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Allen Terrace administrator Joanne Inglis talks to Joanne Rike about the recent survey taken of the senior housing residents. Rike said one thing she'd like to see at Allen Terrace was carports.

New faces, new badges: township adds two cops

By LON HUHMAN Staff Writer

Growth and opportunity have brought two new police officers to the Northville Township Police Department.

On Feb. 26, Samantha Bowlin and Derek Snider were sworn in as township police officers to put the current total of police department officers at 27. The primary reasons for the addition of two

said. "We want to keep pace with the needs of the township, such as the growing volume of traffic. Keeping our response times at a low level is another objective in hiring two new officers.

Bowlin, a former officer at the Northville city police department. is the second female officer to serve at the township department and became interested in police work as a child. She earned a associate's degree in law enforcement from Macomb Community College, bachelor of science

qualified firearms instructor, a member of the hostage negotiation team, as well as having experience as a bicycle officer.

"There are many opportunities here in Northville Township and I'm glad to be a part of this department," Bowlin said. "I plan on retiring from this department." Snider arrived at the township department after completing reserve police officer training at Macomb Community College. He was a reserve officer at the department for nearly three years. According to Werth, Snider put in his time as a reserve while completing his associates degree in law enforcement at Macomb. Continued on 9

Survey seeks to learn more about housing needs in the golden years

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By LON HUHMAN

Growth in Northville means an increase in the population of all age groups, including senior citizens. A new survey being distributed to older residents is hoping to find out what those in the golden years think about housing availability in

The senior population is projected to by the year 2 0 0 5 long." Northville housdirector

because the

baby boomer generation will qualify as senior citizens (residents at least 55 years old)."

One problem that can come with an increase in senior population is the issue of adequate. available housing. To stay ahead of the problem, the housing commission conducted a survey to determine community interest in developing additional senior citizen housing in the Northville community. At present. Allen

Terrace is the only location in Northville that offers an independent living space for seniors.

Allen Terrace, built in 1978, is owned and managed by the housing commission. The senior housing community provides homes for 100 residents, but over the past several years the housing commission has seen their waiting list grow.

The Interest

Inglis

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"The interest for additional for additional housing is already apparhousing is already apparincrease greatly ent and our waiting list is ent and our waiting list is long," said. times

Joanne Inglis director, Northville housing

room apartments and our apartments are only one-bedroom.

The survey was mailed out Feb. 23 to 500 residents over the age of 50 and is expected to be returned to the commission on Friday. The survey gives the residents 15 items to consider. The items will help the commission determine if there is an interest in a future housing development

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Not quite enough

The Mustangs couldn't quite get the job done against Walled Lake Central in the WLAA championship game.



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officers were the needs of a growing township and the promotion of John Werth to chief of police.

"One is to replace me and the other is for the growing service administration at Central Michi-needs of the township," Werth gan University. Bowlin is also a

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trash around here anymore.

District

officials

By JENNIFER NORRIS

a new phase of their life.

Although entering retirement will

undoubtedly bring new experiences

Staff Writer

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degree from Eastern Michigan University and is presently working on a master's degree in public Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Police officers Samantha Bowlin and Derek Snider have recently joined the Northville Township force. Both said they're enthused about their new positions.

Post office plans

irk area residents

Local landfill waits for outcome of trash bill[®]

By LON HUHMAN Staff Writer

Proposal would outlaw foreign trash in Michigan

recycling facility only a stone's fills are located." throw from Northville Township. Senate Bill 222, which is cothrow from Northville Township.

Michigan needs to be ready to State Senator Loren Bennett ban out-of-state solid waste as soon as it can." Bennett said. (R-Canton) has introduced a bill that would ban the import of Dumping out-of-state solid solid waste into Michigan if waste is a serious concern for all approved by the United States Congress. If passed, the bill Michigan residents, but it is more so for my constituents in could have a big effect on Arbor western Wayne County where Hills, a waste recollection and several of the state's larger land-

sponsored by Sen. Bill Bullard. Jr. (R-Highland), prohibits a hauler from transporting or disposing out-of-state solid waste in Michigan. The bill would also keep in-state landfills from accepting out-of-state waste. Federal law prohibits states from

banning trash importation, but

Congress may amend the law to allow states to prohibit trash imports.

Ônyx, formerly BFI, currently has an agreement with the city of Toronto to dispose of their solid waste at the Arbor Hills facility located at Five Mile Road in neighboring Salem Township.

We will honor our contract with the city of Toronto," general

Residents living near the area

of a proposed expansion of the

Northville post office have a mes-

sage of their own: they feel as if they're being kept in the dark, and aren't happy with how

The proposed expansion, still

in the preliminary stages of plan-ning, has the post office expand-

ing to three times the size of the

present location. The plan calls

for the razing and rebuilding of

the post office to allow for whole-

sale mail distribution, public and

things are going so far.

By LON HUHMAN

Staff Writer

manager of Onyx's Arbor Hills landfill. "I have no comment in regard to the bill and its impact."

Onyx agreed to the deal with Toronto in November. The contract holds that Arbor Hills would be the disposal location for the city's public and municipal solid waste. According to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Canada con-

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Photo & JOHN HEIDER

postal employee parking as well as several truck bays to accommodate larger postal semitrucks. One aspect to the plan would have postal truck traffic being rerouted off of Wing and onto Cady Street.

"We are frustrated with the lack of communication we've had with the city and the post office." said Susan Haifleigh, a home-owner on Wing Street. "Our resi-dential group does not want to be seen as reactionary, but we are concerned and would like to see the residents of Northville better informed."

At the moment, the residential group consists primarily of Wing Street homeowners and others within the vicinity of the expansion, but the group is hoping to draw more attention to an Issue they see as being of vital importarce to the entire community. Haifleigh said she believes the expansion issue has not drawn

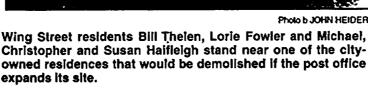
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and opportunities to explore new avenues, the school district will be facing the challenge of filling those **Continued on 18**

Police Reports

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORTS

ASSAULT, BATTERY, INVA-SION: A 21-year-old Westland male committed assault and battery, domestic assault and home invasion all in one night at a Northville Township apartment.

According to Northville Township police reports, the man and his 26-year-old girlfriend had been in an argument earlier on the night of March 3. The woman drove to a male friend's apartment. located on Northridge Drive. The boyfriend borrowed a friend's vehicle and drove to where his girlfriend was.

The girlfriend and her companion would not answer the door when her boyfriend arrived. The boyfriend used his cellular phone to call and inform them that if

they did not open the door he would "kick it in." They still did not answer the door, so the suspect proceeded to kick it in.

The suspect's kick to the door bent the door and broke the frame. Upon entering the apartment the suspect began choking his girlfriend and when the friend intervened the suspect began choking him. The friend's roommate arrived and the suspect left the premises followed by his girlfriend.

The suspect stopped at the stoplight at Middlebelt and Warren Roads and exited his car. He then jumped onto the hood of his girlfriend's black Ford Focus and remained until she unlocked the door. The girlfriend and suspect drove off together while the suspects borrowed car was driven home by the female owner who accompanied him.

There is an investigation underway to apprehend the suspect.

WHERE'S MY TRAILER? A work crew reported to Northville Township police that a trailer of theirs was stolen from a house they were working on.

The larceny took place between the dates of Feb. 28 and March 1. The trailer has not been found. The suspect is believed to be a former employee and has not been found, either.

The trailer contained an extensive amount of carpentry supplies. A homeowner near the construction site reported not seeing anything.

WHERE'S MY SUV? A 30-yearold Northville Township male reported having his black 1994 GMC Jimmy stolen from his home

the time period of Feb. 27 and 28. According to township police reports, the man said his car was locked and parked in a carport. The man said he had both set of keys and that no one had permission to drive it. Township officers reported to have seen no broken glass on the pavement at the scene. The vehicle has been reported as stolen.

at Northville Place Drive during

NORTHVILLE CITY POLICE

WARRANT ARREST: Northville city police arrested a 33-year-old Ferndale man after stopping him for speeding.

The city police officer stopped the man on E. Main and after running a check on the man's record the police discovered that the man had two misdemeanor warrants for his arrest. One warrant was issued by the Wyandotte police department and the other by the Detroit police. Once the warrants were confirmed the city police placed the man under arrest and transported the man to city department.

The Wyandotte warrant required \$100 cash bond and the other required a \$50 cash bond. The man was released after posting both bonds.

PHONE HOME: A 51-year-old Fowlerville man left his Ford Taurus parked behind McDonald Ford to go on vacation and reported to Northville city police that when he arrived to pick the car up he found his cellular phone missing. The time period the car was left

at McDonald's rear lot was from Feb. 14 through Feb. 22. The cell phone had been in the glove box and the man was unsure if he had locked the car doors. There was not reported damage to the car.

The man then reported his phone stolen to his carrier and hewas issued a new one. The man used the same number as the; stolen phone because it was forhis business. He later received a call that his phone was found in the Plymouth/Canton area, but he had no information on who found.

It was reported to the Novi police department that a Novi High school student had been receiving harassing calls from a phone thathad the number assigned to the stolen phone. Caller I.D. was used to identify the harassing callers number. The theft and harassment case are both still under investiga-

tion.

Taste Of Northville Business Showcase returns March 20

Exposition features dozens of area businesses, restaurants at NHS

By LON HUHMAN STAFF WRITER

Residents of Northville who are looking to get a better feel for the various restaurants and businesses in their community can get a taste and look by attending the 12th annual Taste of Northville Business Showcase.

The showcase will be held at Northville High School on March 20 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This mini-expo gives community businesses and restaurants an opportunity to showcase their products, food and services," said execu-

tive chamber director Laurie Marrs. "In turn, the showcase offers residents a chance to get a sampling of all the representatives offerings in one night under one roof."

The showcase will feature 75 exhibitors from retail. service and professional businesses. In addition, area restaurants and caterers will provide samples form their menus.

The theme of this year's showcase will be "Election Connection."

"Each year we have a theme to make the showcase more interactive and fun." Marts said. "This year it is be even better from the past showthe election process. This can mean a election from any year. including the 2000 presidential election. Everything will be in red, white and blue.

Marrs said the showcase gives businesses as well as residents an opportunity for informal business networking and socializing. Other highlights of the night will include free give-aways, raffles and promo-tional prizes. With the showcase being held at the new high school it gives the chance for the showcase to

We first had the showcase at Cooke Middle School and each year the attendance and participation grew, so now the with the new high school giving us the opportunity to use their facility it will enable us to be able to provide more floor space for featured businesses as well as abundant parking." According to Marrs, what makes

the showcase special is that it is not like the typical business showcase. which would highlight their feature

booths for other businesses interested in using their services. Marrs said the Northville showcase is for the primary purpose of having residents learn more about the community businesses. The showcase also has feature booths representing the community's non-profit organizations, such as the Rotary Club. We want the full range of the

community to be involved and participating." Marrs said. "A family can come and make a night of it. It offers fun. food and a learning experience.

The night will also feature al chance for residents to cast a vote for the best business product or.4 service display and best restaurant? food display. Marrs said residents . will be given a ballot upon entering the showcase and can rate the feature booths as they go. The admission fee will be \$7 for.

adults. \$6 for seniors and \$3 for . children under the age of 12.

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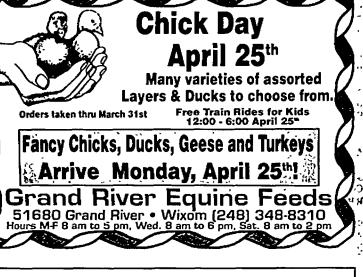
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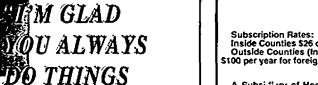
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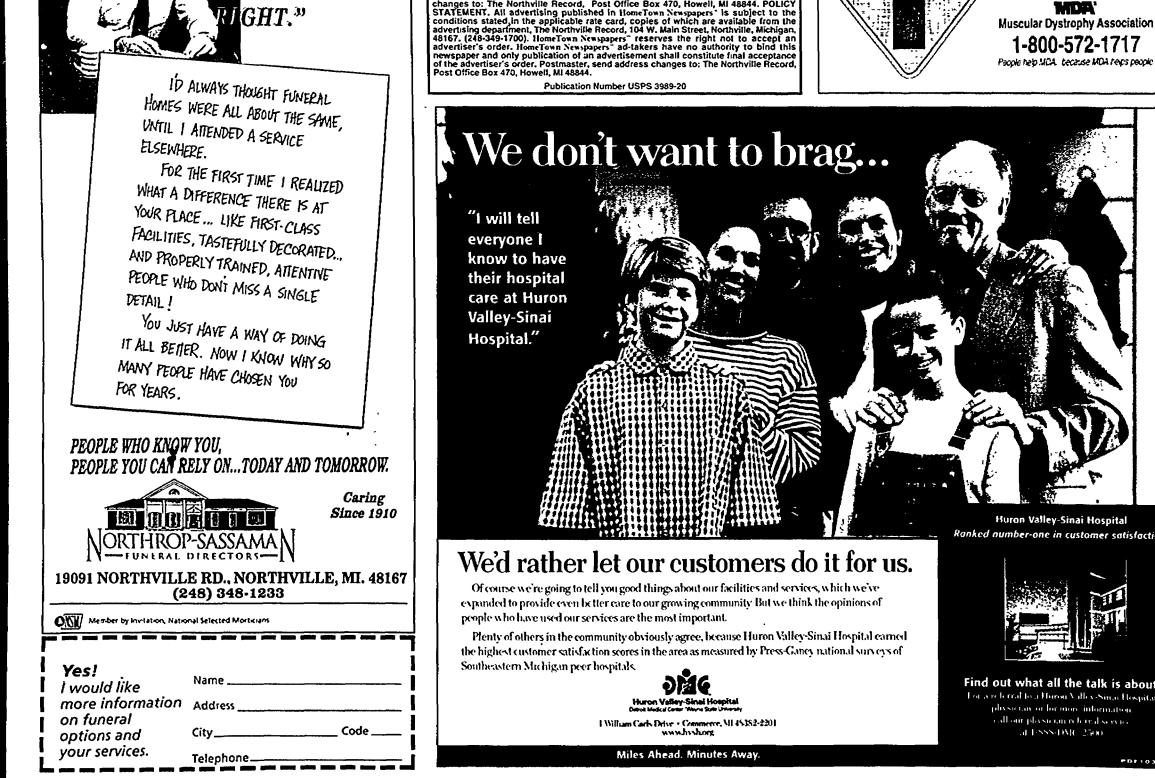
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Angus Much works with his grandmother Jen Perala and her friend Wally Promack on a project during Monday's VIP Day at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Northville.

Northville School Briefs

MICHIGAN SCIENCE TEACH-ERS ASSOCIATION COMES TO DETROIT

"Science Odyssey 2001." the 48th Annual Conference of the Michigan Science Teachers Association will take place March 9-10 at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center.

The conference is expected to attract approximately 2.750 educators with its 185 innovative and creative sessions related to teaching science in kindergarten through college classrooms.

Several sessions dealing with the subject of evolution will be lead by MSTA's Michigan Scientific Evolution Initiative including "Evolution Primer: An Overview of Unifying" and "Evolution: The Empirical Evidence."

Conference participants have the opportunity to shop at the National Science Teachers Association Store and the MESTA Rock Shop.

Anyone interested in attending can register at the door. Two-day member registration cost is \$95. non-member and one-day rates are available. For more information visit *www.msta-mich.org* or call (734) 973-0433.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY HOSTS AUCTION

After guests check in dinner will be screed at 7:30 p.m. A live auction will follow the meal at about 8:30 p.m. The silent auction will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the auction will be carmarked for Our Lady of Victory. Live entertainment will be on hand.

Tickets for the event are \$65 per person and need to be purchased in advance. Tickets can be bought through the Our Lady of Victory church or school. Some of the items to be auctioned

Some of the items to be auctioned off include a hot air balloon ride, sporting events tickets, signed sports memorabilia, a year car wash pass from Mr. Glow Car Wash, a mountain bike, pool accessories, spa and salon packages, Kings Island tickets, home cleaning services, a visit to the studio during WJR-AM's "The Mitch Albom Show," a health club membership and Stratford Music Festival Tickets.

Meadowbrook Country Club is located at 40941 Eight Mile Road in Northville.

For more information on attending the Our Lady of Victory auction. contact Kay Doheny Snyder at (248) 349-0904 or Our Lady of Victory at (248) 349-3610.

EIGHTH GRADE WRITERS REC-OGNIZED

Several students from Meads Mill Middle School have been recognized for their writing abilities.

Three students earned awards in the "America and Me" essay contest which is sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. The topic for this year was "My American Hero."

First place was awarded to Liz Hrivank, second place was earned by Kate O'Donnell and third place was awarded to Justine Sheu.

Hrivnak's essay is now in the state level competition.

..., Meads Mill also had students earn recognition in the Veterans of Foreign Wars essay contest. Students were asked to answer "What Does It Mean to be Patriotic?" Students won monetary prizes and certificates.

First place was earned by Shelly Hilger, second place was awarded to Kelly Hardenberg and third place was given to Emily Weaver. An honorable mention was received by Lisa Vershave and Joe Zatkoff. Hilger's essay is now in the state level competition.

MEADS MILL AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY

The next scheduled After School Activity will take place on March 14 at Meads Mill Middle School.

The event is scheduled from 2:55 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. Students will have a variety of entertainment options. A deejay will be set up in the cafeteria. basketball hoops will be accessible in the gym and the computer lab will also be open.

Tickets will cost \$3 and will be available during lunch that day. Contact Jane Keys at (248) 374-

Contact Jane Keys at (248) 374-8548 for chaperone information and ticket sales opportunities.

JIM FAY TO SPEAK AT NHS

Jim Fay, one of America's most sought-after presenters in the areas of parenting and school discipline, will be returning to the Northville area for two 'Love and Logic' parenting seminars on April 9. Both will be held in the auditorium at Northville High School.

The first session will be from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Fay will be talking to the parents of preschool and elementary aged children and will help them reflect on their parenting style, common parenting issues and how to raise self-confident, motivated and responsible children. Childcare will be available at the first session , only for a nominal fee: Call (248) 344-8443 for further information about registering for childcare.

In the second session from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., parents will learn how to quit arguing with their children, ways to handle recovery time and food issues and how to get their children to help around the house.

Generations cross paths at special St. Paul's VIP day

By JENNIFER NORRIS

Staff Writer

This week has been elected the National Lutheran Schools Week and Northville's St. Paul Lutheran School is buzzing with activity in honor of the occasion.

St. Paul's Lutheran School, located at 201 Elm, is hosting a different event each day for the students.

On Monday, students were able to bring a relative or friend for VIP Day. The majority of students brought a grandparent, however a parent, aunt or uncle were also welcome to join the festivities.

Throughout the day, the VIP's watched or even participated in the child's schoolwork or special activity assigned by the teacher.

For example, in Tanya Walsh's second and third grade classroom, students did a math activity with M&M candies. The VIP's were also allowed to become involved. In the seventh and eighth grade classroom, the VIP's had the opportunity to watch as students give a verbal account of a blography they had read. Instead of composing an actual written report, students transformed themselves into their character, gave an account of their life and upbringing and even dressed as their character would have dressed.

Several of the student's guests said they were thrilled to be a part of the event.

"I think it's wonderful," said Dorothy Hokanson, grandmother of third grade student Bobby Lahiff. It was Hokanson's first time at the VIP event. "I'm glad I could be here. I think it's interesting to see the different way they teach now."

Second grader Andrew Hofmeister brought his mother Lisa Hofmeister to VIP Day Monday.

"I think it's nice." said Lisa, adding that it brings the student and their guest closer together. "A lot of people don't have that kind of opportunity."

In Jean Peedle's fourth and fifth grade classroom. students and their guests were decorating Shamrocks.

"I like to use hands-on activities so the grandparents can be actively involved." said Peedle. Carol Ritt, principal of St. Paul's Lutheran School also said she was pleased with the turnout on VIP Day.

Day. "I thought it was extremely successful and enjoyable and family oriented with great involvement," she said.

The theme for this year's Lutheran Schools Week is Shine Like Stars-Loving. Throughout the week, students

Throughout the week, students will be participating in several other themed activity days.

For example. Tuesday was designated as Mismatch Day, Wednesday was Crazy Hair Day, today is Spirit Day (wear green and white) and tomorrow will be Hat Day.

Walsh also said that during the week, the school staff will pit against the students in a game of volleyball and the choir will also be traveling to Lansing to sing at the Capitol building.

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Incoming state school boss is former Northville resident

By JENNIFER NORRIS Staff Writer

Before you know it, the state of Michigan will have a new Superintendent of Public Instruction. and that job will be held by a former Northville resident.

Tom Watkins, who is currently the executive director of the economic council in Palm Beach County, Florida, said his new position will likely begin during the month of April.

There's a lot of great things going on in

o u r schools," he said, adding that he considered the school districts Northville and Novi to be islands of excellence.



Tom Watkins make our [schools]

world-class educational estab-lishments." said Watkins. "The state that creates a public education system that truly leaves no child behind is the state that drives the economy for the 21st century. The key to our future is a high quality world-class education system that truly serves all our children."

Watkins, who helped start the first charter school in Michigan through Wayne State University. said he believes charter schools are a option within public school choice.

"I will be a cheerleader for all public education and charter schools is part of that." he said. "Not only do charter schools create opportunities ... it's a small piece of the overall quilt called public education.

Watkins said there are currently several positive aspects happening in public education.

Some of those ideas include a greater realization of the importance to invest in early childhood programs and the focus placed on infrastructure issues for school buildings.

Watkins also said that investing in teachers was the most important aspect of public education.

On the flip side, Watkins said that the public education system in Michigan could improve if residents of the state show their support for local schools.

"We need to rally around our public education system," he said. We need to be concerned as a society."

Particularly in failing school districts, Watkins said supporting the schools can make a difference.

"We can't just sit back. All of us have a responsibility," he said.

One way he suggested was to volunteer or even become a mentor

*Education is too important to be solely left to public educators. All of us need to wrap our arms around public education. We need everybody to be helping. If we're serious about children, we all need to help."

Local Northville school officials voiced their approval of the new Michigan superintendent.

"He will be a real asset to the state," said Northville school board president Joan Wadsworth. He is the kind of person who really listens to people and thinks outside the box. He really searches for ways to solve things.

Meads Mill Middle School principal Susan Meyer, also said she was excited to see the upcoming change.

It's interesting to see what he'll bring and the direction he takes with the board," she said. "He's bringing another dimension and a whole different perspective.

Meyer said his background will likely be able to provide him with a different focus and better able him to focus on what the needs are of students.

We need people, especially at the state level, who have a broader view of school beyond test scores," said Meyer. "I think he does.

"They need to realize it's people were teaching not just curricu-

lum. I hope it will broaden the scope of the board and the understanding of what it is we do. There's some very good people on the board. It doesn't boil down to a benchmark...we're educating people, not just schooling them."

David Adamany. current presi-dent of Temple University in Philadelphia and former president of Wayne State University and chief executive of Detroit Public Schools, said he is a strong supporter of the new Michigan superintendent.

Watkins helped Adamany create the charter school at Wayne State.

Tom is very committed to improving schools. [He] worked very effectively to create that charter school and then try to make sure it was effective." Adamany said.

Adamany also said that Watkins' philosophy is to try to better the public schools.

"He will be a great supporter of public schools and trying to improve them," Adamany said. "I think he has very good ideas on how to strengthen teacher preparation and the professional development of teachers once they're in the schools. Teachers are central to the education process. I think Tom will want to make sure teachers are given the help they need.

John Austin, a current member of the state board of education. said the board interviewed five candidates and made its decision to hire Watkins Feb. 23.

"I'm excited about it," said Austin. "He brings a well-developed set of ideas and an agenda to lifting education in Michigan to new heights. We have truly big challenges, and that is something I know Tom cares deeply about helping us make a difference."

Austin said Watkins would bring a "fresh perspective" to education from his experience in working with a broad community.

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Trustee vacancy paves way for new selection process

By LON HUHMAN Staff Writer

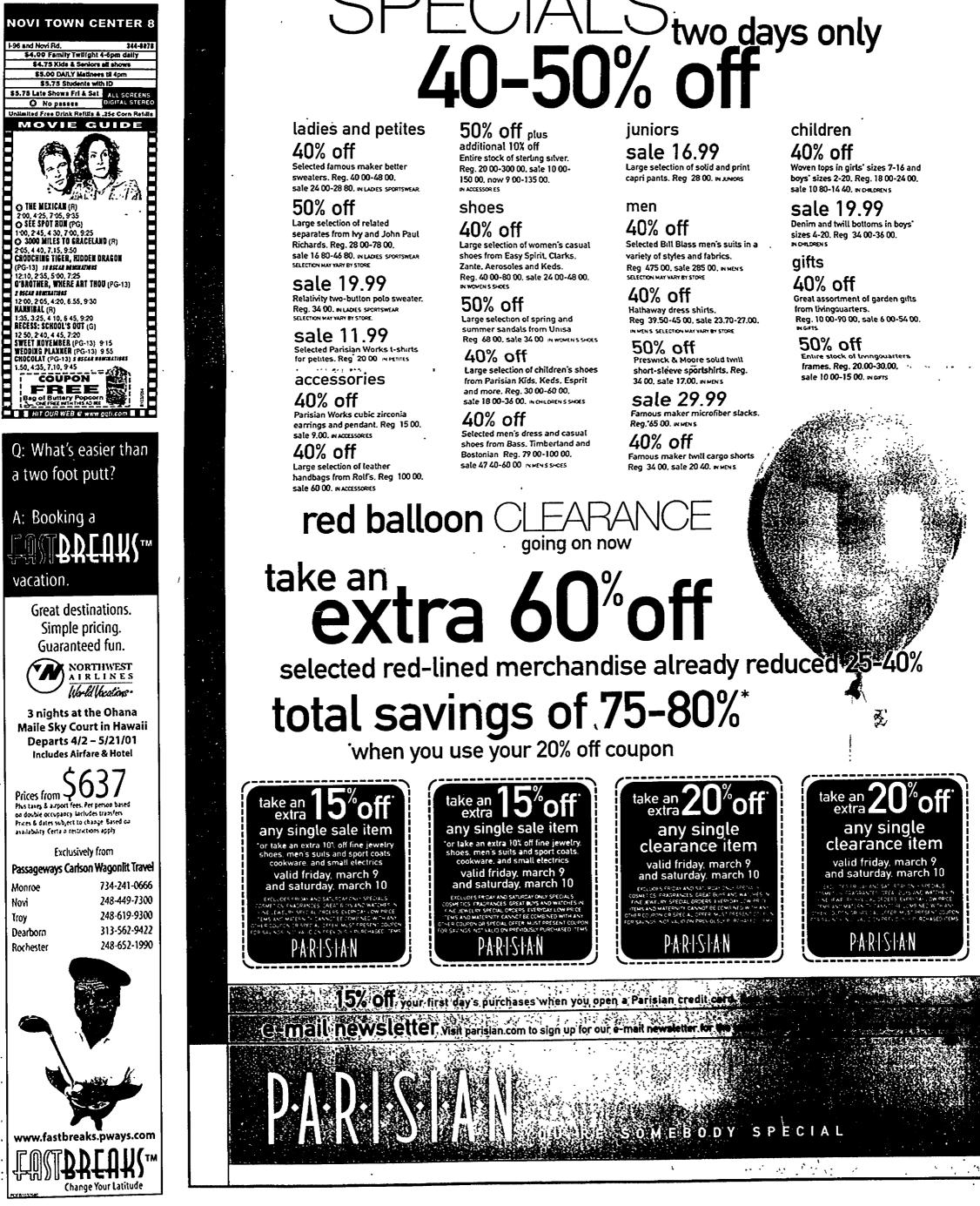
The resignation of Northville Township trustee Bill Pomeroy earlier this year has ushered in a new way for the board to seek replacements by utilizing an outside firm to do the legwork.

In the past, the township board of trustees has filled their vacant positions by keeping the decision process in-house. However, under this new selection method the aid of an outside consulting firm was sought so that the best candidate would be chosen.

Pomeroy resigned his position on Jan. 31 to work as a consultant in the private sector.

"We are approaching this selection process as an opportunity to develop an innovative method in selecting a new trustee," township manager Chip Snider said. We want to fill the vacancy with leadership and qualities that will meet the needs of the township. I'm proud of the board of trustees for wanting to use this type of selection process.

The new process has the township board using the consulting



firm of Career Directions in Ann Arbor. Career Directions works as a supplement for a client's human resource division by addressing the complex or sensitive personnel situations, specifically when the situations require intensive time commitments, specialized testing and counseling services. The firm ect," Snider said. can act as an objective and con-McGinn forming a organizational fidential outside source ensuring template of requirements that potential candidates must fulfill an unbiased decision. Terence McGinn is the Career Directions in order to be selected as the staffer aiding the township. new board trustee. At present Snider said.

"Mr. McGinn is the senior consultant for the counseling firm and has experience working with the board, specifically in helping facilitate our goal setting proj-

"This method has broadened the pool of candidates...it provides more involvement, especially in the future."

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Terence McGinn **Career Directions**

resumes with the organizational template. Mr. McGinn's selection template is very useful because in his past work with us he has become very knowledgeable in what short and long term issues an goals we are facing in the township." Snider said. "The template will address the char-acteristics needed. The new trustee should not think like

must think together with the rest of the board." McGinn said he worked with

the board, particularly township clerk Sue Hillebrand, to develop a criteria of characteristics that the board believed will be important for the new trustee to possess.

"I'm impressed with the board for allowing candidates to apply for this position," McGinn said. This method has broadened the pool of candidates and this allows for variety, which is good because it provides more involvement, especially in the future. I've interviewed and reviewed the resumes of candidates who will probably not get the vacancy, but could have a future in township government."

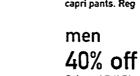
Snider said the new trustee must be able to work in a team atmosphere and should understand growth demands on provided services the township is currently experiencing. Once the recommendation is given to the board then they will act on it and make the final decision.

"The recommendation will be given to the board of trustees at the March 15 meeting and the proceeding meeting in April should see the vacancy filled," Snider said.

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Tax time gives township chance to try new equipment

By LON HUHMAN Staff Wrder

Admittedly, tax season isn't exactly the most embraced time of year for most people.

But for employees in the Northville Township department of finance. it's at least a chance to try out newly-implemented technology.

In the past, the work of property assessment was done with a pencil. calculator and a steady hand. but now with the finance department fully automating its operations the work of an assessor will be more accurate and so will the final results.

"We've automated our property assessment process to ensure a more accurate assessment," director of finance Thelma Kubitskey said. "We've had the equalizer computer program installed by BSA Software Systems. This is a program used by Wayne County and in turn Wayne would like its constituents to use it as well so that there would be a consistency

in assessment operations."

According to township assessor John McLenaghan, the advantage of having the equalizer program in place is that it will be continuously updated to match the state's requirements in determining how to properly calculate the value of the home and property. McLenaghan said the state tax commission may update its assessment manual tables and the equalizer program will include each update as they come. The only significant change a township homeowner ized value.

The SEV is 50 percent of the estimated market value assessed by the assessor. The capped value is equal to the previous year's taxable value increased by the amount of the Consumer Price Index, which can not exceed 5 percent. plus construction changes. The index for 2001 is 1.032, or 3.2 percent.

According to Kubitskey, a homeowner should not worry if the SEV is different than last year

according to a home's taxable value. The taxable value equals the lesser of the state equalized and capped values and will be used to calculate the property taxes. With the passing of Proposal A, which stated the taxable assessment can be increased only by the amount of the index, or 5 percent — whichever is less. "With the state updating its

assessment tables, the SEV may be different because of this, but this does not mean there is a tax

may notice is in their state equal because the homeowner is taxed increase or the value of the home has decreased," Kubitskey said. "The taxable value is what is taxed and this is determined by the rate of inflation, which is 3.2 percent this year."

The township board of review met on Tuesday night to review ne assessment roll.

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Nanovations brings high-tech to Northville Township

By LON HUHMAN Staff Writer

Some residents of Northville might not realize that there is a worldwide leader in technologies, corporation in their backyard.

Nanovation Technologies. Inc., located at 47050 Five Mile Road in Northville Township, special-izes in manufacturing, development and marketing of optical components that ultimately will lead to the standardization of the photonic integrated circuit.

"Nanovation has pioneered manufacturing process technologles similar to that used in the semiconductor industry, this process will facilitate automated mass production of components and allow for high levels of inte-gration," said A. R. Mirza. direc-tor of MEMS technology, said. We can fabricate components to combine several functions such as splitters, couplers, signal taps and switches to form a fully integrated solution. The company's technology will allow for companies to build their own customized, optical integrated circuits on a single chip.

According to Mirza, in simple terms Nanovation shrinks down the fiber optics enabling them to be more affordable while enhancing the speed. capacity and bandwidth.

Headquartered in Miami, Nanovation moved to the 108.000 square-foot manufacturing facility located on a 20-acre site during the summer of 2000. The facility was the former home of OIS Optical Imaging Systems. The facility serves as the company's operation center for domestic semiconductor fabrication. Upon moving to Northville the company announced its plans to invest \$41.6 million into the project, which included the land, building, machinery and equipment.

"This facility was already outfitted with state-of-the-art manufacturing equipment when we arrived," said Tony DiVenere. director of silica process technology. "Because of this, we will probably save at least a year in making our products commercially available.

According to DiVenere, the plant includes space for premier clean rooms, space for engineering development, research/development, prototype construction. assembly and test, environmental screening, offices and shipping/receiving. In addition, the site can accommodate future expansion.

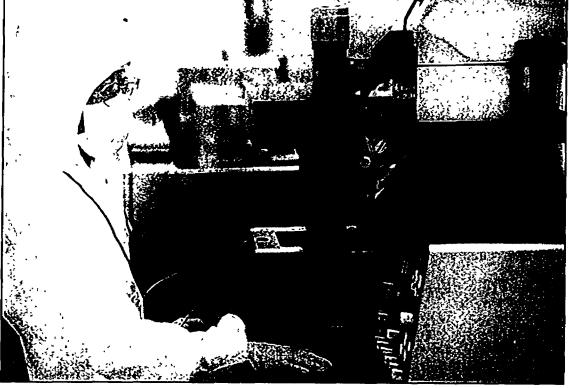


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Nanovations employee Jian Hong Liu checks out a silicon chip's surface with a microscope on a Monday afternoon in one of their "clean room" facilities. The rooms have yellow lights, as the chips will be degraded if exposed to other spectrums of light.

We definitely will be expanding and this should help the community of Northville," DiVenere said. "In the next four years we expect to increase our work staff to 539 employees.

Currently, the plant employs 52 workers. The work staff includes 30 persons holding doctoral degrees and 47 engineers. According to corporate communications vice president Melanie Ofenloch, the technology corporation has recruited and relocated many high-tech talent from all over the United States, as well as the world to work in the facility.

The company also has laboratories at the Massachusetts institute of Technology and Northwestern University. The subsidiary for the company is Apollo Photonics, which is based in Burlington. Ontario. Canada. Through the subsidiary, the company is able to provide its customer base with optical circuit design and analysis services. Apollo offers a new integrated photonic computer-aided design software program that allows designers to quickly and easily develops customized devices for their customers.

Our subsidiary, Apollo Photonics, enables our customers to recognize reduced development cycles," Mirza said. "This allows next-generation optical systems

to be marketed in less time." The primary customers of Nanovation include equipment manufacturers that focus initially on networking applications for metro and access networks. Secondary customers of the company include the equipment manufacturers that build gear for long haul networks. According to Mirza, these type of companies use Nanovation because they are seeking ultra tiny chip sets that offer a high level of functionality at a fraction of the cost of discrete components.

Motorola, Inc. is one specific company aligned with Nanovation. Motorola has begun to incorporate Nanovation's all-optical networking technology into its HFC and Fiber to the Home access network solutions. The two networks are designed to provide individual homes with high-speed Internet access. video-on-demand, cable television and telecommunication services. which gives end users access to virtually unlimited bandwidth.

Our relationship with Motorola's Broadband Communications Sector. one of the world's most established providers of integrated and interactive broadband services, is a core component of our overall business strategy." said Bob Chaney. newly appointed chief executive officer.

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Nanovations employee Aimee Talbert and cleanrooms system Ihuhman@ht.homecomm.net or at engineer engineer Mark Murray lock at silicon wafers.







Obituaries

HARRY E. LYKE

Harry E. Lyke, 94, of South Lyon died March 3 at Arbor Hospice in Ann Arbor. He was born Nov. 23, 1906, in Northville to Clinton and Lola (Herber) Lyke.

Before retirement, Mr. Lyke was employed in purchasing at Ford Motor Co. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in resident for 50 years and Northville and the South Lyon Historical Society.

Mr. Lyke is survived by many loving nieces and nephews in the Lyke and Honsinger families.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Theda (Fritz) in 1996; and one brother and one sister.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 8 at Casterline Funeral Home in South Lyon. The Rev. James Russell of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville officiated.

Interment was in Thayer Cemetery in Northville Township.

Memorials to Arbor Hospice. 2366 Oak Valley Drive. Ann Arbor, Mich. 48103 would be appreciated by the family.

HELEN B. ROLLINS

Helen B. Rollins, 89, died Dec. 16 in Plymouth Court, Plymouth. She was born Aug. 2. 1911, in Gaylord to John and Anna (Szepański) Rollins. Ms. Rollins was an east side

resided in Northville for six years. She was a retired registered nurse.

Ms. Rollins is survived by nieces and nephews. Jerome and Marie Conner of Northville. Tom and Nancy McNamara of Novi, JoAnn Ryan of Rochester Hills, and many other nieces and nephews.

Ms. Rollins was preceded in death by 12 sisters and broth-

Services will be held at 9:15 a.m. March 13 at Our Lady of Victory Church, 770 Thayer St., Northville. The Rev. Ernest Porcari will be officiating.

Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home Inc. of Northville.

BARBARA E. STILEC

Barbara E. Stilec. 89, died March 4 in Northville. She was born Jan. 21, 1912. In Benton Harbor to Harry R. and Martha E. (Harris) Curtis.

Mrs. Stilec was a retired teacher. She had a bachelor of science degree in education. Her memberships included the North Rosedale Park Women's Club, Detroit Golf Club, and the Women's City Club. Mrs. Stilec was a board member and volunteer at the YWCA. and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Northville.

Mrs. Stilec is survived by a daughter-in-law. Catherine and two grandchildren. Maggie and Mac.

She was preceded in death by her son. Charles F. and sister. Evelyn Burton.

Private services were held at the First United Methodist Church of Northville.

Interment was in Oakwood Cemetery, Traverse City.

Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home Inc. of Northville.

Memorials to the First United Methodist Church of Northville

LINDA SUE BURNS

Linda Sue Burns. 45. of Northville, died March 5. She was born in 1955. Mrs. Burns is survived by her

husband. Terry J. Burns: daughter. Cheri (Nathan) Hansen, two sons, Brian and Christopher: parents, Ellery and Mary Louise York: and sister. Laurie Anderson.

Visitation will be Friday. Mar.9, 2-9 p.m. at Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home in Livonia. Services will be held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. 27475 Five Mile, Livonia, Saturday. March 10 at 11 a.m.

Memorials to Barbara Karmanos Cancer Foundation would be appreciated by the family.. 777 W. Eight Mile Road. Northville would be appreciated.

Survey to help gauge interest in senior housing

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and if so, what type of characteristics would this development include.

One question the survey addresses is the type of housing a resident would be interested in living in. The style of housing to considered includes ranch, townhouse. one-story apartment building or multi-level apartment with elevator service. Additional home appliances - such as a dishwasher or garbage disposal - are home accessories potential seniors can consider.

The completed surveys received by the housing commission will then be passed onto students participating in the urban planning masters program. The students will help tabulate the final results, but the assessing and determination of the results will be the task of the housing commission.

"We should receive the tabulated results by mid-April because the urban planning students semester will be ending in April. This is part of a project of theirs." Inglis said. This is a future project, so the survey results will help us determine if there is an interest of senior citizens for additional housing and if so. what does the interest entail. We hope there is ample participation and we will take seriously any comments or suggestions anyone may have."

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Rec Briefs

The Northville Umpires Association has announced the cancelation of its March 10 clinic. For more information on the change. call (248) 347-5915.

The Mother and Son Spring Fling is scheduled for March 24 at the Northville Community Center. The event allows mothers, grand-

mothers or aunts to learn to dance with the special young men in their lives. The dance will be held from 6:30 p.m to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 per couple and \$5 for each additional person.

Several sports leagues are presently forming in Northville. including a middle school lacrosse

team (\$150), adult softball leagues (\$345 per team, plus umpire fees) and both men's and women's spring basketball leagues (\$340 per team, plus officials' fees).

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Historical Tidbits

First of the pioneers to settle in Northville came principally from four counties in New York; namely. Ontario, Seneca, Livingston, and Wayne. Ontario was the leading contributor. Only two of the first settlers to take up land in this vicinity came from another state outside New York: these two came from Vermont.

Though frequently the ploneer had little formal education, he fortunately had the innate ability to solve most of the perplexing problems that would confront him. More importantly, his thirst for independence, his spirit of adventure, and above all, his desire to own his own property sustained the pioneer - the man and the

woman who fashioned this country. Unlike the fur trader, who could care less about owning the land on which he hunted and trapped, the pioneering farmer was here to stay.

The early pioneers of this area came not to prospect for gold or to speculate ion lands or railroad, stocks or bonds, but to make a home

To fell the mighty forests, not to make merchandise of the timber but to clear it out of their way that they might cultivate the soil to procure food for themselves and those dependent on them.

Excerpt from "Northville, The First Hundred Years" by Jack Hoffman.

Badge count rises by two in township police force

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Snider was the class president of the reserve officer class and the advanced police training class. He also served in the United States Marine Corps. Snider comes from a law enforcement family - his father is township manager and former police chief Chip Snider.

"I have a strong motivation to help those who need it and arrest those who deserve it." Snider

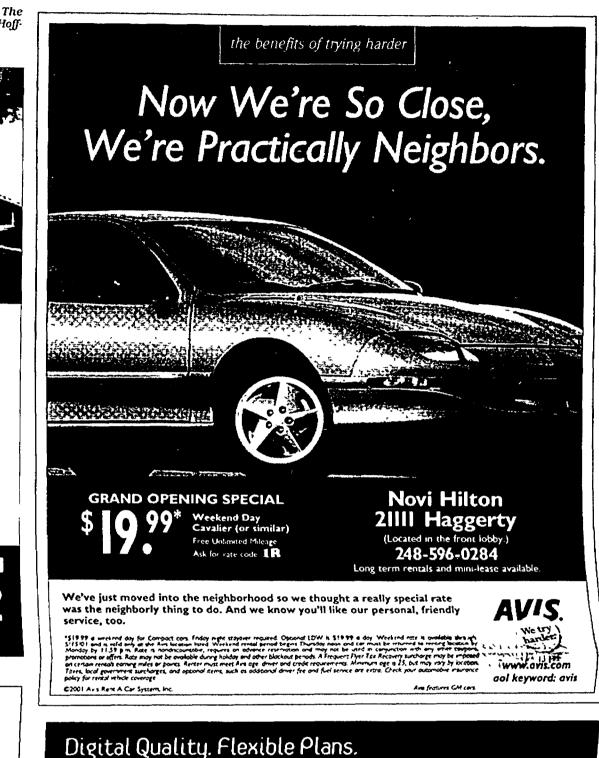
said. "My objective is to serve the township to the fullest of my abilitles.

Werth said both officers will be assets to the department because of the training and qualities each possess. The addition of Bowlin will also give an added diversity to the staff.

Both of them possess tremendous qualities that will add to the diversity of our department."

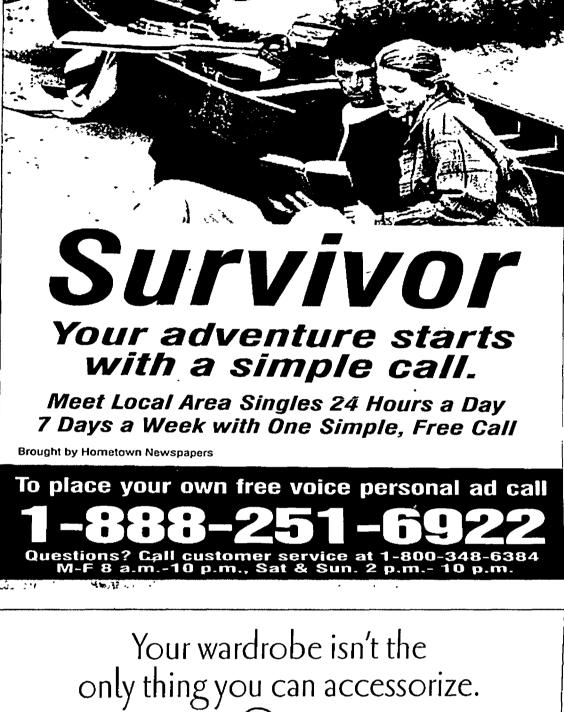
Werth said. "They are nice and cooperative people as well. I'm looking forward to working with them."

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New salon makes pampering clients the first priority

By JENNIFER NORRIS Staff Writer

If you're looking for a way to pamper yourself from head to toe. Northville will soon have a brandnew facility to try.

Although the establishment is currently under construction. Utopia Salon and Spa, 182 E. Main Street, is scheduled to open this spring.

Owners Tita Daskal and Kelly Sesi said whether a client is looking for a new, updated hairstyle, a revitalizing facial, a thorough massage, or a dramatic manicure, the beauty and relaxation needs will be met.

Tucked along Main Street. Daskal said the atmosphere and the interior of the new salon will instantly put clients at ease with a European-like ambiance. She said the colors, draping and columns will give the salon a soothing. calming effect - a perfect environment for relaxing and a bit of pampering.

"It's going to be really nice." she said.

Sesi said that enabling the customers to relax will be the main focus of the business.

The Utopia Salon and Spa will offer a full service spa. facials. massages, body treatments, hair styling, manicures, pedicures, waxing, eyebrow arching and makeup.

Daskal, who has been in the salon business for several years. said opening up a new salon has always been a goal for her.

[The] opportunity came up." she said. "It was the perfect place and timing. We couldn't have asked for a better location."

At Utopia Salon and Spa. clients will be catered to by eight stylists. two facialists, three manicurists. two massage therapists and two makeup artists, said Daskal.

Women won't be the only ones experiencing a little indulging. Men can also share in the salon experience and receive special treatment. "A lot more men are getting

facials and foot treatments," said Daskal.

When clients step through the doorway into Utopia, customer service and satisfaction will rank high on the priority list.

The clients are our Number One priority," said Daskal. "We're going to focus a lot on our clients."

In addition to providing a bit of leisure in a restful environment, the owners said they are looking forward to adopting local charities and participating in local events.

We want to be involved in the community." said Daskal. "We want to focus on the city of Northville and bring more people into] the city.

Sesi said she views Northville as a tightly-knit community and is ready to work with other business owners in the area.

The owners of the upcoming salon said appointments are not necessary as walk-ins are available.

Adding to the comfortable atmosphere will be an arrangement of furniture similar to furniture found in residences

We want everyone to feel comfortable," said Sesi.

The owners also added that every effort will be made to ensure that guests feel welcomed and at ease as they enter the salon.

You're not going to feel uncom-fortable walking in." said Daskal.

Beginning this spring, a dream will have become a reality for the owners and employees of Utopia Salon and Spa. I always knew I would open up

a salon." said Daskal. "The timing was perfect. We were in transition. the building was available. It was like it was meant to be."

The two owners have worked together for six years and are anxious for area residents to get to know the stylists and employees. We couldn't have asked for a

better team," said Daskal. Clients will be able to enter the salon through two entrances and plenty of parking is available. The owners said that accommo-



Jillian Mashni, left, and Tita Daskal, stylists at Novi's Gigi and Company, will be opening a salon in downtown Northville later this spring. Here they tease the hair of Nina Zeer, left, and Kelly Sesi.

dations can be made for early or late appointments.

Business hours will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Monday hours are yet to be determined.

The Utopia Salon and Spa can be reached at (248) 465-7700.

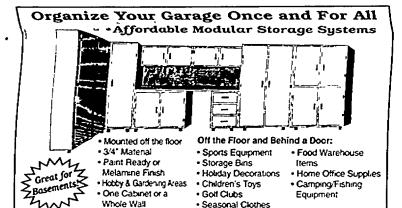
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Expanded post office plan concerns area homeowners

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that much community concern because as a whole the community may not realize the extent and impact of the expansion. The expansion would have two South Wing Street homes, which are presently owned by the city and are zoned residential, torn down, as well as the Northville Senior Citizens Center and Scout building on Cady.

We understand the city council would like to see the post office remain in the downtown, but the plan to have the post office expanded into a large industrial postal complex will have a dramatic effect on our neighborhood." said Laurie Fowler, a homeowner on Fairbrook Street.

The primary concerns of the group include the encroachment upon a residential area, traffic problems, the threat to the neighborhood's historical integrity and community resources and the danger to pedestrian safety. The expansion would have the new post office complex within 10 feet of a private residence. The potential traffic and parking would also be situated very close to the Oakwood Cemetery on Cady.

"Our neighborhood has come a long way since it was primarily a

rental area," Haifleigh said. "There are a multitude of historic homes on Cady, Wing and First Streets. We elected Mayor Johnson on the idea he would see to it that neighborhoods remain intact and not have worry about the encroachment of industrial sites. but this proposed expansion does just the opposite."

Fowler said the complex would increase the traffic flow in the downtown area, which could pose some problems for pedestrians such as school groups wanting to visit the library, cemetery, farmers' market, the playground at Old Village School or the fire department.

The group believed the primary concept the city and post office should pursue is the idea of having the retail office remain in the downtown, but have the larger. mail-sorting operations located in outlying area. City manager Gary Word said a dual-location plan has been rejected so far by the post office because it would be too costly. According to Haifleigh, the concerned residents, ultimately, want to see more creative solutions explored by the city and post office.

I can understand their frustration. A complex of this size and

scope that could be possibly built near their homes can be upsetting." said Northville mayor Chris Johnson. "The city council is frustrated as well. There are many crucial aspects of this project that remain open and we continue to exchange ideas with the post office to reach a compromise for the proposed project site. Last July this project was termed on the fast track by the post office. but now there has been a freeze placed on capital fund projects and we still don't know if that includes this project."

Bent Boving, a resident of Northville, said the former home of Farmer Jack, which was located on Seven Mile Road in the Northville Plaza strip mall, could be a possible option for the post office to explore. According to Farmer Jack real estate director Tom Litzler, that solution to their vacancy is a possibility.

Post office representatives were not available for comment.

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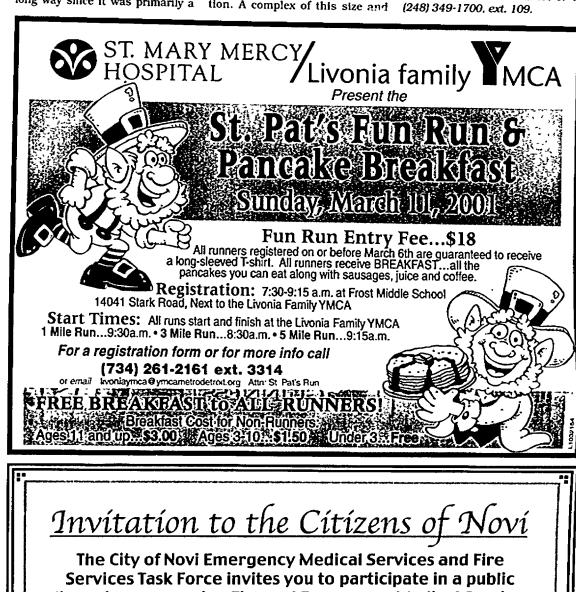


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Post office workers in Northville were in crammed conditions a year ago at the Wing Street location. A new post office plan calls for much more expanded facilities.

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discussion concerning Fire and Emergency Medical Services

Wednesday, March 14, 2001 at 7:00 PM

Novi City Council Chambers

Background Information:

- Novi City Council authorized the establishment of the EMS and Fire Services Task Force by Council Resolution on January 22, 2001. The 12-member Task Force is comprised of citizens, City Council members, Fire Department (volunteer and full-time) personnel and City administration representatives.
- City Council charged the Task Force to review Fire Department service levels and make recommendations to Council for the provision for current and future service needs. It is the goal of the Task Force to include its recommendations with the City Manger's 2001–2002 budget document to be distributed to City Council on March 30, 2001.
- The Task Force met initially on February 2, 2001 and has met thereafter each Wednesday and Friday at 7:00 am in the Mayor's Conference Room at City Hall. The Task Force has reviewed the level of services currently provided by the Fire Department, fre-quently noting that the Fire Department accomplishments greatly exceed the recourses they have ordinarily received, mainly due to the well trained full-time and volunteer personnel who have served the City with commitment and dedication for over two decades.
- Prior to offering its recommendations to the Novi City Council, the Task Force is inviting Novi citizens to a public forum to present information that the Task Force has gathered to date and also to respectfully request and receive the input and ideas on the sub-ject of Fire and EMS Services from all interested Novi citizens.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND AND JOIN US IN THE DISCUSSION

Respectfully submitted by the members of the City of **Novi EMS Services and Fire Services Task Force:**

Michelle Bononi	
Mike Evans	
Jeff Johnson	
Mary Beth Rich	

Richard Clark Richard Faulkner Art Lenaghan Jerry Roddewig

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For more information, contact Richard Heiwig or Lynn Norman (City Manager's Office) at (248)347-0450 or e-mail: Inorman@ci.novi.mi.us

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ATM money wasn't his, so attorney returns cash

By LON HUHMAN Staff Writer

Let it be known - Michael McNamara is one attorney who's not necessarily in it for the money.

A recent example of McNamara's honesty came when he encountered a \$20 bill at his bank's ATM. As McNamara began his withdrawal he noticed the bill lying in the ATM's withdrawal location and so he picked it up while he completed his transaction. He figured the person before him might not have grabbed all of their money.

"It's a minor amount, but I thought trying to get the money back to its rightful owner would be the right thing to do." McNamara said.

McNamara is an attorney for Fausone. Taylor and Bohn. LLP. At the time McNamara was

working on a construction defect trial that had been going on for two weeks and finding extra time was hard. Jacqueline, McNamara's wife, said the night he found the money she heard him typing on his computer and believed he was doing something work related, but became deeply surprised when she had seen what his late-night typing was all about. With all the work and little

sleep he had, it was remarkable to see him typing a letter to the bank," Jacqueline said. "He doesn't think it's a big deal, but it shows that some attorneys care." The late-night letter McNamara

typed informed the bank of what he had found, the time it was found and inquired whether the bank could find the rightful owner. "I don't know whether the bank

found out whose money it was, but I feel comfortable in what I did." The bank offered no comment.

McNamara lives in Northville Township with his wife, daughter and son.

"I try to be straightforward and honest with clients." McNamara said. "Our law firm tries the best we can."

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Greenhouse projects stalls, agreement differences cited

By LON HUHMAN Staff Writer

The flowers will be blooming this spring, but not in the parking lot at Northville Downs.

The planned greenhouse and garden center that was set to open this April has wilted because of an disagreement between the race track and the potential greenhouse owners. Fred and Troy Goethe. The greenhouse was going to be located in the northwest corner of the Northville Downs property, but because of economic issues, the proposed garden center has been withdrawn and may not have a future within the city of Northville.

"It's unfortunate, but it doesn't appear we will be opening our greenhouse this spring at the Northville Downs location." co-owner Troy Goethe. "We had everything set to go. but it looks as if the race track changed their mind about the rental charge. We don't know what happened because the written agreement was drastically different from the verbal agreement we had with them."

According to Louis Carlo, director of operations at Northville Downs. the race track would like to have the Goethes garden center, but they are and the program

"It's unfortunate, but it doesn't appear we will be opening at the Northville Downs location."

Troy Goethe

unable to come to an agreement on rental price.

"We just couldn't get together on the economic terms," Carlo said.

The proposed garden center. which would of been a 30 foot-by-100 foot fully-stocked greenhouse with benches of flats surrounding the facility, was going to be a tem-porarily located at the race track during the period of April to August. The garden center would have used the parking lot for all aspects of the operation including parking and plant displays. The greenhouse center had the special land use permits approved by the city council and the only detail not approved was the sign the Goethe's wanted to place on Main Street.

According to city manager Gary Word, the signage use was being considered when the race track and

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI **REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 01-004**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Singh Homes L.L.C. is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a temporary construction trailer from March 15, 2001 through March 14, 2002 at 41587 Burroughs Avenue, Lot 111 in the Tollate Woods Subdivision, which is located west of Meadowbrook Road and south of Thirteen Mile Road.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use

This request will be considered at 3:00 pm. on March 14, 2001, at the Novi Crvic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to March 14, 2001. C. J. KILLEBREW,

Goethes had their disagreement. Word said that for the moment, there are no other probable sites within the city for such a garden center. *Because of a disagreement on the

rental charge. the plan has been withdrawn, and in our minds the proposed garden center still has a future if the two parties can agree." Word said. "Everything was approved, except the signage use. and was ready to proceed."

Troy said he and his father have approached Northville Township authorities with their idea, but the future of having the center in the township is in the preliminary stages. Troy said the township is much different than the city, specifically in regard to the price of land. The Goethes are considering other locations, such as one in Wixom.

We are trying to get a loan to buy our own land because leasing is tough." Troy said. "Land in the township is very expensive. At this time we are still looking for possible sites, but we hope to have a permanent location by this time next year."

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(2-22 & 3-1/8-01 NR 1029095)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **CITY OF NORTHVILLE**

The City of Northville Planning Commission will consider a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding regulatons for maximum percent lot coverage. The regulations are summarized as follows:

Section 15.01 Schedule of Regulations - For the R-1B zoning district, change the maximum allowable lot area cover-

age from 35% to 30%. The proposed text amendments will be considered by the Planning Commission at the March 20, 2001 meeting at 7:30 p.m., at the City of Northwise, 215 W. Main St. Council Chambers. The purpose of this public hearing will be to consider public input on these proposed changes. The complete text of the proposed changes can be reviewed at the City Hall during normal business hours. DIANNE MASSA.

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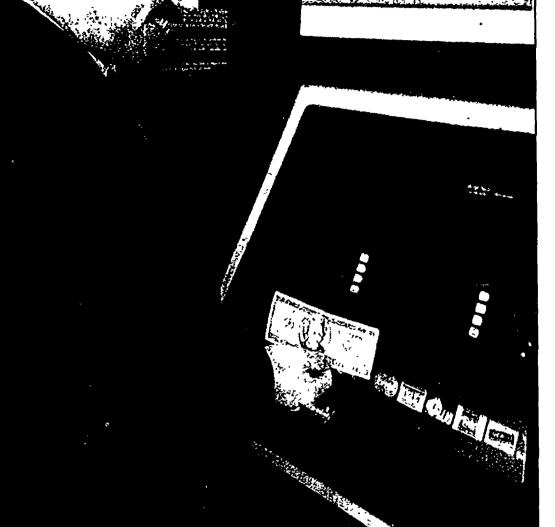


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Attorney Michael McNamara found \$20 at this Northville Township Michigan National Bank ATM and returned it to the bank, along with a letter explaining his discovery.

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2001 BOARD OF REVIEW
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The North ng meetings on the following dates to hear appeals from citizens regarding their 2001 assessment at the Northville Township Finance Building, 41660 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. You may call (248) 348-5810 to make an appointment. Letter of appeals will also be accounted until March 12, 2001 accepted until March 13, 2001.

March 6, 2001	1:00 p.m4:30 p.m. By appointment
March 10, 2001	9:00 a.m12 noon Walk-In (Saturday)
March 12, 2001	1:30 p.m4:30 p.m. By appointment
	6:00 p m9:00 p.m. By appointment
March 13, 2001	9 00 a.m12 noon By appointment
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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL MEETING **CITY OF NOVI/ROAD COMMISSION** FOR OAKLAND COUNTY **12 MILE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

(3-8-01 NR, NN 1033099)

SR. PRINCIPAL CLERK (248) 347-0415

NOTICE --- CITY OF NOVI **REQUEST FOR BIDS** SOFTBALLS

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Softballs according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director

Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Monday, March 12, 2001, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "Softballs" BID

AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informaltes or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi.

CAROL J. KALINOVIK PURCHASING DIRECTOR (248) 347-0446

(3-8-01 NR, NN 1032499)

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Northville, Michigan will receive sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, April 5, 2001, (late bids will not be considered) for:

CITY OF NORTHVILLE COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL PROGRAM Commercial solid waste collection companies are invited to submit a Bld for

this project. Bid requirements, conditions, and all other related documents for this Bid may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 215 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167 during regular working hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. week-days), or by calling the Department of Public Works at (248) 349-3271. Work related to the Bid consists of furnishing all necessary labor, supervision, equipment and supplies for the collection and transportation and disposal of munici-nal comparing the materials.

pal commercial solid waste materials.

Each bid must be accompanied by an acceptable bid security in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or standard form bid bond, made payable to the City of Northville, in an amount of not less than five (5) percent of the base bid subinitial. Failure of any accepted bidder to enter into a contract for the work will cause forfeit of the bid security. After a contract for this work has been signed with the successful bidders, all bid securities will be returned.

The City of Northville will award this contract within 90 calendar days from the date of opening bids. The accepted bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory performance bond and labor and materials payment bond, each in an amount equal to 100 percent of the contract as well as proof of the required insurance coverage. Bids may be withdrawn up to the time and date of the bid opening. After the bid

opening, bids may not be withdrawn for a period of 90 days thereafter.

The City of Northville reserves the right to waive any irregularity or informality in bids, to reject any and/or all bids, in whole or in part, to select various options, or award any contract to other than the low bidder, should it be deemed in its best interest to do so.

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PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR	CITY CLERK
(3-8-01 NR 1032041)	

CITY OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF REVIEW WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review of the City of Northville. Wayne and Oakland Counties, will meet at the City Hall, 215 West Main Street, for the purpose of reviewing and adjusting the 2001 Assessment Rolls of the City of Northville on the following dates:

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2001: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.
 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2001: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2001: 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
 TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2001: 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Administrative Meeting Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed based on the proposed changes to assessed on the proposed changes to assessed based on the proposed changes to an assessed based on the proposed changes to assessed based on the propo

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value for 2001, the Wayne and Oakland County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2001 Real and Personal Property Assessments: WAYNE COUNTY — Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00. OAKLAND COUNTY — Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00 Property 1.00.

ALL TAXPAYERS wishing to review their taxable value or assessments with the Board of Review will be seen by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Appointments must be made on or before 4:30 p m. EST, Friday, March 10, 2001. Please contact the Crty of Northville Tax Department at (248) 449-9901 for an appointment or with any questions you may have regarding your 2001 taxable or assessed value.

BOARD OF REVIEW KAREN WOODRUFF, CHAIRPERSON MAUREEN RYAN MARK ERNST

Western Townships Utilities Authority **Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Synopsis** 3:00 p.m., Monday, February 26, 2001

Regular meeting called to order at 3 05 p m. Present: Thomas Yack, Mark Abbo, Steve Mann Agenda - adopted as presented. Minutes of the regular meeting of January 22, 2001 - approved. Schedule of operating expenses totaling 506,577.63 - approved. Operations & Maintenance Report for January 2001 - received and filed. Operations Manager's Report for February 2001 - received and filed. 1st Quarter Revenue/Expenditure Report (FY 2000/2001) - received and filed. Election of Officers - Chairman - Thomas Yack; Vice-Chairperson/Secretary-Mark Abbo; Treasurer-Steve Mann: Assistant Secretary-Tim Faas. Capital Budget Item; Landscape Enhancement Program - approval to establish a capital budget item. Middle Rouge Lift Station; Leaking Block Walls - update received and filed. Arbitrage Rebate; 1989 Series Bonds - received and filed. Award of Contract: Landscape Enhancement Program - Contract awarded to Canon Russeau Landscape, Inc., of Carleton, Michigan. WTUA Committees - approved.

Operations manager's Contract Amendment - approved.

YCUA Plant Expansion Update - received and filed

The regular meeting was adjourned at 4.30 p m.

THOMAS J. YACK

Chairman

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the manutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187

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WE WANT YOUR OPINIONS The City of Novi and the Road Commission for Oakland County invite your comments on the proposed project to widen and reconstruct 12 Mile Road from just west of Meadowbrook Road to east of Novi Road. Briefly, this project consists of constructing a 4-lane boulevard roadway complete with traffic signals and decorative supports

We invite all interested citizens to attend and express their views or request information on this matter prior to the start of construction of this project. For this purpose, we have scheduled an

INFORMATIONAL MEETING March 27, 2001 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p m. Novi Civic Center WHAT IS PLANNED DATE: TIME:

PLACE:

At this meeting, staff from the City of Novi, the Road Commission for Oaldand County and Finkbeiner, Pettis & Strout will be available to discuss the project and answer questions individually. Project drawings will be available for your review. The meeting is informal, please stop by anytime between 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. WHEN IT COULD HAPPEN

Tentative project schedule is to begin construction in conjunction with the paving project to the west. Construction is scheduled for the 2001 season. HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED

HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED Your attendance at the meeting will give the best opportunity for presenting your views and gaining desired information. However, we welcome your written state-ments to us Send your comments to: City of Novi, Department of Public Services, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375. If you require accommodation in accor-dance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, please provide our department (248) 347-0454 with five days advance notice. WE ARE LOOXING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU.

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

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review shall convene in its first session at 9:00 a.m. EST, Tuesday, March 6th, 2001 in the Novi Assessing Department at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment roll.

Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment protests in the Novi City Council Chambers at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on March 12, 13 & 14, 2001. All appearances before the Board will be by appointment only. If you or your repre-sentative want to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 9, 2001. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or less. Pettons are available at the Assessor's Office or at www.ci.novi.mi.us.NO. APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT. Letters of protest will be acceded on or before 5:00 p.m. EST. Wednesden

Letters of protest will be accepted on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Wednesday, March 14, 2001. Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a letter of protest for the Board of Review consideration, you must attach a completed petition

available at the Assessing Department), along with any supporting information. All agents protesting values on property, other than their own, MUST HAVE written authorization from each property owner they are representing. Persons on fixed or limited income may be eligible for a reduction in property taxes due to poverty Applications are available at the Assessing Department, or at www.ci.novimius

BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE Monday, March 12, 2001 — 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, 2001 — 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, 2001 — 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Any questions should be directed to the Assessing Department at (248) 347-

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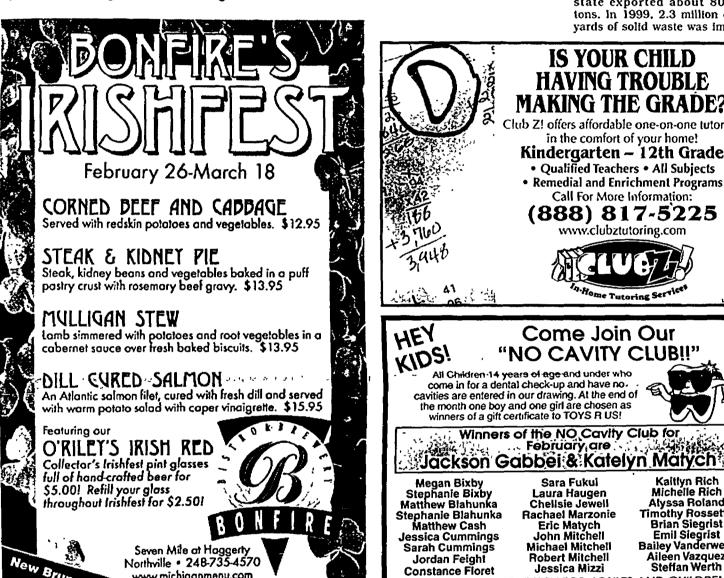
MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

Canadian trash, Salem landfill face Lansing lawmakers' bill



file photo by JOHN HEIDER

At present, trucks from Toronto Import foreign trash into the Arbor Hills BFI waste recovery facility. A new law being proposed by Sens. Loren Bennett and Bill Bullard seeks to eliminate the importation of foreign waste into Michigan landfills.



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tributed 4.5 percent of the solid waste coming into Michigan last year.

This legislation would have a tremendous impact on the city of Toronto," Angelos Bacopoulous, general manager of the solid waste management services for works and Emergency services in Toronto, Canada, said. "Our landfill here is set to close in the year 2002 and if this legislation is approved then our landfill would have to be used. This would cause it to be closed a vear earlier.'

Currently, out-of-state waste transportation and disposal is governed by the Federal Interstate Commerce Act.

"What little room there is for trash disposal must be preserved while science searches for better, more efficient ways to handle waste," Bullard said. "We must protect Michigan's natural resources and ensure the state does not become a dumping ground for the world's trash. Senate Bill 222 simply and effectively prevents Michigan from becoming a trash receptacle."

According to the MDEQ. Michigan landfills imported 6.3 million cubic yards of municipal solid waste in 1999 while the state exported about 80.000 tons. In 1999, 2.3 million cubic yards of solid waste was import-

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> Sen. Bill Bullard **R-Milford**

ed from Canada. States that ship waste to Michigan include Illinois, Indiana, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Wisconsin, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. This legislation was intro-

duced so that if Congress allows states to prohibit the importa-

tion of waste, then it would take effect immediately without hav; ing to take so much time if it was not," Bennett's chief-of-staff Bill Sullivan said.

The bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on natural resources and environmental affairs.

"Just because we have land does not mean it must be used to store waste from other states and nations," Bullard said: Addressing the issue now means Michigan will be better prepared for the future."

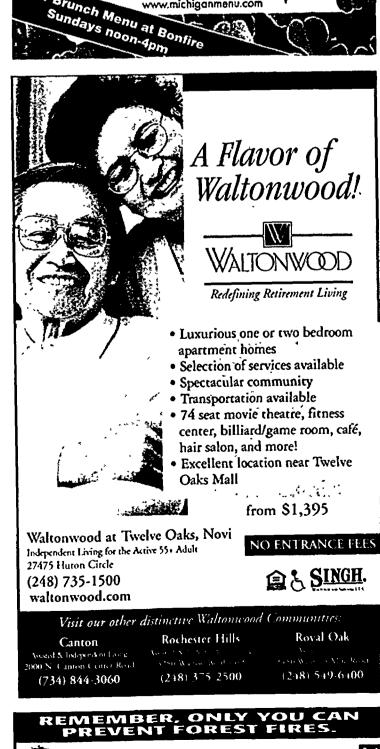
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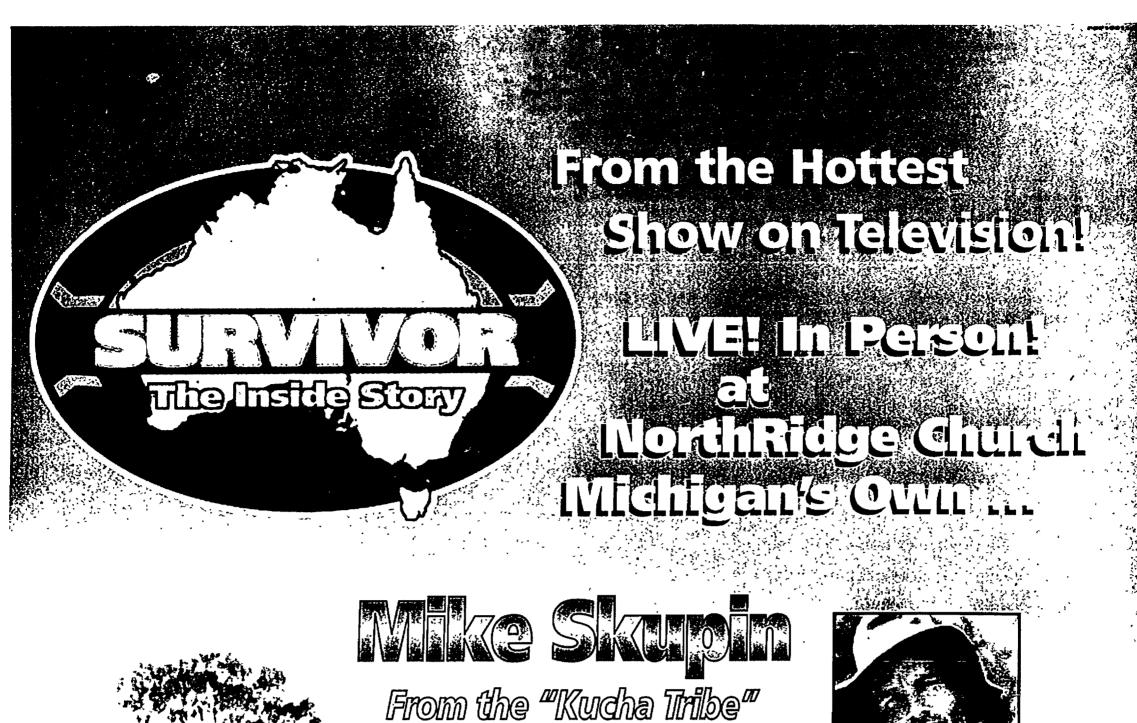
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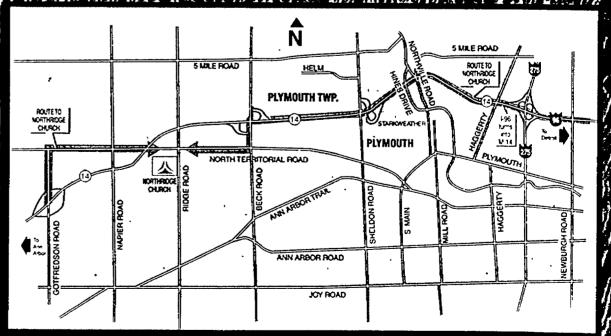
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Northville Seniors

The staff at the Northville Senior Center at 215 W. Cady Street coordinates the following services and activities for senfors 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 Tuesday of the month. from 10 a.m. to noon 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. March distribution will be on March 23.

• 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. Tar-

get and local banks.

Shopping ОГ 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 48 hours in advance. · Bus Service for Movies,

Lunch and Shopping at the Mail Twice a Month

Center

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.

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.

• 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, Mon-days and Thursdays, 12:30-4:30 p.m. and beginning Pinochle on Tuesdays, from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

• Detroit Symphony Orches-

tra 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: Hilary Hahn Plays Barber. March 16: Andsnes Returns. March 23: Rhapsody in Blue, June 1; and Symphony for a New World, June 15. Future

Reynolds, March 8. (Cost for Debbie Reynolds is \$38 for residents, \$45 for non-residents, departure time is 7 p.m. from MAGS.); And That's Entertainment, June 7. 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

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• Healing Touch Therapy Healing Touch is an energybased 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, 9 a.m. to noon at the Senior Center. Cost is \$15 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.

• Foot Reflexology

Reflexology is a science which deals with the principle that there are reflexes in the feet relative to each and every organ and all parts of the body. Stimulating these reflexes properly can help many health problems and is a type of preventative maintenance. Clarence Brown will con-duct foot reflexology at the Senior Center on the last Wednesday of every month. 9 a.m.-noon. The cost is \$30 for one hour. Please call the Senior Center at (248) 349-4140 for an appointment.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND DAY tra TRIPS

Pot Luck Luncheon

Usually 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. Potluck will be March 26 this month.

• Dinner at Dearborn Inn's Eyck Tavern

Join us for dinner at Dearborn Inn's Eyck Tavern on Thursday. March 29. The bus will leave MAGS at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$4 for transportation, payable to the driver. Please call the Senior Center to register.

• Soaring Eagle - Hal Roach

Join us on March 12 at the Soaring Eagle Casino for a day of fun and laughter as the King of Blarney, Hal Roach performs an unforgettable show. Depart from MAGS at 12 p.m. and return at approximately 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$52 for residents. Dinner is on your own on the return trip. Stop by the center to register.

• Rain Dance at the Purple Rose

Join us for "Rain Dance," a world premiere by Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Lanford Wilson, commissioned by the Purple Rose Theater Co. Depart from MAGS on Thursday. March 15 at 4:30 p.m., return at approximately 10:30 p.m. Dinner is on your own at the Common Grill in Chelsea prior to the performance. Cost is \$34 for residents. Stop by the Senior Center to register.

• St. Patrick's Day Irish Stew Luncheon

Join us for a delicious lunch and celebrate to the sounds of great Irish music at the Senior Center on March 16 at noon. The cost is \$6. Stop by the Senior Center to register.

Travel Show

Tour companies will be at the Senior Center on March 20 at 10 a.m: They will present information on upcoming trips and answer any questions you may have. Refreshments will be provided. Call the Senior Center to register.

Ragtime at Fisher Theater

Join us for Ragtime, winner of four 1998 Tony Awards, a powerhouse presentation with an unforgettable score. The bus will depart from MAGS at 6:30 p.m. for an 8 p.m. performance. Stop by the Senior Center to register.

SENIOR CENTER TRIP March 28, Motorcity Casino.

Cost is \$16 for residents.

April 1-9, California Coast

Cost is \$1.979 per person. double occupancy.

• April 9, A Salute to Sina-

Cost is \$66.

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

• May 11, Tulip Time Cost is \$76.

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Legislators wrangle over 'living wages'

By MIKE MALOTT HomeTown News Service mmalott@homecomm.net

For businesses, union representatives and lawmakers, it was deja vu all over again when the House Employment Relations, Training and Safety Committee began work Tuesday, March 6, on a bill to overturn local "living wage" ordinances.

Last year, an outcry over legislation to override local governments in 14 areas of law, living wages included, set off the petition drive that led to Proposal 2, Let Local Votes Count, on the November ballot. Last December, an attempt to pass the override failed on the last day of the legislative session. It fell about five votes short despite the fact the voting board was left open for more than an hour.

In part, the bill died because of concerns of its impact on "prevailing wage" laws. Rep. Andrew Richner. R-Grosse Pointe Park, sponsor of the House Bill 4327, this year included wording in his proposal stating that it would not affect prevailing wage laws. Unions still believe it could and are opposing the bill.

Living wage ordinances require that any business that contracts with the city government must pay their employees at a certain rate over the poverty level, more if they do not give health benefits.

The version enacted in Detroit would require firms to pay \$8.50 per hour, \$10.50 without health benefits. Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township. Ferndale, Warren and Ann Arbor have all passed such living wage ordinances, but all require pay

at different rates.

Richner argues that is already a minimum wage in Michigan, \$5.15 per hour set in state law.

"Until 1998, when Detroit passed the first living wage ordinance in the state, locals deferred to the state and federal law," he said. "They realized that it would be detrimental to the economy. We have 1,800 units of local government Michigan and if each adopted their own minimum wage standards it would created a hodge-podge that would be a nightmare.

"If locals have decided what the minimum wage should be in their area, what right do businesses and stockholders have to dictate otherwise?" asked Rep. Julie Dennis, D-Muskegon.

She noted that a recent study concluded, in some areas of the state, a single parent raising three kids would need to earn \$27,000 annually "to even make it." That translates to \$19 per hour.

"Some people make more than they need," said Rusty Merchant, spokesman for the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce. "Many people make less than they need. But I will tell you this, no one is paid based on need. They are paid based on skills."

Merchant argued that living wage ordinances hurt the very people they are intended to help. As the minimum wage increases, businesses have to hire more highly skilled people to make it worth their while employing them. That makes it more difficult to for less skilled workers and those starting out looking for their first jobs to land employment.

Fridays: Farmer Jack/Hiller's Pops Concerts include: Debbie

Telecom expert wants to wire your house

By DAVID M. AGUILAR Staff Writer

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 in the course of human events.

Forgive Martin Weiser if he seems a bit wired.

That's just his job talking. The former Michigan Bell-Ameritech employee has transformed 35 years of work experience into a retirement profession that allows homeowners to plug into all of their favorite modern day enjoyments.

Need an extra phone jack or two installed in your home? Grown tired of waiting for your local phone company to show up? Want to wire an additional room for cable or install Cat 5 wiring for your fax or LAN-based computer equipment or simply

add some coaxial cable through the wall?

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"I do it all," said Weiser, the cornerstone of Weiser & Sons in South Lyon. "When I do a job. you don't see any wiring. I don't just drill a hole in the wall and go down to the basement. I try to fish everything through the wall. When I am done, you don't see any wiring."

Weiser said he installs wiring of all kinds in houses old and new. And he guarantees all his work.

"I have wired all kinds of different houses," Weiser said. "Many of them have been larger homes, but I have also done some farmhouses. If you need it wired, I can do it.'

Among his professional portfolio is one Hartland home whose owner wanted a phone jack installed in her basement. There was just one caveat, she said: The basement was haunted.

there just in case," Weiser said. "She said maybe the ring will scare the ghost."

Weiser said he will travel 25 to 30 miles Monday through Friday. inclusive of his standard fee (phone/cable: \$55, CAT 5: \$65). He also offers a 10 percent discount to seniors and if necessary, will make a Saturday trip.

"Right now, more and more people need additional phone lines, fax lines, cable," Weiser said. "Whether they have a new house or an older one, it can be wired."

He said the success of the business that was birthed a month after his 1985 retirement and shortly after his arrival in South Lyon was one borne of a common thread: Green Sheet advertising.

"I put an ad in the (Green Sheet) 14 years ago, and I have had real good response," Weiser said. "I have been asked to put an ad in the Ann Arbor paper "She wanted a phone down and in local buying guides. But

my ad in that paper was lost and I didn't get a single call from the buyer's guide."

But what about the sons? Doesn't Martin & Sons imply the involvement of other family members?

'My sons worked with me for about year before moving on." Weiser said, pausing for just a half second before finishing his thought. "I like it this way better.

Martin & Sons can be reached at (248) 437-7566.

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, call the Green Sheet Classifieds toll free at (888) 999-1288.

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cess of our customers

Post office debate sure to displease

Sometimes, you just can't get scape for years. everything you want.

That appears to be the case with the proposed expansion of the Northville post office, where the growth in the areas serviced by the office has put the squeeze on space at the Wing Street office. A contingent of "keep it where it

is" backers insist that downtown Northville is where the expansion

should take place. If that's the decision, then homethe affected area ought to be prea building that very, very close to their own backyards. Let's face it percent satisfied. the city of Northville is pretty well built out, leaving land at a

premium. Then there's the group suggesting that the office should be split

between an office for regular business and a separate office for bulk deliveries and cargo handling. If that's the decision, then the post office had better be prepared for some displeasure from the postal service, which has indicated that a unified facility is the best way to go.

And then there's the group which has suggested that the office ought to head out to that's the decision, then downlown vacant Seven Mile Road facility to lose an icon of city identity that be a supermarket, maybe somehas graced the Wing Street land- thing else?)

The bottom line? Regardless of which decision is reached by the city, homeowners, Northville Township and the postal service. no one is going to be 100 percent satisfied. That's an unfortunate reality that people will need to keep in the back of their minds when speaking on the issue.

Speaking itself also seems to

have become a bit of a challenge, particularly from the postal department's perspective. Information from the USPS hasn't exactly been steady. We think that a good portion of the frustration expressed by homeowners

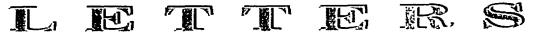
who could potentially be impacted by a post office expansion at the present locale could be cooled if more information was shared.

We think it's time that all parties involved got together, sat down at a table, and talked the post office issue out. Buildings and community identities are precious things to people. Taking care to minimize the disruption and distraction is a worthwhile approach to tough business decisions like this one.

FOOTNOTE: (Farmer Jack officials didn't categorically say 'no' Northville Township, where greater when we asked about the possibilareas of land are easier to locate. If ity of selling the grocery retailer's purists had better be prepared to the postal service. Hey — if it can't



Grandparents and parents joined their children Monday for a special day of visitation at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Northville. At left, Laura Schmidt joines her grandson Ty and his friend Michael Carrington at their desk to work on some poetry.



Customer pays for outdoor seating

I read with interest the news that our esteemed city council will be setting standards for outdoor eateries. Not only that, they'll be collecting fees from the private businesses that use this outdoor public property. Who do they think pays these fees? The business owner? Not so. My opinion is the business passes them on to me.

So, let me get this straight - if I wander along to the of these public places and bring vay own seat, sit down and open my + sm can of Coke (or Pepsi, if you prefer a). I don't pay anything to the local government. However, if someone else provides the seat and the Coke then I pay a fee to the local governme: '. Does that sound as absurb to you as it does to me?

Steve Shanks

Reader chimes in on tax cut proposal

Hot and heavy is the battle of the budget, now going on in the Congress, regard-ing who will benefit most, by the proposed tax cuts, and by how much.

E.J. Dionne Jr., (Washington Post),

moderate income families, supporting 24 million children get absolutely no tax cut at all. They also report a two-child couple making \$18,000 a year pay only \$20 in income taxes, but pay \$2,700 in payroll taxes for Social Security & Medicare (FICA)

Today, a CEO's pay is 485 times the average worker's pay. A worker carning \$10 per hour is matched with a CEO making \$4.850 an hour!

Some say that a tax cut is necessary because the economy is on a down-turn. Tax cuts for the middle class and the poor would do the job of stimulating the economy. These are the taxpayers who, most likely, would use their tax cut to buy needed material items; buying a new refrigerator, a new dress or suit, a new car. pay their child's college tuition, etc.

Let me end by quoting Matthew 31:12 "For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance; but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath." Amen.

Alfred Galli

Ameritech's suit is counterproductive

A recent study - financed and publicized in this newspaper by Ameritech -

Second, Ameritech bases its claims concerning Michigan's long-distance market on an extrapolation of data obtained in analyzing the New York market. There are no data based on Michigan to support those claims.

Clearly. Ameritech wants to enter the long-distance market in order to establish itself as a local and long distance telephone monopoly. all the while singing the praises of the free market.

When Ameritech drops its lawsuit against the local free market revisions of the Michigan Telecommunications Act. we might be willing to listen to its claims about competition in the long-distance market.

Mary Aikey State Legislative Committee AARP Michigan'

Share your opinions

We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

The bottom line? Regardowners living near less of which decision is reached by the city, homepared to deal with owners, Northville Townmight very well get ship and the postal service, no one is going to be 100

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points out that the top 5 percent of taxpayers will get about one-half of the 1.6 trillion dollar tax cut, while the remaining 95 percent of taxpayers get the other half.

Some say that the surplus "is the people's money," not the government's. Pray tell, whose national debt — of over three and a half trillion dollars - is it? Presently, we are paying close to a quarter trillion dollars a year in interest to sup-port the debt. These dollars could be put to better use by fixing such "trivialities" as: 1) Fixing Medicare: 2) Reforming Social Security: 3) Rebuilding the military: 4) Providing paid prescription drugs for the elderly: 5] Building, or repairing school facilities, where needed: 6) "Leaving no children behind" - as some say in the quality of the schools they attend.

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities reports that 12 million lower and

alleges that Michigan consumers are paying \$1.03 billion "too much" each year for long-distance telephone service because regulatory obstacles prevent competition in the marketplace. On behalf of its 1.5 million Michigan members, AARP wants to provide a context for these claims.

First, Ameritech has done everything possible, including filing a lawsuit, to prevent possible competitors from opposing its dominance of the local telephone marketplace. The rewrite of the Michigan Telecommunications Act signed into law last year would open the local market to competition. It also would end Ameritech's \$3.28 per month end user line charge arbitrarily imposed in this non-competitive local market.

AARP has joined Gov. John Engler and the Michigan Public Service Commission in opposing Ameritech's suit.

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March is a lion on state's roads

At first glance, the weather outside seemed perfect. Well, perfect as far as early March standards go, anyway.



Jennifer Norris

spring making a desperate attempt to conquer the tail end of a long-winded winter season. But as one season transforms into another, certain telltale signs mark the battle zone on the land as warmer and colder temperatures battle for their rightful place on the calendar.

After I fumbled with car locks, opened the door and tossed my purse inside. I put the car into gear and

headed down the dirt road by my house. The battle of seasonal superiority has clearly marked itself on that rueful slab of a road. As I ventured down that road. I found that parts of the road had been transformed into deep trenches — trenches measuring the width of the average car tire. During the day, the ruts become deeper as cars pass through in above-freezing temperatures and later harden as temperatures plunge during the night.

I wondered if small animals burrowed in those deepening ruts late at night. It might just be the perfect place to get out of the wind and avoid the cold, night temperatures.

If dodging ruts that could trap your tires in unforgiving muck until the month of July rolled around was not bad enough, the main road held even more surprises.

After exiting the dirt road, I turned onto a paved road...or what was left of a paved road. Friday just happened to be the day that county road crews sent out the steaming, orange trucks filled with a substance that resembles black oatmeal and tireless workers wielding

close by even before I saw it. As I maneuvered down the road I could hear the rapid tap-tap-tap of fresh, loose asphalt being sprayed up onto the underbody of the car by my tires. I sighed as I imagined the underside of my car turning into a black, gritty mess.

It wasn't long before I spotted the road repair truck and I watched as the worker steadily filled the holes by dumping heaping shovelfuls of the inky, black substance - a temporary road Band-Aid in a sea full of expanding potholes and ever-growing canyons.

The tail end of my commute takes me along Novi Road where I often see motorists braking for the large area between Ten Mile Road and the expressway that feels like you're driving over a cheese grater.

The seasonal battle has begun once again in Michigan and Mother Nature has certainly left her mark on the land.

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The race for Michigan has begun

place for years, a tribute to the long-term dominance of Gov. John Engler. But Engler will leave office at the end of 2002, and things are heating up all over.

Media attention has focused mostly on things Democratic. where at least three



strong potential candidates for governor - former Gov. James Blanchard, pres-Attorney ent General Jennifer Granholm and U.S. Rep. David Bonior — are all maneuvering for position. Also scurrying about are State Sens. Gary Peters and Alma Wheeler

with

Smith.

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Geoffrey Fieger looming unaccustomed in the wings.

But things are just as interesting with the Grand Old Party, where the race to succeed (certainly not replace) John Engler is well under way.

Originally, it looked like a horse race between Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus and Secretary of State Candice Miller. But it's now clear the Republican establishment has organized itself to back Posthumus for governor and cut Miller a reapportioned seat in Congress that squeezes Bonior out.

So how does gubernatorial candidate presumptive Posthumus fare? Not particularly well, according to early polls. In last month's EPIC/MRA survey. Posthumus got whomped by both Granholm (53 percent-29 percent) and Blanchard (53 percent-32 percent). Bonior and Posthumus were virtually even.

So what's Posthumus' problem? He's a nice guy, both thoughtful and very conser-

Michigan politics have been frozen in valive (though who in the GOP isn't, these days?). He was on the ballot with Engler last time around and has been featured as lieutenant governor in various administration publicity stunts.

But puzzlingly, he's not particularly well known. The same EPIC/MRA poll that found Blanchard's name ID well above 90 percent (with Granholm's at around 25 percent and Bonior at 35 percent), showed Posthumus' name was unfamiliar to 41 percent of Michigan voters.

This suggests Posthumus has not yet carved out a political identity distinct from that of a generalized Republican politician. Political insiders are talking about Posthumus' lack of "traction." That's a big problem, as a recent poll found that a plurality of all Michigan voters (42 percent) identified themselves as Independents, with self-identified Democrats at around 33 percent, just a few points above Republicans.

And the Independent voter problem comes to a head especially in Oakland and western Wayne counties, where suburbanites (especially women) are deserting the GOP for two main reasons. First, they don't like the hard anti-abortion position that is now a litmus test for Republicans; second, they're scared of the "shall issue" concealed weapons permit legislation the GOP rammed through the legislature last year.

It's not for nothing that as smart a politician as Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson has taken direct control of the Oakland County party, trying to moderate' the party's hard-right image and in the process displeasing some of his more rigidly conservative friends. If Posthumus can't run well in Oakland and western Wayne counties, he isn't going to build a winning statewide presence outside his western Michigan base.

So that strange sound you hear in the distance is caused by other Republicans dashing around to see what can be put together. State Senate Majority Leader

Media attention has mostly focused on things Democratic --like former Gov. James Blanchard, present attorney general Jennifer Granholm and U.S. Rep. David Bonior.

Dan DeGrow isn't denying interest. Another GOP Senator, Bill Schuette, is raising money for a run for something.

The best potential alternative is State Sen. Joe Schwarz, who has said he'll decide by June 1 whether to run. Schwarz is considered adequately conservative by his party, but he hasn't been afraid to take on Engler on certain issues. While Engler ran George W. Bush's Michigan campaign. Schwarz backed U. S. Senator John McCain: McCain won big time. Schwarz also favors campaign finance reform, a subject regarded as too hot to handle by the GOP establishment.

A practicing physician. Schwarz sees the opening Posthumus' lack of traction provides. "I'm a radical middle of the roader," he said. "The Republican Party in Michigan has slipped a little farther to the right than the middle mass of voters would like to see. As a result, for example, we lost Oakland County in the last two presidential elections, and we see women who would normally tend to vote Republican sitting on their hands."

Stay tuned. It should be a mighty interesting year.

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Wordsmithing is a failing concept

As the Senate Education Committee has preceded with its work to define "failing schools," it has become apparent that terminology is a significant issue.

The very idea that the committee is taking testimony about "failing schools" has a good many people rankled. Among



the alternative to terms often suggested have been "troubled," 'struggling.' "low-performing" and "challenged." Tell school districts, and the students and teachers

who

concentrate on your studies when your teeth hurt.

Educators told committee members that many students come to kindergarten from homes where they have never been read to by a parent.

All of these would seem to be different problems, likely to require different responses.

Senators have also been hearing that these school districts should be given time to turn things around.

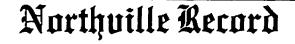
Renee Williams, Superintendent of Benton Harbor Schools was one of the speakers who made this point. Three years was the request she made, saying that it takes that long to implement permanent change in an institution as large as a school district.

She also contended that it is only fair populate

There is little doubt that sociceconomic status can hold children back, but overlooking that fact does them no favors. What senators are considering is how best to design the resource.

socioeconomic status of students in poorer communities, seems all backwards to me as well.

The best weapon we have to break the cycle of poverty is the public school system. It always has been. The fact that so many in our nation's history have been able work their way into the middle class and build a good life for them-



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Mike Malott

they may come to believe it, a number of educators say.

The committee has been conducting a series of hearings on the question of how to define "failing schools," that is, what criteria should be used to identify the state's lowest performing districts. Then, the committee wants to know what should be done to help those districts improve.

It has become apparent there is more than one source of failure. Speakers have pointed out that in some cases the schools themselves are aged, decrepit and poorly maintained. Others have pointed to the teachers and the administrators. Still others, say it's the community itself that is failing. Parents too.

Students come to class unprepared to learn, sometimes unfed or unkempt. In other cases, they lack basic health and dental care. It must be very difficult to balance out the effect of the lower

them, they are that whatever the criteria that are used. "failing" often they should be weighted to account for the enough and

different socioeconomic factors in the communities where the schools are located.

The request for time might sound fair and reasonable, but it also carries some interesting implications. It suggests that that those who run these low-performing school districts know what's going wrong, know how to fix it, and have the tools and resources available to do the job. That raises the question of why it isn't being done now.

It makes more sense to assume that educators in those districts are already doing their best with what they have. If you make that assumption, there is no need to wait. In fact, it just puts off starting the process of reform.

Three years is a very long time to wait. A student entering the sixth grade could lose an entire middle school career while we wait for reforms to have an effect.

The idea of using a weighted score, to

selves despite "humble beginnings" is the public education system's greatest triumph.

There is little doubt that socioeconomic status can hold children back, but overlooking that fact does them no favors. What senators are considering is how best to design the resource schools — most likely to help them improve their socioeconomic status.

The formula for success in America is really quite simple - get an education. find a job and stay in the workforce.

The committee, hopefully, will recognize this and keep its focus - what to do to help the lowest performing schools educate their children.

Lose that focus and the senators may well fall into the category of being a "failing committee."

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More random thoughts and observations on

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Chris C. Davis

firms come this way, but paper cups from Yonge Street will have to stay north of the border, eh?

So now we've arrived at March, the portal

into that season of warmer weather we know and love. And even if the mercury hasn't isn't much beyond that elusive freezing point. I nonetheless notice that the calendar pages show barns with dandelions in the field. The worst is over. Better days are ahead.

· While I wouldn't go so far as to say that the old way of doing business on the Northville Township board of trustees involved friends getting friends on the board. I can say, with hardly any doubt in my mind. all kinds of encouragement is that the new method greatly reduces even being given to the mere appearance of a network of favoritism. Slowly but surely, the political shadows that lurked at 41600 Six Mile are gradually disappearing.

 The Taste of Northville Business Showcase is coming up in just a couple of weeks. Don't worry about the fact it's held during the dinner hours, since restaurants from across Northville Township and Northville will be bringing their best dishes to be sampled. One thing's for certain - no one will be going home hungry.

• I suppose it's a sign of the times that

senior housing needs are being looked into more closely in Northville. The Baby Boomers are nearing retirement, and pretty soon the Gen X-ers will be running the show. If you think AARP is a powerful lobbying group now, just wait about five more years. In the meantime, it'll be interesting to see the results of the housing survey taken. (I couldn't help but notice a new senior housing complex going up along Meadowbrook Road near Grand River in Novi. Just a sideline observation.)

· Another school shooting, another circus media frenzy, another grief-stricken community asking. "Why?" I'm not sure I can answer that question, but I can answer. "How?" It's a three-letter word: G-U-N. Follow?

• Friendly wager o' the week: the XFL goes belly-up in two years. They'll be calling it the eXtinct Football League.

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Weeks, Pitcher announce departure from schools

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vacant positions.

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"[it's] two huge losses for us," said Northville superintendent Leonard Rezmierski. "They're people who I have tremendous confidence in and have grown to have great trust in."

Rezmierski said that the district will be searching for a replacement to fill the position of director of human services. That position was formerly held by Roy Danley, who retired in January.

I'm delighted for them and I'm sad for the district, because I know the caliber of the skill and accomplishment each of these individuals has brought to the district," said Rezmierski. If I had my druthers, I'd want none of them to leave."

Pitcher, who is currently one of the district's assistant superintendent's. said she will be completing her fourth year of service in June.

"I've always been real dedicated to education children." she said. Pitcher also spoke of highly of her partnerships with Northville school representatives.

It's been a pleasure to work with such a talented group of individuals." she said. "I'm going to miss the people. The people [here] are very special. Ive enjoyed getting to know parents. teachers, board members and administrators."

She also voiced her plan for the district's future.

"My vision is that we have an articulated K-12 written curriculum in every content area and we continue to provide staff development so that teachers acquire the skills and knowledge to implement that curriculum.

In addition to Pitcher, Northville will also be losing a faculty member from the high school.

"It's been a pleasure to work with such a talented group of individuals."

Linda Pitcher

assistant superintendent, Northville Public Schools

Gail Weeks, who has served for more than 32 years in educational field, said her last day will be June 28.

Weeks, who is currently the assistant principal at Northville High School, has been with the district for seven years. She also served at Cooke Middle School, which is now known as Hillside Middle School.

Many plans are underway for Weeks and her husband as she begins her retirement later this year.

She said during the summer, they will be living aboard a boat and also spend some time sailing through the Great Lakes.

Plenty of activities will keep Weeks busy during her retirement years, she said.

In the winter, she said she plans to continue snowmobiling and would also like to try snoeshowing and do some traveling. She also said that she and her husband will be relocating to a brand new condominium in August.

We're really excited about our new condo," she said In addition to recreational sporting

activities she plans to do, she also said spending time with her grandchildren ranks high on the priority

list. She said she 'd try to 'attend some of her grandchildren's school events.

"I'll be able to [attend] Grandpar-

ent's Day," she said. Weeks said she feels fortunate to having been a part of the Northville School District.

"It's really been the very best place to be an assistant principal." she said. "Our parent support is so great. It's a really good place.

Weeks also said it was amazing to see how her initial group of students she oversaw at the middle school level, have now progressed towards their graduation day.

"I came here when the current senior class was sixth graders," she said. got to know those kids so very well. It's really good to have shared that much of their life with them."

During the years that Weeks has been part of the district, one of the

most notable changes she experienced was the arrival of the new high school building.

"I was lucky to be part of this," she said. Not too many people in their career...get the chance to open a new building. That was a wonderful opportunity for me."

She also said that she feels honored to have worked with her colleagues in Northville.

The staff that I've met are just wonderful," said Weeks. "Northville is really lucky to have such fine staff, teachers and administrators. I've been really lucky to be a part of this. It's a very good place to be."

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Local authors to be honored at local library recognition lunch

By TEDD SCHNEIDER Saft Writer tschneider@oe.homecomm.net

You may not hit a home run every time up but at least you can put your ball in the middle of the fairway.

It's a mixed sports metaphor for sure, but one that accurately represents the publishing philosophy of Brian Lewis, whose Chelsea-based Skeeping Bear Press has garnered an impressive record of sales and accolades in just six years.

Lewis will be the featured speaker Thursday, April 5, for the 15th annual Author Luncheon hosted by the Friends of the Canton, Plymouth. Northville and Novi libraries. The event is sponsored by the Observer Newspapers and Hometown Newspapers. both part of the HomeTown Communications Network.

Lewis, unsuccessful efforts to find a publisher for a 62-year-old golf manuscript, The Spirit of St. Andrews. inspired creation of Sleeping Bear in 1995. Since then, the small, Main Street office has expanded to house 34 employees. It has published a variety of mostly regional titles from children's books to a coffee table memoir by Bo Schembechler to a first novel [The Greatest Player that Never Lived by Mike Veron) All have had sales rang-

ing from good to phenomenal and have been praised for the quality of materials and workmanship. A children's Christmas story. The Legend of Skeeping Bear, has sold well in excess of 100,000 copies.

We're not going to be doing a John Grisham book, but we don't have to in order to be successful. The goal is to take the projects we do select and do a first-class job." Lewis said in a tele-phone interview this week.

Lewis said he relies on the intuition and talent of the Sleeping Bear staff in choosing tules and nurturing projects. Editor Heather Hughes was particularly instrumental in The Legend of Sleeping Bear, written by Kathy-jo Wargin and illustrated by Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen. The story (and the publisher's name) come from the northern Michigan tale about a mother bear waiting for her cubs.

The golf books, though, are Lewis' passion along with the publishing business, which runs in the family. A listener is never sure which one Lewis is referring to when he speaks of the two.

"I love the game. It's addictive," he said.

Only when he adds that publishing is a very energetic, fast-moving business." in contrast to the more leisurely

but no less demanding sport, does the difference become clear.

The most golf books are the novel and non-fiction works about the exclusive Cypress Point Golf Course in Carmel, Calif. and The Fundamentals of Hogan, a book of never-before-published instructional photographs the legendary Ben Hogan used to prepare

his 1957 book, Five Lessons. Lewis, 40, grew up in Chelsea, west of Ann Arbor, and .graduated into his

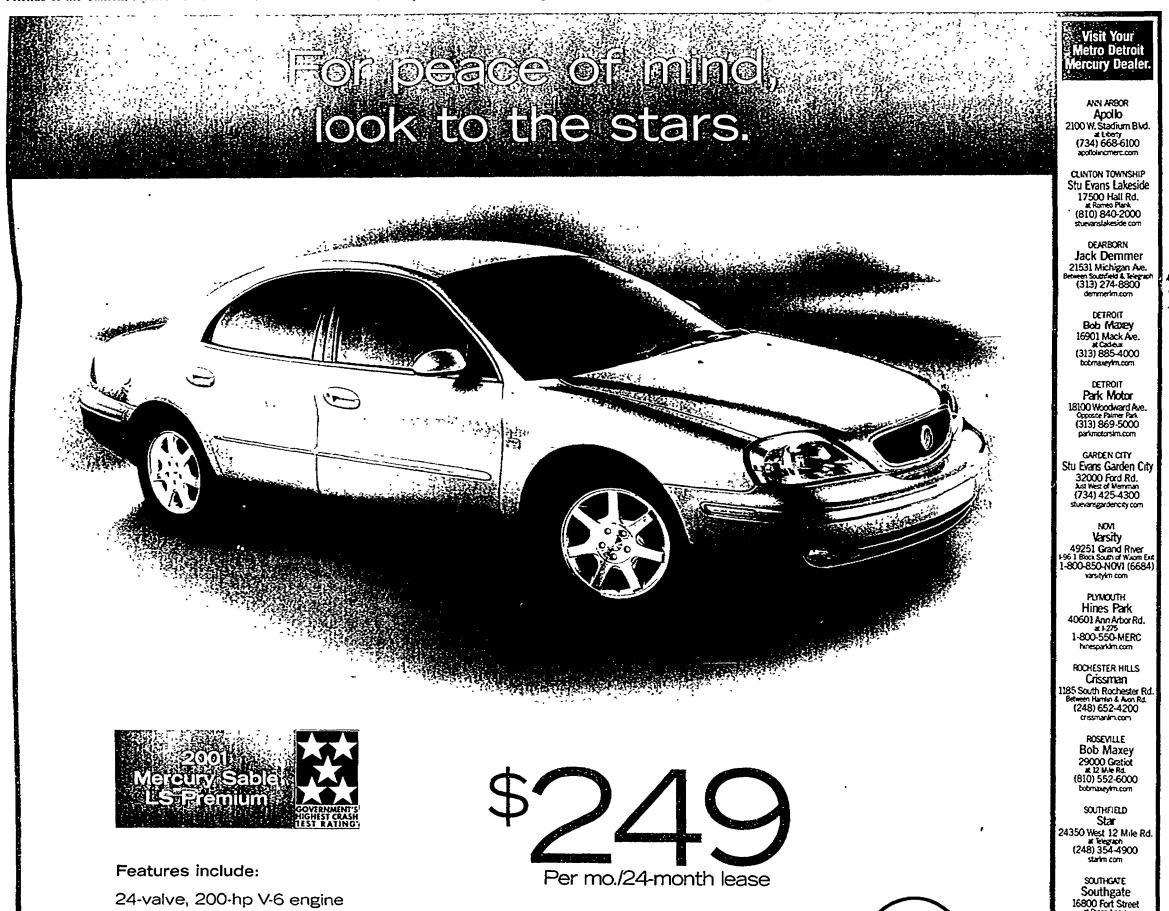
late father's technical publishing business after earning a business degree from Grand Valley State University. Lewis Publishers was the second venture run by his dad, Edward Lewis, It

was sold to Times-Mirror Corp., the usual fate for successful, small publishers, according to Brian Lewis in 1990.

Brian stayed on as president until the first golf book pointed him in his current entrepreneurial direction.

His appearance on behalf of the friends groups will mark the first timea publisher, rather than author, delivers the keynote address. But it isn't for lack of trying. Lewis noted.

"Ive probably tried 10 times to sit down and write a book. That requires an incredible amount of stamina and dedication. I think I'll stick to this." he said.



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Photo by TOM HIBBELN Northville-Novi gymnast Jenn Mehl performs a portion of her floor routine in a recent meet.

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Wild'Stangs win region

Gymnasts win fifth consecutive regional title with score of 145.875

The Wild Stang gymnasts. ranked second in the state by the Michigan Coaches Association. won their Regional for the fifth consecutive year at Plymouth Canton High School last region and going to Saturday with a team score of States ... " 145.875.

Adrian took second with a score of 139.925 and Ann Arbor Huron finished third with 138.875. Only the top three teams from each of four regions advance to the state team championship tournament, which this year will be held on tomorrow at Rockford High School.

Leading the way for the Northville-Novi gymnasts were seniors Megan Samhat, and Katie Braine, and sophomore Jenn Sturgis. Samhat had the team high all-around score of 36.575 which was second in Division 1. and included a first on beam (9.625), a second on vault (9.2) and a fourth on floor (9.2).

Sturgis had the second highest team all around of 36.325, and placed fourth all-around in Division 1. She took firsts on each of the initial three events in which she competed; floor (9.6). vault (9.225) and bars (9.15). However, she had trouble on beam where she fell twice. Braine

"We were happy to achieve our goal of winning our

> Lindsay Crews head gymnastics coach

finished fifth all around Division 1, with a second on beam (9.525) and third on floor (9.3). Also con-tributing for the Wild Stang squad were junior Andrea Ledbetter who had the fourthhighest team all around (34.5). junior Lindsey Carlson who had a second on vault (9.2) and fifth on bars (8.75), senior Alison Gillette who placed second in Division 2 on bars (8.75) and fourth on floor (9.05), and senior Monica Fink finished third on Division 2 vault (8.825).

Although coach Lindsay Crews was pleased with her team's performance, she was still pointing her team to the future.

We are happy to achieve our goal of winning our region and going to states, but we know at states there will be many good teams capable of winning."

Crews said. "We just need to stick together as a team, continue to work hard, and concentrate on doing our best on each event." Coach Jeff Pergament said a top-caliber effort would be needed for the team to secure a state championship.

If the girls give their best effort and hit their routines they have an excellent chance of winning states," he said.

Crews acknowledged and commended team members who qualified to compete at Regionals.

'It's unusual to have so many girls who qualify," said Crews. We had 14 on vault, 12 on bars.

11 on floor and 10 on beam." Achieving qualifying scores for the team were:

All-around: Samhat. Braine. Fink. Gillette. Carlson. Ledbetter, Sturgis, and freshman Jennifer Mehl.

Multiple Event Gualifiers: senior Val Stefaniak, junior Missy Esper, sophomore Whitney Paul. and freshman Sara Wilchowski and Amanda Crawford.

Single Event Qualifiers: senior Larissa Szwast, sophomores Caitlin Miller and Amy Wild. and Saturday. starting at 11 a.m..



Photo by JOHN HEIDER Andrea Ledbetter warms up for her floor exercise.

freshman Tricia Brownfield.

The 200-2001 High School gymnastics season will conclude this weekend at Rockford High School with the Team finals tomorrow, starting at 4 p.m., and the Individual finals on

Woe and redemption for Mustang hoops team

BY COLBY J. CAVALIERE Sports Editor

They played perhaps their worst game of the season in the biggest game of the year, but were able to shake it off and get themselves a first round district win five days later.

The seventh-seeded Mustangs. fresh off upsets against the second and third seeds, found themselves looking up at 18-1 Walled Lake Central in the finals of the WLAA championship game on Feb. 28. Hoping to come out and claim redemption on a season of lost opportunities. Northville came up well short in a 61-30 loss.

"We expected it to be a great ried the team with a combined game, but I guess we picked the wrong night to come out flat." Baldwin.

Saying the 'Stangs had an the "...but I guess we picked the ting his two off night would Wrong night to come out ã severe flat" understatement. Central made a concentrated effort to Mustangs' head coach

scoring average of 34 points per wrong night to come out flat." game — could only manage eight. said Northville coach Scott Gregor didn't make a shot from the field, get-

points from the foul line. line. Thomas Knapp was main offenthreat. sive leading the team with 10 Scott Baldwin points. "They did

exactly what we expected them to do, but ours just weren't able to put things together at all," said Baldwin. Perhaps the emotion of fighting

though the first two games simply ran out in the final, but whatever it was, the Mustangs didn't get it done in the big game, and ended their second half winning streak with a bitter pill.

This kind of tarnishes the heck out of our second half run. It doesn't take away anything we have done, but it's a sour feeling net playing well in the final." said Baldwin.

NORTHVILLE 56, CANTON 46 The bitter taste of the loss to Walled Lake Central was quickly replaced by the sweet nectar of victory in the first round of the district playoffs Monday night,

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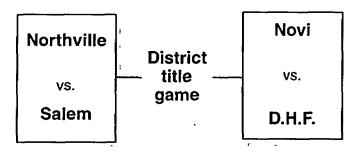
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Northville bus, and they were highly successful. Northville's big guns - Aaron Redden, and David Gregor, two players that have car-



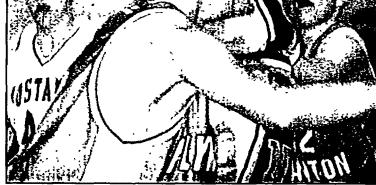
Mustangs' head coach Scott Baldwin, far left, and staff seem perplexed at their teams performance in the WLAA finals.

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DISTRICT BASKETBALL

Semi-final games were last night. Title game will be tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Northville High School.



Mustang Tim Ferng puts up a running leaner against Plymouth Canton during Monday night's district match-up.

Hockey season ends on a down note in regionals

BY COLBY J. CAVALIERE SPORTS EDITOR

During the 2000-2001 hockey season. Northville fielded two teams.

The team that went out on the Ice during the first half of the year went 4-8-1, losing twice to rival Novi, and losing back-to-back games by a total of 12 goals in early December.

That team was replaced by one that went 7-3-2 in the second half. which included a five-game winning streak that started in late January, and extended into early February.

But this new team that had come together and rebounded so well in the second half revisited some of their early-season woes in the final games of the year, and saw their season come to an unceremonious end with a 5.4 loss to Lakeland in the regional semifinal. The loss ended the Mustangs' hopes of a run at a regional match against Novi or a state title.

The early-season demons haunted the 'Stangs against Lakeland. The KVC squad jumped on Northville, taking a 3-0 lead in the first period, putting the Mustangs into their icy grave early. Unwilling to give up and die, Northville climbed back to within 3-2 in the second period, but Lakeland pushed them back down, going up 4-2 at the end of the period

Lakeland is one of those scrappy teams, that does lots of little things. I knew coming in that a team like this was going to give us problems," said Mustangs coach Brad O'Neill.

In the third, Northville scored early to make it 4-3, but once again the Eagles would not allow a comeback, and took a 5-3 lead. The Mustangs pulled their goalie late in the game, and it paid off, as it closed the deficit to one. A costly penalty in the final moments handcuffed Northville, not allowing the team to get the extra skater again.

We did a heck of a job climbing back all those times, but its very



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville's Scott Schueler, right, gets run into the boards by an opponent in a game earlier this year.

difficult to rebound from an early three-goal hole in the playoffs against a good team." said O'Neill. Lapses in team defense, and the

inability to win face-offs put the Stangs in difficult situations.

We had some breakdowns that

directly lead to some of the early goals," said O'Neill. "They dominated us on face-offs, and we couldn't come up with a way to stop their scoring line.

Senior Rob Ryan notched two goals in his last game, solidifying

his position atop the Northville record books as the career goals and assists leader. He finished the year with 44 points (19 goals, 25 assists). Fellow senior Aaron Selwood notched a goal of his own. and junior Tom Hillebrand scored the other Mustang goal against Lakeland.

Despite the 11-11-3 record, the Mustangs did go 8-7-1 in the very tough Western Lakes Activities Association, and got some solid wins in the second half. But in the end, they just weren't able to overcome the problems that lingered during the season.

One of our biggest problems was falling behind early and being forced to get into a shoot-out ." O'Neill said. "We had problems finishing games. In most of the close games we had we failed to put teams away, and allowed them back in the game to beat us, or tie

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<u>Team</u>	Record
Central**	10-1
Farmington	9-2
Western*	8-3
Canton	7-4
Salem	7-4
N. Farmington	6-5
Northville	5-6
Stevenson	4-7
Franklin	4-7
John Glenn	3-8
Harrison	2-9
Churchill	1-10
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'Stangs bounce back, move ahead

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when the Mustangs downed Canton, 56-46.

We played harder than Canton. but we didn't play our best game. Our effort got us this win." said Baldwin.

Northville may have been showing some ill effects of their previous game, as they started slowly in the first quarter. The poor shooting and sluggish start gave way to an energized Mustang team, as they hit the locker room at the half with a 10-point lead.

"As the game wore on we got stronger, and were able to put some things together." Baldwin said.

Canton wouldn't give up, staging a late game rally, but Northville was solid from the freethrow line, hitting on 17-24 [71 percent) for the game.

Gregor bounced back with a terrific game, scoring 22 points, and grabbing 11 rebounds. Redden, while only netting 10 points, dished out five assists and pulled in eight boards. Knapp provided a extra scoring punch with 16. and Tim Ferng scored eight points, and handed out five assists, and hauled in five rebounds off the bench.

Tive very happy with the way our kids were able to bounce back. Its a big win for us. and gives us a chance to keep our season going," said Baldwin.

That season continued last night against the other Plymouth team. Plymouth Salem. The winner of the Northville-Salem match will advance to the district finals tomorrow against the winner of the Novi-Detroit Henry Ford matchup. The championship game is set for 7 p.m. in Northville.

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The Sports Club of Novi gymnastics team took a first place at the Desert Devil Classic meet in Scottsdale, Ariz. last month.

"We had a couple of graduating

Second season sweet for figure skating club team

The Northville Figure Skating team, a club team at the high school, kicked off its second season success, and the growing popuin December hoping to grow and succeed. The team finished its sealarity of figure skating in the son last Saturday at the state comarea. it's only a matter of time petition with a first-place finish in the combined individual portion of before they are recognized. girls looking to go out with a the competition.

The team of 15 girls have yet to bang." said coach Michele achieve status as an official var-Mikonczyk. sity sport, but with the team's The following skaters led their

team to victory:

Andrea Sulek: third in Bronze dance, sixth in preliminary freestyle

Kristy Bishop: fourth in pre-

preliminary

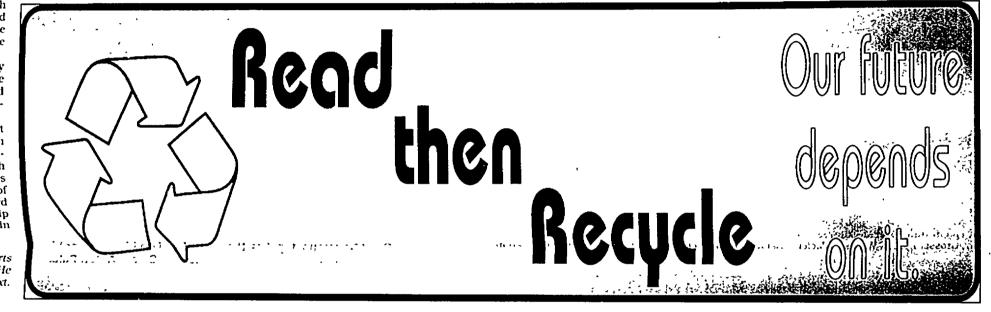
Heather Barent: ninth in Novice freestyle, third in preliminary dance

Erin Banner: third in Junior freestyle, third in Pre-Bronze dance Halie Bojovic: first in Junior

freestyle

Stephanie Papich: fifth in Juvenile freestyle Megan Hughes: second in Pre-Silver dance Carrie Banner: fourth in Preliminary dance. 5th in Intermediate Freestyle Calynn Berry: ninth in

Intermediate freestyle





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Gymnastics team wins tournament in Arizona desert

The Sports Club of Novi Level 7 Gymnastics team took first place at the Desert Devil Classic meet in Scottsdale, Ariz. on Feb. 24.

Fifty-six teams from 33 states took part in the competition held at Rawhkle, an 1880's Western town. Enroute to their impressive team score of 111 points, Amanda Green of New Hudson took first on vault, Courtney Shaneour of Osseo took first on uneven bars and second All-Around. Kari Pearce of Ann Arbor took second on beam and third all-around.

Nicole Roach of Canton took second on bars and second all-around. Jessica Oddi of Farmington Hills placed second on beam and third allaround. Rounding out the champi-onship team are Chelsea Selden of Plymouth, Emma Platt of Novi, Sarah Ilkhani-Pour of Northville and Erica Schick of Livonia. The team is coached by Jenn Quinlan, Brian Lewis, and Jill Hardway. The Desert Devil victory was the

second straight for the Sports Chub grunasts. The Level 7 team placed first on Feb. 16 at the Annual Cereal City classic meet in Battle Creek. Teams from across the nation as well as Canada, El Salvador and Finland participated in the competition.

Sports Club's Nicole Roach had a phenomenal meet, taking first on vault, bars, and floor exercise, and first all-around. Teammate Jessica Oddi placed first in her division on bars and second all-around. Courtney Shaneour took first on floor, second on bars, and beam, and finished first allaround. Karl Pearce took second on

vault, beam, and floor to place third allaround. After their return from Arizona, the team is preparing for the Niagra Cup

Invitational in Bullalo, N.Y. on March 9 and the State Championship meet in Rochester.

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Two more set to swim in states for the Mustangs

Swimming

BY COLBY J. CAVALIERE Sports Editor

The team is set.

With the aptly named "Last Chance Meet" held on March 1, the Northville swimming team earned two more state qualifications.

Joining the 200 freestyle relay team. Dan Myers in the 500 freestyle, and Jason Albosta in diving, were the 400 freestyle relay team, and Derek Ohlgren in the 100 butterfly.

Ohlgren qualified in the Last Chance Meet with a time of 55.22. and the 400 freestyle relay team of Mike Mueller. Dan Myers, John Moors, and Ohlgren got in with a time of 3:22.21.

The seven swimmers will participate in those five events, starting tomorrow at noon in the preliminaries at Michigan State University. The finals will be on Saturday at noon.

"It was great to add a few more guys to the team." said coach Rich Bennetts. "Hopefully the guys can go out there and swim their best, and represent Northville well."

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W.L.A.A Boys Basketball

(Canton)Oliver Wolcott, Andrew Holmes, Jason Priebe; (Churchill) Bradon Dziklinski, Kevin Zielinski; (Farmington) Jeremy Mazes, Layne Bodily, Brad Barenie; (Franklin) Ian Reid, Chris Patterson; (Harrison) Winston Coffe, Matt Elsey, Marvin Hicks, Dave Condeni, Terrill Mayberry, LeDarius Brown; (John Glenn) Mike Goree, Mike Franks, Brett Bogle; (N.Farmington) Marcus McComb, Jason Neal, Michael Patterson; (Northville) Thomas Knapp; (Salem) Jeff Haar; (Stevenson) Lindon Ivezaj, Bradon Chitwood, Matt Bartnick, Bob Zapalski; (W.L. Central) Jon Auer; (W.L. Western) Chris Eagle.

Italics indicates player of the year

Sports Briefs

Pointe Woods, Glacier Pointe Ice Arena in Port Huron, the Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena. Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills, Redford Arena, Dearborn Ice Skating Center and the Ice Box Sports Center in Brownstown.

The program is geared toward squirt players moving up to the pee wee level, as well as pee wee and bantam players who need instruction on the techniques of checking.

SHS Director Tom Anastos developed the clinics in order to properly prepare young players for higher levels of hockey that involve check-

ing. "Coaches just don't have the fit from learning proper checking techniques to avoid penalties and injuries."

Areas of emphasis in the twohour instructional session include proper checking technique, how to receive a check, how to avoid a check, stick checking, back checking, angling and body positioning.

"There is a lot more to effective checking than the actual physical contact." SHS Director Lyle Phair said. "Proper stick and body positioning and a sense of timing and control are very important in setting up the check.

The following is a list of loca-tions and times for the Suburban's Learn to Check Clinics.

Livonia Devon-Aire Friday. March 16 5-6:50 p.m.

Novi Ice Arena Monday, March 19 5:30-7:20 p.m., or 7:30-9:20 p.m.

Lakeland Ice Arena Tuesday. March 20, 5:40-7:30 p.m., or 7:40-9:30 p.m.

Northville Umpires Association

Who: Open to anyone 14 year and older wishing to umpire in

Purpose: The purpose of the class will be to instruct umpires in the rules of baseball and softball, and to prepare them for the required test. The test is mandatory for all umpires.

Guestions? Please contact Bob Boshoven at (248) 347-5915 or Todd Sander (248) 342-4353 for more information.

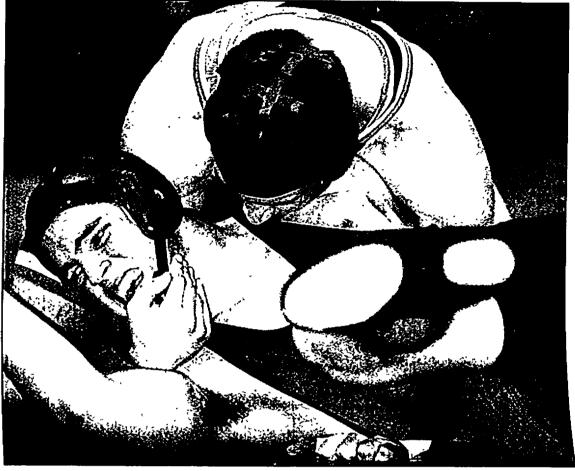
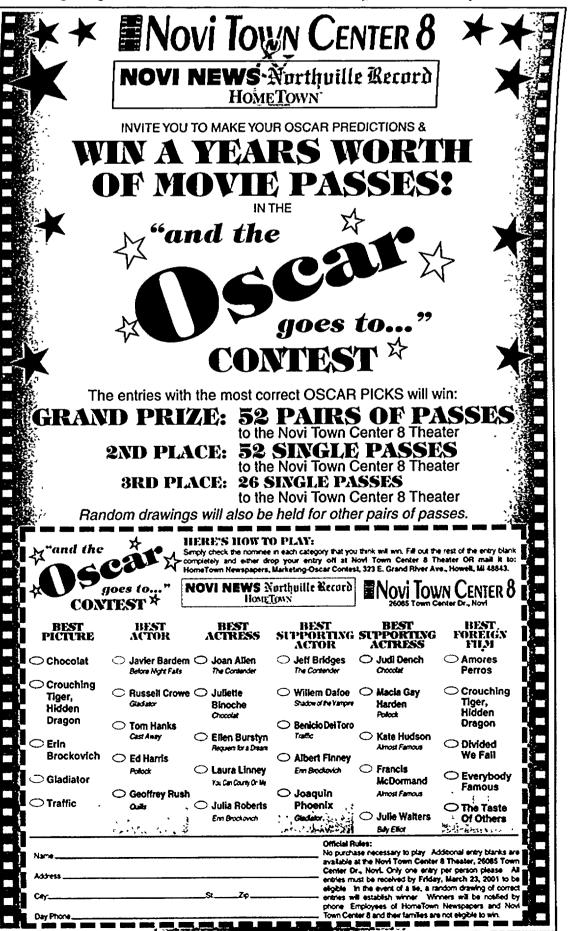


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Chad Neumann, top, has the upper hand on his opponent in a late season match. Neumann will be wrestling along with teammates Ravi Saran, Anton Palushaj, and Joe Rumbley in the states.



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Suburban to hold High Performance Training Program Suburban Hockey will hold the

High Performance Training Program for squirt. pee wee and bantam/midget/high school players in April and May at Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills and the Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena.

The program, which is designed to create a competitive training environment for players who competed at the A. AA. AAA or high school level during the fall, provides the structure to allow players to reach their maximum potential during 18-hours off. onice instruction.

Sessions will be held for an hour and a half on Monday and Thursday evenings, and will be taught by former college, junior. and professional players and coaches

Call (248) 478-1600 for more information.

Learn to Check with Suburban Hockey Suburban Hockey Schools will

conduct the highly popular Learn

to Check clinics at several locations

prior to the spring hockey season.

including Devon-Aire Arena in Livonia, Novi Ice Arena, Lakeland

Arena in Waterford, McCann Arena in Grosse Pointe Woods, Glacier

time to teach checking in practice." Anastos said. "Squirt players moving up to pee-wee are left to learn as they go and it can be a frightening and dangerous experience for them. Older players can also bene-

What: Umpire Class When: Saturdays. March 10, 17, 24, 31, and April 7. Where: Hillside Middle School Northville

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Seasonal disorder affects many

The best way to deal with the experience SAD, and another 25 meditations remove the thought of winter blues is to do what an American astronaut did while spending five months on the Russian space station Mir.

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Jerry Linenger avoided depression on Mir through exercise. meditation.

and visualization. If anyone has the potential for depression. the it's astronauts. However. Michigan winters can put us at

risk

Penny Weaver for

depression for some of the same reasons. Winter is depressing because we are confined, it's not easy to be outside in nature or to capture sunshine. It's hard to get motivated to do things. As a result we tend to stay put and eat and sleep too much. Anxiety and irritability often develop.

Many people who have Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) experience these symptoms. SAD results from a lack of sun or bright light in the winter. The National Institute of Mental Health estimated that 10 million Americans

• What is Sinusitis?

acute sinusitis.

weeks.

Acute sinusitis is a short term

condition that responds well to antibiotics and decongestants.

Chronic sinusitis is characterized

by at least four recurrences of

Facial pain/pressure: nasal

obstruction/blockage: nasal dis-

charge: additional symptoms may

be: headache, bad breath, fatigue.

The usage of antibiotics, decon-

gestants, steroid sprays, and pos-sibly antihistamines may be pre-

scribed by your doctor. Typically

before considering sinus surgery,

your doctor will use conservative

medical treatment to alleviate

your symptoms for four to six

Common Symptoms

dental pain, and cough.

• Did you know?

Treatment options

million experience milder depressive symptoms.

A few changes can make a big difference. Here are some tips to get you going. But before you begin, the most helpful thing you can do is to put aside your inner critic. You know the little voice saying that this is going to be too embarrassing, people will laugh, you can't do it or you're just a hopeless case. While there is a time and place for the inner critic, now is not the time, so send it away and start on the following.

1. Get more light - Brighten your home or office by turning on lights, opening curtains and go outside when the sun is shining.

2. Exercise - This is one of the most profound antidotes to depression that there is. A few days of activity will make a big difference in raising your energy level and releasing endorphins that make you feel good. In additional to traditional forms of exercise you might consider some active meditations such as:

a) Walking meditation - Walking can be an incredibly powerful and enlightening technique for meditation. Solitary walking encourages a meditative state and many artists claim their most inspiring ideas come while walking. Walking

a destination from the process of walking so that only walking remains. That doesn't mean you don't have a destination. it only means it doesn't concern you because you are living wholly in the moment.

b) Yoga - If you've ever practiced yoga, there are several places in studios and health clubs in the area where you can learn. If you know yoga, concentrate on the sun salutation. As you progress through the movements, visualize the sun and recall how it feels shining on your skin and think about the effects it has on the world. As your body flows through the postures, feel the sun's energy flowing into you and filling you with vitality. While walking and yoga can be a meditation, they can also be an excellent preparation for a sitting meditation by relieving you of excess energy and preparing the mind for quiet thought.

3. Meditate - Use the meditation techniques we discussed in other earlier articles. (Call 374-1070 for a copy.) Go into a meditative state and communicate with your highest knowing to determine if there are other issues you should be working on. Have you been keep-ing your New Year's resolutions? If

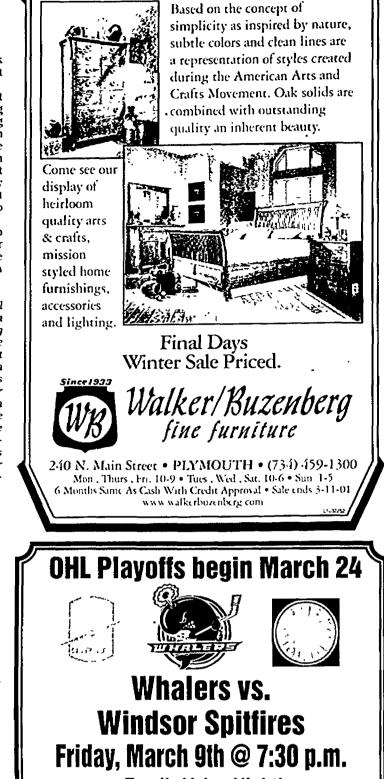
you need to get back on track. think about what you need to do to get there and plan to follow through.

4. Visualize - Visualize a scene that makes you feel happy. If nothing comes to mind view yourself walking on a warm beach in sunshine. Listen to the roar of the ocean and smell the aroma of coconut oil in the suntan lotion. Or imagine white light streaming down into your body through the top of your head. Feel it slowly flow all through your body to make you feel balanced.

Doing these activities can help you get through the bleak winter months. Fortunately the days are getting longer and spring is only a month away.

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- Sinusitis is ranked second in terms of prevalence in the USA. Sinusitis is an inflammation of Over 37 million people are afflictthe membrane lining of any sinus.

ed each year. - Sinus abnormalities are more commonly found in sinusitis patients during the months of July. August. September, and December.

• Pediatric Sinusitis

Your child's sinuses are not fully developed until age 20. Sinusitis is difficult to diagnose because respiratory infections are more frequent, and symptoms can be subtle. Unlike a cold or allergy. bacterial sinusitis requires a physician's diagnosis and treatment with an antiblotic to prevent future complications.

Common Symptoms in Children

- A "cold" lasting more than ten to 14 days, sometimes with a low grade fever:

- Thick yellow-green nasal drainage:

- Post nasal drip: exhibited as a sore throat, cough, bad breath. nausea and/or vomiting:

- Headache, usually not before age 6:

- Irritability or fatigue: and - Swelling around the eyes.

• Treatment

Antibiotic therapy is the most successful treatment in many cases. If medical therapy fails. surgical therapy can be used as a safe and effective method of treating sinus disease in children.

Special Considerations is Needed for Aging Patients

With aging, the physiology and the function of the nose changes. the nose lengthens, and the nasal tip begins to droop, due to weakening of the supporting cartilage. This in turn causes a restriction of nasal airflow, particularly at the nasal valve region (where the upper and lower cartilages meet). Narrowing in this area results in the complaint of nasal obstruction. often referred to as Geriatric Rhinitis.

Common complaints of **Geriatric Rhinitis**

- Constant need to clear the throat: a sense of nasal obstruction: nasal crusting/dry irritated nose: vague facial pressure; and decrease in sense of smell and taste.

Treatment

Medication is individualized specifically for this age groups slower metabolism and the increasing potential for side effects. Surgery is occasionally advised for older patients.

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It's long been said that breast newborns.

But beyond its benefits to a couraged and believe that they ommends that women not

Sinusitis awareness rises in March

101 About 85 percent of new mothers who give birth at the University of Michigan Health System follow that advice by initiating breastfeeding before leaving the hospital and then continuing to breastfeed. on average, for the first six months.

Now doctors at the UMHS are encouraging mothers to breastfeed their newborns through their first year of life not only based on its initial health benefits to the child, but also due to the long-term impact it can have, including an increase in a child's cognitive development and a reduced risk for certain cancer in a mother, said Gary Freed M.D., M.P.H., director of Division of General the Pediatrics in the Department of Pediatric and Communicable Disease at the UMHS.

The American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Family Physicians recommends that children receive breast milk for the first year of life. Breastfed newborns tend to have a lower incidence of ear infections, respiratory infections, gastroenteritis, diarrheal illness, and a lower rate of hospitalization than children who are formula fed.

We know in the first year of life, there's a tremendous protection against many infectious diseases," said Freed. "However, there's likely to be benefits that last 20, 30, or even 40 years because we know that organ development in infants has a big impact on how those organs function later in life."

Although it can be difficult to separate environmental and social influences from a child's cognitive development, there have been several recent and controlled studies done to prove that breast milk's long-term benefits are really food for thought. The studies, Freed said, have shown that breastfed children on average have a slightly higher I.Q. than formula fed children.

child, breastleeding can have a significant impact on a mother's health. Nursing moms burn 500 more calories a day than women who are not pregnant or nursing, which works to speed up their weight loss after childbirth. Also, a baby's nursing causes a woman's uterus to contract and reduces blood-flow after delivery and creates a lesser chance that she will later develop breast cancer or even uterine cancer.

The environment and a family's finances also reap the benefits of breastfeeding. When a family chooses to breastfeed a child instead of using formula, there is not only a decrease in air, water and land pollution from the production of formula and its packaging, but a family also can save about \$2,000 a year that would otherwise have been spent on formula.

Even in light of all of its health. environment and financial advantages, possibly one of the greatest benefits of breastfeeding is the connection that it creates between an infant and a mother, said Freed.

"People have been able to demonstrate the phenomenal bond that takes place between a mother and an infant through-out the process of nursing." said Freed. There have been studies to show that the rates of child abuse are lower in women who breastfeed their babies both rates of abuse from the mom as well as rates of abuse from the dad."

Still, many moms worry breastfeeding excludes dad from helping with the baby. But according to Freed, that doesn't have to happen. Dads can play an important roll in breastfeeding by providing support for mom and baby, and by participating in the feeding process by, for example, going to get the baby for nighttime feedings.

Cooperation from all members within a family can make all the difference when breastfeeding. Without proper support, some women can easily become dis-

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are just unable to breastleed. But Freed warns that women shouldn't give in so soon to that common misconception.

If a large proportion of women in our population couldn't breastfeed, then it's likely our species would have died out several thousand years ago when there were no human milk substitutes," said Freed.

In fact, only about 3 percent of the entire female population is unable to produce enough milk to support their children. Other women may just have difficulty breastfeeding as the result of a lack of proper instruction or support from health care professionals.

Of the estimated 50 percent of women in the United States who initiate breastfeeding, only 20 percent continue to breastfeed their bables after six months. This. Freed said, may be the result of some women having difficulty judging whether or not their baby is getting enough milk because they haven't received correct instructions on how to increase their milk supply. or learned how to make their bodies produce enough milk to nourish their infants.

"For something that's supposed to be so natural and so easy, it can be really tough to get it started and, a lot of times, people need some practical guidance and problem solving advice from the medical profes-sion," said Freed. "We all need to work together to help moms and dads make this as smooth and successful a process as possible."

The benefits of breastfeeding however, can be greatly altered if the mother ingests substances that can be potentially harmful to a baby, like alcohol or nicotine products, when transferred through breast milk.

When it comes to smoking, there can be a great risk to the baby's health. Using nicotinecontaining products while nursing has many negative consequences and Freed strongly recsmoke if they are breastfeeding. The use of herbal supplements also raises some concerns with breastfeeding. Since the concentrations of herbal products are not regulated. it has been difficult to determine the effects they may have on breast milk.

"Herbal medications, for the most part, are a black box." said Freed. "Because no studies have been done to determine the impact on babies for many of the herbal medications, we strongly feel that women should exercise significant caution in ingesting any medication, whether it be prescription, overthe-counter, or herbal, while they're breastfeeding. He advises that women discuss these matters with their physician.

One thing that's not in doubt is the effect of a healthy diet. Nursing moms need to maintain a well-balanced diet that includes a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, calcium, prenatal vitamins, and minimal amount of caffeine, to produce enough milk for their babies.

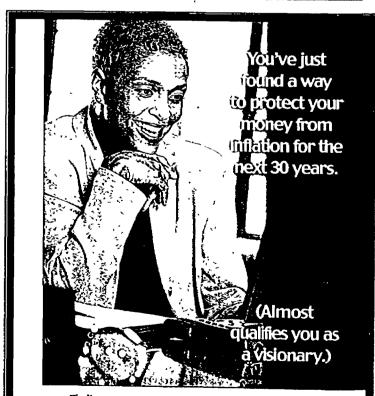
Overall, Freed said, if a nursing mom is properly instructed. and knows all of the precautions she should take, breastfeeding can be a rewarding and

even relaxing experience. Colleen Smyth. a nursing mom who got advice from U-M experts, recommends breastfeeding to all expectant moms because it will give them an opportunity every day to sit down and spend quality time with their babies.

"It's a very special time to bond with your baby and to look and see how much your baby has grown - and you know that it's come from nature and your body," said Smyth. "It's just a rewarding, wonderful feeling."

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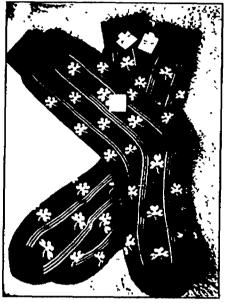


Photo by KELLI COOLEY The Marquis Theatre Gift Shoppe in Northville has St. Patrick's Day socks and pins for purchase

Irish Toasts

May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow and may trouble avoid you wherever you go.

> I drink to your health when I'm with you, I drink to your health when I'm alone. I drink to your health so often. I'm starting to worry about my own.

May the road rise up to meet you; May the wind be always at your back, the sun shine warm upon your face. The rain fall soft upon your fields, And until we meet again May God hold you in the hollow of his hand.

May you have warm words on a cold evening, a full moon on a dark night, and the road downhill all the way to your door.

As you slide down the banisters of life may the splinters never point the wrong way.

May you be in heaven 1/2 hour before the devil knows you're dead.

There are many good reasons for drinking. One has just entered my head. If a man doesn't drink when he's living. How can he drink when he's dead?

May the best day of your past be the worst day of your future.

May the roof above us never fall in, and may we friends gathered below never fall out.

May there always be work for your hands to do ... May your purse always hold a coin or two... May the sun always shine on your windowpane ... May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain... May the hand of a friend always be near you... May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you ... And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

May you get all your wishes but one. So you always have something to strive for.

Here's to you, here's to me, the best of friends we'll always be. But if we ever disagree. forget you - here's to ME!!

There are good ships, and there are wood ships, the ships that sail the sea. But the best ships are friendships, and may they always be.

May the love and protection St. Patrick can give - Be yours in abundance as long as you live.

If you're lucky enough to be Irish, you're lucky enough!

Source: www.stpatricksday.com/7DO/7DO.html

One saint went marching in Saint Patrick drove the snakes from Ireland; legend says

A wee bit o' luck.

It seems that Saint Patrick needed a little luck in the early years of his life.

Saint Patrick or Maewyn Succat as historians believe his he traveled to Ireland to spread given name was, was supposed-

bishop. It was then that he took on the name Patrick.

It is believed when Saint Patrick was about 60 years old the word of Christianity. He

became a priest and then later a is said to have lived in County green celebration will be slightly also be on hand. Down, Ireland until he died on March 17, 461 A.D. That day has since been celebrated as Saint Patrick's Day.

Another tale explains why Shamrocks or three-leaf clovers in Northville will be having a

quieter.

WHAT TO DO • This Saturday, March 10

from 12-6 p.m., Pooles Tavern

• Library Pub and Local Color in Novi will be honoring fun beverages on March 17 as well as the Pub will be serving Corned Beef and Cabbage and Irish Stew. Fifth Ave Ballroom in Novi will feature Larry McCray on March 17. J.W. Sports Club in Novi will be serving a full Irish Menu complete with three entrees and three specials as well as the Killer Flamingos will be

Kids fun Irish Web sites

www.billybear4kids.com/holidays/stpatty/fun.htm

born around 373 A.D. in either Scotland or Roman Britain - he was in fact not Irish.

At the age of 16, Saint Patrick was allegedly kidnapped by pirates or a famous King of Ireland. He was taken to Ireland and forced into slavery for six years. During this time Saint Patrick began having religious visions and found strength in Christian faith.

After he escaped. Saint Patrick went to France and

supposedly heard voices of the Irish people calling him to help them.

Legend says Saint Patrick drove all the snakes out of Ireland. He did this by giving a sermon on a hill and the snakes slithered their way to the sea where they drowned. Historians believe the snakes could have represented paganism and in turn. Saint Patrick drove paganism from Ireland.

After Saint Patrick retired, he

are used to represent Saint Patrick's Day. While giving his sermons to the people of Ireland, Saint Patrick used the Shamrock to explain the Christian trinity - father, son. holy spirit.

Saint Patrick's Day was first celebrated in Boston in 1737. Now over 100 cities in the U.S. hold Saint Patrick's Day parades and events. As the saying goes everybody is Irish for the day."

Saint Patrick's Day Pub Crawl. The bus leaves at noon and heads to the Gaelic Club in Detroit. At 3:30 p.m., the group then travels to Ol' Shillelagh and at 5:30 p.m. travels back to Pooles for burgers and coffee.

 Pooles will also be having a Saint Patrick's Day party on March 17 will the traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage and Irish Stew. Representatives In Northville and Novi, the from brewing companies will ages and a D.J.

performing. • Gatsby's of Novi will also feature the traditional Irish feasts of Corned Beef and Cabbage as well as fun bever-

www.kiasdomain.com/holiday/patrick/

Both Web sites contain puzzles, games, math games, clipart and more about Saint Patrick's Day.

St. Patrick fun

www.saint-patrick.com/ Contains history, facts, and free e-cards to send to friends



Cyd Moore shows Parkview Elementary students some of her illustrations.

National illustrator visits Parkview Cyd Moore shows students how to be creative with art

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

the chance to learn how an illustrator brings a book idea to life, as they welcomed local. award-winning artist Cyd Moore.

As part of the National Education Association's fourth annual Read Across America campaign, Moore was honored as the schools special guest, demonstrating the process she goes through as she illustrates a children's book.

"My job as an illustrator is to make a manuscript, or story, into a picture book," she explained.

Moore showed the students how a manuscript looks when it arrives in her hands and discussed how a book begins as an idea and becomes a finished product. The students even learned about the writing and publishing process.

Moore explained that her job also requires many trial pictures, before the publisher and author agree on what kind of look they want their book to have.

That's probably the best and most difficult part of my job." she said. holding up a rough draft for her book. "It's Time For School Stinky Face." "And that's trying to determine what I think as an artist the book should look like."

For example, Moore said the rough draft

"If you want to draw polka dots on a The students at Parkview Elementary had dog - do it. With art there are no rules, so make it fun."

> Cyd Moore Illustrator

she held was one of four rejected covers for

the book. This one the publishers felt would scare

little kids because it had a clown on the front and they were afraid it wouldn't sell." she said.

Moore even drew an actual picture of one of her characters, an alligator who likes to cook.

She also showed the children an array of many other of her characters, ranging from frogs to snowmen, stressing that art allows you to be free.

"If you want to draw polka-dots on a dogdo it. With art there are no rules, so make it fun," she said. "Your style is special and you have to believe in developing your own ways of drawing things. Never doubt yourself.'

Moore also encouraged the students to

play around with colors to create a mood or setting.

'You don't always have to use every color you have," she said.

Students Kimmy Hornacek, Liz Buchin, and Jenna Miller said they really enjoyed having Moore come and visit and were even a little inspired to take their love for drawing and painting a bit more serious.

"I would love to be an artist." Hornacek said.

Moore, who calls herself a mixed-media artist, has illustrated over 30 children's books and her art has appeared in a number of newspapers, magazines, posters, video and C.D. covers, and even Happy Meal Boxes.

Her books include "I Love You", "Bunny Rabbit", "Tickle Day", "A Frog Inside My Hat" and "Alice & Greta."

Her work has won numerous ADDY awards and a Communication Arts Illustration Annual Award. She is a member of the Society of Illustrators and the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.

Currently Moore's work is being exhibited In numerous museums, galleries and private collections worldwide, including Elizabeth Stone Gallery in Ann Arbor. the

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Kelli Cooley, Editor 248-349-1700

Community Events

The Northville Garden Club will be meeting March 12 at 12 30 p.m. at the Northville District Library. The guest speaker will be Steve Nikkila. who will share his knowledge on perennial favorites. For more information, call (248) 348-1946.

A presentation and support group for people dealing with emotional or physical abuse from a spouse will meet at 7 p.m. on March 14 at Edward's Catering in Northville. The focus of the group is to provide emotional support and information to participants. This week's presentation will focus on finances, security and self-protection, personal protection orders and related subjects. Attorney Michele Kelly and psychologist David Connell will be hosting the event. For more information and reservations, call (248) 348-0496.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville will be hosting an evening of Mozart's music on March 18 at 7 p.m.. The event will feature the Northville Concert Chorale and the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra of Ann Arbor, as well as guest soloists.

The concert will feature Mozart's final composition, "Requiem," Advance ticket prices are \$10 for children and seniors and \$12 for adults. Door tickets are \$15. For more information. call (248) 349-0911.

The Northville-Novi branch of the American Association of University Women will discuss "Lives of Women in the New Russia" at the club's March 13 meeting, beginning at 7 p.m. Effie Ambler, an associate professor of history at Wayne State University, will be the evening's guest speaker. The meeting will take place at the Northville Senior Center. For more information, call (248) 349-7502

Catholic Central High School Mothers' Club will present a luncheon and fashion show on Sunday, April 1 at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. A social hour will be at 11 a.m. The fund-raising event titled. "Sentimental Journey" will feature guest speaker Jeffrey Bruce, with fashions by the Somerset Collection. Entertainment will be provided by the Catholic Central Stage Band. Also included will be special appearances by Catholic central seniors and their mothers. The program is \$50 per person. For more information/reservations, call (248) 684-7822.

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be hosting a sandwich luncheon on March 19, featuring guest speaker Susan Petres. whose lecture is entitled, "What our C.A.R. Society is Doing." All Daughters' memobrs and prospective members are welcome to attend the meeting, which will be held at noon at the Plymouth Library. For more information, call (734) 455-5525.

The Novi Newcomers and Neighbors are holding a silent and live gift and craft auction on March 24 at 7 p.m. at the Village Oaks Club House, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook in Novi. Cocktails and hors d'œuvres will be served plus entertainment. All proceeds will be donated to Novi causes. For more information, call (248) 380-9244. Reservations are required.

"The Wizard of Oz" will be performed at the Marquis Theater in

Northville. Performance dates: Saturdays, March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 21, 28; Sundays, March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 22, and 29. All performances start at 2:30 p.m. Spring break weekday performances: Monday through Friday, April 16-20; performance time, 2:30 p.m. Tickets to all public performances are \$7.50. For special school dates and times, birthdays, group rates and reservations, call (248) 349-8110. Children under 3 years old will not be admitted.

The Novi Co-op Preschool will be having its open house on March 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is located at 41671 Ten Mile Road in the Novi United Methodist Church. The open house is the first time that new members can apply and be accepted into the fall program for the school 2001-2002. Class sizes are limited to 15 for the 3-year-olds, and 16 for the 4year-olds. Enrollment is filled on a first come, first serve basis, Children are welcome to be brought along to the open house. For more information, call (248) 960-8988 or (734) 513-2841.

Waltonwood of Twelve Oaks, a sen-

ior retirement community, and the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the Women's American Business Association will be hosting "Total Woman 2001, A Day to Celebrate Womanhood," on April 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Waltonwood. Proceeds to benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. The event which includes lunch, features speakers who will provide 45-minute talks on a variety of subjects appropriate to women's issues. A feature presentation by David Brownstein, author of "The Miracle of Natural Hormones," will also take place. A \$45 pre-registration fee is required. Registration for the day is \$45. The deadline for registration is March 30. For more infor-, mation, call (248) 735-1500.

The Novi Educational Foundation is presenting a concert by the University of Michigan and Michigan State University Men's Glee Clubs on March 30. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. at Novi High School. Each Glee Club will conduct their own 45-minute program then combine for a 30-minute program. Tickets for the concert are \$20 each. with reserved seating at Novi High

PRAISE CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD

School's Fuerst Auditorium. The preparty tickets are an additional \$10 each. Tickets are available at Novi Community Education. For more information, or tickets, call (248) 449-1206.

Capt. Daniel O'Connell will speak "The British Military's on Relationship to the Fur Trade." In uniform, he will present trade articles as well as verbal topics of interest. The meeting will be March 11 at 2:30 p.m. at the Northville Public Library.

Also at the library - a class for those new to family research will precede the meeting at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 348visit 3006 ٥r www.rootsweb.com/~miwayne/nvge nsoc.htm.

A general meeting of the Vietnam Veterans of America will be held March 12 at 7:30 p.m. at 9318 Newburgh Road, between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail. All veterans on active duty Feb. 18, 1961-May 7, 1975, regardless of duty station. are eligible. For more information. call (313) 845-3752 or (734) 525-0157.

CHURCH OF TODAY WEST (Unity)

In Service

Former Novi residents Jeffrey R. Goff and Paul A. Matter have graduated

basic training from the U.S. Marine Corps depot Parris on Island South Carolina. Basi training for Marines is a 13-week



test of Jeffrey Goff physical training.

academics, water survival, close combat. and marksmanship

instruction. The training culminates with "The Crucible," a 54hour test occurring in the final week of the camp.

Goff, who achieved the rank of expert marksman while at Parris Island, is the son of Jeffrey and Karen Goff of Novi. and is a 2000 graduate of Novi High School. Matter is the son of JoAnne E. and Charles E. Matter of Novi, and is also a 2000 NHS alumnus.

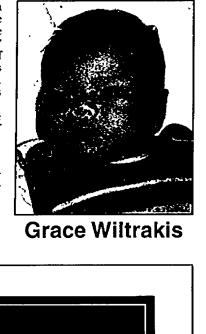
Michael G. Van Haren was recently dispatched on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf on board the U.S.S. Mitscher, Van Haren is the son of Carol and Glen Van Haren of Northville.

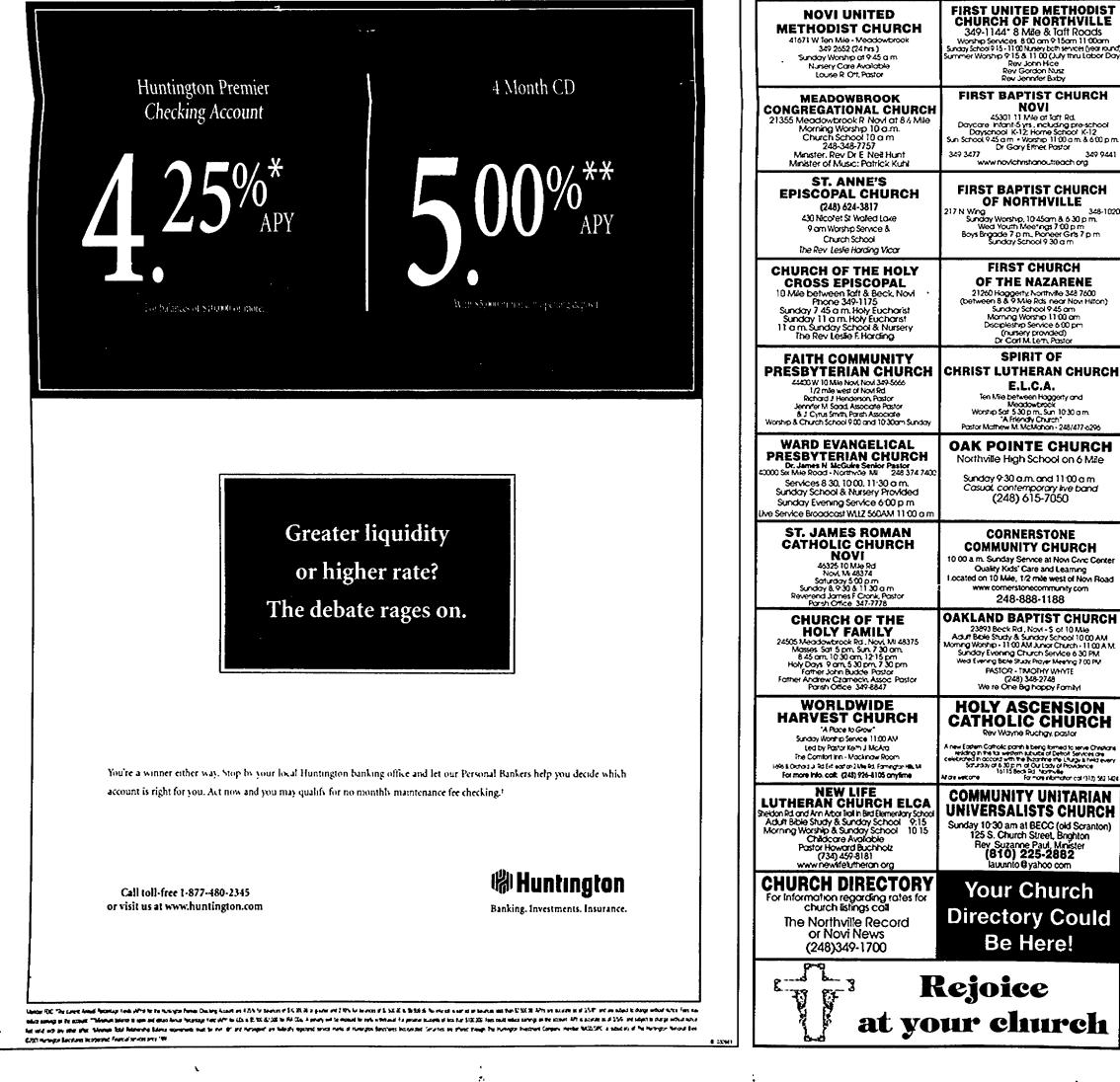
Birth

Chad Wiltrakis and Lisa Martin-Wiltrakis announce the birth of their daughter. Grace Amelia, born Jan. 31 at 12:17 p.m. in the University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital. She weighed 9 pounds. 2 ounces and was 21 inches long.

The proud grandparents are Jack and Jane Martin of Northville and Edward and Linda Wiltrakis of Hillsdale. Mich.

The great-grandparents of baby Grace are Maxine Martin of St. Petersburg. Fla., Geneva Wiltrakis of grand Rapids, and Mr. and Mrs. George Haslanger of South Bend. Ind.





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Organization Happenings

ACORD Phone: (734) 349-1343

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Where: Faith Community United Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI. 48375

When: General meeting: Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.: Couples meeting: Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.: Women's meeting: Sunday at 4 pm.

Contact: Stanley Phone: (734) 522-8971

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS

Phone: (248) 626-0877

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVER-SITY WOMEN - NORTHVILLE/NOVI BRANCH

What: Develops programs to enable college graduates to continue their own intellectual growth.

Contact: Barbara Wilson (248) 348-3999

AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSO-CIATION - NOVI OAKS CHARTER CHAPTER What: Bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and provide opportuni-

ties for them to help themselves and others grow professionally. Where: Wyndham Garden Hotel, 42100

Crescent Blvd., Novi. When: Every third Monday of the month

Contact: Bettie Johnson Phone: (248) 960-9559

AMERICAN LEGION NORTHVILLE . POST 147 Phone: (248) 349-1060

AMERICAN LEGION NOVI - POST 19: AUXILIARY POST 19

What: Service group open to all eligible veterans of all wars and conflicts as prescribed by the U.S. Congress. Auxiliary is open to all female members of eligible vetcrans' families

Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi

When: Every second Tuesday for business and every fourth Tuesday for social event at 8 p.m.

Contact: (248) 344-8236: Auxiliary: (734) 981-5125

AMVETS

What: Provide services and assist with obtaining benefits for veterans and their families of military service during and after World War il through present.

Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi When: First Wednesday of each month 1 Center Dr., Novi:

at 8 p.m.

Phone: (248) 349-2835

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

Greater Novi Chapter Where: Novi Hilton, 2111 Haggerty

Road, Novi When: Every Wednesday from 7-8:30 a.m.

Contact: BNI regional office Phone: (810) 323-3800

Wixom Chapter Where: Leon's Restaurant, 29710 S. Wixom Road, Wixom, between Pontiac Trail and I-96

When: Every Friday from 7-8:30 a.m.

When: Every Monday from 9 a.m. to noon and 6:30-8:30 p.m.; the first two Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon; and the last two Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon Phone: (248) 349-8553

COUNTY GARDEN CLUB Phone: (248) 349-8111

DETROIT/OAKLAND CHAPTER · GEN-TLEMEN SONGSTERS CHORUS Contact: Fran Durham Phone: (248) 344-4613

FRIENDS OF MAYBURY STATE PARK Phone: (248) 349-8390

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KIWANIS CLUB Phone: (248) 349-0611

KIWANIS EARLY BIRDS Phone: (248) 347-3470

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Phone: (734) 453-9833

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NOVIWEST OAKLAND

What: Promotes responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and action on selected govemmental issues Phone: (248) 380-8474

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE - LODGE NO. 1190

Phone: (248) 344-0920

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE -NORTHWEST DETACHMENT NO. 162 What: A service-oriented organization

dedicated to the purpose of uniting all U.S. Marines, both discharged and on active duty. They also assist and help all needy veterans and their families Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo

When: Second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

Phone: (734) 421-8298

MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION Phone: [248] 476-0320

NORTHVILLE ACTION COUNCIL

Phone: (248) 349-1237 NORTHVILLE ANIMAL AID Phone: (248) 349-3738

Phone: (248) 380-6459

Contact: Laurie Marrs

Phone: (248) 349-7640

Phone: (248) 348-1791

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Phone: (248) 349-2479

Phone: (248) 348-1857

Phone: (248) 348-9075

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OF COMMERCE

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NORTHVILLE ARTS COMMISSION Phone: (248) 349-6104

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NORTHVILLE CO-OP NURSERY

NORTHVILLE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Phone: (248) 344-1585

NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION Contact: Traci Sincock Phone: (248) 349-0203

NORTHVILLE RAINBOWS NO. 29 Phone: (248) 349-1714

NORTHVILLE ROTARY CLUB Phone: (248) 311-8140

NORTHVILLE SENIOR CITIZENS CEN-TER

Contact: Sue Kohula Phone: (248) 349-4140

NORTHVILLE WOMAN'S CLUB Contact: Virginia Martin Phone: (248) 349-3064

NORTHVILLE YOUTH ASSISTANCE Contact: Mary Ellen King Phone: (248) 344-1618

NOVI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

What: Serves the public through amateur radio service. It offers help during all emergencies and disasters. The club also provides parade control in Northville on July 4 and works with RACES, and the tornado alert system. Where: Novi Crvic Center, 45175 W. Ten

Mile, Novi

When: First Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Phone: (248) 349-4064

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

What: The chamber of commerce is an organization which coordinates the talents and resources of business and professional men and women. Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Suite 100, Novi When: Membership meeting: third Tuesday of every month at noon and board of directors meets at 6 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday Phone: (248) 349-3743

NOVI CHESS CLUB Phone: (248) 344-9833

NOVI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

What: Gives residents of the community a knowledge of their common heritage; fosters the collection and preservation of records and objects; and loans historical material to other historical societies or educational institutions have a curator. It is also the purpose of the society to establish a historical museum in Novi.

Contact: Kathy Mutch Phone: (248) 349-6774 -----

Aller and the read when NOVI JAYCEES

What: Group of men and women ages 21-39 working on community projects, leadership and spiritual and management skills. The Jaycees sponsor fund raising projects for muscular dystrophy, St. Jude. March of Dimes and local charities affiliated with the Jaycees

Where: Novi Chic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi

When: First Thursday of every month at 8 p.m.

Phone: (248) 348-6684

NOVI_LIONS_CLUB_AND_LIONESSES

well as, current residents who would like to become more familiar with the community on a social and civic level. Newcomers hold fund raisers to aid the Novi community

When: Once a month, September through May. Social interest groups meet once or twice a month. Phone: (248) 347-3537

NOVI REBEKAHS LODGE 482

What: A fraternal organization: the women's division of the Independent Order of Oddfellows When: Second and fourth Thursday of every month at 1 p.m.

Phone: (248) 349-2835

NOVI ROTARY CLUB

What: A service-oriented club composed of business and professional people within the community. The Rotarians hold a variety of fund raising events every year Where: Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. Ten Mile, Novi

When: Every Thursday at noon Phone: (248) 380-6500

NOVI YOUTH ASSISTANCE

What: Prevention program that relies on local citizens who volunteer their time and skills toward the goal of preventing juvenile delinquency. They are aided by a professional staff person in implementing programs such as Summer Teen Center, parenting classes, and Substance Abuse Prevention

Where: Novi Community Education Office, 25345 Taft Road, Novi

When: Committees meet every fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. Phone: (248) 347-0410

ORDER OF ALAHAMBRA Phone: (248) 349-2903

PRESERVATION NOVI

What: Non-profit corporation whose stated goal is to promote and encourage preservation of historic buildings in Novi, for example, restoration of the Fuerst Farm property

Where: Annual meeting is in the second quarter and open to all interested residents Contact: Kathy Mutch Phone: (248) 349-6774

What: Southwestern Oakland Cable

Commission serves Novi residents with

community access television. Residents

interested in registering for the TV or radio

workshops can call for more information.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN CLUB

VETERANS ALLIANCE OF NOVI

What: VAN is a coahtion of the following

terans groups: Novi Post 19, The

American Legion: Peny Kenner Post 76,

AMVETs: Northwest Detachment 162.

Marine Corps League; and Novi Post 2165.

Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo

When: First and third Monday every

Contact: Caren Collins

Phone: (248) 473-7266

Phone: (248) 348-9077

Veterans of Foreign Wars.

month at 7:30 p.m.

Center Drive, Suite 100, Novi

Phone: (248) 349-2835

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Contact: BNI regional office Phone: (810) 323-3800

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CIVIL AIR PATROL-NORTHVILLE Phone: (734) 591-0360

CIVIL AIR PATROL/SIXTHGATE COM-POSITE SQUADBON - NOVI Phone: (248) 349-2607

COMMUNITY CLOTHES CLUB

What: Assists with emergency needs and helps low-income families with clothes and baby items

Novi Highlights

Grand Court

Audrey Salomon, newly-appointed activities director, has created a senior seminar. This month, a guest speaker from Physician's Home Services spoke about "The Value of Reminiscing." Topic information scheduled for March 6 will be "The Healthier You - Don't Just Sit there ... Do Something." Complementary refreshments will be served. Any seniors in the area interested in attending are requested to call Salomon at 669-5330. Personal tours of the facility can also be arranged.

Eighth grade student Leah Lindsay from Sarah Banks Middle School is an after-school volunteer at Grand Court. which is a part of her "Life Skills" course at school.

The "Lost Penny Day" program has become quite a hit. Residents are encouraged to drop their extra pennies into a large container for the "Make A Wish Foundation" project, a charity chosen by the residents.

Also worked on this month was the collection of Christmas cards, which were sent to St. Jude's Children's Ranch for recycling.

Other events included the twice-amonth visit from Sue Nigoff: musical entertainment by Pete Fetters and Charley Gehringer, and Mrs. Levey's students from Novi Middle School, who

provided games and singing, and interviewed the residents.

New residents are always providing a welcome basket filled with personal items, snacks, coffee mug, and more.

City of Novi Library

Though the Novi Library is having problems with a leaky roof, services still continue in all areas.

There are several categories available in the 12 storytimes per week. The fourth session will start March 16; registration for this session has now ended.

Tot Time for ages 19-24 months along with their caregivers will meet on Friday, March 16 at 11 a.m. for a 30minute session of stories, songs, and fingerolays.

Tiny Tot for ages 12-18 months and their caregivers will meet on Friday, April 6 for a 30-minute program. No registration is necessary for these two programs, however, space is limited.

Several new displays are in the children's show cases: a large display of hockey cards by Unsh Thakore, age 6; and a Lego display presented by second grader Matthew Stark of Novi Woods Elementary.

To decorate the library, children were given blank mitten paper forms for their creative talents. Supplies for

<u>CLUB</u>

What: The Lions' objectives are to help the blind, sight-impaired and blind physically and mentally challenged children and to help find cures for preventable blindness. Lionesses work with the Lions Club but also host their own projects and programs

Where: Kim's Garden Restaurant, 26150 Novi Road, Novi

When: Lions: every second and fourth Wednesday; Lioness: every third Tuesday. Social hour is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.

Phone: Lions: (248) 348-0531: Lioness: (248) 348-9098

NOVI MINISTERS ASSOCIATION Phone: (248) 349-8847

NOVI NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS What: To help newcomers to the area, as

advertising copy writer, athletic coach,

aerial photographer, archaeologist, and

an air traffic controller. Also available in

the youth section is a free paper titled,

"Teen Ink." Included in the publication

is exchange student information and

Novi Lions and Lioness Clubs

Both clubs have reported successful fund raisers, such as their annual

candy cane and white cane sales; pro-

ceeds went to the many charities in

which they are involved. The Euchre

tournament held at the Chilly Willy

Festival proved quite successful and

the Lioness are looking forward to

Some charities supported by the

organization include: The Michigan

Eye Bank and Transplant Center in

Ann Arbor: Penrickton Center In

Taylor: Juvenile Diabetes Foundation:

the program, Quest; and Leader Dogs

The Transplant Center was the first

for the Blind, located in Rochester.

another in the fall.

other opportunities available.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS - NOVI POST 2165

What: Service oriented organization dedicated to helping military veterans, their families and the community. Membership is open to all honorably discharged veterans of active foreign duty during a wartime as prescribed by the U.S. Congress

Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Suite 100, Novi When: First and third Tuesday every

month at 7:30 p m.

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in the U.S. and that in one year, over 2,000 people were given the gift of sight. The Penrickton Center is a residence and day care school for multiple handicapped children. About 25 children are residents and ten are day-time There is also a display of youth career only. suggestions on the bulletin board:

Å representative from the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation was a guest speaker at one of the meetings.

He emphasized how diabetes is one of, if not, the greatest cause of blindness.

At the suggestion of the two clubs, Quest was accepted and added to the local school district's curriculum. Recently attending the Lioness meeting as guest speaker was Judy Williams. who directs the program for grades seven and eight. This program focuses on teaching youth how to make decisions regarding drugs.

Leader Dogs for the Blind provides some 300 dogs annually at no cost to the recipient. However, they are currently in need of German Shepherds, Retrievers, standard Poodles, and other breeds between the ages of 1 and 21, Please call (888) 777-5332 for more detailed information.

Not Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. She can be reached at (248) 624-0173.

this project included cereals, cotton balls, feathers, hearts, popcorn, glitter, marbles, and buttons. There are now

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100 brightly decorated mittens on the far wall of the children's section for public viewing.

MOVIES

Dog gets caught up with mailman in this comedy



David Arguette stars as Gordon, a mailman who inadvertently adopts an FBI dog, in the physical comedy "See Spot Run."



Producer Bob Simonds, who developed "See Spot Run," had been looking for a project that might suit David Arquette.

"I've wanted to work with David for quite some time," said Simonds. "I thought he was phenomenal in 'Never Been Kissed.' He stole the show.

David is somebody who could essentially be the Buster Keaton of our generation, given the right movie," Simonds continued, "and I believe this is the movie. It's much more of a physical comedy than anything else that's in the marketplace."

*David has a great sense of physical adventure" agreed director John Whitesell. He is a truly gifted physical comedian; he'll throw himself at anything bodhy 100 percent." For Simonds, Whitesell was as

obvious a choice to direct the film as Arquette was to star.

"He is one of the top comedy people in the business," said Simonds. He's the guy you go after if you want to get your pilot on the air. I was really impressed with his take on comedy and also the way he talked about the script."

It was the script that first attracted Whitesell to the project. After the FBI repeatedly thwarts the plans of mob boss Sonny Talia, thanks large-ly to the efforts of hot-shot canine Agent Eleven. Taha is determined to have his revenge and puts out a contract on the dog that is subsequently placed into a witness-protection program for his own safety. When Talia's hit men try to kidnap the dog en route to its safe house. Agent Éleven is forced to take matters into his own paws, and he ends up ducking for cover in the nearest available refuge - Gordon's truck.

I thought it was fantastic concept to have a dog going into witness protection," said Whitesell. "A mailman inadvertently adopts an FBI superdog in suburbia. What a great idea! "I also jumped at the chance to do

dogs and kids and a funny plot," Whitesell continued. "So many films are either just for teenagers or just for kids and their parents. We want-ed to bridge that gap and make a

film for all moviegoers." As to Arquette's casting in the role of the exuberant and somewhat childlike Gordon. Whitesell fully supported Simonds' instinct.

David's got this sense that he's still a kid growing up, and I think that's why he's right for Gordon because that's who Gordon is - a guy who hasn't really grown up yet and has this whole bravado about life.*

Producer Tracey Trench, who is also a principal in Bob Simonds' production company, said, "Our company looks for great comedic actors to build a concept around as Bob has done with the Adam Sandler films. This comedy already existed in the form of a script, and we developed it to what it is now with David Arquette in mind.

"But it's also a new kind of character for him." Trench continued, because, although it's funny, he's playing a real guy and the movie has a lot of heart. He has an opportunity to show honest emotion. We think he's a huge star and that this movie will prove that."

Arquette was particularly intrigued by the chance to present some of the comedic style reminiscent of a bygone era.

"The fun thing about this movie." he related, "is that we wanted somewhat of a silent movie feel to it. There are some set pieces where we just do wild things, slip around, do a lot of prat falls and so on. I just love doing that!"

Arquette's preparation for the film included a week's study with a member of the famed acrobatic troupe Cirque Du Soleil.

"I actually worked with an actor named Lorenzo who is also a clown." he recalled. We can make a simple thing like walking down the street

'See Spot Run" is Arquette's movie in more ways than one.

"David's been very much involved in this movie from the beginning." he explained, "in a lot of the production choices, the script, the casting and so on. We really wanted this movie to have a lot of his sensibility. his flavor, and it does."

"I just want to point out." quipped Arquette, "that the U.S. postal service is in no way sanctioning this movie!"

As if this isn't enough for Gordon. there is also the small problem of the bad guys who are trying to execute a hit on man's best friend, the creature they know as Agent Eleven and that James has re-christened "Spot" and don't care who or what gets in the way. Gordon finds himself trying to save a dog he never wanted in the first place.

"Gordon doesn't want the dog, but the kid clearly does. A dog is all that James has wanted for a long time -that and maybe a father. Gordon can't disappoint the kid, so he's forced into dealing with responsibility and a relationship with both James and the dog. and eventually, that changes his relationship with Stephanie," said producer Simonds in describing the evolution of Arquette's character in the film.

But Gordon is not the only char-

Producer Simonds points out that See Spot Run^{*} is Arquette's movie i more ways than one. Dendition that the set of the second describes it. The dog is initially emotionally cut off in the beginning. He lives to hunt down the bad guys. smell out the dope and do his thing as a trained FBI canine agent. He doesn't have a family. He doesn't even know what it would be like to have a family. That's never been an option for him. Spending time with Gordon and James, he learns how to be more of a real dog, how to play and be loved. In the end he has a choice. He can go back to the FBI or stay with the family. He can continue to be Agent Eleven, or he can

start a new life as "Spot." The whole movie centers around the dog," explained Arquette. "He's the real star, and in a sense, we all sort of support the dog. It's his story. He comes into our world and really shakes things up."

Producer Simonds expands on the pivotal role of Bob, aka Agent Eleven, aka Spot, in the story.

The dog is the glue that holds this movie together." he said. "The Mafia has a vendetta against the dog. He is the FBI's prize agent and has a relationship with Michael Clarke Duncan. Then, the dog enters Gordon's and James' lives. and all those worlds collide. In the end, everybody wants the dog."





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Don't forget to play it safe before leaving your home alone

By Annette Jaworski SPECIAL WRITER

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Home security may not be the first thing on your mind while packing for vacation. But it should be a consideration if you want to ensure a happy homecoming. A good place to start is by enlisting the help of a trusted neighbor or friend. They can help in several ways, according to Milford Police Chief, Wayne Walli.

In addition to looking after pets or plants, they can help to create the illusion that someone is home.

"Have that person gather up all the unsolicited flyers or things that lay in the front yard," he recommends. That includes taking out or bringing in the garbage cans if they're empty. Even their footprints on the ground will leave an impression that the home is not abandoned. Stop the paper and mail, if you have no one to collect it.

Parking his or her car in the yard also creates the illusion that there is someone home as well, he added. Conversely, it's a dead giveaway that no one is home when the car is sitting in the driveway with two feet of snow on it. Make sure the car is moved occasionally. If it's summer, have the lawn mowed, or if heavy snow in winter arrange for a snow removal to continue to clear the drive.

Keep landscaping trimmed to prevent hiding spots.

"Bushes should not be high, only window height or below," recommends Max Matson, President of Matson Enterprises. Inc. in Highland.

As far as outdoor lighting, brighter isn't always better, according to the chief. Large or very bright outdoor lights create shadows to hide in or lights to work in. Surprisingly, burglars prefer to have light to work by.

"It's preferable to use low wattage architectural lighting. It doesn't creates bright lights and deep shadows and it doesn't annoy the neighbors," said Walli.

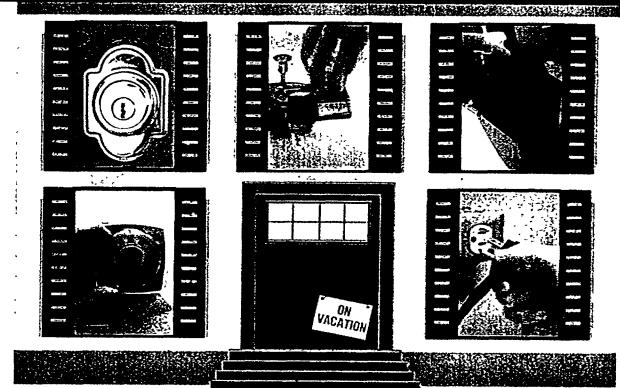
Using light indoors is a good idea, also, "Keep a couple of small lights on inside or put them on timers. A good one can be purchased for about \$10 or so," he added. A radio or TV on a timer is also a good idea to give the impression that someone is home. However for longer periods of time, you may want to unplug certain appliances, such as computers to protect from damage during storms or power surges.

If you're not knowledgeable or handy in the home maintenance department, it's a good idea to have a locksmith check locks on doors and windows.

There are fairly inexpensive ways to make the standard deadbolt much more secure," Walli said.

If you choose to keep your answering machine on, turn down the volume so that if a burglar is nearby when the phone is ringing so they won't be alerted that no one is home because of a ringing phone.

However, don't use your first and last name or a telephone number in the message for security purposes. Matson warns And certainly don't announce that you are on vacation



Photos By: TODD VAN SICKLE

Just a few of the things to remember to do before leaving your home are turning down your thermostat, installing a dead bolt lock, turning off water, taking out trash and unpluging appliances.

Matson believes your best protection is a monitored alarm system.

Some of those (that aren't monitored) go off and the neighbors ignore them."

Some systems also have a feature which indicates if the temperature gets too cold or too hot and will alert the monitoring station. This will give peace of mind in cold

weather, when pipes can freeze, he notes. Make sure you use your stickers from the alarm company. Burglars are more likely to leave and search for an easier target then, according to Matson,

And it may seem elementary, but check all window and door locks. For vacations that last extended periods, (three weeks or

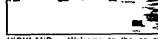
more) Walli recommends notifying the police department. They'll do an occasional perimeter check around the house.

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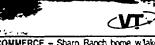
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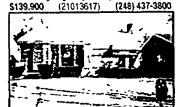
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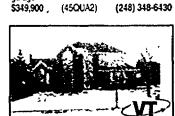
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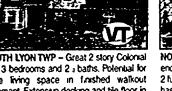
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Assessing tree damage may take some time

By Jeff Rugg COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

9. My neighbor across the street was backing his minivan out of the driveway and "hit some black ice" and barreled over the snow bank, parkway and sidewalk and into my large blue spruce. The tree is 16 to 20 feet tall. The tire tracks extended to parallel with the trunk, though no scars were evident on the trunk. Several branches were broken off. Is there anything I should look for as far as hidden damage? Is there anything I can do to minimize the cosmetic damage? My college-age son humorously suggested turning the tree as you do with a houseplant to get even lighting.

A. I am sorry to hear about the tree. If the branches have already been removed at the trunk, the only thing to do is wait. If the branches were only removed to the break, there could be some new growth on the branch, although for most evergreens, that would be the exception to the rule.

What I mean by wait is that the branches that are left will have more light available to them in the new empty space. They will send some growth toward this empty area and, over time, it can be somewhat masked, unless it is a very large hole. If the tree does not fill in after a season or two, you could screen it with a shrub or two, but any light blocked by the shrubs will block out the new growth of the tree.

Call a tree company to look at the tree trunk for damage that may not show up for a while. They can also give a cost to the damage for the insurance company. I do not know if this will be covered by your homeowners or his auto insurance, but the treecare company people might know.

Q. I am very interested in locating the source for the male ginkgo named "Golden Globe." I had previously been told that the sex of a ginkgo cannot be determined until it reaches about 45 years of age - the normal time that a female would begin to set fruit. Of course, not many of us would want to end up with all that stinky fruit in our yards.

A. Check with your local nursery for the specific variety, but there are also several other good varieties available. You are right that it takes many years (at least 20) for a gungko tree to begin flowering so that you can determine whether it will bear fruit or not.

Plant growers can take cuttings off the

branches and root them so that they have a new plant identical to the original, which is called cloning. As you may know, ginkgoes have short branches so it takes several years to grow the new cutting to a saleable size. The ginkgo

The ginkgo grows faster from seed, so if a lot of seeds are planted, you can have tall trees

quickly. Then, the top bud is cut off and replaced with the bud off a branch from a male tree. The new bud or graft grows taller, faster and can be sold sooner. The bottom few feet of trunk and the roots of the tree could be male or female, but the rest of the tree is male. As long as no branches are allowed to grow along the bottom of the trunk and no new shoots are allowed to grow from the roots, the tree will be free of fruit.

Q. The male and female cardinals feed at our feeder all winter; make their nest in a nearby dense bush; feed the young until after the young leave the nest and then they disappear. This is still springtime, we have no cardinals all summer. Where do they go and why?

A. There are many things we do not know about birds and especially their migratory habits. Your location in Florida would lead me to suggest that your particular cardinals head north, but they may just be moving to another close-by locale where there is something more to their liking. Your spring occurs while it is still cold in the northern half of the continent. Cardinals do not migrate as far as many other small birds. but the population does shift north in the spring and, once nesting is over, many species of birds move to new locations. You should have cardinals year round and you should have them nesting more than once each spring and summer as far as the books are concerned. But, as far as I know, the cardinals have not read any of the books.

E-mail questions to Jeff Rugg at agreenerview[at]altavista.com.



Windows cause glaring problems

By Rose Bennett Gilbert COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

9. Something we never thought about when we were house-shopping is literally giving me headaches now - the glare from windows nearly two-stories high. The house is in the mountains and we love the view. That's why we bought it, in fact. But we're city people who didn't realize that the western view that gives us such beautiful sunsets also overheats the room even in winter and is already fading the furniture and carpets. I don't want heavy curtains. What's the point of having a view?

A. It's the postmodern point of view that's causing your problem. During the past 20 years or so. architects and builders rediscovered Palladian windows with a vengeance. Not that the quintessential Italian Renaissance architect would recognize his namesake windows today when the motto seems to be: the more glass, the better. That's partially true, of course. We're all craving light and air and sunshine, indoors as well as out. But there is a flip side - all the problems you've just described • heat-gain. glare. fading furnishings. That's because plain glass offers little resistance to the ultraviolet light - the light you can't even see - that does most of the indoor damage.

There are only two answers: Block most of the light, or find a way to filter those UV rays.

Sheer curtains, translucent or vertical blinds, and fabric shades (what glant manufacturer Hunter Douglas calls "window shadings") will help block the UVs passage without costing you the entire view. For example, offduty vertical blinds can be stacked to the sides, totally out of sight.

Another way to X the UVs: window films that adhere to the glass itself and block the rays before they can get into your 'house. You'll need a pro to apply the most effective products, such as the Vista UVShield Window Film shown 'in action' in the accompanying photo.

You can barely tell the film is there, but it's busy doing battle with enemies from outer space, those



Shrewd nude windows wear invisible film that blocks the glare but not the view.

harmful rays aimed at your household treasures. According to the manufacturer, the film blocks up to 99 percent of all UV rays for an average cost of \$4 - \$10 per square foot, installed. Check out more details at www.vista-films.com, or call (800) 345-6088 to find a resource in your area.

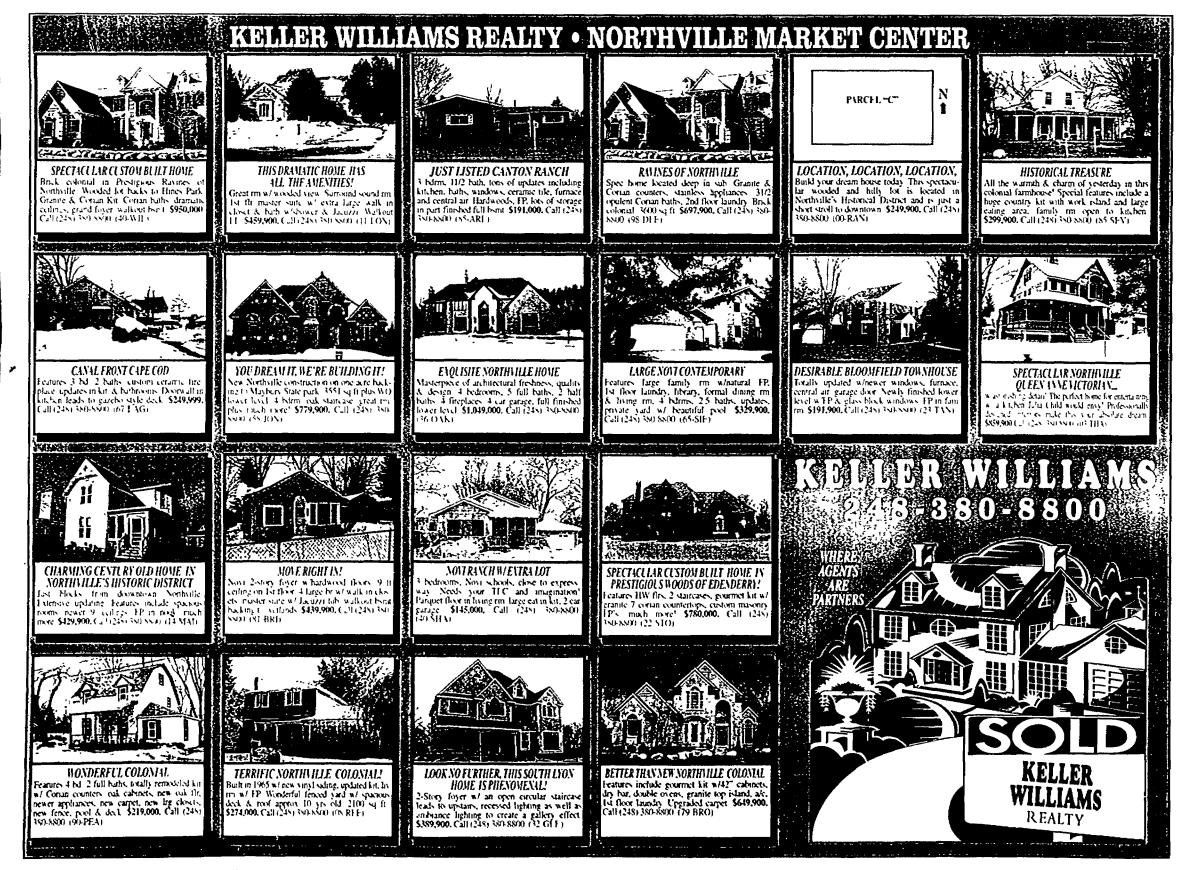
9. My husband and I have developed an interest in modern furnishings. Both of us grew up in what our mothers called "Country style" homes and we've kind of had it with gingham and checks and chickens. My question is, what exactly is "modern?" And what's the difference between "modern" and "contemporary?" I don't want to sound dumb when we go furniture shopping.

A. Relax. Even design industry experts are still struggling to parse the difference between "modern" and "contemporary." Fearlessly, then. I'll share the answer I arrived at some years ago:

"Modern" refers to a specific design movement that developed in the mid-20th century as a natural concomitant to the birth of International Modern architecture. Think of the Bauhaus in Germany, Philip Johnson. Mics van der Rohe, and the like in this country. Enjoying a revival of spirit in our time (you're not alone in your revolt against Country and Victorian clutter). "Modern" design is spare, direct, based on the well-worn Bauhaus dictum that "less is more."

"Contemporary," by its very definition, is what's happening now ... whenever now happens to be. Which means, technically speaking, that "Modern" is "Contemporary," because it's popular currently. But forget that ... in fact, forget the whole thing unless you're writing a book on the history of design. Just take along a few photos of the kind of furniture you like when you go shopping. Your salesperson will decide what to call it when he writes up the order.

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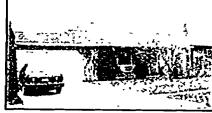
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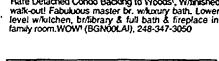
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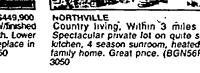


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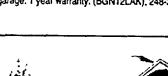
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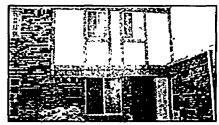
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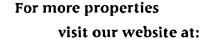
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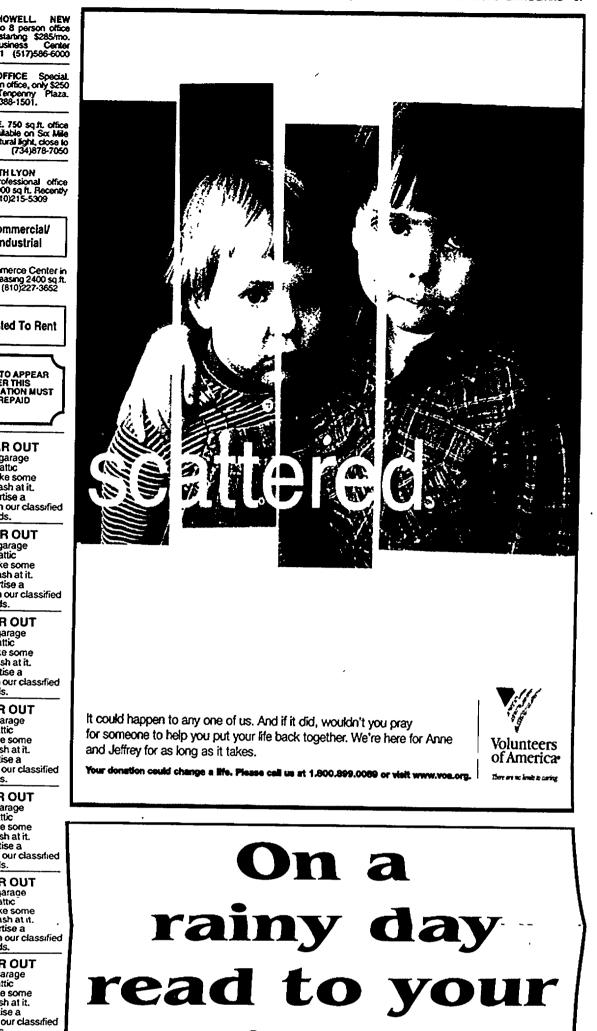
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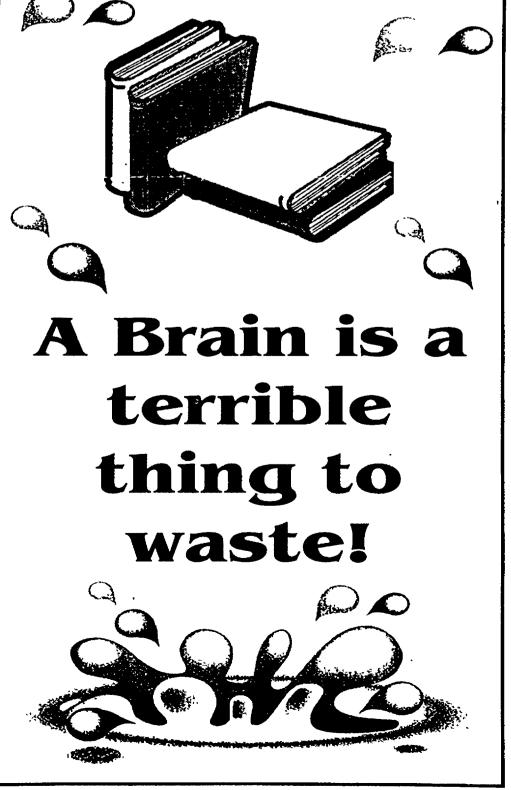


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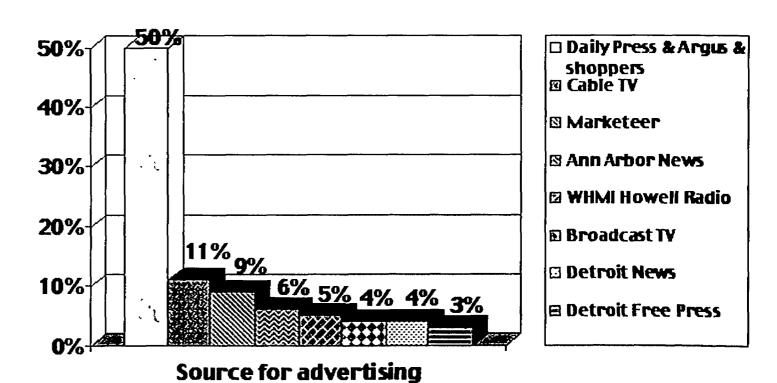
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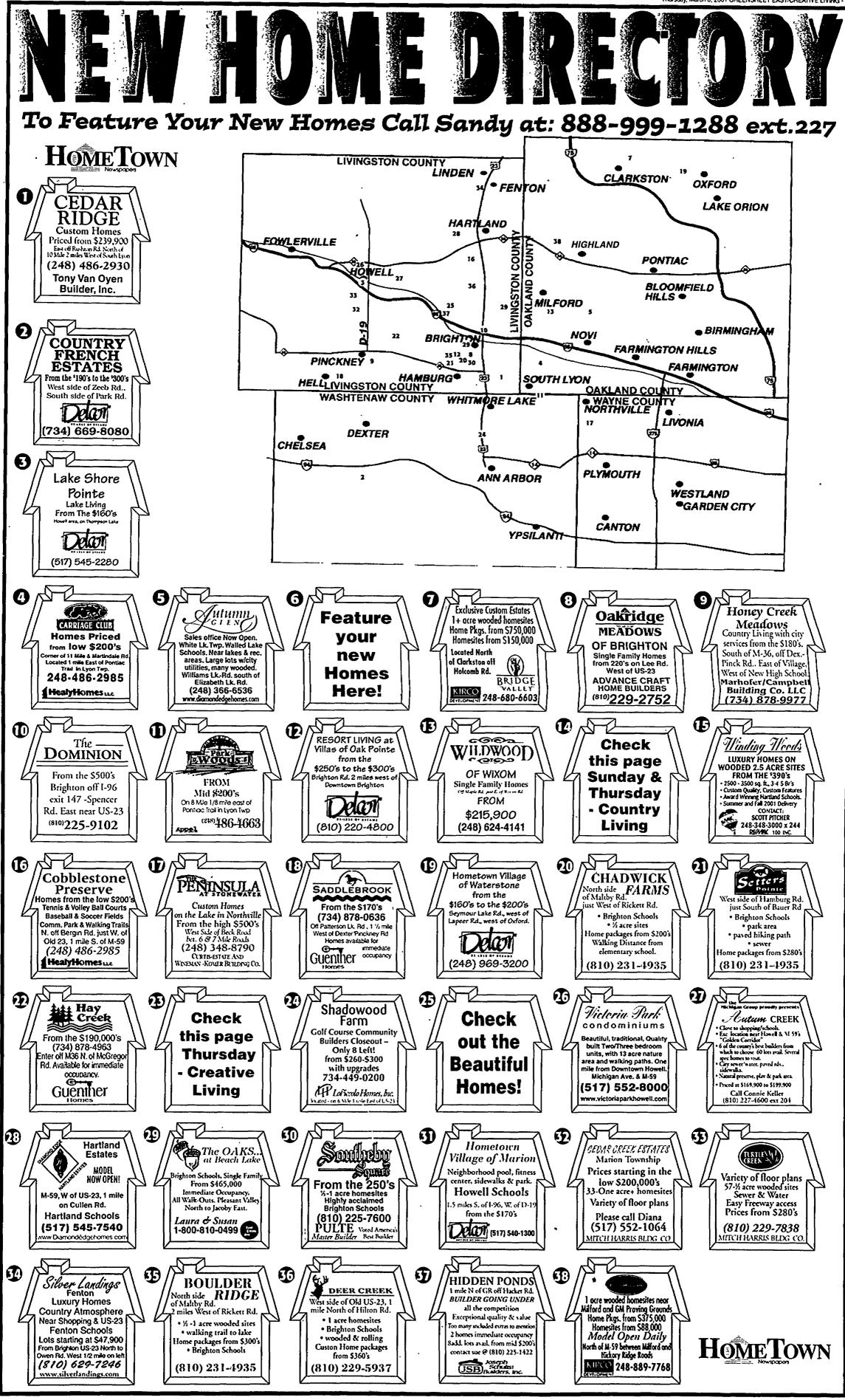
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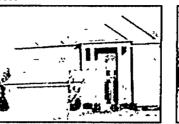
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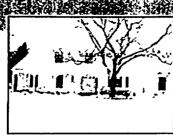
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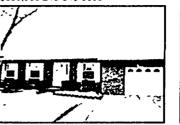
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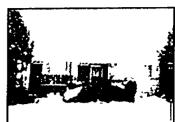


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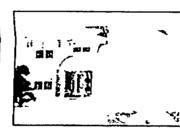




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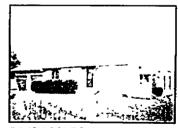
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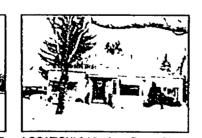
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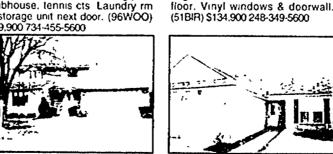
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Old Kent Bank looks forward to big changes

Merger won't change the small town philosophy By Tran Longmoore STAFF WRITER

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For years, Old Kent Bank has prospered by being the bank for choice in Midwestern small towns.

As more and more people are choosing to lead their lives in small towns, Old Kent has thrived. In the City of Walled Lake, it moved into a bigger facility. There's a new Old Kent opening in east Highland across from the post office. The White Lake facility has been revamped. A branch is opening in South Lyon, perhaps by this September. And the old Milford Location will be gutted and remodeled later this year.

But the most exciting development will come in April when Old Grand Rapidsbased Kent Bank will merge with Cincinnati-based 5/3 Bank.

Often, customers view bank mergers with ire. They can mean reduced banking hours and less personal service. Denise Sandborn, who manages the Milford, Highland, and White Lake area for Old Kent Bank, said that customers can expect the opposite.

"This merger will be better for Old Kent bankers," Sandborn said.

Beginning April 16, the customers will have more opportunities to do their banking. The regular banks will be open each day from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Drive through tellers will be open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.- 6 p.m. on Saturday and on Sundays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The bank marts in supermarkets will also be open more often, on weekdays from 10 a.m.-8 p.m., on

"It's good to get your name out and represent your business because people associate your positive work with your company."

Denise Sanborn Old Kent Bank

said. "We both believe in being leaders in our communities.

Old Kent emptoyees are encouraged to be active in the community. Sandborn, for instance, is a member of the Milford Rotary Club, the Milford Business Association, Christmas in April and many more groups.

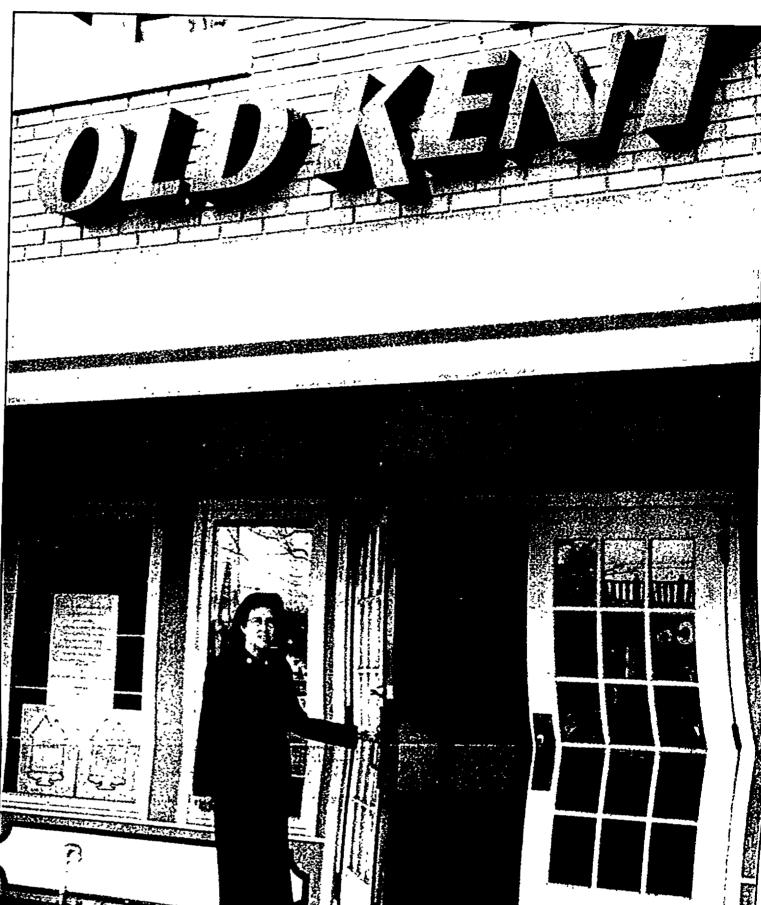
Old Kent Bank is one of the major sponsors of this year's Huron Valley Business Expo which takes place at Milford High School Saturday.

We enjoy working in the community, and we know that it's good for business," Sandborn said. "It's good to get your name out and represent your business, because people associate your positive work with your compa-

Ny." When 5/3 takes over, Sandborn said that people can expect their hometown banks to have an even larger presence in the community.

"With Old Kent, all of the decisions came out of the Grand Rapids office. We're hearing that 5/3 has a more decentralized structure which will give each branch more ability to make decisions on community involvement and local advertising," Sandborn said.

Tran Longmoore is a reporter for The Milford Times. He can be reached at (248) 685-1507



Saturdays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m and Sundays from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

More importantly, according to Sandborn, is that 5/3's philosophy is in harmony with Old Kent's.

"We're similar in that we both have a strong presence in small towns," Sandborn

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Denise Sanborn. zone manager for Old Kent Bank in Milford, Highland and White Lake, opens the door to the Milford branch on Main Street.

to business success is organization he key

By Tim Kissmar

SBAM Director of Publications

Never judge a small business owner by the number of hats they wear. That's too easy. Anyone can put a hat on his or her head and parade around the office pretending they know what's happening. I say take a look at how many keys

they have. Judge that entrepreneur by his or her jingle. The larger the jingle, the more successful a businessperson.

Before the home-based readers send me the key to their outhouses, I want to take a breather and make sure I'm clear on this point: just because you don't have a lot of business keys doesn't mean you're a poor business person. Hey, I'm one of you. I have one office, one door and one lock. It's the other keys I'm talking about.

It's a better metaphor than wearing a hat because with a key you have access. Anyone can claim to wear his or her hats to clean the bathroom, shovel the walk or act as a company spokesperson.

The real small business owner can actually prove it with the keys to the storage room, supply room or to start up the snow thrower. Who would you believe? The guy who claims to know how to deal with personal issues or the one who can dangle the key to the human resource drawer that has the files with answers to all of your problems? I'll take the keys anytime.

My problem though is that I'm starting to carry too many keys. I have ring upon ring of keys. I'm not quite sure what most of them really open, but I'm afraid to toss them because I may need them sometime. Knowing my luck, the one time that I remem-

door of my office will be the time it's snowing, with a sub-zero wind-chill and I'll be stuck outside until help arrives as the key sits comfortably in my desk drawer.

So you're not left in the cold take out your keys and jingle with me these key-organizing tips three:

· Color me ready. My high school basketball coach was in charge of

ber that I have the key to the back- keeping the keys to countless rooms that surrounded our gym. He had more keys that our janitors. He had a hard time keeping them straight until he discovered the plastic rings that stretch around the end. It makes it easier to remember that the red key unlocks a specific door rather than the round silver key.

Just about every key I own is round and silver. I've since adapted his tened.

· Game, set, and match. Keep different sets of keys when you have too many. I'm nearing this point. Have a set that you can keep at work and that you can live without in day to day operations. Keep a work set and a home set, or divide them up however you see fit. If they aren't for security purposes, like opening the drawer to

approach. And he said I never lis- the cleaning cabinet, keep them in common areas.

Just make sure people put them back when they are done.

• Back-ups. I know this goes against weeding out the unnecessary keys on your ring, but make plenty of back-ups of your most important keys. Once I was locked out of my car in a downpour and wished I had taken my mom's advice and had a spare set of keys made. I had to swallow my pride and call her for help that day. She didn't let me hear the end of it. Maybe including her in this tip will make up for it.

There are the keys to small business success. Wearing a hat is fine and there's no doubt that small business owners wear plenty of them. But I'm telling you; keys are what separate the good from the great.



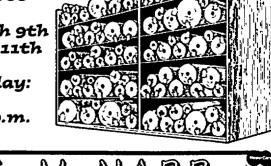
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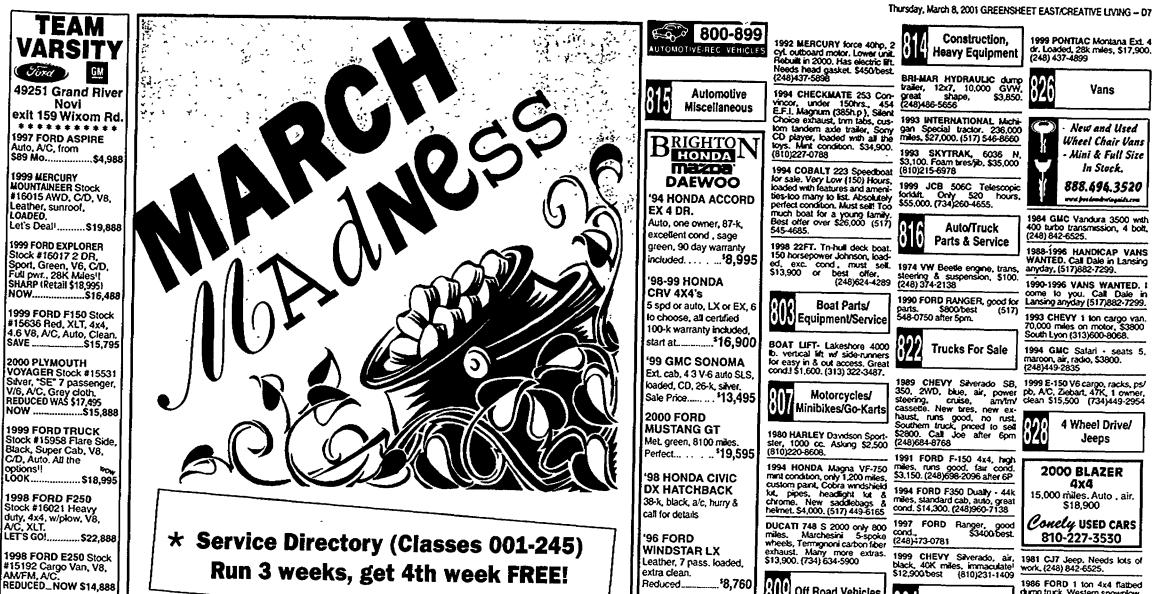
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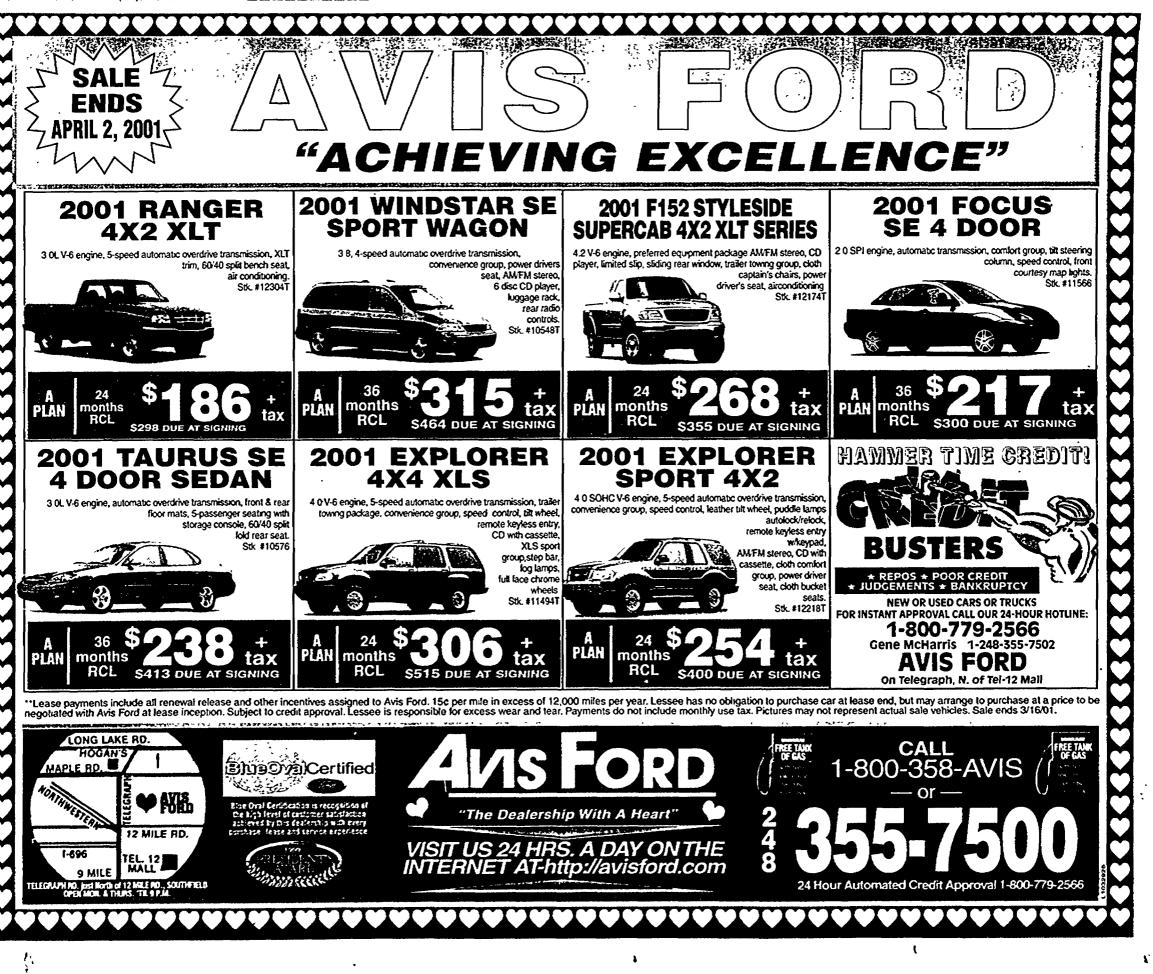
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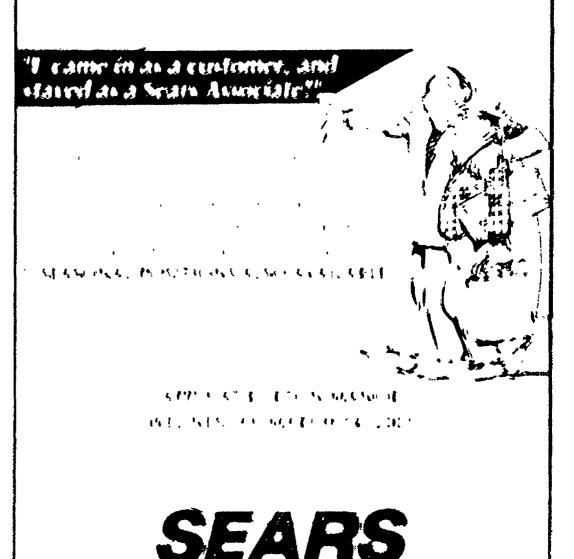


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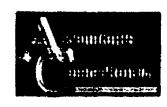
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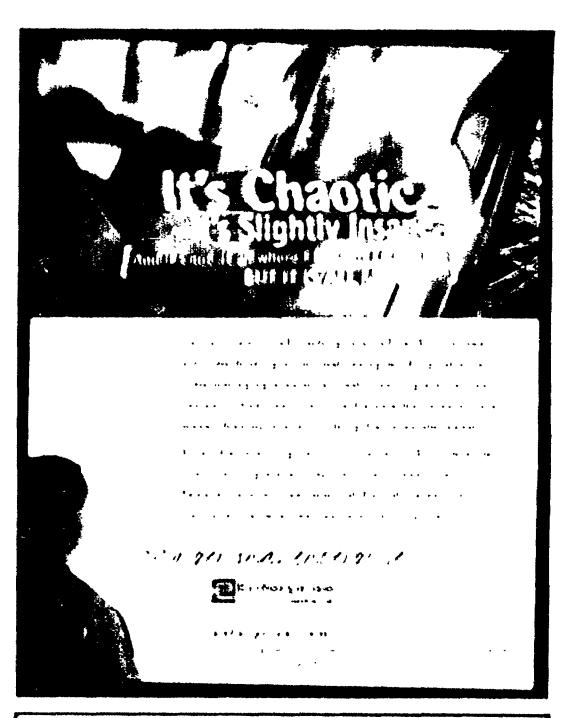
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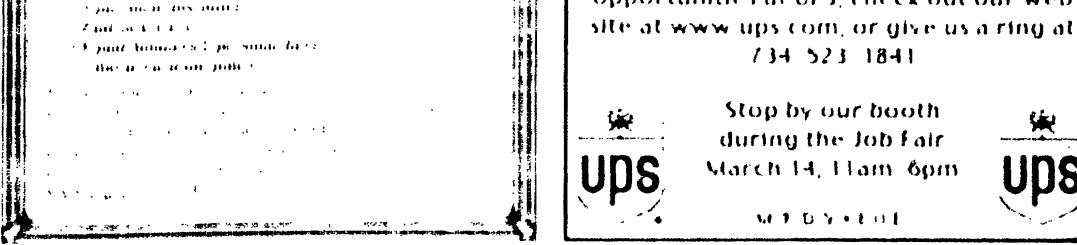
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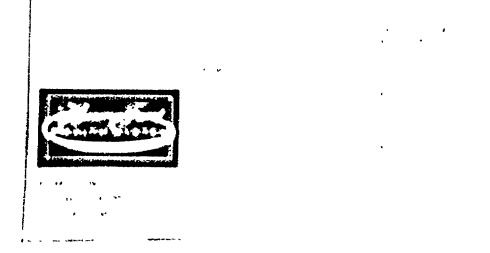


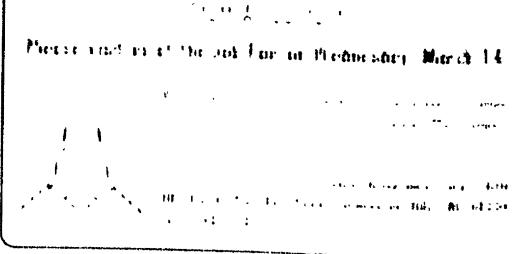
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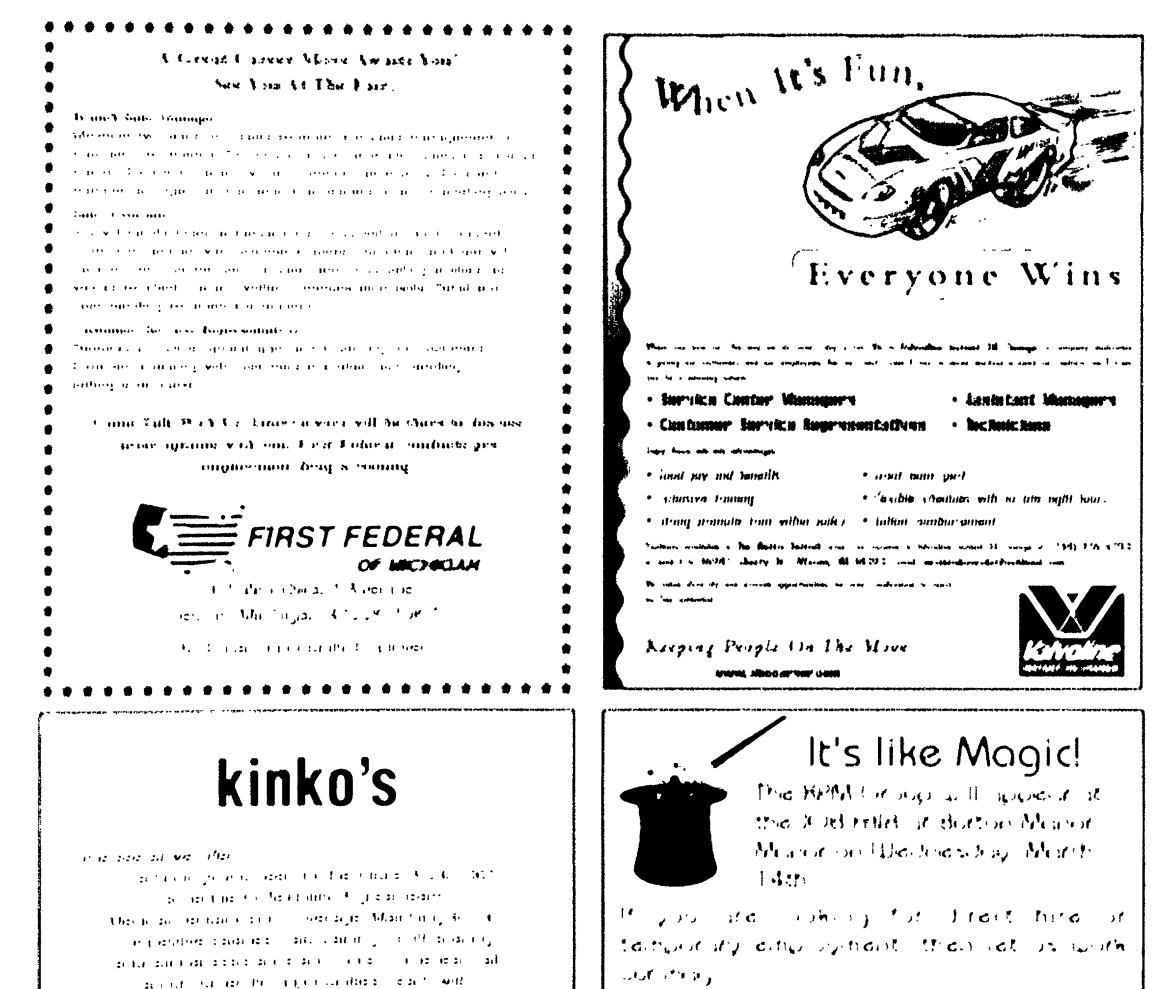
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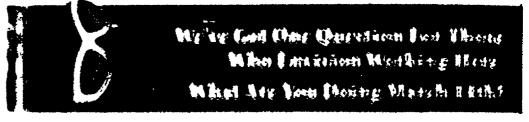
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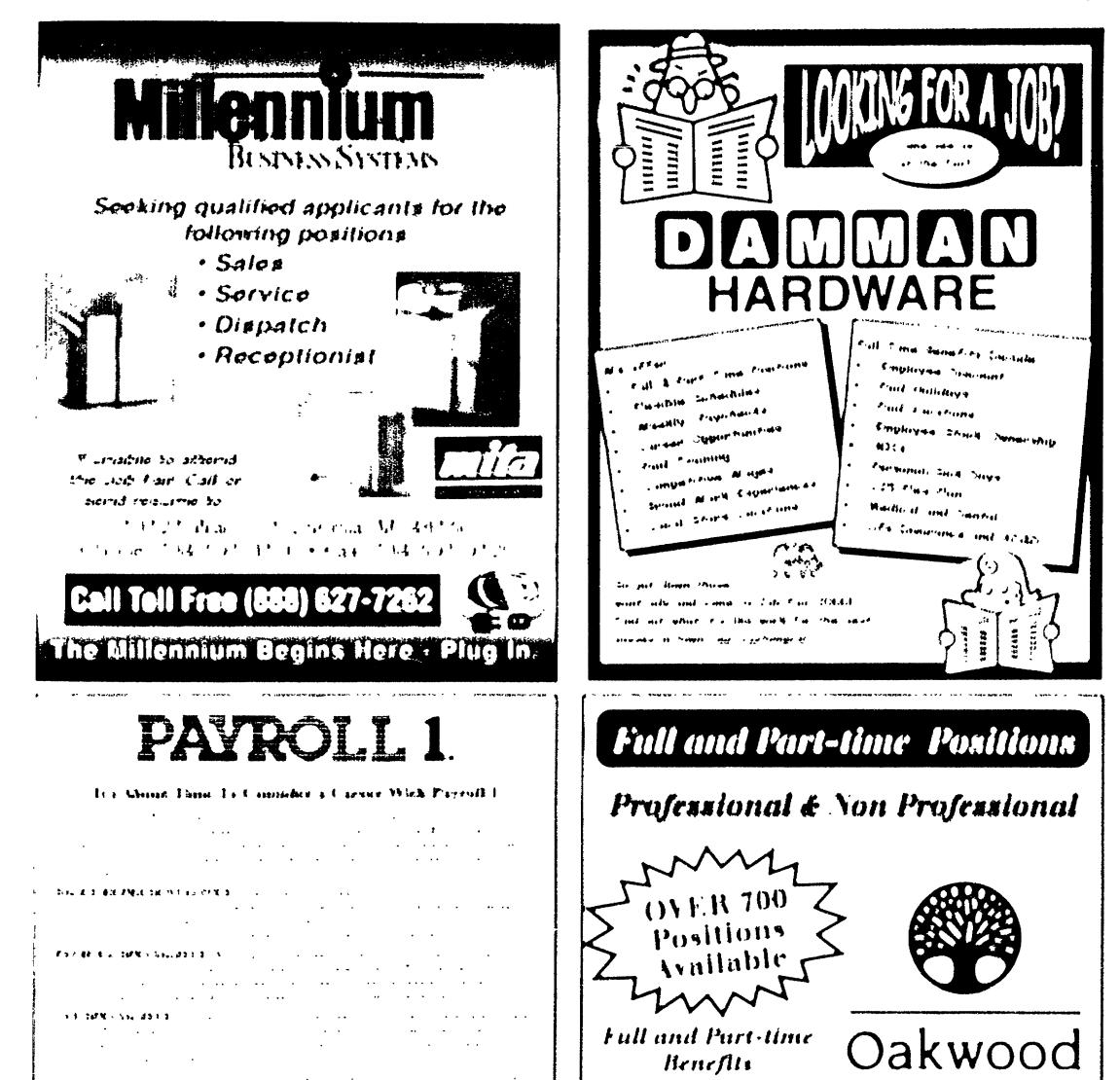
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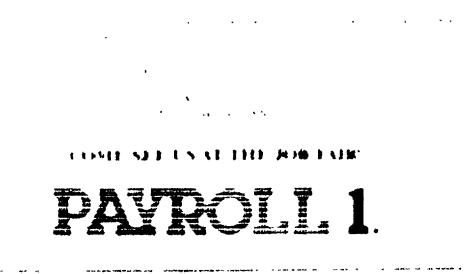
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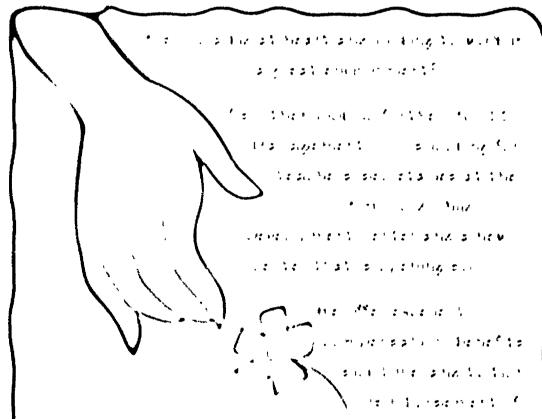
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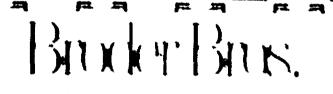
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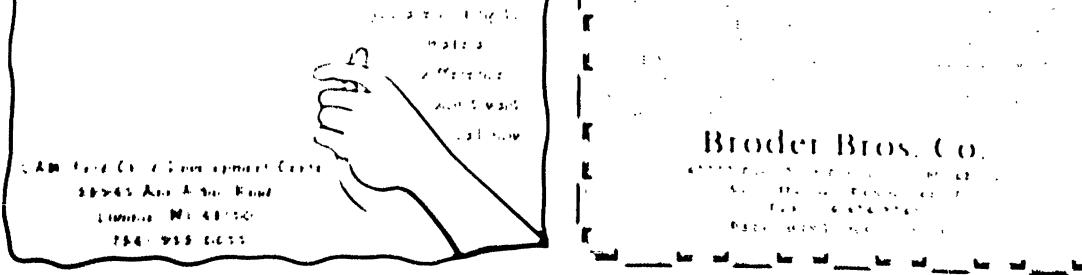
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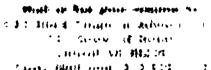
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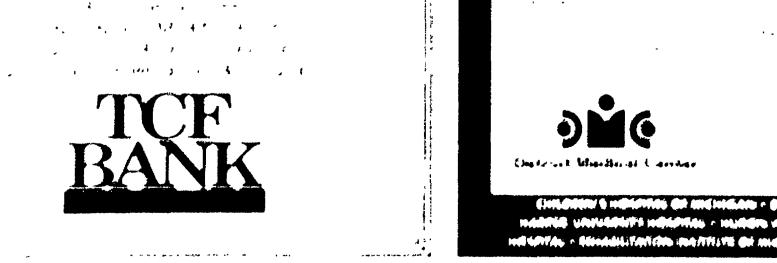
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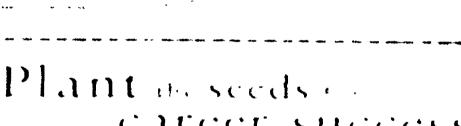


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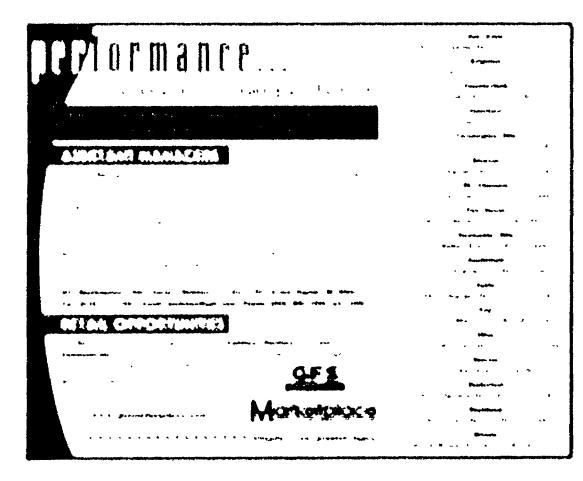
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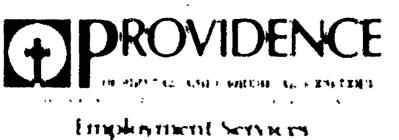
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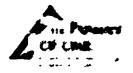
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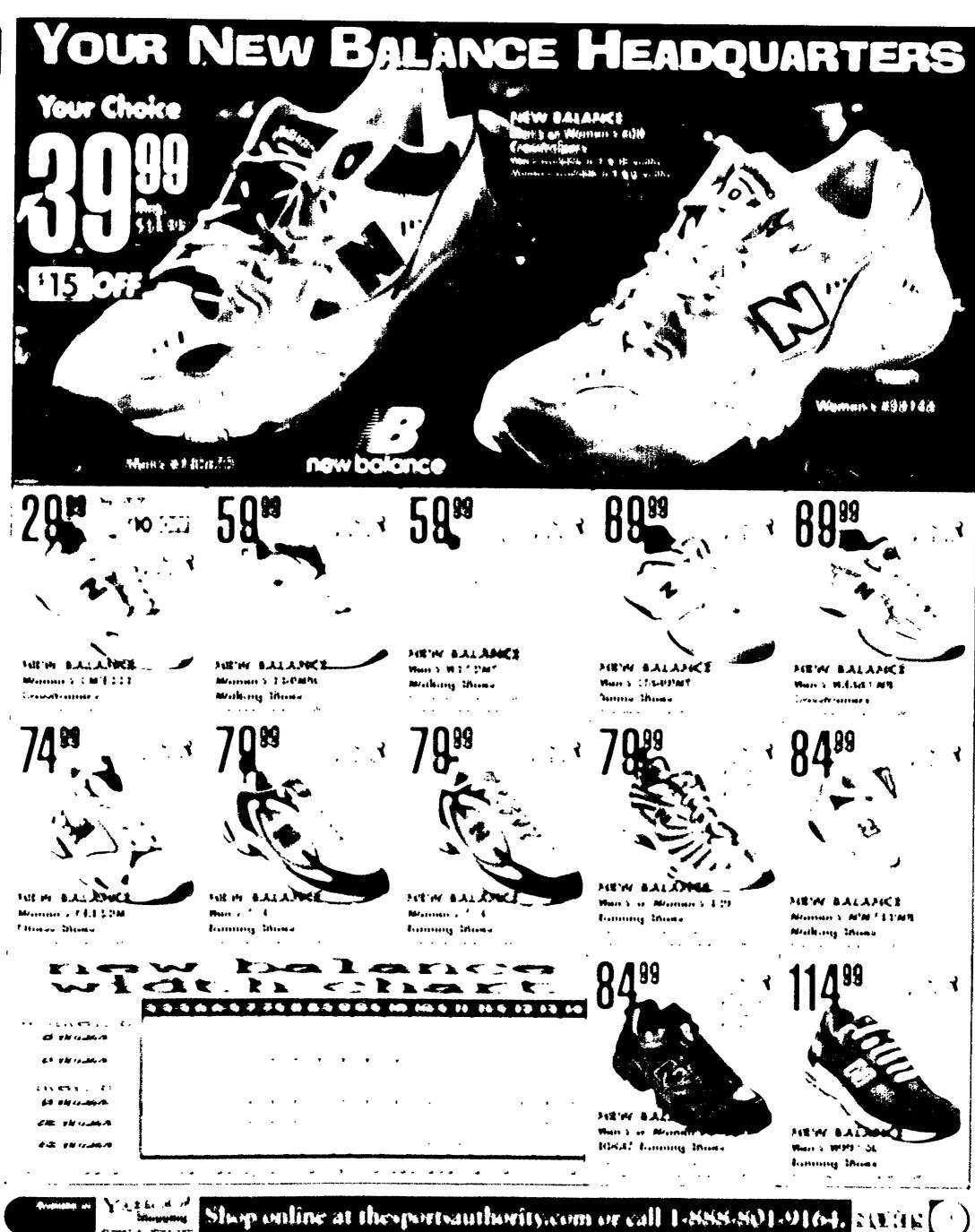
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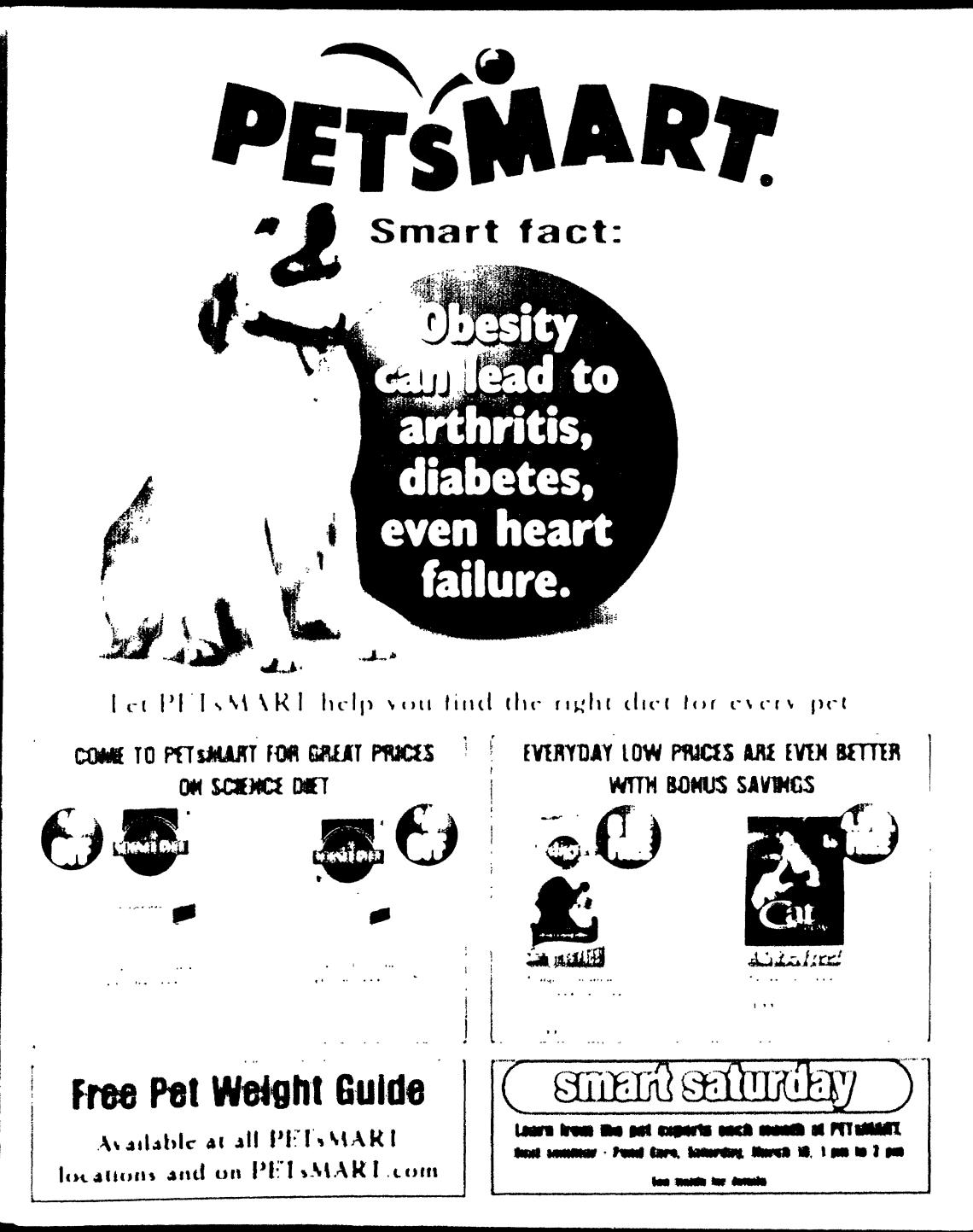
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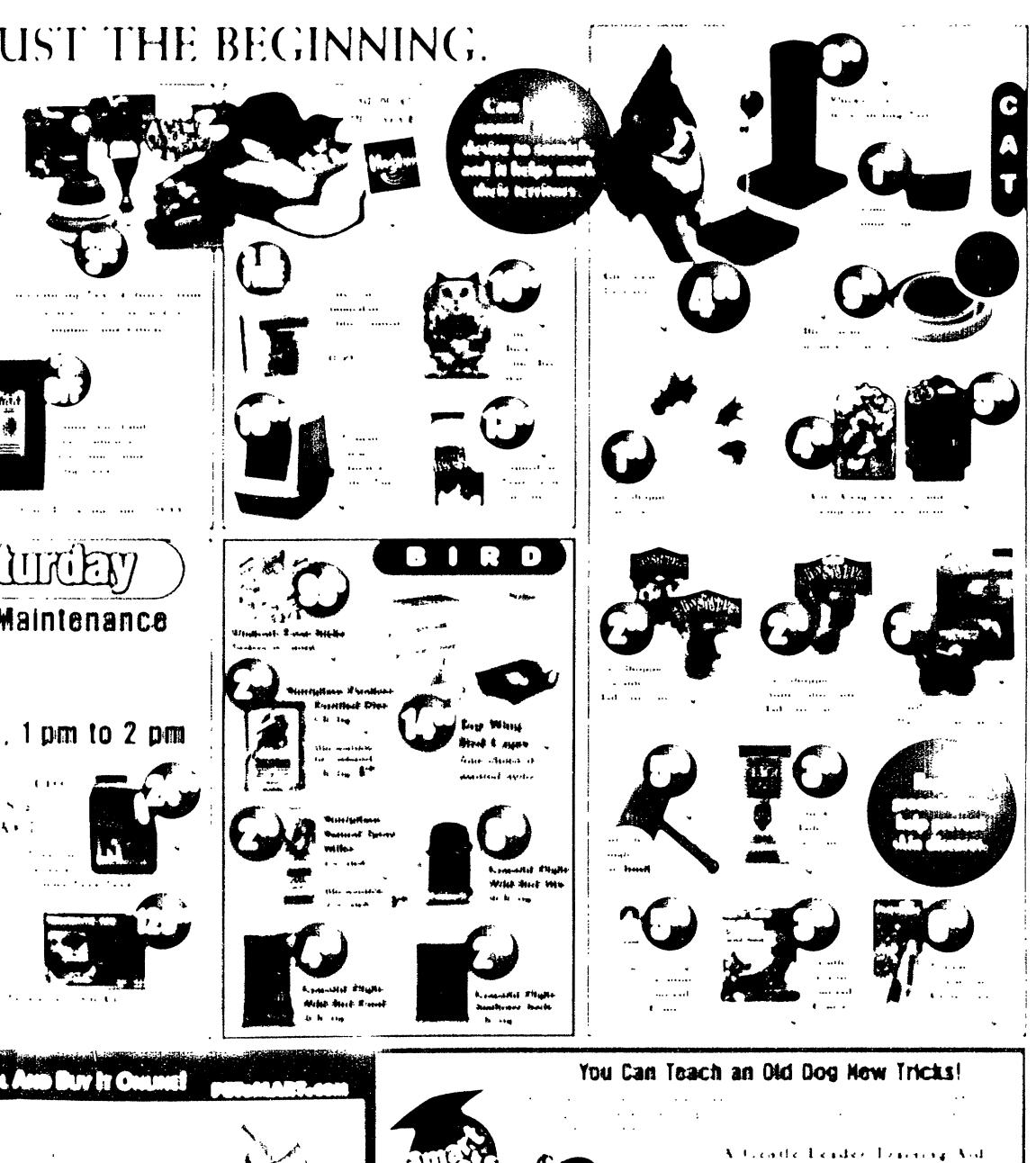








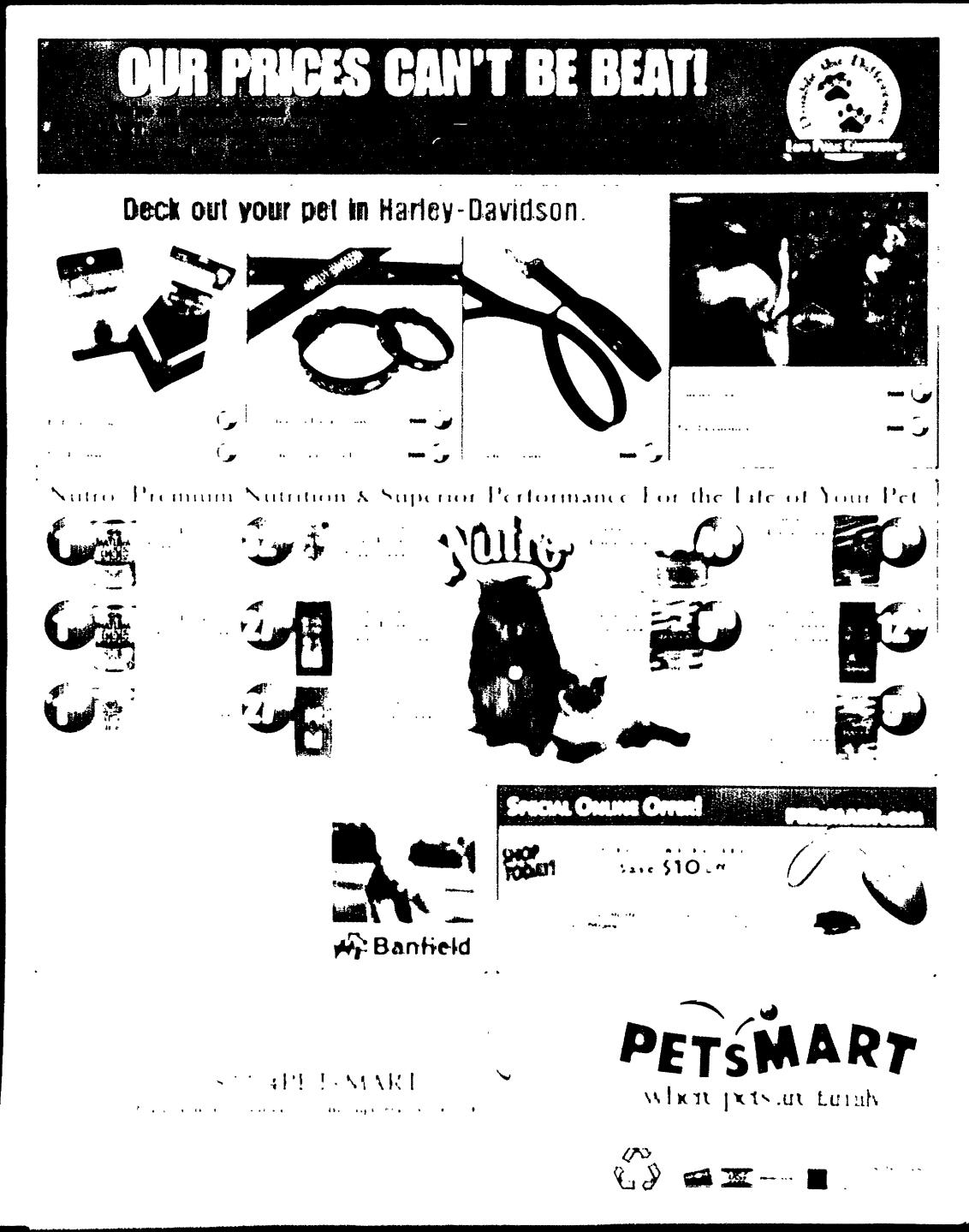




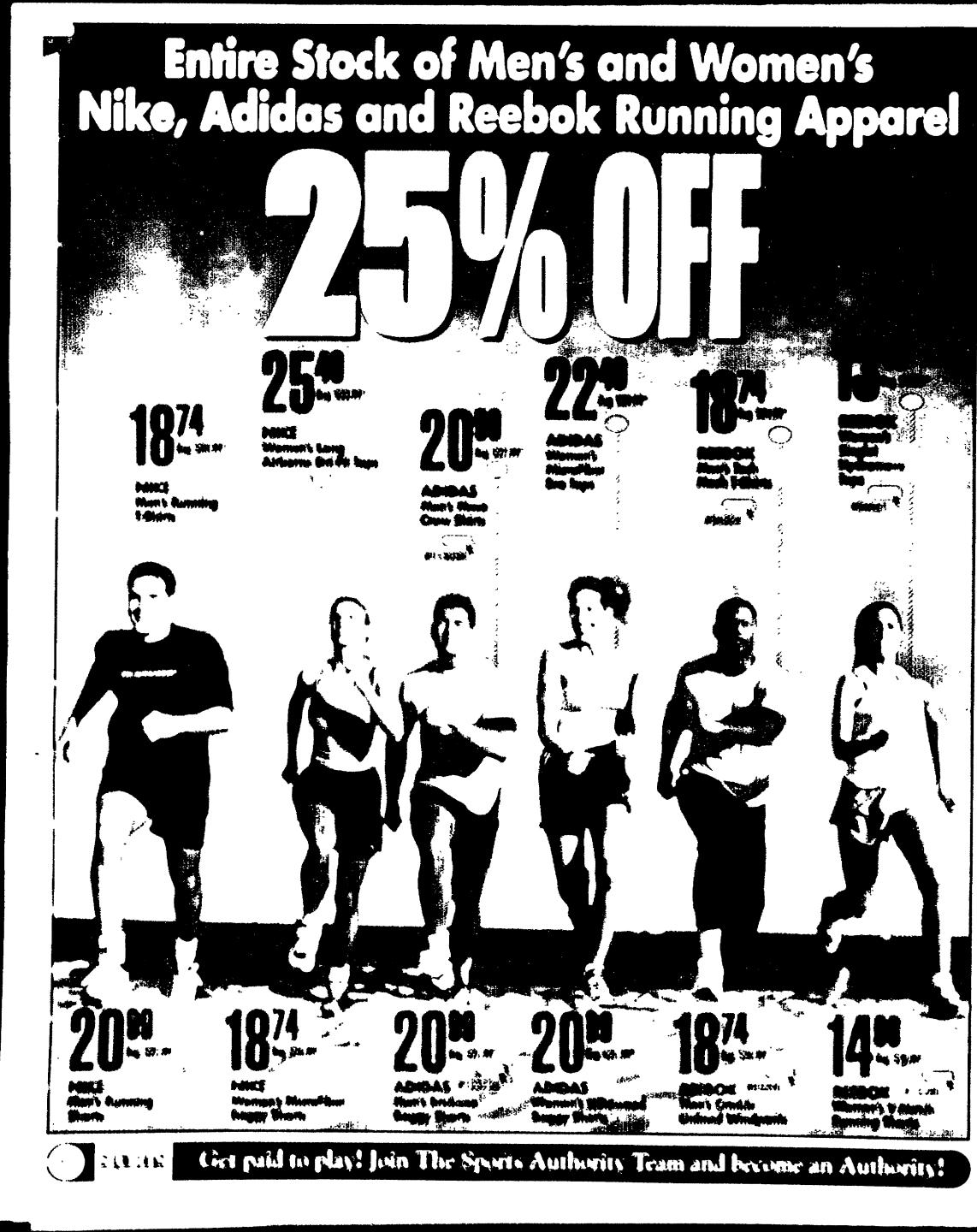
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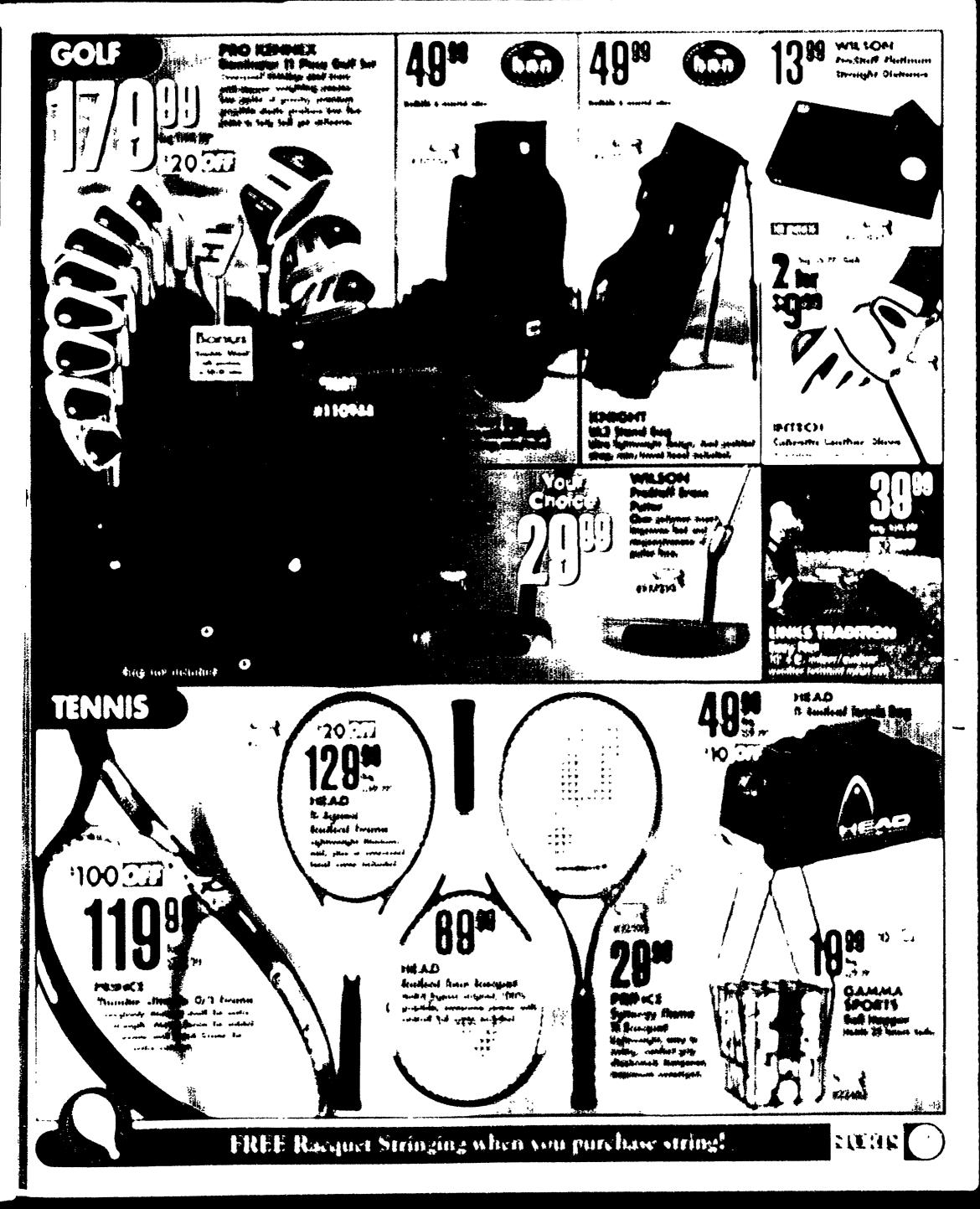
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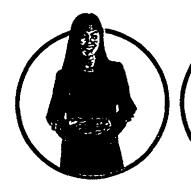
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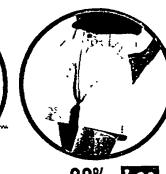
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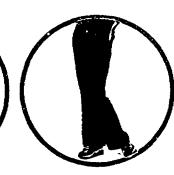
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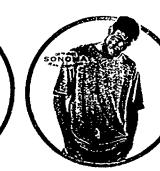
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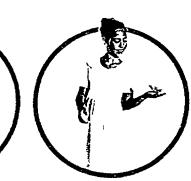
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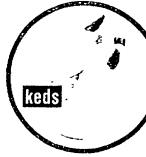
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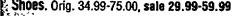
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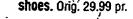


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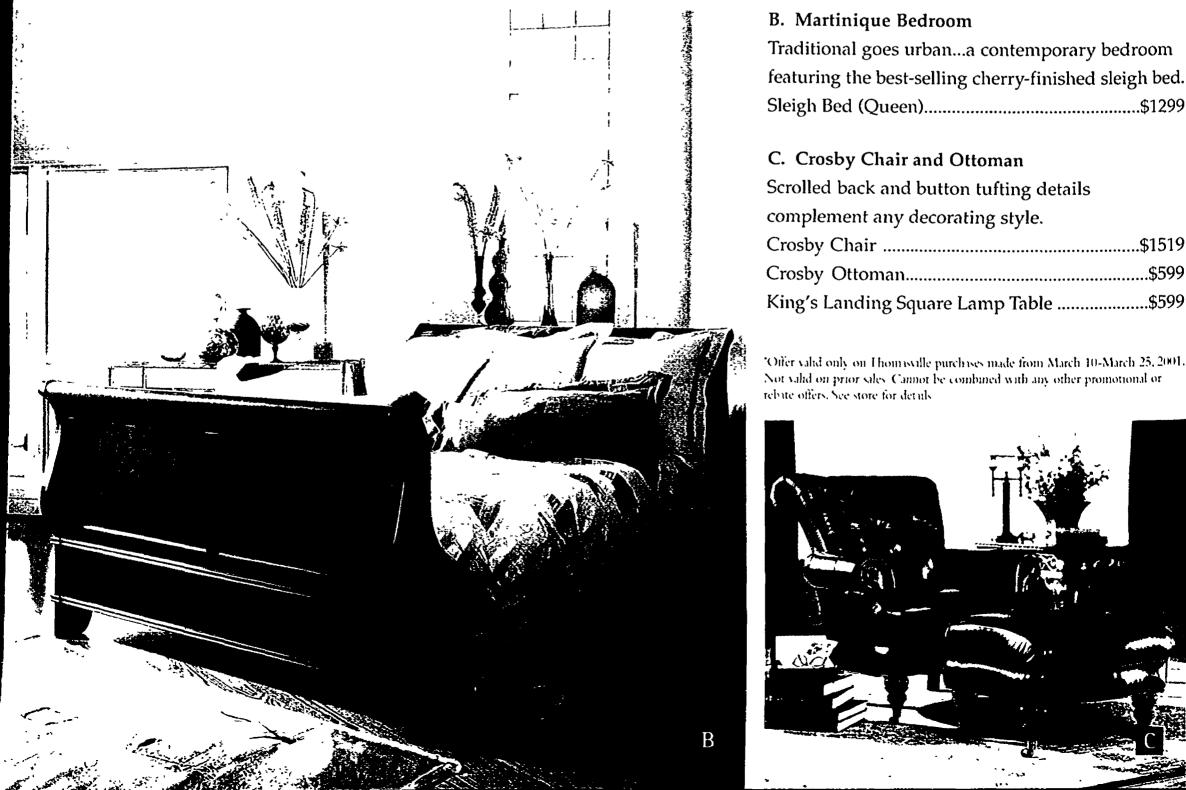


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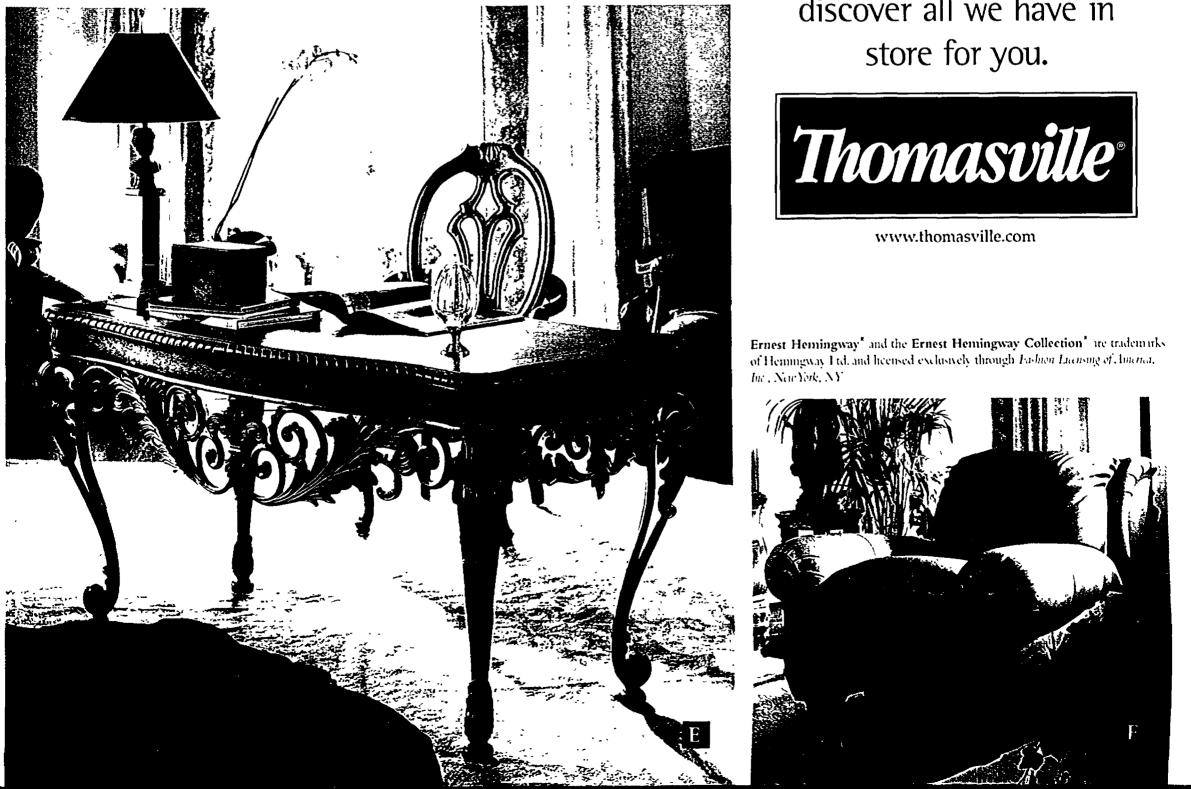
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