technology has allowed windows to go from a single pane glass with the added protection of storm windows to the current standard of sealed double pane. Many newly constructed houses are putting in windows with low emissivity ("low-e") glass that has an invisible microscopically thin metal coating, applied by the manufacturer that adds insulation and filters out harmful sun-rays that can destroy fabrics and curtains, says Rob Mannooch, Your Window and Door Store, Livonia. The low-e does not diminish clarity of the window.

But what they can do, Mannooch says, is reduce the amount of money spent on heating and cooling. Windows can account for up to 30-40 percent of the annual energy budget consumed in a home.

In Michigan, he says, improved energy efficient windows can save a homeowner a minimum \$115 per year, but many homeowners find their energy savings closer to \$375.



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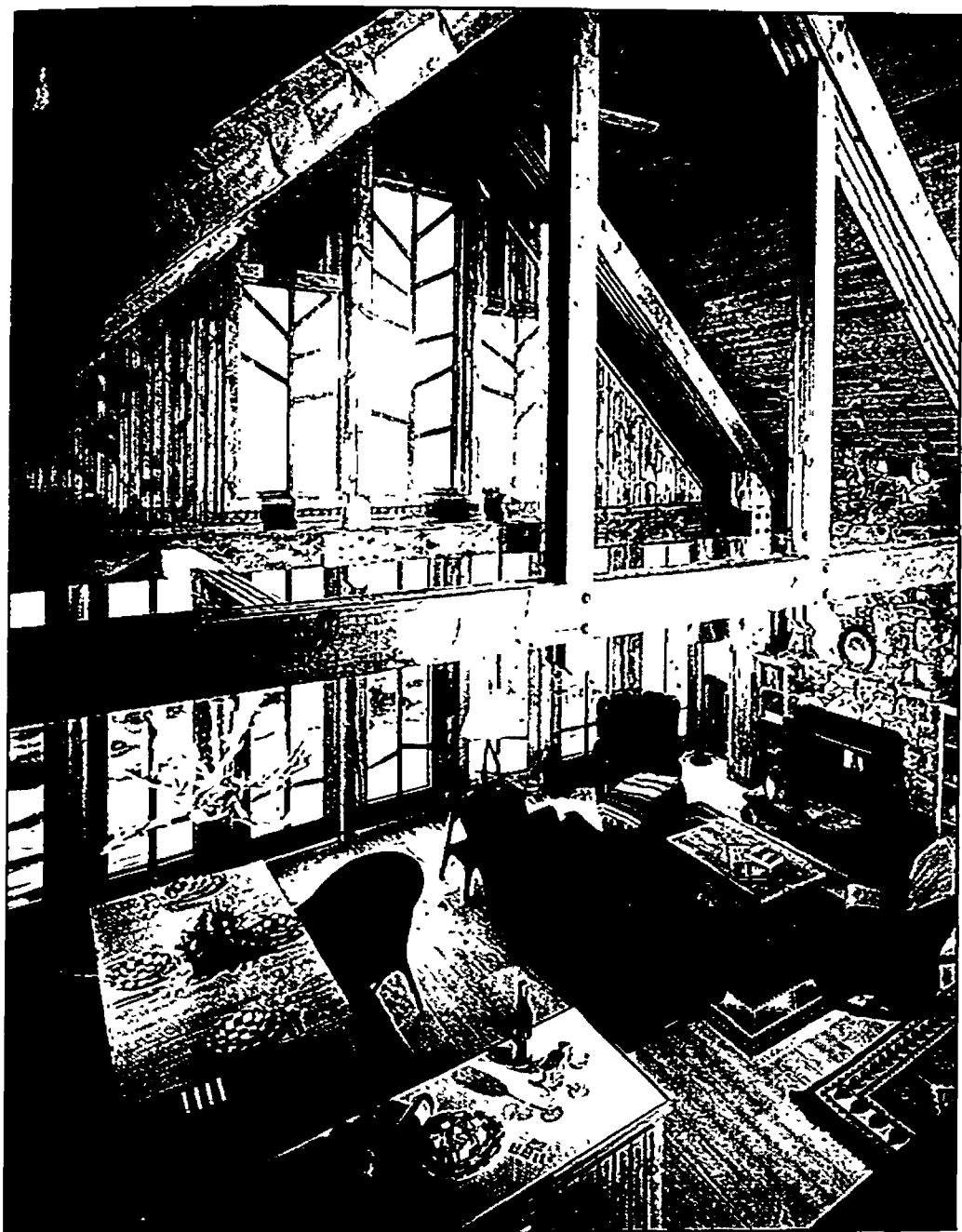


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But to the untrained eye, one window pretty much looks like any other window. Luckily, there is the National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC), which provides consistence ratings on many types of windows, doors and skylights. The NFRC rates the U-factor (how well a window keeps heat inside), the solar heat gain, (the window's ability to block warming caused by sunlight) and the visible light transmittance, (how much light gets through a product). Another rating to keep in mind is the R-value, which measures the resistance of heat transfer through a window. The higher an R-value, the better the insulating effect.

When the NFRC rates a window product, they look at all aspects of the window including the sash, weather stripping and frame.

"It's hard for customers to know what is really between planes of glass," he says. For example, some manufacturers use argon, a gas heavier than air, between the two planes. Other companies use different materials for the edging that holds the two planes of glass together – including aluminum, stainless steel and structural foam.

Keeping your house warm (or cool in the summertime, whenever that returns) also depends on the style of windows installed. For example, gliding windows slide on weather-stripping and often wear it out, creating a space where cold/hot air can get into a home. A casement window, one that cranks out from the house, is traditionally the warmest window. The harder the wind blows, the more snugly the windows are pushed into the house, says Mannooch.

According to Mannooch, different size windows have a different U-factor ratings. It makes sense, the larger the window, the harder it is to keep heat in. Another tip from Mannooch is to look at the weather stripping. The more layers, the merrier and warmer your windows will be.

Along with superb heating and cooling capabilities, high quality windows can often decrease sound transmissions.

Older homes, more likely than not, are made with a wood frame sash and a single pane glass. When you want to replace the windows on your older home, you don't have to go with vinyl, reminds Mannooch. Wood windows can also be customized and chances are likely you wouldn't have to disrupt your original settings.

"Wood is much warmer than vinyl," Mannooch says, but it is also much more expensive.

If you do decide to go with vinyl windows, make sure you do your homework and look for the NFRC rating because there is such a variation of vinyl windows, Mannooch says.

The best tip he has for purchasing windows is to keep in mind the expression, "You get what you pay for." Don't expect to pay pocket change for good windows. Expect to pay 10 to 15 percent more for windows with low-e films than regular windows, but you will be able to reduce the energy loss by as much as 30 percent. Windows are one of the only products that give you a return on your investment – a kick back in your energy bills.

Some vinyl windows, which he has nicknamed "disposable windows" will probably be replaced in five to 10 years. Twenty percent of Mannooch's business is replacing vinyl windows installed a decade ago.

When summer finally gets here, good windows can help keep a home cooler, working on the same principal as they do during the winter; a good window will keep the warm air out like it keeps the cold out. ▲



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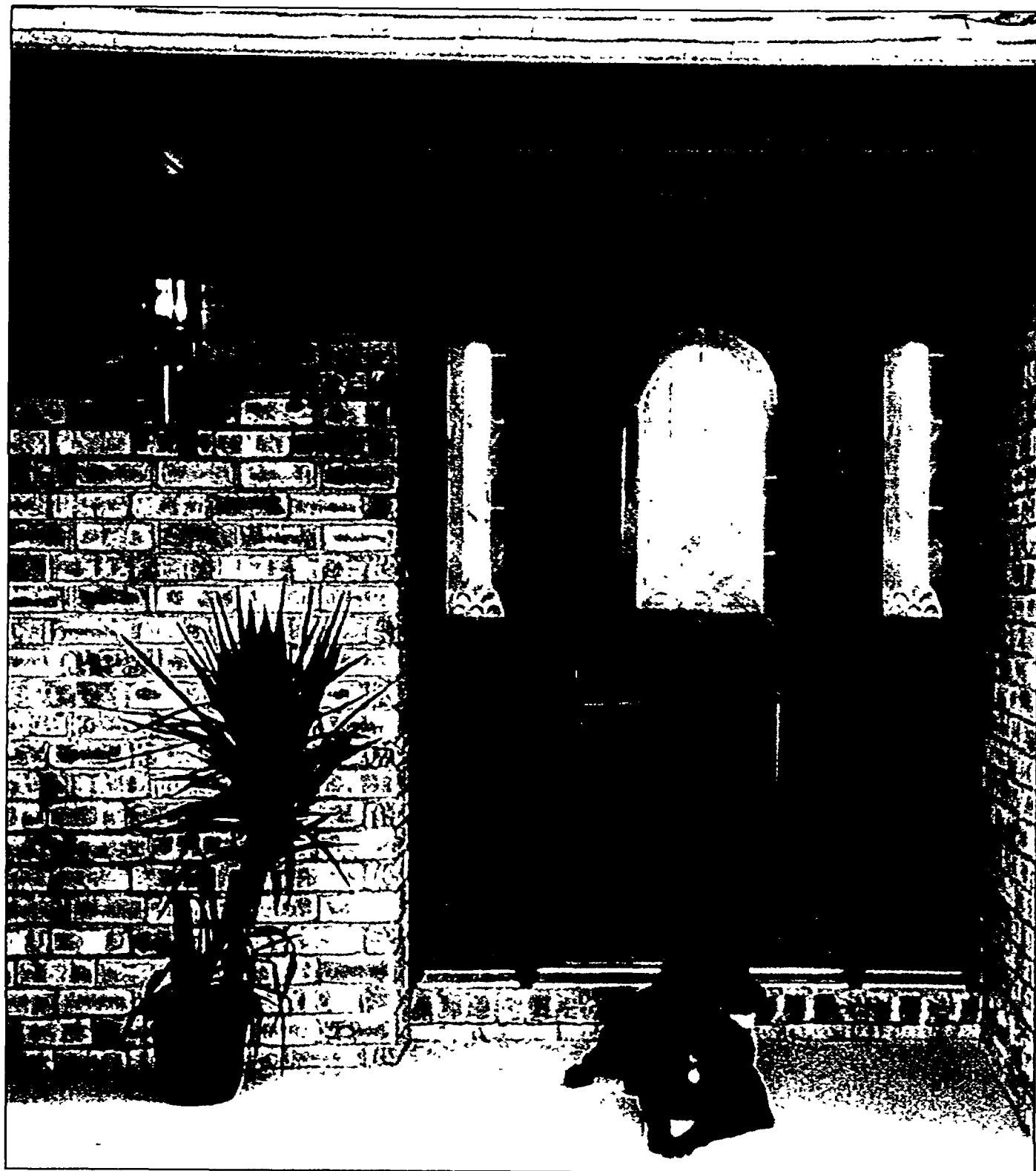
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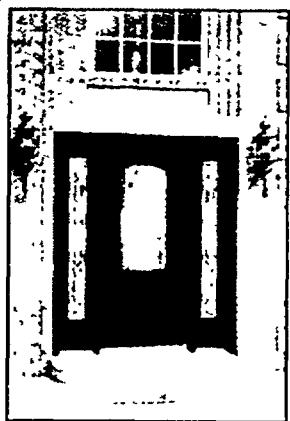
"(If) the windows are the smiles of a house...a front door of lovely design is like a beautiful hand held out in welcome." Emily Post, The Personality of a House, 1930.

While that statement is 70 years old, it still rings true today — one of the most important aspects of a new home should be the front door because of how it represents your house and style.

Of course there are many new options for your front door than there were 70 years ago. The three most popular door materials are steel, fiberglass and the classic wood. Steel doors are the least expensive, followed by fiberglass and then wood.

"If you are going to cover a door with paint, might as well go with a metal door," suggests Mike Tessman, Lakeside Windows. The most popular door colors lately have been in the blues, burgundies and green shades, he says.

Fiberglass doors are becoming more and more popular because they can be stained to look like



wood and require less maintenance, says Patrick Ceresa, Lakeside Windows.

But when you are talking about curb appeal, and resale value, a heavy wooden door with either full panels of leaded glass, leaded glass side windows or a transom window on top will be your best bet, they suggest.

"Leaded glass will brighten up an entrance way. It is an impressive statement using glass in your front door," Ceresa says. "It depends on how extravagant you want to be." Doors can be outfitted with clear insulated glass, etched glass or leaded glass.

In terms of security, a front door with glass can be just as durable and strong as single paneled wood, steel or fiberglass doors.

Like the doors themselves, prices vary dramatically. Prices can fluctuate anywhere from \$700 for a metal door to \$12,000 for a custom wood door with leaded glass sandwiched between two additional panes of glass. The average price for a wooden door with minimal leaded glass is around \$1,200. The most popular wood door choices include mahogany and oak.

Remember that a wooden door usually requires more maintenance than a fiberglass or metal door, Tessman says.

"Exposure to sunlight can become a problem for wood doors," says Ceresa. "Some manufacturers won't even give warranties on doors that will be placed at a southern exposure." So, check your warranties.

Tessman tells his customers when they purchase a wood door they need to examine it at least twice a year to check for cracks in the top coat, shrinkage and other problems.

"By the time you notice the door isn't looking right, it may be too late to fix it," he says.

Of course, when building a new home, you will want to install the door that will be on the house forever instead of installing an inexpensive one to begin with. That is because it is very difficult to fit a new door in a opening created for another door. Typically, Tessman says, you would have to replace the entire frame because the hinges, weather stripping and threshold will probably not meet up.

If you are looking to replace a door on an home that is over 30 years old, Tessman jokingly suggests building another house instead because it can be very difficult to fit a new door into existing openings. Typically, the entire frame would have to be replaced. If you do plan on replacing your older door, try to find the original manufacturer of the door. Check the hinges, frame or even the glass of the older door for the name of the manufacturer. If you are unable to find the manufacturer, take precise measurements, including where hinges and weather stripping are and a custom, albeit expensive, door can be crafted for you.

Whatever your door choice, and there are many of them, make sure it complements your inside foyer. Lakeside Windows recommends International Wood Products for top of the line wooden doors and Peachtree or Perma-Door for steel and fiberglass doors. ■



Garage innovations: Doors and storage

By Patsy LaFave

I never gave garage floors or garage doors a second thought...until now. The home industry is ripe with innovations for garage doors and storage.

For instance, an extraordinary flooring system used commercially for years can incorporate into your new home design, allowing you room for a two-story garage, if that suits your needs. Isn't that something!

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"Precast hollowcore floor planks open up lots of exciting and practical possibilities," said Randy Van Hoven, sales consultant at Spancrete Great Lakes, Jenison, Michigan. Instead of backfilling under and around the main-level garage, use the space under the garage for cars, lawn equipment, boats, or as a storeroom, or a living area. The fact that these planks will not squeak, are sound resistant, termite proof, a great fire barrier, and do not need bearing walls or mid-room support beams or columns makes them an excellent alternative to the traditional flooring for your new house or garage.

Not only do we have choices now in garage flooring, but we have choices in garage doors. Just like everything else, garage doors have changed through the years. They used to be heavy wooden doors that only Arnold Schwarzenegger could open. You can still get the beautiful wooden doors, but they open easier, and now you have steel and plastic models, too.

The least expensive doors are uninsulated steel-skin doors. Insulating the steel door and adding an inner skin will increase the cost. Plastic doors are next with custom doors being the most expensive.

Adding width and height, window sections, special glass or grilles, better hardware and door locks all add cost to the door.

Along with deciding on the door you like, there are other factors to consider.

Henry Tarnow, owner of Tarnow Garage Doors, Inc. in Farmington Hills, suggests answering these questions to help you choose a garage door.

How long do you plan to live in the house? If you don't plan to live there over five years, don't spend the money on a high quality door. A garage door isn't something that will wear out in a few years. If you will be in the house for a longer time, get the best quality your budget allows. Quality means longer warranties, heavier grade of steel, insulation, things that will make the door

last and be of a better value.

Do you have children? The sandwiched doors are stronger and harder to dent when used as a backstop.

Is your garage finished and what rooms share walls with the garage? With drywall you capture a degree of heat. An insulated door will keep the garage warmer and will help keep your house warmer. The higher the R-value of the insulation, the more energy efficient the door.

What is the quality of the installer? A good installer is vital for a satisfied customer.


Check the brand. Brands differ in quality. Check the length of the warranties for the door sections, hardware, and labor.

"Don't be fooled by the low prices and think you are getting good quality," Tarnow said. "In our business price and quality go together. When you buy from a professional door store, they will be there for the long haul, and their business is to make you happy." Tarnow also suggests dealing with an International Door Association (IDA) accredited door dealership. IDA offers a code of conduct that members subscribe to, and in the future will also be offering certification for installers.

Tarnow leaves us with this good advice: "If you want the job done professionally, deal with a professional." ■

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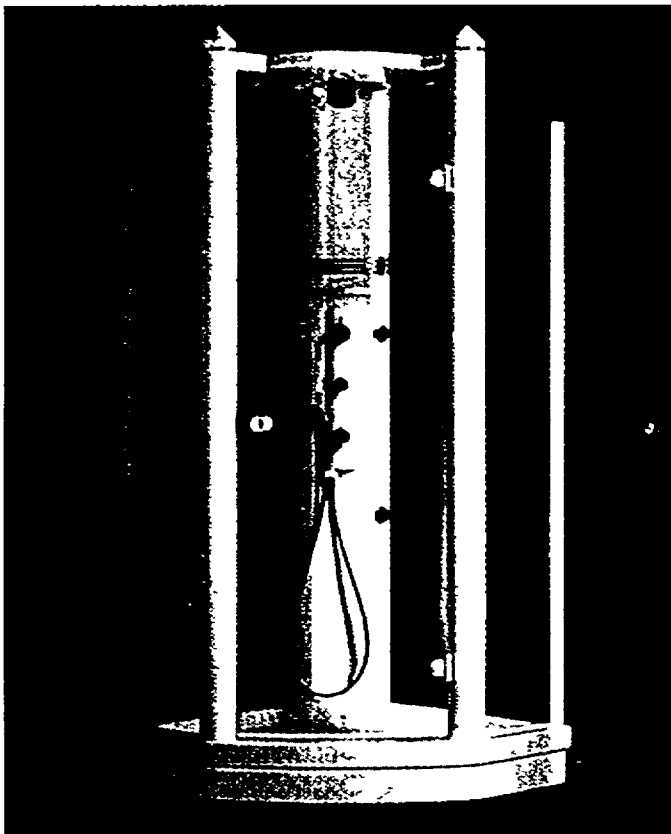
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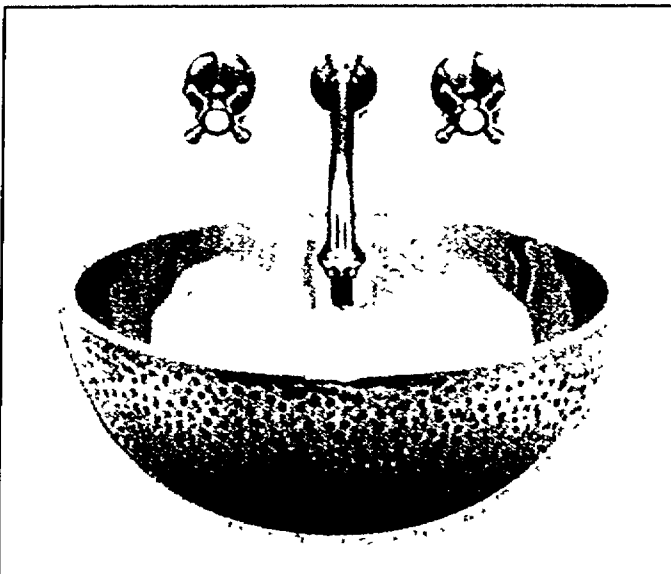
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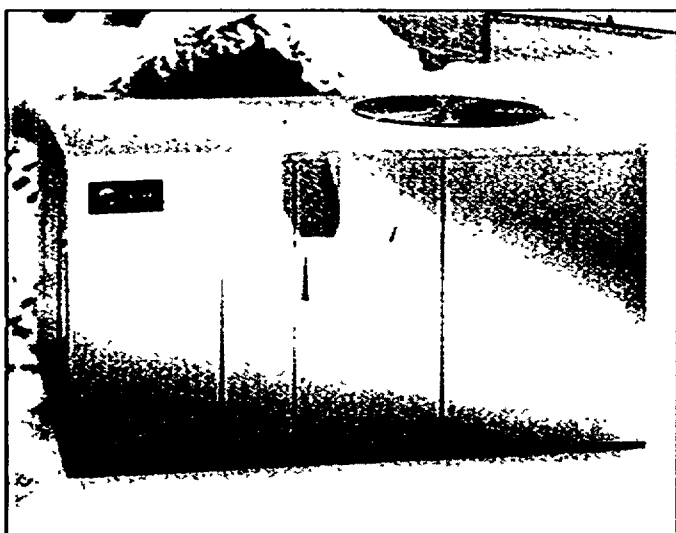
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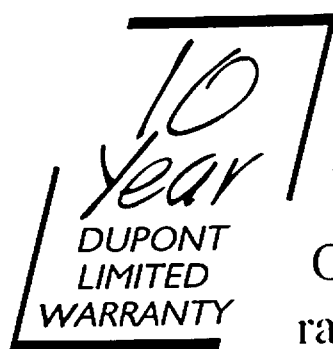
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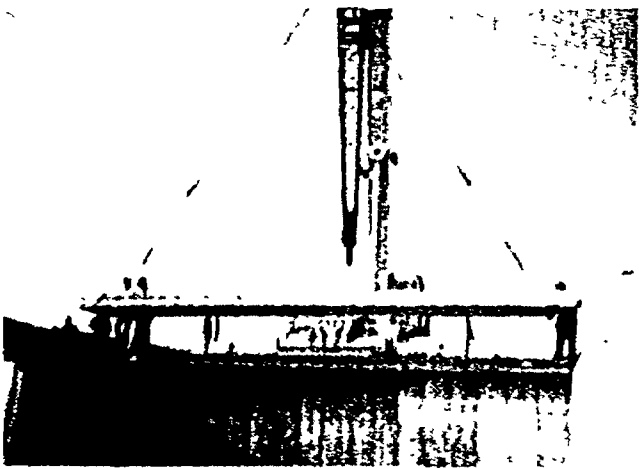
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