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Court finds for Christian club

NHS acknowledges wrongdoing in lawsuit

By JENNIFER NORRIS

After months of heated controversy and legal battles, two Northville High School students can finally breathe sighs of relief.

U.S. District Judge Arthur J. Tarnow signed a consent judgment stating that the student-run Bible group Connect for Christ (C4C). represented by students Nicolette

and Matthew Pearce, is allowed the same privileges and access to use the school's facilities and resources as are other non-curriculum student clubs. Such opportunities include using the public address system, bulletin boards and posting signs announcing meetings.

One of the attorneys representing the plaintiff was Richard Thompson of the Thomas More

Center for Law and Justice in Ann Arbor. Thompson said that a consent judgment is an action taken when the parties agree to the resolution of a case that's been filed and then present the stipulation to a judge. A judge then reviews the stipulation and if he/she approves, signs the document which makes it an official order of the court which can then be

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Student vindicated by decision

By JENNIFER NORRIS

Northville High School senior Nicolette Pearce said she was pleased with final court ruling which stated that her non-curricular Bible group. Connect for Christ, has legal rights to use school facilities and resources as other non-curricular school groups do.

"I'm happy with the consent judgment," said Pearce, who was one of the major student leaders in the student organization. "It's been almost a year. That's kind of weird."

Pearce also received a formal apology from the school district. I'm relieved they admitted they were wrong and I'm very

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Center stage

Kelly Wright and Powen Shiah, students at Northville High School make last-minute preparations for the upcoming musical "Guys N' Dolls." For more photos, turn to



Fishing enthusiasts seek more access

By LON HUHMAN Staff Writer

Enjoying and utilizing the inherent attributes of Johnson Creek can be the best way for Northville residents to understand the significance of the cold water stream.

According to John Bueter, president of the Johnson Creek Protection Group and owner of Bueter Outdoors in downtown Northville, Johnson Creek - also referred to as Johnson Drain - is a very unique resource and increasing public awareness of this can only help to preserve the creek. Fishing for brown trout would be one way

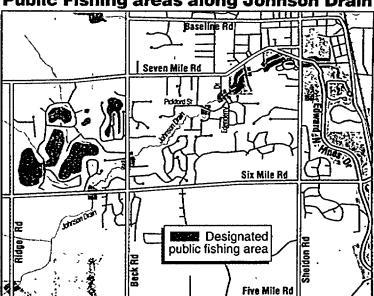
to increase awareness. Bueter said the creek is perfect for anglers looking for a challenge.

The creek is one of three coldwater streams in southeastern Michigan in which brown trout can survive. A brown trout has brown and green shades on its back and sides. black and red spots run from the head to the tail. The endangered red-sided dace also swims the

The creek is on the small side, so it would present a challenge for some," Bueter said. "However, a fly fisherman who enjoys his craft would find it very appealing."

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Public Fishing areas along Johnson Drain



Family seeks reunion after 50 years

By JENNIFER NORRIS

David Thamm and his family are searching for his two youngest sisters - siblings that he has not seen in almost half a century.

Their family's tale is one of tragedy and trlumph, one has

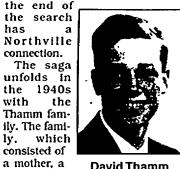
that spanned numerous decades. Theirs is a story that finds the scarching for their siblings and happy endhoping that

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David Thamm

11 children, does not have the familiar thumbprint of history and family traditions stamped permanently within their minds. Instead, the 11 Thamm children became separated due largely to a tragic accident and a result of a court hearing

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Businesses rave on success from Taste of Northville show

By LON HUHMAN

Delicious food, great giveaways and a new high school equaled huge success for the Taste of Northville Business Showcase.

it was the best we've ever had and we are proud it went so well." said Northville Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Laurie Marrs.

The business showcase was held on March 20 in the cafeteria at Northville High School. Marrs sald the move to have the showcase held at the high school has greatly improved the showcase's capabilities. This was the first year the annual Taste of Northville

"It was the best show we've ever had..."

Laurie Marrs Northville Chamber of Commerce

was held at the high school.

*Many people attending went to see the new high school and what their tax dollars has helped produce," Marrs said. "High school students were on hand to give tours of the high school, so many people used the showcase as an opportunity to view the exception-

According to Marrs, 1,300 people bought tickets to view the dis-

plays set up by various restaurants and businesses from Northville and Northville Township. The theme for the showcase was "Election Connection." Marrs said David Boyd of Edward Jones Investments dressed up as George Washington was one of the many amusing theme-orientated aspects to the showcase.

"I've received calls from numerous people telling me that they thought the showcase was great, Marrs said. Having 1.300 people attend was great because the showcase is only for three hours. One crucial reason for a large turnout is the ample parking

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Photo by LON HUHMAN

Poole's, a downtown Northville eatery and bar, was named as having the best restaurant display at the Taste of Northville Business Showcase.

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1940s stage production prepares for big Northville opening night

By JENNIFER NORRIS

Make way for Guys and Dolls it's making its way to Northville High School for a three night production.

Students at the high school have been at work for months learning songs, practicing routines, and memorizing lines for the upcoming musical.

Cast members describe the plot of "Guys and Dolls" as a romantic comedy set in the late 1940s.

Director Jay Hillard said this is her first time directing her musical and added that the experience has been one to remember.

"This is an

"It's won-derful," she said. I love it. The kids extremely are so cooperative and well-written they're so tal-

musical. The Hillard also music moves said that the other directhe plot rather she's working with than just suphave been supportive plements it." and extremely knowledge-

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able.

directors were abuzz with anticipation regarding the arrival of open-

Jay Hillard

NHS director

Hillard said. This is an extremely well-written musical. The music moves the plot rather than just supplements it.

Carrie Dobson, a sophomore at NHS and east member of the play. said she was pleased with the progress of the play.

I think when we started out, no one really knew what it was all about or how much work it was to put together a musical. We're together and make it all come out

"I think everyone in the audience is going to enjoy it when they see it. It's a lot of fun.

Other members of the play were also anticipating the upcoming



Dana Crawford, a senior, said. "Musicals are always fun. I just look forward to the musical every

Junior Kati Pryce agreed.

"ht's going really well," she said. "It's really organized and we have a learning how to put a musical really good director. The performance is going to be awesome. The

audience will benefit 100 percent." Christian O'Brian, theatre director and set designer, said he thinks the play is going *amazingly

The students have been doing forward to opening night. I get a

real well," he said. "The crew has

been doing an excellent job." He said the sets began being built during the last part of January and the 22- member crew have been steadily finishing all the proj-

O'Brian also said that he opening night performance.

Senior Jayse O'Brien, also said

he is looking forward to acting in "I'm very excited," he said. 'It's the most fun I've had. I'm looking

He also said he expects tickets to be distributed quickly.

rush when I go out there."

I would not be surprised if they sell out," said O Brien. "I think we can sell out. It's at the new school and it's a fun play. I think it's a really fun play to do."

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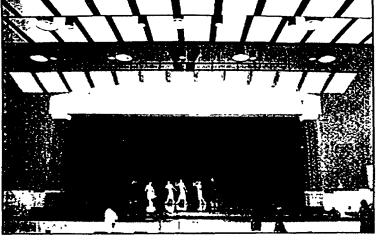
Nick Detrych (Benny South Street) checks his tie before taking stage in a rehearsal.

THE GUYS AND DOLLS ON STAGE

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Northville High goes through a dress rehearsal of "Guys And Dolls."

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- . Show dates: April 5-7
- Time: 7:30 p.m.
- Admission: \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students.
- Ticket information: Tickets are available after school at the box office outside the auditorium or can be reserved by phoning the main office of the high school at (248) 344-8420.



Jay Hillard, left, directs her "Guys And Dolls" troupe through a rehearsal last Fri-

Story by Jennifer Norris

Community Events

The Northville Central Business Association will be sponsoring "Northville's Hoppin' & Shoppin'" from April 3 through April 8. Flyers listing participating downtown Northville merchants can be found in the March 29 edition of the Northville Record and other area newspapers. Entrants need to visit five of the merchants listed on the form to be eligible to win the prizes and promotions being offered. Winners will be drawn at random on April 13 at 3:30 p.m. at Rebecca's On Main. For more information. call (248) 349-5769.

Meijer of Northville Township will be hosting an Easter event in the store's cafeteria on April 7. Egg dyeing, crafts, face painting, Easter basket-making and live entertainment from Anne Shaheen and the Kids Take Note Band will be part of the day. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call (248) 449-5709.

The American Intercultural Student Exchange is seeking

host families for high school luncheon and fashion show on exchange students traveling from other countries. The students will be traveling to the U.S. during the 2001-2002 school year and will be between the ages of 15 and 18 years old. The students speak English. will have their own spending money and medical insurance. Host families are asked to provide housing, food and a family atmosphere for a student. For more information, call (888) 247-3872.

A luncheon honoring author Brian Lewis will be held April 5 at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. The event, co-sponsored by the Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Novi libraries, has tickets available for \$20. Lewis is the publisher of Sleeping Bear Press. Proceeds from the luncheon benefit the libraries. No door ticket sales will be available. For more information, call the Northville District Library at (248) 349-3020 or the Novi Library at (248) 349-0720.

Catholic Central High School Mothers' Club will present a

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)

Members of the Dearborn High School class of 1976 are being sought for the class' upcoming 25-year reunion, to be held Aug. 10 and 11. For more information, call (248) 486-1562.

'The Wizard of Oz" will be performed at the Marquis Theater in Northville. Performance dates: Saturdays, March 31, April 7. 21, 28; Sundays, 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

Waltonwood of Twelve Oaks, a senior retirement community, and the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's 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 information, call (248) 735-1500.

The Novi Educational Founda-

tion 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 30minute program. Tickets for the concert are \$20 each, with reserved seating at Novi High School's Fuerst Auditorium. The pre-party tickets are an additional \$10 each. Tickets are available at Novi Community Education. For more information, or tickets, call (248) 449-1206.

The Northville New Hope Center for Grief Support will be holding a benefit dinner and comedy night at Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia on April 1, beginning at 4:30 p.m A silent auction will also take place at the event, which will be hosted by WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) anchor Mark Hayes. Tickets. which are partially tax-deductible. are available for \$50 each.

Also at New Hope - a support group for teens dealing with the grief process following the death of a close friend or relative will be

held on the first and third Tuesday evening of each month at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 7 p.m. The meetings will begin in May, and an informational meeting for parents will be held April 3 at the youth house at 7 p.m.

For more information on either event, call (248) 348-0115.

A support group for women and men who are dealing with emotional or physical abuse from a spouse will be held April 4 at 7 p.m. at Edward's Catering in Northville. The focus of the group is to provide emotional support and information to participants, with the April 4 topic being Better Safe Than Sorry." Attorney Michele Kelly and a local police office will be speaking at the event. For more information, call, (248) 348-0496.

The West Rose Society of Novi will be hosting Mif Claussen of Illinois on April 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Claussen will be discussing the the latest types of roses. The event is open to the public. For more information, call (248) 449-4626.

Refundable collection gives students global view

By JENNIFER NORRIS Staff Writer

Students at Northville's William Allan Academy recently learned how a bit of teamwork can make a difference - even on a global scale.

Susan Schwiring, a third grade teacher at William Allan Academy, said her class organized a bottle and can drive to help protect the rainforests. The project soon ballooned to include the entire school. Students from each grade level brought in soda cans or cash donations. After the project was announced in

February, students scrambled to "I was surprised. I couldn't find returnable cans and toted their returnables to the school.

When the dust settled and the last pop can had been redeemed. students collected \$1,000 to donate to the Rainforest Action Network through their Protect-An-Acre program.

According to Schwiring, the cost to protect one acre is \$25.

Classrooms throughout the William Allan Academy challenged one another in an attempt to find or collect the most cans or donations for the

were so excited."

believe all the cans they brought in."

> Susan Schwiring William Allen Academy

Schwiring said. "I was surprised. I couldn't believe all the cans they brought in."

The winning classroom was rewarded with a "rainforest product party*--in which all the foods or ingredients consumed

could be found in a rainforest. Items such as vanilla, papayas, fruits, nuts, coconuts, and cinnamon.

*We kind of made an ice cream sundae with all the products of the rainforest." Schwiring said.

In addition, students studied about what a rainforest is, and learned about the various animals and plants that thrive there. The students also made a mural of a rainforest in the classroom with many rainforest animals on it.

Schwiring said teaching students about how the rainforests can impact our lives and even produce possible medicines or treatments was also a focus point.

"I think it's real important to make the kids aware of that ecosystem and how important it is to us." she said. "There's a lot of products there that we don't even know about."

William Allan Academy is located at 49875 West Eight Mile Road in Northville.

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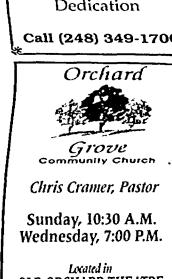


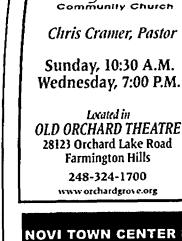


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Police Reports

: NORTHVILLE CITY POLICE

TOAST AND COAST: Coasting through stop light got a 33-year-old Beverly Hills man arrested for drinking and driving.

According to Northville City Police reports, the officer was driving through Amerman Elementary School parking lot and was exiting the lot through the east drive while observing a black Volkswagen Golf driving on North Center Street. The officer watched the vehicle drift through the blinking red light, failing to fully stop as it turned eastbound onto Eight Mile Road. The officer proceeded to pursue the VW down Eight Mile further observing the VW drive 15 mph over the speed

The officer then stopped the VW near Griswold and detected an odor of intoxicants as the man rolled down his window. The officer reported that the man slurred his speech while answering questions. The man said he had a shot of liquor at a friend's house in

Northville and had three beers at a bar, which he couldn't remember the name of.

The man was placed under arrest for OUIL and had a blood-alcohol level of 0.12. The man has a April 18 court date at the 35th District

ON THE TRAIL: A Webberville man reported to Northville City Police that his construction trailer was broken into sometime during the time period of March 9 through

The man, an electrician for Wolverine Electric Company, had his trailer locked and parked at the Riverpark Village Condominiums at the time of the break-in robbery. The suspect pried off the padlocks of the trailer and stole a couple of ladders, a saw, drills and a space

UNDERAGE DRINKING: A 20year-old Livonia female was arrested by Northville City Police for underage drinking.

On March 24, city officers stopped a black Ford Ranger for speeding on Eight Mile Road. The woman did not have a license on her and stated that she had drank three beers at her sister's house at Michigan State University. The blood-alcohol content registered at

0.03 for the woman. She was placed under arrest for underage UBAI and later released on a \$500 personal bond. Her court date is set for April 2.

UNDERAGE DRINKING II: A Schoolcraft student was arrested for underage drinking on March 24.

City officers had stopped the driver of the vehicle a 20-year-old male student was a passenger of. The driver was stopped for OUIL and another officer assisted the stop by asking the passengers for identification. The officer asked the student if he had anything to drink and the student said he had six beers while visiting friends at Michigan State

University.

The student's blood-alcohol content was .107 and he was placed: under arrest for underage consumption of alcohol. He was released on a \$500 personal bond and has a April 18 court date at the 35th District Court.

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE

WARRANT ARREST: Northville Township Police respond to a report of an assault and find a 25-year-old Detroit woman at the location wanted for arrest on two misdemeanor bench warrants.

On March 25, township officers were dispatched to a location on Maxwell Street for a reported assault. A check on the woman at the location produced a warrant for her out of Westland Police Department for failing to appear on a possession of marijuana charge and

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another out for her from Garden City Police Department for failing to appear on a disorderly charge. Once the Westland warrant was confirmed the township officer placed the woman under arrest and later had her turned over to Westland police officers.

There were no charges issued for the assault.

CREDIT FRAUD: Northville Township police officers responded to a credit card fraud incident and placed the female suspect under arrest for having a misdemeanor warrant out on her. The woman was an employee of the Haggerty Road Meijer Store.

The 19-year-old female suspect from Detroit admitted to police that she had been recording credit card account numbers usually from platinum cards from customers using that came through her checkout line. She said that she had been giving the account numbers to her

cousins who then gave the numbers to their friends. The friends would then use the numbers to take merchandise through the suspect's checkout line.

A check on the woman produced three misdemeanor bench warrants out for her. The woman was placed under arrest after the Redord Police Department warrant was confirmed. The woman was later released into the custody of the Redford police.

HOT ITEMS: A first degree home invasion took place at a home under construction on Fox Hollow Court.

The invasion took place either on March 21 or 22 and the home was unable to be secured because of what stage the construction was in. The suspect(s) stole a kerosene heater, propane heater and propane tank form the premises. The stolen items had been chained and locked in the basement of the home.

There are no leads or suspects at this time.

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THE MAJESTIC ROOSTER BY LUCIAN BOAR **GRADE 5 - THORTON CREEK** ELEMENTARY

A long, long time ago, in a far, far away country in as village on a mountain lived an old man called Ludovik and an old woman called Natasha. Their small houses were across from each other. Ludovik had a rooster and Natasha had a hen. Ludovik's rooster was the most beautiful rooster anyone had ever seen. His gold and scarlet red feathers were no match with any other bird around. His eyes were velvety "black, and his beak was shiny. sparkling like a quartz.

The old man loved his rooster very much. He shared with him everything he had, his house, his food, and his feelings. The rooster's name was Doodle-Do. He was not an average rooster, above all he had a special quality. He could talk. So every time when Ludovik was upset. he went to his beloved Doodle-Do and tell everything that was in his heart. He'd ask him for advice.

Natasha, the old woman, was very jealous because Ludovik had such a special rooster. She was thinking what she could do to make Ludovik to get rid of him. Her hen was plain looking, but laid many eggs which kept Natasha happy. "Maybe, I can use this fact against Ludovik's rooster," she thought. So she did.

One day when Ludovik was very hungry, he came to her door asking, "May I have some eggs, please? I have nothing to eat today, and my rooster and I are very hungry. Natasha said. I am tired of giving you eggs for free, maybe you should have your rooster lay eggs. the way how I have my hen lay eggs." Ludovik was surprised by her answer and said, "But you know that a rooster does not lay eggs. Then you have to punish him very hard because I punished my hen also, before she laid any eggs. Natasha lied and turned her back to Ludovik, and slammed the door on his face. Ludovik went back home and with his heart aching, caught his beloved rooster and started hitting him very hard yelling. You are no use to me until you do lay eggs. 1 do not want to know you."

Poor Doodle-Do, crying and very hurt, ran from home, disappearing along the road in the woods. After he felt a little better, with tears in his eyes he started walking on the path, very frightened because he did not know where to go. While he was walking, he saw in the middle of the road a small bag. Inside he found three little gold coins. He was very * happy. Now he can return back to Ludovik bringing those coins. They can buy food to eat.

While he was walking very happily on the road, he spotted a carriage that was driven by a servant. Inside he saw the powerful and greedy Count of Drashov, the owner of the village where his master Ludovik lived. The Count saw the outstanding looking rooster on the road carrving something in his beak. The Count's eyes sparkled when he saw the gold and put it into his pocket.

Doodle-Do got furious and started racing after him, singing very loud. Cockle-doodle-do, give me back my little bag." all the way to the Count's castle. When the Count of Drashov saw this, he told one of his servants. Take that noisy rooster and

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Age or Grade Authors name:_ Title of story: Parent or guardian: Parent or guardian signature:_ Address (includes street, city and zip code):_ Telephone number:__ School: Teacher:

throw him in the well. Maybe he will swallow water and get drowned." The servant took Doddle-Do and threw him into the well.

Poor Doddle-Do got so scared when he saw all the water that surrounded him. But as you must guess by now, he was not an average rooster. So he started drinking the water from the well. He drank and he drank until he finished all the water, and he started growing

and growing until he reached 6-foot. Then he started singing from the bottom of the well. Cockle-Doodle-Do, give me back my little bag."

The Count couldn't believe his eyes when he looked down inside the well. On the bottom he saw the most unusual view, a 6-feet tall rooster looking even more gorgeous than before. In amazement, he said "Go get some help, take this rooster and throw him inside my huge

brick stove where we bake the bread. Maybe the fire will burn him and kill him." So the servant did.

When Doddle-Do saw himself inside the hot stove, what do you think that he did? He forced out all the water that he swallowed on the fire. Soon as he finished this, he started singing again. "Cockle-Doodle-Do, give me back my little bag.

The Count could not believe his ears when in the middle of the night he heard the song. He again told one of his servants, "Take that annoying bird, which drives me mad and lock him up in my treasure room. Maybe he will swallow a lewel then choke and die." The man took Doodle-Do and threw him inside the room.

Doddle-Do was impressed by how many riches were in the room. "Aha, I bet Master Ludovik will be thrilled to have all those," he said to himself. Without thinking, he started swallowing one after another, all the diamonds, rubies, pearls and gold in the room.

After he finished swallowing every big or small stone, the 6-foot tall rooster, with even a louder voice than before said, "Cockle-Doodle-Do, give me back my little bag." The County was speechless. "This rooster obviously is not an ordinary one. I better give him the little bag and let him go," said the Count to himself in tears, seeing his room emptied of his treasures.

Doodle-Do at 6-feet tall, with his feathers shining like gold in the sunlight, was majestic in his beauty. Everybody looked at him and could not believe their eyes. All the birds from farms started to follow him. He was like a King followed by his court. Imagine, a 6-feet tall roos-

ter followed by thousands of ducks. hens, roosters, geese walking on the road. It was an odd sight to see. But all that Doodle-Do had in his mind was to return as soon as possible to his master.

All this time Ludovik was very sad, crying every day and feeling sorry for what he did. He wished he had never listened to Natasha and had his Doddle-Do with him. Then one day he heard a very loud singing. He couldn't believe his eyes. Doodle-Do was back, more beautiful and taller than he'd ever seen him. With his eyes tears, he rushed to open up the gate and hugged his beloved pet.

Happy to see his master. Doodle-Do said, "Put a blanket on the ground because I have an even bigger surprise for you." Ludovik listened and brought an old blanket. Doodle-Do threw up all the jewels and gold that he had in his stom-

Ludovik, with his eye bulged, his mouth open wide, and his knees shaking, had to sit down and with his eyes not taken from the jewels and gold, he asked "Where did you get all these from?" Doddle-Do said, Dear master, I did it all for you." Then he told him everything and how it happened.

Ludovik and his rooster were very happy and they did not need to be worrled anymore about money. They were the richest people in the village, not only because of the gold but because they found each other again.

Now maybe you wonder what happened to Natasha? They hired her to take care of the house and birds because they have generous hearts and felt sorry for her.

Community Groups

Phone: (734) 349-1343

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Where: Faith Community United Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi. Mi. 48375 When: General meeting: Tues-

days at 7:30 p.m.; Couples meeting: Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Women's' lifeting! Stinday at 4 p.m.

Contact: Stanley Phone: (734) 522-8971

RETIRED PERSONS

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF

Phone: (248) 626-0877

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF <u>UNIVERSITY</u> WOMEN

NORTHVILLE/NOVI BRANCH What: Develops programs to enable college graduates to continue their own intellectua Contact: Barbara Wilson (248)

AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S

ASSOCIATION - NOVI OAKS CHAR-

TER CHAPTER

What: Bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and provide opportunities 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 veter-

ans' 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; Auxil-

iary: (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 II through present. Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700

Expo Center Dr., Novi When: First Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. Phone: (248) 349-2835

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNA-

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 1-96 When: Every Friday from 7-8:30

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

CALLING CART Contact: Sonja Lane Phone: (248) 348-0628

CIVIC CONCERN Contact: Marlene Kunz

Phone: (248) 344-1033 CIVIL AIR PATROL-NORTHVILLE

Phone: (734) 591-0360

CIVIL AIR PATROL/SIXTHGATE

COMPOSITE SQUADRON - NOVI Phone: (248) 349-2607

COMMUNITY CLOTHES CLUB What: Assists with emergency needs and helps low-income families with clothes and baby items

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

<u>DETROIT/OAKLAND CHAPTER -</u> GENTLEMEN SONGSTERS CHO-

Contact: Fran Durham Phone: (248) 344-4613

FRIENDS OF MAYBURY STATE

PARK

Phone: (248) 349-8390

FRIENDS OF NORTHVILLE

PARKS AND RECREATION Phone: (248) 462-4413

FRIENDS OF NORTHVILLE DIS-

Phone: (248) 348-6023

FRIENDS OF NORTHVILLE MILL

Phone: (248) 349-0712

GOODFELLOWS Contact: Bob Peterson Phone: (248) 349-2357

HURON VALLEY GIRL SCOUT

COUNCIL

Phone: (800) 497-2688

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

NOVI/WEST OAKLAND

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

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE -**LODGE NO. 1190**

Phone: (248) 344-0920 MARINE CORPS LEAGUE -NORTHWEST DETACHMENT NO.

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 vet-

erans and their families Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi When: Second Monday of every

month at 7:30 p.m. Phone: (734) 421-8298

MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIA-

TION

Phone: (248) 476-0320

NORTHVILLE ACTION COUNCIL Phone: (248) 349-1237

NORTHVILLE ANIMAL AID Phone: (248) 349-3738

NORTHVILLE ARTS COMMIS-

Phone: (248) 349-6104

NORTHVILLE ATHLETIC BOOST-

Phone: (248) 380-6459

NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Contact: Laurie Marrs Phone: (248) 349-7640

NORTHVILLE CO-OP NURSERY

SCHOOL Phone: (248) 348-1791

NORTHVILLE EAGLES

Phone: (248) 349-2479

NORTHVILLE GENEALOGICAL

Phone: (248) 348-1857 NORTHVILLE LIONS CLUB Phone: (248) 348-9075

NORTHVILLE MOTHERS CLUB Phone: (248) 344-1585

NORTHVILLE NEWCOMERS What: To help newcomers to the area, as well as, current residents who would like to become more familiar with the community on a social and civic level. Newcomers

Northville community

When: Once a month, September through May. Meeting dates vary. Social interest groups meet once or twice a month.

Contact: Sally Bettes Phone: (248) 735-0192

NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION

Contact: Traci Sincock . Phone: (248) 349-0203 **NORTHVILLE RAINBOWS NO. 29**

Phone: (248) 349-1714

NORTHVILLE ROTARY CLUB Phone: (248) 344-8440

NORTHVILLE SENIOR CITIZENS

CENTER Contact: Sue Koivula Phone: (248) 349-4140

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

NORTHVILLE YOUTH ASSIS-

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 R.A.C.E.S.

and the tornado alert system. Where: Novi Civic Center. 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi

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

NOVI BAND

Where: Novi High School or Novi Middle School, throughout school

When: Tuesday evenings, 7:30

Phone: (248) 932-9244

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 societles or educational institutions have a curator. It is also the purhold fund raisers to aid the

pose of the society to establish a historical museum in Novi.

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

What: Group of men and women ages 21-39 working on community

NOVI JAYCEES

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

Where: Novi Civic 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 CLUB 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 Restau-

rant, 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 NEIGH-

BORS What: To help newcomers to the area, as 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) 349-2414

NOVI REBEKAHS LODGE 482 What: A fraternal organization: the women's division of the Inde-

pendent 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

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

Where: Novi United Methodist

Church, 41671 W. Ten Mile, Novi

NOVIYOUTH 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 imple-

menting programs such as Summer Teen Center, parenting classes, and Substance Abuse Preven-

Where: Novi Community Educa-

When: Committees meet every

tion Office. 25345 Taft Road. Novi

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

SWOCC 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 infor-Contact: Caren Collins Phone: (248) 473-7266

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Phone: (248) 348-9077 **VETERANS ALLIANCE OF NOVI** What: VAN is a coalition of the following veterans groups: Novi Post 19. The American Legion: Perry Kenner Post 76. AMVETs: Northwest Detachment 162. Marine Corps League: and Novi

Post 2165. Veterans of Foreign Where: Novi Expo Center. 43700 Expo Center Drive, Suite 100. Novi when: First and third Monday every month at 7:30 p.m.

Phone: (248) 349-2835 **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.

VEW POST NO. 4012 Phone: (248) 348-1490

WOMEN'S NATIONAL FARM AND

Phone: (248) 349-7596

GARDEN ASSOCIATION

Phone: (734) 261-2161

Handcrafters Show returns to Rec Center April 6-8

By JENNIFER NORRIS

handcrafted goods are at the top of your wish list for the spring season, this event is for you.

The 19th annual Handerafters Arts and Crafts show will soon be hosted from April 6-8 at the Northville Recreation Center, located at 303 W. Main St.

Show hours will be Friday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, April 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 8 from 11 a m. to 5

Whether you're looking for the perfect gift or unique wares for your home, the Handcrafters Arts and Crafts show will bringing a wide assortment of merchandise and goodies.

The [show] has a wide selection of crafts as well as art," said Molly Pemberton, a co-owner of the Handcrafters Show. Pemberton said several artists

will be featured at the upcoming arts and crafts show.

Local artisans include Jennifer

Donna Pilot (fur bears). Kathy Eaton (handwoven baskets), Judy Moore (calligraphy), Susan Sleesman (decorative fabric flags), and Tom LeGault (original acrylic paintings).

Pemberton also said that crafters will also showcasing floral arrangements and wreaths. Some, she said, are specially-decorated with an Easter theme and an assortment of other arrangements are available for other occasions.

Handmade baskets will also be a

hot Item at this year's show and are just in time for the holiday. said Pemberton.

In addition, many other items will also be displayed including various pieces of woodworking. glass jewelry, and an assortment of clothing such as sweatshirts and festive jumpers. For those with a sweet tooth, novelty chocolates will also be for sale.

Engraving will be available to give just the right personal touch to your selections.

show is \$2 and lunch will be available.

I would say it's going to be a very fun event," said Pemberton. "We always have a large crowd from Northville and certainly other areas as well."

"We look forward to it every year. There's always something new and something different at the shows."

She said approximately 70 exhibitors will be at the upcoming show and plenty of Easter decorations will be on hand to round out Admission to the arts and craft your holiday shopping list.

"We generally have a large crowd for the shows," said Pemberton. "We've definitely got a larger crowd now than in the past. It's continuing to grow all the time."

We enjoy what we do and it's become a fun thing for us."

For more information, call (734) 459.0050.

Jennifer Norris is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (734) 349-1700 ext. 107 e-mail inorris@ht.homecomm.net.

Griswold bridge repairs moving along on schedule, county says

By LON HUHMAN

A work in progress.

Street bridge has been underway since mid-winter and will remain so well into the summer. The project has a \$1.4 million price tag to be covered by Wayne

John Roach said. "The contract

requires 120 working days and this requirement does not begin until April 15. Up until now the workers have been working outside of this contract require. ment at no additional charge."

City of Northville director of public works James Gallogly said the old structure has been removed and construction on the southside is going well.

The project construction spans the CSX railroad line. According to Roach, the contractors are now underway with

the construction of the west abutment and will soon be starting the east abutment. Roach said after the abutments are built then the beams will be

There is still plenty of work to do, but things are going well."

Roach said. If things proceed as they have I expect the project to be completed before the deadline of 120 work days.

Gallogly said the city would assess the project to address such concerns as placement of new trees or street lighting.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS CENTER RECORDER

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Northwile for the purchase of a communications center recorder. Proposals must be submitted to the Office of the City Clerk, located in the Northville City Hall, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 at or before 2:00 p.m., local prevailing time, on Thursday, April 12, 2001 at

The City of Northville reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive any defects in any bid or as it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

CITY OF NORTHYILLE DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bidding documents may be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk.

(3-29-01 NR 1036343)

CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ENACTMENT

ORDINANCE #2-20-01

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northwile City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 2-20-01 — Sidewalk Cafe and Outdoor Seating, an ordinance amending Chapter 1 to add Section 1-26 and Chapter 74 to add Article VI of the Northwile Code of Ordinances. The purpose of the ordinance is to establish standards and procedures for issuing permits for the use of public sidewalks and other public places as a sidewalk call or outdoor seating and to establish a schedule of fines for violating the sidewalk café and outdoor seating ordinance.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, March 19, 2001 and is effective on March 29, 2001, upon publication. The complete ordinance text is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the City Clerk, 215 W. Main St., during the hours of 8 00 a.m. and 4 30 p.m., local time. DIANNE MASSA,

(3-29-01 NR 1036098)

for the Northville Record. He can man@ht.homecomm.net.

be reached at (248) 349-1700, Lon Huhman is a Staff Writer ext. 109 or by e-mail at thuh-

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING 9 MILE ROAD PATHWAY (MEADOWBROOK ROAD TO NOVI ROAD)

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Public Services for the City of Novi will be conducting a public informational meeting on the Nine Mile Road Pathway Project on Wednesday, April 4, 2001, at 5:30 p.m., in the Novi Crvic Center Activities Room, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI, to present the Nine Mile Road Pathway Project to be constructed between Meadowbrook Road and Novi Road along the south side of Nine Mile Road. City staff and consultants will be presenting the project and will be available to answer property owner questions. All interested persons are invited to attend. Any written comments may be sent to the Public Services Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 (3-29-01 NR/NN 1036848)

CITY OF NORTHVILLE **ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS** POLICE DEPARTMENT **MOBILE (IN-CAR)** VIDEO RECORDING SYSTEM

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Northville for the purchase of mobile (in-car) video recording systems for police department patrol vehicles. Proposals must be submitted to the Office of the Crty Clerk, located in the Northville Crty Hall, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 at or before 2:00 p.m., local prevailing time, on Thursday, April 12, 2001 at which time they will be publicly opened

Bidding documents may be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk. The City of Northville reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive any defects in any bid or as it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

(3-29-01 NR 1036345)

CITY OF NORTHVILLE DIANNE MASSA CITY CLERK

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN

""BOARD OF EDUCATION POSITION A candidate who wishes to seek a position on the Northville Public School

FILING DEADLINE FOR

Board must file a nominating petition and an Affidavit of Identity no later than 4:00 p.m. on MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2001. The number of valid signatures required is 20. The regular school election will be held on Monday, June 11, 2001. One position on the Northville Public Schools Board will be filled at the election for a four year

Petition and affidavit forms can be obtained at the Business Office, Northville Public Schools, 501 West Main Street, Northville, MI Office hours are Monday through Fnday from 8 00 a m -4 30 p m

(3-29 & 4-5-01 NR/NN 1036891)

SECRETARY, BOARD OF EDUCATION NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CITY CLERK

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS **INFLATABLE BOAT & MOTOR**

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Inflatable Boat & Motor-Fire Department according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are

FIRE DEPARTMENT

available at the Office of the Purchasing Director Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Thursday, April 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 "Inflatable Boat & Motor-Fire Department" 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 irregulanties or informalities 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 inter-

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

(3-29-01 NR, NN 1037111)

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT **TUP 01-008**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT E. Gilbert & Son's, Inc., is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a construction trailer from April 5, 2001 through October 1, 2001 at 46495 Humbolt Drive in Beck West. Beck West is localed off West Park Drive, north of Twelve 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 3.30 pm on April 4, 2001, at the Novi Civic 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 April 4, 2001. C. J KILLEBREW,

(3-29-01 NR, NN 1036981)

SR PRINCIPAL CLERK (248) 347-0415

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS FIRE VEHICLE INTERCOM SYSTEM

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Fire Vehicle Intercom System 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 4:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Thursday, April 12, 2001, at which time proposals will be opened and read Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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"Fire Vehicle Intercom System" BID AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

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

(3-29-01 NR. NN 1037113)

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS **VHS TAPES**

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for VHS Tapes according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchas-

Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Wednesday, April 18, 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 "VHS Tapes" BID

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(3-29-01 NR, NN 1037109)

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

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT **TUP 01-005**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Linens N Things, is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a sale tent from May 25-28, 2001 at 43235 Crescent Blvd. at the Novi Town Center, which is located at the northeast corner of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue.

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 p.m. on April 4, 2001, at the Novi Civic 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 April 4, 2001.

(3-29-01 NR, NN 1036980)

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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE DATE CHANGE OF APRIL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING The Board of Trustees regular monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, April

26, 2001, the 4th Thursday of the month, at 7:30 p m , at Township Hall, 41600 Six Mile Road, due to a lack of quorum. (3-29 & 4-12/19-01 NR 1036635) SUE A HILLEBRAND, CLERK

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

The Charter Township of Northville Department of Public Services is requesting sealed bids for the **PURCHASE OF ONE 2001 FORKLIFT**

Specifications for the forklift may be obtained at the Clerk's office in the Northville Township Crvic Center, located at 41600 Six Mile Road. All Bids must be sealed and addressed to CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

(3-29 & 4-5-01 NR 1037032)

41600 SIX MILE ROAD, NORTHVILLE, MI 48167 Bids will be opened on April 16, 2001, at the Northville Township Crinc Center at 1:30 p.m. No bids will be accepted after this time. The Township of Northville reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities in any bid in the interest of the Township

SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK

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The Charter Township of Northville Department of Public Services is requesting sealed bids for the PURCHASE OF ONE 2001 BACKHOE/TRACTOR

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(3-29 & 4-5-01 NR 1037031) SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS VHS TAPE HIGH CAPACITY STORAGE SYSTEM

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for VHS Tape High Capacity Storage System 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, Wednes-

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"VHS Tape High Capacity Storage System" BID
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(3-29-01 NR, NN 1037112)

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT **TUP 01-007**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Brinker Michigan, Inc./On the Border Mexican Café, is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a tent for Cinco de Mayo (Mexican Independence Day) from May 4-6, 2001 at 21091 Haggerty Road. On the Border Mexican Café is located in the Highpoint Shopping Center

on Haggerty Road north of Eight 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 3.15 p.m. on April 4, 2001, at the Novi Crinc 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 April 4, 2001.

(3-29-01 NR, NN 1036984)

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

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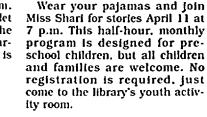
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MONTHLY BOOK DISCUS-SION GROUP

Join us April 9 at 7 p.m. to discuss the non-fiction work, "As Nature Made Him: The Boy Who Was Raised As A Girl," by John Colapinto. All are welcome to attend this book discussion. which meets on the second Monday of each month.

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NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION INVITATION TO BID VINYL CURTAIN INSTALLATION RECREATION CENTER AT HILLSIDE

Northville Parks and Recreation is accepting sealed bids for the purchase and installation of one vinyl partition curtain. The vinyl curtain partition will be installed in the Activity Center Gymnasium at the Recreation Center at Hillside, 775 N. Center

Specifications may be obtained at the Northville Parks and Recreation Office, 303 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167. Bidders interested in inspection of the work site may schedule an appointment by contacting the Northville Parks and Recreation Office, (248) 349-0203.

Bids will be received at the Northville City Clerk's Office, 215 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167-1524 until Thursday, April 12, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. EDT at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid documents must be submitted on the forms furnished and must be completed in full. Each bid shall be. submitted in a sealed envelope with the words "Vinyl Curtain Bid" written on the envelope. A Bid Bond or Certified Check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the proposal must accompany the bid.

The accepted bidder may be required to furnish a Satisfactory Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Bond, in the amount of 100 percent of the contract, total cost of which is to be paid by the accepted bidder.

All bids submitted are to remain firm for a period of 60 days after the official bid

Northwille Parks and Recreation reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any informality therein. Northville Parks and Recreation reserves the right to accept the bid, which in its opinion, is in the best interest of the owner.

TRACI SINCOCK, DIRECTOR (3-29-01 NR 1036738)

NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION

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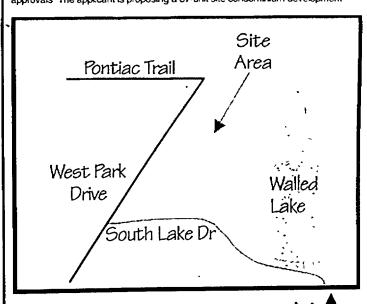
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Now will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 4, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider <u>SUMMERLIN OF NOVI SP 01-11</u>, located on the east side of West Park Drive between Pontac Trail and South Lake Drive, to consider PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND WOODLAND PERMIT approvals. The applicant is proposing a 37-unit site condominum development.



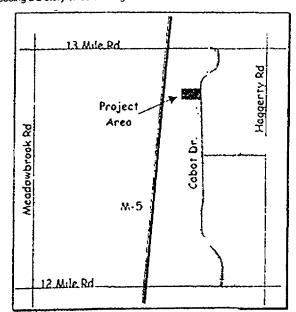
All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5 00 p.m., Wednesday, April 4, 2001.

(3-29-01 NR/NN 1037069)

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION ROBERT CHURELLA, SECRETARY

CITY OF NOVI **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 4, 2001 at 7.30 p.m. in the Novi Cric Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider PAYCHEX BUILDING SP 01-15, located on the west side of Cabol Drive, south of Thirteen Mile Road, to consider PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND WOODLAND PERMIT approvals The applicant is proposing a 2-story office building



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 4, 2001.

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LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Northville District Library Board of Trustees will be March 29 at 7:30 p.m., rescheduled from March 22. The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings, which are typically scheduled on the fourth Thursday of the month.

NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION INVITATION TO BID **VOLLEYBALL SYSTEM INSERTS AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASE** RECREATION CENTER AT HILLSIDE

Northville Parks and Recreation is accepting sealed bids for the installation of Volleyball System Inserts and Purchase of Volleyball System Equipment. The installation and equipment location is in the Activity Center Gymnasium at the Recreation Center at Hillside, 775 N. Center Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Specifications may be obtained at the Northville Parks and Recreation Office, 303 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167. Bidders interested in inspection of the work site may schedule an appointment by contacting the Northville Parks and Recreation Office, (248) 349-0203.

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Consent judgment: district violated student's rights

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enforced by the parties through the judicial system if any future disputes arise.

According to the consent judgment, C4C is a student initiated. non-curriculum club that meets for the purpose of spreading the Christian message and faith by worshiping God and praying and discussing scripture.

During the 1998-1999 and the 1999-2000 academic school years. the Bible club met during the high school's seminar period as did several other non-curriculum clubs

The judgment stated in April of 2000. Northville High School prohibited C4C from meeting during the Seminar Period even though other student-initiated and student-run, non-curriculum clubs such as the Diversity Club and Students Against Destructive Decisions were permitted to meet during that period.

In the consent judgment, the Northville School district apologized for discriminating against the club The District acknowledges the discrimination in April 2000 may well have violated [the] Plaintiffs' constitutional rights and...the Defendants regret and apologize for their above action and agree there should be no further diserimination between C4C and other non-curriculum related club," the statement read.

Currently, all non-curricular groups must meet outside of instructional time.

Joan Wadsworth, president of the Northville Board of Education. said that the plaintiff agreed to the district's position that non-curriculur clubs will not meet during the instructional day.

That means that a non curricular club, like C4C, could meet after school or before school or at lunch," she said.

Wadsworth said the original issue of the suit involved the Bible group's desire to meet during seminar, despite orders from the district saying C4C couldn't continue

The issue in the lawsuit was that the plaintiff wanted the club to meet during seminar time and instructional time." said Wadsworth. That was really the crux of the lawsuit."

She said that seminar period is student-directed instructional time and the district's objectives is to use that time frame for instructional purposes.

Wadsworth also acknowledged the district's remorse.

The school district apologized to the [Pearce] family as well," she said. "While we felt we had firm legal footing in our decision to tell the club to cease meeting last spring, the plaintiff felt we were denying them equal access. And we felt we were upholding the Establishment Clause of the Constitution. But nonetheless, we apologized to the family for that. We acknowledge that we may have violated her constitutional rights."

Wadsworth said that seminar is a block of time set aside every other day. Students use that time to finish projects, do homework and get further help in classes.

"The intention is to help kids make good use of their time," said

She said the policy was enacted during the current school year that non-curriculur groups could not meet during seminar time.

Thompson said described the result of this case as a "personal victory for Nicolette."

*One of goals Nicolette had was that future club leaders would not have to face this issue again." Thompson said. "Now they have a court order that indicates they will enjoy the same opportunities...as other non-curriculum clubs." She stood up for her religious

and someone who does that really serves as a role model for young and old alike. The Thomas More Center was privileged to stand by her side." The plaintiffs' attorney also said that the district regretted and

beliefs and constitutional rights

apologized for what they did and acknowledged that there was discrimination. Thompson also said the school

board will be paying the Thomas More Center for Law and Justice a national not-for-profit public

interest law firm - \$40,000 in agree they will not unlawfully or attorney fees.

However. Thompson said the Northville school district was to be commended for their action in approving the consent Judgment.

Schools often face difficult decisions when they must recognize the First Amendment rights of students while ensuring they do not violate the Establishment Clause. I commend the Northville school board for taking this corrective action once they were informed of the facts and the applicable law. They stand as a model for public institutions..." he said.

Thompson said the actual dispute began in April of 2000 and it was attempted to resolved by reinstating the club meetings.

When we were unsuccessful. We filed a law suit in November in the federal district court," he said.

The consent judgment also ordered that the *Plaintiffs, C4C or students belonging to C4C will not be singled out for selective enforcement of school policies regarding clubs, club privileges or any other matters. Defendants

maliciously take any adverse action against Plaintiffs. C4C. or club members for their participation in, or support for, C4C.

It was also ordered that Northville High School and the District will make available a teacher, administrator or other school employee to monitor C4C meetings for custodial purposes

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Pearce not bitter over suit's conclusion

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appreciative for their apology," she

During the time the suit has been wrapped up in legal proceedmgs. Pearce said she has received many letters and telephone calls from students in other school districts who are experiencing similar situations.

She said she hopes the court's decision will be a useful tool for other schools.

Nicolette's father, Steve Pearce. also shared in his daughter's

"I'm relieved they admitted they were wrong, and I'm very appreciative for their apology."

> Nicolette Pearce student, Northville High School

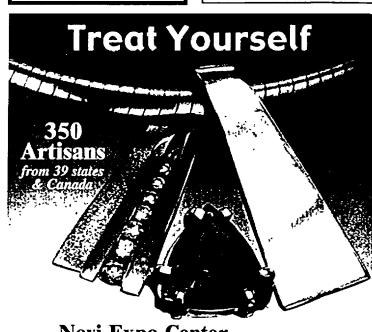
"I think it was hard on her," he said. "There was a lot of stress. She clearly came out stronger. She did a lot of research on the law. There's a lot of misconceptions about what Christians can or can-

not do in the schools."

towards the school district. It's been a year long process of coming to an understanding. [The district] now understands that Nicole and Connect for Christ have the right to express their own personal beliefs. The club is a very positive thing. We just hope the club can grow back to its initial size."

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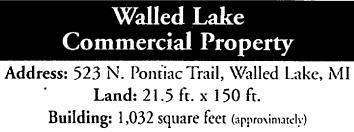
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sense of relief and was proud of

her perseverance. "I'm real proud of my daughter." he said. 'I'm just as proud as I can be. She is a very intelligent, articu-

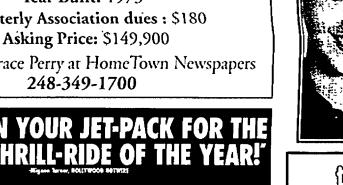
late, young woman. He added that the ordeal has

been difficult.

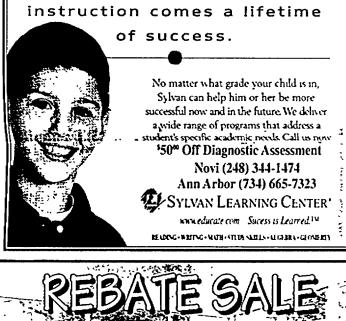


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School Briefs

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

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.

:HONORS CONVOCATION AND GRADUATION

The Honors Convocation for

Northville High School students will be held May 30 in the Northville High School theater and will begin at 7 p.m.

Graduation is slated for June 9 at 3 p.m. and will be held at Compuware Arena in Plymouth. Students will be able to bring as many guests as they want to the commencement ceremony.

MOM AND TOT CLASS **OFFERED BY NORTHVILLE** CO-OP PRESCHOOL

The Northville Co-op Preschool will be offering a class for mother and their children who will be age two by December 1. The Mom and Tot class will meet weekly at 21260 Haggerty Road on Tuesday afternoons starting Sept. 11 and will run through May of 2002. The class time will

be from 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. The Northville Co-op Preschool follows a learn-by-play philosophy. Classrooms are divided into large motor and small motor areas. Classrooms each are equipped with an art easel. small climbers, sand table, dress up clothes and other toys. Daily craft activities are offered. The class curriculum includes shapes, colors, animals and

other fundamental concepts. Class size is limited to ten chil-

Registration forms are available by contacting the preschool at (248) 348-1791. Tultion is \$30 per month. Registration fees and the first month's tuition are due at time of registration. The registration fees are \$30 for the first child and \$15 each for additional children. The Northville Co-op Preschool also offers twoday-a-week and three-day-aweek classes for children ages two through four. Limited openings in other classes are avail-

For more information, contact Christina Obermaier at (248) 347-1024.

LEARN TO DRIVE

Applications for driver education classes are now available in the Northville High School office. Driver education is taught in two segments. Segment 1 in the summer and Segment 22 in the fall/winter of 2001/2002. Both segments must be completed in order for the student to receive their driver's license. The fee. which covers both segments, is

Students are selected according to their birthdate, oldest students receiving preference. Students must be 14 years and 8 months of age by the first day of class to enroll.

This year's Segment 1 sessions are scheduled from June 18-July 13, 2001, and the second session is slated from July 16-August 10, 2001.

All completed applications must be returned to the Northville High School office by 4 p.m. on April 12. For more information, contact Cindy Wolsos at (248) 344-8427.

NHS SENIOR ALL-NIGHT

To date, two-thirds of the class has purchased a ticket. If your senior has not paid the \$60 to attend, please encourage him/her to do so. It will be eight hours filled with over 50 activities. Ticket prices will go up in

The Decorations Committee is asking parents with carpentry. painting or artistic skills who can donate a few hours of time to contact Don Peacock at DHKA@mediaone.net or by phone at (248) 380-0075.

Also, the committee needs white tables with umbrellas, batting, foam boards, sofas, couches and bean bag chairs. If anyone has these borrowable items. contact Don Peacock.

The goal is to have 2001 gifts and prizes to give to the graduates. To date, individuals and businesses have donated a great many Items, but the party committee has not reached the 2001 goal. The group is asking each senior's family to solicit \$50 worth of gift items (the donation is tax deductible) or donate \$25 in cash for the purchase of goodies. Bonnie Pilarz is the committee chairperson and can be reached at bspilarz@yahoo.com or at (248) 348-1759.

The next Chairperson's meeting is April 4, at 7 p.m. in Room 102 at the high school. All senfor parents are welcome to

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Officials from the Novi Police Department will be speaking on Internet Safety Guidelines for Parents" April 3 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. inside the media center at Thornton Creek Elementary School.

The session is intended for parents with children in elementary and middle school grades.

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For more information, contact the Recreation Center at (248)

Northville Area Briefs

NORTHVILLE CITY NEWS BRIEFS

FORD FIELD IMPROVE-MENTS FORGE AHEAD: The Northville City Council awarded construction contracts for the Ford Field renovation project at

the meeting on Monday.

Marc Russell of Russell Design of Northville recommended to the council to award contracts to Summit Transport. G and B Electrical, Inc. and C and H Landscaping. The total cost for the project will be \$528.853. The project is set to begin this summer and activities usually held at the field will be held in other locations.

The site work has an estimated cost of \$311.274 and will be done by Summit. The electrical work to be done by G and B will cost \$107.300. C and H will construct the landscaping and irrigation, which will total

An additional \$15,000 will be paid to construction manager Charles VanDussen. To meet budget requirements the project components of a boulder retaining wall, plant material and masonry piers to be placed along Griswold have been deleted from the design, but may be reinserted when additional funds become available.

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP NEWS BRIEFS

FLORAL

APPROVAL: The Northville Township board of trustees approved the permit for Canton Floral Gardens in conjunction with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan to operate a fundraiser flower sale on April 13-15 and May 12-13 at the Mobil Station on the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty roads.

The fundraiser will consist of sales of flowering plants in April and hanging baskets in May. The coordinator of this fundraiser in Jerry Mijal of Canton Floral Gardens and he can be reached at (313) 453-

A public hearing will be held in June at the township hall for the naming of Napier Road Park. The park is located at Napier and Five Mile Roads.

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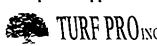


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Detroit holdings have township officials thinking

By LON HUHMAN

Vacant land in Northville Township has township officials waiting in earnest to see what the city of Detroit plans to do with it.

According to township manager Chip Snider, the city of Detroit is the owner of more than 400 acres of property in the western section of the township near the Scott Correctional Facility. The property is on the north side of Five Mile Road and west of Beck Road. Detroit also owns over 400 acres in neighboring Plymouth Township.

We've been questioning for years on what the city of Detroit would do with the vacant land," Sinder said. "It's surplus land for them and we would like to have an opportunity to

Snider said that when Detroit first bought the property for the former Detroit House of Corrections farm. Detroit city officials decided to buy additional land in the vicinity of the corrections farm. The additional buying of property included the nearly 900 acres in both townships. Now the land is unused.

It will be interesting to see what Detroit does with the land, which has Johnson Creek flowing through n." Johnson Creek Protection Group president John Bueter said. "It's a definite concern of ours what the future will bring for that area of the creek Bueter's group is concerned with the preservation of Johnson

According to the supervising publicist of the city of Detroit Planning and Development Department Silvia Crawford, the city visualizes many possibilities for the vacant land. Crawford said Detroit has considcred many proposals presented by developers and interested parties. but none of the proposals have met Detroit officials' expectations. Detroit remains open to proposals at this

"Northville Township has presented no proposals. We did have discussions with the township's former supervisor Karen Woodside, but there has been little discussion since then," Crawford said. "We would discuss and consider any proposals they would have to offer.

Snider said the township would like to expand its tax revenue by adding to the non-residential tax base. Nearly 83 percent of the township's tax base is residential. According to Snider, the township would like to develop the property with research and development

"We have no set timetable for making a decision and we remain open to the possibilities," Crawford said.

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City holds faith in trash pickup firm By LON HUHMAN

Trash pickup in the city of Northville has improved, but residents still have some grievances.

The residential waste disposal services of Painter and Ruthenberg has improved, but there are some good and bad aspects to their service" Northville's director of public works James Gallogly said. It still has a ways to go for it to meet the expectations of resi-

Painter and Ruthenberg Incorporated, a garbage collecting company from lukster, renewed its contract with the city in 2000 and now has a four-year contract with the city to dispose of residential garbage. Gallogly said the company has been the local contractor for some time. Selecting the services of Painter and Ruthenberg enabled the city to have a savings of \$50.000.

*Painter and Ruthenberg was the lowest bid we received. It was at \$200,000." Gallogly said. "Their bid was accepted and approved on the fact that we have used their services for a long time and it is economically sound for the

Despite being the long-time city garbage collector as well as being economically appealing, residents still have their complaints. Gallogly said the majority of the residential complaints involve missed pickups, tossing of lids and containers and mixing of trash with recyclable goods. Gallogly said Painter and Ruthenberg still have a lot of room for improvement.

Trash collection is a tough and

dirty job." Gallogly said. "Complaints are a part of the industry. In the old days, a garbage man

earned good money, but now it has changed and there is a big turnover rate for garbage men. Consequently, things will go run with new workers. According to Gallogly, Painter

and Ruthenberg are good people and are attentive as well as willing to clear up the complaints issued by residents. The city has established penalties within the contract so that the complaints will be addressed and remedied in a sufficient time. Gallogly said the residents and city officials are dealing with the complaints, but do not expect the service to be perfect.

"It is an inconvenience to residents if their trash is not picked up or the containers and lids are

thrown about, but as I said before, we will have the good with the bad," Gallogly said. "However, it helps that Painter and Ruthenberg listen and respond."

The city is now seeking bids for its commercial trash collection. Onyx currently collects the commercial garbage for the city. which has five dumpsite locations for businesses and residents living in downtown. Their contract

expires on June 30. According to Gallogly, residents and businesses are not mandated to use these services and have the freedom to opt out of their con-

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Northville woman takes shot at pageant

By JENNIFER NORRIS Staff Writer

Mary Hynes, a 75-year-old resident of the American House in Northville, never imagined the ultimate success she would have after entering an American House pageant this

After being nominated to participate in the Northville American House pageant, she entered and walked away with a first-place status. As a result, she was then qualified to compete at the next level - at another American House competition in Livonia. At the Livonia competition. Hynes was awarded a first runner-up ranking.

"It was kind of fun." she said, with a smile. Hynes said the winners were chosen on their ability to answer questions about themselves. It included responding to inquiries about their thoughts and various personal philosophies.

"I thought I'd be really nervous, but I wasn't at all," she said. "I don't think the other were nervous, either."

Hynes said receiving nominations for the initial competition was quite unexpected since she had only been a resident at the American House in Northville for approximately four

"I was glad I was picked to go." she said. "It was all in good fun. I felt like it was a nice recognition for women our age. I was proud of it. I always try to treat people how I would like to be treated. I've always tried to introduce myself to new people [and] be outgoing.

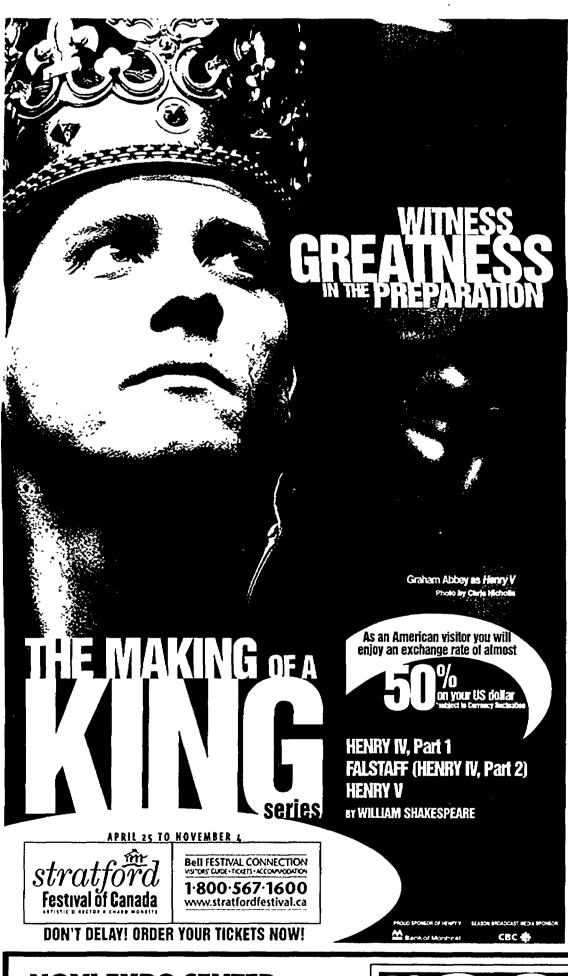
Although Hynes was awarded first place in the Northville competition, she had no qualms about being awarded first runner up in the Livonia competition.

"Sure, it's an honor if you win, but if you don't, it's an honor just to be there," she said. 'I was excited to be in Livonia."

In preparation for the next scheduled competition. Hynes said she already has a friend in mind to nominate for the next pageant

"There's a lot of nice people here." she said. There really are.

Jennifer Norris is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 107 or by e-mail at Inorris@ht.homecomm.net.





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Trees, oh peez! City honored by Arbor Day Foundation

By LON HUHMAN

Trees once again made the difference in Northville.

Nor wille was named as a 2000 Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for its community forestry. Northville was named a Tree City in 1999 as well.

"We'are pleased to be recognized as a Tree City USA." Northville mayor Chris Johnson said. "it means that'we are a community concerned about our environment and maintaining it properly."

Tree City USA, a program cosponsored by National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service, is a recognized standard of an effective community forestry program and the basis of such a program is a commitment of ongoing improvement and

"Northville has been recognized as a city dedicated to maintaining and enhancing its trees and forest areas." Michigan state Forest Stewardship Coordinator Kathle Arney said. Tree City USA is a nationwide program and Northville joins a list of cities concerned with their environments."

Arney said there are four standards a community must meet in order to become a Tree City USA. The first standard requires that a community must have a legally responsible person or board to care and manage the community's trees. The next standard demands that a tree care ordinance that designates the establishments of a tree board or forestry department. which gives the body the responsibility for writing and implementing an annual community forestry work plan.

The third standard requires a community to have annual budget of at least \$2 per capita for its community forestry program. The fourth Is an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

According to Arney, there are six benefits for being a Tree City USA. The first one is the establishment of a framework for action, which means that meeting the four standards for becoming a Tree City USA provides initial direction for an urban or community forestry program. The standards help get a community started toward annual, systematic management of its tree resources.

The second benefit is the education that can be earned by discussing and organizing the standards a Tree City USA must meet. The discussion and organizing can lead a community into making contact with the state foresters staff and this leads to more knowl-

Another advantage is the improvement of the public image for the community. Arney said it signifies that the community cares for its environment and it can be an indication to prospective business owners that the quality of life is good in the community.

Tree City USA communities predominately receive financial assistance in the form of grants for trees or forestry programs because it is clear that these communities

"As a practical matter, the Tree City recognition allows us to compete for grants we would not normally be able to compete for," Johnson said.

According to Northville's director of public works James Gailogly. the city spent more than \$4,000 to plant trees this past year.

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space available at the high school."

Marrs said the high school also offered more exposure space for businesses and restaurants to display their services and foods to residents. Considering the available space at the high school.

"We worked

Margo Kramar

Margo's of.

Marrs said the showcase has the opportunity to grow and hard to have become better.

the best busi-The two display winners ness display this year were Margo's of for this year." Northville for best business display and Poole's Tavern best

Northville restaurant display. According to Marrs, Poole's won by a enormous amount of votes. Showcase visitors could vote on the two categories after they viewed the setup displays.

Winning best restaurant at the showcase was great because we work hard here." Poole's owner Mary Poole said. "It was welldeserved.

Poole's, which was represented at the showcase by Mary Poole. April Pochmara, Shonie Schafer with cooking being done by executive chef Matthew Jagusch and is located 157 E. Main Street, had a tropical food theme for its available display food. The two dishes provided by Poole's were baby back ribs and Cayman Island salad. Jagusch said the special

sauce made the ribs delectable. The Cayman Island salad consisted of homemade celery dressing, apples, turkey walnuts, let-



The staff at Margo's revels in their being named as the best business represented at last week's Taste of Northville Business Showcase.

shredded cheddar cheese." Jagusch said. The salad is a great dish.

Poole said being voted as best showcase restaurant will help take the restaurant up to another level of quality and service. According to Poole, the restaurant will have a revised menu, with new additions, for the spring and summer seasons.

Margo's, located at 141 E. Cady Street, is a full service salon and this is the second time they have won at the showcase. According to Bob Kramar. Co-owner and husband of Margo Kramar. Margo's had much to offer to interested customers. Kramar said the showcase was a great place to promote the salon. Margo's was giving

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> Kramar said the showcase is getting better and better each

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STELLA LAGRAVE

Stella LaGrave. 96, died March 18 in Plymouth Court of Plymouth. She was born Oct. 7, 1904, in London. England, to Arthur and Sophia

Mrs. LaGrave was a life member of the Eastern Star. She retired as a key punch operator from Murray

She is survived by a daughter.
Doreen Speight of Northville; and
four grandchildren, eight greatgrandchildren, and four great-greatgrandchildren. Mrs. LaGrave was preceded in

death by her husband. Walter and a son-in-law, James A. Speight. Services were held on Tuesday.

March 20 at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville. Private interment was held in Aca-

cia Park Cemetery in Southsteld Township.

Memorial contributions to the Children's Hospital of Michigan would be appreciated by the family.

DALE R. MELLINGER

Dale R. Mellinger, 39, of Northville. formerly of Plymouth, died March 20 in Northville. He was born Feb. 23. 1962, in Livonia to Duane and the late Jennie Mellinger.

Mr. Mellinger, a Northville High School graduate, was employed as an E.M.T. in Detroit. According to the family, his love and skill in fishing earned him a state fishing award last year.

In addition to his father. Duane of Northville, he is survived by a brother, Robert (Renee) of South Lyon; sister. Marjorie Sue (Joseph) Hay of Howell: and nephew, Joseph Hay Jr.

Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth.

ANGELA CENTOFANTI

Angela Centofanti died March 10 in Arbor Hospice in Ann Arbor. She was born in Detroit to Giuseppe and Mary (Colaluca) Fantauzzi.

Before retiring in 1974. Mrs. Centofanti was a retail manager with the former Federal Department

She is survived by her husband. Edigio of Brighton; two children. Lance (Shelley) of Wellington, Fla., and Leta Centofanti of Brighton: four sisters. Jennie Morelli of Farmington Hills, Yolanda D'Addezio of West Bloomfield. Anita Breen of Canton. and Ida Fantauzzi of Pennsylvania; six grandchildren. Scott. Darin. Jeanette, Joey, Breana, and Ariana; and one great grandchild, Alexxan-

Mrs. Centofanti was preceded in death by a brother, Armond Fan-

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, March 14 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, with the Rev. Ernest Porcari officiating.

Interment was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi.

Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home

Memorial contributions to the at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church **Building Fund or Arbor Hospice** would be appreciated by the family.

ETHEL LIGHTFOOT

Ethel Lightfoot, 91. of Northville, formerly of Plymouth and Thompsonville, Mich., died March 20.

She is survived by daughters, Shirley Lightfoot, Joan Thompson. and Susan Mullin; sons, Don (Lucy). Barrie (Marilynn), John (Judie), and Jeff (Debbie): 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren: and many nieces and nephews. Mrs. Lightfoot was to become a great-great-grandmother sometime during the first week of April.

Mrs. Lightfoot was preceded in death by her husband, Donald.

Private services were held for the

Arrangements were made by the Cremation Society of Michigan Inc. of

Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. Twelve Mile Road, Southsteld, MI 48076 would be appreciated by the family.

LYNN A. ZUREK

Lynn Ann Zurek, 43. died March 22 at her home in Novi. She was born Feb. 22, 1958, in Detroit to Neil Earl and Annie (Allan) Nichols.

Mrs. Zurek had worked in the medical field as a medical assistant. She was a member of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her husband. David J.; beloved mother of three young sons, Nicholas G., Michael T. and Jonathan D.; her parents: brothers, Neil A. Nichols of South Lyon and Eric T. (Lanette) Nichols of Northville; and mother-in-law. Berneice Zurek of Livonia.

Services were held on Monday. March 26 at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, with Pastor Luther A. Werth officiating.

Interment was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home Inc. of

Memorials to Christ Our Savior Youth Program or Angela Hospice would be appreciated by the family.

Obituaries Stream supporters push for greater accessi

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creek, which flows through Northville and Northville Township as well as through Salem and Plymouth Townships, is somewhat limited, but greater access in the future is being explored and sought by the protection group. According to Bueter, public access points in the Northville area are situated at road crossings, behind Northville Downs Race Track, Rural Hill Cemetery and Fish Hatchery Park. Bueter said at this time the protection group is speaking with property owners along the creek to explore the future of public access.

"Many people we've spoken with Public access to the eight mile are very responsive and willing to allow responsible and respecting fisherman the use of the creek along their properties, but they are not willing to have their land stomped upon by boisterous individuals with no respect for nature." Bueter said.

According to Bueter, the entire course of Johnson Creek is a state recognized trout stream with a open and closed season. The trout fishing season begins on the last Saturday in April and ends in the last week of September. Bueter said the open fishing season is a good time for residents to understand

the creek's historical significance.

Bueter said to ensure the future of the creek as well as to increase public access, residents and landowners within the creek watershed as well as concerned individuals should promote the sharing of existing ordinances for stormwater management, wetlands, natural features and erosion control so a common regional management could be established.

The actions of residents within the Johnson Creek watershed have a direct impact on the quality of water entering the creek." Bueter said. Water from rainfall, sprinklers, hoses and sump pumps runs

along the ground on its way to catch basins to streets and parking lots, it picks up lawn chemicals, oil. grease, animal dropping, eroding soils and debris. These pollutants can have a horrible impact on the creek, so it is critical these impacts be reduced. Shame on us if we let the creek die."

According to Bueter, if the creek is preserved it would only help the land value for property owners near the creek. Bueter said that because the creek is unique to southeastern Michigan keeping it healthy will add to the property value just like the Au Sable River does for the property owners along it.

The more knowledgeable residents are of the creek's roots, history and abilities the more of a chance the creek will survive." Bueter said.

Johnson Creek Protection Group will have its next meeting on April 16 at the Northville Township Hall. located at 41600 W. Six Mile Road.

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Family hopes reunion possible with Northville

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decided many years ago.

Rather than recalling fond memories of sibling's birthday parties and whispered secrets late at night, the children's knowledge of each other's whereabouts grew muddled by circumstance and an unfortunate twist of fate. The stories one family remembers include recollections of sibling separation. endless searches, hopeful reunions and always plenty of unanswered questions

During the time of World War II. the Thamm household consisted of Otto and Anna, husband and wife, who had a family of 11 children. The 11 Thamm children were named Eleanor, Erna, Jerry, Archie, Otto, Harry, Jimmy, David, Barbara, Cathy, and Ann.

David Thamm and wife Mary Thamm, are currently looking for the youngest two siblings, Cathy and Ann. It is believed that Cathy and/or Ann may be hving in the Novi/Northville or Wixom area.

David age 62, and his family currently reside in Birch Run. According to Mary, the Thamm family is Austrian-Hungarian and

German descent. Otto, the father of the 11 children died in 1946 after spraying chemicals on his orchard, said Mary. The mother, Anna, was left with the 11 children in 1946. Shortly thereafter, a court hearing resulted in the separation of the

family. According to Mary, she believes some of the children may have been placed in St. Vincent's Children's Home in Detroit and other children were placed in a girls home. From there the younger

children went into foster homes. Anna (Lock) Thamm, the mother of the children, was born in 1905 and reportedly died in 1972. Anna and her husband are buried in Glennwood Cemetery in Westland. Jimmy was born Feb. 18.

After a court proceeding in 1946, all the children were taken away initially but later six older ones were returned to the mother and worked to help provide funds for the family, said Mary. The younger children were then placed

in foster care homes. Archie and Otto, two brothers. live together now in Westland. Harry, another brother, is a custodian at St. Mary's college in Orchard Lake, and their sister Barbara Goodhall currently lives in Bowling Green, Ky.

Their brother Jimmy died March

Mary said Cathy, one of the missing sisters, would be about 58 years old now and Ann would about 57 years old. David's birthday is March 23, 1939.

Mary said David was reunited with several siblings by a twist of

While searching on the Internet. Mary's son found a woman named Beth Thamm who lived in Garden City. Beth turned out to be the daughter of Otto, one of the brothers. A visit was arranged in July

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and David met both Otto and Archie In August, David was finally able to meet Harry. Barbara saw her five brothers in February of 2001. According to Mary, 54 years had passed since David had seen his siblings, Archie, Otto. Barbara.

The reunion was a highly memorable occasion, said Mary.

"It was very emotional," she said. It was like a dream. It just didn't seem real."

"It was something else. [David] said it's just so good knowing he has family and can spend time with them.

Otto believes that his sisters. Cathy and Ann, may be living the Wixom, Novi or Northville area.

Last Christmas, Mary said she received Christmas cards from relatives they didn't know that they even had the year before.

"It's just unreal that it's happening after all these years," said Mary. "He's always looked. He never knew where any of them

Mary said that her husband David has not seen his youngest sister Ann in about 40 years.

According to Mary, Ann found David during the late 1950s or early 1960s and said that the foster parents Ann lived with owned a taxi cab company. When Ann found him she took him to see Harry and Jimmy, said Mary.

The other sister. Cathy, reportedly took care of elderly people in their homes.

The family has no other information on the whereabouts or the history of Cathy or Ann.

"If someone has information whether [they're] alive or dead, at least [David] would know and wouldn't still be looking.

Anyone with any information regarding the sisters is asked to contact David and Mary Thamm at (517) 624-4286.

They can also be reached at 6450 Birch Run Road, Birch Run, Mich. 48415

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Public works: city's dual meter system is working

By LON HUHMAN STAFF WRITER

Northville's dual water meter program is going on its third year of service with some apparent success.

Northville director of public works James Gallogly said the program has been successful so far.

The dual water meter program is offered by the city for residents wanting to reduce their sewer charges." Gallogly said. The program is unique because it allows a second water meter to be used for outside water use."

The program was developed out of the residential dispute of having higher

water/sewer rates because of the use of water for exterior usage. The program involves the use of meters for interior and exterior water usage. Runoff from extensive lawn watering can increase the sewer/water charges for residents.

According to Gallogly, some residents will use water on their lawn and some will not. Consequently, the city instituted the program so that residents who do not have exterior use of water will not be charged a higher, rate. Gallogly said the program was designed to reduce the sewer charges for residents not using water on their lawn.

*Newly built homes are required to have the interior and exterior meters

and older homes have the interior meter. charges." Gallogly said. "Ultimately, resbut can acquire the exterior. Gallogly

Northville has 2,002 residents using the water/sewer system being distributed by the Detroit Water and Sewer Department. At present, there are nearly 100 residents utilizing the dual meter program. To implement the dual meters within a home a resident must pay \$90 for a usage permit and \$200 for the exterior meter. According to Gallogly, a resident also may have to pay an installation fee.

*Residents using the program weigh

idents using the program find it benefi-

Gallogly said DWSD has raised its rates since the implementation of the program, however, Northville has not in the same time period. Gallogly said the city is developing their budget for this year and will not know if rates will increase this year until the budget has been completed. Northville sewer and water costs cover the costs of purchasing and treatment, operation and maintenance as well as capital improve-

the costs of having the exterior meter implemented with their potential sewer vent residents rates from increasing is

by allowing cellular phone and paging companies the use of the water tower for placement of their antennas. Nextel. Sprint, Voicestream and Cingular Wireless use the tower and are charged \$20,000 each. Gallogly said these payments are placed into the city's water and sewer fund.

"It has been successful," Gallogly said. I believe [Northville Township] is considering implementing such a system.

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War plans being drafted on state's CCW petition drive

By MIKE MALOTT HomeTown News Service mmalott@ht.homecomm.net

Petition passers may have just finished gathering the necessary signatures to put on the ballot a referendum of state lawmakers' "shall issue" conceal weapons bill, but already amendments have been proposed in Lansing to alter that act.

For one, state Sen. David Jaye. R-Washington Township, has introduced Senate Bill 329 lowering the age requirement for getting a CCW permit from 21 to 18. Jaye opposed raising the age limit when it was added to the bill last year. He said he did not think it was inappropriate to introduce the bill despite the fact opponents were passing petitions to challenge it.

*People are always challenging acts," Jaye said. "In the meantime. I still have a duty to represent my constituents, many of which were very unhappy with that aspect of

"My goodness, it just keep's com-ing," said Ruth Carter, spokesperson for the People Who Care About Kids Committee, the organization which sponsored the petition. "Lowering the age is just not something that I would think anybody would think is a good idea. At 18, you are still trying to figure things out, how to handle your anger. On top of that, the opportunity to carry a gun, I would think, would only mean trouble.

The committee submitted "over

tary of State's office in Lansing Friday morning. That is well over the amount needed; 151,000, to get the question placed on the ballot in November 2002. But placement is not yet assured. Julie Pierce. spokesperson for the Secretary of State, explained that because the bill contained an appropriation. \$1 million for trigger locks, it may not be susceptible to referendum. The Constitution states that spending items cannot be put to a vote by

Wayne County Prosecutor Mike Duggan has said he expects the courts to let the question go on the ballot. Previous court case had stopped lawmakers from using, appropriations to try to protect

acts from challenge at the ballot

Pierce said the Secretary of State has asked Attorney General Jennifer Granholm for an opinion of whether the question should be placed on the ballot. In the meantime, the elections division will continue counting and verifying petition signatures. She said canvassing would be complete in 60 days.

Although Granholm has expressed her position on this issue, supporting the referendum drive, that did not create a conflict of interest, said communications specialist Jenna Jent. It is the attorney general's role to advise departments on legal questions and render such opinions. Jent said, so she will do that,

When the state legislature passed the "shall issue" CCW reform last December, taking discretion out of the hands of local gun boards and requiring that permits be issued to applicants that met the criteria, proponents argued that their criteria were the toughest in the nation. Raising the age to 21, the bills also required firearms training classes and prohibited those with a criminal record or a history of mental illness from getting such a permit. The law also established gun free zones - schools, day cares, bars, sports

arena, etc. Jaye's bill to lower the age limit is pending in committee and has yet to see any action. Other bills revising the CCW law have also been introduced.

Rep. Tony Stamas, R-Midland, has introduced House Bill 4422. clarifying the rules about the purposes for which a gun can be transported. Gov. John Engler vetoed that portion of the CCW package last year.

Rep. Ken Bradstreet, R-Gaylord, has proposed House Bill 4229 revise the purchase permiting

Jaye has other bills in the hopper, including SB 268 to exempt holders of out-of-state permits from the need to get a Michigan CCW permit; SB 269 to make CCW applications subject to the Freedom of Information Act: and SB 330 allowing a family member of an owner to transport a gun.

Mill Race Matters

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10 a.m. Tuesday, April 3 Stone Gang. Cady Inn and Grounds, 9 a.m.

Country Garden Club, Cady Inn. 11:30 a.m.

Girl Scouts, Cady Inn. 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 4 Daisy Meeting, Cady Inn. 4 p.m.

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

Historical Tidbits

Northville in 1869 had a score of businesses and industries - a fact that amazed visitors who, because of the community's seclusion, expected to find little more than rolling farms and a few homes. Three churches were already well established, a high school had just graduated its first senior class (one student), and the hum of factories and mills filled the air.

Main and Center streets, which me still rippled original hillocks traversed by the first settlers 40 years earlier, were lined with frame buildings - mostly one-story clapboard structures that belied the affluence of many of the businessmen. Boardwalks hugged the store fronts, pitching downward to cobbled drainage ditches at the edge of the dirt thoroughfare. Large trees shaded the two "downtown" streets, especially near Hutton, Wing, Dunlap and Cady street intersections.

Excerpt from Northville, The First Hundred Years" by Jack Hoff-

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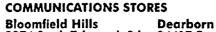
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End of C4C matter gives hope to many

school districts elsewhere.

school board president Martha Nield are perhaps the most telling: "While we felt we had firm legal footing in our decision to tell the [Connect For Christ club) to cease meeting last spring, the plaintiff felt we were denying them equal access. And we felt we were upholding the Establishment Clause of the Constitution. But nonetheless, we apologized to the family for that. We acknowledge that we may have violated her constitu- interpretations through the tional rights."

That pretty well sums up the matter of Nicolette Pearce. C4C What will be very interestthe Northville school ing to see is what sort of district, which precedent Ms. Pearce's

ended last week in a U.S. District case sets not only for Court consent Northville, but for other judgment. In it. the district was forced to clear the way for Ms.

the same opportunities as other non-curricular organizations in the school.

appeared to be an uphill battle. Ms. Pearce believed strongly enough in both her faith and her rights to take the school district to court. That's a weighty endeavor for a person who has to deal every day with the very people she's calling

Pearce maintained that her case wasn't about monetary damages. True to her word, nothing in the judgment stands to give any kind of cash benefit directly of the C4C club. Also true is the counsel will be paid a hand-\$40,000, which will come from

the school district's coffers.

.The words from Northville was caught in a tough situation of its own, working through historical fallout between churchstate separatists who felt religion and education simply had no business being together, and other cases that had identified a difference between institutional sponsorship of a religion and student-lead religious study. The legal waters for public schools have always been murky, and have become increasingly thick with various years.

In the end, we see this as an

expensive lesson learned by a body whose very purpose is in educating others. In this case, the district learned that it was wrong to suppress Ms.

Pearce and her Pearce to have her club given friends in the manner done.

What will be very interesting to see is what sort of precedent Ms. Pearce's case sets not only Facing what may have for Northville, but also for other schools in Michigan and around the country. Constitutional freedoms are not easily sorted out and often involve intricacies not readily apparent. That's why we have courts and judges. Ultimately, the Constitution means what those wearing the black robes say it does. Nonetheless. From the beginning, Ms. the definition of religion, instructional time and academic activity are certain to be placed under the microscope from this day forward.

The parties have spoken and to Ms. Pearce or other members the matter — at least apparently - has been resolved. Now it's fact that Ms. Pearce's legal a matter of moving forward and respecting the consent judgsome sum to the tune of ment made. All indications would point toward compliance on the part of both sides. We To be fair, the school district hope that will be the case.

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A sure sign spring can't be far off — construction barrels line Eight Mile Road near Novi Road in anticipation of upcoming improvements.

■ Scout seeks help with Eagle project

On April 1 and 7, I will be conducting my Eagle Scout project in the subdivi-sions east of Northville Road in Northville Township. The project is a canned food. paper, and soap drive to benefit the needy of our community through Northville Civic Concern. Residents in this area should receive a bag and flier on the afternoon of April 1. The bags with donated items will be picked up from your porch on Saturday. April 7. Items especially needed are laundry soaps, paper goods (paper towel, toilet paper), and personal care items such as shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, as these items are not covered by food stamps. Assisting me with this project will be scouts and scouters, friends, members of the National Honor Society, and other students needing community service hours. If you need more information or if you would like to donate items from outside the pickup area. please contact me at (248) 344-4321 or Northville Civic Concern at (248) 344-

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Committee Chair

■ We can weather this storm, too

*Our wretched species is so made that those who walk on the well-trodden path always throw stones at those who are showing a new road."

- Voltaire George W. Bush is showing that new road or perhaps shining a light on one that has become lost or obscured in the fog of eight years of deceit and pure disregard of the office and the American people. This newfound enthusiasm and optimism will champion and build integrity back into this great nation. It's scary to think that some liberals could actually exaggerate to the point of blaming the decline of the stock market over the past 13 months on the past two months of the Bush administration.

This new road of integrity will be laced with swift actions on campaign promises

of tax cuts and social security reform. I will receive the tax cut I was promised and I'm looking forward to the future when I can invest a portion of my Social Security money into my own private fund. Integrity and confidence will once again be restored in the White House. This new optimism will help bring this economy out of the tailspin caused by the last administration and will rejuvenate and bring back the so-called "Reagan Democrats" back to the Republican Party. The hard-core liberals know this and are scared to death of the erosion of their defunct party. Their only defense is to use scare tactics, lies and stone throwing. I'm surprised that Alfred Galli hasn't blamed Bush for the rolling blackouts in California due to the lack of an energy policy within the past two months.

There are only two things missing in Bush's tax cut. One — it's not large enough and two — it doesn't provide a box on your tax form that would identify all of the syn-tax liberals and provide them the opportunity to be taxed at the current rate.

Eugene Osentoski

■ Liberals caused the economic storm

Mr. Alfred P. Galli may be onto something. An economic storm may be brewing, but it is not of George W's making. It will come from all the hot air liberals are blowing in trying to misdirect the turn in the economy and blaming George W.

As I recall, it was the Clinton administration's Justice Department that persecuted and prosecuted Microsoft. The day after the verdict was rendered, Microsoft shareholders and working Americans with 401(k)s saw the value of their holdings decline. There are other factors to consider but if you trace the downward trend in NASDAQ stocks, one can see this was a pivotal point in the downturn.

Business leaders may be concerned about George W. They should be. The current tax plan as passed by the House will reduce the 15percent marginal rate to 12 percent and make it retroactive. The other marginal rates are reduced in increments of 1 percent over six years and are not retroactive. The result will be a \$1.6 trillion tax cut over 10 years while at the same time revenues from income taxes alone are expected to be \$15 trillion. The tax cut is too small to kick-start anything. It should be a bigger cut. Nevertheless. the current plan before Congress will provide relief to married couples by ending the marriage penalty and eliminate the so-called death tax, provisions vetoed by

[Mr. Galli] may claim it will benefit the rich. Well, the fact of the matter is the more affluent are the ones paying taxes. This includes two working parent households with children who reside in Northville. The lowest income brackets either get tax credits or wind up paying

Americans have been through windy storms before. We will survive this verbal hurricane as well.

Ray Farrer

■ Parenting plans change over time

I must take the opportunity to respond to your recent (column by Chris Davis) on parenting. I applaud your efforts to compartmentalize the necessary steps for good child rearing. There is every reason to plot out your program long before the little ones arrive and many of your tenets are respectable and admirable. There is no doubt that society and our community would benefit from morally strong, educated, responsible, accountable, disciplined, healthy children in our midst. Your words are thought provoking and to read a very short list of the many challenges we with children face every day stimulates great personal reflection.

I say "short" because I encourage you to file this information under "Project in Progress." You will no doubt need to revise it many times over as you are faced with the real life responsibilities of raising a child. (You knew that was coming, right ?) You see, many of us with children are finding your commitment heartening but your naivete even more charming. I. for one see a determined spirit which should not be discouraged once your feet hit the floor and the parenting begins.

But I can't deny the desire to be there when your feet do hit the floor and there is spilled apple juice to greet you. Mark my words, you will wonder one day how it is that you could have repeated the phrase "Say thank you, sweetie," at least 6 million times before as your darling child stands and stares at the guests speechless. You will feel immeasurable love - I mean a love you do not know at this time in your life - for a creation that will cause you to act inexplicably protective, unnaturally cautious and who will provoke the most, and as yet inexperienced emotions in you so that you will wonder if it might be safer to have them wear that helmet even for the Slip N' Slide! (really!)

You may not use them but at least you would understand why some parents use a device to hold onto their child it will happen the day your toddler wanders away from you in a split second at the store and your heart jumps out of your chest when you dare to think that he or she could be harmed. You'll recognize that your example to your kids may not be perfect and you'll be discouraged at how often you have to humble yourself for their benefit. You'll work harder - we all do. You'll feel so powerful saying 'no' and setting limits until those big blue tearful

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Ah, the shenanigans of Lansing

"While the people retain their virtue and vigilance, no administration, by any extreme of wickedness or folly, can very seriously injure the government in the short space of four

> - Abraham Lincoln First Inaugural Address, 1861

Reflecting upon the shenanigans of the Michigan legislature, all I can do is hope Lin-



Phil Power

coln was right. current wickedness, consider Sen. David Jaye, R-Washington Township. who has introduced Senate Bill 329 that would lower the age requirement for getting a permit to carry a con-cealed weapon

from 21 to 18. Passed in lame duck session.

CCW legislation requires local gun boards to issue permits to applicants who do not have a criminal record or a history of mental illness. Gov. John Engler, who usually has a better sense of political implication, signed the measure.

Last week an outfit called "People Who Care About Kids" filed 260,000 signatures with the Secretary of State's office to get the measure on the ballot in November, 2002. Thousands of volunteers got the signatures in near-record time.

The bill itself has roused enormous concern from groups as diverse as the Million Mom March and Michigan prosecutors. Polls suggest a referendum will pass easily. although there will be a court challenge because the measure contained an appropri-

ation for trigger locks and, hence, may not be constitutionally eligible for referendum.

Jaye, whose degree of maturity and selfcontrol are suggested by his problems with Michigan drunk driving laws, seemed unfazed in wanting to lower the age limit for packing concealed heat to kids 18 and up. "I have a duty to represent my constituents. many of which (sic) were very unhappy about that aspect of the bill."

For current folly, consider state Rep. Robert Gosselin, R-Troy, who has introduced House Bill 4382 to amend the science standards in the state model school code to specify that evolution is "an unproven theory." His bill would add to the state curriculum standards the statement, "All students will explain the competing theories of evolution and natural selection based on random mutation, and the theory that life is the result of the purposeful. intelligent design of a Creator."

I had a nice talk with Gosselin, who seems an amiable enough fellow, who attended Lawrence Tech and worked for GM. He attends Berkeley Community Church and is. "broadly speaking. Christian."

I spent quite some time trying to make sense out of my notes from our conversation. Failing. I offer these quotes:

"If you looked up in the sky and saw a cloud in the shape of a horse, you would be right in concluding that random wind currents created it. But if you look up and see 'Red Wings win the Stanley Cup', you would reasonably conclude that was the work of an intelligent, purposeful Creator."

Evolution could be proven a bunch of hogwash: I believe it will eventually be proven a bunch of hogwash. Religion is to be found at home: the idea that evolution is the result of intelligent design is a concept that belongs in the classroom. We should all be in pursuit of the truth."

"What would be adequate proof of evolution? There is none; I doubt there ever could

Reflecting upon the shenanigans of the Michigan legislature, all I can do is hope Abraham Lincoln's vision in 1861 was right.

be. Evolution is faith: you have to believe in evolution as a faith, just like a religion. They don't have any proof for evolution and they never will. I have no evidence for intelligent design, but I know it when I see it."

Gosselin deserves a round of applause for highlighting the kinds of silly stuff lawmakers dump into the legislative hopper on slow days. In fact, I'm prepared to offer a small prize to the best entry submitted by readers as a friendly amendment to Gosselin's bill.

Just to start things off. I suggest the school code be amended to require Dalton's Theory of Atomic Chemistry be classified as unproven theory." I have no evidence that the four elements of earth, air, fire and water are the basis of chemistry, but I sure know it when I see it.

P.S. It cannot be pure coincidence that last weekend's newspapers carried news of the death of Charles K. Johnson, president of the International Flat Earth Research Society. Since 1972, Johnson promoted the view that the earth actually is a flat disk floating on primordial waters. He regarded scientists as frauds, basing his ideas on the Old Testament and common sense observation. "Reasonable, intelligent people have always recognized that the earth is flat," he said.

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Lawmakers look to adjust terms for state elected officials

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The term limits set in the state Constitution for Michigan lawmakers, particularly those in the state House, are too short, some members are concluding.

With three terms of two years each, representatives get just six years to make their mark in Lansing. Yet, it can take one full term just to learn the ropes.

State Sen. Glenn Stell, R-Grand Rapids, has introduced a resolution which would amend the constitution to extend the terms of lawmakers. Instead of three two-year terms. House members would get six. Instead of two four-year terms, senators would get three. And instead of two four-year terms, statewide officers - governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state and attorney general — would get

To alter the state Constitution. Senate Joint Resolution P would have to be approved by a two-thirds majority in both the House and Senate, and then get voter approval in the next election.

It is likely to face opposition. The National Federation of Independent Businesses has already surveyed its members on the question and concluded that 71 percent aren't ready to change term limits yet.

Small business owners seem to believe that the term limits law that went into effect in 1992 has helped erode a 'career politician' mentality in Lansing," according to Charles Owen, state director of the NFIB. "Since this law has only been in actual effect since 1998, after court challenges, the small business community is content to let the limits continue unchanged for the foreseeable

future. Two thirds of business owners said they opposed lengthening lawmaker's terms, and nearly 60 percent say they opposed given them more terms, even for House

"The learning curve is so high here," said Steil's senate aide Helen Freeman, "it takes your first term just to learn everything, where it comes from and where it goes. There is so much, you have to get quite an education. I think 12 years for everybody would give more of a sense of continuity to the legislature."

The resolution has been referred to the Senate Committee on Government Operations where it awaits action.

Quarterbacks and legislators...

He's not making career choices the way I would advise my children to.

Commitment is a big part of the lesson parents try to teach their kids. Once you've committed to a responsibility, you need to see it through, we tell our youngsters. If you promise you'll do one job, you ought not just turn

around and grab another.



Mike Malott

Your responsibility to see commitment through increases as you move up the professional

On the other hand, opportunities like this come around once in a lifetime. These days, the time for any individual to be at the peak of his or her career is so short, and the competition

out there is so high, that one has to seize opportunities when they come

The time when pros could develop their careers slowly, deliberately has long since

No. I'm not talking about Drew Henson. I was referring to Valde Garcia, but isn't it interesting that you could have confused the two.

Henson is the athlete from Brighton we all hoped would return to play another year as quarterback for the University of Michigan. He announced this past week he will instead be joining the New York Yankees for a contract, reportedly reaching \$18 million. Henson said it wasn't the money, it has always been his

Oprah's starting to get to me.

One of the benefits, I thought, to being a

stay-at-home mom would be catching

Oprah each afternoon for an inspiring hour

of television. And at first it was inspiring.

Although I caught it only a few times a

week. I really started to get into the whole

idea of using your life

to make the world a

better place. That's

her new thing, you know. And I couldn't

awards go out each

week to someone who

teaches urban school-

children how to read

or mentors to domes-

tic violence victims.

Along with using your

life for the better-

ment of society.

Oprah also has on

"Use Your Life"

agree more.

dream to play for the Yankees.

I hate to see anyone not finish college, but it's hard to argue. He'll make more in his first year than most graduates will make in a life-

Still, I was talking about Garcia, who faces many of the same pressures Henson does ... well, except for the \$18 million part.

Garcia had just been elected to his second term in the House when an open seat in the Senate came along. Despite the fact he'd just made a commitment to serve the constituents of the 86th District for the next two years, he quickly decided to go after the 26th Senate

He won the election last week, and nobody will hold it against him.

Whoever won that seat is likely to keep it for the next 10 years, the way term limits work out. Garcia could have waited, but his chances would surely have been diminished if his term limit in the House had forced him to sit on the sidelines six years before the Senate seat came open again.

With term limits in place, you get just one shot at holding office in a lifetime, so you have to grab the opportunity. It also means that as soon as you win one seat, the clock starts ticking on how long you can stay, and you have to be constantly looking for the next opportunity

Isn't it interesting that term limits were intended to get rid of career politicians and instead have produced politicians who have to constantly be thinking about their careers.

The National Federation of Independent Businesses just finished surveying its members about proposals to alter term limits -one of which has been offered by Sen. Glenn Steil, R-Grand Rapids — and its members concluded term limits have "helped erode a

Oprah's empire is affecting me

Isn't it interesting that term limits were intended to get rid of career politicians and instead have produced politicians who have to constantly be thinking about careers?

career politician' mentality in Lansing."

If they think that, they need to take a trip to Lansing. Things have been quiet in the House so far this year, and some lawmakers are beginning to admit privately it's because representatives are pondering their next career

Next election, 28 senators will leave due to term limits giving a lot of lawmakers the shot they're looking for. This year, House members are scheduled to redraw the senate districts that they'll be competing in for a seat then. Nothing serious is likely to happen in Lansing until reapportionment is settled. our heads sometimes in

amazement at what goes on in professional sports, at the salaries that are paid and the career decisions players make. We also realize it is the result of an extremely competitive environment in which athletes have only a few years to make good.

For some odd reason, we think it will result in better public policy if we emulate that in

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these therapists each week who teach view-

ers how to get to know themselves, make

time for spirituality and lose those extra

pounds by admitting they are missing

It's getting women (and men) all around the

country to read again. And I love reading so

who am I to stand in the way of that laud-

And then there's that book club she has.

something special in their life.

Wendy Mitzel

more of a failure.

I mean, here are these women barely getting by on welfare who take the time to meet with other women to teach them how to read or cook and here I am just struggling to get through "Clifford the Big Red Dog" just one more time. The guilt factor grows each time I watch one of these shows amidst the chaos of twin toddlers pinning each other down in competition for a

"Every time I watch one of those shows I think, 'Omigod, I should be out there volunteering in the community' admitted one of my friends (who has four kids under age 9) during a once-a-month dinner we all make time for. In fact, it turned out most of us have begun to stress out while watching

"We're not doing enough," we all decided with a sigh, after comparing the number of times a day we clean up the kitchen decorated with far-flung Spagettios and smushed grapes.

Then there's those danged therapists with their new books. I mean. I'm sick of hearing how if I admit that I eat when I'm stressed. I can lose those few extra pounds and eat better. First of all, can't I just be happy with the weight I am. Geez, it's only ten more pounds than I was pre-pregnancy. And secondly, if a half-a-pound bag of M&M's and a few chicken nuggets get me through a few hours in a day filled with saying. 'Please don't bite your brother. Kisses not bites, remember?" over and over then more power to me, I say. Do I eat

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chocolate when I'm stressed? You betcha! And I didn't need Dr. what's-his-name to tell me this grand epiphany.

And don't even get me started on the book club. At first I was ecstatic about having someone point out a good piece of literature. It's been since college since I'd really read a good book. So I went out and purchased a few Oprah books.

But, wow, does she have a dark side. Said another friend: "Do I really need to read about rape, incest and self-destruc-

'Can't we just watch the news?" I replied.

These books are way too depressing for me. Since having three kids, I can't read about death and destruction and life catastrophes without stressing - What if that was my family? Hey, I do that all on my own; I don't need a book to help me along. When I get a chance to read something other than "Goodnight Moon," I want it to be uplifting and even funny, not dark and full of horrible tragedies that could befall anyone at anytime.

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eyes stare up at you and you wonder how you'll ever get your soft heart to listen to your own logical

You'll try to show great pride in the work of their peers but you'll be stunned at how loyal and blinded your emotions have made you. You'll work harder at this because you want a certain message to show through your actions not just your words. Yes, you will be in a state of dynamic change. my friend. You'll have a stash of parenting books to review because it just camt be this hard." Trust me, parenting is work and a joyful work at that but it is - bar none — the most difficult job you will ever have if you remain committed to the ideas you have set forth. If you find one day that you 'never' see it as work or that it is 'always' joyful then you will know you have given up and given in. You will need to always question whether the parental philosophy you have applied is the best or whether with experience and mature judge-ment, you must change and be flexible, even it it means you do exactly what you said you would-

If I had a mckel for every "never" I said I wouldn't do [No sleeping in our bed, no pizza for breakfast, no wearing mi-matched clothes to kindergarten, etc] I'd have their college fund full and my kids are not out of first grade yet! Give thoughtful consideration to the child care issue, because you will not expect the doubt that will creep in. Your example to your children of who you are as an adult person with them and without them becomes an enormously important influence on your impact as a parent.

If you're a guilt-ridden parent whether you stay home or go back to work you are denying yourself and your children. You will one day pick up the 65 marbles from Hungry Hungry Hippos yet another time, and decide it's time to teach them to clean up, because you canit imagine what a mess creativity and individual expression can make in your house everyday. You work harder on this one, too. And I wonder if one day you'll think, "Hmmm...blue hair is not the battle I'll chose to fight" because issues more pressing have gotten your attention. I hope it is the most serious battle for your adolescent and you.

Most importantly I hope you will be so blessed to be in the position to make these discoveries and carry out these plans. There are parents every day who have much harder plans to carry out for their children because of disabilities, special needs and family circumstances. We can't imagine how much harder the parenting role is when things are not as perfect as we planned. I applaud your forethought and I'd like to hear from you when the little ones arrive.

Anne Gillis Pond

■ Social capital rules the world?

Will the exploding technology revolution, and the developing globalization that surrounds our lives, result in a thrilling or a threatening future ahead?

Given the reality of what is happening, are we better off? In spite of the surfeit of new labor-saving devices, everyone seems to have less time. What with being afloat with unprecedented national wealth, most families work longer hours to mainain their standard of living. After all that has been done over the years to make voting easier, fewer people vote. Though dramatic new breakthrough innovations are realized in medicine, tens of millions of people are without medical insurance: Respected American institutions — from Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, PTA, to fraternal orders and civic clubs - all have been in steady decline. The good times we enjoy, should draw us together, yet the income gap between the nchest and poorest in America is bigger than ever and rapidly widening.

Should we be concerned that we seem to be glued to our TV and cellular phones, at the expense of losing "social capital," that precious ingredient of civic life?

Alfred Galli

■ Choices yield better results

In the past few weeks there have been many editorials [and letters] in the Northville Record regarding our educational curriculum. Although the issues seem diverse, a single goal of increasing educational options for school families would improve the satis-

faction and results on many diverse issues.

Last week. Phil Power noted that the majority of our children are not getting an adequate exposure to economics in our schools. Why is this the case? By the time most families recognizing this problem their only solution is to supplement the school program. Voter-driven solutions take years.

Phil Power could also get short economics refresher himself. A couple of weeks earlier he implied that under President Bush's reform plan private schools would not be accountable because the plan does not include testing in private schools. Private schools by their very nature are accountable. The student (customer) can leave at any time.

Unless a family is willing to home school, move, or spend additional thousands of dollars for a private school, attendance at the local public schools is mandatory. Those are high barriers to a family of a child who isn't living up to their potential. A family at a private school can change schools at any time. That's economic accountability.

David Skrbina and Brinton Butler have written [letters] indicating a fundamental disagreement over the importance and use of technology in the classroom. I'm sure that the school board had the best intentions when approving the technology plan. Mr. Skrbina thinks the plan is ineffective at best and perhaps harmful. Presumably he would prefer investment on proven resources like teachers.

This is a rational concern. If there are similar families, why can't their children have a program which is better suited to their children's needs?

Finally, we have the sex education debate. The fact that increases in disease rates and unintended pregnancies have taken place during a period where the sex education in our schools has increased seems unlikely to be a coincidence.

Intuitively, it seems that the reason our young adults don't make wise choices is because they haven't fulfilled the mission of the Northville Public Schools and "demonstrated the skills, knowledge and attitudes to achieve personal success and to become responsible citizens." I don't think many of our students who have achieved that goal will have a problem selecting and using a birth control product. Yet last year, hundreds of families who probably agree with Dr. Nowak's letter in last week's Record signed petitions in the hopes of having the right to opt out of this part of the curriculum.

Debates, petitions, and elections are tools of reform. But when will we learn that a system that attempts to maximize choices to families with preferences will be more responsive and provide better results?

Matt Dietrich

■ Writer lives in simplistic world

I was amused by simplistic economic world Alfred Galli's described in his March 15 letter where his successful, captain William Jefferson Clinton seems to be responsible for all good and George W. Bush by comparison is Edward J. Smith, the captain of the Titanic.

I'm not sure why Mr. Galli should suddenly have such compassion for the "painful, agonizing groan" of the "business leaders of industry, banking, and trade." Only a week earlier. Mr. Galli seemed to be condemning the system that allowed these leaders to make 485 times the income of a \$10 per hour worker. Perhaps this is "compassionate liberalism."

Real world cause and effect is not a simplistic straw man. From 1972 until 1981, during the years of Presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter and an overwhelmingly Democratic Congress, the DJIA declined. From 1982 until 1992, under Presidents Reagan and Bush and a more closely divided Congress. the DJIA increased from 1,000 to 3.400 or approximately 12 percent per year. From 1992 to 1994, under President Clinton and an overwhelmingly Democratic Congress, the DJIA increased from 3,400 to 4,000 or approximately 8 percent per year. From 1994 to 2000, after Republicans won both branches of Congress for the firsttime in memory, the DJIA increased from 4.000 to 11.700 or about 19 percent per year. Dividends are not included. These comparisons are more valid than trying to saddle George W. Bush with responsibility for economic events before he even earned the Republican nomination.

If someone really wants a sampling of what things would be like

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in Mr. Galli's world, I recommend pointing your Web browser to www.americanpresidents.org and listen to President Jimmy Carter's July 15, 1979 malaise speech.

There has been a lot of economic good over the past eight years. But the people of our country not the president are responsible for providing the power and deserve most of the credit. More people are realizing that our last president was better at self promotion and politicization than at leading. His few achievements were based upon politics that they call "triangulation" but could be called Republican lite.

Our economy is like a large ship, it doesn't turn quickly. The Titanic passengers celebrated in comfort for the first few days. We have started seeing economic icebergs. We had gasoline shortages last summer, California is under-going rolling blackouts, over half the stocks have had price declines of 50 percent or more, and layoffs have begun. The echoes of our last captain telling us that he had made the business cycle obsolete seems somewhat reminiscent of the boast that the Titanic was too big to sink. As we wake up from the intoxicating party, hopefully we will have enough sense to at least let our new captain have a turn at the helm before it's time for everyone to take a swim. I hear the water is a bit cold this time of vear.

Ben Galt

■ Thoughts on city post office

We are responding to the first informational letter sent to us by

Background: As a resident near the proposed expansion, no one from the city or the USPS has asked how the current post office affects daily activity in our area.

Split Operation: Both Farmington Hills and Livonia have small postal offices located directly in commercial shopping areas. A survey of exiting Northville patrons, will show that very few of them plan to shop downtown before or after going to the post office.

Design Criteria: Remember, the post office is a business, their first priority is service to the customer and the bottom line. They won't spend extra money to make sure the facility is in keeping with the historical nature of the area.

The mail delivery does not end at 5 p.m. each night. In the very early morning hours, large semi-trailer trucks back in to the postal bays. open their doors, unload a large metal conveyor, and proceed to distribute container after container of mail. This is not a quiet operation. When windows are open, the noise and voices awaken residents from their sleep. Most of us work and/or have children in school. As mail volume increased, traffic, trucks and noise have increased. We cannot imagine that this could grow three-fold. Neighbors around us have had to jump through hoops to get the slightest change in a garage, fence and other small home improvements. Why isn't USPS made to follow the same

guidelines as other residences and

Security Lighting: The security lighting is so bright you can see it for blocks. How many lights do they plan to use? How high do they plan to be? Will they be bothersome to those near them to the point of disturbing sleep? Have any of the above questions been asked or answered by USPS? What does "tentatively agree" actually mean?

USPS may have a mission. But I can tell you right now, the local residents also have a mission. We intend to be able to sleep through an entire night without being awakened at 4 a.m., to be able to drive down a residential street without stopping for several minutes while a semi-trailer tries to back into a parking lot, and to live in homes that we improve each year and whose assessment increases. A triple size post office will have a very negative effect on our property values. Does the city plan to decrease our assessments accordingly?

The above concerns were the much the same when OLV attempted to expand facilities in and around a residential neighborhood. As taxpaying citizens, we intend to take every avenue afforded us to make sure that the city of Northville and USPS listen and consider all inquiries that we make and to require that USPS follow the same guidelines as the rest of us. We know that the post office needs to expand with the growth of our city, but all parties concerned should look to surrounding areas and follow their lead in regards to expansion.

Wendy Mitzel (cont'd)

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Let me just say that I really do applaud Oprah and the way she has taken talk-television and turned it into a medium to help people in so many ways. I've seen her in person and do. I do respect her and all the things she does.

Still. I've decided to put Oprah on hold for now. Just getting the dishes in the dishwasher, the clothes in the basket folded and the kids (and husband

while I don't deify her as some and dog) fed each day is just ' going to have be enough for now.

> Wendy Pierman Mitzel writes about parenting issues for the Novi News and Northville Record. She can be reached at wendy_mitzel@yahoo.com.









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Youth squads grab the spotlight



Mite hockey team defies odds to capture top tournament spot

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE

It's a good thing for Novi Mite Hockey coach Mike Pesendorfer that the weather is getting warmer, because after his team defied the odds and won their tournament championship on March 18, he is going to be without hair for a while.

Holding true to his word that he would shave his head if we win promise, the coach and his 8th seeded Bengals came from the bottom of the pack to win the championship in dramatic fash-

"It was a long and difficult season, but the focus was to learn and have some fun. Pesendorfer said. "We improved as the season ended, so I think the team had some confidence. I told them it was a new season, that all the teams were 0.0 again, and to go out, play your best, and you might surprise some people."

The surprise wasn't an easy task to accomplish. Seeded eighth out of nine teams in the double elimination tournament,

the Bengals were forced to play much higher seeds, with games starting on March 12. The team proceeded to go undefeated during the week, coming back to win three of those games when they were losing in the third period. They suffered their first setback on Friday night and were dropped into the losers bracket. On Saturday, they won a "do or die game, and moved on to the championship game Sunday

morning. There they faced the Panthers. a team that had beaten them in all four of the season's previous meetings and had yet to suffer a loss in the tournament. The Bengals, underdogs for every game they played, shocked their undefeated foes 3-2, to force a final, winner take all game later

Beating a team that had your number once is tough enough. but having to beat them again the same day is almost impossible. But this Bengal team that had come from the bottom and had nearly reached the pinnacle

Down 2-0 with only eight minutes left to play, the Bengals seemed to be finished. But apparently this Cinderella team of 7 and 8-year-olds had yet to learn the meaning of the word "quit", because they netted the game tying goal with less then three minutes to play to force

After the six minute OT period. both teams were still deadlocked at 2-2. A shoot-out would now determine the winner, and near the end of the first round of skaters, the Bengals were once again faced with a desperate situation. Losing 2-1, the team's final skater held the game's fate in his hands. As calm as an 8-year-old can be, he skated in with the puck and snuck it by the goalle to tie the shoot-out as 2-2 and send the two teams into a sudden death shoot-out.

After the first rotation of 10

skaters, the game had yet to be decided. At the start of the second round, the Panthers failed to

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Travel basketball team puts together terrific winter season

The Northville/Novi boys U12 going into the competition. travel basketball team recently completed a very successful 2000-01 season. The Attack finished with an overall record of 34-12. which consisted of competition in six tournaments and regular season play in the highly competitive city of Pontiac league.

The team finished the season in March with a little madness of their own. To start the month, the Attack won the prestigious Lady of the Lakes double-loss elimination tournament in Waterford, which consisted of 25 area teams. In the final game, the Attack beat Warren St. Clement, which had been 31-0

The following week, the team participated in the Great Lakes Invitational in Allen Park. The Attack advanced to the final four where they beat a state powerhouse team from Lansing in the semi-finals, but lost to the state ranked Tri-County Cobras in the

Last week, the Attack followed up its first place regular season finish in the Pontiac League by downing teams from Lake Orion and Clarkston in the post-season tournament to take home the

This past weekend, the Attack

Pinckney March Madness tournament by advancing to the finals of the sixth grade division, where they fell to Grand Rapids Hoop

The team is made up of players from both Novi and Northville. Chase Dehn, Tom Spisch, and Wiley Moss led the offense and guards Brandon Carnegie and Adam Chandler paced the defensive effort. Jeff Gorecki, Bret Spencer and Josh Hembrough cleaned up the glass, while Hunter Robinson. Dan Kaminski. and Nick Zoroya excelled at ball

Oklahoma'' Hogan churns up water at state swim meet

Honors many for sophomore NHS swimmer

BY COLBY J. CAVALIERE Sports Editor

Northville High School sophomore Shannon "Oklahoma" Hogan competed in the Michigan 2001 State Championship-Swimming Short Course held at Eastern Michigan University on March

Hogan, 16, who moved to Northville this past fall from Tulsa, Oklahoma, took first in the 100-yard backstroke with time of 58.62. She followed that up with another first place finish in the 200-backstroke with a time of 2:09.11.

Hogan narrowly missed a third win when she tapped in second in the 50 freestyle with a time of 23.74. Her final two individual swims were a fourth n the 200 freestyle, and a sixth in the 100 freestyle.

Hogan added to her individual wins, by setting state records in the female 15/16 year old division in the 400 medley relay. and 800 freestyle relay.

She has also been state champion in her age group in Georgia. Oklahoma. Connecticut.

Shannon swims for the Novi Sports Club team and is a member of the Northville High School girls' swim team as well. This past season she qualified for the states in the 50 freestyle, and 100 back-

Shannon does not limit her sporting activities to swim-



Northville High School student Shannon Hogan is a member of the swim team in winter, and track team in the spring.

ming, as she will compete on the Lady Mustangs track team in the spring sports season.

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Mustangs represented well on All-Area wrestling team

from Northville and Novi High School dominated the competition, so it comes as no surprise that two top notch programs in the area have a combined. 10 members on the first team All-Area squad.

Novi and South Lyon squared off in the KVC more than once. but this was the year of the Wildcat, as Novi put together a 30-win season, en route to a co-KVC title, district championship, regional championship, and an appearance in the state semi-

Over in the WLAA, Northville went most of the season unchallenged, as they captured their fourth straight conference title. moved on and won their district, and advanced to the regional finals where they lost a close one to Detroit Catholic Central.

HomeTown's first team All-Area squad has not only some of the finest wrestlers in the area, but in the state of Michigan as well. The team sports two state champions and nine others that placed.

Here's a look at each of the top 14 wrestlers in our area with Northville and Novi providing most of the entries.

First Team 103 - Josh Churella Novi sophomore

Josh follows in the footsteps of his senior brother Ryan with his appearance on this year's All-Area team. The younger Churella made a name for himself this season capturing his first state championship, en route to a 48-1 record. He was undefeated at his normal wrestling weight of 103, suffering his only loss when he bumped up to 112 in the state's to give his team a better opportunity. Only a sophomore, Josh should be entrenched at this position for years to come.

Josh showed how unselfish he was when he put all individual records on the line, and bumped up to try and help his team win." said Novi head coach Brad Huss.

112 - J.R. Muldoon

Novi junior Muldoon, yet another of the young talented wrestlers on the

PaAll season long, the teams states this season. All he did was go out and earn the right to be recognized as the fourth best wrestler at 112 in division one in the state of Michigan. J.R. was an important part of Novi's 30-2 season. On the year, he put together a 48-6 record wrestling in one of the more competitive weight

> 119 - Corey Nobach Novi senior

Nobach was part of a Wildcat trifecta that jumped on opponents early and set the tone for the rest of the meet. He won the KVC championship at 119 and came up huge in Novi's district and regional championships. In his senior season. Nobach put together an impressive 32-8 record, which included a win in the state team quarterfinals against Roseville.

125 - Jake Williamson South Lyon sophomore

Williamson established some tough standards for himself by making the Division I state finals as'a sophomore. But if this season was any indication - he'll be up to the challenge. Williamson went 32-17 on the season. In addition to being a state qualifier. he was second at the Oakland County meet and third at the KVC meet.

130 - Chad Rashid

Milford senior Rashid was a key component on a Redskins team which won a district title. Rashid was a state qualifier and Oakland County runner · up. He was third at the KVC meet after having lost only one match in league dual meet competition. Rashid and fellow all-area teammate Tom Stanley were the only Milford wrestlers to get wins against Novi. His season record was 46.10.

135 - David Edwards South Lyon junior

He had a dream season - reaching the state finals. After a fifthplace Oakland County finish. Edwards was tough the rest of the year. He lost only once in KVC dual meet competition, then won the league title at 135 after being the 2000 runner-up at 130. Edwards took first place at both Continued On 3 Novi squad, got his first taste of

the individual district and regional, knocking off number one seed Micah Wade of Romulus in the

140 - Tom Stanley Milford senior

When you're all-state, there's a pretty good chance you'll be allarea. Stanley was just that, thanks to his seventh-place finish at the Division I state finals. He ended the season with a 40-7 record. Stanley ran roughshod over KVC competition, going undefeated in dual meets and winning his flight at the league

145 - Ryan Churella Novi senior

The older Churella has made a home on the all-area first team since his sophomore year. The senior capped off his final season at Novi High School with an unblemished 54-0 record. and the team's second state champion. Churella beat Brighton's Leif Olson for the fourth time to win the state title. Because of his wrestling position. It was Ryan who kept the team going or set the tone when the team struggled and his senior leadership, work ethic, and attitude embodied what this year's squad was all

152 - Chad Neumann Northville senior

Neumann closed out his season by becoming the wrestler with the most wins in school history. He put together a 50-3 season and placed fourth in

the state at a very com-

Chad Neumann

petitive weight class, while competing with a severe wrist injury: Nuemann helped the team to its fourth straight conference championship this past season, becoming a three-time champ himself in the process. For the

Bengals start low, climb high

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score a goal, and the Bengals finally had a chance to put their foes away.

After seven games of facing higher seeds, two hours of intense hockey in the championship contest, the Bengals capped off a dramatic tournament when their sudden death shot found the back of the net.

We may not have been as talented, but their hearts were bigger than anyone else's. These kids just refused to give up." the proud coach said.

Pictued in the photo is the 13 reached at 349-1700, ext. 104.

members of the championship

Joey Close, Chris Flynn, Lucas Garcia, Jonathan Hart, Jack Hicks, Brandon Judoikis, Alan Mencer. Cooper Nye, Michael Pensendorfer, R.J. Reichenbach. Stephen Smith, Chris Sullivan

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Novi Wildcats Bantam Hockey team shows off their brand new hardware

The 2000/01 Novi Wildcats Bantam Hockey team capped off the season by winning their last game for the NYHA Bantam Division Championship. The game nded with the Wildcats winning -2 over a tough Cougars team.

The Wildcats only loss in Novi Arena this season was against the Cougars, who beat them 2.0.

Defenseman Steve Snopkowski (Wixom) scored the game winner on a vicious slap shot from the blue line. Scooter Curtis (South yon). Joe Williams (Northville) and Justin Misers (South Lyon) scored the other goals. Keven Gee (Novi) and Scooter Curtis had two assists each in the game. Steve Snopkowski, Steve Ross (Livonia) and Sean Hogan (Novi) also had assists. Alex Berry (South Lyon) was stellar in net finishing the season with a 1.8 goals against average. 10 shutouts (12 including exhibition games) and was 3 and 0 n shoot outs.

The Wildcats had just returned Sunday night (3/18) from the Sports Extravaganza Tier 1 B Bantam Tournament in Chicago. They missed capturing the tournament championship, losing to their neighboring rival the Plymouth Figer Sharks 2-1 with only 49 seconds left in overtime. The Wildcats made it to the finals by winning

games over St. Peters Spirit Select (MO) 4-1, Sylvania All-Stars Select (OH) 7-0 and Ozaukee (WI) 6-0. Earlier in the season, the Wildcats captured the Little Caesars Hockey League Tournament Thanksgiving Championship and were runners up in the Traverse City Invitational Pre-Christmas Tournament.

The Wildcats had a great season finishing with an overall record of 34-11-2 (41-13-4 including exhibition games). In Little Caesars Amateur Hockey League play, they captured 1st place in Bantam Division 5 with a 15-3-1 record. The Wildcats leading scorer was Center Scooter Curtis with a team leading 49 goals and 41 assists. Keven Gee was runner up in both categories with 28 goals and 28 assists. Wingers Joe Williams (Northville) and Jeff Berry (South Lyon) had 38 and 30 total points respectively. The Wildeats stingy defense gave up less than 2 goals per game and was led by goalie Alex Berry. Defenseman included Steve Snopkowski. Bill Heebsh (Chelsea), Hogan, Jesse Lachman (Novi) and Bobby Watson (South Lyon). Remaining forwards included Anthony Darket (South Lyon). Matt Jensen (Northville). Justin Misaras, Geoff, Perrin (Northville). and Steve Ross. The Head Coach

Submitted Pho

was Craig Berry (South Lyon) who was assisted behind the bench by Defenseman Coach Wilhe Curtis (South Lyon) and Forwards Coach Doug Gee (Novi).

The Wildcats coaches and players would like to thank their families and the following sponsors for support of the team: McNish Sport & Trophy, William

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realized dreams.

ALL AREA WRESTLING

First Team			
Name	School	Grade	Weight
Josh Churella	Novi	Sophomore	103
J.R. Muldoon	Novi	Junior	112
Cory Nobach	Novi	Senior	119
Jake Williamson	South Lyon	Sophomore	125
Chad Rashid	Milford	Senior	130
David Edwards	South Lyon	Junior	135
Tom Stanley	Milford	Senior	140
Ryan Churella	Novi	Senior	145
Chad Neumann	Northville	Senior	152
Anton Palushaj	Northville	Junior	160
Scott Kortlandt	Novi	Junior	171
Joe Rumbley	Northville	Senior	189
NickSlovan	Novi	Senior	215
Tim Stefanson	Novi	Senior	HWT

Second Team

Name	School	Grade	Weight
Ravi Saran	Northville	Junior	103
Tim Bragg	Milford	Senior	112
Josh D'Anna	Northville	Junior	119
Brian Ong	Novi	Junior	125
Luc Pokorny	Northville	Junior	130
Brian Ashby	Northville	Senior	135
Chris Stallard	Novi	Junior	140
Steve Lewis	South Lyon	Senior	152
Vince Slovan	Novi	Junior	160
Josh Pettijohn	Northville	Senior	171
Matt Williams	South Lyon	Senior	189
Pat Quiney	Milford	Senior	215
Ryan Morris	Milford	Senior	HWT

Honorable mention

Northville - Jason D'Anna, Matt Doyle Novi - Andrew Becker, Dan Cash

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Sports Briefs

Tryout for the Northville U10 Boys Baseball Tournament Team Try outs for the Northville baseball U10 boys tournament team will be held at Henningson Field South from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on April 7, and from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on April 14. To be eligible. perspective players must be registered in H league and have their 10th birthday fall between August 1, 1990, and July 31, 1991. The U10 tournament team will be play approximately four or five weekend tournaments. Players who make the team will be required to pay an additional \$90 registration fee through the Parks and Recreation department in addition to other tournament related expenses.

If you have any comments or questions please contact Mark Greenman at 348-0318 or Mike Putman at 347-0118.

Used Sports Equipment Sale As you shake off winter and start thinking about spring and summer sports, let us sell your used sports equipment. The Northville Recreation Center will hold a oneday sale on all types of usable

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For more information, contact the Recreation Center at 248-349-0203.

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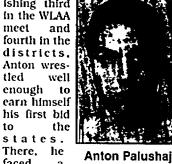
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year. Neumann brought in conference, district and regional championships.

"Chad is one of the finest wrestlers I've coached and one of the best to come through Northville High School." said coach Bob Townsend.

160 - Anton Palushaj Northville junior

After finishing third ishing unit meet and fourth in the districts. Anton wrestled well enough to earn himself his first bld



faced tough first round opponent and lost a close

match. But he rebounded to win his first state level match and finish 35-13 on the season. So while he didn't place in states, he did get a taste of state level competition and that should benefit the junior well next season.

171 - Scott Kortlandt Novi junior

When the chips were down. Kortlandt was there for the Wildcats. The junior had some of his best performances in thelate season KVC meets against Hartland and had a momentum turning win in the states for his

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team. He placed third in both the KVC and the district, and capped the season with a 1-1 record in the state team competition to finish the season at 31-11.

189 - Joe Rumbley Northville senior Rumbley was part of the core

group of š e n i o r wrestlers that lead Northville to its abundant success this past year. The rough multi-sport athlete could be counted on when his



Joe Rumbley

team needed him the most. He won conference and district titles and was one of four Northville regional champions. If it weren't for a controversial loss in the first round of the state tournament. Rumbley could have finished higher than fourth place. But his determination to come back from that loss and place so high is a testament to his abilities and attitude.

215 - Nick Slovan

Novi senior Slovan's dramatic win against Jim Bunn of Hartland at the final dual of the season gave Novi a share of the KVC title and went down as one of the best matches in conference history. A week

later the two met again, but Slovan would see his wonderful season come to an end when he suffered a severe shoulder injury. His team survived without him in the districts and the regionals. but he was missed when the 'Cats lost to Davison in the state semifinals. The senior's career at Novi may have ended on a bitter note. but for the year he racked up a 35-4 record and earned a spot on the All-Area squad.

275 - Tim Stefanson

Novi senior Whether wrestling at 215 or 275, the pressure was always on Stefanson. The senior piled up a 33-10 record during the season. placing second in the KVC, and fourth in districts. He was important down the stretch of the season after Nick Slovan was injured and was vital to the team's advancement through districts and regionals and onto the state matchups.

All-Area Second Team

103 -Ravi Saran, Northville 112 -Tim Bragg, Lakeland 119 -Josh D'Anna, Northville 125 -Brian Ong, Novi

130 -Luc Pokorny, Northville 135 -Brian Ashby, Northville 140 -Chris Stallard, Novi 152 -Steve Lewis, South Lyon

160 -Vince Slovan, Novi 171 -Josh Pett 171 Pettijohn, Northville

189 -Matt Williams, South Lyon 215 -Pat Quiney, Milford 275 -Ryan Morris, Milford

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Tuesday 4/10 Varsity Baseball vs South Lyon 4 p.m. **Boys' Varsity Tennis** vs Novi 4 p.m. Boys' Varsity Track vs Harrison 3:30 p.m. Girls' Varsity Track 3:30 p.m. @ Harrison Varsity Softball vs. South Lyon 4 p.m. Girls' Varsity Golf @ Divine Child 3:30 p.m.

Be sure to check out next week's issue of the Northville Record to see previews on all the spring sports at Northville High School.



MHSAA to sponsor one-day orientation program in July

The Michigan High School Athletic Association will sponsor a one day orientation program for first year coaches of both junior high and senior high school interscholastic sports teams. All new coaches, paid or volunteer, are invited to participate on Monday, July 30, 2001 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All sessions will be held at Okemos High School. A \$20 registration fee will cover all costs including refreshments, lunch, and materials.

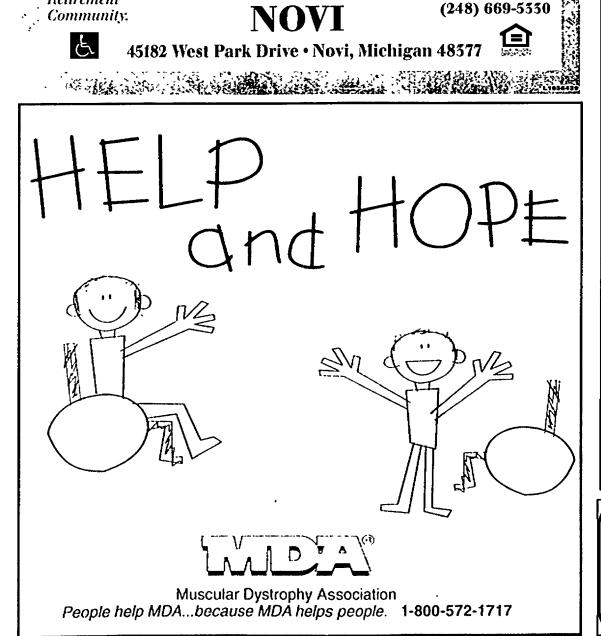
The one day session will include a variety of topics including: MHSAA regulations, risk minimization, coaching psychology. practice planning and struc-ture, sexual harassment, chemical health, conditioning and sports injuries, and sportsmanship issues.

Although we have not finalized our roster of speakers, the following have indicated that they will be present: MHSAA Executive Director John Roberts and

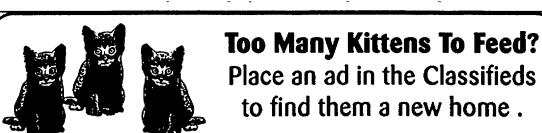
Assistant Director Nate Hampton. Attorney Al Bush Jr., Coach Jeff Smith of East Lansing High School. Athletic Trainer Sally Hightower from Gladwin High School, John Powell and Marty Ewing of the Youth Sports Institute at MSU, and Jody Brylinsky of Western Michigan University.

The registration form can be found on the MHSAA webite









Caroline and Allen Hayden of South Lyon announce the birth of their son, Ryan Hunter, born Nov. 5 at Providence Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Ryan is the brother of David Allen and the grandson of June and Tony Pursey of Novi. Margaret and Jim Shea of Chilhowie, Va., and Lester and Nancy Hayden of Waldorf, Md. Great-grandparents are Violet and Earl Walsh of Redford, Nora Mullinger of East Tawas, and Irene and Harvey Hayden of Glade Spring, Va.

Willem and Kristin van Reesema of Northville announce the birth of their daughter. Julia Marie, born Dec. 31 at 10:03 p.m. Providence Hospital. Southfield. She weighed 7 pounds. 11 ounces and was 21'. inches in length.

Waiting at home for Julia's arrival was brother. Noah and family golden retriever. Sweetie.

The proud grandparents are Gordon and Janis Dobler of Kalamazoo and Dr. Frederik and Carol van Reesema of Chelsea.

Jarrett Matthew Butler was born Feb. 27 at 1:38 a.m. in Providence Hospital, Southfield.



Emmalena Marie

He weighed 7 pounds. 12 ounces and was 20 inches in length. His proud parents are Matthew and Jennifer (Lundgren) Butler of Dearborn Heights.

Jarrett's grandparents are Lee Lundgren of Novi and James and Patricia Butler of Trenton; his great grandmother is Eileen Dallas of Spring Lake.



Ryan Hunter

Chris and Jennifer Williamson of Appleton. Wis., announce the birth of their daughter. Emmalena Marie, born Jan. 2 at 5:15 a.m. in St. Elizabeth Hospital in Appleton. She weighed 8 pounds. 3 ounces and was 20 inches long. Awaiting her at home was brother, Mitchell, 1/2 years old.

Proud grandparents are Clint



Julia Marie van Reesma

and Diane Williamson of Novi and Mark Redding and Caroline Redding, both of Wisconsin; great-grandparents are Faith Wilson of Sidney, Ohio, Duane Wilson of Florida. Norm and Marie Hanlin of Florida, Alice Redding of Wisconsin, and Floyd

Religion

Holy Family Roman Catholic Church of Novi will be re-opening its Clothes Closet. Its hours are Monday from 9 a.m. to noon and again from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Low-income shoppers must have an appointment to visit the Closet. Contributions to the closet may only be made during hours of operation. For more information, call (248) 349-8553.

First United Methodist Church of Northville are collecting health kits for distribution to earthquake victims in El Salvador and India. Contributions of had towels, washcloths, fingernail clippers, bars of soap (in wrappers), toothbrushes (in wrappers), toothpaste and adhesive bandages are being sought. The church is also collecting clothing for the homeless. New underwear, tube socks and shirts will be collected through March 28.

Also at First United - members and non-members alike are invited to a night out at the Palace of Auburn Hills to watch the Pistons play the Orlando Magic on March 30. Tickets are \$20 each. Those attending should meet at the church at 3:30 p.m. for a caravan to the Palace. A basketball clinic with mini-balls and a dinner will precede the game, which is set to tip off at 8 p.m.

For more information on any of these programs, call (248) 349-0777.

St. Paul's Lutheran School of Northville will hold a 1950s-style dinner, dance and auction at March 31 at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 19801 Farmington Road in Livonia, to raise money for the school. Tickets are \$35 per person. The event begins at 6 p.m. For more information, call (248) 374-3499.

Single Place presents Thursday programs, which will take place at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville unless otherwise indicated:

· "Divorce Recovery Workshop," In session through April 26, 7:30

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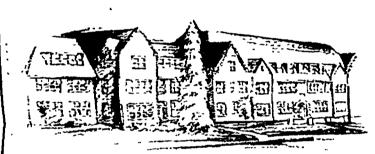
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The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Milford High School and Is currently attending Michigan State University.

The groom-elect is a 1998 graduate of Novi High School and is currently attending Michigan State University.

The couple first met in June 1996. They are planning a winter 2002 wedding celebration.

Marge Kucher of Northville announces the engagement of her daughter. Dawn Marie, to Derek Alan McKenzie, son of Ray McKenzie of Hartland and Bob and Jean Bertrand of Webberville.

The bride-elect has spent the last ten years working for an airlines in

The groom-elect is a consultant for Deloitte & Touche.

A September wedding is planned.

Sherry and Gary Williams of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter. Melissa Howard, to Michael Robles, son of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Robles of Farmington.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Novi High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is a first grade teacher in Walled Lake and will be starting her master's degree next fall.

Rec Briefs

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tion, call (248) 668-0166.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Farmington High School. He is a professional recruiter in Livonia.

A June wedding at Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi is planned.

Kirt H. Borcherts, son of Frederick H. and Claudia Borcherts of Northville and Susan C. Schramm, daughter of Frederick M. and Jo Ann Schramm of Fortville, Ind., announce their engagement.

The bride-elect is a 1985 graduate of Greensteld Central High School and a 1989 graduate of Indiana University. She is director of communications for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese Indianapolis, Ind.

The groom-elect is a 1987 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and a 1991 graduate of Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids. He is a senior programmer at Farm Bureau Însurance în Indianapolis.

A May wedding will be held at St. Monica Catholic Church in Indianapolis.

Rick and Sharon Bondy of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter. Anne-Marie, to Mark Sander, son of Roxanne Sander of Canton and Ed Sander of Livonia.

The bride- and groom-elect are 1996 graduates of Northville High

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of the University of Michigan-

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Dearborn, where she earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics and secondary education certification. Ann-Marie is currently attending Eastern Michigan University pursuing a master's degree in mathematics curriculum. She is also a math teacher at Franklin High School in the Livonia School

The groom-elect graduated from Kettering University this year, with bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. Mark is employed as a product engineer at Magna Seating Systems.

A July wedding is planned.

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A June 15 trip to Cedar Point via

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ment. Tickets are \$60. The trip

departs at 7 a.m. and returns to

Northville by midnight. For more infor-

A baseball and softball coaching

clinic will be held March 31 at

Hillside Middle School auditorium.

beginning at 11 a.m. For more infor-

On Campus

Local area students named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Lawrence Tech University for maintaining a 3.5 or higher grade point average for fall

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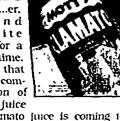
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Quail Ridge goes whitewater

Eight Mile sub ends fighting, opts to become extreme sports outfitting group

By I.M. KIDDING Staff Nincompoop

Tired of waiting for Northville Township and Novi city officials to solve their problem, residents of Quail Ridge decided to make lemons out of lemonade.

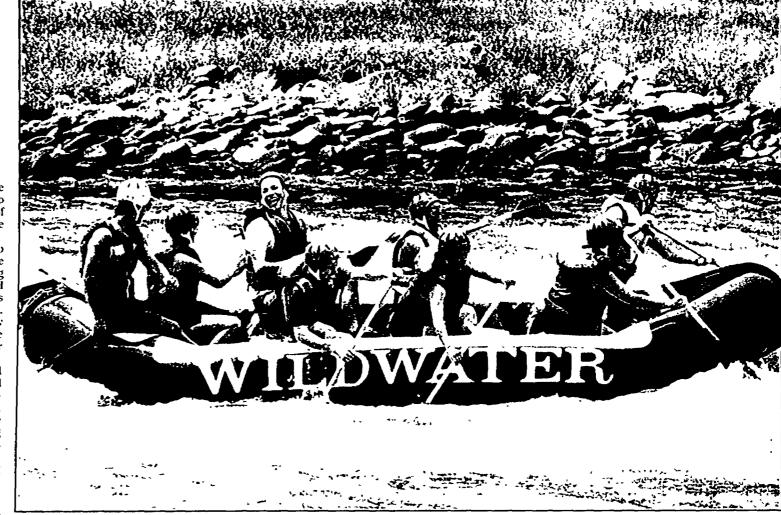
Homeowners living in the sub that flanks Eight Mile Road have long complained about flooding issues brought on by awkward drainage in the area, which has caused massive erosion problems. What was once a hindrance is now a gold mine, as residents have opened a whitewater rafting livery at the entrance to the sub.

The new company, dubbed Landslide Outlitters, has reported a huge turnout early in the business' short life. What's more. spring rains - which once ate backyards, decks and swimming pools - are now being greeted as pennies from heaven.

We gave up playing the waiting game for this thing to get fixed, so we just decided to get things done ourselves." said Quail Ridge association president Melvin Platypus. "If you can't beat 'em. you join em...or something like that."

To date. Landslide has done nearly half a million dollars in business, which could easily cover the cost of fixing the waterway's woes. At this stage of the game, though, residents aren't quite as eager to fix the problem as they once were.

Sure, my minivan may have been swallowed up by the current.



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Quail Ridge residents have made the most of a bad situation by using the expanding size of the water culvert near their homes and turning the subdivision into a whitewater rafting put-in point.

and yeah, my kids need a life ring to play in the backyard, but with my cut of the profits Landslide is pulling in. it's worth it." Platypus said.

Problems with the Quail Ridge drain were brought to the attention of Northville Township authorities back in 1998, when

Eight Mile Road said the speed at which the current from the drain cut through their properties was making life very difficult, if not hazardous.

Unable to come to a settlement with Novi - the community from where the water originates - town-

residents on the south side of ship and city authorities agreed to hand the decision-making over to a state-county arbitration body. The matter was hung up in intergovernmental red tape until Landslide opened itself for business.

People are comparing us with the New River in West Virginia and Colorado River through Arizona." Platypus said. "We guarantee a wild ride for anyone who wants to experience life on the whitewater."

River excursion packages were priced to start at around \$50 for a one-hour ride, all the way up to week-long expeditions for \$1,200.

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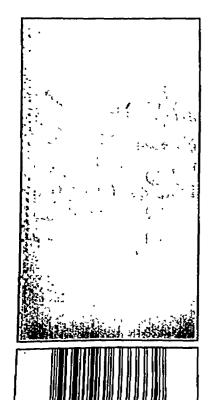
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thought it would be great to bring a franchise to town. Say hello to your Northville Victorian Vikings!

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Northville man encounters UF

By LON HUMANBEING Some Dude We Hired Yesterday

A flying craft of an unearthly ongin was spotted over downtown Northville on Monday afternoon leaving one local man baffled and hurt from an attempted abduction.

"It sorta of looked like a pie plate with no pie," Arney Wily said. "It would have been neat if it was a big rhubarb pie, but it wasn't. At first sight. I thought it could have been a saucer, but I also thought it could have been a military stealth ship. I did not fully realize what it was until later."

According to Wily, he was walking back to the Inn On Main Street when he noticed the object racing toward downtown from out of a cloud. Wily said the unidentified flying object (UFO) was silver in color and had a buzzing sound resonating from it.

The sighting occurred around 1

Northville Wrecker Photographer John Heider also had a first-hand account as well as a photograph of the sighting. Heider said he was walking toward the Wrecker's office on Main Street when he spoted Wily staring up into the sky.

According to Heider, Wily appeared to be disorientated

disheveled. *Luckily. I had my camera ready to take a photo of the UFO that was moving quickly in a south to north direction," Heider said. "Mr. Wily told me that he had been beamed up onto the ship."

Wily said that when, he first sighted the UFO over Center Street. a beam of light shot down from the boftom of the craft and transported him up into the ship.

"I was dazed for a moment, but I retained my senses quickly. I'm pretty smart, you know." Wily said. I found myself in a metallic room and there were two little gray aliens staring at me and they were shaking their heads as if they did not approve of me.

According to Wily, the aliens spoke briefly with each other and then something strange happened. Wily said that there had to have been a telepathic link between him and one of the beings because the being communicated through Why's thoughts that he was not an appropriate capture. The being informed Wily that he had to be sent back.

"I was pretty angry. It seems no



photo by CONSPIRACY THEORIST WHO LOOKS ON THE BACKS OF STOP SIGNS

Northville Wrecker photographer John Heider captured this photograph of a UFO hovering near downtown Northville. Heider has insisted that the shot is not — as it appears — a shot of a pie plate being thrown with the thrower digitially removed from the shot.

one, not even aliens, wants anything to do with me." Wily said. "I asked them why not? And the one guy brain talked to me that I was to willing to be abducted and that it was no fun for them."

Wily said that he proceeded to ask them to at least do something to him, so they began tickling his stomach and messing up his hair until he dropped to the floor laugh-

It was weird, but enlightening. I feel like a new man." Wily said. "Maybe they'll come back and take me for good. I think I could be a good link for them with the inhabitants of Earth."

No other witnesses would confirm the sighting out of fear of the unknown as well as being laughed at by disbelieving persons.

By JENNIFER NORRIS The century-old mystery befuddling residents and officials has been solved. due to the sleuthing efforts of two Northville teenagers. Two students Northville High School have recently discovered the

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on Six Mile Road located across from the high school.

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After the two senior students left the high school at the conclusion of the Taste of Northville event, one said he heard the distinct sound of a horse neighing and pawing at the ground as he walked to his parked car.

You could definitely tell it was a horse," said senior Tony Bellview. "I turned to my friend and we were both shocked. We knew we had to go check it out.

The two seniors reportedly then jumped into their vehicle and drove their car right into the field across the street...and listened again.

"We heard it over and over," said senfor Penelope Thayer. "It was kind of foggy and raining a little, but we could definitely hear the sound of two or more horses nearby.

Thayer said at that point she and Bellview noticed the wispy, translucent figures of two horses moving at almost a gallop pace across the open acreage.

The moon was full that night," said Bellview. We could see them clearly. It was two ghost-like images of horses. I turned on the ear's bright lights and we saw them even better.

Thayer added that the two horses were running one in front of the other across the field in front of their parked

Taxi service to make stop downtown

By LON HUHMAN

Present and future parking problems in downtown Northville may be resolved by midsummer when the Northville City Council

implements its Commuter Taxi Service. We want this program to be able to pay for itself and we are hoping that everyone utilizes it." Mayor John Christenson said. "I don't think any other city does this, so I guess we will be the guinea pigs.

The goal of the program is to provide commuters, working people or township residents. with a taxi service that would pick up individuals from their homes and drive them to downtown Northville to the designated dropoff/pickup location. Christenson said the designated location will be in front of city hall. The designated location will have a table of snacks and refreshments set up each day for commuters to

This is one program where we will not dis-close the price, but that's just not a priority. The main priority is to provide commuters and residents with a great, trustworthy taxi service," Christenson said.

An undisclosed amount was used to buy six motor homes for the program and the city hopes the service fees will cover the majority of the costs. A service fee of \$3 will be charged to each user. Christenson said a location of a commuter's or resident's home does not matter.

"We bought motor homes because they're big." Christenson said. "In addition, the motor homes come supplied with ovens, microwaves and even showers, so a user can get a lot of stuff done on the way here.

Each motor home can fit 15 persons, so some people will be turned away initially. According to Christenson, once the program takes off and delivers a profit, additional motor homes will be purchased. Johnson said the city might even consider acquiring used U. S. Army helicopters because that would be even cooler than motor

"Helicopters would be great." Christenson said. We could even install them with music speakers, so when they would come over the horizon it would be a little scary for some people hearing the music blaring.

There were some reservations with of several of the council members, but the excitement and assurance of Christenson convinced the council that the program would work if planned properly.

The program will begin in July. The time schedules have not been set and no drivers have been hired.

Lon Huhman is a staff writer for the Northville Wrecker. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700.



Bill Dinser (far right) is the father of four sons that run the Dinser family business. Dinser's Grandfather founded the business in 1908 when there was only three greenhouses with ferns.





Photos By TODD VAN SICKLE

It's Flower Power

Are you ready to start planting some color back into your life?

By Annette Jaworski SPECIAL WRITER

Now that the calendar says spring, area gardeners are anxious to grow anything they can get their hands on. After a long winter, who can blame them for wanting a little color to brighten up the dreary landscape?

now....and I don't blame them," said Catherine Nance-Buzzy, Certified Master Designer at Dinser's Flowers and Greenhouse in Novi.

"It's so hard for people to hold back, they want it right

They're actually better off spending that time in preparation for the growing season.

The best way to spend this time is to get the beds ready first...Check them, prepare the beds by adding mulch or whatever you need to do," said Nance-Buzzy.

It's a good time to take an overview of the yard. Take a walk around and see if there's perennials or bulbs popping up in the flowerbeds. Look for damage to the bushes

and trim those down looking for dead branches.

People get antsy when it gets warm and think they can get out in the yard and start planting," said Tom Dinser, one of the fourth generation of the family that owns and runs the Novi greenhouse. The time is really closer to Mother's Day when you have a good chance of not getting your valuable plants (annuals) hit by frost.

We try to educate them as much as possible. We don't want them to be disappointed. People spend a lot of money in their gardens.

The ground temperature needs to be at least 55 degrees for success, he notes.

If you really are looking forward to having the beauty and color of flowers, a good way might be to invest in hanging baskets or containers. This should do well outdoors by the end of April. Get a size that can easily be to

a protected area at night until there's no danger of frost. Plant that do well in combinations pots include verbena, torenia, supertunias, bacopa, sun chimes, milhon

bells and daisy lotus, to name a few. But be careful that you don't over water your pots and containers during that time, they don't dry out as quickly as they do in the summer, points out Bill Dinser, Jr.

If you've planted bushes like forsythia or blacs, you know you can count on color blooms in early spring. The same will go with bulbs planted last fall. Pansies and primrose are a couple of the hardier flowers that can take the cold, according to Bill Dinser, Jr.

Five brothers and Bill Dinser. Sr. run the operation. They provide a wealth of knowledge they're happy to pass along to their customers. Bill Dinser, Sr. notes that the Dinser's began growing back in 1908 with ferns. Each and every plant is grown on site.

"We don't grow chain store quality." he emphasized. Dinser's Flower's and Greenhouse is one of over 200 exhibitors that will attend the 2001 Spring Home and Garden Show at the Novi Expo Center from April 5 - 8. They'll have various items for sale including combination

pots. Or, visit their greenhouse at 24501 Dinser Dr. in Novi. off of 10 Mile near Wixom Road.

Other local vendors attending The Spring Home and Garden Show include A& R Lawn and Landscape Design and Construction in Commerce, Aquarmarine Fiberglass Pools & Spas in Milford, Brewer Roofing and Siding of Novi, Donnelly Brothers Landscape and Snow Removal in Walled Lake. Exclusive Floor Covering in Highland. Exterior Landscape Design in Highland, Gatteri Landscaping of Wixom, Patio Enclosures of Novi, Paint'in Place Art Studio in Commerce, and Sparr's of Northville.

The Spring Home and Garden Show is being held April 5 8 at the Novi Expo Center at I-96 and Novi Road in Novi. Hours are 2:00 to 10:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 10 p.m., on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5; children 6-12 and seniors are \$4. For more information call (248) 862-1019 or visu the sponsors website at www.budders org.

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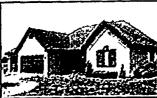
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Are you ready to tend your own lawn?

By Jeff Rugg COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Last week. I talked about what you need to consider to decide if you are going to apply fertilizer and chemicals yourself and this week I will try to help you read the fertilizer package. Next week we will look at what different fertilizers do.

All fertilizers are chemicals that plants use as nutrients. They are not food in themselves, but more like vitamins and minerals that are used as the building blocks by the plants to make food. Without these nutrients, the plant will not be as healthy and will have more insect and disease problems.

The three nutrients that plants use the most are nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. They are called macronutrients because the plant needs lots of them. Some other macronutrients that do not come in fertilizer are oxygen, hydrogen and carbon. Secondary nutrients that are used in large quantities, but are found in most soils, are calcium, magnesium and sulfur. There are many micronutrients that are required by plants in much smaller amounts, such as iron, copper, boron and manganese.

Fertilizer packages are required to list the macronutrients in the order listed above. They are often abbreviated as N-P-K. The numbers listed for each nutrient are the percentage of the weight of each nutrient in the bag. For example, a 10-0-0 fertilizer is 10 percent nitrogen and 90 percent filler. The three numbers must always add up to less than 100 percent, because there is always some

filler. Besides. 100 percent nitrogen is a gas, not a solid.

The three percentages are called the fertilizers analysis and the analysis has a base ratio. A fertilizer that has an analysis of 24-4-8 has a ratio of 6 to 1 to 2. A fertilizer listed as 48-8-16 would have the same ratio. For most uses, the analysis is not as important as the ratio. To promote leaves in plants and lawns, a ratio from 3-1-2 to 6-1-2 is what we are generally looking for in spring and summer fertilizers and, in the fall, we reverse the ratio to around 1-2-2 or 3 to promote more root growth.

A fertilizer ratio of around 1-5-2 will promote flowers and fruit. Differences in the fertilizer analysis numbers of about five are not big enough to worry about. Differences of 10 or more, will change the fertilizers use from promoting leaves to fruit, for instance.

Most of the time, fertilizer use is recommended based on the actual amount of nitrogen to be used. For example, almost anywhere in the country, lawns are recommended to receive a maximum of 1 pound of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet.

The next step will require a little math, but I can keep it simple. Remember, that the numbers in a fertilizer's analysis are actually the percentage by weight of how much of that nutrient is in the bag. So, a 100-pound bag of fertilizer with an analysis of 25-5-10 has 25 percent nitrogen - a total of 25 pounds of actual nitrogen and it will cover 25,000 square feet.

Just put a decimal in front of each number in the analysis and multiply it by the actual weight of the bag and you will get the actual weight of that nutrient in the bag. And you didn't think that the math class in junior high would relate to the real world after you graduated.

No matter what the brand name is or whether a fertilizer is labeled for shrubs, trees, grass or houseplants, the actual plant is looking at the same chemicals in the bag. There may be some difference in micronutrients or in the type of material the chemicals are bound to. Some manufactures put the chemicals on kitty litter. some on sand and some put them in little plastic pills that let the chemicals out slowly. Find an inexpensive brand that works in your spreader and follow the label directions on how much to apply at one time.

E-mail questions to Jeff Rugg at agreenerview(at)altavista.com.

Deciphering fertilizer

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 Always read the directions on the bag in order to find a fertileer that works in your spreader and ascertain how much to apply.



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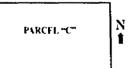
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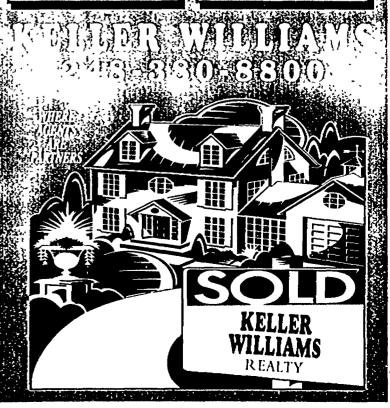
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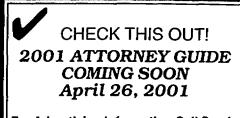
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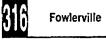
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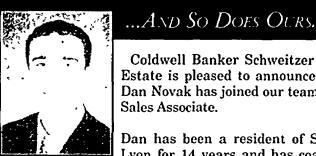
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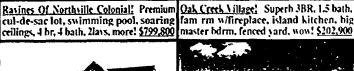
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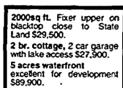
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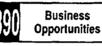
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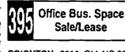
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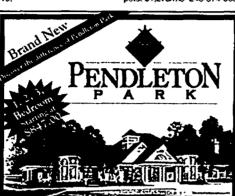
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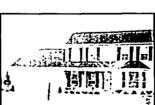
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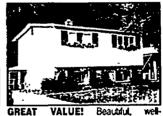






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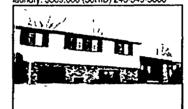
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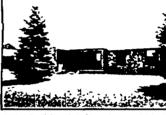
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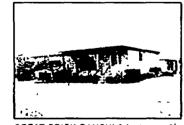
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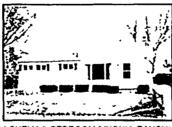
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Looking good gets easier

Men's fashion returns to Northville

By LON HUHMAN Staff Writer

If you're a man, looking sharp in Northville is going to get a bit

The construction of the Long building on East'Main Street has re-introduced to Northville a clothing store for men. Fine Threads, located at 184 E. Main Street, hopes to fill the shoes of

its predecessor. Lapham's. We've created a comfortable and relaxing environment. owner/operator Mark Trudeau said. Our clothing strategy is for a niche market to support the Northville community."

The clothing store — primarily up-scale business casual — features such brand names as Polo Ralph Lauren, Joseph Abboud. Riviera. Mezlan. Lacoste and lke Behar. According to Trudeau. customer service is the top priority for his store. Trudeau said getting to know his customer's needs is one way to enable good customer service.

"We want to meet our customers' needs." Trudeau. who lives with his wife Annie in Northville's Historical District. said. 'To do this, we must be able to provide a comfortable and relaxing environment. The architecture and design of the building matches the personality the store will offer.

Trudeau said the Long build-

"We will do special orders. We'll do an alteration. Meeting individual needs is a priority if we're going to be a quality men's clothing store."

Mark Trudeau Owner/Operator Fine Threads

has all of the modern amenities for a business to succeed, but it also has an appearance that fits well with historical Northville. The design for the front and rear display windows were borrowed from the clothing store Hilditch and Key, which the Trudeaus saw while vacationing in France. The displays were built by Classical Carpentry of

The carpentry work was done by Dan Stoddard of Classical Carpentry and it reflects the cozy and warm atmosphere we want to provide. Trudeau said. The combined atmosphere and service will be the basis for customers to return to our store. We are pleased with the woodwork design done by Classical Carpentry.

According to Trudeau, his operating style will be hands-on and understanding. Trudeau said he is looking to get to know his customers individually, so that the likes and dislikes of each customer will be

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is a priority if we're going to be a quality men's clothing store."

The Trudeaus said they owe much gratitude to building owner Jim Long for being so flexible with them. According to Long. Northville has been in need of a good men's clothing store for some time now and he believed Fine Threads had the potential to meet the need.

"Northville deserves a store such as this." Long said. "Fine Threads has already generated excitement and anticipation among residents.

Another unique aspect to the new store will be the day manager. Bentley - the Trudeau's pet bulldog, who will be a daily fixture at Fine Threads as well as a good conversational piece.

"It meant something to us to open our first business in Northville. Trudeau said. We hope to be an added compliment to the downtown business dis-

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Fine Threads staff of Annie Bentley, Mark Trudeau, and "Bentley" the English Bulldog await customers to their new 184 E. Main St. location.

A.B. Heller apprentice program certified by US Labor Department A.B. Heller and the participat- Schoolcraft community College

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A.B. Heller was established in 1946 and specializes in the manufacturing of precisionmachined parts. The company has the capability to run large volume production jobs as well as low-volume prototype work.

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Ryan Bennett is the first employee selected to participate in A.B. Heller's apprenticeship program. Mr. Bennett has been employed by A.B. Heller since August of 1998 and was selected over several other qualified individuals.

Committee members involved in the selection process indicated that it was a difficult process because there were several good candidates to choose from. However. according to the committee members, it was refreshing to know that there were so many solid candidates interested in participating in the program.

The apprenticeship program consists of 8000 hours of on the hob training as well as classroom instruction at tion of top machinist.

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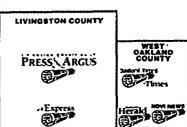
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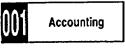
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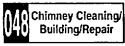
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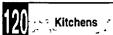
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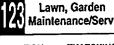
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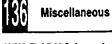
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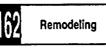
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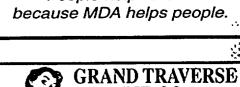
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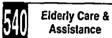
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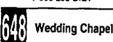
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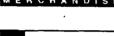
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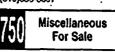
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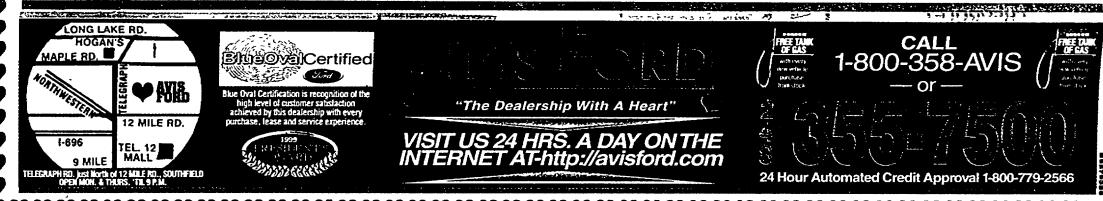
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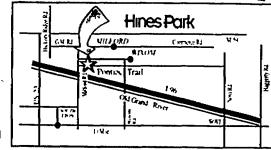
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#### By Donna Rutek

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Nike, Adidas, Reebok - to each his own. Name brands aren't how you should begin looking for an athletic shoe, according to experts.

First, you must determine what you need the shoes for are you going running or walking? Are you training for a marathon or are you taking the dog for a walk once a day?

"If you're doing running, you should be absolutely in a running shoe," said Dr. Lisa Rechkemmer of Instep Podiatry, P.C., in Wheaton, Ill. But, regardless of the activity, she said, the basic things to look for in athletic shoes are support, cushioning and primarily a good fit of the shoe.

Running shoes on the whole are more flexible, according to Rechkemmer. The running shoe is cushioned throughout and many times the arch has more support, she said.

Walking shoes must have a firm back of the shoe because of the way people land on their heels when they walk, according to Rechkemmer. Walking or cross-training shoes can be worn by people all the time.

"Seventy-year-old ladies wear them 'cause they are comfortable," Rechkemmer said.

All kinds of athletic shoes need to have good arch support, she added.

Having a shoe that doesn't fit right most commonly leads to painful blisters, according to Rechkemmer. Improper fit of shoes can also cause arch pain or fatigue, heel pain, and pain up the back, knees and ankles.

## If the shoe fits

### Choose the right footwear for your workout

Letting go of the favorite pair of old running shoes may be a start as well.

"Worn-out shoes are not providing cushioning support," Rechkemmer said. People can even develop tendonitis from wearing last year's running shoes.

People should replace shoes at least once a year, she said. If the shoes are worn every day, as many people do with walking shoes, they should be replaced in six months.

Just because a shoe isn't dirty, doesn't mean it's not worn out. The midsole cushioning - if there are a lot of cracks - tells you the shoe is worn out, Rechkemmer said.

Another test to see if a shoe is worn out: place it on a flat countertop, if it rocks back and forth, it's time to throw the pair away.

But, don't throw them away just yet. Bring them with you to buy your next pair.

Most shoe stores have staff members who can help people find the appropriate shoe, Rechkemmer said. Different brands, different styles have different shock absorption, among other things.

Jim Stuart, manager of Dick Pond Athletics in Carol Stream, III., said people are encouraged to bring in their old pair of running shoes to the store, which specializes in running shoes.

"It is the biggest help. We get to see what they've been using, cushioning, support features," he said. "We can look at the bottoms of shoes and get an idea of how they are wearing the shoes."

However you wear your shoes, Stuart said, each brand has many styles. He also said it depends on what the person is going to do - whether it be a mile run or a marathon.

"There really is no best shoe for a situation," Stuart said. "Some people think they have to get top of the line, but that isn't necessarily the best for them."

Stuart said when it comes to finding the right fit, it may be trial and error.

Also, ditch the old philosophy that you have to break shoes in, according to Rechkemmer.

"You shouldn't have to break a shoe in," she explained. "A shoe should be comfortable as soon as you put them on and take a few steps."

The materials to make shoes are much better nowadays, according to Rechkemmer.

Running shoes are primarily made of a nylon component, which allows feet to breathe, she said. Many cross-training shoes, or walking shoes, are made of leather, which also allows the feet to breathe. Rechkemmer suggests staying away from synthetic materials that don't allow for breathing, normally found with cheaper shoes.

And, don't forget the socks. According to Rechkemmer, socks are important in the way a shoe fits. Try to wear cotton socks, which is pretty easy to do, she said. Many socks are a blend of cotton and another material, which Rechkemmer said is OK to wear.

Don't force your foot into a shoe with a thick sock, Rechkemmer said. A medium thickness is sufficient.

If you've changed your shoes and still feel discomfort in your foot, Rechkemmer said it may be time to seek treatment. This time of year her office is swarming with people who thought their soreness in the heel would go away with the cold weather, she said.

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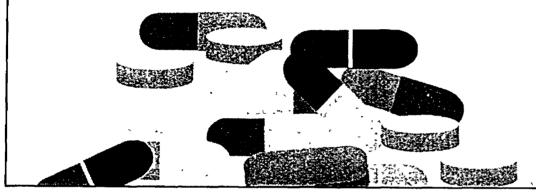
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## La Vida Yoga

## Ancient practice helps ease stress

By Alison Ashton

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It's been a crummy day - too many deadlines, too many distractions, and a nagging sinus headache that even two Aleve can't touch. By the time 6 p.m. rolls around, I'm dog-tired and seriously tempted to snooze on the couch instead of drive to a yoga class.

I opt for the yoga, and 90 minutes later I'm glad I did. Glancing at the roomful of cranky students wilting at the end of a long day, my teacher leads us through a practice of restorative poses. Our gentle sequence of forward bends, a downward dog or two, easy spinal twists and a simple supported inversion seem to relax and revive everyone. We've all become absorbed in the moment and, at least for now, shrugged off the irritations of the day. It's meditation in motion. At the end of class, I feel calm, clear-headed and that sinus headache has finally dissipated.

That's the way yoga works. When you're least in the mood to make the effort, it really pays off.

#### **GROWING POPULARITY**

Yoga is everywhere these days. Popular magazines carry features on it every month. Celebrities from Madonna to Ali MacGraw are seen toting their sticky mats to class. New classes are cropping at health clubs across the nation.

"It's been growing steadily since the 1980s, but it's really exploded in the last few years," says Mara Carrico, author of "Yoga Journal's Yoga Basics" (Owl Books). The celebrity spotlight has "helped bring focus to yoga," she adds.

Yoga is the most prominent form of the burgeoning mind-body health movement, which includes tai chi, qigong and other meditative forms of exercise.

Of course, yoga is nothing new. It's a philosophy that's been practiced in India for more than 2,000 years. The asanas, or postures, are described in the ancient scriptures of the Vedas and other works. The word yoga comes from the Sanskrit root yuj, which means "to join or yoke."

Ultimately, the practice of yoga should integrate every aspect of human existence. While many of modern Western practitioners focus on the physical asanas, for others, yoga is an all-encompassing way of life and a path to bliss.

Considering yoga's lofty goals, it's delightfully simple and can be done anywhere, anytime. Taken to its extreme, yoga encompasses everything from a moral code and dietary practices to deep meditation. Most commonly, though, it's a combination of asanas (with Sanskrit names like vrkasana - tree pose - or the everpopular adho mukha svanasana - dog pose), pranayama (breathing exercises) and some meditation. Yoga doesn't require any equipment, though a few simple props help any practice. A sticky mat is nice so hands and feet don't slide on the floor. Blankets, straps, foam bricks and bolsters are a small but worthwhile investment for practice at home.



Yoga enthusiasts enjoy an session of asanas, a series of yoga poses that make up the workout.

#### **CHOOSE A CLASS**

The best place to start is with a class, where a teacher can show you how to adapt poses using props and help you learn proper technique for the postures.

The good news is that yoga classes have never been more widely available. You'll find them at small studios, health clubs and gyms. The hard part is finding a class that's just right for you. Studios that are dedicated to yoga also foster a more dedicated practice. The same students return to class week after week, and instructors usually follow a particular discipline of yoga. Some classes are aimed at beginners.

Expect to pay \$10 to \$15 per class at a yoga studio (with monthly discounts for multiple classes). But, yoga's expanding popularity means classes are available at many gyms and health clubs, and that can be a good place to start, too. At many health clubs, yoga classes are included in members' monthly fees.

"I think it's really wonderful that health clubs include yoga," says Suzanne Deason, host of Living Arts' "Stress Relief Yoga for Beginners" video. But, she warns, "many times the emphasis in a club environment is to do more. In that, we may lose the yoga."

Whether you consider a studio or health club classes, here are some tips to find qualified instructors and classes that suit your needs:

• Define your goals. Do you have chronic back pain or other physical limitations? An Iyengar-based class, with its emphasis on proper form and use of props, would be ideal. Looking to improve concentration and reduce stress? Consider a class that incorporates meditation. Seeking a challenging workout? Try an ashtanga class.

 Ask about the instructor's background. There is no national certification program for yoga yet, although some disciplines have their own rigorous teaching certification programs. You want an instructor who has been practicing and teaching for a long time.

"It takes a more mature teacher to instruct beginning students," says Carrico. New teachers may know the poses but may lack the experience to help students adapt the asanas.

• Check out the space. Look for rooms that are spacious and well ventilated. Plenty of props - sticky mats, straps, foam bricks, blankets and bolsters - are a good sign, too. Ideally, yoga rooms are quiet, but that may not be the case in a gym setting where students have to contend with loud music and clanking weight machines. That's not the worst thing, says Deason, since an experienced teacher can help students use these distractions to deepen their practice.

• Observe a class. In particular, you want to see how the teacher interacts with students.

"A teacher needs to be like a mother watching her kids," says Carrico.

Unlike other group fitness classes, in which the teacher leads and students follow, yoga instructors keep a close eye on students. They walk around the class, make adjustments and offer props as needed.

Also, look for teachers who encourage students to work

within their own limits, says Deason. Beware of instructors who push or bully students to do more. That's not yoga.

• Arrive early. Once you've picked a class, plan to arrive a few minutes early to introduce yourself to the teacher. She'll want to know your name, if you've ever practiced yoga and you have any injuries or other physical limitations.

#### WHICH TYPE IS BEST?

Yoga is not a one-size-fits-all solution, but a smorgasbord of disciplines and styles. Here are definitions for the most common forms:

Hatha: Iyengar, Ashtanga, Kundalini, Kripalu, Sivananda - these are all forms of hatha yoga. Each reflects the approach of a particular teacher or guru, and there can be significant variation from one discipline to the next. Some are vigorous; others, more meditative.

Iyengar yoga: Developed by B.K.S. Iyengar, this is one of the most common techniques taught in the West. This discipline focuses on proper form and alignment, and makes ample use of props. The pace is slow to moderate, making this an ideal form for newcomers, as well as more experienced students.

Ashtanga yoga: Madonna's love of this vigorous, dynamic form of yoga helped bring it into the mainstream. It's the most physically demanding form of hatha yoga, since students move through a rapid sequence of asanas and jump from one pose to the next. A modified, but still challenging, version of "power" yoga is taught at many health clubs and studios. Recommended for limber, physically fit students.

Viniyoga: Want yoga to suit your needs? This form modifies and tailors postures for each student. Often taught in private sessions, the pace is a bit more vigorous than Iyengar, but not as punishing as ashtanga.

Kundalini yoga: Some people find this meditative form of yoga, which combines breathing, postures, chanting and meditation, a bit eccentric. The goal is to cleanse and channel the energy. After a session of doing the "breath of fire," you'll feel revived and energized.

Kripalu yoga: This practice follows three stages, and the student sets the pace. During Stage 1, a student learns the basic mechanics of the asanas to become acquainted with her body's strengths and limitations. During Stage 2, she holds postures for longer periods and learns to surrender to the poses in a practice designed to improve concentration and detachment. In Stage 3, she performs postures spontaneously, following a flow determined by her own needs.

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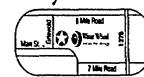
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Assorted sterling silver slides and hoop earrings. Reg. 20.00-50.00. sale 8.00-20.00.

sale 29.99

Men's famous-maker microfiber pants. Reg. 65.00. IN MEN'S sale 14.99

Men's selected microfiber, sateen and all-cotton dress shirts from Gezani, Preswick & Moore and other famous

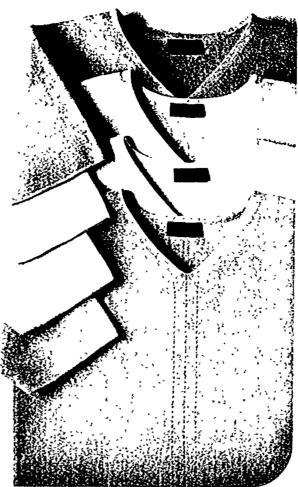
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Your choice children's Buster Brown knit or woven separates. Reg. 15.00-24.00. IN CHILDREN'S AT ALL STORES EXCEPT DOWNTOWN

## save on great casual looks



40% off A large assortment of spring casual sportswear and denim collections from your favorite famous American designers, Ivy, John Paul Richard and more. Reg 28 00-78 00, sale 16.80-46.80. SELECTION VARIES BY STORE IN LADIES SPORTSMEAR



sale 24.99 Choose from a great assortment of relativity spring sweaters. Shown, pointelle sweater in sugar coral, bleach white, hily green or cerulean Sizes S-M-L-XL Reg 34 00. SELECTION VARIES BY STORE IN LADIES SPORTSWEAR



sale 29.99 Assorted spring sweaters from Jeanne Pierre, Joseph A, August Silk and others Reg. 34.00-48.00. Shown: three-quartersleeve cuffed bateau in tangerine or (not shown) white, red, black, daisy. hot pink or turquoise Sizes S-M-L-XL. Reg. 48 00. IN LADIES SPORTSWEAR



7.77 Choose from an assortment of printed twill skirts in a variety of styles and must-have patterns. Sizes 4-14. Red 40 00 IN LADIES SPORTSWEAR AT ALL STORES EXCEPT THE SUVINIT AND PHIPPS PLAZA



Sale 19.99 Your choice Parisian Woman tees and twill pants from Parisian Works in assorted colors. Tees, sizes 1X-2X-3X. Pants, sizes 16W-24W Reg. 24 00-34 00. IN PAR SYAL WOMAN.



sale 19.99 Your choice selected relativity separates Shown: gingham top in raspberry or (not shown) coal, hily green or river blue, sizes S-M-L-XL. Walk shorts in string or (not shown) coal or olive, sizes 6-16. Req. 28 00 SELECTION VARIES BY STOPE IN LADIES PORTSWEAR



Sale 9.99 Juniors' knit tops in assorted styles, colors and stripes-tanks, muscle tees, sleeveless and more Sizes S-M-L. Reg. 14 00-16 00.

Sale 19.99 Your choice juniors' denim shorts or georgette print skirts in a variety of colors. Sizes 1-13, S-M-L. Reg. 24 00-36 00. IN JUNIORS



## dress and career savings



30% off Petites' linen career separates, including jackets, pants, skirts and more. Sizes 4P-14P. Reg. 28 00-68.00, sale 19.60-47.60. STYLES AND COLORS VARY BY STORE IN PETITES AT ALL STORES EXCEPT WESTERN HILLS MALL, PHIPPS PLAZA, THE SUMMIT AND NORTH POINT MALL.



Sale 89.99 Choose from a great selection of ladies' and petites' spring dresses and pantsuits. Shown: Kasper two-piece dress in melon. Sizes 6-16. Reg. 119.99. Other selected styles also on sale. Reg. 120.00-180.00, sale 89.99-129.99. IN DRESSES



Sale 59.99 Choose from a wide assortment of ladies' and petites' dresses, jacket dresses and pantsuits. Shown: Sweet Jessie pantsuit in lilac. Sizes 6-16. Reg. 88.00, w dresses ladies' sizes at all stores except pripps plaza, petites' sizes not available at western hills mall and pripps plaza.



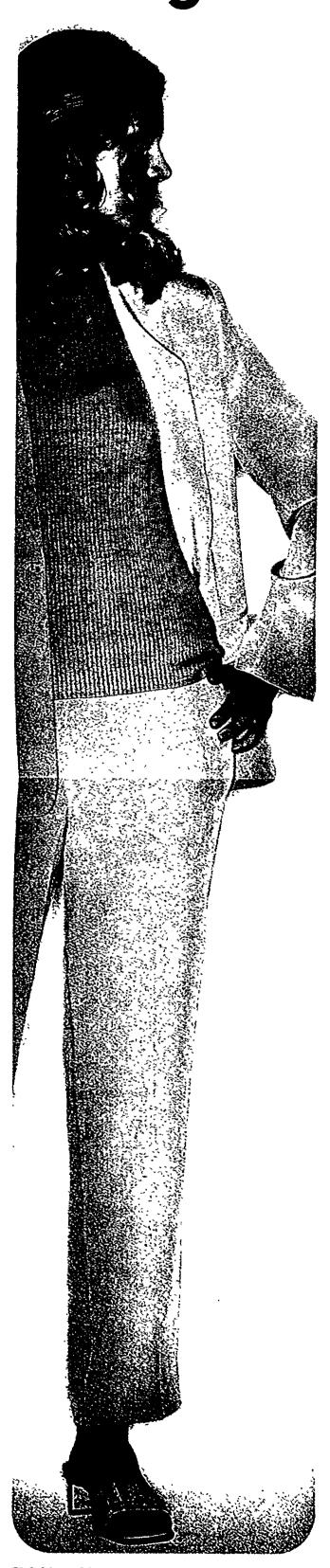
**Sale 69.99** Select from a wide variety of ladies' and petites' dresses, jacket dresses and pantsuits. Shown: Positive Attitude jacket dress in coral. Sizes 8-18. Reg. 98 00. W DRESSES LADIES SIZES AT ALL STORES



Sale 129.99 Selected ladies' and petites' suits and pantsuits. Reg. 190.00-220.00. Shown: short-sleeve pantsuit in red or (not shown) purple or black. Sizes 6-16. Reg. 190.00. M SUITS



Sale 99.99 Choose from a large selection of prom dresses—halters, ballgowns, strapless, spaghetti-strap styles and more in a variety of vivid colors. Sizes 4-14. Reg. 128.00-198.00. W DRESSES.



50% off Career separates in silk, microfiber, tricotine and more for business or social occasions. Sizes 2-14, S-M-L-XL. Reg. 34.00-128.00, sale 17.00-64.00. SELECTION VIAMES BY STORE IN LADGES SPORTSWEAR.

### save on accessories & intimates



**sale 59.99** Rolf's leather handbags in a variety of great styles Reg 100 00 P. ACCESSOR ES



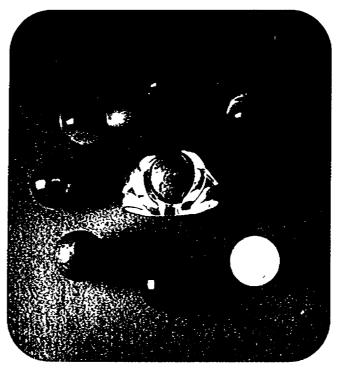
**Sale 24.99** Choose from a large selection of Parisian Signature and relativity straw and fabric handbags Reg 32 00-42 00 ALCESSORES



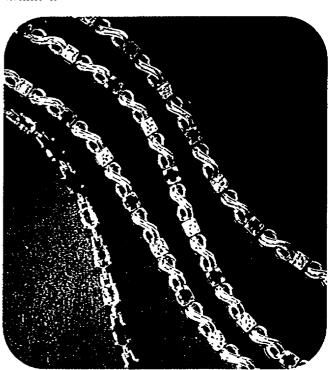
**Sale 16.99** Our entire stock of relativity sunglasses in an assortment of oversized plastic and metal styles. Reg. 20 00-24.00.



Sale 19.99 Assorted sterling silver hoop earrings Reg. 40 00-50 00 IN ACCESSOR ES



**sale 19.99** Sterling silver rings with interchangeable colored stones for a variety of fashion looks. Reg. 40.00. IN ACCESSORIES



**sale 29.99** Your choice genuine multi-stone bracelet set in sterling silver or genuine emerald, sapphire or ruby bracelet set in 18k gold-over-sterling silver Reg 80 00-120 00 IN ACCESSORIES



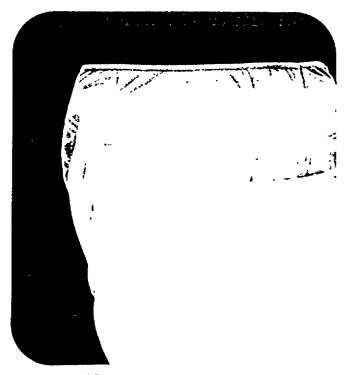
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30% off Our entire stock of Cypress spa robes Reg. 42 00, sale 29.40. IN INTIMATE APPAREL



30% off Nine West, "Aragon" leather pumps in black or (not shown) navy, red or sand. Reg. 69.00, sale 48.38.

30% off Enzo Angiolini "Valentina" leather pumps in tawny birch or (not shown) black. Reg. 75.00, sale 52.50.

30% off Franco Sarto "Due" leather slides in black or (not shown) camel. Reg. 80.00, sale 56.00.

## 30% off Women's shoes from enzo angiolini, nine west, franco sarto, anne klein 2 and more!



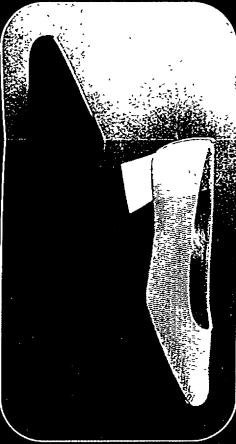
30% off Your choice "Beluga" metallic sandals in silver or (not shown) gold or Anne Klein 2" "Story" leather sandals in pearl putty. Reg. 69.00; sale 48.30.



30% off Your choice Moda "Image" high-heeled mules in black croc or "Ideal" leather cut-out pumps in black. Reg. 64.00, sale 44.80.



30% off Van Eli "Tanisha" sling-back open-toe pumps in taupe or black. Reg. 76.00, sale 53.20.



30% off Van Eli "Clarey" tabric pumps in black or taupe. Reg. 76.00, sale 53.20.



30% off relativity "Samantha" leather slides in bone snake, gold or (not shown) red, black, brown, navy or stone. Reg. 49.00, sale 34.30.



30% off Your choice Naturalizer\* "Poem" stretch fabric sling-backs in alabaster or "Jeannie" "Question" open stretch fabric pumps in black. Reg. 65.00, sale 45.50.

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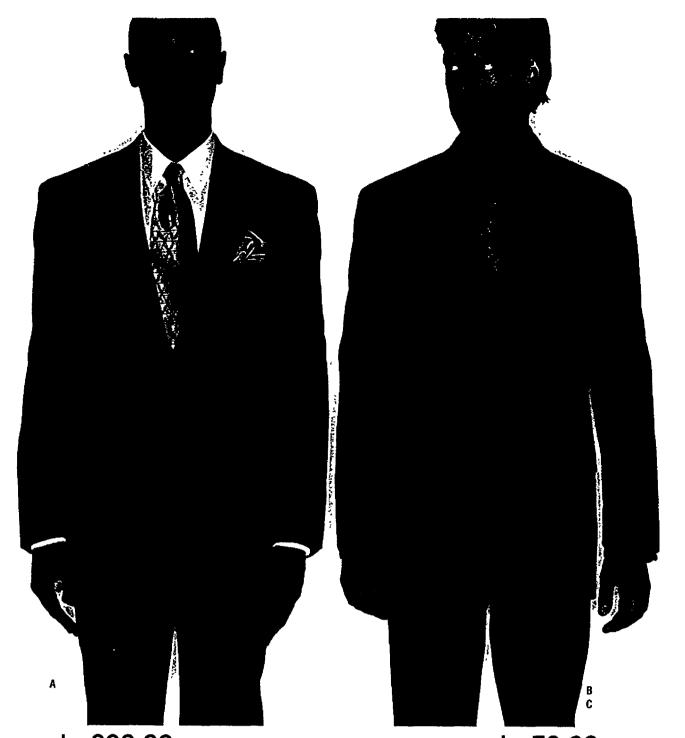


30% off Your choice Easy Spirit "Question" open-toed stretch slip-ons or "Sublette" stretch slip-ons in black. Reg. 69.00, sale 48.30.



30% off Left. Clarks "Stella" woven leather clogs in brown. Reg. 70 00, sale 49.00. Right. Clarks "Annie" smooth leather clogs in brown or (not shown) black. Reg. 65 00, sale 45.50.

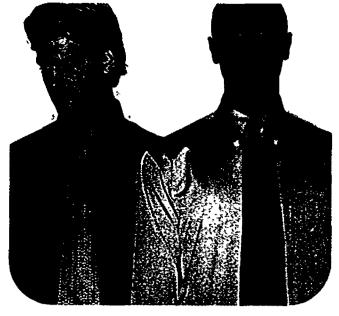
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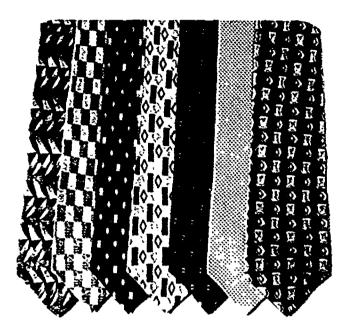
A, B. Sale 229.99 Your choice Bill Blass\* two- and three-button wool suits or wool or silk/wool spring sport coats. Suits in patterns, solid colors and stripes. Sport coats in patterns and solid colors. Reg. 350 00-475.00.

c. sale 59.99 Choose from a large selection of all-wool dress trousers from Bill Blass\*. Reg. 85.00.

SELECTION VARIES BY STORE IN MEN'S SPORT COATS AND TROUSERS AT ALL STORES SUITS AT ALL STORES EXCEPT DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM, WIREGRASS COMMONS SEMINOLE TOWNS CENTER, WEST OAKS MALL MORTHLAKE MALL MACON MALL SAVANNAH MALL. THE MALL AT BARNES CROSSING AND COLUMBIANA MALL.

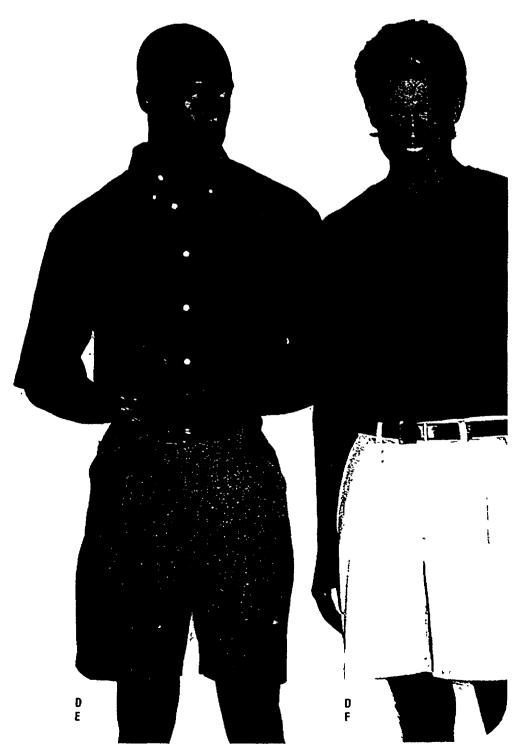


Sale 29.99 Choose from a bright selection of Preswick & Moore all-cotton or Hathaway easy-care blend dress shirts. Sizes 15%-33 to 17%-35. Reg. 37.50-45 00. W MEN'S HATHAWAY AT ALL STORES EXCEPT THE SUMMIT PHIPPS PLAZA AND KENWOOD TOWNS CENTRE



Sale 24.99 Preswick & Moore silk neckwear.
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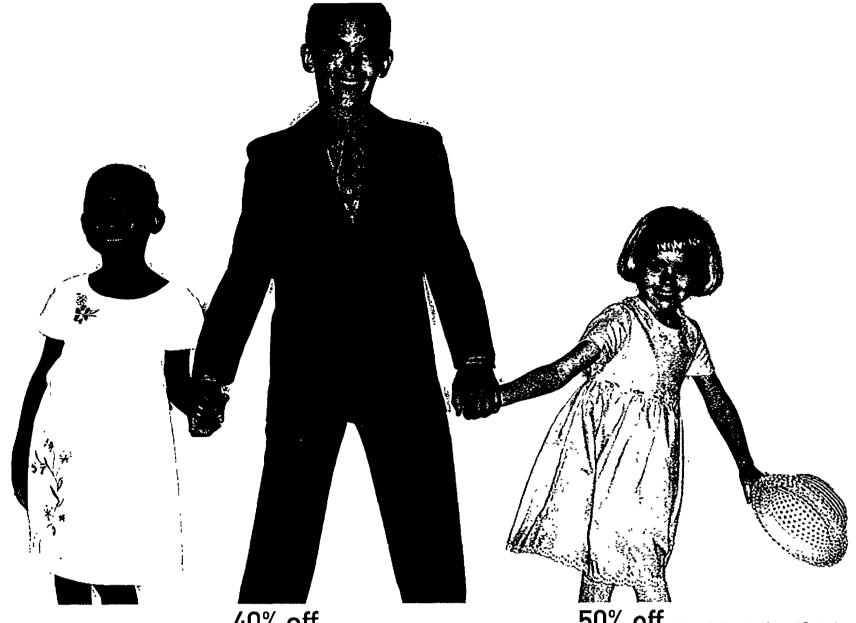
D.E. Sale 19.99 Choose from a large selection of Preswick & Moore fashion knit or woven shirts and shorts. Shirts, sizes M-L-XL-XXL; shorts, sizes 32-42. Reg. 30.00-34 00. SELECTION VARIES BY STORE IN MEN'S.

F. Sale 19.99 Savane\* side-elastic cotton shorts in stucco or (not shown) khaki, cedar or navy. Sizes 32-40. Reg. 32.00. SELECTION VARIES BY STORE IN MEN'S



Sale 29.99 Your choice famous-maker knit golf shirts in assorted color solids and stripes or Savane\* pleated twill slacks in prairie or (not shown) buff, latte or cedar. Shirts, sizes M-L-XL-XXL; slacks, sizes 32-40 Reg. 42,00-52 00. IN MENS SHIRTS AT ALL STORES EXCEPT WESTERN HILLS MALL, NORTHLAKE MALL AND THE MALL AT BARMES CROSSANG

## save on kids' dress & playwear



40% off Girls' selected spring and Easter dresswear from Jonathan Martin, Bonnie Jean and more. Sizes 2-16 Reg. 28 00-78 00. sale 16.80-46.80. IN CHILDREN S

40% off Boys' selected spring and Easter dresswear from Savane and TFW. Choose from suits, shirts, jackets, stacks and more. Sizes 2-20. Reg. 14 00-100 00, sale 8.40-60.00. A CHILDRENS

50% off Toddlers' selected spring and Easter dresswear and accessorized sets from Goodlad and Baby Togs". Reg. 28 00-55 00, sale 14.00-27.50, in CHILDRENS



40% off Girls' Great Escape "eyelash" tops and printed skirts in assorted bright colors Girls' sizes 4-16 Reg 20 00-34 00, sale 12.00-20.40. M CHILDREN'S



40-50% off Assorted tops and shorts from Parisian Kids and PK Clothing Co. Boys' sizes 2-20 and girls' sizes 2-14. Reg. 14 00-28 00. sale 7.00-16.80. IN CHILDRENS



40% off Buster Brown\* and Parisian Kids short sets. Boys' sizes 2-7 and girls' sizes 2-6X. Reg. 22 00-24 00, sale 13.20-14.40.

## baby sale! last four days to save



50% off vitamins play sets for infants and newborns in assorted styles Reg 18 00, sale 9.00. Normorens

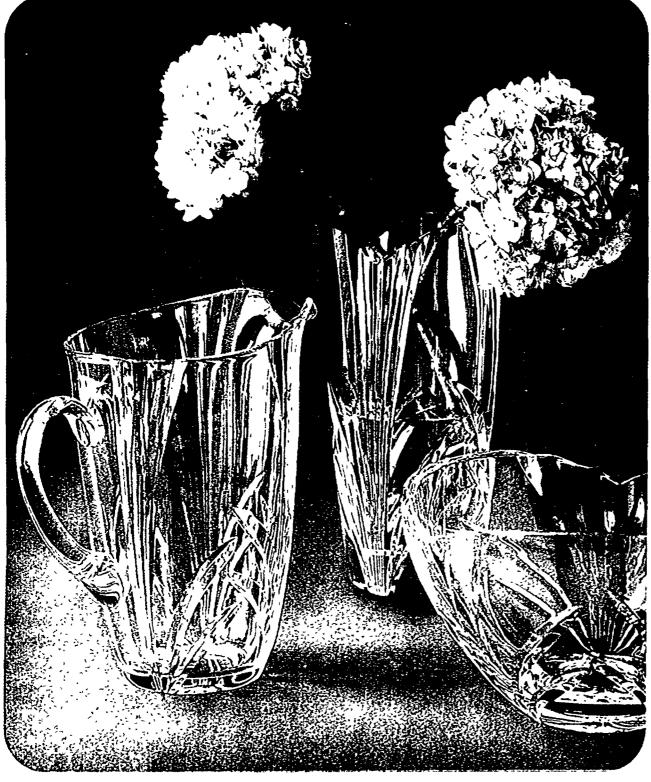


33% off Stock up on Baby Basics from Carter's\*, including receiving blankets, bibs, bodysuit three-packs and washcloth three-packs in assorted colors Reg. 7.00-20.00, sale 4.69-13.40. IN CHILDREN'S AT ALL STORES EXCEPT DOWNTOWN BERMINGHAM



50% off Infants' selected spring and Easter dresswear and sets from Goodlad and Baby Togs". Reg. 28 00-36.00, sale 14.00-18.00. IN CHILDREN'S

## spring savings for your home



Sale 29.99 Your choice Block crystal gifts
Choose bowl, vase, biscuit barrel or pitcher in "Nassau" pattern Reg 50 00 in a FTS



40% off Our entire stock of frames. Reg. 8 00-134 00. sale 4.80-80.40. SPLECT ON VARIES BY STORE



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### saturday doorbusters 9:00 am to 1:00 pm only!









40% off Parisian Signature, Parisian Works and John Paul Richard. Reg. 32.00-94.00,

sale 19.20-56.40.

IN LADIES' SPORTSWEAR

40% off from Enzo Angiolini, Anne Klein 2°, Naturalizer<sup>e</sup>, Easy Spirit<sup>\*</sup> and Moda. Reg. 65.00-79.00,

sale 39.00-47.40.

IN LADIES' SHOES

40% off

shoes from Stride Rite\*, Esprit\*, Sam & Libby\*, Hush Puppies\*. Parisian Kids and Keds\*. Reg. 30.00-40.00, sale 18.00-24.00. IN CHILDREN'S SHOES

40% off woven sport shirts and shorts.

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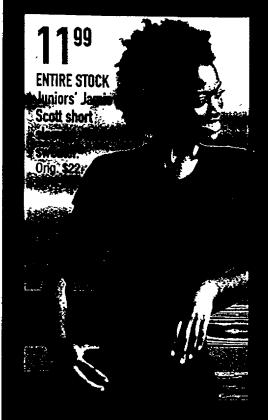
21 99 Misses' or petites' Briggs stretch pants. Orig. \$40 Plus size, sale 24.99







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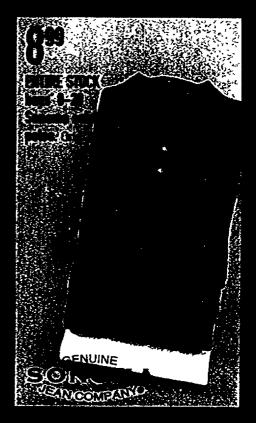


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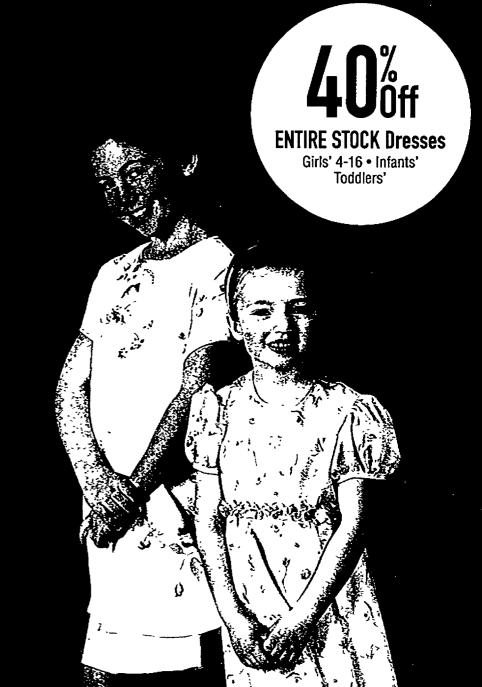






















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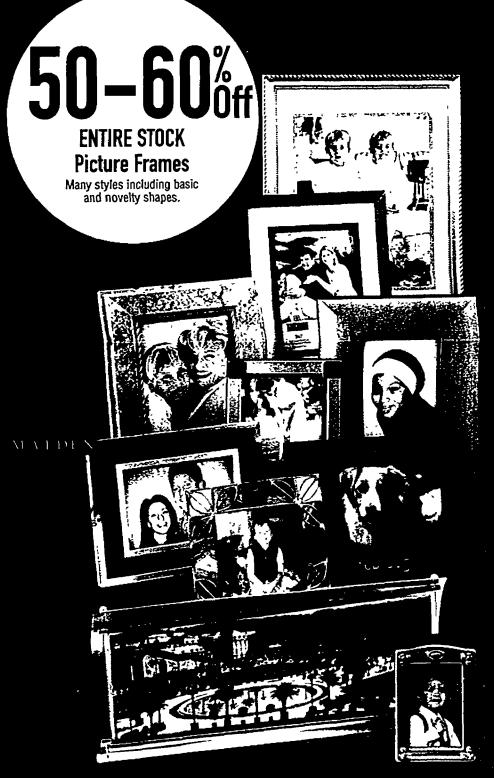
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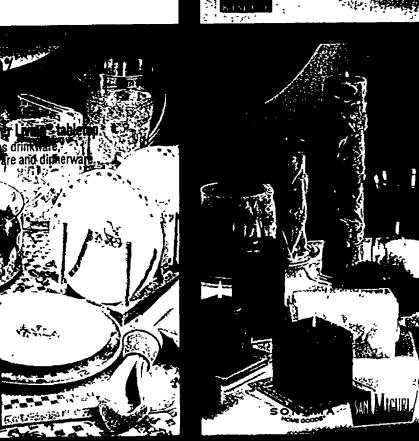














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9705 Glass Door Wall Unit 32 : 17 : 70

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9702 2 Door 5366 Well Unit 32 : 17 : 76 9702 and 9705 shown with optional return moldings kit #9740 sold

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1752 4 Drawer 521 Country Desk 62 x 31 4 x 30 -I file with full extension glides 2 box, and it center tray diamer

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All above shown in MC29 Worm Cherry and MC30 Black Onya Finish



725 Corner Cupboard with Drawer Shown in MC75 Honey Pine Firish



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9450 8 Drawer - 4 Door

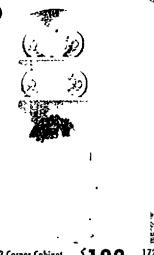
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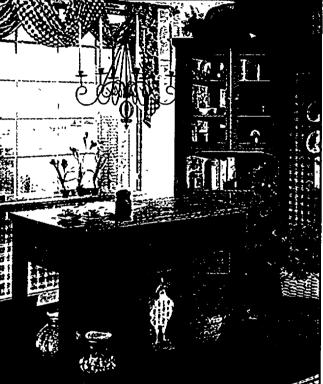
Kitchen Island

60 ± 36 ± 35%



722 Corner Cabinet 27/x13x74 Shown in MC61 Colonial Maple Finish

1720 Corner Cabinet 32% x 15 4 x 73 /



9503 Kitchen Island Divider 48 x 24 x 36

3 drawers 2 doors center drawer forms 1 long drawer that 43 x 18 x 82 pushes through from front or balk of unit Shown in asserted Vastercraft paint colors and hand painted

721 Corner

Cupboard

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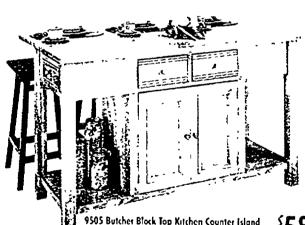


741 Plain Top Crown Moulding Corner Cupboard 43 ( x 19 x 77 Shown in MC41 Bleached White Paint Lighted

747 Arched Crown Corner Cupboard 40 x 18 x 77 Unit is I ghted with a 3-way touch light located on the upper right hinge. Shown in MC16 Heritage Green Finish

740 Pediment Top Sold separately

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9504 Kitchen Island 60 x 24 x 36 Unit has drawers & doors on all sides. Top 2 center drawers pass through each side. Shown in MC22 Golden Oak & MC64 Sage Green Finish.

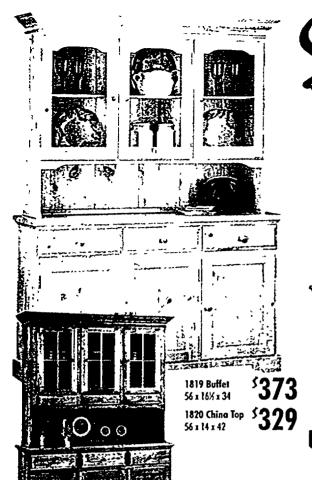
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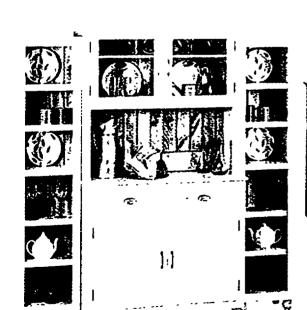


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Above shown in MC21 Natural Oak Finish.

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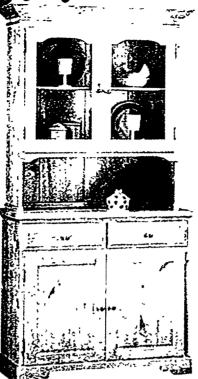
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1801 Step Bock Hotch 43 x 17% x 75 Shown in WB68 Almond and MC22 Golden Oak Finish. 1802 Side Bookcase Right 17 x 12 x 71%

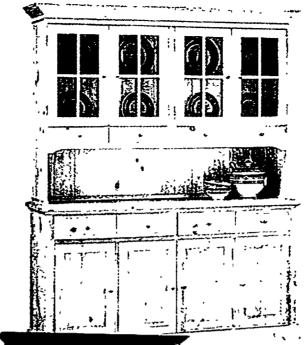
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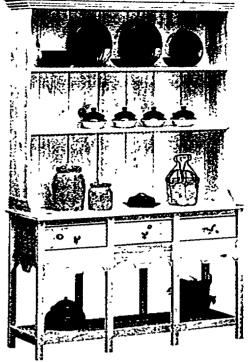
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1821 Buffet 64 x 18 x 34

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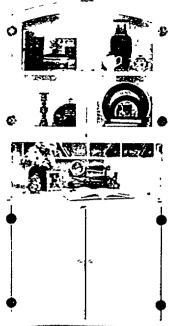
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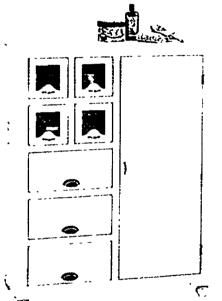


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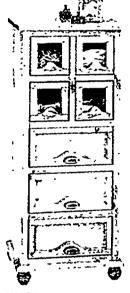
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35 x 8 x 134
1 door, 6 drawers
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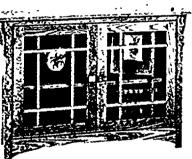
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27% x 19% x 53%
Shown in MC22 Golden Ook Finish

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Hall Cupboard
44.4 x 14 x 31%
Also available with glass doors as 8219
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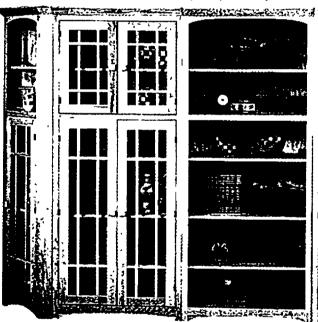
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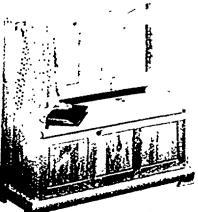
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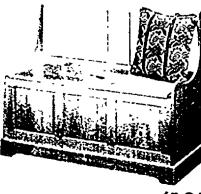
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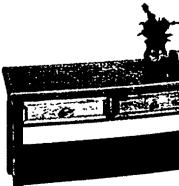


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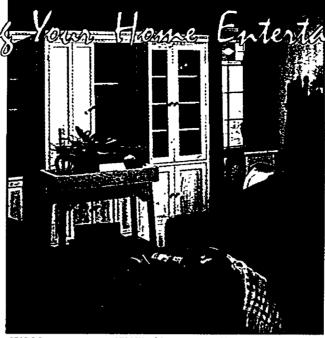
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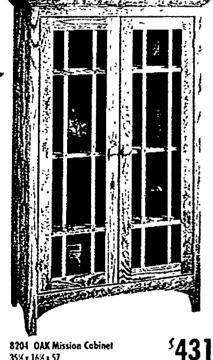
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Top 2 shelves are removable. Opening for TV 33 x 26 x 46H.

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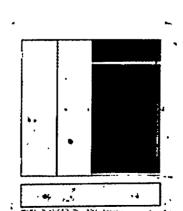
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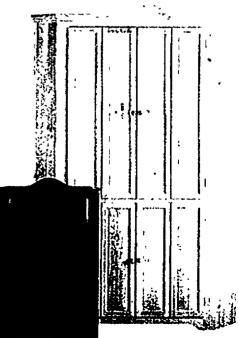




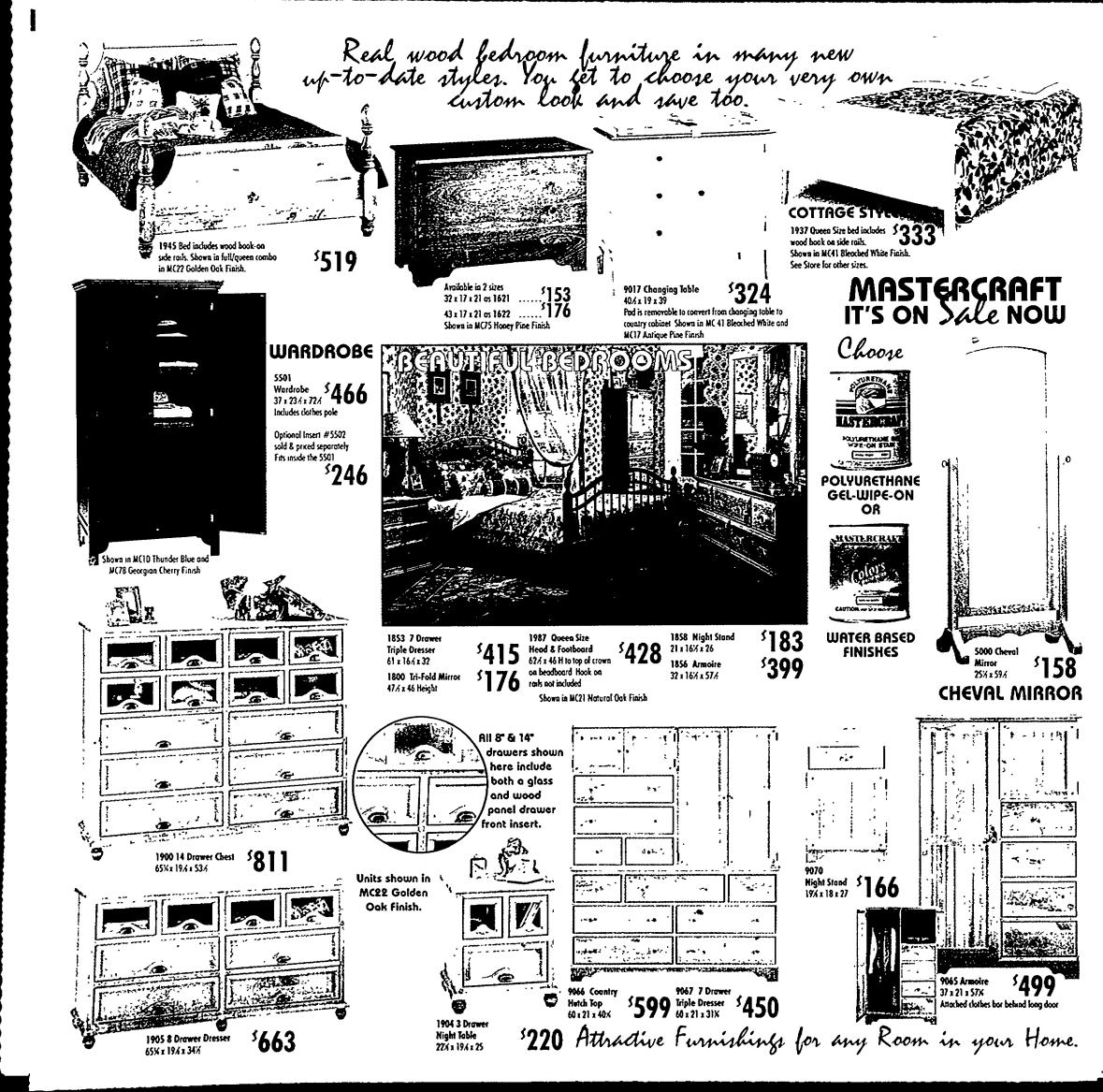
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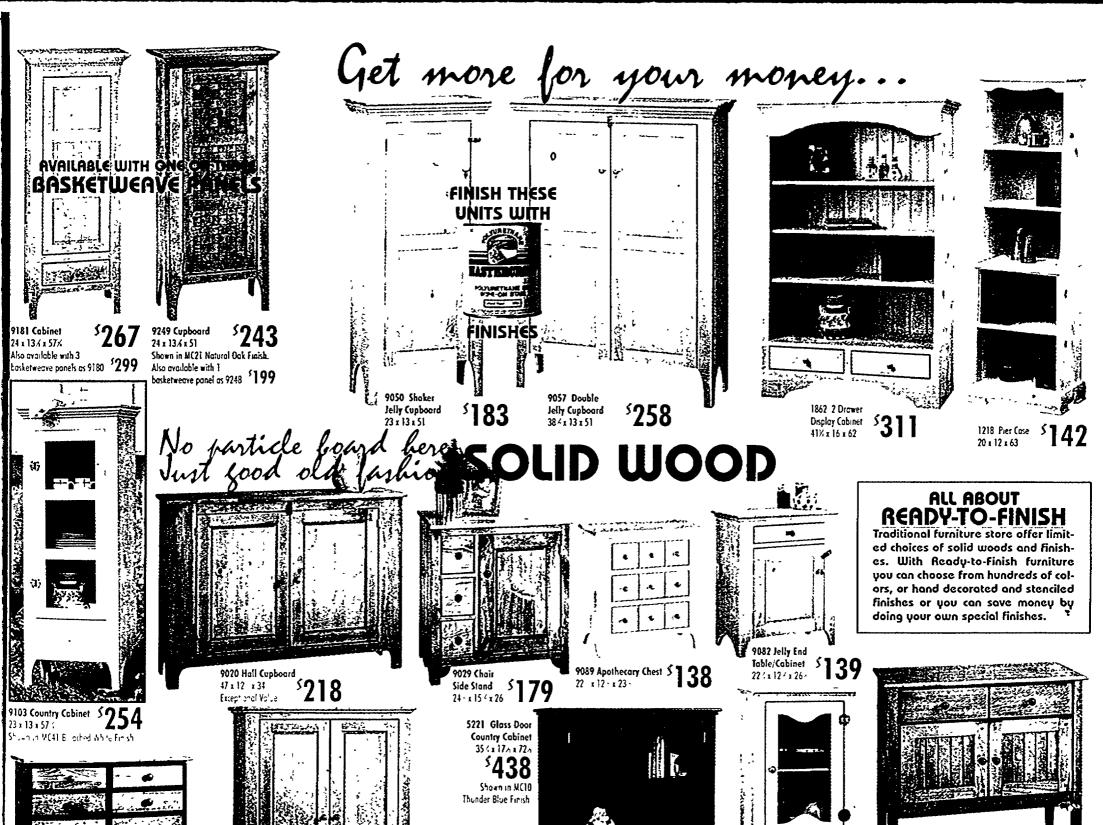


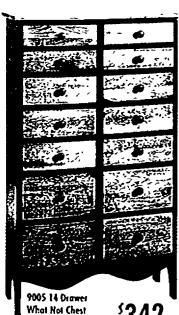
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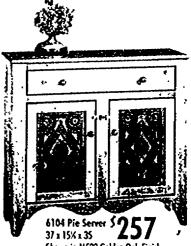
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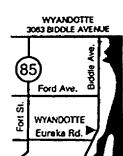
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1771 Top Unit 46% x 13 x 26% Unit has 2 drawers, 36 CO storage holder and attachable floppy dist rack.

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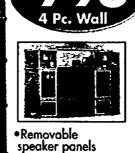


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Crafted in California of oak solids and correct for time rift cut oak veneers. This unit will hold your 36" monitor size TV. Overall size is 60" W x 22"D x 58" H. Brass glass audio door with adjustable shelves for your components.

# BIG SCREEN CHOICES





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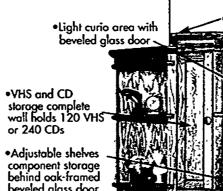


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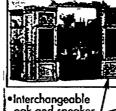


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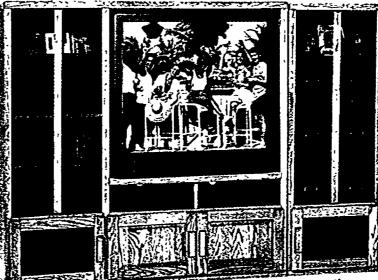


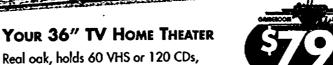


### 36" BIG SCREEN TRADITIONAL OAK ENTERTAINMENT UNIT

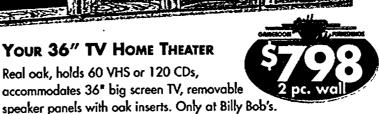
- Lighted display storage •Twin vertical tape drawers Brass and glass audio door
- VCR storage •Holds 36" big screen Made in the U.S.A









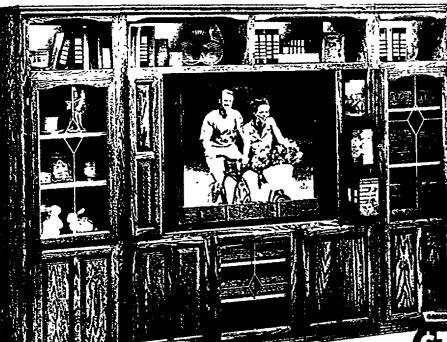






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### 100" 3 Piece Traditional MONITOR SIZE WALL SYSTEM

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- Beveled glass and brass doors Lighted display areas Vertical tape storage drawers •Lots of concealed storage





### **61" MONITOR SIZE ENTERTAINMENT CENTER**

- •Rich golden oak finish Crafted with solid
- oak and select oak veneers Accommodates 35<sup>a</sup> monitors
- Beveled brass and plass doors •Twin vertical tape I raries VCR storage

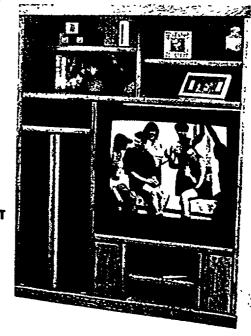
•61"W x 21"D x 61 H



36" BIG SCREEN REAL OAK ENTERTAINMENT UNIT

 Solid wood construction •46"W x 63"H x 20"D

 VCR storage Vertical tape drawer •Glass doors conceal audio equipment Special buy!





#### 36" BIG SCREEN ENTERTAINMENT CENTER WITH LIGHTED DISPLAY AREA

- Solid wood construction
- •59"W x 72"H x 18"D
- •VCR storage •Ughted display areas
- •Glass doors keep audio components dusk free •Special Buy





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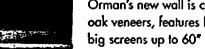
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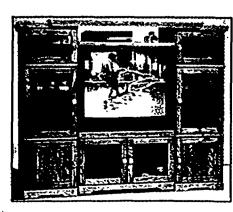




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### AWNING COMPANY OF THE MONTH



CLASS AND CHARACTER

### MARYGROVE: THE AWNING STORE AND MORE

By Linda Lacina

fter all these years, the transformation an awning can make to a plain storefront still amazes Mike Falahee, president and CEO of Marygrove The Awning Store and More in Livonia.

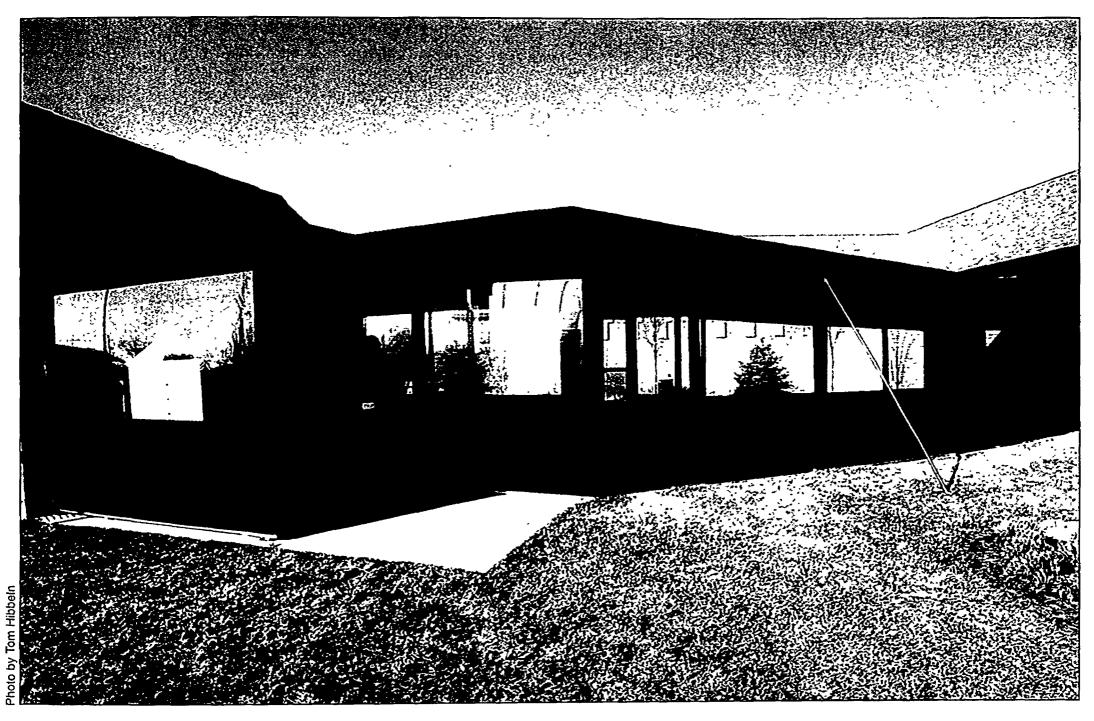
"The awning looks so creative and elegant – a combination of class and character," says Falahee. "I get a big thrill out of that."

And why wouldn't it? In business since 1933,

Marygrove has grown much larger and more quickly than any one expected. Since merging with The Awning Store four years ago, Marygrove is the number one retailer of retractable awnings and patio awnings in the nation. Its facility and long-term relationships enable this company to offer the top commercial and residential awning products available.

It isn't hard to find a Marygrove awning – they're found in some of the most popular places in southeast Michigan – Comerica Park, the Detroit Edison Energy Park (formerly Pine Knob), Joe Louis Arena, and the Palace of Auburn Hills. You'll also find yourself beneath their awnings at many neighborhood locales you frequent everyday – Bill Cook Buick in Farmington Hills and Jacobson's in Livonia.

### AWNING COMPANY OF THE MONTH



These awnings are the product of a relationship between customers and Marygrove staffers. Customers are invited to work with Marygrove designers on an awning or signage unique to their home or business. Later, using drawing and graphics programs, designers use computers to superimpose their design over photos of customers' actual houses or businesses.

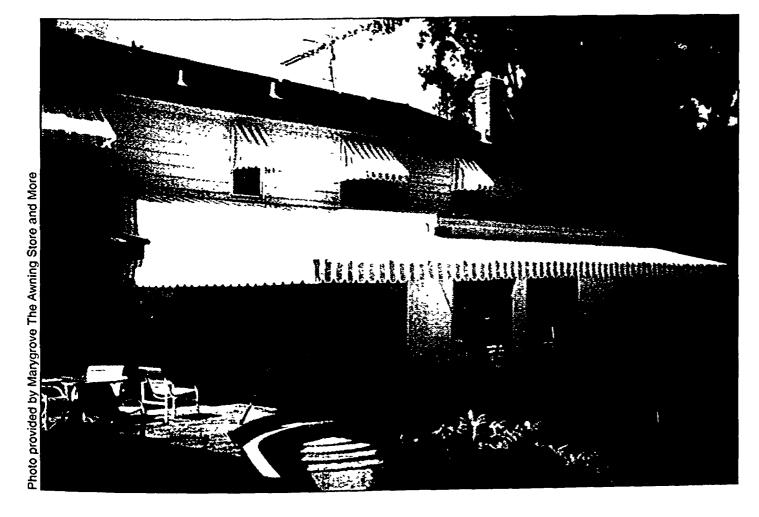
Customers appreciate seeing the product in its production stages and being able to modify

plans and colors ahead of time. Says Falahee, "with all the creative minds together it is amazing what can be produced. There's no surprise and they're pleased with what ends up on the wall."

Customers are also invited to meet the many people involved in making their awning and see it being fabricated. The average awning takes several hands and many hours to complete, according to Falahee, and many people are astonished to see the process go from early designs and field measures to welders, cutters, sewers, dressers and installers.

It's these staff members that truly fuel Marygrove's growth and success. While some staff members have specialized areas of expertise, many are cross-trained, able to step in to work on different projects, be they residential or commercial. The 57 employees in this company provide several hundred years of experience to the customer.

Of course experienced staffers know how to keep the pulse of the industry. Each year Marygrove and its staffers attend the Industrial Fabrics Association International show to see the latest in products and software for commercial and residential awnings worldwide. Staff



#### AWNING COMPANY OF THE MONTH

members visit the literally hundreds of booths and come back with ideas of how to update current systems, and further educate and serve the consumer.

Back home, Marygrove staffers work on making day-to-day operations even more efficient with their Customer Satisfaction Index Committee. Around 15 staff members meet every Thursday to discuss new products and how to improve customer service. The meetings resolve a number of issues as staff members work with different departments to plan large projects. Staffers also draw from this well of experience to improve communications, response times, ways to handle questions or concerns, and followup programs.

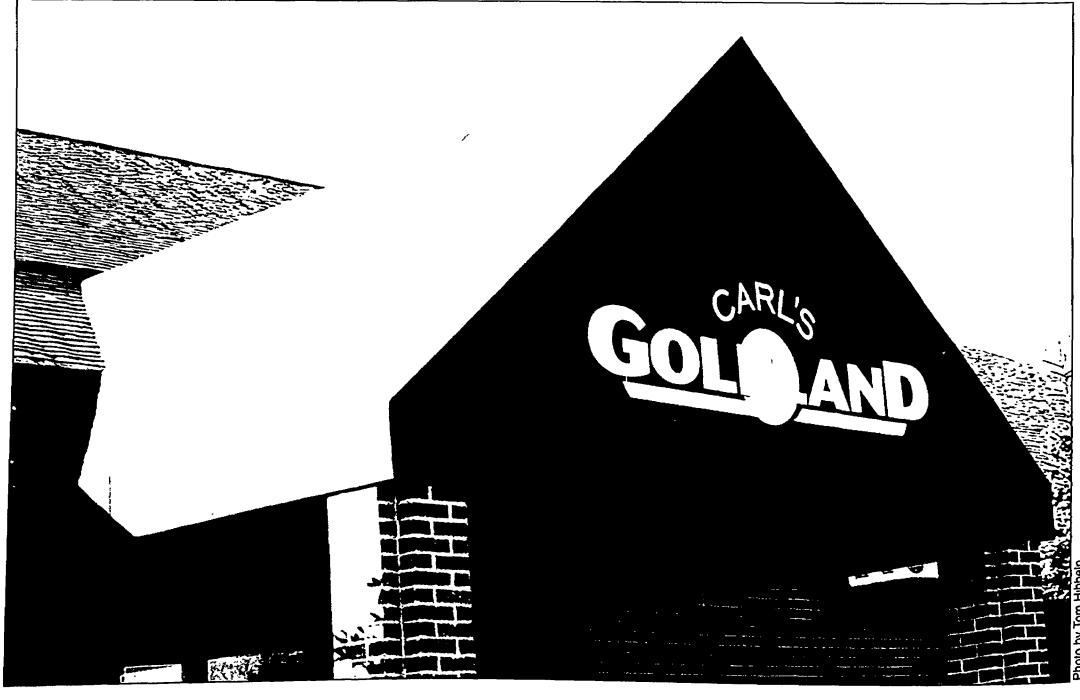
Thanks to the Customer Satisfaction Index, Marygrove has guidelines geared for top-notch customer service. After every sale the company sends out a decorative refrigerator magnet to the customer with pertinent information including installation dates and the customer service phone number. Follow-up calls are placed appropriately to gather feedback from the customer on the status of the job. Understanding the importance of every customer, past and present, Marygrove sends out personalized thank you notes and continues to offer follow-up services to previous clientele.

Marygrove prides itself on 48-hour turnaround for any issue arising with their awnings. And though he hasn't needed to do it, Falahee will refund customers' money if they are not satisfied with their awning for any reason.

For now, Marygrove plans to keep growing. Falahee plans on moving to an even larger facility and bringing in more equipment and automation to provide a high quality product to even more satisfied customers.

"Our goal is to have every customer satisfied," says Falahee. "Without our customers we won't exist."

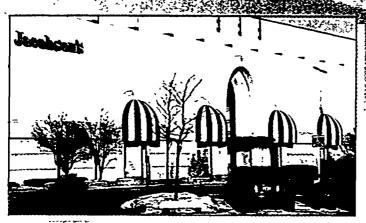




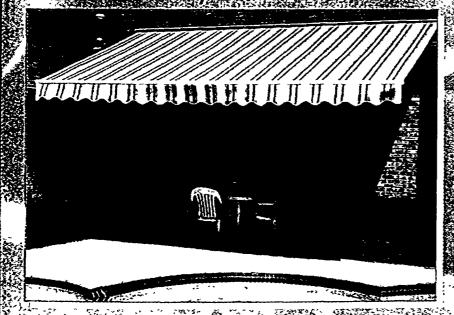
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## You Are Your Kitchen: High-end features fit every style



By Jeremy Hull

That used to be simply a room for cooking and dining has taken on an entirely new persona. Whether a homeowner's taste leans toward contemporary, European, or country, designers have stayed one step ahead by creating high-end features to match customer taste and character, as well as providing resilience.

#### **Crisp and clean – Contemporary**

Considered the pinnacle of high style, contemporary has been known for its smooth and sharp lines that originally had more to do with appearance than performance. Today's contemporary kitchen retains long-lasting function with style and elegance.

To blend form and function in a contemporary style, decorate with stainless steel. Once the mainstay of commercial kitchens, homeowners have discovered that stainless steel adds to a residential kitchen's reliability and attractiveness.

"It's the idea of having the long-lasting

beauty of stainless steel and the durability of the product," says Carmen Hancock, co-owner of Kitchens Plus in Livonia.

In addition to being a neutral color that blends in well, Hancock says that stainless steel does not corrode and can last forever, which is why it is so prized in the commercial restaurant industry.

For a stark roughness, some contemporary kitchens make use of concrete. Like granite, concrete is porous, but lacks a sealer that makes it easier to maintain. Nonetheless, says Hancock, concrete makes an extremely attractive countertop, and can be used to integrate with the walls and cabinetry.

One contemporary countertop material that contains the best of both worlds of granite and Corian, or solid surfacing, is DuPont's Zodiac™. Made from 93-percent quartz, the main ingredient in granite, Zodiac™ is non-porous, extremely stable, and very consistent in color and pattern. And unlike granite, says Hancock, there is no sealer to it.

"The sealer can actually damage the countertop if you spill something acidic like orange juice on it," she says. "With Zodiac™, you don't have to worry about that."

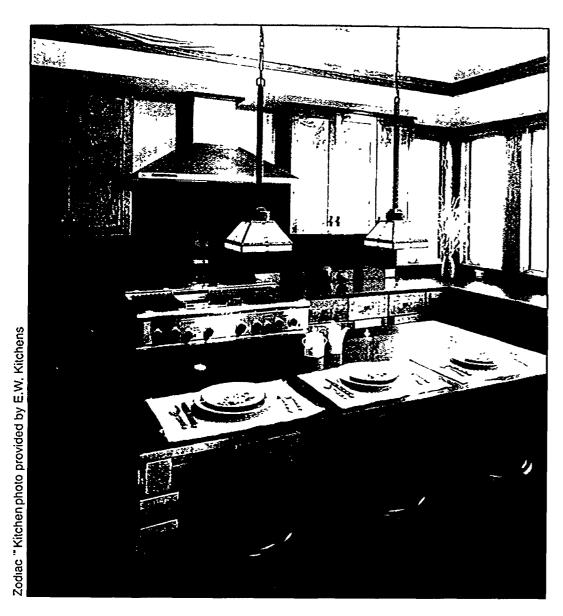
In cabinetry, the contemporary style calls for crisp, clean lines, or as Dan Alvey, owner of Kitchen Wholesale in Farmington Hills describes it, a frameless product.

"When you open the side door, there is no face frame. You just see the side panels and the top and bottom of the cabinet," he says. "The hinges are concealed because you don't want to see all of that going on."

Alvey says that contemporary is a sleek and plush look minus a lot of detail. "The detail," he notes, "would be in the color and material."

### Timeless - The old-world style

Having an "instant antique" look, as Jim Ethorne, owner of EW Kitchens in Wixom calls it, is one of the reasons the European style is so popular in the States.



"We're talking about dents in the doors that make it look like an old piece of furniture, worm holes in the wood, and worn edges," Ethorne says.

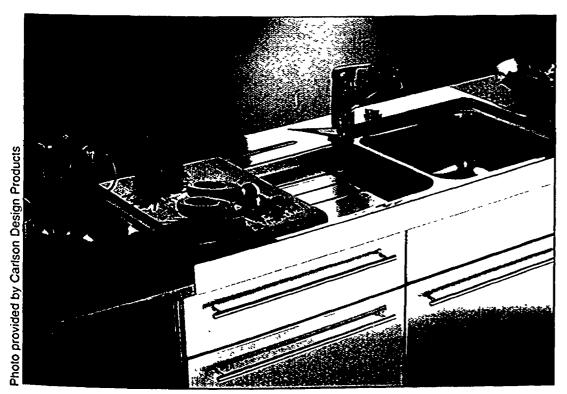
In addition to a weathered and used look, European-style cabinetry incorporates the finest detail, including Enkaboll Molding, which Ethorne refers to as the "Calvin Klein of home moldings." Known as "architectural carvings," Enkaboll Moldings are done in many designs throughout the kitchen.

"They are carved pictures in wood," Ethorne explains. "So, instead of just a (cabinet) door, you will have a picture of a winery or grapes."

The European style uses other design elements originally created for outside the home. Keystones, plinth block, and fluted fillers can all provide a more interesting look to a kitchen's interior.

"A lot of the elements that one would see architecturally around the exterior of the house are now being incorporated in a European-style kitchen," Ethorne notes.

New cabinetry can take on an old-world look through glazing. Once a



transparent glazing material is applied to the finish and then wiped off, it stays in the moldings and gives the material a weathered look. According to Bob Martens, a designer with Artistic Kitchens in Farmington Hills, glazed cabinetry looks more interesting and is more practical than buying old pieces.

Cask and reeded glass are also making their way into European-styled kitchens. Crafted with a particular design in the mold, they are used in place of regular glass in cupboard doors.

"There is a wonderful selection of glass today that is clear and yet has patterns in it," says Mike Carlson, owner of Carlson Design in Brighton. "A typical kitchen door would have three or four glass doors up high, and this glass in there adds such wonderful style and ambiance to the kitchen."

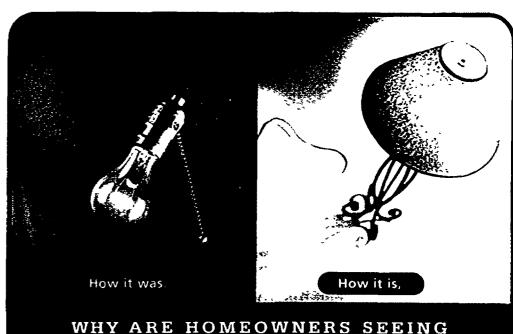
European-style kitchen lighting shares much of the elegance and aged look of the cabinetry. Many lighting companies, Mika-Lavery in particular, design larger pieces specifically for kitchen islands. Carlson describes it as "pool table lighting," and notes that big and ornamental doesn't have to be the only way to go if a homeowner wants a European feel to the kitchen.

"If they've got a large island and they don't want a big fixture," he says, "they can put one, two or three smaller teardrop fixtures that shine down."

#### **Old-fashioned charm**

Where contemporary is sleek and European is finely crafted, country is warm and inviting. While there are a variety of country styles available for a kitchen – American, English, and French – they all share a cozy and comfortable look that relies on old-fashioned charm.

Although one may not consider a country-style sink a harbinger of style,



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Jeff Moss, vice president of Advance Plumbing in Walled Lake, says that farmer-style sinks are becoming more popular because of their look

and sturdiness. Made in porcelain, cast iron, stainless steel, and fire-clay china, these sinks have an exposed front with an apron covering.

Available in single and double sizes, they add a country flare to any kitchen.

Wall-mounted faucets are also making a comeback to the country-style kitchen. Rather than the basic chrome used on wall-mounted faucets in the past, Moss says there is now a variety of finishes available. In fact, there has even been a return to polished brass.

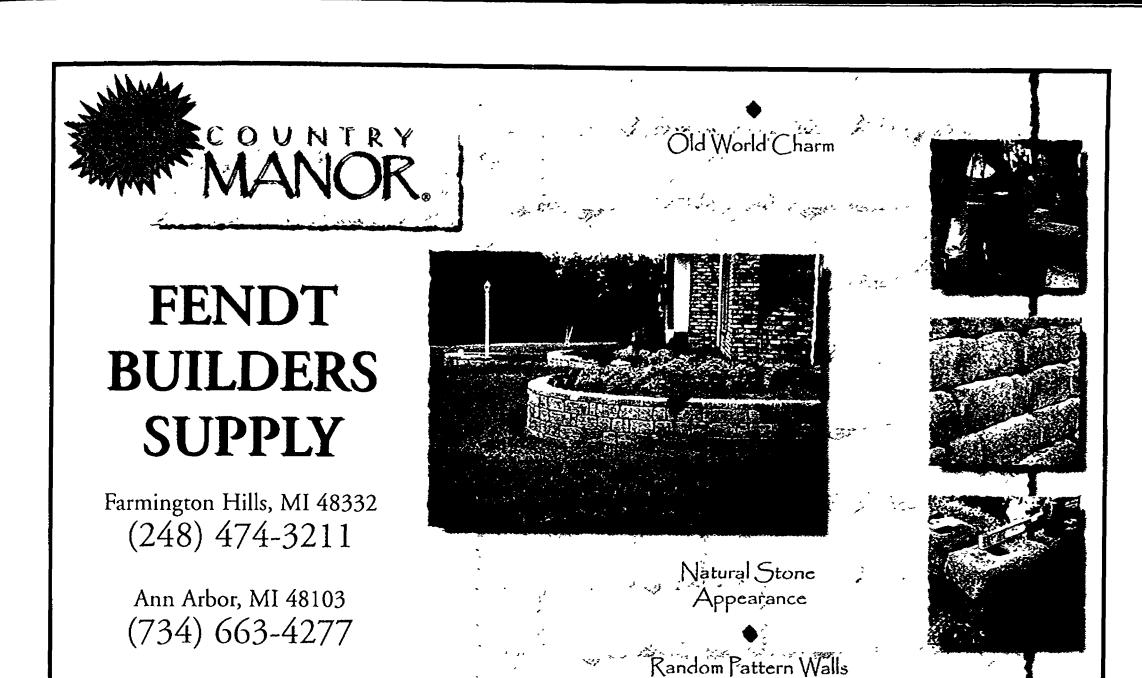
"We have a new way of plating the faucet and the new polished brasses are stronger and more durable than ever before," he says. "They would tarnish in the past, and that was a big, big problem."

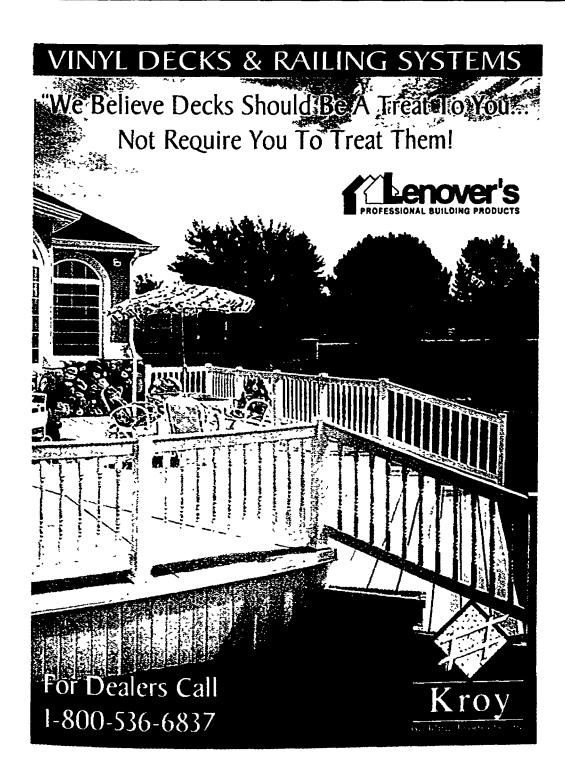
Mismatched cabinetry adds to an informal, warm feel with the nostalgia of the old-world kitchen. "They want the doors on their cabinets to be one color and the cabinets to be another contrasting finish," Ethorne says. "This fashion statement that was popular in the 1900s is popular now," he adds.

Country style, like contemporary and European, says Ethorne, essentially serves two functions in the kitchen: filling the physical space and making a lifestyle statement.

"They want to walk into a kitchen," he notes, "and have a good feeling about how they want to live their life."

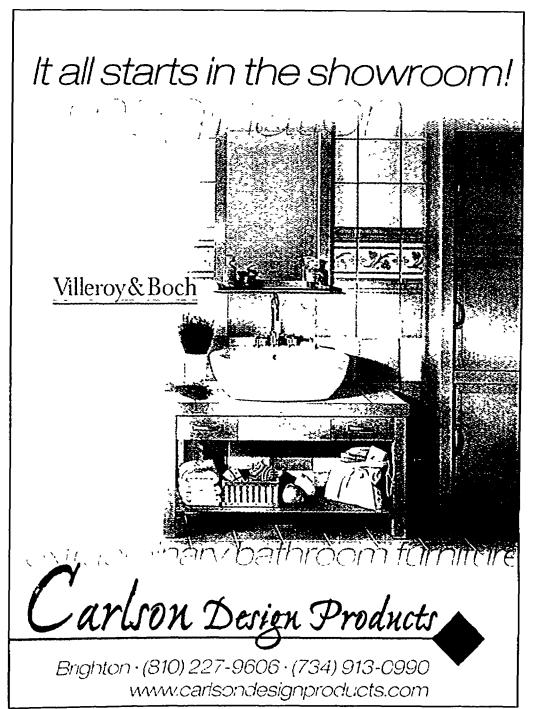






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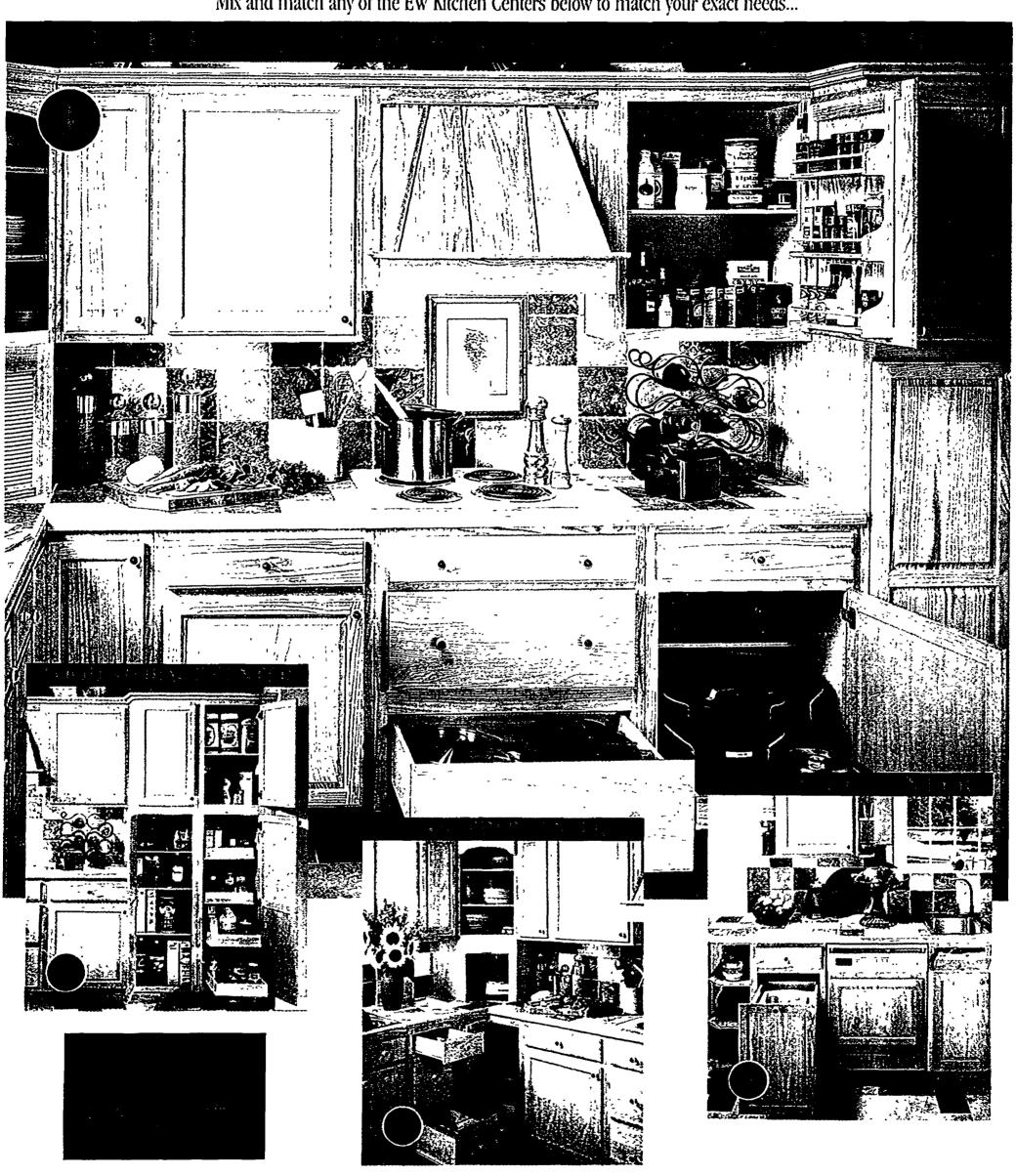


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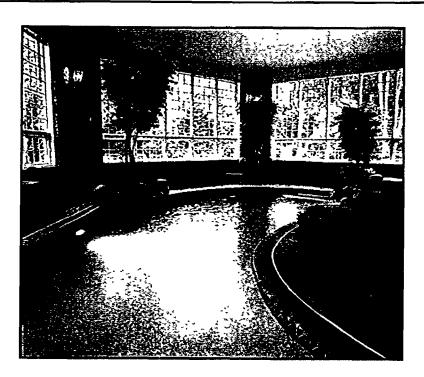
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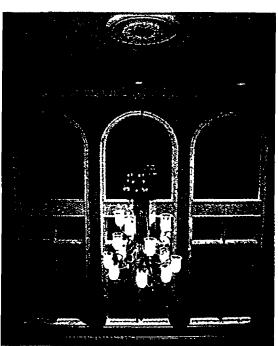
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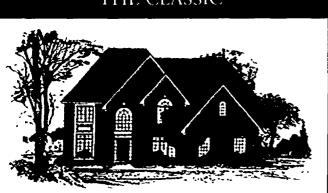
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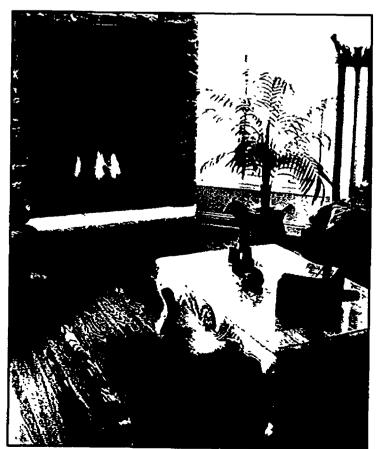
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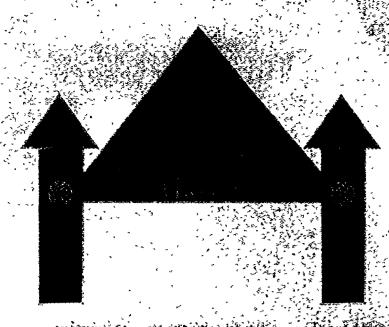












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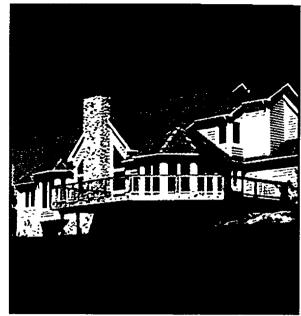
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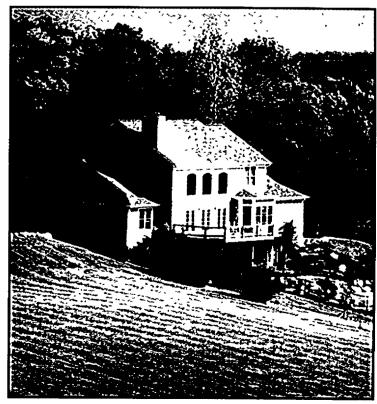
In spite of the "country feel," Mount Christie residents can easily drive to Grosse Pointe or downtown Detroit in less than hour; to Birmingham, Bloomfield, Rochester, and Troy in less than thirty minutes; and to the Great Lakes Crossing Complex at 1-75 and Baldwin Roads in about ten minutes.

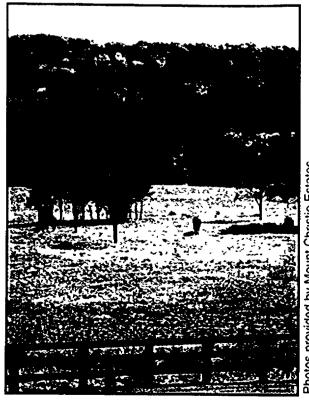
Membership in Mount Christie's exclusive club Mount Christie is available to all Mount Christie property owners. The first phase of the club is already complete, with a luxurious clubhouse, barn and stables, fenced paddocks and pasture, and an extensive network of scenic riding trails that surround the entire perimeter of the site to create a "quiet country lane" to further ensure residents' privacy. Beautifully landscaped tennis courts and a swimming pool are now under construction.



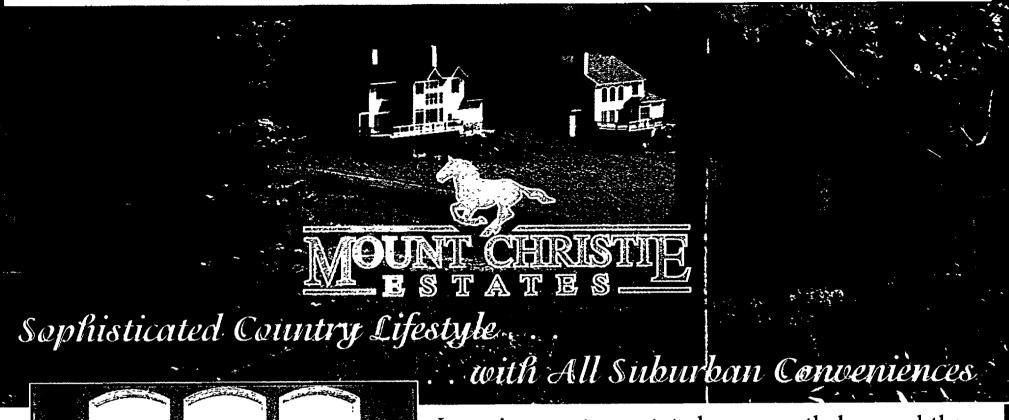








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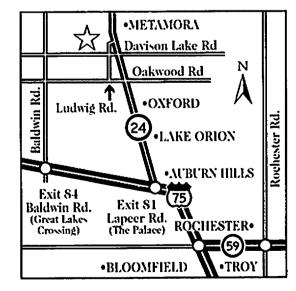
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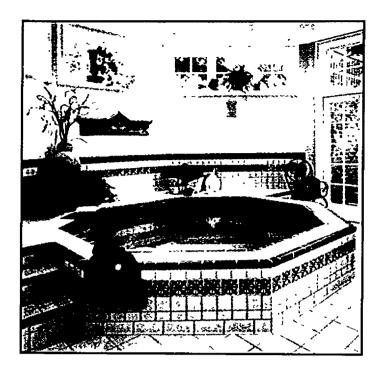
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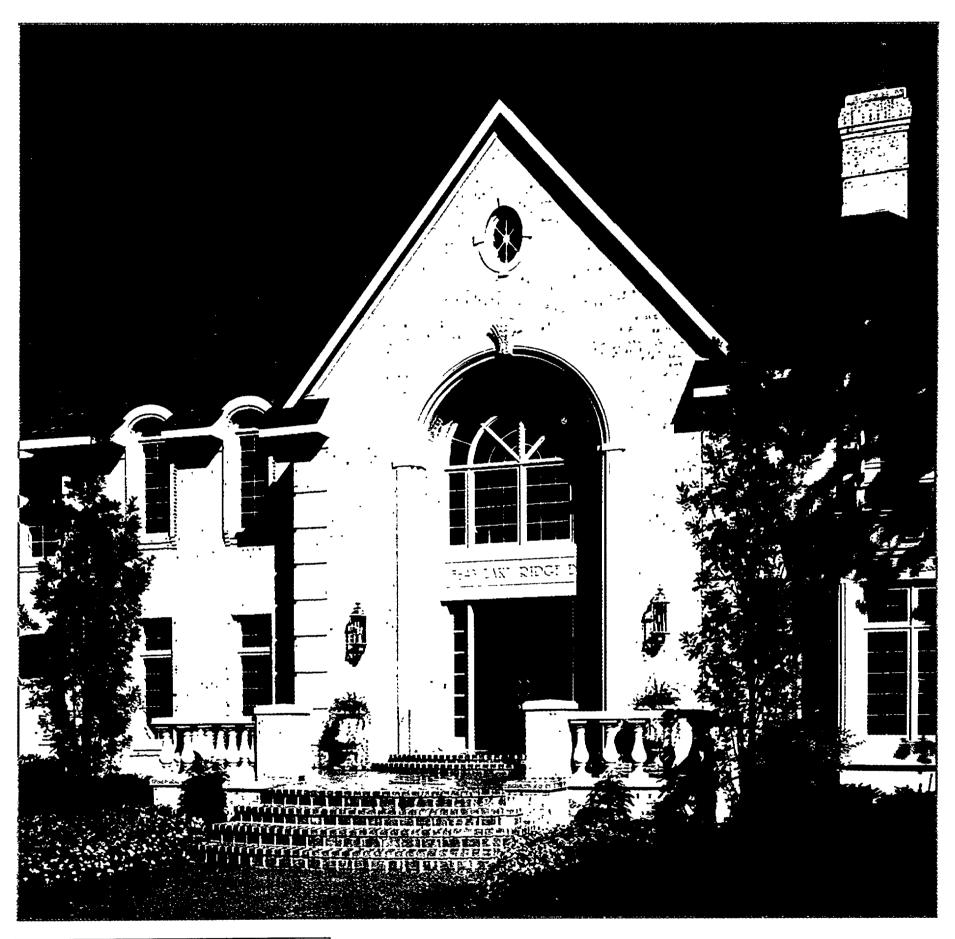






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# Shades of style: Awnings and pergolas for the elegant patio

By Suzanne Chessler

That comes to mind when someone mentions remote control? Switching channels on the television or opening the garage door?

This season, as people dress up their homes and yards, there's another remote to bring convenience and aesthetic protection – the remote that controls retractable awnings.

Simply press a button from the comfort of your home and showcase a beautiful, eye-catching material to frame windows, doors, or patio to the delight of visitors or passersby.

"There are many ways to take care of personal needs when it comes to awnings," says Jerry Prihoda, sales representative for Marygrove Awnings in Livonia, where custom fabric requests are filled on premises and aluminum orders are obtained from a wholesaler. "Awnings give homes a complete look."

At Marygrove, where customers can choose from 300 fabric colors and designs, stripes have become very popular, as have dome-shaped awnings at entryways.

"People seem to have a distinct idea of what they want, but we remind them that measurements are very important as are site inspections for unusual structures," says Prihoda, who also offers manually operated awnings. "We tell customers to watch for clearance, gutters, and types of windows before they make their purchases."

The latest retractable awnings also can be purchased with sun sensors and wind sensors so they automatically move close to a sturdy surface when breezes become strong or night starts to fall.

"Awnings can drop the temperature of the house by about 12 degrees," says Dale Bache, owner of Signature Awnings in Livonia, where acrylic is used for the custom designs made at his building. "Besides keeping out the sun, awnings can keep out the rain while windows remain open."



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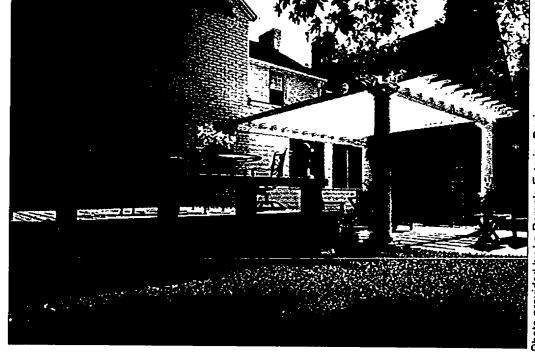
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Bache, who has been in business for 11 years, reports that people often request their initials and addresses painted onto awnings, which combines practicality with personalized design.

Kim Rinna, owner of Sunshine Awning in Fenton, agrees. "Retractable awnings provide beautiful accenting to your deck or patio while providing instant protection from the sun."

Awnings not only add depth to the appearance of a house, they also can serve functional and beautification goals on the surrounding property. Free-standing supports and coverings can shelter pools and tennis courts, or they can be joined with curtains to make a cabana.

Built into pergolas or other types of trellis work, awnings can add shade during a sunny day and allow time to be spent outdoors even during a drizzle.

"Decks can last longer with pergolas and awnings because there is less exposure to the sun," notes Frank Mantel, owner of La Pergola, a Berkley-based firm that builds and designs custom wooden pergolas. "Flowers and light fixtures also can be used for decoration."

La Pergola is very successful with their retractable awning that is incorporated in the custom pergola to completely block the sun or with mesh to filter the rays.

"While pergola awnings usually are taken inside and stored in winter, the pergola itself can be used to hang Christmas decorations and lights," says Mantel, who brings a European touch to the pergolas he's made for the past five years since moving to the United States. "Pergolas are usually done in quiet colors – white, beige, or taupe."

Mark Wilkop of Wilkop Nursery in Troy sells pre-made and custom pergolas and can plant vines to grow through them.

"Pergolas with four posts and beams are nice for bringing shade to a yard," Wilkop says. "Other pergolas can extend from a house with two posts and beams. Some people like to hang pots with fresh flowers from the beams, while others like to plant favorite flowers alongside the structures."

Wilkop often recommends wisteria for this type of arrangement.

"Pergolas are a reflection of wealth and affluence and show that life is good," he says.

Whether awnings and pergolas become a functional extension of a home or garden, a source of decoration, or both, buyers should keep some practical points in mind:

Depending on the time of year when an order is made, getting a finished design in place can take three-12 weeks.

Awnings and pergolas can cost from hundreds to thousands of dollars. In some areas, the building of aluminum awnings requires a permit.

Maintenance for awnings can involve taking them down for storage through the winter; some businesses provide both services. Maintenance for pergolas can involve applying fresh paint or pruning the vines that cover them.

Warranties should be available.

### Getting in the zone: Automated heating and cooling systems for your home

ven similar homes can have different comfort needs. Once you factor in your schedule and the comfort requirements of your family, it's obvious you need a system that lets you take control of your indoor weather. Zoned heating and cooling systems can be just the ticket. Programmed to your specifications and allowing different settings from room to room, zoned systems give you not only power over your heating costs, but comfort and convenience as well.

#### Cost

Ever come home to a cold house because you've left the heat off while you were at work? With ever-rising gas prices, everyone is looking for ways to cut heating prices without sacrificing comfort. By delivering conditioned air only to areas you use, a zoning system stops waste while offering straight temperature control and programmability.

Zoned systems are also cheaper to install. In the past, the best way to achieve efficient temperature control in larger homes was with dual heating and cooling systems. However, these dual systems require double the installation, hardware and equipment costs. A zoned system can control one house through one furnace, with thermostats in two to eight zones throughout the house.

#### **Comfort**

As Geoff Alpert, residential manager of Carrier Great Lakes in Livonia points out, "Conventional systems have only one thermostat – in the hallway where no one lives." That's no way to keep you or your family comfortable. Zoning allows homeowners to target heating and cooling to specific areas. A zoned system keeps everyone happy without those late-night thermostat wars.

Zoned systems also eliminate complaints of inconsistent temperatures from one room to the next. Says Matt Bergstrom, residential general manag-

er of Bergstrom's, Inc.- A Blue Dot Service Company, even the way the afternoon sun beats down on your house and the direction rooms face can make one side too hot while another remains perfectly comfortable.

Zoned systems are especially useful in two-story colonial homes, where heat rises and cold air falls, says Bergstrom. This way you won't feel the need to avoid uncomfortable sections of your home on account of the season.

Carrier's Thermidistat, a programmable thermostat and humidistat, even allows you to control the humidity. With humidity control, you can dehumidify your home during the summer months, or minimize window condensation and add moisture to the air in the winter. This is a great option for people with allergies, or homes with wood floors or even pianos that need careful humidity control.

#### Convenience

Today's homeowner wants complete and instant access – a feature available through many heating and cooling packages that offer even more control. Both Carrier and Blue Dot offer thermostats that can be accessed like an answering machine through a touch-tone phone. Both companies also offer software that allows homeowners to check, via their PC, the home's indoor and outdoor temperature.

Even furnace maintenance is made that much easier with home automation. Says Bergstrom's, Blue Dot's thermostats can be programmed to tell you when to change your humidifier pad and furnace filter so you won't neglect that "beast in the basement." Carrier's Thermidistat also offers a clean filter indicator to optimize your maintenance program.

Most zoning systems are installed in existing homes for experienced homeowners who know their comfort needs. Says Bergstom, "It is becoming more useful for people with 2,000- to 3,000-square-foot homes, especially baby boomers...who want more reliable systems."





### Welcome to the Next Stone Age

By Christine Waldecker

ou're ready to make some changes in your home – and not just a new coat of paint. You want something different, practical, elegant, and durable. You want stone.

There are many choices for the use of stone in your home. It's not just limited to the fireplace anymore, although there are new designs for

that location as well as for the kitchen, bath, foyer, and other locales.

The 8,000-square-foot showroom of TJ Marble and Granite Shop in Southfield has plenty of ideas to spark your imagination. President Phil Mularoni offers three reasons for the increased popularity of granite in the kitchen: "One, it's highly durable; two, functional elegance; and three, bragging rights."

"As more granite shops open, more competition drives prices down," explains Todd Gillam, manager of Dixie Cut Stone and Marble in Novi. "Then stone is more affordable and more popular."

Either store is ripe with design ideas. In the kitchen you'll find granite countertops and backsplash tiles of tumbled marble or ceramic. These come in the traditional four-inch height or go all the way up to the bottom of the cabinets. Dixie Cut Stone is the sole manufacturer of granite sinks – waterproof as well as beautiful – to match the countertops, said Gillam. Using stone in the bathroom is limited only by your imagination. In addition to the vanity, walls, floors, showers, tubs and spas can all be done in ceramic or stone.

"Soon we will have soapstone sinks, which have zero porosity," said Gillam. "They are waterproof and won't stain, but they scratch easily."

A traditional location for stone is the fireplace, but you can update it with new designs in tile mosaics. Use color tiles to match or contrast other hues in the room, or incorporate an impressive design to make a focal point of the room.

Also remember the foyer, office, and hallways. Floors of stone aren't necessarily cold, said Mularoni. "My entire first floor is stone, but it isn't cold because the basement is heated," he explains.

Four main factors to consider when decorating with stone are the type of

Four main factors to consider when decorating with stone are the type of stone, surface, pattern, and color. Granite, which was formed under volcanic pressure, is the hardest stone. Next comes marble, which was formed at the bottom of a lake or ocean. Travertine, the layer immediately above marble, is softer, while limestone is softer yet, so scratches easily.

Once you've chosen your stone, it's time to decide on a surface. Marble, for example, can have a high-gloss finish, or be "distressed" in which it is acid washed and then sandblasted to remove the veins and give texture. Colors and patterns vary based on the source location.

If your most critical factor is matching a color and functionality has little importance, you will have a wider choice of stone. On the other hand, if your heart is set on marble, your choices are more limited, although TJ Marble has 40 marble samples on site and Dixie Cut Stone has 59. Both stores continually add new samples.

If you need help with your designs, TJ Marble has design consultants on staff who will work with you by appointment. Many accent pieces are available also, some on display and some in catalogues.

"Everything old is new again," notes Mularoni. "One of our newest items is the 20-by-13-inch ceramic tile with an antique marble look. It is reminiscent of the Italian palazzo."

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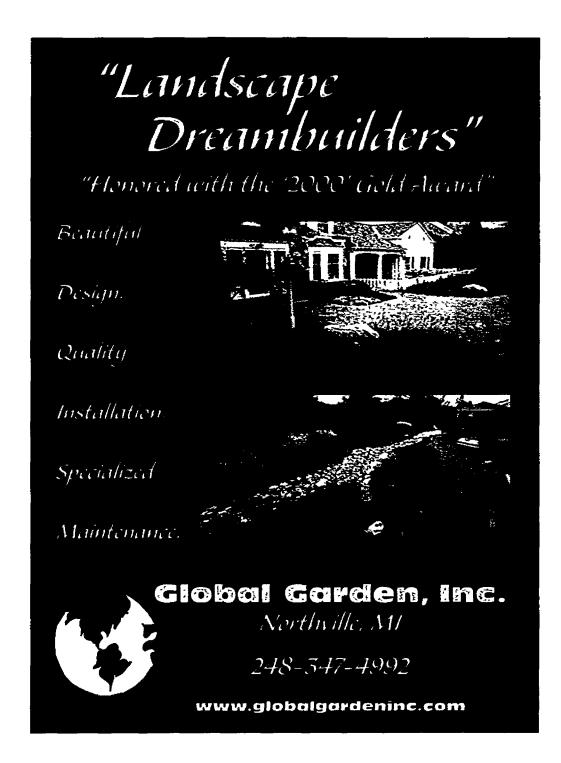
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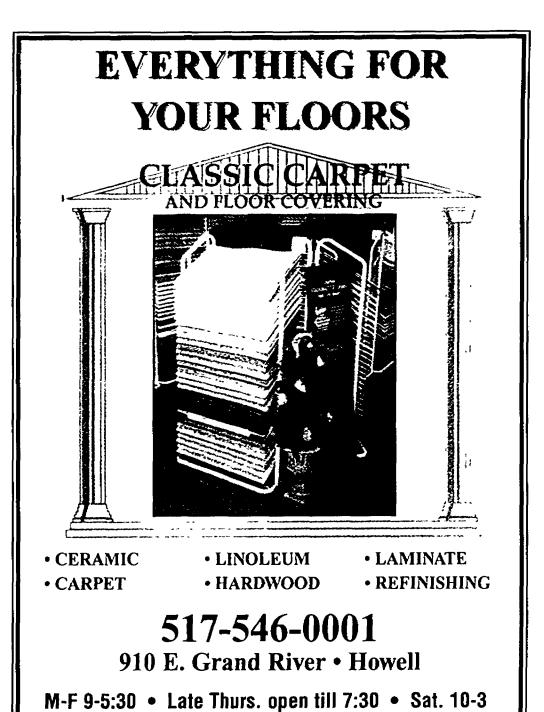
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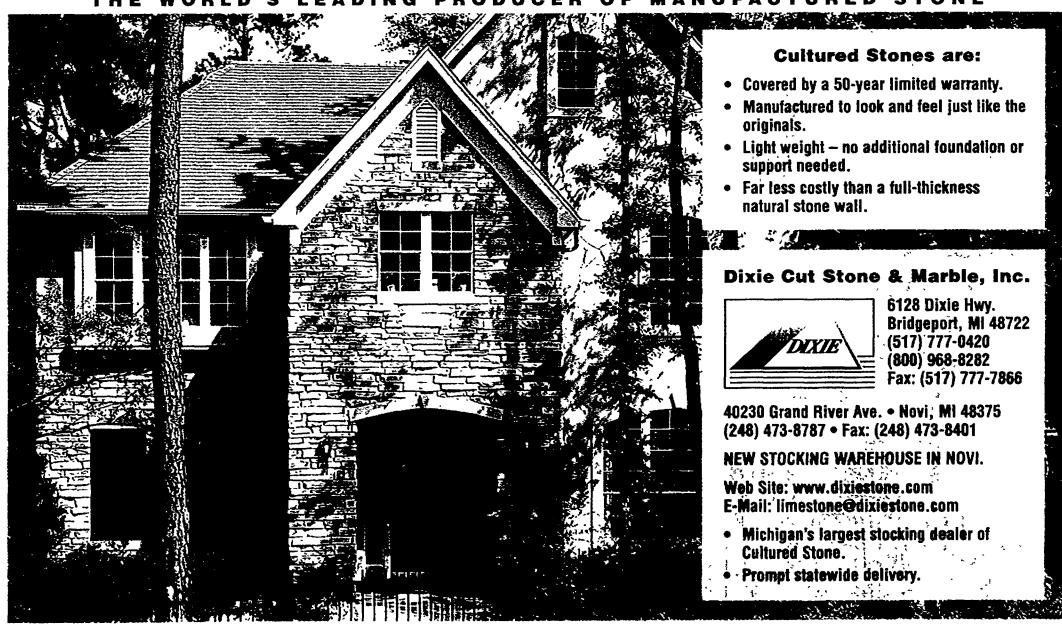




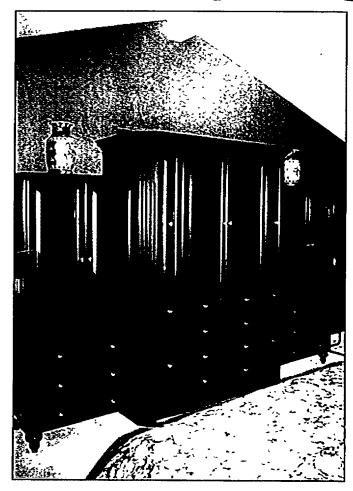


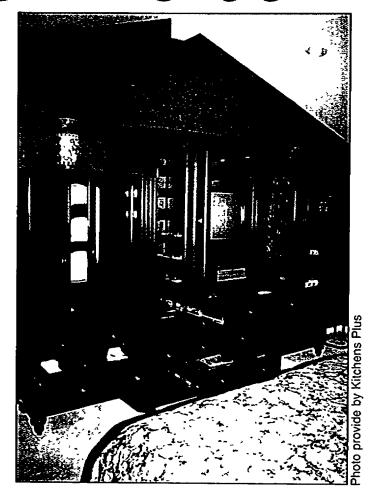
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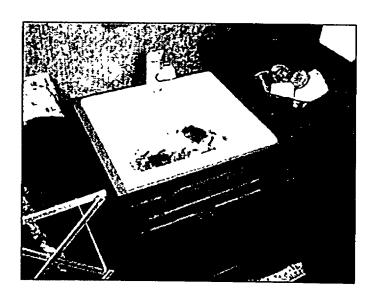
This custom-made bedroom armoire doubles as an entertainment center. Made with solid white birch wood with a dark cherry stain, crown moldings, rope appliques, fluted panels, and bun legs. Vertical storage has wood pegs that handle in excess of 60 ties and hard-to-store belts. The unit includes velvet-lined jewelry trays and dividers for socks, sweaters, lingerie, and more.

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#### A seasonal table

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