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DDA wants post office in downtown

By LON HUHMANN
Staff Writer

The Northville downtown development authority reached a consensus regarding the future of the post office Tuesday morning, but there are still some issues and concerns to be dealt with in the near future.

The DDA held a special board of directors meeting with the hope that an agreement could be met on the future expansion of the post office located on Wing Street. The purpose of reaching a consensus was so the DDA could give the city council their recommendation of keeping the post office in downtown.

The meeting began with city manager Gary Word updating the expansion project. Word said that

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■ The DDA gave its endorsement to a downtown post office.

■ A freeze on new construction may delay expansion to the Northville facility.

In late 2000, a temporary funding freeze was placed on post office projects by the United States Postal Service. According to Word, the freeze may be lifted in October. Word said that after the freeze was lifted, each postal district will name four projects as priorities. The Detroit district has indicated it would place the Northville post office in its top four, Word said.

DDA director Lori Ward then gave a presentation on the benefits of a downtown post office. Ward said having the post office

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Center Street building gets a facelift

By LON HUHMANN
Staff Writer

Attracting a business to the empty building at 107 N. Center in downtown Northville should be easier when the storefront renovation is finished.

"It had to be just over a year ago when our last tenant moved out and the outside of the building was in some bad shape — almost falling apart — at the time," building co-owner Mandy Wilson said. "So I contacted Marilyn Sullivan to do some drawings and design work to get the renovation project off the ground."

The building at 107 N. Center — formerly Ultimate Toys & Gifts — is owned by Wilson and her mother Betsy Northrop. According to Northrop, the building and most of the city block was originally owned by her grandfather.

Sullivan, an architectural designer for Redesign LLC, said before the project could get off the ground it had to be approved by the Northville Historical District

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CHEERS AND TEARS: The Pitfalls of Alcohol Abuse



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Attorney Robert Taub studies some documents in his Novi office. Taub defends motorists who have been charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

Lawyers help the accused

By LON HUHMANN
Staff Writer

If a person receives a violation that reads "OUIL," "UBAL," or "OWI," seeking an attorney may be the next and best decision to make. The reason, area attorneys said, has much to do with a growing social intolerance for drunk drivers — a sentiment reflected in changing laws.

"The seriousness in treating drinking and driving offenders has increased greatly in the past 20 years," said Northville attorney Mark Haidar said. "Our current president was stopped for drinking and driving. He was issued a \$150 fine and then allowed to go home. That would never happen today. I've been on both sides of this issue and every day the laws and courts become tougher."

Novi attorney Robert Taub agreed, and said the laws have tightened and for good reason. "A substantial number of road fatalities involve alcohol, so drunk driving can not be tolerated because of its results," Taub said. "Anyone drinking and thinking of driving home should use common sense and think of the potential

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Student cleanup event is May 12

By JENNIFER NORRIS
Staff Writer

Residents will soon see a cleaner, more attractive environment as Northville High School students commence their annual "Paint the Town" project May 12.

However, project organizers are looking for deserving recipients who are in need of having general maintenance work done, such as yard work, painting, raking, or assistance in making various repairs.

High school students of all ages plan to spend much of the day assisting others and contributing to the overall beautification of Northville neighborhoods. The yearly "Paint the Town" project is being sponsored by members of the Student Congress.

"The whole student body can participate," said Monty Shambelan, a teacher at Northville High School. "It gets students out in the community. The kids really enjoy it. They get the feeling of helping somebody out."

In past years, approximately 100 students volunteered to participate in the project, he said.

Tentative plans now include

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Croaking off: science class gets chance to breed toads

By JENNIFER NORRIS
Staff Writer

Studying critters in the environment is soon going to take on a whole new meaning for students at Hillside Middle School.

Dwight Sieggreen, a science teacher at Hillside, was awarded a grant totaling \$8,600 which he plans to use to help students learn about toads and benefit various zoos simultaneously. The school will be receiving Surinam toads (pipa pipa) — a special species which zoos desire to have — which will be bred

"When bred in captivity, they survive in captivity longer."

Dwight Sieggreen
Hillside science teacher

for distribution to zoos.

Sieggreen said the main elements of the project — called Critters — will simply include obtaining breeding stock, raising the new offspring, distributing the amphibians to zoos

and also reducing human impact on wild populations.

He said the toads will be bred in captivity, which is believed to increase their longevity.

"When bred in captivity, they survive in captivity longer," he said.

The grant was provided through the Toyota Tapestry program, which is sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales and administered by the National Science Teachers Association.

Sieggreen said that he will be working with other Hillside staff

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Photo by JENNIFER NORRIS

Hillside Middle School teacher Dwight Sieggreen holds a Surinam toad, which he'll be breeding for the Detroit Zoo.

Seniors step in style with Allen Terrace fashion show

By LON HUHMAN
Staff Writer

Paris, New York, London and now Allen Terrace.

This year's latest fashions will be hitting the runway in the activities room at the Northville independent senior housing community located at 401 High Street. The Allen Terrace resident council is having its first Mother's Day Fashion Show on May 5 at 2 p.m. Northville housing commission director Joanne Inglis said there is no entry charge and there will also be three residents modeling the clothes presented by Weekenders USA Ladies Fashions.

The idea for the fashion show came about when I was at a friend's home to see a Weekenders' demonstration and I thought this would be a good fundraiser for our resident council to consider," Inglis said. "The fashions that will be available range from morning to evening styles."

According to Inglis, 15 percent of the proceeds collected from the fashion show sales will go to the residents' council fund, which covers such matters as funding for the residents' monthly activities and the refreshments for the monthly council meeting. Residents Dorothy Sitarski, Pauline Kelly and Eileen Beaugrand have volunteered to model some of the

clothing for the show. Sitarski said the show should be an exciting event.

"Weekenders fashion coordinator Suzette Allen and some of her assistants will be on hand to offer consultation on the available Weekender clothing," Inglis said. "The consultants are there to provide ideas for putting together outfits."

According to the Weekenders' fashion catalog, the elements of their wardrobe are designed to complement all others in their line. The principal fabric used in their clothing is called Interlock. Interlock is a 9-to-12 ounce knitted fabric comprised of 50 percent cotton and 50 percent polyester.

"The available fashions are great gifts for Mother's Day," Inglis said. "Working mothers will find the clothing comfortable whether they wear it to work or on the weekend."

Refreshments will be served during the show. Inglis said the event is open to the public.

"It will be an interesting and fun event. It will hopefully be something that will get people who do not normally come to Allen Terrace," Inglis said.

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"The fashions that will be available range from morning to evening styles."

Joanne Inglis
Northville Housing Commission



Allen Terrace residents Dorothy Sitarski, Eileen Beaugrand and Pauline Kelly will be models in their May 5 fashion show. Here they check out some clothes they might be wearing.

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Clarification

A submission from a reader for last week's HomeTown Authors feature omitted personal information on the writer. The piece,

entitled "Volunteering," was written by Mary Grace Denton, a fifth grade student educated at home.

Footnotes

Dr. Michael P. Burk

ATHLETE'S FOOT

Athlete's foot is a skin condition that develops from a fungus. The fungus typically attacks the feet, most often between the toes. Athlete's foot fungus thrives in a warm, moist environment. People who frequent public swimming pools, locker rooms, and showers are susceptible to athlete's foot because these areas are prime breeding grounds for the fungus. A person with athlete's foot may experience dry, itchy skin, inflammation, or blisters. The condition may spread to the soles of the feet and toenails or to other parts of the body if a person scratches the foot and then touches him- or herself elsewhere. The pesky athlete's foot fungus can even spread to other parts of the body via bed sheets and clothing.

Home treatments for athlete's foot may bring short-term, temporary relief, but medical answers are your best bet for the long-term. If you have questions about today's column, or any questions about footcare, your own or a loved one's, please feel comfortable calling NOVI FOOTCARE ASSOCIATES, 248-476-1500. Our aim is to prevent, not just repair. Don't wait for skin conditions, fungal infections, corns and calluses, and aches and pains to disappear like magic, because they won't. Call us instead for prompt, personal attention at 39555 West Ten Mile Road, Suite 307.

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Police Reports

NORTHVILLE CITY POLICE REPORTS

DEAD END DRIVER: While parked on the shoulder of Eight Mile Road, a Northville city police officer observed a vehicle stopped at the traffic signal at the intersection of Eight Mile and N. Center Street. Once the traffic cleared the intersection, the vehicle proceeded to turn left, even though the signal was still red. The vehicle then turned into Brickscape, which the officer noted as a dead end street with three businesses residing on it.

The vehicle was occupied by one male. The 29-year-old man informed the officer that he knew why he was pulled over. The man said he blew the red light. "A check on the driver's record resulted in the man being arrested for driving with a suspended license. The man was placed under arrest and transported to the police department where he was later released after posting a \$150 bond. He is due in the 35 District Court on May 23.

AT LEAST HE'S HONEST: On April 20, a Northville city police officer observed a vehicle speeding on Eight Mile Road.

Once the officer checked the vehicle's speed with the radar, which registered as being 10 mph over the posted limit, the vehicle was pulled over. The driver was a 29-year-old Plymouth male.

The man said he knew why he was stopped and then said he believed he had an outstanding expired plate citation. He also stated that he believed his license was suspended. A computer check on the man revealed that he had a misdemeanor warrant out of Plymouth Township police department.

The man was arrested for driving with a suspended license and issued a speeding violation. He was released after posting a \$300 bond with the city department and then posting the \$100 bond for his Plymouth township misdemeanor warrant.

ALCOHOL BUY STING: The Northville city police department performed decoy operations

recently and one Poole's Tavern bartender was issued a violation for serving alcohol to a minor. According to Officer Rogowski, decoy operations are executed at least twice a year.

The department used two 19-year-olds — a male and female — to conduct the decoy operations in nine city locations that sell alcohol.

The 19-year-old male presented his identification to the bartender and was then served. The officer then informed the bartender of the infraction and was then issued a violation for selling to a minor. The bartender will have to appear in 35th District Court as well as before the state Liquor Control Commission.

Rogowski said the identifications clearly stated the two decoy were under 21. Rogowski said one establishment took the female's license away.

He said that most of the establishments are getting better at following the rules, but some make a mistake every now and then.

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORTS

OUIL: On April 21, Northville township police officers arrested a man for OUIL after he ran a red light.

The driver of the Ford Focus, a 25-year-old Farmington Hills male, was stopped in the parking lot of the Macaroni Grill after exiting the parking lot of the Bahama Breeze Bar and then running a red light. The township officer reported that the man had a difficult time in getting his license out of his wallet and he was slurring his speech while answering questions. The report said the man and car smelled of intoxicants.

The driver told the officer that he had a couple of beers earlier in the day. The man was transported to the department and given a breathalyzer test that registered a 0.12 percent blood-alcohol level. The man was arrested for OUIL and is due in 35th District Court

on April 26.

JACKJACKING: Sometime between April 20 and April 23, a electric jack hammer was stolen from Okuma, a business building that was under construction, police reports said. The stolen property was left for the weekend in an officer area and the entire building was supposed to be locked at the time.

According to the township police report, the construction superintendent said a painting crew had been in the building that weekend and they knew where the access key was for the entire building. The case is still open and the jack hammer has been reported as stolen.

ASSAULT & BATTERY: A 48-year-old black male from Toledo told Northville township police officers that an altercation between him and a waiter had started after he felt he was not being waited on

because he was black. The assault and battery took place at Charlie's Grill on April 17.

The report said the altercation was preceded by an exchange of heated words between the suspect and a Charlie's Grill employee. The suspect said he had struck the other man in the face. The assaulted employee did not want to pursue prosecution and the suspect was told not to come back to the location any time in the near future as well as to avoid physical altercations in the future.

BIKES TOOK A HIKE: A 32-year-old Northville Township man reported to township police that two dirt bikes were stolen from his home on April 19.

The bikes, one was a 2001 red Honda XR50, were chained and locked through the back tire spokes. They were also under a brown tarp in a car port. There are no leads or suspects at this time.

Get out your red wagons: farmers market returns

By LON HUUMAN
Staff Writer

Starting May 3, the gray pavement of the Northville Downs parking lot will be blooming with the colors and fragrance of fresh flowers.

That's because May 3 will be the opening day for the annual Northville Farmers Market, which takes place every Thursday from May through October. The parking lot is located at the corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon Road. The market is sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce and will run from 8 a. m. to 5 p.m.

"The market begins in early May so that people can get a jump on getting a gift for Mother's Day," Northville Area Chamber of Commerce director Laurie Marrs said. "There will be a profusion of brilliant colors on opening day."

The market will have vendors on hand displaying annuals,

"We usually have a big crowd on opening day."

Laurie Marrs
executive director
Northville Chamber of Commerce

perennials, landscape material, fresh fruit and vegetables, crafts and baked goods. Marrs said the one of the most eye catching items on the opening day will be the perennials, but she also said the hanging baskets and bedding plants will also attract attention. There will also be opening day entertainment, according to Marrs.

"We usually have a big crowd on opening day. Many people arrive early to get a look at the new flowers," Marrs said. "Early arrivals get the prime selection, as well."

As the market season progresses so will the items and products for purchase. Marrs said fresh

fruit and vegetables will be readily available later in the season. Marrs said Michigan-grown produce will get center stage at the Market.

Not only is the Market a great place to get a Mother's Day gift, but Marrs said it also an opportunity to get valuable gardening tips from the vendors. Marrs said the selection at the Market gets better each year and this is owed to the fact that the vendors work hard in their greenhouses during the winter.

"We are thankful that Northville Downs allows us to use their parking lot," Marrs said. "The location is a great spot for attracting people."

For more information contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640.

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SOCIETY

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What: To discover, collect, observe advance and disseminate knowledge of history of the Northville Region. The group's focal point is Mill Race Historical Village.

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NORTHVILLE MOTHERS CLUB

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NORTHVILLE NEWCOMERS

What: To help newcomers to the area, as well as, current resi-

dents who would like to become more familiar with the community on a social and civic level. Newcomers hold fund raisers to aid the Northville community

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

Contact: Sally Bettes
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Contact: Virginia Martin
Phone: (248) 349-3064

NORTHVILLE YOUTH ASSIS-

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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 year

When: Tuesday evenings, 7:30 p.m.

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 societies or educational institutions have a curator. It is also the purpose of the society to establish a historical museum in Novi.

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

NOVI JAYCEES

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

Where: Novi 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 Restaurant, 26150 Novi Road, Novi

When: Lions: every second and fourth Wednesday; Lioness: every third Tuesday. Social hour is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.

Phone: Lions: (248) 348-0531; Lioness: (248) 348-9098

NOVI MINISTERS ASSOCIATION

Phone: (248) 349-8847

NOVI NEWCOMERS AND 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 Independent Order of Oddfellows

When: Second and fourth Thursday of every month at 1 p.m.

Phone: (248) 349-2835

NOVI ROTARY CLUB

What: A service-oriented club composed of business and professional people within the community. The Rotarians hold a variety of fund raising events every year

Where: Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. Ten Mile, Novi

When: Every Thursday at noon

Phone: (248) 380-6500

NOVI YOUTH ASSISTANCE

What: Prevention program that relies on local citizens who volunteer their time and skills toward

the goal of preventing juvenile delinquency. They are aided by a professional staff person in implementing programs such as Summer Teen Center, parenting classes, and Substance Abuse Prevention

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

When: Committees meet every fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Phone: (248) 347-0410

ORDER OF ALAHAMBRA

Phone: (248) 349-2903

PRESERVATION NOVI

What: Non-profit corporation whose stated goal is to promote and encourage preservation of historic buildings in Novi, for example, restoration of the Fuerst Farm property

Where: Annual meeting is in the second quarter and open to all interested residents

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

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 information.

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

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

CLUB

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 Wars.

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.

VFW POST NO. 4012

Phone: (248) 348-1490

WOMEN'S NATIONAL FARM

AND GARDEN ASSOCIATION

Phone: (248) 349-7596

Mothers, unite! Moms group offers help, friendship

By JENNIFER NORRIS
Staff Writer

Often times, when working women begin having children, the transition from the workplace to motherhood can be a difficult one. But one Northville organization offers women support and advice on how to adapt to changing roles and responsibilities.

Mothers & More is an international organization supporting "sequencing women": mothers who have altered their career paths so that they may care for their children at home.

Northville is covered within Chapter 63 of Mothers & More, which covers portions of Wayne and Oakland counties. Currently, there are 175 chapters nationwide.

Whether women leave work permanently to care for their children or simply reduce their number of hours, members of Mothers & More share a common bond of experiencing a transition in personal responsibilities and goals for the future.

Mary Caldwell, a co-leader of Mother's and More Chapter 63, said she has been a member of the organization for about three years.

"It was a great organization in that I found out what was going in the com-

munity for children," she said.

Caldwell said she has experienced such a transition in her own life and joining the organization provided much needed support and opportunities.

"It was hard because I didn't know anyone that was at home," she said. "I felt like I had no outside connections. For me, in it was beneficial to get to know people that were at home."

Caldwell said one of her husband's co-workers told him about the group which prompted her to investigate it and later join.

Currently, she said there are 34 members in the chapter from such areas including Northville, Novi and Plymouth. Mothers & More group hosts two meetings a month which are attended by mothers only.

Caldwell said the group focuses on providing support on various issues that people may experience as they switch from working full-time to part-time or leaving a career altogether.

"It's been really great," she said. "[When] I moved from New York state, the first thing I did was look up the closest chapter. It's a great resource for anyone that has questions about raising children. You just learn other strategies to raise your children. It's a good group."

"I think it's important for moms at home to get together with other moms."

Mary Caldwell
Mothers & More

She said the group is open to any mothers who may like to join.

Other members also said they experienced similar situations.

"I was at home and really didn't know anyone else that stayed at home," said Janet Caldwell, a membership chairperson for Mothers & More. "Most of my other friends were working. I wanted to meet some other mothers."

"I think...any mother, would benefit from the group. It's a good networking situation for mothers with younger kids."

Caldwell also said becoming a part of the group has been beneficial for her.

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Special ed comment deadline: May 16

Four public hearings will allow for discussion on changes to state policy

By MIKE MALOTT
HomeTown News Service
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State schools Superintendent Arthur Ellis has extended the time period for public comment on a controversial set of rule changes regarding special education services in Michigan until May 16.

Announcing the extension Wednesday, April 19, Ellis said four additional public hearings would also be scheduled for May 2 and 3. Two are to be held in Big Rapids, two in Oakland County, but times and places had not yet been determined, according to state Department of Education spokesman T.J. Bucholz.

The rule changes, for which the public input period was originally set to expire April 16, had produced an outcry from hundreds of parents across the state. That objection caused lawmakers on both sides of political aisle to call for a delay in implementation and more time for public feedback.

The extension to May 16 is key because it gives time for Tom Watkins — who will take

over the reins of the Department of Education April 30 as the new Superintendent of Public Instruction, replacing the retiring Ellis — time to review the rules before they are implemented.

That was a particular concern for State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth.

"Where's the fire?" he asked. "Why the big rush to do this before Art Ellis leaves? Why not give Tom Watkins time to review the rules he's going to have to work under."

Stewart argued that the rush to adoption of the rules even gave "an appearance of impropriety."

Rep. Mike Bishop, R-Rochester Hills, was also pleased with the time extension. Bishop is chair of the Legislature's Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, the only legislative body that will get a chance to review the changes before they take can be finalized by the governor. He said his main concern had been complaints that there had not been enough time for public input. He had planned hearings before his committee to assure that input was allowed, hearings that were

cancelled with the announcement of the extension.

Bishop is unconvinced by Department of Education denials that the rule changes are a reaction to the so-called Durant lawsuits against the state over the level at which it funds special education. The state has twice been sued over those funding levels and a third suit was recently launched. All allege the state is violating the Headlee amendment by failing to fund special education at a level necessary to pay for the services it mandates. The majority of proposed rule changes are deletions.

Bucholz denied any connection between the rule changes and the Durant suits. He said the changes were based on the recommendation of a state Special Education Task Force, dating back to 1994 and 1996. The changes are spurred by a need to update old rules, to align them with federal law, and to make special education responsive to the individual needs of students, rather than having services provided based on impairment categories.

"Of course they wouldn't say

that," Bishop said of a connection to the Durant cases. "It could be a matter of retribution. Really, given the lawsuits there has to be some way to resolve this."

Senators Bill Bullard, R-Highland, Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield, and the Senate Democratic Caucus had all called for delays in implementation to allow for more comment.

The Michigan Education Association has also objected to the rule changes, saying the elimination of rules could lead to shorter calendars and larger class sizes for special education, as well as the hiring of teachers not specifically trained for special education programs.

The rule changes reduce redundancy and bring Michigan into compliance with federal law, Bucholz contended.

Once hearings have been completed, a final version of the rules will be approved by the Department of Education, and then be sent to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules as well as the state's Office of Regulatory Reform before finally going to Gov. John Engler for a final determination.

Obituaries

THELMA N. MESSING

Thelma N. (Martin) Messing, 85, of Redford, formerly of Farmington and Livonia, died April 21 in Presbyterian Village of Detroit. She was born in Clare, Mich., June 1, 1915.

Mrs. Messing received her high school education in Redford. Her employment background included Rabe's Florist of Redford and Hudson's Nature Nook, both as a floral designer. She was the second-to-last Charter member at Brightmoor Christian Church; her brother, Clair is the other surviving Charter member.

She is survived by two sons, Daniel (Patricia) of Northville and Dave (Sandra) of Livonia; one brother, Clair (Peg) Martin of West Bloomfield; and seven grandchildren.

Mrs. Messing was preceded in death by her husband, Paul in 1956.

Services were conducted on Tuesday, April 24 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington. The Rev. Calvin C. Ratz of Brightmoor Christian Church was the officiant. Memorials to Brightmoor Christian Church, 40800 W. Thirteen Mile Road, Novi, Mich. 48377 or the Karmanos Cancer Institute, 41935 W. Twelve Mile Road, Novi, Mich. 48377-9939 would be appreciated by the family.

MAX L. POWERS

Max L. Powers, 87, of Plymouth died April 21 in Farmington Hills. He was born April 24, 1913, in Colon Township, Mich.

Mr. Powers moved from Bloomfield Hills to the Plymouth community in 1978. He was owner and operator of Peerless Gage Inc. in Livonia, which he founded in 1950. The company was originally located in Redford Township, then relocated to Livonia in 1967. In 1982, Mr. Powers founded Suncoast Tool & Gage Co. in Clearwater, Fla. His memberships included the Masons, First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, and the Michigan Tooling Association. He was an avid gardener and enjoyed family gatherings.

Mr. Powers is survived by his wife of 68 years, Gwendolyn of Plymouth; sons, Lloyd of Northville, Doyle (Diane) of Plymouth, and Michael (Joanne) of Safety Harbor, Fla.; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Wednesday, April 25 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth, with the Rev. Deborah Leach officiating.

Memorials may be given to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

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Another look at urban sprawl?

Area legislator wants to re-examine impact of development on land

By MIKE MALOTT
HomeTown News Service
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Urban sprawl has traditionally been a tough issue to address legislatively, but the time may be right, according to State Rep. Ruth Johnson, R-Holly, chair of the Michigan House committee on Land Use and Environment.

Leadership has made a priority of it. Perhaps more importantly, so have constituents.

"Whenever I meet with people, this is an issue they are talking about," she said. "When constituents are interested, that is always an indicator that you can get support for your ideas."

Ruth Johnson is leading an initiative by state lawmakers intended to address sprawl, preserve the environment and "enhance quality of life."

The initiative will target five areas — encouraging responsible growth, protecting lakes and rivers, protecting drinking water supplies, preserving open space and farmland, and revitalizing urban areas.

House Republicans, with the support of Speaker of the House

"Whenever I meet with people, this is an issue they are talking about."

Ruth Johnson
R-Holly

Rick Johnson, R-LeRoy, recently announced their plans for the land use initiative. Only one piece of the package has actually been introduced so far, House Joint Resolution C sponsored by Rep. Jud Gilbert, R-Algonac. HJR C would set taxes on farms and agricultural land on its current use rather than its "highest and best use."

Intended to take financial pressure off farmers to sell their land to developers, the resolution would if approved by the legislature result in a constitutional amendment on the ballot in the coming election year.

Ruth Johnson could not estimate how many bills would eventually be introduced as part of the initiative.

She is working on one bill that would require communities to have ordinances in place calling on developers to preserve green

space, open space or parks in their subdivisions as they are being constructed. She said her bill would not "dictate" how open space is to be preserved, only require that it is.

"Children need a place to play, rather than sitting in front of the Nintendo game all day," she said, explaining the purpose is to preserve open land within neighborhoods. "Only about half of all communities offer that to developers now. A lot of communities are getting the growth but are not familiar with the techniques."

Rep. Gene DeRossett, R-Manchester, is expected to introduce a bill to streamline the process of clearing up title on vacant, tax-reverted property in central city areas. An estimated 45,000 parcels in Detroit alone could be reclaimed for new private development if titles could be cleared

and the land returned to the private marketplace.

Rep. Patricia Birkholtz, R-Saugatuck, is also expected to introduce legislation to provide incentives to communities for participating in coordinated regional planning.

Also on the list of proposed reforms are:

- Legislation providing low interest loans to communities that upgrade old, falling sewer systems.

- A bill to encourage homeowners to test their private wells and giving tax credits for water treatment devices.

- Proposals to allow for the purchase of development rights on farmland, to protect that land from future construction.

- Bills to prevent diversion of Great Lakes water and to prevent the introduction of nuisance aquatic species into state waters.

Ruth Johnson said her goal in the initiative is to protect and enhance quality of life in communities and at the same time protect the personal property rights of individual landowners.

Library Lines

LIBRARY HOURS

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

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BOOKS, CHAT AND CHOW

Students in grades four on up are invited to this out-of-the-ordinary book discussion group on May 30 at 4:15 p.m. This month's title is "The Kid Who Ran for President" by Dan Gutman. Please register and pick up a copy of the book at the information desk starting May 1.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Northville District Library board of trustees will be April 26 at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings, which meet on the fourth Thursday of the month.

ALIENS AND ASTRONOMY

Join astronomer Mike Best for an exploration of the night sky and the question of what really lives "out there," on May 3 at 7 p.m. Please register at the information desk or by calling.

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BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The monthly book discussion group meets again on May 14 to discuss "The Poisonwood Bible" by Barbara Kingsolver. This novel begins in 1959, with the story of a missionary family in the Belgian Congo; what follows

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, May 2, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 92-18-12**.

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All interested persons are invited to attend. The proposed ordinance is available for review at the Planning and Community Development Department. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning and Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2, 2001.

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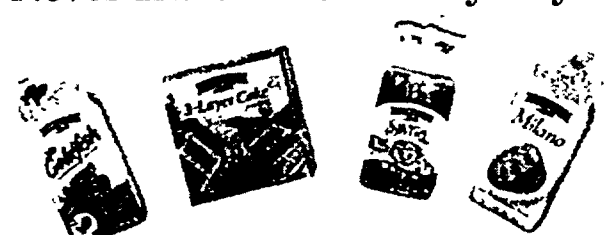
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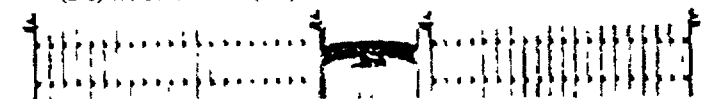
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The sealed proposals should be sent or delivered to Ms. Dianne Massa, Office of the City Clerk, Northville City Hall, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167.

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(4-26-01 NR 1042374)

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT FIRE DEPARTMENT

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Audio Visual Equipment-Fire Department 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, Wednesday, May 9, 2001, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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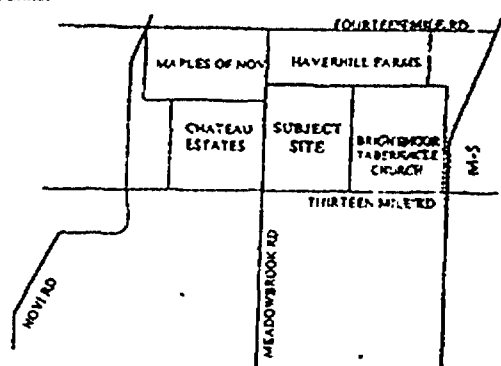
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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 2, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ERICKSON RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES SP 00-66A**, located north of Thirteen Mile Road and northeast of Meadowbrook Road, to consider **PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN WITH PD-1 OPTION SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT, WOODLAND PERMIT AND WETLAND PERMIT** approvals. The applicant is proposing a senior citizen retirement community campus, including independent congregate units, assisted living units and skilled nursing convalescent units.



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, May 2, 2001.

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Northville School Briefs

STUDENT FINE ARTS SHOW

The Northville Arts Commission is sponsoring a Student Fine Arts Show to be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville from April 27 to May 1. The show will display 200 pieces of art from school children, grades K-12, within the Northville Public School District.

Students have submitted entries from several categories including two dimensional, functional ceramics, metalwork, photography and sculpture.

An opening reception will be held April 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. The show will be open to the public April 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., April 30 from 3 to 6 p.m., and May 1 from 3 to 6 p.m. The event is free of charge, however the Northville Arts Commission will accept donations.

Current donors include Atrium Center Gallery, McGuire's Fine Art, Gardenviews, Northville Chamber of Commerce, Stampeddler, Hillside Middle School PTSA, Custard Time and Barnes & Noble.

NORTHVILLE PROFESSOR WINS AWARD

Northville resident Paul Zitzewitz, professor of physics and chair of the department of Natural Sciences at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Michigan section of the American Association of Physics Teachers at the group's spring conference earlier this month.

Among other accomplishments, Zitze-

witz is the author of "Physics: Principles and Problems," a textbook for high school students.

NHS STUDENTS TO PAINT THE TOWN

The Northville High School Student Congress is sponsoring its annual "Paint the Town" project on May 12, and is in need of deserving recipients.

Those seeking outdoor clean-up assistance or know of someone who does should contact Northville High School assistant principal Dennis Colligan or Monty Shambleau by May 1 at (248) 344-8420.

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 scheduled for June 9 at 3 p.m. and will be held at Computware Sports Arena in Plymouth. Parents will be able to bring as many guests as they wish to the commencement ceremony.

MOM & TOT CLASS AVAILABLE

The Northville Co-op Preschool will be offering a special class for mothers and their children who are age 2 by Dec. 1. The Mom & Tot class will meet weekly at 21260 Haggerty Road on Tuesday afternoons starting Sept. 11 and will run through May 2002. The class time will

be 1 p.m. to 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 children.

Registration forms are available by contacting the preschool at (248) 348-1791. Tuition 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 two-day-a-week and three-day-a-week classes for children ages two through four years. Limited openings in other classes are available.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

If you have a child who will enter the Northville Public Schools kindergarten program in August, please contact your local elementary school as soon as possible. Each elementary school offers an evening meeting for parents along with a visitation opportunity for incoming kindergartners during late April or early May for families of children who will enter kindergarten the following August. Parent meetings and student visitations are scheduled as follows:

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Student Visitations: May 3, p.m.; May 4 a.m.

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(248) 344-8473

Parent Meeting: May 3, 6:30 p.m.

Student Visitations: May 10, p.m.; May 11, a.m.

Silver Springs

(248) 344-8410

Parent Meeting: May 1, 7 p.m.

Student Visitations: May 8, p.m.; May 9, a.m.

Thornton Creek

(248) 344-8475

Parent Meeting: May 3, 7 p.m.

Student Visitations: May 10, p.m.; May 11, a.m.

Winchester

(248) 344-8415

Parent Meeting: April 26, 6:30 p.m.

Student Visitations: May 2, p.m.; May 3, a.m.

PARENT TO PARENT COFFEE

The Northville High School PTSA will be hosting a parent-to-parent coffee session May 18 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for incoming parents of 9th graders. The event will be held in the home of Linda Jo Hare, PTSA secretary.

At the meeting, parents of incoming high school freshmen will be able to receive school information, meet current high school families and find out ways to become involved in the high school.

A short program is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and will address various items of interest. Informal visiting and coffee will be available before and after the program.

Any interested parents are welcome to attend.

Participants are asked to call (248) 349-6169.

PRESCHOOL TURNS 50

The Northville Co-op Preschool will be celebrating its 50th anniversary during the upcoming 2001-2002 school year. A combination fundraiser auction and 50th anniversary buffet celebration are planned for the evening of Nov. 9 at the St. John's Golf and Conference Center at 44045 Five Mile Road in Plymouth. Alumni, current members, family and friends of this Northville organization are welcome.

Interested persons are invited to contact the Northville Co-op preschool at (248) 348-1791 for more information.

Seven at Seven: gas station being built along Beck Road

By LON HUHMANN
Staff Writer

Drivers running low on gas as they drive near the intersection of Seven Mile and Beck Roads will soon find relief and gas.

According to part-owner Robbie Zahr, the construction of the new Mobile gas station at the southwest corner of Beck and Seven Mile Roads is slated to end by June 1. Zahr said the Mobil station project began nine months before, but the fate of the corner lot itself began nearly three years ago. George Onusko originally approached Northville township in 1998 with plans to place a 7-Eleven store at the corner, but eventually backed out.

"The lot had been master

"...the lot will be occupied by a Mobil station mini-mart."

Maureen Osiecki
planner, Northville Township

planned residential by the township," Northville township planner Maureen Osiecki said. "It was a gas station and then it had been vacant for sometime until Mr. Onusko approached the township with the proposal of placing a 7-Eleven /-Cigo station in the vacancy."

According to Osiecki, the township reached a consent agreement with Onusko in court that established that if any station was con-

structed at the vacant lot, the township would have final say or governing over such construction standards as landscaping and setbacks. Another detail to the agreement was to have water and sewer at the location.

"After sometime Onusko backed out and did not want to pursue his project any further," Osiecki said. "Now the lot will be occupied by a Mobil station mini-mart. I believe the construction is coming along very well."

The final site plan for the project was approved last December.

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CHEERS AND TEARS: The Pitfalls of Alcohol Abuse

Judges:
a DUI
can cost
\$1,000By JENNIFER NORRIS
Staff Writer

When it comes to drinking and driving sentences, be prepared for some potentially heavy fines and some serious consequences.

35th District Court Judge John MacDonald said the number of drunk driving cases he's seen has been fairly constant.

"The number stays about the same every year," he said.

He said the court currently sees about 1,000 drunk driving cases come through the doors of the courtroom each year.

MacDonald said that if a person is found guilty of operating under the influence of liquor, hundreds of dollars in fines and other costs can accumulate.

"It'll probably cost somebody \$1,000 if they get a drunk driving ticket," said MacDonald.

In addition, fees also accumulate to cover the cost of probation services and a rise in auto insurance premiums.

Susan Secorski, a probation officer with the 35th District Court, agreed that the number of drunk driving cases has remained stable.

"Alcohol is an accepted drug," she said. "It's one that's readily accessible and it is easy for people to get. It's also easy for people to abuse."

Secorski also said that people are becoming more socially aware of the consequences of what can



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

35th District Court judge John MacDonald talks about the judicial and legal ramifications of drunk driving.

happen when people drive while intoxicated.

"People realize drunk driving is not a nuisance crime. It has deadly consequences," she said.

A host of consequences await those convicted of drunk driving.

Secorski said that for a first time offender, punishments can

include six to 12 months of probation, having to attend an alcohol education program and a victim impact panel, along with participating in a work program or doing community service work. In a victim impact panel, a represen-

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Lawyers explain process
for drunk driving suspects

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consequences."

Haidar said that while it is within an individual's rights to go into court without counsel, the odds for a successful defense are greater with an attorney in tow.

"A person with a drunk driving violation can proceed on their own, but things can go wrong if they do not understand how the system works," Haidar said. "With an attorney, a person can establish a better defense plan. An attorney will know details that most violators will not."

There are some questions a person seeking a defense attorney should ask before making a selection.

What is the attorney's experience in criminal defense and more specifically people charged for drunk driving?

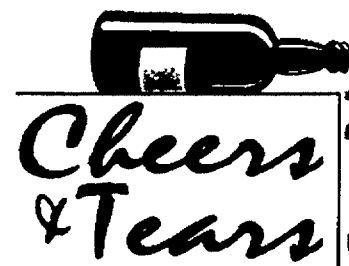
What are the possible outcomes of the case and how long will it take to resolve?

How much will the defense case cost?

Once those questions are answered, then the selected attorney will have some questions of his or her own.

According to Taub, the one crucial detail any defense attorney would need to know is whether it's a person's first offense or second. Both attorneys said that if it is a person's first offense, then making a plea agreement may be the best route. The first step in developing a plea agreement is to know the results of the breathalyzer or blood tests taken by the police.

"If a blood-alcohol test indicates a content of 0.10 or higher, then that person will be charged with operating under the influence, but if the BAC is 0.08 or lower then the



charge would be operating while impaired," said Haidar, also a former assistant Wayne County prosecutor. "One difference violators would be interested in knowing is that OUIL is six points and OWI is four points [on a driving record]."

The minimum blood alcohol content for underage drinkers is 0.02 percent.

Taub said there are predominately two types of first time drunk driving offenders. One is the person who was stopped after leaving a work party or other social gathering and the other is a person who has driven drunk many times, but has not been pulled over. Taub said it is for the judge to decide if a person has a drinking problem or not.

"Many cases I've known have been involved individuals who were at a social gathering and had a few drinks," Taub said. "These individuals do not drink and drive the majority of the time and it may be a new situation for them. However, there are also individuals who drink and drive, but do not get stopped. They will finally get stopped and have to deal with it."

In pre-trial motions a attorney may be able to ask the judge to dismiss the case due to an officer's improper decision to pull the vehicle over. An attorney may also challenge the chemical test as well.

By reading and using the police report a defense attorney can better utilize these pre-trial tactics.

There are three ways in which a case can be concluded: Dismissal, a jury trial or an entering of a guilty plea. A dismissal could be granted if a pre-trial motion is granted or if the prosecutor feels it is necessary to dismiss. Because a jury trial takes time and money, plea bargaining is the typical route to conclusion.

Haidar said the usual method for defending first-time offenders is to plea down the charge to a lesser one. Plea bargains can include a promise of a reduced sentence, a reduction in charge, which could mean a charge could go from under the influence to reckless driving. Plea bargains can also result in a dismissal of one or more of the counts.

"In the case of a second-time or repeat offender an attorney will have to do more contesting because the penalties multiply and become much more serious," Haidar said. "The courts are much tougher on repeat offenders."

Taub said penalties for repeat offenders can include jail time and the confiscation of a vehicle's license plate. He said a repeat offender may be charged with a felony. Haidar said if a person is a second-time offender the aid of an attorney is essential and third-time offenders are almost guaranteed prison time.

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U-M hosts election discussion forum

By MIKE MALOTT
HomeTown News Service
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"Elections are not just about determining who won and who lost," says Craig Donsanto, Director of the Elections Crimes Branch of the U.S. Department of Justice. "Another institutional goal of elections is to legitimize a transfer of power and to hold the governors responsible to the governed. People are generally suspicious of the elections process. They have to be able to have confidence in elections. If it breaks down, the process itself begins to break down."

The integrity the elections process "suffered a serious attack in the last election," he said, referring of course to the vote count debacle in Florida after the November elections, leaving the country wondering who its next president would be for more than a month.

Donsanto made those comments at a panel discussion at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor Friday, April 20, on the topic of election administration, its current practices and prospects for reform. He was invited by U-M political science professor and researcher Michael Traugott to talk about the issue along with Michigan Director of Elections Chris Thomas, federal Office of Election Administration Director Penelope Bonsall and Multnomah County, Oregon, Elections Director Vicki Ervin.

The forum previews several movements for revision of the elections process in Michigan.

Late last year, Secretary of State Candice Miller, in the wake of the Florida recounts, called on the state Legislature to adopt a state-wide voting system. Currently, everything from paper ballots and punch cards to computer screen voting machines are in use in various Michigan communities. Thomas said Miller will likely unveil her recommendation for a single statewide system in the coming month.

Thomas explained Miller's recommendation will probably be for a voting machine type, rather than a brand name, to avoid having a single supplier for the entire state.

Traugott also said he plans to launch a study on how voters

use, and how well they use, various voting systems. Current studies rely on after-the-fact analyses of how voters cast ballots on various machines. In Florida, many voters expressed concerns they may not have voted for the right person using the so-called "butterfly ballot." But in a controlled situation, Traugott will be able to determine if voters cast their ballots the way they intended to.

The panel discussed a variety of voting systems, and not all a good review.

"E-voting is the worst idea anyone ever came up with," Donsanto said. Because Internet sites are susceptible to hacking, vote counts might be tampered with. Terrorists could hire "computer whiz-kids" to break into or crash voting websites on election days.

"Even if they don't, if an election is close or produces an unexpected result, it could raise the question," Donsanto said. "If someone made the suggestion and people believed it was possible, it might become as bad as the actuality of it."

Ervin would agree. She reviewed Arizona's vote by Internet system and concluded it could be susceptible to "vote buying."

There, elections officials send personal identification numbers by mail to registered voters, which they use to enter the voting website.

"What could be more transferable than a PIN number?" she said.

But Ervin is very pleased with her own state's vote-by-mail system. She said it has increased voter participation and eliminates the problem of early forecasts of the outcome of elections because voters don't go to a polling place where they can be questioned in "exit interviews."

Further, Ervin said vote-by-mail ballots in Oregon were spurring kitchen table political discussions among families and friends.

"When they get their ballots in the mail, if they aren't familiar with the issue, they can ask family or friends about it and sit down at the table to talk about it. That never happened before," said.

There had been concern that some voters might be coerced into casting their ballots in a particular way, she said, perhaps would one spouse directed the other to vote for a particular person. And while the state set up a system for reporting coercion, there has never been such an allegation there. Ervin also argued vote-by-mail systems reduce the chance for "vote buying" because voters are never in a central location where the unscrupulous can attempt to influence their ballots. Others on the panel disagreed, saying vote buyers in some states have been known to follow postal workers around neighborhoods while vote-by-mail ballots are delivered.

Bonsall said more than 50 bills reforming the elections process have been introduced in Congress, but there is no consensus

on what direction reform at the national level needs to take. She said that mandating new balloting machines nationwide might cost \$700 million. Even if Congress was willing to pay for it, which she said she believed it was not, it would take at least until 2004 to make significant changes.

Thomas said Michigan already has many of the laws in place needed to avoid a Florida-like recount. State law already specifies what types of marks on a ballot can be counted as votes and regulates how recalls are conducted.

He said Michigan's "motor-voter law" coordinating voter registration with resident's driver's license records has eliminated much of the "deadwood" on voter registration files, making further reforms possible. One reform he considers likely is the elimination of the requirement that a voter has to be leaving town to get an absentee ballot.

"People talk about this last election as meteorologists talk about storms, as a one-in-50-year or one-in-100-year event," Traugott said, "in which we nearly had a breakdown in the election process. So what are the lessons? One is that we got a reminder that we don't actually have national elections. What we really have is many simultaneous local elections held on the same day at the same time but under different rules and with a great variation in the procedures. Another is that the system is under continuous reform."

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Township still being eyed for waterpark facility

By LON HUHMAN
Staff Writer

The heat of summer is just around the corner and so might be a possible water park in Northville township.

"There is a need for a water park facility in western Wayne County and Northville township is one possible location for it," said Larry Fitch, director of Wayne County parks. "At this point nothing has been finalized."

Late in 2000, both the Northville Township board of trustees and Northville city council approved resolutions in support of preliminary Wayne County interest in building a \$10 million water park in western Wayne County. The park would have a wave pool, slides, a regular pool as well one for children. The park would also have a picnic area, lockers and concessions area.

According to Fitch, the county commission is reviewing and discussing all of the possible areas.

Fitch said county executive Ed McNamara, as well as the other county commissioners will make a final decision on the park placement in the next month or two. When the township made its resolution, board trustee Marv Gans said the county informed the township that 11 acres would be necessary for the project.

Gans said one location option is at the township owned land at the intersection of Five Mile and Sheldon Roads or near Five Mile and Beck Road near the Scott Correctional facility. The county would pay for the entire project with the exception of the land donation by the township.

"The park will be similar to Chandler Park or the parks in Oakland County in Waterford and Madison Heights," Fitch said.

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Area sewer upgrades could cost \$1B

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"I picked a number for this bond that is staggeringly large, but if you look at the numbers of what it will take to fix this problem, it may not be staggeringly large enough," said state Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton.

He has introduced legislation, House Bill 4625, to issue general obligation bonds worth \$1 billion for upgrading municipal sewer systems across the state in the hopes of eliminating overflows.

But estimates for what is needed go much higher, he pointed out.

In the southeast Michigan region, repairs necessary to sewer lines and plants have been estimated at a cost of \$13 to \$15 billion. Statewide, the numbers may get closer to \$50 billion.

If approved by the Legislature, the \$1 billion bond issue would go on the ballot in 2002 for approval by voters. If they too give a go-ahead, the state would issue bonds, essentially taking a loan, to make funds available to municipalities. The money could be handed out as grants, aid or loans to be paid back to the state at low interest rates.

For the bond, Patterson said the state can get interest rates

as low as 4.5 percent. "That's not bad," he said. Over the 40 year life of the bond, the state would have to pay some \$667 million in interest.

• "This is a legacy item. This is something that we could do for our grandchildren, something that would still be here long after I'm gone," Patterson said.

He said he is proposing the bond in conjunction with a proposal already under consideration in the Senate to make \$25 million available each year, for 5 years, from the state's rainy day fund for sewer upgrades. Proposed by Sen. Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville, the bill would make money available to match federal

al grants for sewer work.

After state regulators found extensive problems with sewer overflows in Macomb County last year, they surveyed communities to find out how many had experience sewer overflows in the past five years. An overflow occurs in a sanitary sewer system was wastewater overwhelms sewer lines or treatment plants and result in a release of untreated sewage into rivers or streams.

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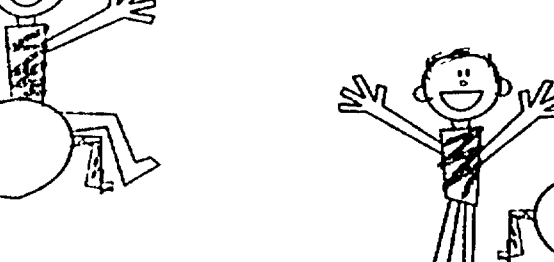
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


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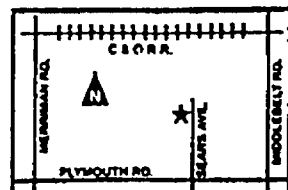
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School board gives go-ahead to health curriculum

By JENNIFER NORRIS
Staff Writer

After many months of controversy and committee reviews, the curriculum for the Essential Living Skills class was unanimously approved by the Northville board of education Tuesday.

The Essential Living Skills course is an elective high school level health class that is scheduled to begin in the Fall of 2001.

Martha Nield, secretary of the Board of Education, said that initial plans and goals for this course began several years ago.

"Teachers began working on idea for course four years ago," she said. "They saw a need for students to receive this kind of instruction."

Since that time, various committees have diligently pored over the proposed content and suggested new ideas.

The health course, which is not required for students to enroll in, will address a variety of topics including self-esteem, decision making, stress management, nutrition, violence prevention and substance use/abuse. Others areas of study will include understanding discriminatory behavior, building

HEALTH ED: THE SEX EDUCATION PORTION

Much has been made of the Northville school district's now-approved health education curriculum, most of it regarding the sex education portion of it. Sex ed represents about one-quarter of the entire health ed class. Here are the objectives for that element of the course:

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES:

- List or verbalize why group dating at this age is a good choice.
- List or verbalize places that are good, safe choices to hang out.
- Define crushes and real relationships and discuss and verbalize the differences.
- Identify important character traits and mutual interests that attract students.
- Communicate with parents about family relationships and interactive family situations.
- Compare students' and parents' knowledge, attitudes, and values about human sexuality.
- Explain the positive and/or negative effects of the media on sexuality.
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• Demonstrate strategies for solving interpersonal problems without harming self or others.

• Analyze how interpersonal communication affects relationships.

• Demonstrate ways to communicate care, consideration, empathy, and respect for self and others.

• Demonstrate attentive listening skills and tell why it's important to really listen.

• Define ways a person could encourage and support others to make positive health choices.

• Demonstrate refusal, negotiation, and collaboration skills to avoid potentially harmful situations.

• Identify the long and short term affects of making decisions about human sexuality.

• Understand that all sexual decisions have effects or consequences.

• Know that abstaining from sexual intercourse is the most effective method of preventing pregnancy.

• Understand that abstinence from sexual intercourse is the most positive and healthy lifestyle for unmarried young people.

• Demonstrate positive ways to exhibit sensitivity and honesty, and accept individual responsibility in a relationship that is ending.

healthy relationships, human sexuality issues and understanding the impact that behavior and choices play concerning AIDS, HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

"All of us on the board feel that the items that the teachers will be [discussing] with students are vital for a student's health," said Nield.

The Essential Living Skills

class will be open to students in grades 9 through 12 and is one semester in length.

Nield also said that receiving feedback from parents and students will be a high priority.

"We would like to have a voluntary anonymous survey filled out by the students and parents after the students take the course and get their input on what they found valuable and what they learned from it," she said. "I think that will be extremely useful."

Nield also said that the board has requested a syllabus be given to students and parents, and said a partnership between the family and the school is very important.

"We're giving the students the facts, and it's up to the parents to give the students the values," she said.

Superintendent Leonard Rezmlerski said the rigorous process to have the curriculum put into effect was carefully implemented.

"It obviously concludes the process we've always had," he said. "That process has been painstakingly followed."

Rezmlerski also said that parents will have the option of whether or not they would like for their son or daughter to take the elective course at the high school.

"Parents have a clear choice," he said. "We hope that a good

majority after review see the value in [the course] and decide to take it. If there are those that don't, then we respect their right not to."

In addition, Rezmlerski said he believed the course would offer students valuable information.

"I certainly believe in it strongly," he said. "I'm very concerned that this information be appropriately [distributed] to our students. I'm very concerned that our kids have it."

He added that the Essential Living Skills class will address much more than just issues relating to sex education.

"It's a health course that deals with a plethora of issues of growing up," he said.

Rezmlerski also agreed that receiving feedback from students and parents after the course is completed will be important.

"[We] plan to do a review by survey next year as to how well this course has gone."

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'Living wage' legislation not without detractors

By MIKE MALOTT
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Republicans approved a state override of local "living wage" ordinances in a House committee meeting too quickly, after only about 10 minutes and without taking testimony, say Democrats opposed to the bill.

"It represents the absolute worst of the legislative process," said Rep. Jack Minore, D-Flint, a member of the Employment Relations, Training and Safety Committee that passed the bill without amendment last week.

But the bill had already been the subject of two full hearings, totaling three hours of testimony and in which some 33 opposition speakers signed cards to talk against the proposal, according to Jack McHugh, aide to state Rep. Robert Gosselin, R-Troy, committee chair and a co-sponsor of the legislation. Additionally, the topic was the subject of two hearings last year.

"It is unusual for a bill to get that much testimony," McHugh countered. "By contrast, when the Democrats were in the majority, they would frequently approve bills in committee with no testimony whatsoever ... Most committees take up two or three bills in a session. There were two hearings of testimony on this bill alone ... It's just sour grapes."

House Bill 4328, approved by the committee and now pending before the full House of Representatives, reprises a controversial issue from last year, overriding living wage ordinances that have been adopted in the communities of Eastpointe, Ann Arbor, Detroit, Ferndale, War-

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R-Troy

ren, Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township. It would bar other communities from passing such ordinances in the future.

Each local ordinance is different, but typically they require that any company doing business with the municipal government pay its employees at a rate considered to be a "living wage." In Detroit, the rate comes out to \$8.50 per hour with health benefits and \$10 per hour without.

Rep. Andrew Richner, R-Grosse Pointe Park, sponsor of the legislation, argues that the state already has a minimum wage — \$5.15 per hour — and that if communities are allowed to set their own living wage rates, costs will rise for businesses. Ultimately, he believes businesses would hire fewer workers. Gosselin has contended there would be "hodgepodge" of minimum wage rates throughout the state.

A vote on the bill is expected in the House before it breaks for the summer in June.

The living wage ordinance override last year was part of a controversial package known as HB 4777, which would have overridden local ordinances in 14 areas of law. In reaction, municipal leaders from across the state placed the "Let Local

Votes Count" question on the election ballot last November, to protect cities and township from such state overrides.

Representatives voted on the living wage override on the closing day of last year's legislative session, and it fell roughly five votes short of passage despite the fact leaders kept vote board open more than an hour while they lobbied reticent Republicans.

What killed the bill then was that it had a possible effect on "prevailing wage" laws, which require government contracts to pay prevailing union wages to employees when working specifically on government contracts.

To fix the bill this year, Richner has included specific wording that it will have no impact the state's 1966 prevailing wage law, allowing that requirement to continue.



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Novi parks funds facing crunch, city officials say

By RANDAL YAKY
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With council discussing millions of dollars in budget funding some departments and commissions are seeing the pinch.

The Parks and Recreation Commission is one department seeing a budget crunch.

Parks and Recreation member Bob Shaw spoke about the problems in funding for parks and recreation and how funding has been dwindling in the past few years.

"None of our capital programs have been funded for this year," Shaw said, "and we think these are important issues."

Shaw said that North Novi Park, situated behind Shawwood Lake and adjacent to Lakeshore Park, is a major concern to parks commission members.

"Our number one frustration is that we received no funding last year for doing anything (in) North Novi Park. Fifty thousand dollars was asked for last year and that was denied."

Shaw said the commission has been "tiddling its thumbs" waiting for direction from council on the "master plan" they would like to get started on for North Novi Park.

"We've seen \$50 million in Clean Michigan funds for parks go right down the tubes and by the wayside past us. The money was there," Shaw said. "We asked questions about the park proposal but it's been sitting in the wings now for a while. We are very concerned that nothing is being done on this project. We've asked council on direction for development on the park (but) have received no answer," Shaw continued.

Novi Mayor Pro-Tem Laura Lorenzo said the reason that North Novi Park has not been given major consideration is due to "priorities" in other areas.

"Public Safety comes first," Lorenzo said. "Police, fire, replacing tornado sirens. That has to be a top priority."

Lorenzo also argues the point that the council has set aside money to "finish" projects that were "half done" in other places such as Rotary and Lakeshore Parks.

"There is a suspicion that property not being master planned is planning to be swapped or sold to settle the Sandstone litigation suit. It is also being talked about in construction circles around the area."

Lorenzo said that there is no deal to sell off park land in Novi as a trade to settle the Sandstone lawsuit.

"There is no deal," Lorenzo said. "We own that land and it is going to be developed but it is not a priority right now."

The Sandstone development, called the Vistas of Novi, is located along Novi Road between 12 1/2 Mile and 13 Mile Roads in the northeastern end of the city. Former Oakland County Circuit Judge Barry Howard ruled that the city breached their contract with Sandstone when they failed to complete the Decker Road expansion within a reasonable two year span. The city also barricaded the road, failed to build a \$3 million special assessment district on land donated by the developers and blocked off the entrance to the subdivision causing irreparable harm to the project. The case is currently under appeal.

Lorenzo said that because of the Sandstone lawsuit council needs to be aware of potential for monetary payouts.

"At budget time everything is on the table," Mayor Richard Clark said. "We try to cut the pie as delicately as we can."

Clark has vowed to do what is in the best interest of the city and said that all variables would be taken into consideration when voting on the new budget.

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Census reveals Novi's population stands near 50K

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Novi is growing

The phrase is starting to sound like a broken record.

According to the 2000 Census figures recently released by the U.S. Census Bureau, results show the city of Novi is booming with nearly 50,000 residents.

With the largest population gain in Oakland County, Novi saw an increase of 44 percent in the last ten years.

Climbing from a population of 32,998 in 1990 to 47,386 in 2000, Novi drew 14,388 new residents.

Novi Township also grew from 150 residents in 1990 to 193 residents in 2000; an increase of 29 percent.

City officials are attributing the increase in population to its top flight schools, attractive location, and diverse retail, entertainment and dining facilities.

Quality housing, environmental protections and ample recreation opportunities also made the list as attractive resources.

"(The growth) is attributable to a number of things, but the number one factor, without a doubt, is our school district," said Mayor Richard Clark. "Our city has an outstanding reputation and our schools are really what started that."

Clark also credited Novi's excellent neighborhoods, which offer "a wide range of housing choices" as well as the city's locality.

"We have been blessed in that we are strategically located to all the major freeways: I-96, I-275... we're also only 20 minutes from Detroit Metro Airport," he said.

Clark believed the population influx in the city was also job-related, with the arrival of the

city's OST corridor industries, like HUSKY and MAGNA and the number of other businesses coming into the area.

"The census numbers just confirm what everyone's been seeing," said Assistant City manager Clay Pearson.

"The bottom line is that Novi is a very attractive place to live and do business in. We're glad, its great position to be in."

For the moment Clark said the city is studying the census numbers and implications to see what long-term effects it may have.

"Obviously, there are some challenges when you expand that rapidly, so we'll be looking at the needs to prepare for the next five to seven years," Clark said.

Currently those needs are being addressed as the city develops the 2001/2002 budget, Pearson said.

"A big part (in developing the city budget) is focused on improving basic city services like public safety and roads, as well as looking at planning and engineering," he said.

"This city has always done a good job planning ahead and we are committed to ensuring that we continue to stay on top."

The city of Novi has grown immensely in past few decades, increasing 10,473 residents from 1980 to 1990, and 12,837 residents from 1970 to 1980. In 1970, the city population was just 9,688.

Oakland County as a whole was up 10 percent in the last ten years, rising 110,565 people from 1,083,592 residents in 1990 to 1,194,156 in 2000.

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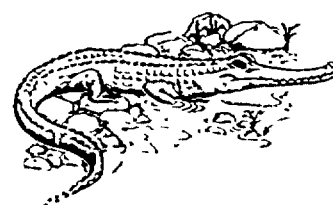
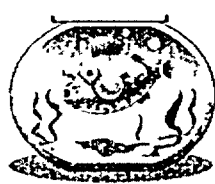
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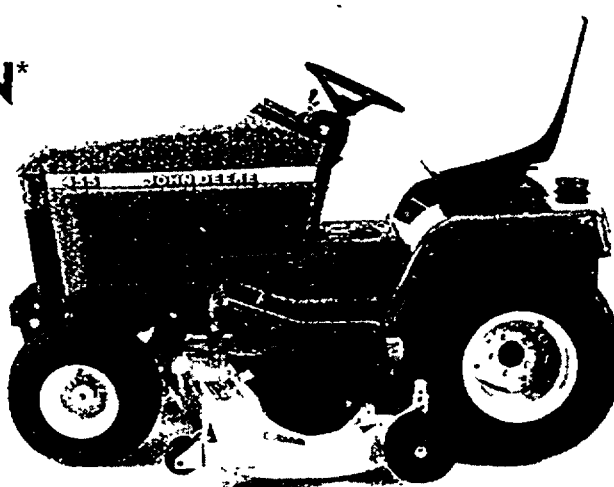


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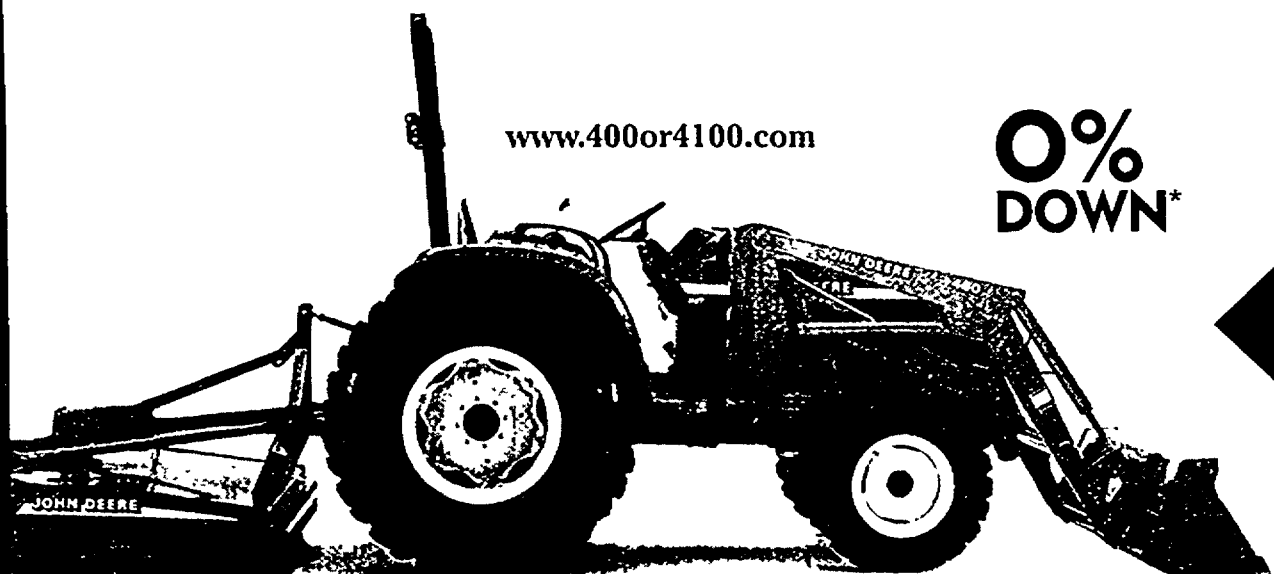
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members on the upcoming project, including Mitch Van Ochten and Rick VanderVeer. He also said that he will be working closely with officials from the Detroit Zoo to ensure the project's outcome. Detroit Zoo collaborators include Kim Sneden, Andy Snyder and Kevin Zippel.

Sieggreen said a special environment will be created to suit the toads' required climate conditions. Special filters, plants, moss, rocks, lighting, and a specific diet to suit each of the toads' life stages will be important factors that will compose the aquariums. Two laser thermometers have also been purchased to help care for the toads.

It is hoped the aquarium will be properly constructed before June. The breeding stock toads are slated to arrive in August or September.

Sieggreen said his seventh grade science students will be learning how to construct and maintain just the right climate conditions for the amphibians. In addition, the students will be observing the life cycle of the Surinam toads.

Breeding is scheduled to begin during September.

Detroit Zoo officials will provide the scientific knowledge, background, and other information on how to properly care for the toads and their offspring.

"This is a new adventure for me,"

THE SURINAME TOAD

The Surinam toad is a aquatic frog native to the northern South American continent.

Surinam toads have a flat body, a triangular-shaped head and no tongue. They are usually brown or gray in color.

These creatures can grow to be 6 inches long.

The Surinam toad has powerful back legs with webbed feet. The front legs have long, unwebbed fingers.

Surinam toads belong to the family Pipidae. The common Surinam toad is classified as *Pipa pipa*.

said Sieggreen. "What luck I have that the Detroit zoo is backing me. This is nothing I could ever do without their help. It not only a challenge for me but for the kids as well. I couldn't be happier. This is a dream."

The project aims to help provide a species that is in demand to zoos, reduce the level of human impact on the environment, and potentially interest students in science-related careers.

Sieggreen said once the project is underway, officials from the zoo will check in periodically to monitor the progress and provide further instructions.

"We're looking to provide zoos with what species they need," said Sieggreen. "They're going to show me how to do it."

Sieggreen also said the project not only benefits various zoos, but will ultimately teach students valuable lessons in science.

"Kids can do a lot more than we think they can given the opportunity," he said. "Give them an opportunity to expand their minds and they jump on it."

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Photo by JENNIFER NORRIS

This flat little fellow, known as a Suriname toad, will be part of a breeding project for the Detroit Zoo by Hillside Middle School teacher Dwight Sieggreen and his students.

Cassis: low-income residents likely to overpay on taxes

By MIKE MALOTT
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Tax cutting may be seen as a rich man's game, but those at lower income levels are more likely to be the ones who overpay because of missed deductions and credits, according to Michigan House Tax Policy Chair Nancy Cassis, R-Novi.

"The complexity of filling out state and federal tax forms has a tendency to produce inequity," she explained. "Those with the means can get more understanding of their deductions by seeking outside help. Residents with less means might not take advantage of their due deductions and end up overpaying."

Cassis recently assigned a five-member subcommittee to the task of studying the state's tax filing process and coming up with recommendations this October for simplification.

The subcommittee, chaired by Rep. Steve Year, R-Hillsdale, will hold hearings in Lansing throughout the summer to take input from citizens, professional tax-preparers and accountants, as well as the state's own Department of Treasury, all aimed at making it easier to fill out tax forms. Also on the committee are Reps. Randy Richardville, R-Monroe, Bob Brown, D-Deerborn Heights, Leon Drolet, D-Macomb, and Paul Wojno, D-Warren.

The subcommittee is also assigned to the job of eliminating duplication, combining forms and making increasing use of e-filing, tele-filing and fax filing.

"As an accountant who helps prepare tax returns, I am well aware of the complexity of figuring out income

taxes. It's just wrong," Year said. "As the old saying goes, 'there's nothing certain but death and taxes.' We can't do anything about death but we can and must make sure our tax system is fair and easy to understand."

Michigan tax forms might already seem simple compared to those used by the federal government, but that is not true of all state taxes, Cassis said.

"The Single Business Tax almost always requires the businessperson to have to hire someone else to fill out those forms," she said.

And even state income tax forms are not as simple as they could or should be, she said. "We had a goal of putting everything on a post card that you could mail back, but we didn't quite make that," she said of an earlier effort at tax simplification.

Cassis said a recent paper studying federal tax filings supports her position that it is those at the lower income levels that most often miss their deductions and credits and wind up overpaying on their taxes.

Of course, that would suggest the tax simplification task force could end up cutting tax revenues to the state to some degree, but how much is not yet known. Still, Cassis said the potential for a revenue cut won't slow down her push for simplification, even if the economy does moderate or go into a recession.

"Absolutely not," she said. "It's a matter of fairness. People should only pay as much as they owe. Besides, when an individual can keep some money in his wallet and not have to send it off to Lansing, they can use it and spend it in ways that boost the economy."

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Post office should stay downtown, DDA says

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in the downtown can prevent unmanaged sprawl because if it did move to a location in the Northville Township, the new location would bring with it extended utilities and an increase in the number of vehicles on the roads. She said the current location also creates spin off business in that generates pedestrian traffic, which can help other downtown businesses.

Ward said because the post office can generate downtown business, its presence would help maintain property values in the city.

"By maintaining property values and commercial activity, the post office can help produce tax revenue for the local govern-

ment," Ward said. "This, in turn, benefits the entire community."

Ward said the post office will create vitality and will also provide incentive for new business to locate downtown. She said the current location is also convenient for residents in that it will not create additional trips and traffic that a location outside downtown would.

Ward then cited a 1993 survey conducted in Iowa by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, which found that 80 percent of people who shopped in down-

"The post office is a major downtown anchor, such as a grocery or department store."

Lori Ward
director, Northville DDA

town's planned their trip around a visit to the post office.

"The post office is a major downtown anchor, such as a grocery or department store," Ward said. "The post office serves as a community gathering spot."

Presley proceeded Ward by giving a presentation of the proposed post office designs. The designs demonstrated that the post office would like to have its own parking areas for residents, workers and postal vehicles. The

current design had the loading dock area facing in the direction of Oakwood Cemetery.

"The proposed design has the new post office looking very similar in shape as the library," Presley said. "The most noticeable element would be the retail section."

The current design takes in to issue sound control with the strategic placement of retaining walls. According to Presley, the proposed expansion would be more than two times larger than the present location. The current building is 12,500 square feet

and the proposed expansion will the building be a little over 30,000 square feet.

The consensus was reached after it was agreed the issues of separating the distribution from the retail as well as developing better communication with downtown merchants, residents and the post office would be explored.

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Mayor, planning commission at odds over Novi sidewalks

By RANDAL YAKLEY
Staff Writer

With budget meetings underway, residents and members of commissions are asking for their share of the pie.

One such pie has to do with pedestrian walkways.

According to Novi Planning Commissioner Andrew Mutch, city council has possibly one significant project in the current budget for pedestrian walkways and bike paths. To Mutch, it's not enough.

"Most of the (walkway) projects that were approved were done so years ago," Mutch said. "I asked them if there would be setting aside funds this year for bike paths and sidewalks to connect the system. They essentially said 'Nope.'"

Mutch said the council and administration talked publicly that they are in support of walkways and bike paths. However, when it comes down to doing something about putting more in the community, they shy away from funding.

"If you don't spend the money, it's just a lot of talk," Mutch said. "I'm not saying spend millions of dollars. What we're asking for is a little bit each year. If you don't do that, then down the road there won't be any (bike paths)."

But Novi Mayor Richard Clark has a different view on the budget process.

According to Clark, there is only enough money to go around and if there were money available, Clark said he would be

more than happy to give what each department asked for.

"But I don't see people coming into council chambers saying 'raise my taxes,'" Clark said. "The (Police) chief came in and asked for a sergeant and that got knocked out. We have two more (people) to the fire department. We are an expanding community

with fiscal restraints. We can't do everything at once."

Clark said that analogies Mutch used to other cities across Michigan, such as Portage and Midland, where bike paths were given priority were not accurate.

"They are not comparable," Clark said. "If it wasn't for Dow Chemical in Midland, they

wouldn't have them (bike paths)."

Clarks said in those communities there is not the enormous amount of pressure to infrastructure within the city.

Clark did say there was a new bike path planned for Old Novi Road and repairs to the bike path on Taft Road.

"We have to do what our parents and grandparents did," Clark said. "We are going to have to live within our means."

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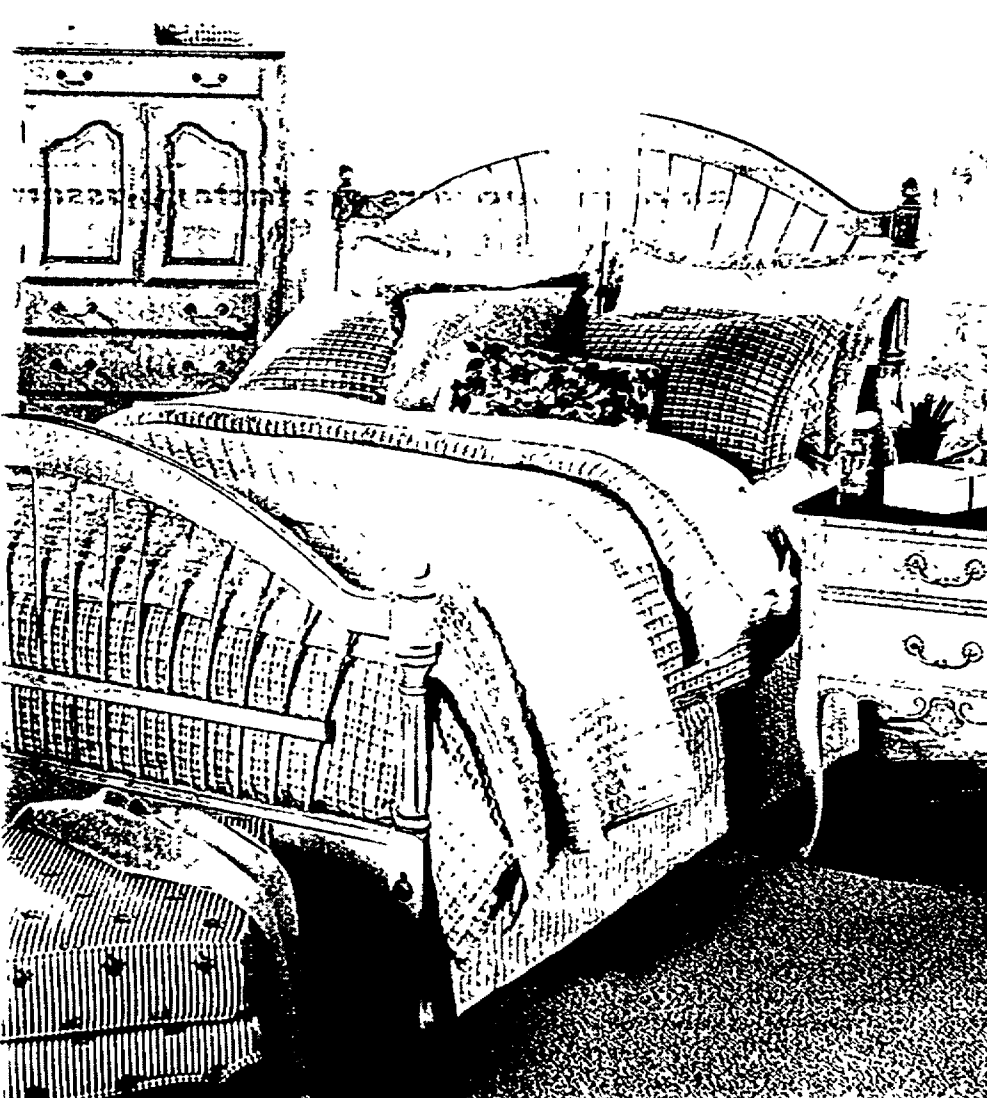
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Commission because of the building's historical significance. Sullivan said the commission approved the renovation drawings and plans last December. According to contractor Jim Acheson of Acheson Builders and Sullivan, the project goals are to reestablish strong symmetry to the lower elements, bring back the original character, elements, colors and compliment the character of the surrounding structures. In addition, the renovation will organize for signage for the future tenant.

"We began work a couple of weeks ago and it should take four to five weeks to complete," Acheson said. "The priority is to make the lower half symmetrical with the upper half."

"The building is in a flexible location."

Mandy Wilson

Wilson said the intention of the project is to attract potential tenants as well as to let them know the building is available for leasing through J.A. Delaney and Company. The location has a basement and it has nearly the same square footage of the main floor, which is about 2,000 square feet. Wilson said the potential tenant has the choice to sublet the basement.

"The building is a flexible location," Wilson said. "It would be a good fit for a number of businesses. A tenant looking for a location for either retail or office space would find this location a good fit."

The project involves placing new, centered wood panels for signage, renovating the existing glass work and the centering the storefront on the building. The limestone panels on the sides of the building will be extended to the lower half and the wood panels and frames will be painted. The signage and address will be etched into the glass, as well.

"The project will include the original glass tiles, but we were



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The front of the former site for Ultimate Toys & Gifts is undergoing a major renovation.

lucky to find someone who had original tiles like these so that we could keep and improve the originals," Acheson said. "Ann Arbor Glass Works has tiles like these from projects they had done on other older buildings. These tiles were made by a Chicago firm, which Frank Lloyd Wright worked for, so they are historically significant."

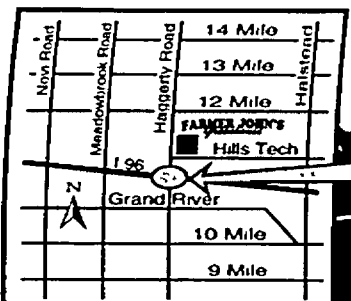
Acheson said the project work will take into consideration the future by providing good drainage,

as well as making the building more energy efficient.

"I'm thrilled to get this going. The project will ensure that we can have a building that will maintain the traditional look as well as remain standing well into the future," Wilson said.

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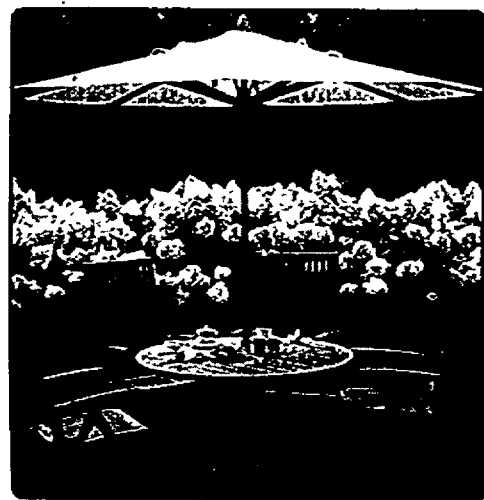


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Post office in city sounds good to us

If stories in today's issue of the Record are any indication, it's that downtown Northville is the guts of the Northville and Northville Township.

Like it or not, it's the Main / Center area that represents the core of what defines the community. It's in this area that nearly all of the community's festivals are held, where small but stable businesses have called home for years on end, where the library is housed, and also where the city and township have a post office.

Based on what the downtown development authority said this week, the downtown is also where the post office should remain. After watching this story unfold for the last eight months, we tend to agree.

Obviously, the DDA's mission is to enhance business opportunities and economic viability to one particular segment of the community. That's what it's the downtown development authority. But by the same token, downtowns that thrive tend to see success in the peripheral areas, and we think the DDA is wise enough to buy into that notion.

Suggestions of relocating the post office to Northville Township make sense from the standpoint of being more space-efficient, but it cuts into the definition of a downtown's core. Would a move to the outlying area spell the end for Northville? Not likely. But an integral part of what makes Northville tick wouldn't be in its seemingly natural locale.

Dividing up the post office into a service facility and a distribution warehouse would probably allow the service to function in its pres-

ent location and not have to add on. But fighting a two-front battle to carry the mail further complicates a delivery system responsible for handling tens of thousands of pieces of mail each day. With each additional step added to the process, the likelihood of misfired mail or delayed delivery increases.

We know the DDA's standpoint probably won't sit well with neighbors whose properties are near the post office.

But then, neither did some residents of Northville Township's Woods of Edenderry subdivision when Northville High School was being built. One year into occupancy, and things seem to be going pretty smooth.

If there is some good news for residents who support moving the post office elsewhere, it's that the postal service itself isn't in the best financial shape. Despite a string of postal rate increases over the last 15 years, the postal service is still operating on a shoe-string budget, and is also contemplating dropping Saturday mail delivery.

With that kind of financial burden being shouldered, you can bet that bricks and mortar won't be assembled anytime soon.

That will hopefully provide an ample amount of time for the city, the DDA, the postal service and nearby residents to come to consensus for a design of a functional post office that would minimize disruption to its neighbors. As we've said before, no one party is going to get everything desired, but we'd like to think that all parties involved could come away feeling reasonably satisfied with an outcome.



Northville and Northville Township police arrest a man driving along Sheldon Road, who was suspected of driving under the influence, in this 1998 file photo.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

LETTERS

■ An apology and an invitation...again

In the month of March, we mailed an invitation for a free home buyers' seminar to many Northville residents. Unfortunately, the mailers were not received until after the date of the class. We would like to apologize for the mixup and advise that we will be holding another free home buyers' seminar on May 8. The seminar will be held at the Northville District Library from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. If you would like to attend this class, please pre-register by calling Juliette Bauman with Re/Max Classic at (734) 779-9977, or e-mail to julietteb@remax.net. Please leave your name, address and phone number for registration.

Juliette Bauman
Mark Bowers

■ Easter Egg hunt left a sour taste

I am the mother of a four year-old boy and a two year-old girl. Just like other parents, I strive to provide a safe, happy, and healthy home and life for these two tiny people who mean the world to me. I know that their lives will be filled with great joy and with sadness, however, I am appalled that one of their first big lessons in disappointment happened in the course of what had been promoted as a fun and exciting holiday event.

I attended the Easter egg hunt put on by the (Northville) Parks and Recreation Department on April 13 with my two children and my four year-old nephew. With all three children bubbling over with anticipation we gathered by the baseball diamonds at Northville Community Park with hundreds of other excited families. Unfortunately, the organizers of the event had not planned well for the volume of people who attended.

The site chosen may have appeared to be a perfect location but proved to be, for half the children in attendance, a huge disappointment. Two egg hunt "fields" were provided, one for two to four year-olds and one for five to eight year-olds. The problem arose with the access to the fields. Though I can only speak for the two to four year-old field, I feel that many of the other parents in attendance will agree that it was severely inadequate. Entry to the field was gained through one small gate that could accommodate only one to two people at a time. There was absolutely nothing in place on the infield to prevent those who entered first from running onto the outfield before the remaining participants could squeeze through the opening. The PA system was difficult to hear, and although an announcement was made to wait on the infield for a signal, most of the people who entered first either didn't hear it, or didn't heed it.

I would imagine that it might have been hard for many of them to hold back their own excited children. Because there was no barrier, and no people on the field to prevent "early" hunting, however, in about two minutes every egg on the field had been picked up and my children had not even made it through the gate. We were approximately halfway back in the crowd, so there were many others who had the same experience. To add insult to injury, we were charged \$2 a child for this.

I only fault the Parks and Rec people for part of this disaster — for being disorganized in an event that was supposed to be a delight for many small children and instead turned into a huge disappointment. A bad site set-up, deficient PA system, and a lack of any posting of rules regarding conduct contributed to the mess. The remaining blame falls on many

of the parents in attendance. Everywhere you turned there were small children crying in dismay because they did not even see a single egg.

In addition, there were numerous other children leaving the field with 20 or 30 eggs. So many, in fact, that they were having trouble keeping them in their buckets. We saw one two year-old with four adults and a heaping bucket of eggs — did she really find them all on her own? Although the parents of these children may not have realized the problems with the limited access, did they honestly think that Parks and Rec had provided 20 to 25 eggs for each child?

It should have been obvious that if they walked away with that many eggs, that others would go without. I know that part of the spirit of an Easter egg hunt is the thrill of running and finding, but is it supposed to be such a cut-throat competition that pre-school aged children leave in tears? Are we teaching our children at the age of three or four to take everything they want at the expense of others? An Easter egg hunt may seem like a small thing to an adult, but in the limited world of a preschooler it is a very big thing.

My children were given a hard lesson in disappointment and it was painful for me to watch and be able to do nothing. There were however, two other wonderful lessons that were learned that evening. As my children stood crying and desperately searching for even one egg, our neighbor and his son whom we had bumped into, along with a family we did not know, encouraged their children to share some of their eggs with my children. As I said thank you to these wonderful people, tears filled my eyes. I realized that they had taught their children and mine an important thing — the meaning of community, and sharing with others. In the easy-to-please world of a child, this was all it took to make my children incredibly happy. I was very saddened to see, as I exited the field, that many other children did not experience the same generosity mine did.

To those wonderful people who helped turn a disaster into a delight for a few small children I say "Thank you from the bottom of my heart." To those who either turned a deaf ear, or were too wrapped up in their own child's experience to notice, I say "Shame on you." All parents should remember that the love you feel for your child is the same as others feel for theirs. I hope that if the tables are ever turned on those parents in attendance (at the Easter egg hunt), that someone else will feel the compassion for their child that other parents felt for mine.

Michele Guyor-Borthwick

■ What about just not having a gun?

I am writing in response to the recent accidental fatal shooting of a 13-year-old boy in Milford. This boy had apparently been given training by his parents on the dangers and safety concerns of firearms. Nonetheless, put in a situation with peers, this child made a poor choice, according to his own parents, to explore and experiment, as teens so often do, with the firearms in the home.

If I am to understand the reports correctly, the firearms were stored and locked and the ammunition was kept in a separate location. These parents followed the pro-gun recommendations. Still, a child died and several others as well as their family members and neighbors were all traumatized by gun violence.

I have not seen any reporting that another option is to not keep firearms in a

home with children. That is an option, right? It certainly is my choice. But this choice seems to be sorely overlooked. My personal feeling is that no parent can ever predict what their child will do when either alone or in the company of peers. Sure, they might comply in our presence to our rules, but when we are absent can we truly predict?

Another option available: ask. All parents should ask if there are firearms in the home and question how they are stored when our children visit a friend's for a play date or a sleepover. We check to be sure there will be adult supervision, that our children will not be exposed to foods they are allergic to, that alcohol will not be served or that the pool is secure. But it is not yet socially acceptable to ask if there is a gun in the home.

One of the most moving speeches I heard in Washington D.C. last Mother's Day was the mother whose son was accidentally killed by a playmate. "It is easier to ask if there is a gun in the home than it is to choose your own child's coffin." That statement still brings tears to my eyes.

If we all begin to ask, and to be prepared for the question — whether we choose to own weapons or not, our children stand to be safer if we only open the dialogue.

Shirley Wicker
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■ Executing people isn't the right policy

On May 16, Timothy McVeigh will be sent on his way to "that bourne from which no traveler returns," as Shakespeare put it, a long time ago.

The Old Testament dictum, "an eye for an eye..." still prevails in 38 states of our country, ignoring the words of a Biblical figure (Romans 12:19) who is alleged to have said, "...avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath, for it is written, vengeance is mine, I will repay."

The death penalty allows the law to engage in the same reprehensible behavior for which the culprit is being punished.

Is it justice when an O.J. Simpson can

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OTHER OPINIONS

Thursday, April 26, 2001

Archer made Detroit a city again

A lot of newsprint got consumed last week in printing all the commentary — most of it "on the one hand, on the other" variety — that followed Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer's surprise decision not to run for a third term.

On the plus side, Archer contributed substantially to economic development in his city. Comerica Park, Ford Field, the casinos (love 'em or hate 'em), and the Campus Martius redevelopment featuring the Compuware headquarters would not have happened without Archer's quiet and persuasive work with the business community.

On the minus side, there are still terrible problems in the neighborhoods and in getting the city bureaucracy to function properly. There are still thousands of vacant homes waiting to be torn down. The streetlights (not to mention the city-owned power plant) don't work all the time. Deep-seated problems remain with both the fire department and the police. Archer never seemed to get around to confronting the powerful and entrenched municipal unions, and he had to be dragged by Gov. John Engler and the Legislature into facing up to the mess in Detroit public schools.

But any fair-minded assessment of Dennis Archer's tenure as mayor must begin — and, in my view, end — with the reality that his election ended the petty and increasingly nasty estrangement between Detroit and the rest of the state that was the primary sad legacy of Coleman A.

Young's too-long term in office.

It was a terrible time for anybody who believes that Michigan simply cannot stand to let its largest city float off into the Detroit River. On the surface, Young pitted the city against the suburbs; underneath lurked worsening race relations and naked racial politics. Repeatedly ignored and occasionally insulted, the business community basically picked up its briefcase (and checkbook) and went home. The news media, initially entranced with Young's tough-talking (read: "profane") style, soon began to ask tough questions about how things were really going in Detroit.

Things were really bad. And nobody could see a way out until there was a new mayor.

When Archer decided to run for mayor in 1992, early on he called Nellie Varner, then my colleague on the U-M's Board of Regents, and me. He needed expert academic help, he said, in developing a program for the city. But he couldn't rely on the folks at Wayne State, who were probably in Coleman Young's pocket. So, he asked, could we pull some experts together to help him think through Detroit's problems.

For months, we met every couple of weeks in my office in Livonia, ironically at that time one of Mayor Young's main targets in the "all-white suburbs."

Watching Archer in those meetings was a revelation. We all knew he was smart, well educated, a distinguished lawyer. But he showed us an open curiosity, a willingness to learn, a capacity to put together seemingly unrelated things into a coherent political package.

When Archer was elected in 1993, most people were enthused. Here was an honest, intelligent, well-meaning man with the political skills to survive a tough election and a stated intention to bring the city and the state back together.

By and large, that's what Dennis Archer has accomplished during his eight years in

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office. Sure he can be criticized for not being a detail-oriented, kick-butt manager, and he can be blamed for being unwilling to hire somebody who was. His style — fair-minded, even juridical, always seeking to build consensus — sometimes seemed more well suited to a court or boardroom than to the rough-and-tumble politics of a blue collar city.

But these criticisms pale, at least in my mind, next to his great achievement — an achievement that is necessarily linked to precisely the dignified, well meaning and honest person he is: He brought Detroit back into the mainstream of Michigan.

Other succeeding mayors may be tougher managers or better street fighters. Maybe they'll be able to face down the unions, restore the neighborhoods, change the nonchalant bureaucratic culture. But at least they won't have to figure out how to reconnect Detroit with the civil society of our state.

Dennis Archer is a fine man, a man of integrity and good will. As Mayor of Detroit, he performed an enormously valuable service to his city and his state. And, possibly most of all, he displayed uncommonly good judgment in knowing when to step down without overstaying his welcome.

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Phil Power

We're more social, and yet less

The neighborhood I grew up in the 1960s was, by today's standards, no great shakes — just rows of cracker box houses in northwest Flint. I wouldn't buy that house today, or one like it.

But we knew all the neighbors for half a block around. And it wasn't just because I was a kid. My parents made several lifelong friends before they packed their bags for suburban pastures.

My wife and I bought our first house in Pontiac in the '80s. After living there five years, I'd gotten to know but three neighbors. And in my last neighborhood, I moved out after nine years without having had so much as a single conversation with another resident more

Mike Malott

extensive than, "hey how are ya."

Maybe I'm just not a very social guy. But if that's true, I've got a lot of company.

"That's not unusual," said Mariam Noland, President of the Community Foundation For Southeastern Michigan. "A lot of people tell us they have a similar experience."

In fact, Harvard Professor Robert Putnam began noticing that Americans are increasingly disconnecting from their neighbors and communities — resulting in a "decline in our social capital," as he puts it — back in 1995. He wrote an article on the declining attendance of bowling leagues across the country, despite the fact the sport overall appeared to be more pop-

ular than ever. Eventually, he authored a book about the phenomena called "Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community."

In it, Putnam concluded from his research that Americans spend about 35 percent less time with friends than they did 30 years ago. Families have dinner together roughly two-thirds as often as they used to. Club attendance over the past 30 years had dropped by almost 60 percent. Furthermore, Americans entertained in their homes only about half as often as they used to.

Why is it happening? It seems to have everything to do with how we live. Instead of residing in tightly-packed rows of homes, we prefer spacious subdivisions so well designed to preserve our privacy they don't even feature sidewalks.

"Every 10 minutes of commuting time cuts all forms of social involvement by 10 percent," Noland said. In a region where almost everybody spends a half hour to an hour on the road to get to the office each day, that's a substantial cut in the time and energy people have to chum with friends.

Then there's television. "Television is the only social activity that actually produces a reduction in social capital," Noland contended.

Things aren't quite as bad as they sound. The Community Foundation For Southeastern Michigan pitched in with 36 similar organizations earlier this year for a Social Capital Community Benchmark Survey of 11 categories of socializing and the seven county region turned out to have some real strengths. In fact, every community included in the survey turned out to have strengths. Very few fell below the national averages in all 11 categories.

Southeast Michigan has strong religious affiliations, ranking three points above the

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national average. The region did well in categories of giving and volunteering and involvement in politics. But it got its highest scores in membership in groups, 18 points over the national average, and informal socializing, 21 points over.

One area that surprised Noland was that area residents spend more time than the average socializing with their colleagues from work, a trend she believes will help to reduce workplace violence.

The survey, Noland explained, will serve as the "benchmark" against which future studies are compared. There are plans to continue to the survey in future years to track any improvements or declines.

And the Community Foundation will also be looking for programs it can sponsor to "invest" in social capital. The foundation supports non-profit organizations through grants, so it will seek programs that can increase socializing in the region.

Of course, we can all contribute, even without money. Pick up a phone, or have friends over for a chat. It turns out that it's your civic duty.

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Senioritis, planes, puppies, etc.

More random thoughts and observations on life...

I got another anonymous phone call a couple of weeks ago from some disgruntled reader who wanted to make my age (it's 27, in case you're wondering) a matter of importance relative to my abilities.

Apparently, my year of birth is pretty doggone critical, but I'd be curious to know what kind of a reaction I'd get if I asked the caller how old she was.

Now that spring has made its landfall in town, Northville educators should be careful to

watch for the following seasonal diseases:

WINDOWUS WATCHUM: Causes students to stare incessantly through any transparent surface to the outside world. Hardy strains of the disease may prompt its victims to ask if class can be held outside, or skipped altogether.

DRESSCODIUS FIGHTUS: Creates urges in its victims to wear tank tops and Bermuda shorts to school, all the while seeking loopholes to district dress policy which would

allow such attire.

ROLLERCOASTUM FANATICUM: Most often seen the Tuesday following Memorial Day, stirs an interest in those affected to visit amusement parks and lodge phony "my son / daughter is sick today" calls from a pay-phone mere footsteps away from the Magnum XL-200.

A wager we'll never know the outcome of — what do you suppose the odds are that a Chinese plane makes an emergency landing in the United States? We not only allow the plane to taxi to a gate, but we also repair the plane, refuel the tank and give the pilot and crew a picnic lunch to take home with them.

A lot of people are going to be grumbling about the cost of gasoline this summer, which is rumored to climb as high as three bucks a gallon. No problem. Let's just return the favor to OPEC nations by bumping up the price of a box of corn flakes to \$10. Sound reasonable?

If there's one thing I've learned better than anything else about being the editor of the Record, it's that everyone's perception of this paper is different. That may sound pretty simple, but it's the truth. In the span of two hours this week, I received a letter from a reader who was pleased as punch with the amount of local stories we had in the paper — and I took a phone call from a reader who thought we were as empty for local news as a refrigerator in a weight loss clinic. Same newspaper, different views. That's what feed-

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back is all about.

A few weeks ago, I suggested that I wasn't ready to be a parent, but if I ever would be, there were a host of things I'd do (or not do) on the basis of what I've learned from other parents. Well, I'm still not a parent, but my wife and I now own a beagle named Sammy. She's a handful, and if there's ever been such a thing as a prerequisite for becoming a parent, I'd say raising a puppy is about a good plan as any.

There are apparently a few stray tickets available for this weekend's Friends of Northville Parks & Recreation dinner auction. It's a great cause, and the one fundraiser made by the group each year. If you're interested, check out the listing in our Community Events section.

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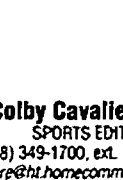
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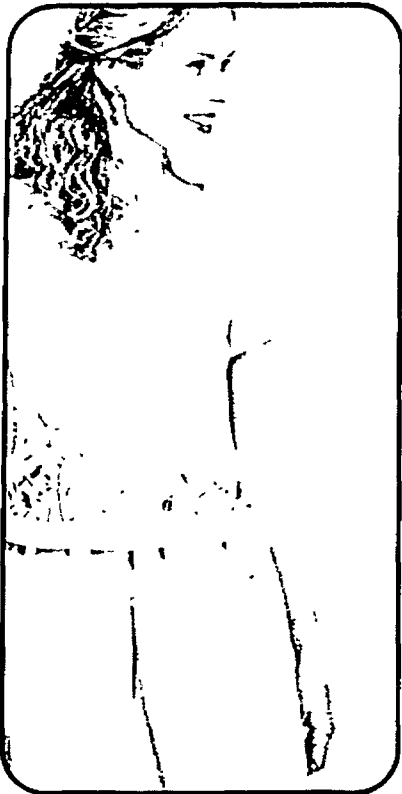
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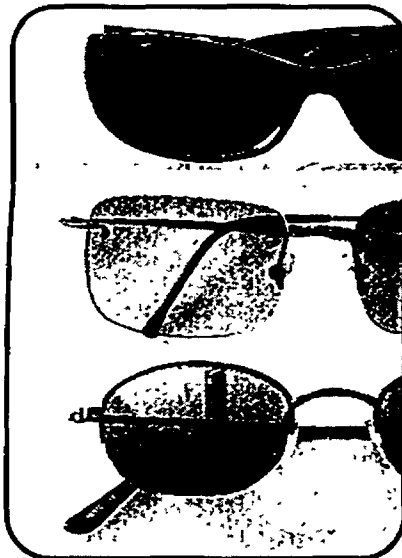
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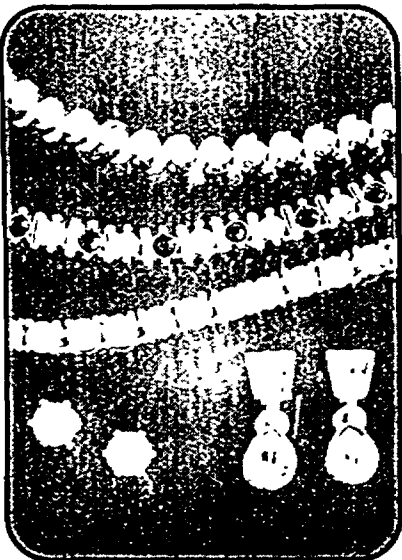
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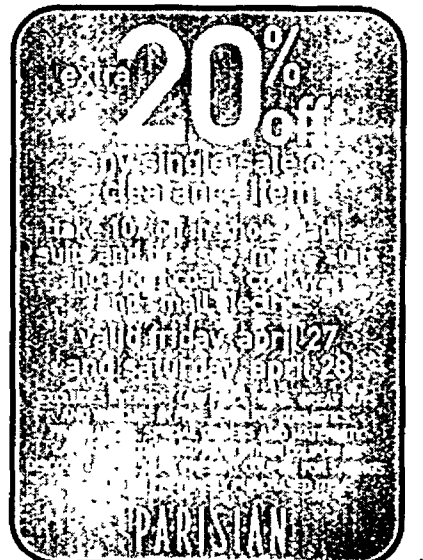
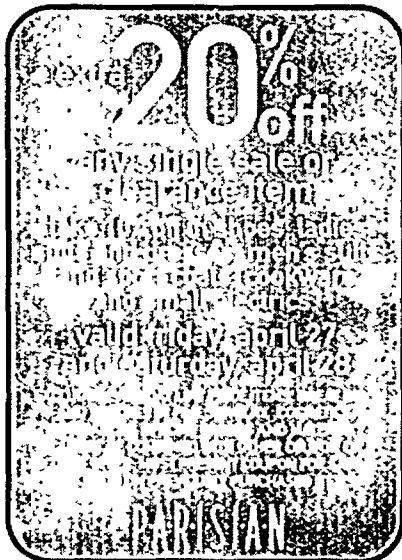
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YOU'RE SOMEBODY SPECIAL

Preschoolers get look at rainforest

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

In connection with Earth Day and their love for mother nature, the tots at Children's Ark Child-care in Novi pursued an interesting study of the rainforest by turning the center into a jungle-like paradise.

Tropical plants, hanging vines, and enormous tree trunks draped the walls and ceilings, introducing the earth-savvy children to a world inhabited by baboons, iguanas and toucans.

"We wanted to take the 'reduce, reuse, and recycle' a step further and make the children aware of what is happening in the rainforests," said Children's Ark director Diane Miller. "Not only has it been educational for them, but the kids have had fun doing it as well."

As part of the project, the children constructed a number of rainforest plants and animals, while learning about what each animal eats, as well as where they live.

They even wrote a rainforest song.

Five-year-old Jeremy Ryan Charette said his favorite rainforest creature, the red eye tree frog, settles its hunger by eating moths and lives high in the tree tops-hence, the name.

Charette said he also rates the iguana high on his list, because the lizard "looks funny."

Miller and her team of teachers encouraged students to learn about their own environment and at the same time created strategies for improving the environmental health of a rainforest in Bolivia, by

establishing a miniature recycling center.

Each morning, the children arrived and placed their plastic containers, returnables, and paper products in bins, as part of the "Adopt an Acre" program from the Nature Conservancy Organization.

"By collecting returnables — to help adopt the protection and care of a rainforest in Bolivia — the children see that they can actually make a difference," Miller said.

Five-year-old Shelby Kille, who was busy with the rest of her classmates coloring in a rainforest mural, said the rainforest project was a lot of fun and that she will continue to recycle even at home.

Miller said she was glad to see that the children really took to the concept.

"It's important to start them young, so not only do they get increased awareness about the importance of rainforests, but it helps them become motivated to be responsible stewards of the earth," she said.

For 18 years, Children's Ark has been providing child care in Novi, for ages 2 - 7. The center is located in the Faith Community Presbyterian Church, and is open year round. Children's Ark hours run from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For rates and additional information, please call Children's Ark at (248) 349-2691.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

For their study of the rainforest for this week's Earth Day celebration, Children's Ark preschoolers Airi Kimura and Austin Smith make some iguanas out of paper. The students also learned about the values of the ecosystem by bringing in returnable bottles and cans and saved some land in the rainforest to development by way of the Land Conservancy Foundation.

Elementary teachers lauded for academic programs at schools

Orchard Hills Elementary School Music Teacher Annie Bailey and Novi Middle School teaching-team members Teri Moblo, Joanne Pourach, David Kniaz, and Jeff Burnside, were recently notified that Instructional programs they created are among eight selected as outstanding by the Michigan Education Association (MEA) Showcasing Public School Success 2001 judging committee. The annual showcase highlights entries from throughout Michigan which represent best practices in public schools.

Annie Bailey's program, "Music and Braille: The Eyes Have It," integrates Braille, the history of visually impaired performing artists, listening skills, music notation, and math concepts.

The program, for first through fourth grade students, is designed to provide students with an understanding of visual impairment and development of communication skills through the use of Braille as a second language. They learn music notation in Braille and practice this skill while writing original compositions.

Other elements of the program include the study of a variety of musical artists with handicaps, identifying environmental sounds

while blindfolded, and the opportunity to meet and listen to performances by blind musicians.

Throughout the learning process, Bailey creates the opportunity for students to gain an understanding of the challenges encountered by handicapped individuals and to recognize that everyone can achieve their dreams in spite of obstacles.

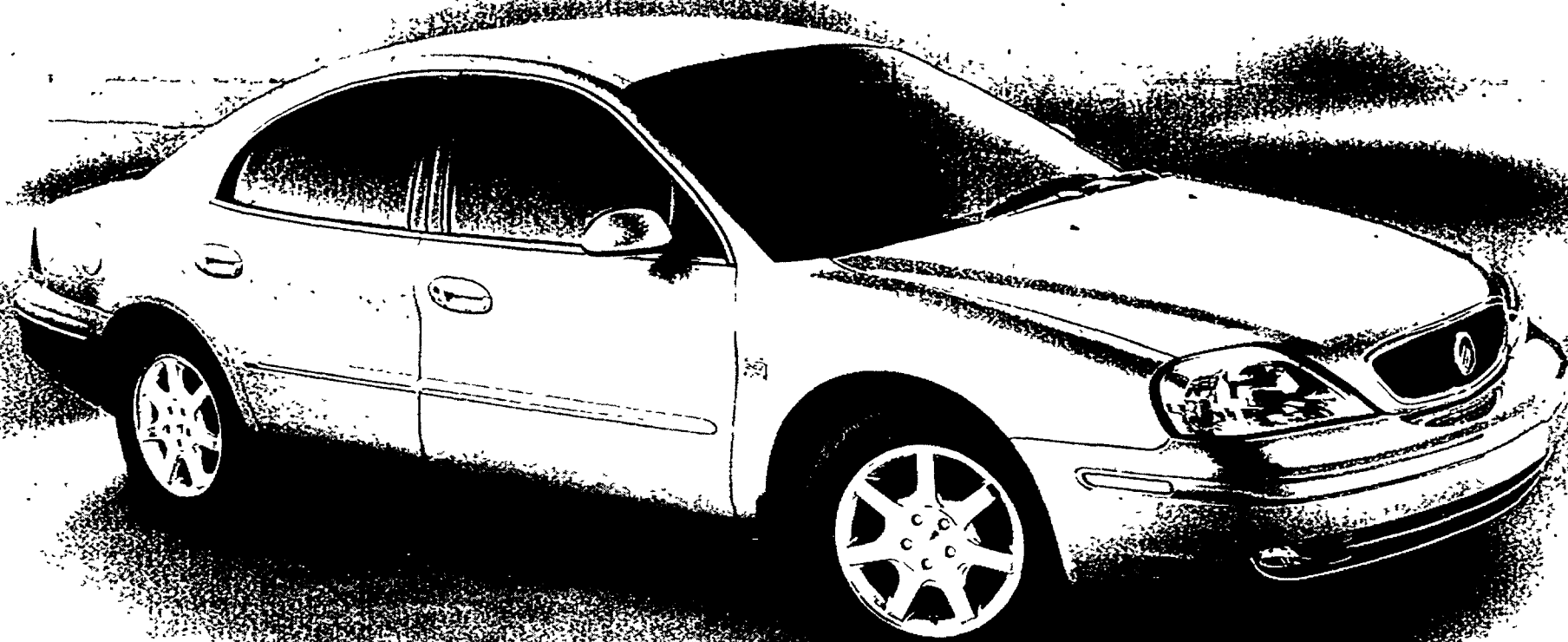
The program created by the eighth grade teaching team, "Webmasters to the Past," integrates web design and the study of historical events between 1760 and 1860.

After choosing and researching a unit of history, students build individual multi-page Web sites which include information on events, arts and literature, famous people, and scientific and mathematics discoveries for the time period.

The "webmasters" learn technology skills which are useful throughout their academic careers. The project also allows students to explore and display their creative design skills.

In May, the teachers will attend an MEA conference in Lansing where they will receive their awards and have an opportunity to share their experiences with other teachers.

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It would seem that a civilized society can expect an individual, in its midst, to commit an evil deed, but is it proper for that society to vengefully imitate that evil deed?

The U.S. is one of the very few industrialized nations of the world that executes its citizens. How can we teach that killing is wrong by killing?

Even South Africa in 1995 abolished capital punishment, calling it "cruel, inhuman, and degrading."

Worse still, is that the U.S. is one of a handful of nations — and those are embarrassingly shabby company, such as Iran and Congo — that still kill the retarded and juveniles. A cartoon I saw recently has a condemned retarded juvenile being asked if he had anything to say before being executed. His answer was, "Can I have dessert afterwards?"

Alfred Galli

Variety of letters welcome

This is to commend your paper on the outstanding "letters" published April 19.

The letters covered different subjects from politics, evolution, Northville Library advocating porn (no filters), the reading program at Moraine Elementary, and a complaint from a reader in Novi saying their paper does not cover local news adequately. All were excellent letters which indicate readers are educated on numerous subjects — and very capable of expressing themselves.

Your opinion pages usually cause much discussion at our house.

Thanks to all who write, and thanks to your paper for letting us know what our neighbors are

thinking.

F.A. Walling

Winchester appreciates help

A word of thanks to those who helped make Winchester Elementary School's Reading Explosion 2001 such a success. It truly was a community effort and partnership with area professionals. Our principle, Nancy Raynes, brought this concept with her from her experience at other schools. The children really enjoyed the full day of hands on science activities.

A big thanks to Dr. Jeffrey Burstein and Dr. Tereze Steinhoff for facilitating the Dentist session and letting the kids paint sealants on teeth; to Dr. Kimberly Berrie and Jill Mondrush from Hidden Springs Vet Clinic for the session on how to be a veterinarian; the FBI agents; Robin Benjamin and Nancy Prochazka for the Oceanography and scuba diving session; Merri Cullen for the paleontology session; Lois Baughman and Susan Bawden for the shark dissection session and Betsy Basoukas and Sheryl West for reassembling the sharks and making new molds all day; Shelagh Aretakis for the first aid session; Beth Locricchio for the heart station; and the Eastern Michigan University teaching students for their sessions.

A special thanks to the Northville High School Honor Society students for their time. We appreciate Renee Buczkowski for organizing lunch for all volunteers and speakers and Susan Hawkford for coordinating the volunteers.

The local area businesses that helped sponsor this event include Meijer, Busch's, Hiller's, Target, Costco, and Home Depot. We are grateful for their support.

**Patty Pokrandt
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Cool as ice

Novi residents Stephanie and Nikki Hosley, Kristen Herbert, Ben and Theresa Drafta and Christna Martinez, as well as Stephanie Papich (not pictured) will be participating in the Southfield Ice Show this weekend. For more information, call (248) 354-9357.

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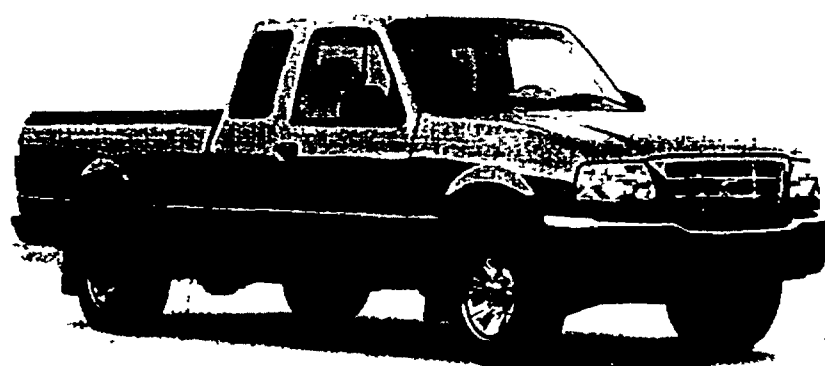
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High school help to spruce up town in volunteer blitz

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locating five to 10 homes in need of work and then sending teams of students to each location.

Shambleau also said students in previous years have done such projects as cutting the grass, raking, building fences or other kinds of odd jobs. He said students are currently looking for residents that need some help doing jobs outdoors.

The organizers have had some difficulty tracking down deserving recipients and have consulted the senior center to help in their search.

Shambleau said the aim is to keep the service project within the

boundaries of the city of Northville and Northville Township.

He also said that Home Depot and the Chamber of Commerce have been helpful with the "Paint the Town" program.

If you are or know of a senior citizen in need of maintenance work, contact Northville High School assistant principal Dennis Colligan or Monty Shambleau by May 1 at (248) 344-8420.

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OUIL court costs can get expensive

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tative from the Mothers Against Drunk Driving organization speaks on how a drunk driver affected his or her life or the life of a loved one.

Lengthier consequences are in store for repeat offenders.

Secorski agreed that a drunk driving conviction can cost an individual hundreds of dollars. Charges accumulate for such items as impound fees, attorney fees, treatment costs, court costs, insurance increases, and other related costs.

Court officials caution people about deciding to drive after consuming alcohol.

"Don't do it," said Secorski. "Just don't take the chance. There's things you can lose that you don't even think about."



MacDonald agreed.

"Do not get in that car and drive after you've been drinking," he said. "It doesn't pay. If you think you're too drunk to drive, call somebody."

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Golfer's guide gives insight to local courses

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

Did you know that to avoid problems, it's best if you avoid the cornfield on the left on the 12th hole at the Salem Hills golf course in Northville? Or that the worst first hole at the Links of Novi course is a monster par four with a nice little goose pond positioned to the right?

If you had a copy of the "Bogey Golfer's Guide to Public Courses in Michigan," you would know these and thousands of other facts about courses throughout the state.

Originally printed in 1995, and

currently in its fourth edition, the book is the brainchild of local resident Sam Zeppa, and his two close friends, Richard Hyrb and Greg Morris. Six years ago, the trio finally became frustrated enough with the lack of a good Michigan golf course resource book, so they forged ahead and created one of their own.

"We looked at other [books] but they just didn't have that great information. We are pretty avid golfers so we got together and talked about making one of our own. We played some courses, and gathered information over the course of two years, and

eventually came up with our original edition in 1995," said Zeppa.

The book isn't designed for the seasoned pro, but rather Zeppa and partners feel it's targeted for the average weekend golfer that is looking for a new place to play that fits their style and preferences.

"Our target audience is the casual weekend golfer or bogey golfer. We are trying to gather correct information, and slowly build ourselves a little niche," Zeppa said.

The state of Michigan has the most public golf courses of any state in the U.S., and each has their own unique

feel and style. A simple flip through the pages will result in course descriptions on a hole by hole basis, and a general overview on the feel or make-up of the course design. Bogey Golfer's Guide includes detailed information on over 250 courses throughout the state of Michigan. There are course rankings, scorecards, hole-by-hole commentary, and location maps for all the listed courses. Each author, and several of their friends have played the courses and provided their scores for readers to get a good idea of the difficulty of each hole. The book is a huge help for golfers who

want to find out about a course before playing it. Even Zeppa finds the ability to preview a course tremendously helpful.

"I love elevation changes, so a friend thinks that Shepherd's Hollow, and Moose Ridge would be great for me," Zeppa said.

With more and more courses coming on line yearly, with the Arnold Palmer designed Northville Hills being one prominent one, the guide has seen the need for new editions every two years. A fifth edition is set to debut later this fall.

"We are working on a fifth edition

right now," said Zeppa. "We have already played some of the new courses and gathered lots of information."

The current edition is available and can be purchased at Pro Golf, Las Vegas Golf, Carl's Golf Land, Gorman's, Golf Mart, and various other local golf retailers. The guide can also be found at several of the golf courses listed in the book.

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Lady 'Stangs take down Chiefs

Miglio, Fill, and Dunmead net goals in 3-1 win

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
SPORTS EDITOR

Last year they were scolded for lack of focus in a game they should have won.

This year they were the ones who did the scolding.

The Northville girls' soccer team came to play, and bested state ranked Plymouth Canton 3-1 on Monday afternoon.

"I talked to the girls before the game and made sure they were focused on this big task. Last year we lost our first game after the break because we weren't mentally ready," said head coach Ron Meteyer.

A misplaced ball allowed Canton to take an early 1-0 lead about four minutes into the game. Northville nearly tied the game a few minutes later when Lindsay Dunmead knocked a ball off the post that rolled along the goal line, but wasn't ruled a score.

"It looked like it might have been a goal, but the referee wasn't in position to get a good look at it," said Meteyer.

With 18 minutes left in the half the 'Stangs were able to knot the game a 1-1 when Maggie Ossola shot a pass up the middle to a breaking Larissa Fill. Fill tapped a soft roller into the right corner past the diving Canton goalie for the score. Not long after, Northville took the lead when Lindsay Miglio knocked in an Ossola rebound to give the Mustangs a 2-1 advantage at the

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Mustang Makiko Kawamura takes a cut at the plate during a home game earlier in the season. Makiko scored a run in Northville's 5-1 win over Farmington Hills Harrison on Monday.

Rolling right along

Softball squad declaws Hawks 5-1 in key WLAA matchup

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
SPORTS EDITOR

They don't have a line-up stacked with power hitters, or a stable of flame throwing pitchers, but what they do have is solid defense, and an aggressive style on the basepaths.

The Northville softball team

turn in yet another consistent, team effort to beat Harrison 5-1 on Monday afternoon.

"We had strong fielding, especially by Erin Banner at third. We were also kind of thin because of girls returning from spring break, so we pulled up a few JV players, and got a solid effort from everyone," said Mustang head coach

Kelly DeWitt.

The 'Stangs struck early, when Fumiko Kawamura lead off with a hit, got to second on a hit by Lindsay Tomasak, and then stole third. Kawamura came around to score the first run of the game on a passed ball a few minutes later. Tomasak and Kawamura each scored two runs in the game.

Pitcher Maureen Emaus was strong on the mound, striking out five Harrison batters on the way to the win.

"I'm pleased with where this team is going, but its important we keep working hard, and not let up, or get comfortable," said DeWitt.

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'Stangs miss duo, lose to Hawks

Girls' Track

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
SPORTS EDITOR

The key absence of two Mustangs in the girls' track team's 72-65 loss to Harrison April 10.

"Maggie Ossola runs the 100 and does the long jump," said head coach Robert Watson. "She had a soccer match the night before against Salem, and she had to be at soccer practice. For Maggie, soccer comes first and track comes second. We are glad to have her when we can."

Ossola's absence was compounded by a teammate who had fallen under the weather during the meet. Watson said.

Nicole Cauzillo was not able to compete in the 800," Watson said. "Earlier in the meet she won the mile handily, but was ill before the 800. I made the decision to pull her. Her times are [usually] 10 seconds faster than the winning Harrison time."

Nonetheless, the first loss of the season for Northville didn't come without its great performances. Devon Rupley had a jump of 15 feet to take first in the long jump, and ran a time of 1:01.85 to win the 400m dash. Rupley also ran a 27.7 in the 200m dash to take second behind teammate Simi Gill. Other 'Stang winners included Cauzillo (5:25) in the 1600m, Alyson Flohr (12:26) in the 3200m, and the 400m relay team of Gill, Emily Ott, Erin Bzymek, and Angela Nelhoff.

Taking second-place finishes were Gill in the 100m dash, Heather Moehele in the 1600m and 3200m, Shannon Hogan in the 400m dash, Genevieve Balangero in the 300m hurdles, and Katie Jones in the 800m.

"I was disappointed with the outcome of the meet. However, I believe we were a better team. We just all needed to be there in order to win," said Watson.

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MHSAA sets Sudanese refugee eligibility procedures

In a historic, progressive move, the executive committee of the Michigan High School Athletic Association adopted guidelines to allow hundreds of Sudanese refugee students being placed in communities around the state the opportunity to play interscholastic athletics, some as early as this spring sports season.

"Since December, young people from the Sudan have been arriving in Michigan, being placed in homes by social service agencies and enrolled in public and private MHSAA member schools," said MHSAA executive director

John E. Roberts. "These students are arriving without academic records, their academic abilities and preparation vary greatly and they are being placed by schools in grades six through 12. They are being given dates of birth by immigration authorities which are approximations at best."

"Shortly after these students began arriving, member schools began to inquire about how to provide athletic participation opportunities for them," Roberts added. "Since schools have an interest in serving and mainstreaming as many of these displaced students as possible, and

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John E. Roberts
MHSAA Executive Director

at the same time preserving a level playing field for interscholastic athletes, the executive committee needed to take a lenient, yet cautious approach."

At its monthly meeting last week, the Executive Committee

adopted a six-point approach to providing eligibility for these refugees:

1. A Sudanese refugee is not eligible for interscholastic competition until he or she has been in attendance at one or more

MHSAA member schools for 45 school days and is passing the equivalent of 20 credit hours of course work.

2. If after 45 school days the student is eligible under school and MHSAA regulations in all respects except that the student's age is only approximately determined, the student's date of birth will be deemed to be that indicated on the student's Immigration and Naturalization Service I-94 form and the minimum and maximum age eligibility standards will be applied accordingly.

3. INS I-94 forms must be on

file with the student-athlete's required physical examination statement prior to participation.

4. A student placed in a foster home is eligible according to Handbook Interpretation #58 at (a) the school he/she had been attending, (b) the public school of the new district, (c) the closest public school academy, or (d) the closest nonpublic school, except that the executive director may waive the requirement of closest nonpublic school if the other children in the foster home attend a different nonpublic school and that is where the

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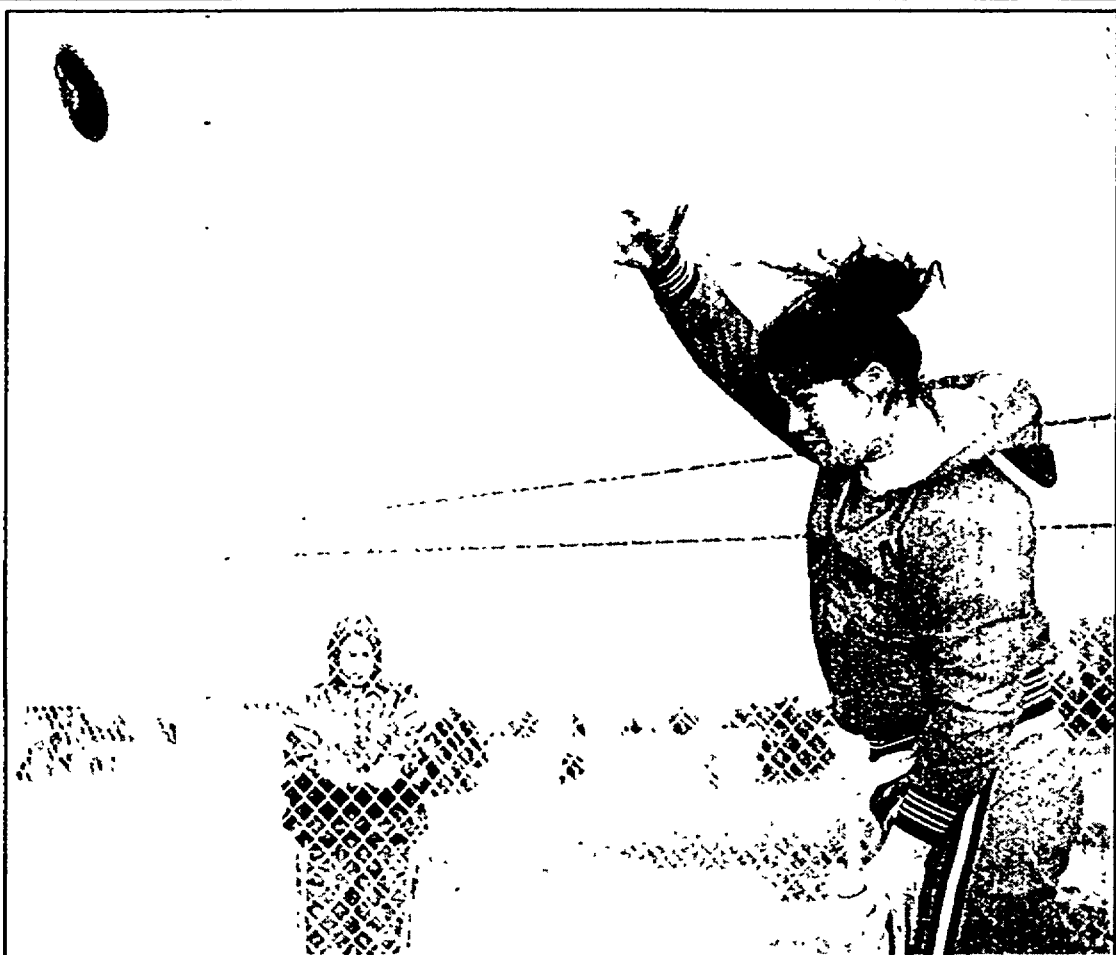
Ossola, Cauzillo missed in close defeat

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Adding extra hurt to the loss was the fact it was a conference defeat, one that dropped Northville to 1-1 in the WLAA. After a lengthy break the 'Stangs will host Walled Lake Western in yet another conference showdown this afternoon at 3:30.

"This is a meet we must win. I am hopeful that the members of the team worked out during the break," Watson said.

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Northville's Sarah Adkins lofts a discus in a meet at Novi. Adkins tossed a 53' in the Mustangs' 72-65 loss to Harrison.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Kickers rely on mental focus to win

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"We felt very confident at that point," said Meteyer. "We knew they would push hard, and attack us up the middle in the second half, and we were ready."

Meteyer's defense put the clamps on Canton's All-America player Annie Morell in the second half, not allowing her to get off any solid shots on goal, and frustrating her into a yellow card.

With 12 minutes remaining in the game, the Mustangs got an insurance goal when Dunnhead scored off a perfectly headed pass from Ossola.

"Maggie and I talked about directing headers better. She has been sending them high,

"If we can keep winning our division games, we will be in a spot to play for our first conference championship in a real long time."

Ron Meteyer
Northville head coach

and out of bounds, but this one was perfect," Meteyer said.

After years of futility against Canton, Northville was finally able to break through.

"This win against Canton is a long time

coming. Not many people can remember the last time we beat them," said Meteyer.

The win moved Northville to 5-1 on the year, but more importantly, put them in first place in WLAA Western Division.

"If we can keep winning our division games, we will be in a spot to play for our first conference championship in a real long time," said Meteyer.

The Mustangs were at John Glenn yesterday afternoon, and will host Farmington on Monday evening at 7 p.m.

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Sports Briefs

GIRLS TRAVEL SOFTBALL TRY-OUTS for the Northville Broncos age 16 and under girls fast pitch travel softball team will be held on May 4th at 10 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., and May 5th at 2 p.m. Tryouts will take place at the softball diamond at Hillside Middle School, located between the hardball diamond and the high school football field. A total of three tryouts will be held.

Interested girls must attend all three sessions. Girls born in 1984 or 1985 qualify. Rain out dates will be May 11 and 12.

For more information, call (248) 349-0373.

Northville-Novl Colts Youth Football

The Northville-Novl Colts Youth Football Organization is holding registration for the 2001 season on May 5th, at 9 am at the Novi Civic Center. The registration will be for openings on the cheerleading and football squads.

Due to the large number of returning players, the only Football squads accepting registrations are:

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Registration is on a first come basis. The registration fee is \$260. If you have any questions before the registration, please call:

Cathy Thomas/Football 248-348-4282

Rene Ellison/Cheerleading 248-344-8977

9-year old Tournament Team

Try outs for the nine year-old tournament baseball team will be held on April 27 at Northville Community Park from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM and on April 29, from 12-2 PM. Both practices will be held on field five.

To be eligible perspective must be registered in the Northville baseball program either in the H-League or the coach pitch league, and have their birthday after July 31, 1991. Although kids born after July 31, 1992 will be eligible, preferential consideration will be given to the nine-year old players.

The tournament team will play four weekend tournaments and be expected to participate in at least one practice session per week. Players who make the team will be required to pay an additional \$90 registration fee through the Parks and Recreation department.



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Senior captain and goalkeeper Alex Katona makes a save during pre-game warmups.

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Community Events

The Northville Historical Society will be hosting a rain-or-shine **plant swap** at Mill Race Village on April 28 from 8 a.m. to noon. Excess plants may be traded with other gardeners, as can perennials, annuals, wild flowers shrubs and trees. The Northville Department of Public Works will have composted yard mulch available, as well. Attendees should bring their own containers to transport acquired materials. For more information, call (248) 348-1845.

The Plymouth Theatre Guild, which performs at Watertown Theater on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, will present "Vaudeville: A Play With Music" on May 4, beginning at 8 p.m. The show will also run on May 5, 11, 12, 13, 18 and 19. Tickets start at \$7 and may be purchased at Gardenviews in Northville. For more information, call (734) 455-2466.

The Zonta Club of Novi-Farmington will be hosting an **evening of private shopping at Parisian**, located in Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia on May 20. The event runs from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Restaurants and caterers will be serving food during the event, which costs \$25 in advance as a tax-deductible donation. Parisian will extend a 15 percent discount on all non-designer purchases made during the evening. Tickets are \$30 at the door. For

more information, call (248) 349-6246.

The Northville Post Office will be conducting a **letter carriers' food drive** on May 12. Non-perishable foodstuffs should be left by residents' mailboxes. Donated items will then be transported to a community food bank or pantry. For more information, call (248) 349-0300.

The Friends of Northville Parks & Recreation dinner auction will be held at Schoolcraft College's Waterman Building. Tickets are \$50. Proceeds from the auction go toward park improvement in Northville Township and Northville. For more information, call (248) 348-7866.

The Novi Choralaires annual spring concert will be held May 12 at Novi High School's Fuerst Auditorium. The show, entitled "The Choralaires Effect," starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and children. For more information, call (248) 348-0400.

The Michigan Mature Driver Retraining Workshop will be held May 1 and May 4 at 9 a.m. at the Northville Senior Center. Certified instructors will measure a driver's brake reaction time, peripheral vision, depth perception and

other elements important to safe driving. For more information, call (248) 349-4140.

David Boyd, an Edward Jones investment representative in Northville will host a **broadcast for individual investors** May 1 at 6 p.m. The broadcast will be a live, interactive program to Edward Jones branch office across the country, via the company's private satellite network. To reserve a seat for the free showing, call (248) 348-4610.

The Northville Community Foundation is seeking volunteers to help with the **Northville Independence Day Parade**. A team of parade coordinators will be meeting on May 3, May 24, June 14 and June 28 at 7 p.m. in Northville City Hall to organize the event.

The Foundation is also beginning a **pledge drive** to match nearly \$11,000 received by the organization as a result of the state of Michigan tobacco settlement. The drive will begin April 20. For more information on either event, call (248) 374-0200.

The American Intercultural Student Exchange is seeking **host families** for high school exchange students travel-

ing 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.

Vision Computer Solutions is hosting a **free technology seminar** at Gentili's Hole-In-The-Wall on May 1. The seminar will discuss methods of improving small business and the uses of technology in home life. The seminar will run from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will include a free dinner for those in attendance. Registration is required. For more information, call (248) 349-6115.

The Student Fine Arts Show will be held April 28 through May 1 at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Various types of art will be on display from Northville school students of all grade levels. Admission is free to the public. Show hours vary by day. For more information, call (248) 349-0203.

A free **home-buyers' seminar** will be

held May 8 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Northville District Library. Hosted by mortgage representative Mark Bowers and real estate agent Juliette Bowman, the seminar will answer many commonly-asked questions regarding home purchases. Registration is required. For more information, call (734) 425-4520 or (734) 779-9977.

The Northrop Sassaman Funeral Home is sponsoring a **free grief support workshop** for adults faced with the death of a loved one. The support meetings will begin April 26 at the Northville Senior Center, and will help people who have normal grief responses, using education and an opportunity for people to share with others in the group. The series, sponsored by **New Hope Center for Grief Support**, will meet for six consecutive Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 348-0115.

The Northville Genealogical Society will be meeting May 6 at 2:30 p.m. to learn about the history of Hines Drive. A 1:30 p.m. class on family research will precede the meeting, which will be held at the Northville District Library. For more information, call (248) 374-0738.

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MATHEMATICS

1. Lisa enters an area shopping mall and wants to buy a new shirt, which costs \$15. She hands the cashier a \$20 bill. How much change does Lisa get back?

- a) \$2
- b) \$3
- c) \$5
- d) None

READING

2. Read the following passage: Jack and Jill went up the hill to fetch a pail of water. Jack fell down and broke his crown and Jill came tumbling after.

A good title for this story would be:

- a) "Subservience No More: Liberating Jills of the New Millennium"
- b) "Jack v. People of State of Michigan"
- c) "Hey, Stupid — We've Got Running Water, You Know!"
- d) "The Story of Jack and Jill"

SCIENCE

3. The chemical compound made up of two atoms of hydrogen and one oxygen is commonly known as:

- a) Water
- b) Perrier
- c) Slush
- d) Money

SOCIAL STUDIES

4. Complete this famous phrase uttered by President Abraham Lincoln: "Four score and seven years ago..."

- a) "...we were paying out the nose for a stinkin' cup of tea."
- b) "...some helium-headed British general thought wearing red and marching in a straight line was brilliant military strategy."
- c) "...let's see... that's twenty, carry the five...hey, does anyone have a calculator?"
- d) "...I got these great tickets to the Ford Theatre, but Mary Todd bailed out on me. Anyone else wanna tag along?"

ANSWERS

1. D — Because Lisa looked suspicious — you know, two earrings in one ear and a Tommy Hilfiger backpack — mall security flexed its muscle and kicked her out before she could buy anything.

2. D — But we've got to admit that A, B and C are pretty good, too.

3. A — Technically speaking, this answer is correct. But in Grosse Pointe, it could be B. In Escanaba, it could be C. And if that water dips below 32 degrees and some chump in an SUV highballs it on I-275 and crashes into a ditch, some insurance company will make it D.

4. C — Even Honest Abe would have trouble with today's rugged academic landscape.

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It's springtime. For some, that means pulling the lawn mower out of the garage or shed or raking away those fall leaves that never really left.

But for a reasonable majority, it's planting or designing a garden.

Digging in the dirt and planting those tulips, daisies, pansies and begonias can be a stress reliever and an honest hobby.

However, the gardening hobby has expanded in the last few years to become a vast empire for garden shops across the country and right here in the area.

What used to be a small four by four plot of flowers and a few vegetables has now become small havens with furniture and decorations to escape from everyday worries and responsibilities.

Leading the way to supplying those haven accessories are shops including Glenda's Garden Center, Anglin Landscape Supply, Dinser's and Backyard Direct in Novi; Brickscape, Mexico Direct and Gardenviews in Northville; and The Greenery at Brainer's in Wixom.

From gazing globes and benches, trellises and fountains, these items create a sanctuary right inside your own backyard.

A big trend for garden decorations in 2001 is copper. From the rusty metal look to shiny wire baskets, this metal has begun to crop up in grass and shady spots all over the area.

"Copper is very popular this year in terms of trellises, wire baskets that give a Betina age look," said Greg Brainer, co-owner of The Greenery at Brainer's.

Another hot item is garden benches. Everything from wooden decorations to potting and utility benches are becoming the trend, Brainer said.

Of course, there is always those crazy glass globes that have been spotted for a few years now.

"Not just the reflective globe is popular now. We also have blown glass globes from Poland and mosaic globes a local artist makes with bowling balls," said buyer and designer for Gardenviews, Lori Jermont. "They (gazing globes) are a throw back to the Victorian gardens."

While these decorative pieces fit nicely in a garden, truly appreciating a garden escape requires a little bit of water. Fountains are another main seller for garden stores and the traditional fountain has given way to a more natural approach.

"We have a lot of natural looking rocks to create little waterfalls that look like skies of mountains but are



Garden accessories, like this gazing globe and these copper butterflies, have gained popularity among green thumbs.

actually made out of foam, so you can leave it out in the winter," Jermont said.

While these garden escapes have sprung up, the themed or planned look of them has gone south. Today's gardens are a wonderful mix of this and that, all rolled into one.

"It's more of an eclectic look and mixing of a lot of different styles. They are taking old doors, removing the glass and growing ivy up them and then placing a beautiful statue beside it. It's a traditional English garden with fun accessories," Brainer said.

Jermont agreed. "People are really getting creative with their gardens instead of the run of the mill stuff. They are taking more pride in them," she said.

Pride and time. Today's garden is a full time venture for some.

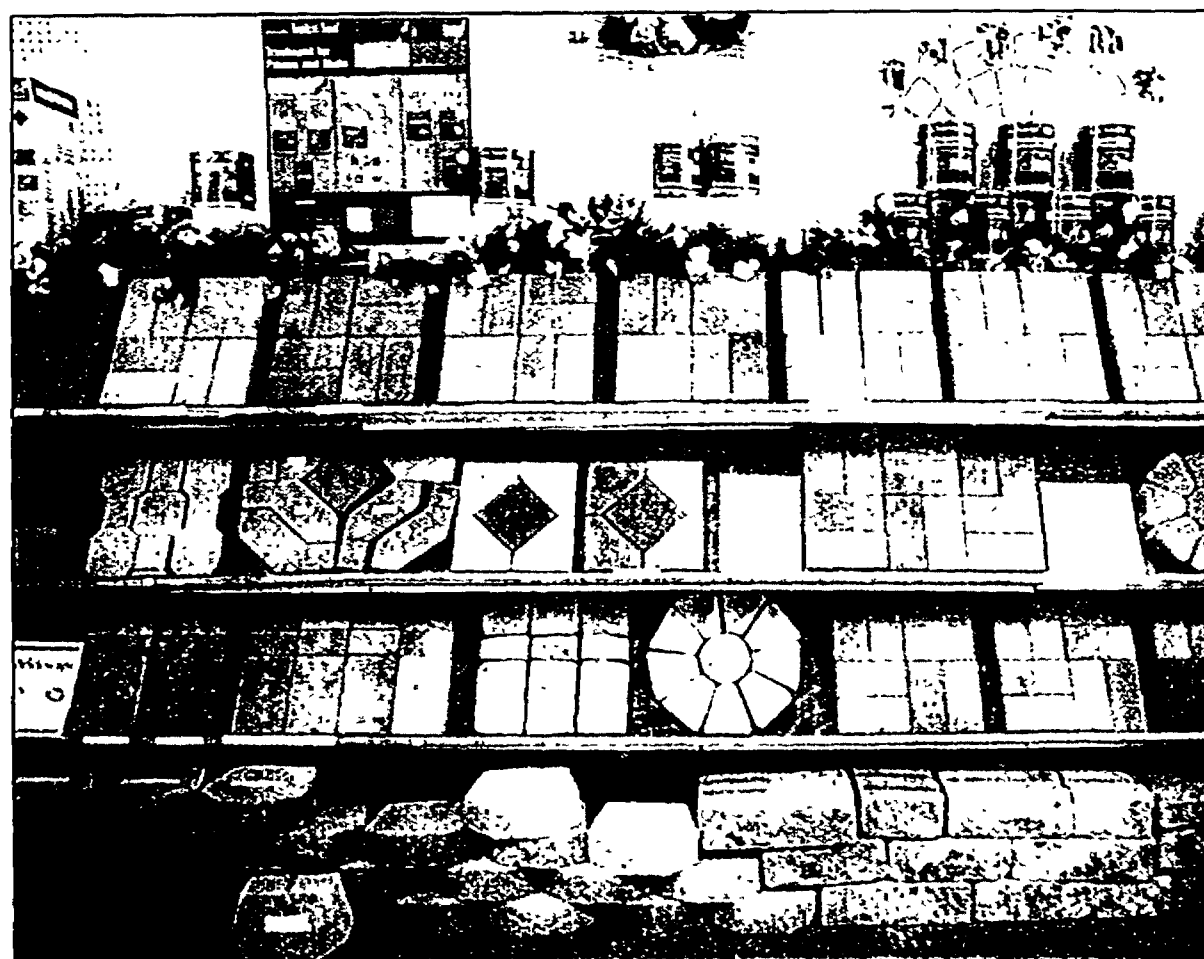
"Baby Boomers are retiring and spending more time as a hobby in their gardens. As the economy slows and gas and travel prices go up, a lot more people will create small vacation paradises in their garden because they are unable to travel due to the cost," Brainer said.

While the hobby may be labor intensive, the joy and relaxation benefits afterward make the effort seem worthwhile.

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Brickscape's Jennifer Brodzik does a little tamping near the Novi shop's demonstration area. Brickscape



Novi's Brickscape has large displays of brick types for their shopper to choose from.

Story by Kelli Cooley

• Photos by John Heider

Take a step back in time



The Antishin's 150 year old Milford home is a unique design of fieldstone, cobblestone and brick.

Photos By JOHN HEIDER

By Annette Jaworski
SPECIAL WRITER

If walls could speak, Dan and Josephine Antishin's Milford home might tell a tale of the Civil War. Dan Antishin often imagines the conversations that might have occurred inside the home while those events were fresh in history. According to the abstract, the land was deeded to Amos Mead in 1830, while they estimate the house followed later in 1849. The couple enjoys owning a little piece of history with their 150-year-old structure.

Josephine Antishin admits, "What intrigued us about the house was the age. My husband also has a lot of respect for history."

Located in downtown Milford, the home's exterior is one of a kind fieldstone cobblestone and brick. If you look carefully, you'll find a couple pudding stones that were used on the exterior of the home. Instead of one solid color, these rocks are a combination of numerous speckled stones. Using a pudding stone on a building was a tradition that was supposed to bring good luck. The 23-inch stone walls provide extremely thick and useful insulation, according to Josephine Antishin. It keeps the home warm in the winter and cool in the summer.

The Antishin's performed major renovations throughout

the entire home, during their nine-year stay. Each piece of wood was carefully stripped, refinished and replaced, and improvements made along the way. All the floors are original hardwood upstairs and down except for a vinyl area in the kitchen. All the doors are original as well. The doors were taken apart, refinished and re-glued.

The exterior stone walls are so thick, they required that the window walls be constructed extraordinarily deep. These ornate window walls are only part of the beautiful woodwork inside the house. While refinishing these areas, Dan carefully packed those spots with insulation to make the home toasty and warm. A leaded glass transom above a set of French doors is an elegant touch to the foyer and dining room as well as the open stairway.

The stairs lead to an open loft area, which the couple converted to a bedroom for 22-month-old son, Thomas. The master bedroom is found upstairs as well, which includes a full bath off the bedroom and walk in closet space.

The family room has another unique feature, an original Rumford fireplace, to add warmth to the home.

"It's purposely very shallow. It's specifically made to heat the room," she said.

Six-year-old John's bedroom is also on the first floor with an adjacent full bath. Here you'll find an original claw

foot tub. The Antishin's collection of antiques adds charm throughout the home, including a mahogany ball and claw foot dining room set they received as a wedding gift.

"We've always liked old things," commented Josephine Antishin.

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(Above) A breezeway/laundry was also added to connect the main structure to the carriage house which is now used as a garage.

(Left) All interior woodwork and flooring, like this shown in the livingroom, has been completely refinished to protect the home's historical integrity.



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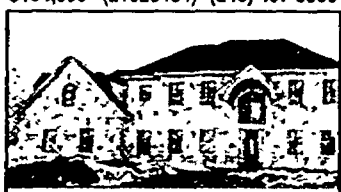
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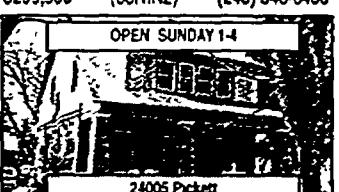
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GREEN OAK TWP. - Outstanding ranch home features great room w/fireplace & doorwall to deck, dining area has bay window, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, finished basement w/family room, large rec room, office or 4th bedroom, 1 yr home warranty.
\$229,900 (21028346) (248) 437-3800



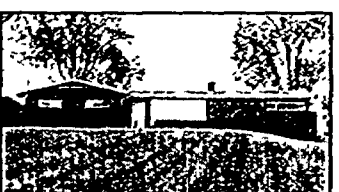
NEW HUDSON - Newer Cape Cod w/great location to x-way, features 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 1st floor master, finished walk-out, gas fireplace, private wooded lot
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NOVI - Meteculous Chase Farms Must See! Light & bright, maple flooring in kitchen, foyer and family room, granite countertops, dual staircase, 3 car garage, park-like lot
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FARMINGTON HILLS - Beautifully situated on .70 acre in Quaker Valley Farms Sub. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Updated carpet, vinyl floors & upstairs windows. Side-entry garage
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FARMINGTON HILLS - Room-To-Room both inside and out. Large, spacious, open, custom built Ranch sitting on over an acre. Conveniently located, lots of windows
\$272,000 (31GLE2) (248) 348-6430



WATERFORD - Get Ready For Summer! Access to an all-sports lake & near Pontiac Lake Recreation area. Immaculate Ranch home on double lot, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage
\$149,700 (540AK2) (248) 348-6430



SALEM - Attention developers, investors & builders! Eight beautiful acres are waiting to be developed. Home on property is currently being rented. Home is sold 'as is'. Property is splitable.
\$199,900 (21022698) (248) 437-3800



WHITE LAKE - 1.08 Acres. Build your dream home in growing White Lake. Schools K-12 just down the street. Close to Highland rec and Alpine Sky lodge - year round fun.
\$94,900 (000B2) (248) 684-1065



MILFORD - Golfers Dream! Gardeners delight on private treed property! 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 2 story marble foyer, lower level rec room finished to perfection, 2 car garage. Must see!
\$454,900 (75HER2) (248) 348-6430



NOVI - Spacious Novi 4 bedroom Colonial w/large oak kitchen open to family room, 2727 sq ft., tons of updates: windows, Berber carpeting, hot water heater, roof, garage door, driveway & professionally finished basement. Now schools!
\$327,000 (01DUC2) (248) 348-6430



GREEN OAK - Beautiful home on spectacular private treed lot, spacious entry w/ceramic floor, lovely light & bright family room, delightful kitchen/breakfast area, many updates. Move-in condition!
\$264,900 (41DAL2) (248) 348-6430



GLADWIN - Serenity! Waterfront/great fishing! Deck of this 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 1200 sq ft. cedar home overlooks union of 3 rivers, 2 car garage w/loft, basement, fireplace, nestled in woods!
\$133,900 (60MOO2) (248) 348-6430

South Lyon
(248) 437-3800

Northville/Novi
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Milford
(248) 684-1065



The exterior stone walls are so thick; they required that the window walls be constructed extraordinarily deep. This is evident in this kitchen photo.

Stone home takes us back in time

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After research, the couple discovered that the home was originally attached to the carriage house, which lies immediately west of the home. The carriage house now serves as a garage. The couple wanted to preserve the historical integrity of the home and rejoined the structure by adding an attractive and useful breezeway/laundry room. When this improvement was made, the couple left the original cobblestone exterior as an interior wall. The stone was cleaned and sealed and left on the wall for character. Original boards from the home renovation were used for the counters. The smooth oak counters make an interesting contrast to the rough stone walls. A French door off this room leads outside to a brick paver terrace and a fenced-in yard with perennial garden.

Josephine admits that after all the time and energy they poured into the home, they're having a difficult time parting with the historical structure. They've decided to move to a larger home to accommodate their growing family.

The home is for sale through Debbie Yatoona at CoRealty. Call (248) 684-1700 or (248) 400-1948 for more information.

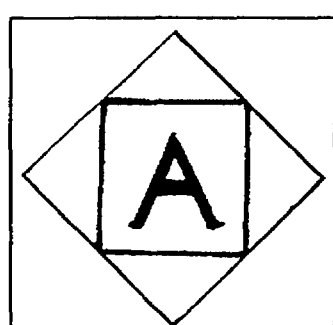
This porcelain 'pitcher' is a good catch

By Anne McCollam
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q. Enclosed is a photo of a porcelain pitcher that was given to me by a 97-year-old neighbor. Unfortunately, she doesn't remember where she got it and can't tell me anything about it. The pitcher stands more than 10 inches tall and is in mint condition. It appears to be hand painted and signed by the artist. On the bottom are the words "D.D.A. - France." Can you tell me when it was made and if it has any value?

A. Your pitcher is usually referred to as a tankard and was made by Gerard, Dufrasseix and Abbot in Limoges, France. They have produced art objects, table china and decorative items from around 1900 to the present.

Your tankard is circa 1900 and would probably be worth about \$350 to \$400.



Q. This mark is on the bottom of a clock that was given to me. A metal figure of a young woman playing a flute is seated at one end of a black base. On the other end is a clock. The base measures 14 inches high by 17 inches wide and is supported by ornate paw feet. Please tell me what it's worth.

A. Your statue clock was made by Ansonia Clock Co. in Brooklyn, N.Y., around 1890. Your clock is a good example of Ansonia's "Fantasy" model. The dial is ivory and all metal parts have a bronze finish. "Fantasy" has an open escapement, i.e. the wheel and pallet movement that can be seen on the dial. It has an eight-day movement and chimes.

"The Price Guide to Antique Clocks" by Robert and Harriett Swedberg lists a "Fantasy" statue clock in mint condition at \$600.

Q. I have a number of books that I believe are of some value. Most of them were published in the last half of the 19th and early 20th centuries. There are too many to list and I hope you can give me some advice on how to begin my research.

A. The assumption is often made that because a book is old, it must be worth a great deal of money. On the contrary, many old books have little value. As a rule, collectors are interested in first editions, unusual titles and condition. An author's signature will increase the value of a book, as long as it is an original.

Another source of disappointment occurs when one learns that an old family Bible that has been cherished for generations has little value. There just isn't a big demand for collecting Bibles. The value of those large leather bound Bibles lies primarily in the family histories that were recorded within the family tree pages.

Low on the "books to collect" scale are most book club editions. To begin researching values of books, start at your local library in the reference section. "American Book Prices Current" is published annually and lists prices of books that sold. "Huxford's Old Book Value Guide" and "Collector's Guide to Children's Books" by Diane McClure Jones and Rosemary Jones are all good reference books.



This tankard was made by Gerard, Dufrasseix and Abbot in Limoges, France. It has produced art objects, table china and decorative items from around 1900 to the present. It was made around 1900 and would probably be worth about \$350 to \$400.

Q. I would like to learn more about a child's cereal dish that I have. It is decorated with a scene from a nursery rhyme and has a gold scrolled edge. On the bottom are the words "D. E. McNicol - East Liverpool, O. - Holdfast Baby Plate - Patented." I am 73 years old and it was mine as a child.

A. D.E. McNicol Pottery Co. was in business from 1892 to 1954. Their first plant was located in East Liverpool, Ohio. In 1914 they opened a new plant in Clarksburg, W.V. and five years later another one in East Liverpool. The East Liverpool plants were closed in 1929 and all operations were conducted in Clarksburg.

Your plate would probably be worth about \$50 to \$75.

BOOK REVIEW

"The Official Price Guide to Bottles" by Jim Megura offers a lot more than the listed 8,000 current prices on all types of bottles. This indispensable resource includes an updated market review, a history of bottles, an eight-page color insert, along with black-and-white photos, a comprehensive listing of dealers, reference books and a glossary.

Jim Megura, an early glass and bottle consultant to Skinner, Inc. and owner of a glass-blowing studio, offers sound advice on how to start a collection, buying and selling, also how to spot reproductions, fakes and repairs. Don't miss the chapter devoted to "Digging for Bottles" and you will not only unearth valuable tips, but will be privy to fascinating information!

Address your questions to Anne McCollam, P.O. Box 490, Notre Dame, IN 46556. For a personal response, include picture(s), a detailed description, a stamped, self-addressed envelope and \$10 per item (one item at a time).

How to get rid of pet odors

By Gene Gary
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q. In a few months we will move and rent our current house. We will be replacing the carpeting and padding on the main level due to various stains and pet "accidents." I am pretty certain that in a couple of areas, the pet urine soaked down into the floorboards. Is there some way we can treat the floor boards to eliminate or reduce lingering pet odors?

A. There are a number of odor removal products on the market. One such product developed specifically for the treatment of pet organic odors and stains is "Nature's Miracle," a liquid odor and stain remover manufactured by Pets & People Inc. (53112 Ironwood St., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274). This product is readily available at many pet supply stores, and comes in pints, quarts or gallon containers. It contains enzymes that neutralize odor-causing material. For effective treatment, the liquid needs to penetrate the infected surface. If you have hardwood flooring, you will need to strip off the old finish and apply this solution to the bare wood to neutralize the disagreeable materials that have penetrated the wood.

After treatment you will need to refinish the floors (unless, as in your situation, they will be recovered by carpeting) by sanding and applying a new varnish or polyurethane finish. If you are dealing with stains in hardwood flooring, often the wood would be darkened in areas where the urine penetrated. In such cases a commercial wood bleach should be used prior to refinishing the floor to help diminish the staining.

It's important to follow manufacture's directions carefully. In cases where the subflooring is concrete instead of wood, the problem is a little more difficult because of the porous nature of concrete. In such cases the concrete should be saturated with "Nature's Miracle." It sometimes takes up to a week to achieve results. Even though the surface may seem dry, it takes longer for the moisture level inside concrete to dissipate and odors can remain during this period. If may even take more than one application to correct the problem in saturated areas.

Once the treatment has removed the offensive odor, seal the concrete with a good masonry sealer prior to the installation of new padding and carpeting. A wood sealer is also recommended for subflooring that is not going to be finished with varnish or polyurethane.

Q. When we were building our new home, featuring decorative brick walls on three sides, the builder installed a window in the wrong place. The window had to be taken out and the space filled in with brick. My problem is that the new bricks and mortar do not match the existing ones very well. So now we have an ugly patch on the brand new brick wall. What is the best solution? Shall we ask the builder to redo the one side wall completely?

A. By all means, have the builder correct the problem. If he can not satisfactorily match the existing brick and mortar (maybe he can on a second try) you will always have a blemished wall. There is nothing you can do to change the color, texture and mortar installation of the current patch to make it blend with the rest of the wall.

Help Can't Wait

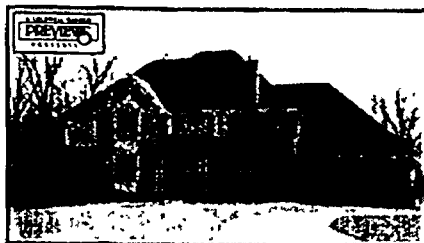
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<p>EXQUISITE NORTHVILLE HOME Masterpiece of architectural freshness, quality & design. 4 bedrooms, 5 full baths, 2 1/2 car garage, 4 fireplaces, 4 car garage, full finished basement. \$1,049,000. Call (248) 380-8800 (S614K)</p>	<p>CUSTOM BUILT NORTHVILLE CONTEMPORARY HOME Adjacent to 14th green of Meadowbrook City Club. 4 br, 4 ba, 3 car garage, full finished basement, vaulted ceiling, full brick FP, wet bar, ceramic tiles. 4 open kit, 4 bedrooms. \$439,900. Call (248) 380-8800 (S614K)</p>	<p>TOWNHOUSE ON LAKE Northville - absolutely gorgeous lake front townhouse. 3 bedrooms, full basement, totally remodeled. Move in condition. \$169,900. Call (248) 380-8800 (S614K)</p>	<p>JUST LISTED - MYSTIC FOREST SUB 4 bdrm, 2 1/2 baths, 3,029 sq ft on 0.29 acre, gourmet kitchen w/ center island. Incredible master suite & bath with 10 x 17 closet. \$40,000 in upgrades, great deck. \$450,000. Call (248) 380-8800 (S614K)</p>	<p>THIS HOME IS TRULY A FIND! Located in Northville Historical District, features include 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, FP in breakfast room, 2nd floor laundry room, new water heater (95), dining room w/ 14' x 14' skylight. Serviced front porch, large deck, rear porch, 2 car detached garage. \$429,900. Call (248) 380-8800 (S614K)</p>	<p>HISTORICAL NORTHVILLE TREASURE All the warmth & charm of yesterday in this colonial farmhouse! Special features include a huge country kit with work island and large eating area, family rm open to kitchen. \$279,900. Call (248) 380-8800 (S614K)</p>
<p>LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION! Build your dream home today. This spectacular 4 bedroom, 3 full bath, 2 1/2 car garage is located in Northville's Historic District and is just a short drive to the golf course. \$229,000. Call (248) 380-8800 (S614K)</p>	<p>YOU DREAM IT, WE'RE BUILDING IT! New Northville construction on one acre backing to Maybury State Park. 3551 sq ft plus WO lower level. 4 bedrooms, oak staircase, great rm plus much more! \$779,900. Call (248) 380-8800 (S614K)</p>	<p>PRIME HAGGERTY CORRIDOR LOCATION Currently a need residential & perfect for that home based business, see township for zoning variance. Spacious private floor plan, updated kitchen & bath, 1.5 car garage, hardwood floors, full finished basement. \$319,000. Call (248) 380-8800 (S614K)</p>	<p>WALK TO DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE Wonderful brick ranch w/ 2 car attached garage, updates oak kit w/ granite, newer carpet, 1st floor HWY 16, updated copper plumbing. Extra insulation blown into all walls & ceiling, updated. \$199,900. Call (248) 380-8800 (S614K)</p>	<p>ONE OF NORTHVILLE'S FINEST CUSTOM BUILT CAPE COD This lovely cape cod features 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, gourmet kit w/ granite, countertops & DDB. Over 100 sq ft of skylights & French doors, hardwood floors, 2 car garage, 2nd floor laundry room, 2nd floor full bath, 2nd floor full kitchen. \$499,900. Call (248) 380-8800 (S614K)</p>	<p>WONDERFUL COLONIAL Features 4 bdr, 2 full baths, totally remodeled kit w/ Corian counters, oak cabinets, new oak flr. New carpet, new large closet, new fence, pool & deck. \$219,900. Call (248) 380-8800 (S614K)</p>
<p>ONE OF THE BEST LOCATIONS! In the heart of Northville, this lovely 4 bedroom, 3 full bath, 2 1/2 car garage is located in Northville's Historic District and is just a short drive to the golf course. \$199,900. Call (248) 380-8800 (S614K)</p>	<p>LUXURIOUS NEW HOME Custom Built - Beautiful Detail work & moldings, cherry & mahogany floor, leaded glass imported doors to mahogany Panel Door. Walkout partially finished. 3 1/2 baths. \$899,000. Call (248) 380-8800 (S614K)</p>	<p>PRESTIGIOUS NORTHVILLE CONDO Southern Exposure, on the golf course in the exclusive Country Club Village. 2 bdrm, 3 1/2 bath, finished basement w/ daylight windows. \$294,500. Call (248) 380-8800 (S614K)</p>	<p>BEAUTIFUL NORTHVILLE HOME 11 bedrooms, 4 bdr, 2 1/2 baths, gourmet kitchen w/ granite counters, custom flr in living rm, upgraded neutral carpeting throughout, lovely hardwood floors, 2 car garage, pool, landscaped, 2nd floor deck. \$419,900. Call (248) 380-8800 (S614K)</p>	<p>KELLER WILLIAMS 248-380-8800</p>	
<p>SHARP NORTH HILLS COLONIAL-NOW! Situated on a treed lot & close to a lg community area. Features 4 bdr, 2 1/2 baths, wall to wall brick fp in the fam rm, great remodeled kitchen, new roof (99), New windows (00), New water heater (99). \$284,900. Call (248) 380-8800 (S614K)</p>	<p>LAKE ESTATE Features 2 1/2 acre home site surrounded by open land & a 5 acre crystal clear lake. 5 bedroom, 4 car garage, 3900 sq ft, ready for fall occupancy. \$749,900. Call (248) 380-8800 (S614K)</p>	<p>FABULOUS CUSTOM BUILT CAPE COD Sits on 1.3 acre lot w/ spring fed pond. Features 2 master 1st flr bdr, 2 gourmet kits, 2 laundry rms, open flr plan, lovely prof. finished basement w/ exercise rm & much more. \$689,900. Call (248) 380-8800 (S614K)</p>	<p>LAKE FRONT TOWNHOUSE On Crystal Lake featuring 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, liv rm & fam rm. Decorated in neutrals, very clean & ready to move into. Home warranty. \$149,900. Call (248) 380-8800 (S614K)</p>	<p>SOLD KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY</p>	

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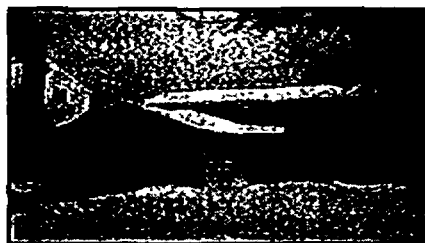
NOVI \$990,000
Paradise Found! Privacy & Seclusion! On 1 acre pond setting! 4 car garage, Custom detailing & design, 1st floor Master, 3 fireplaces, gourmet kitchen, bsmt w/9, 3.5 bath. (BGN58VAS), 248-347-3050



HAMBURG \$279,900
Four star energy efficient home, New construction 1.5-story Cape Cod. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, cathedral ceilings joining living rm & kitchen. Full basement. 1.25 acres. (BG-SLY-43PRO), 248-437-4500



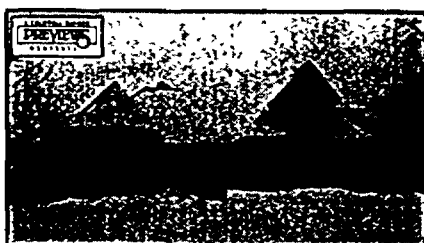
NORTHVILLE \$539,900
Immediate occupancy, Northville Colonial in hills of Crestwood. Situated on walkout lot backing to woods. Bridge overlooking family rm w/2-story wall of windows. (BGN78RED), 248-347-3050



NORTHVILLE \$214,900
Quiet Northville Neighborhood! Many updates including interior painted, re-modeled baths & kitchen, new roof, new windows, new carpet t/o, newer furnace & much more! (BGN02CAN), 248-347-3050



PLYMOUTH \$499,900
When only the best will do! A prized location w/fabulous finished walk-out backing to protected woodlands. Oak flooring, cabinets, sky lights, wall of windows-3750 sq ft of living space-upgrades! (BGSLY54WOO), 248-437-4500



NORTHVILLE \$849,900
Wow! Awesome Modern Victorian-Style Home! 6bdms, backs to preserve, finished walkout w/fireplace, Oak bar, wine cellar, indoor pool & private office, 1st floor master suite. (BGN49MCD), 248-347-3050



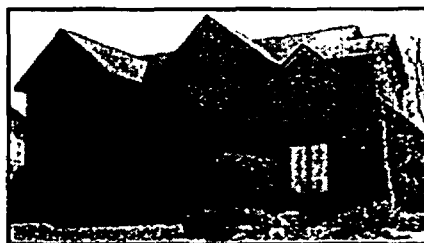
HARTLAND \$189,000
Three Year Old Sub-Division in Rolling Hills! Across from high school. Neutral toned & ready for new ideas A walk out to lush yard w/sprinklers. 3brs spacious 2.5 baths. Nifty family room. (BGN42NEW), 248-347-3050



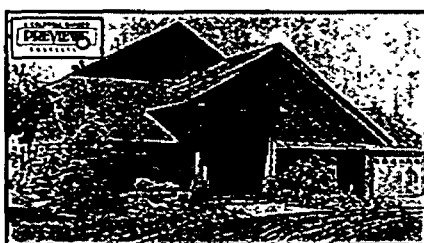
NORTHVILLE \$449,900
Better than New & Nothing to Do! Move in today. Cleanest home on the market. Oversize 3 car. 4br w/master suite, hwd floors t/o. 1st floor laundry, study, wooded yard. (BGN01DAN), 248-347-3050



NOVI \$599,900
Great commercial value in Novi. The value is in the possibility of these 2 parcels being re-zoned Commercial. 3 acres total w/prime location backing to I-96, 2 houses on property backs to woods. (BGN35TWE), 248-347-3050



SOUTH LYON \$409,900
Par Above the Rest! Golf course community, 4br, 2.5 baths, gourmet kitchen, 2 story living/dining rooms, library, family room, fireplace, walk-out, brick patio, wooded lot. (BGN63SPY), 248-347-3050



LYON \$789,900
One Of A Kind! Backs to Golf Course on 1+ acre! 1000 sq.ft great rm, 2000sq.ft master ste. w/bk marble bath & spa. Open airy floor plan w/10 skylights & loads of windows. (BGN25CUR), 248-347-3050



LYON \$419,900
Golf Course Community! Gourmet kitchen, formal dining room, 2 story living room, 4br, 2.5 bath, library, master ste. w/glamour bath, walkout, 2-tier deck, brick pavers & more. (BGN97SPY), 248-347-3050



NORTHVILLE \$439,900
Northville Location! Tree lined yard. Huge family room, library, dining & living room. Gorgeous Master suite. Walk-out basement. 3 car garage. (BGN95WIN), 248-347-3050



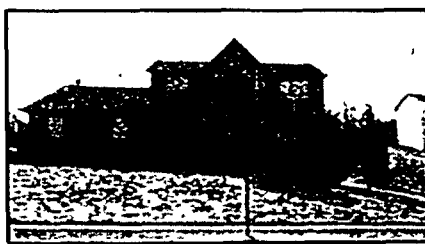
NOVI \$419,900
Best Buy In Novi! Popular Chase Farms sub. Immediate occupancy, private lot, 2 story foyer, patio & deck, huge open kitchen, extensive crown molding & a 3 car garage! (BGN77ASH), 248-347-3050



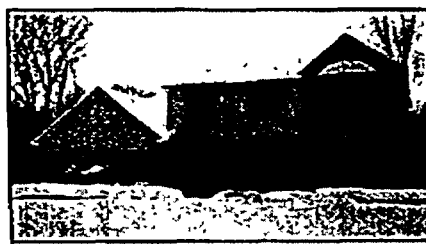
SOUTH LYON \$339,000
Custom built w/all the extras! Very desirable floor plan. Formal living rm. & dining rm. Library w/french doors, soaring ceilings, 4BRs, master suite w/jetted tub. Upstairs laundry. Built 2000! (BGSLY11LON), 248-437-4500



NORTHVILLE \$675,000
Privacy, Seclusion & Brand New! Great room w/vaulted ceiling, 4br, 3.5 baths, gourmet kitchen w/Corian, Dr w/hwd floors, Master ste w/glamour bath. (BGN03SPR), 248-347-3050



MILFORD \$269,900
Impeccable Milford Heights Colonial! Oversized family rm & kitchen, oak floors, multi-tiered deck, full basement, upgraded pad & carpet t/o. Cathedral Ceiling in family rm & more! (BGN09DOR), 248-347-3050



NORTHVILLE \$319,900
What a lot, Northville home sit. on a .3/4 acre lot. Features immed occup, freshly pnt'd int/ext, deck, newer ceramic tile in foyer & kit, fin bsmt, 1st flr laundry, new carpet. t/o. (BGN69CHI), 248-347-3050



NOVI \$345,000
Beautiful 4br, 2.5 Colonial! 2 story entry, living rm, formal dining rm, family rm. w/gas f.p., island kitchen, fantastic finished bsmt, lovely landscaping on court lot backing to trees. (BGN01DRO), 248-347-3050



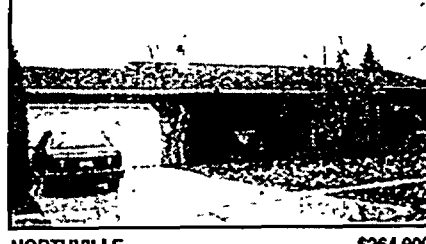
SOUTH LYON \$284,900
Enjoy the privacy. Woods behind. Built in '99 w/landscaping and sprinklers. 4 br, 2.5 bath, large gourmet kit., master ste., vaulted ceilings. 9' basement. (BG-SLY-26EQU), 248-437-4500



NORTHVILLE \$499,900
Custom Condo On Lake! Best view in complex, 2 story fireplace in great room, 1st floor master suite, Oak kitchen, awesome walk-out bsmt, immediate occupancy & 4 full bath. (BGN79BLU), 248-347-3050



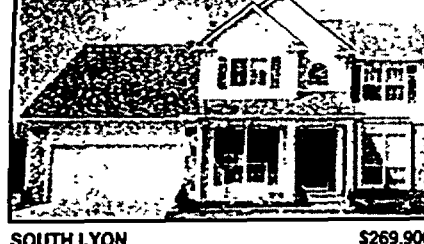
NEW HUDSON \$309,000
READY TO MOVE IN! 2500 sq ft 3 bedrooms & den, 1st floor master suite. Full front porch. Over an acre. Still time to pick flooring! 3 car garage. Other models avail. (BG-SLY-11LYO) 248-437-4500



NORTHVILLE \$264,900
Beautiful & well cared for, Finished basement w/2 br, family room & game room. Large kitchen area w/oak cabinets. Large deck & above ground pool. 2.5-car garage. 1 year warranty. (BGN12LAK), 248-347-3050



NOVI \$335,000
Center Stage! 4br, 3.5 baths, Colonial. Gourmet kitchen w/oversized island, dining room, living room w/natural fireplace, master ste. w/glamour bath & more. (BGN12CLA), 248-347-3050



SOUTH LYON \$269,900
TRANSFEE PERFECT! Enjoy nature, pond, open land in your backyard. Great location in sub. spacious kitchen with snack bar, open to GR. Master suite has all the extras. Separate den. (BG-SLY-98COU), 248-437-4500



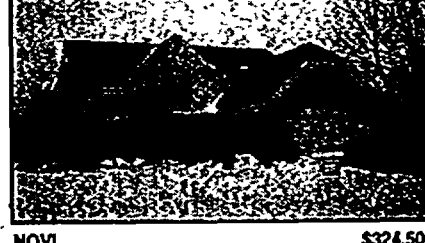
NOVI \$484,900
Truly Custom Novi Cape Cod! Chase Farms home on dynamite wooded lot, awesome Florida rm, 3 fireplaces, side entry garage w/steps to finished basement, circular driveway & more. (BGN10DUN), 248-347-3050



NEW HUDSON \$224,900
Well-Kept New Hudson Colonial! Private cul-de-sac lot, with mature trees, deck w/pool, 1st floor laundry, C/A, whirlpool tub, main-free trim & premium sized lot. (BGN94COB), 248-347-3050



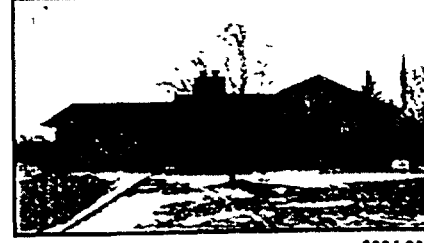
NORTHVILLE \$239,900
Huge Home In Northville Heights! 4br, w/2.5 baths, formal dining, family room & sunroom. Large home for a growing family. Walk to schools, playgrounds. Great community. (BGN14DEB), 248-347-3050



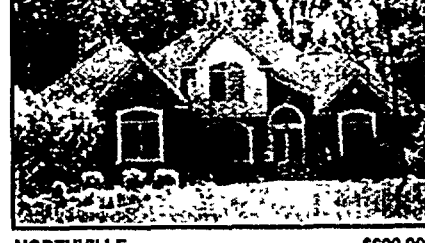
NOVI \$324,500
Preferred Cape Cod Now Available! Features included hardwood, natural fireplace, separate shower in master, rec room & wet bar in finished basement & loft. (BGN60ROU), 248-347-3050



SOUTH LYON \$234,900
It Has Everything! Hidden in the pines w/ lake access to chain of lakes. 4 br, 2.5 bath ranch is just what the family ordered! Cozy woodburner in country kitchen. Minutes to expressway. (BG-SLY-98FOU), 248-437-4500



GREEN OAK \$224,900
All Brick Green Oak Ranch On Over 1 Acre! New roof (99), new furnace & C/A(00), finished basement, natural fireplace & Oak floor in family room & quick occupancy! (BGN71DEJ), 248-347-3050



NORTHVILLE \$629,900
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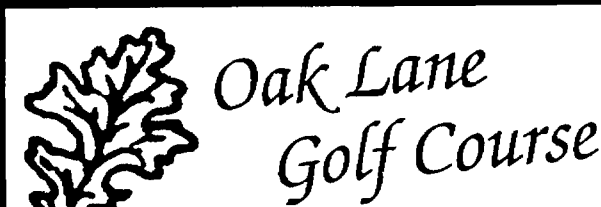
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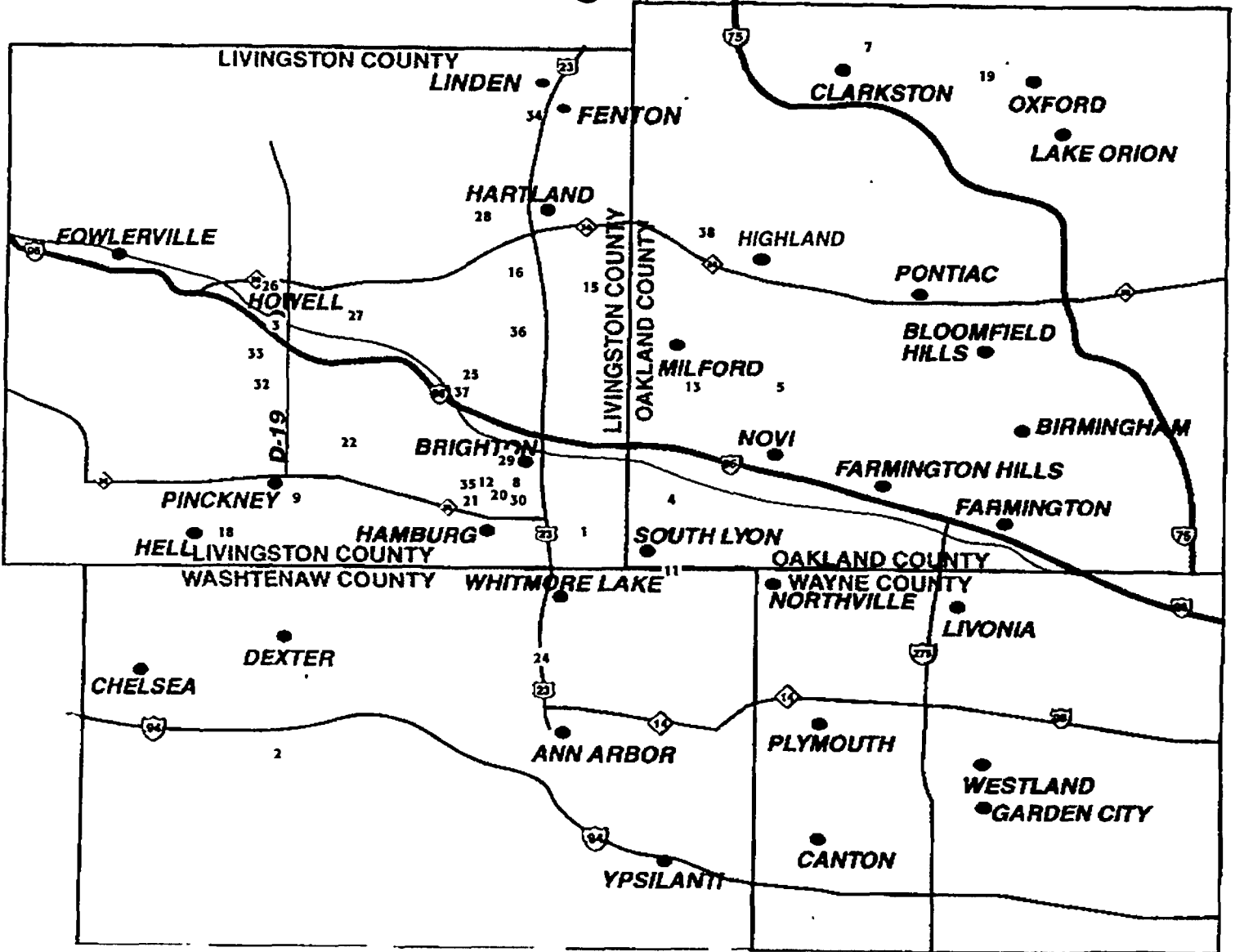
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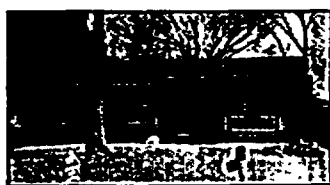
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CODE #21030870

Hostess: Nancy Welka, Ext. 211
Excellent location near Kensington. Well maintained w/many updates, country atmosphere on acre setting. Low taxes! Appliances & home warranty. Immediate occupancy! Custom deck & fenced area for dog. \$239,000



BRIGHTON 12-3 PM
951 BRIGHTON LAKE ROAD
Host: David Chaplin, Ext. 689

This well maintained in town Brighton home has lake access to Brighton Lake. Immediate occupancy. New carpet and paint. Oak kitchen cabinets, wood-burning fireplace in family room. Partially finished basement. All appliances stay. Home warranty. CODE #21015017. \$164,900.



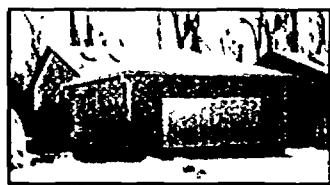
BRIGHTON 1-4 PM
4339 FILBERT
CODE #21023752

Host: Carl Vagnetti, Ext. 253
Here's the view come see the house. All sports waterfront. Brighton Rd. to Clifford left on Filbert to highest. Home is behind 4237 Highest. 1993 built - beautiful! \$264,500



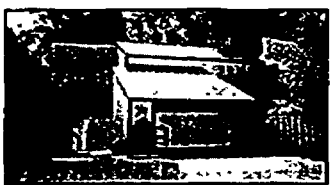
BRIGHTON 10 AM - 3 PM
11763 PINE MOUNTAIN DR.
CODE #21024211

Host: David K. Chaplin, Ext. 689
Quality throughout this beautifully decorated Tudor style home. 196 to Pleasant Valley Rd. Style home 196 to Pleasant Valley Rd. 2 bath and unit. 1575 sq ft. A must see Brighton Schools! \$419,900



BRIGHTON 1-4 PM
3056 W. TELLURIDE DRIVE
CODE #21015280

Host: Bill Ruterbush, Ext. 688
Lake Edgewood west of Brighton off of Grand River left on Breckenridge. Fantastic 2 BR, 2 bath and unit. 1575 sq ft. A must see Brighton Schools! \$199,000



BRIGHTON 1-3 PM
7737 GUNNISON CT.
CODE #21012211

Hostess: Fran Thornell, Ext. 346
Must see to appreciate! Private end unit. 2500 sq ft. of total living space. Directions: Grand River to Breckenridge to Monte Vista to Gunnison Ct. \$187,999



BRIGHTON 1-4 PM
3132 PLEASANT VALLEY
CODE #20077783

Hostess: Mildred Phillips Boler, Ext. 324
150 ft. waterfront, walkout ranch, fancy lot approx. 1/2 acre. Finished walkout basement. Newer windows and roof. Take Grand River to Pleasant Valley go north to dirt road. House on west side. \$229,900



BRIGHTON 2-5 PM
3311 MERROW LANE
CODE #21007692

Hostess: Nancy Hubbell, Ext. 217
Lakefront - Detached 1 1/2 story on 7.3 acres on Crooked Lake over 3000 sq ft. Library, 2 FPs, island kitchen, multi-season room. Fine appointment. Grand River W of I-96 3 mi to Doris, S to Crooked Lake W to Merrow. \$799,000



BRIGHTON 1-5 PM Every Sat. & Sun.
3133 BEACH LAKE WEST
CODE #21018888

Hostess: Mildred Phillips Boler, Ext. 324
Top of the line! 1 1/2 story on 7.3 acres on Crooked Lake over 3000 sq ft. Library, 2 FPs, island kitchen, multi-season room. Fine appointment. Grand River W of I-96 3 mi to Doris, S to Crooked Lake W to Merrow. \$799,000



BRIGHTON 1-5 PM Every Sat. & Sun.
3262 BEACH LAKE
CODE #21018702

Hostess: Mildred Phillips Boler, Ext. 324
Least expensive house in sub. Builder looking for others. Top quality construction. A great buy! Great family sub. Same directions as 3133 Beach Lake. \$465,000



BRIGHTON 1-4 PM
8222 HYNE ROAD
CODE #21018702

Hostess: Francine Williamson, Ext. 231
Beautiful home on 36 acres with access to Woodland Lake. A must see! Take Grand River NW to Hacker NE, turn right on Hyne Rd. Home on South side of Hyne Road. \$235,000



BRIGHTON 1-4 PM
8991 RICKETT RD.
CODE #20077753

Hostess: Connie Rikarinen, Ext. 342
\$5 Less than \$36 Per Sq Ft. \$5 Located in Brighton School district. Completely remodeled colonial on 1.5 acres, 2120 sq ft., 3 BRs, 2 baths. FP, vaulted ceilings, 2 car garage. Convenient to expressways. Home Warranty. Immediate possession. \$207,000



BRIGHTON 1-4 PM
4511 ARGENTA DRIVE
CODE #21013613

Host: Joe Perri, Ext. 339
Gorgeous 3100 sq ft. home on 25 wooded acres. A private retreat with the convenience of a sub. Brighton Schools. (West) on Brighton Rd. from downtown Brighton, (North) on Baker, (West) on White Pines, (North) Ft. on Argenta to house. 1st house on right side. \$449,900



BRIGHTON 1-5 PM
5303 RIVER RIDGE
CODE #20072093

Host/Hostess: Judy & Jeff Urban, Ext. 259
Prestigious Pine Creek Ridge. Protected, wooded landscape, surrounded by beautiful lakes. Home features custom wood 1st & 2nd floor granite countertops. Brighton Rd. to Bauer Rd. S to River Ridge East. \$679,000



BRIGHTON 1-3 PM
10460 KENRICH
CODE #20085268

Hostess: Gail Theiry, Ext. 255
Fonda Lake views - ranch, reduced to \$165,000. South of Grand River. Just off Superior. Hot tub on back deck. Natural fireplace in living room, skylights. C/A, all new appliances. 1st floor laundry. \$165,000



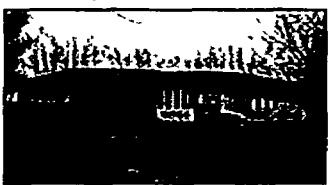
HOWELL 1-4 PM
2198 RIDGEWOOD
CODE #20073754

Hostess: Marsha Szymanski, Ext. 345
All new immediate occupancy. Take D-19 - Pinckney Rd. to Coon Lake West to County Farm then North to Cedar Creek Estates. 5 models to see. \$297,500



HOWELL 1-4 PM
7510 MACK
CODE #20061986

Host: Tim Sinclair, Ext. 293
1900 sq ft. custom ranch with a 5 acre country setting. 3000 sq ft. lower apartment adds 2 BRs and a bath. M-59 to Linton N to Faussett E to Mack N to home. \$268,000



MARION TWP. 2-5 PM
1220 N. ALSTOTT
CODE #21026551

Hostess: Mary Ann Martin, Ext. 249
96 to D-19 left to Mason to Peary Rd. to Alstott. Beautiful inside. 2200 sq ft. 3 BRs, 2 baths. Full basement. 2 car garage. Full basement. Go north on Grand River through city of Howell, turn south on Browning to Heather Heath. \$179,900



HOWELL 1-3 PM
3400 HICKORY NUT HOLLOW
CODE #21022937

Hostess: Lana Martin, Ext. 279
Reduced \$15,000! Almost 12 acres walkout, 1st floor master, Berber, ceramic, make me an offer this is my home! 1/8 mi W of Dutcher off Coon Lake Rd. Call 517-404-0896 for more info! \$350,000



HOWELL 2-5 PM
1250 PIN OAK BLUFF
CODE #20085073

Host: Larry Buckmaster, Ext. 271
Beautiful contemporary w/ full finished walkout bsmt. Gas fireplace in great room, one year home warranty! Take Grand River, N on Pin Oak Bluff (east of M-59 Grand River intersection) \$199,900



HOWELL 1-4 PM
774 FRANCIS RD.
CODE #21007077

Hostess: Maureen Hennig, Ext. 260
Ext D-19 South to Francis East to home. Secluded setting on 1.61 wooded acres. 2 1/2 construction ceramic & marble baths, oak cabinets family rm w/o, A/C, home warranty, most appliances included. Reduced Price \$214,900



HOWELL 2-5 PM
3523 KIPLING CIRCLE
CODE #21013260

Hostess: Connie Pikkariainen, Ext. 342
Extra. Extra. Real! About 4 custom contemporary estates that include 4 BRs, 2 1/2 baths, formal dining corner FP, dramatic use of windows, mstr. btm. spa, Jacuzzi & separate shower. French drs., cat walk, breakfast bar, 1st flr laundry, 2 1/2 car garage & full basement. Home Warranty. \$312,000



HOWELL 1-4 PM
3700 BLACK EAGLE DRIVE
CODE #20065964

Host: Larry Buckmaster, Ext. 271
Beautiful new construction - ready to move into! Features 2-way fireplace, 3-car garage on one acre. D-19 to Coon Lake Rd W to County Farm Rd N to sub. (on right) \$287,900



HOWELL 1-4 PM
1031 HEATHER HEATH
CODE #20078940

Hostess: Mildred Phillips Boler, Ext. 324
Better than new ranch in city of Howell. Walking distance to schools & shopping. Three large bedrooms, master bath, 2nd BR has sliding door to bathroom. Full basement. Go north on Grand River through city of Howell, turn south on Browning to Heather Heath. \$179,900



HOWELL 2-5 PM
4109 BROOKSTONE COURT
CODE #21011561

Hostess: Nancy Hubbell, Ext. 217
Immediate occupancy - 1 m to I-96. 1 year new - 4 BR, 2 full & 2 half baths, FPs in great room & finished walkout. 1.96 to east of Grand River to Linton, North 1/2 mile to Lakewood Knoll. \$279,900



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HOWELL 2-5 PM
SUNDANCE MEADOWS, 1963 SUNDANCE RIDGE
CODE #20038900

Host: Jeff Stamm, Ext. 225
Come visit the county's most popular family subdivision! Take D-19 South to Coon Lake Rd and go 1/2 mile west. \$347,900



HARTLAND 1-4 PM
3668 MILL STREET
CODE #21022341

Host: Randy Meek, Ext. 220
Character & charm describe this 1670 sq ft. farmstyle 3 BR home in the village of Hartland. From M-59 take Hartland Rd N to Main St. (Crouse Rd.) left to Mill St. N to house. \$149,900



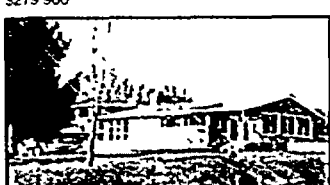
HARTLAND 2-5 PM
7368 GREEN RD
CODE #20073323

Host: Richard Butte, Ext. 240
Built in 2000! Large home with 6 acres, walkout basement, 3 car garage, full basement, 1/4 acre. Argentine, North to Faussett, right to Green, left to address. \$365,000



HOWELL 2-5 PM
90 LAKESHORE DRIVE
CODE #21024810

Host: Jeff Stamm, Ext. 225
Beautiful family home in popular Lakeshore Subdivision. Great family beach access on Thompson Lake. Fireplace & private backyard deck! Take Golf Club Rd to Lakeshore! \$219,900



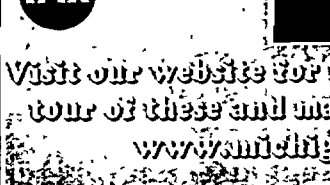
HOWELL 2-5 PM
2366 SUNDANCE RIDGE
CODE #21025201

Host: Jeff Stamm, Ext. 225
Huge family home with 5 BRs, 3 fireplaces and beautiful in ground pool on 2 acres! Take D-19 South to Coon Lake Rd then West to Triangle Lake Rd. \$299,900



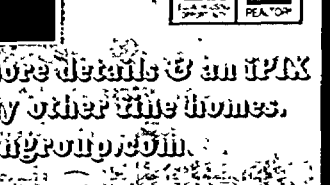
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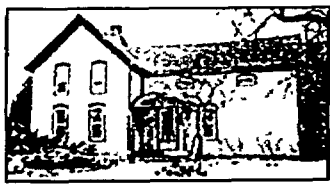
HARTLAND 2-5 PM
7428 OCEOLA FARMS
CODE #21015885

Host: Dan Leabu III, Ext. 280
Brand new 1 1/2 story home on 1.5 acres with full walkout basement. Pole barns and out buildings allowed. Located 1/4 mile north of M-59 off M-59 on M-59. \$289,900



HIGHLAND 1-4 PM
3607 CAPITOL WAY
CODE #21030663

Hostess: Chris Ridalls, Ext. 341
Country setting. 1500 sq ft. Colonial with 3 bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths. Open family room with natural fireplace. M-59 east, Harvey Lake north, White House west, Capitol Way south. \$189,000



HARTLAND 2-5 PM
11800 CLYDE RD
CODE #21019461

Hostess: Cathy Kolodziej, Ext. 334
Wonderful 1994 sq ft. home on 2.5 acres. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths. Natural gas AC, home warranty. US 23 north to M-59 east to Fenton Rd north to Clyde west. \$207,900



PINCKNEY 1-4 PM
9176 ANACAPA BAY
CODE #21025111

Hostess: Barb Hess, Ext. 647
US 23 to M-36 W to Moonshadows on Rush Lake. Frank Lloyd Wright style home. Beautiful custom craftsmanship. John Austin in-ground pools. Fin. walkout with media room. Lake, beach privileges! \$369,900



HARTLAND 2-5 PM
7431 OCEOLA FARMS
CODE #21015885

Host: Dan Leabu III, Ext. 280
Brand new 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial on 1.6 acres. Immediate occupancy. Pole barns and out buildings allowed. Located 1/4 mile north of M-59 off M-59 on M-59. \$284,900



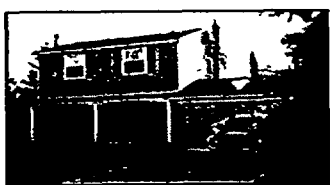
HARTLAND 2-5 PM
2471 MUSSON
CODE #21015885

Host: Dan Leabu III, Ext. 280
Brand new 1 1/2 story home on 1.8 acres. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 30 day occupancy. Pole barns and out buildings allowed. Located 1/4 mile north of M-59 on M-59. \$289,900



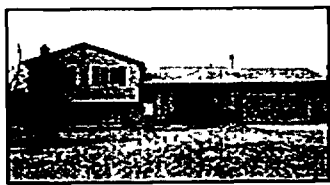
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HAMBURG 1-4 PM
10787 WINNER CIRCLE
CODE #21012708

Hostess: Rose Hart, Ext. 637
The street name says it all. Super sharp home built in 1997, featuring 3 1/2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Decorated beautifully, immediate occupancy and much more. Only \$279,900



HOWELL 2-5 PM
7824 RINGNECK WAY
CODE #21023097

Hostess: Janene Spencer, Ext. 633
Beautiful 3 bedroom Victorian style Colonial on 2 acres - 1750 sq ft. w/o basement and more. Take Mason Rd. west, turn south on Bull Run, approx 5 miles to east on Ringneck Way. \$211,500



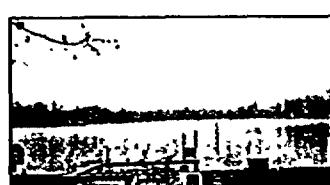
PINCKNEY 1-4 PM
3550 WINDWHEEL PTE
CODE #21027006

Hostess: Donna O'Hara, Ext. 270
All sports sandy beach waterfront two story 3700 sq ft. 4 bedrooms 3 1/2 baths, Florida room, large hot tub. Beautiful water view on Portage chain of 7 lakes. M-36 to Whitehead left on Shawnee to Windwheel Pte. \$449,500



PINCKNEY 2-4 PM
7480 WINDRIDGE
CODE #21027006

Hostess: Linda Strang, Ext. 252
3 bedroom 3 bath Colonial home on 1.5 acres. Possible 4th bedroom. 28x14 lower level. 1/4 mile west of Pettyville on Swarthout to House Follow signs. \$269,000



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STOCKBRIDGE 2-4 PM
2030 N. M-52
CODE #21017896

Hostess: Anne-Marie Drew, Ext. 230
Well appointed ranch home on acres in the suburbs! All the amenities are included here! Barn/workshop, outbuildings, hurricane shelter. 12 miles south of I-96 west side. \$179,900



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WALLED LAKE 2-5 PM
1701 BOLTON
CODE #21027174

Hostess: Joan Penrose, Ext. 219
Novl Rd north to Decker north to Ponkac Trail, west to Bolton, north to the house. Home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, newer windows, central air and Florida room. \$149,900



WALLED LAKE 1-4 PM
1617 LONE PINE
CODE #21014759

Host: Jim McDowell, Ext. 214
"Walled Lake Schools". Beach, boat launch & Walled Lake privileges & "home warranty". Attractive full basement Ranch w/ fenced yard, 2 tiered 24'x12' dock, numerous updates. Minimum 3% deposit - qualified buyers only. \$141,900



FENTON 1-3 PM
12263 CENTER RD
CODE #21011830

Host: Steven Coll, Ext. 306
Take US-23 to Center Rd (Ext. 75) east 2.5 miles to home. New log home, 80% completed being sold "As Is". Great opportunity for investor or builder! \$200,000



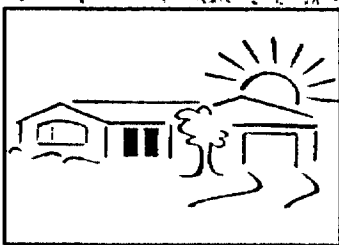
FENTON 1-4 PM
11301 FAUSSETT ROAD
CODE #20069293

Host: David McIntyre, Ext. 356
"Hartland Schools". Immediate possession - 1 1/2 miles east of US 23. Beautiful 4 BR 2 1/2 bath partly wooded gently rolling property w/ attractive brick & cedar w/o Ranch w/ horse barn, tennis court, in-ground fenced pool & personal garden. Numerous amenities & "Home Warranty". \$239,900



FENTON 1-4 PM
788

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AFFORDABLE CANTON RANCH! 3 bedroom 1/2 Duplex with updated kit. & bath, central air, newer windows, finished basement, doorwall to private patio, walk-in closet, att. garage, stove & refrigerator stay. Don't Miss Out \$119,900 (65ARD) 734-455-5600



WONDERFUL MULTI-FAMILY! Two separate entrances for each Unit. Newer carpet, w/ing driveway, porch, great basement. Walking distance to schools. \$129,900 (28MAP) 734-455-5600



DETACHED PLYMOUTH CONDO! 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 ba Cape Cod. 1st flr mstr ste, foyer, great rm frpl, sound system, cathedral ceilings, many upgrades! 1st floor lb w/French doors, large kitchen, 2 bedrooms up w/vaulted ceilings, jetted tub, walk-out basement, deck. \$324,900 (17STO) 734-455-5600



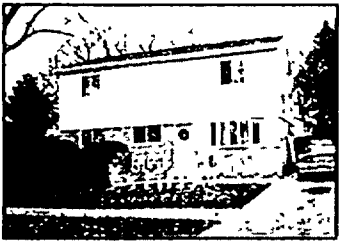
IN THE HEART OF TOWN! Walk to shopping, library, park & Jackson Center. Darling 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath brick ranch w/excellent curb appeal. Professionally landscaped w/front & back decks. Nice sized yard & finished basement. \$166,900 (30MEL) 248-349-5600



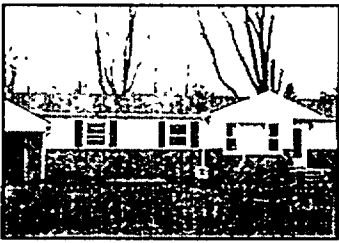
HONEY - STOP THE CAR! This is it! Gorgeous 3 bedroom brick home in prime sub on a super lot. Totally updated throughout: windows, flooring, kitchen & baths, exterior too. Florida room, security system & sprinklers. \$214,999 (71FAJ) 248-349-5600



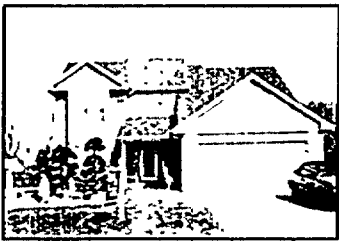
CONTEMPORARY RANCH on large lot from park & swimming pond. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths w/cathedral ceilings, central air, fan, skylight, deck, hardwood floors & more. \$245,000 (63ANN) 248-349-5600



LARGE MASTER BR! 5 bedroom. Lots of square footage & loads of storage. Huge garage, basement, newer furnace & air conditioning-industrial size. Newer vinyl windows, bow window in living room. \$175,000 (46AVO) 734-455-5600



SHARP HOUSE ON LARGE LOT! 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 2 1/2 car garage, plaster walls, cove ceilings, freshly painted, hardwood floors in living room. Many updates vinyl siding, windows, roof, front porch, furnace. All appliances \$164,000 (41MIL) 734-455-5600



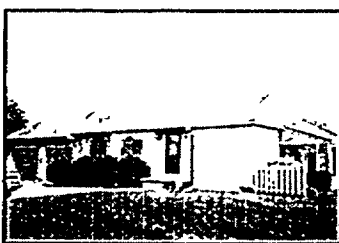
OUTSTANDING 4 BR! Cape Cod, open floor plan, wonderful neighborhood, Livonia Schools. 1st floor master suite w/garden tub, enormous kitchen & cabinets, 1st floor laundry, loft overlooking family room, showpiece fireplace, privacy fence, sprinklers. \$259,900 (48TIM) 734-455-5600



ENCHANTING RANCH CONDO. Quiet, serene and in a beautifully landscaped community. Bright, open floor plan, neutral colors, formal dining room, kit, nook, large deck, 2 car gar, first floor laundry, spa mstr bdrm w/master ba & large walk-in closet. \$169,900 (73DAN) 248-349-5600



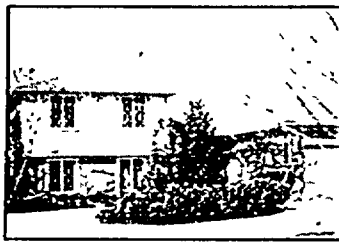
PARK-LIKE SETTING for this beautiful brick bungalow. 3 bedrooms, sunroom, master w/walk-in closet, French door to den with all wood windows, 2 bay windows in dining room and living room beautifully decorated & very clean. Newer roof, siding & landscaping. \$149,900 (84IMP) 248-349-5600



RANCH CONDO. Fresh paint, carpet & more in end unit w/attached garage & Florida room. Enjoy clubhouse and beach on Crooked Lake. 55 plus community. \$114,500 (44ARL) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON SQ. CONTEMPORARY! Loads of Updates. Professionally Landscaped. Basement professionally fin. living space, 5th bedroom w/large bath, Jacuzzi, cedar sauna, mirrored bar w/built-in wine racks. \$379,900 (92BAY) 734-455-5600



ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS! Ceramic tile foyer & light Oak updated kit, new carpet, bay window & crown moldings in living room, deck, spacious family room, gas fireplace, doorwall, hot tub, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, sunroom, newer windows & roof. \$299,000 (45NOR) 734-455-5600



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NORTHVILLE
175 CadyCentre
248-349-5600



FIVE ACRE WOODED ESTATE. You're only a mile away from town in this private home with modern kitchen, family room with cozy fireplace & bar, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, large deck w/hot tub. Home warranty. \$382,000 (93NIN) 248-349-5600



SOUTH REDFORD CHARISMA. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath brick ranch features charm & warmth of a loving home. Newer roof, finished basement, hardwood floors, close to x-ways & shopping. Privacy & secluded backyard. \$134,900 (79ARN) 248-349-5600



COZY QUAD! On Deep Wooded Lot! 4 bedrooms, 2 baths. Newer roof, circuit breakers. Natural fireplace in family room, lower level bedroom w/full bath, doorwall from dining room. Enjoy the pond from the patio. Steel entry doors, some appliances stay. \$164,900 (34BIG) 734-455-5600



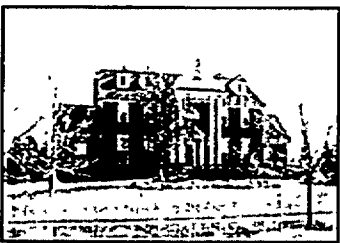
CLEAN & WELL KEPT! 3 bedroom home with many updates: thermo windows, storm doors, copper plumbing, 2 car garage. Basement. Large lot w/privacy fence. \$169,900 (40OXF) 734-455-5600



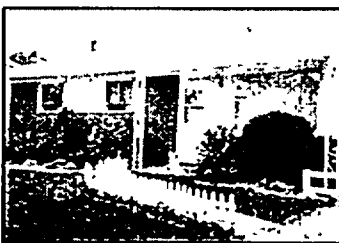
ALL THE POSSIBILITIES! Plymouth Ranch w/large lot. 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. Beautiful full bath w/custom cabinets & counter. 2 story pole bam/7 ft. ceilings upstairs, 2 car attached garage. Huge family room, fireplace in living room. \$235,000 (48CLE) 734-455-5600



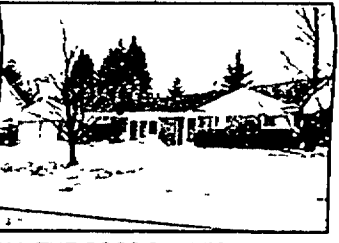
EXECUTIVE LIVING PLUS! Exceptional 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial situated on a wooded lot. Finished lower level with additional office or playroom, library, hardwood flooring throughout, custom patio. Shows like a model. \$379,900 (15WAT) 248-349-5600



STATELY COLONIAL. 4-5 bdrm, 4 1/2 ba home w/spacious living. Master w/walk-in closet, whirlpool, French doors to a terrace, hardwood, sunroom, butler's pantry, 3 car garage, professionally finished lower level w/full bath & bar, first floor laundry. \$744,900 (90STO) 248-349-5600



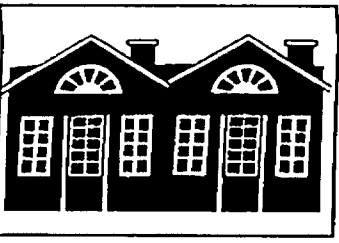
BEAUTIFUL RANCH. 3 bedroom brick home w/finished basement. This home has newer roof gutters, neutral carpeting, siding, central air, large kitchen w/neutral counters & floors. Vinyl windows & doorwall. \$132,900 (51BIR) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH RARE-FIND! Picturesque Street 3 bedroom w/many updates incl kitchen, windows, insulation, central air, glass block windows, storm doors & much more! Near parks, schools & downtown festivities. \$209,900 (64PAC) 734-455-5600



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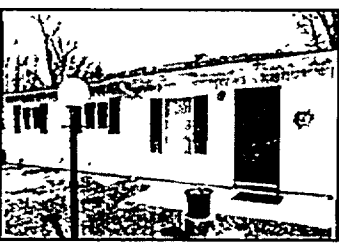
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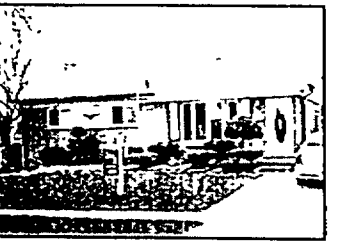
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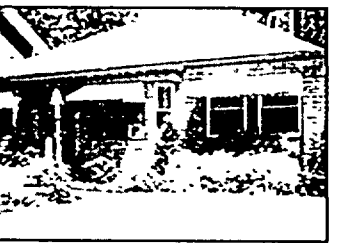
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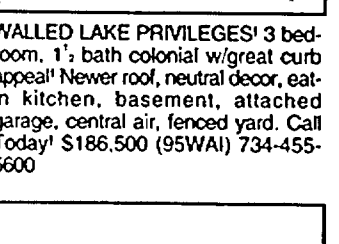
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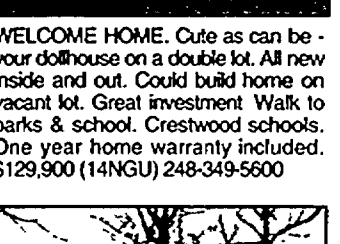
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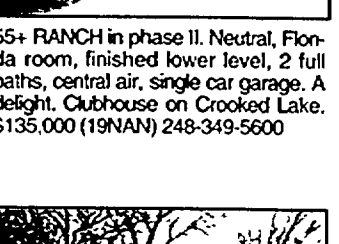
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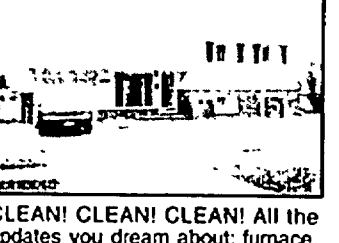
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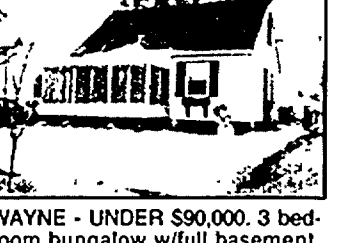
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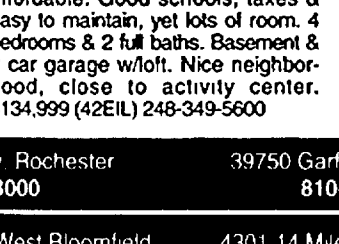
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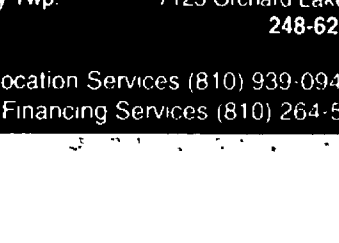
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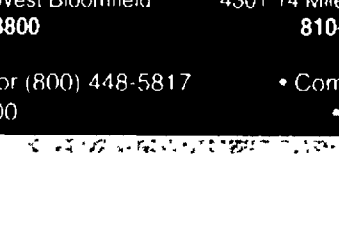
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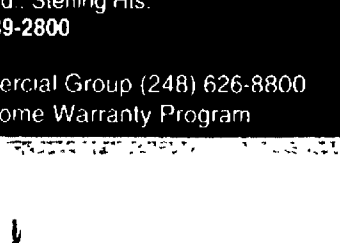
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Doggone Clean!

Livonia's Soggy Dog like a car wash for your pooch

By RANDAL YAKEE
Staff Writer

Is there a dirty dog in your family that needs to clean up its act? Having a hard time getting them to take a bath?

Well, the new Soggy Dog self-serve dog wash in Livonia is touting itself as the best self-serve doggy wash in the area.

That's right.

Just like the self-serve car wash, there is now a place to take your dog, clean the pup up right, and Soggy Dog will supply the towels, water and shampoo for a minimal price.

The new business located at 38133 Ann Arbor Road in Livonia recently opened its doors to the public.

"I don't know where I came up with the idea but I've always loved dogs and I've always wanted to start my own business," owner and entrepreneur Michelle Bennett said.

Bennett, who attended Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard High School, is a Western Michigan University graduate. Bennett is also a health educator for Johnson & Johnson at Ford Motor Company in Rawsonville.

"I had a career opportunity last summer, an ideal job, thinking I was going to get it and I thought maybe it was time to try the dog wash idea," Bennett said. "We did all the work ourselves. All the renovations. It took us about three months and we opened in mid-March."

"My grand opening was April 14," Bennett said. "We had 22 dogs in on Saturday and I had my entire family there working. There were six people in my family, plus my fiancée, plus a couple of friends and it was a mad house. It was totally crazy."

Bennett says that, although it is a business, the fun part is for families to have a good time and get their dogs clean.

"You can come and mess up our place and keep your house clean," Bennett said, with a chuckle.

The shop provides for towels, shampoo and scrub brushes. The waist high tubs allow owners to wash their dogs without hunching over. There is a stair case for the dogs to climb into the tub area making it easy on the dog and the owner. One of

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Michelle Bennet
Owner, Soggy Dog

the mottoes of the store is that they supply everything but the "dirty dog."

"I have vinyl aprons for the customers to wear," Bennett said. "And they can wear rubber gloves. Everything they need to get the job done. We have a couple of different kinds of shampoo they can choose from depending on their dog's needs."

Bennett said Soggy Dog Wash could handle any kind of dog down: big or small Soggy Dog caters to them all.

"Even the big St. Bernards will fit in them (the tubs)," Bennett said. "They are elevated and took some time to build them. They are tiled on the outside. They look so cool."

There are also "rest areas" for the dogs that need a rest.

"There is kind of a little field and the owner can take the dogs over there," Bennett said. "We are pretty far from the road."

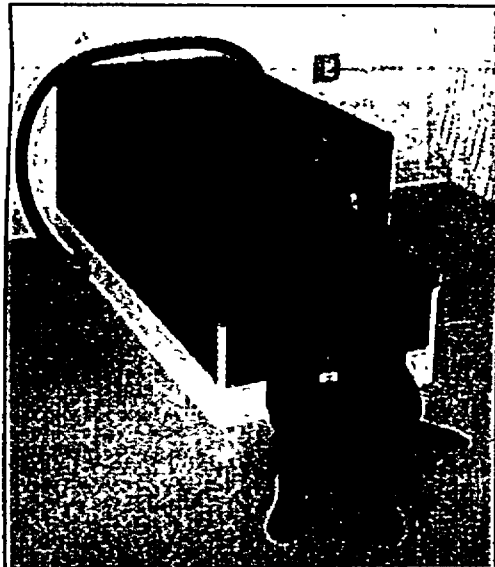
Bennett said there are professional dryers on site where the dogs can be dried by their owners.

The Soggy Dog is open Monday through Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Cost to clean your dog ranges from \$9 to \$14 depending on the size of the dog. For more information please call (734) 542-PAWS.

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Above, Plymouth resident John Stabnick washes golden retriever (background), while Belleville resident Betty McClain washes her lab in the big tubs at Soggy Dog. On the right dog that has just been fluffed up by one of the dryers.



Photos by John Heider

WEST OAKLAND BUSINESS BRIEFS

TOP OF THE TABLE

Northville resident Gregory Spinazze has been named to Million Dollar Round Table's "Top of the Table" group. The award goes to Million Dollar employees who have demonstrated exceptional professional knowledge, client service and ethical conduct. MDRT is an international association of 23,000 life insurance and financial service professionals, based in Park Ridge, Ill. This is the second "Top of the Table"

citation given to Spinazze.

APPOINTED

Novi resident Carolyn Snider has been appointed vice-president at National Editorial Services, a Royal Oak public relations and advertising agency. A 13-year employee, Snider has most recently been senior account supervisor and manager of customer publications.

NEW PARTNER

The Great Lakes region of Deloitte & Touche LLP has named Akira Yamamoto to partner of the Japanese Services group. Yamamoto joined Deloitte & Touche in 1993. He holds a business administration degree from the University of Notre Dame, and is a Novi resident.

JOINED THE FIRM

Novi resident Jeffrey Brinza

has joined the law firm of Butzel Long as a senior attorney in the Ann Arbor office. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan's school of law, and has extensive experience in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical field, having previously been employed at Pfizer.

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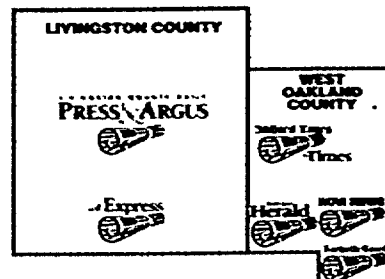
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30 Range rope
32 Synthetic fiber
34 Brahman or lama
38 Broadway backer
41 Vulgar
43 He may... woe ewe
45 Concerning
46 What Sasquatch drank
49 What Queen Victoria drank
52 Oklahoma city
53 Built in a china shop
54 Exploit
55 Crucifix
56 "Howards" (92 film)
57 Had a hunch
60 Nondereal
62 Assumed name?
64 German chemist
65 Otto
66 Hound or hamster
67 Forbid
68 Outtake
72 On the ball
74 What F. Lee Bailey drank
78 Bellow
79 Longed for
81 Address
82 Exist
84 Tragic fate
85 What's between Serena and Martina
86 Bat wood
87 clover
90 Paddle
93 Siren
95 Steel
97 Myriads of moons
98 - Jma
101 What Isaac Newton drank
103 What Martha Stewart drank
106 Reside
107 Eyebrow shape
109 The sky, at times?
110 Beginning
111 Bright inventor?
114 Make Fido fetch
116 Starts a lawn
118 Banyan or baobab
120 Refer (to)
122 - point
125 What Lech Walesa drank
129 What Gregor Mendel drank
132 Saying
133 Take the reins
134 Pennsylvania port
135 Atty-to-be's ordeal
136 Steven of "Wings"
137 Guam, for one: abbr.
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31 Paul of "A Seasons"
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36 Actress
37 Warty one
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39 Wordless greeting
40 Grinds
42 - de- camp
44 Herd word
47 Interstate exit
48 Dwight's competitor
50 Cry of distress
51 "Later, Luis!"
58 Remove a brooch
59 Sault - Marie, MI
61 Pangolin's morsel
63 Dutch export
64 Possessed
65 Citrus cooler
67 Delf choice
68 Kind of clasp
69 Makes money
70 - trip
71 Sleep stage
73 Roman fountain
75 Helium or hydrogen
76 Plant pest
77 - Claire, WI
80 "L'... c'est moi"
83 Wells creatures
86 In pieces
87 Feast's alternative
88 City near Provo
89 Produced a cryptogram
90 Eye amorously
91 Parched
92 Sitarist
94 "Cry - River" (55 song)
96 "El Libertador"
99 Elfin
100 - bran
102 Trace
104 Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy
105 Teach
108 Kilaua, for one
112 Court cry
113 Teachers' org.
115 "Doe, - a female..."
117 Rapiers
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121 Performer of "Cheers"
123 - "Heartache" (78 hit)
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125 Shorten a slat
126 Horatian creation
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128 Ideologue's suffix
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1993 RANGER, 682 Fisherman, 1993 Yamaha 150hp, w/trailer, extra's \$11,900 (810)231-6858

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1999 FORD, F350, crew cab, Diesel, cap, loaded, warranty, 12K, \$30,900, (517) 552-0774.

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2000 GMC Sierra 2.7i SLT, 5.3i V-8, loaded low pkg. 16K, \$23,000, (734)954-0122.

2000 SILVERADO ext. cab, 3 dr., off road & towing pkg., premium sound CD/cassette, bedliner/covers, 43,000 miles, \$21,900, (810)220-4588.

1998 BUICK Riviera, pearl white, exc. cond., full power, 43K miles, \$17,900, (517)223-3504 or (517)404-3732.

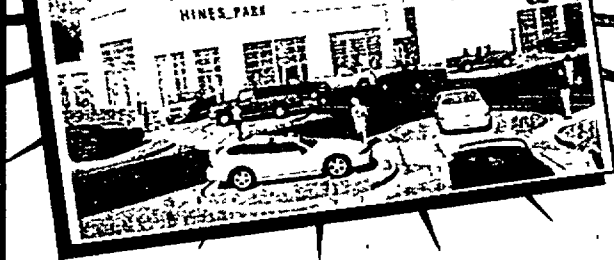
1998 ESCORT ZX2 auto, air, 28,500 miles, must sell \$8500, (734) 467-1169

1998 FORD Escort wagon, 31K miles, like new, Pioneer stereo, full power, exc. gas mileage, asking \$9,850, (517) 548-1168.

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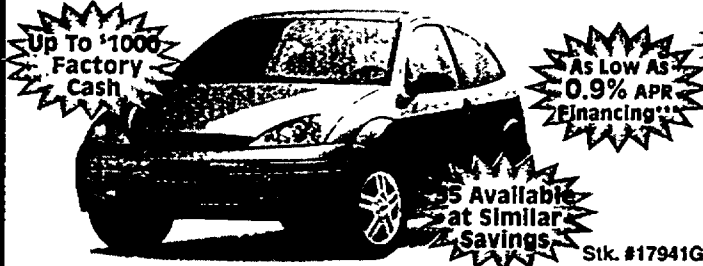
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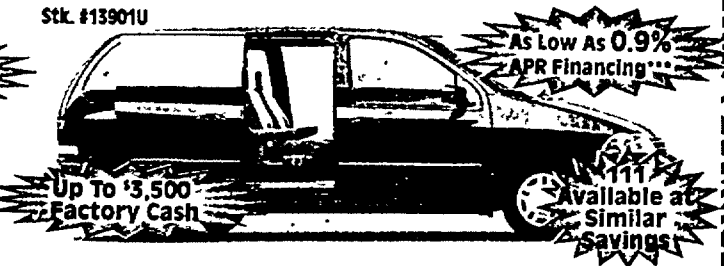
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A OR Z	\$168*	\$190*
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A OR Z	PURCHASE \$13,244**	
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• 3.0L 2V 6-Cyl. Engine • Automatic Overdrive Transmission • 16" Aluminum Wheels • Power Driver Seat

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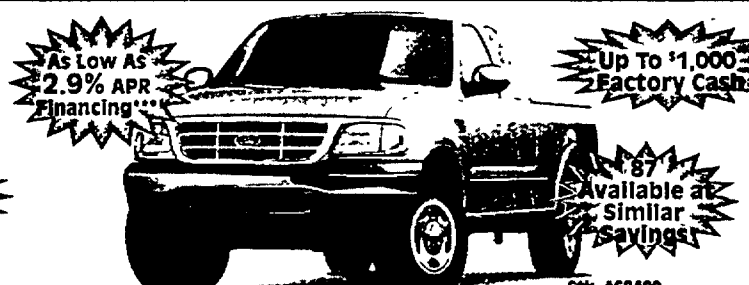
PLAN	24 Mo. Windstar Renewal	24 Mo. Lease w/Renewal Bonus	24 Mo. Lease
A OR Z	\$219*	\$261*	\$282*
A OR Z	M.S.R.P. \$27,045		SAVE \$6,427
A OR Z	PURCHASE \$20,618**		
NO ADDITIONAL DESTINATION CHARGE = \$630 VALUE			



2001 RANGER XLT SUPERCAB

• 3.0L Flex Fuel V6 Engine • 5 Speed Automatic Overdrive Transmission • 3.73 Ratio Axle • Flare Side Box

PLAN	24 Mo. Lease w/Renewal Bonus	24 Mo. Lease
A OR Z	\$102*	\$123*
A OR Z	M.S.R.P. \$20,260	SAVE \$4,998
A OR Z	PURCHASE \$15,262**	
NO ADDITIONAL DESTINATION CHARGE = \$585 VALUE		



2001 F150 XLT 4 DR SUPERCAB

• XLT Trim • Captain's Chairs • CD Player • 4.2L V6 Engine • Automatic Trans • Air Conditioning • Limited Slip Axle • Sliding Rear Window • Cast Aluminum Wheels

PLAN	24 Mo. Lease w/Renewal Bonus	24 Mo. Lease
A OR Z	\$149*	\$171*
A OR Z	M.S.R.P. \$26,730	SAVE \$5,954
A OR Z	PURCHASE \$20,776**	
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2001 EXPLORER SPORT 4x4 2 DR

• 4.0L SOHC V6 Engine • 5 Speed Automatic Overdrive Transmission • 3.73 L/S axle Ratio • Power Moon Roof • Premium Sport Group • Convenience Group • Comfort Group • 16" Aluminum Wheels

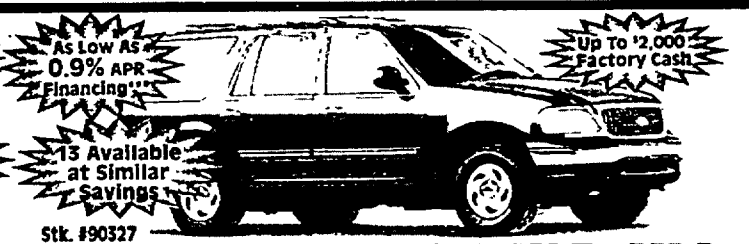
PLAN	24 Mo. Explorer Renewal	24 Mo. Lease w/Renewal Bonus	24 Mo. Lease
A OR Z	\$228*	\$269*	\$290*
A OR Z	M.S.R.P. \$29,245		SAVE \$5,392
A OR Z	PURCHASE \$23,853**		
NO ADDITIONAL DESTINATION CHARGE = \$575 VALUE			



2002 EXPLORER XLS 4x4 4 DR

• 4.0L V6 SOHC engine • 5 Speed Automatic Transmission • XLS Sport Group • CD Stereo • Step Bars • Aluminum Wheels

PLAN	24 Mo. Explorer Renewal	24 Mo. Lease w/Renewal Bonus	24 Mo. Lease
A OR Z	\$191*	\$244*	\$265*
A OR Z	M.S.R.P. \$28,595		SAVE \$3,640
A OR Z	PURCHASE \$24,955**		
NO ADDITIONAL DESTINATION CHARGE = \$600 VALUE			



2001 EXPEDITION XLT 4x4

• 4.6L V8 Engine • 4 Speed Automatic Transmission • 3.55 L/S Axle • Comfort/Convenience Group • Trailer-Tow Pkg. • Sport Appearance Group • 17" Aluminum Wheels • Third Row Seat • CD Player

PLAN	24 Mo. Lease w/Renewal Bonus	24 Mo. Lease
A OR Z	\$306*	\$349*
A OR Z	M.S.R.P. \$37,465	SAVE \$7,372
A OR Z	PURCHASE \$30,093**	
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2001 EXCURSION LTD 4x4

• 6.8L Triton V10 Engine • Automatic Transmission • Reverse Sensing System • Third Row Seating • Comfort/Convenience Group • Power Driver Seat • Heated Front Seats • In-Dash 6 Disc CD Changer

PLAN	24 Mo. Lease w/Renewal Bonus	24 Mo. Lease
A OR Z	\$348*	\$369*
A OR Z	M.S.R.P. \$42,600	SAVE \$8,164
A OR Z	PURCHASE \$34,436**	
NO ADDITIONAL DESTINATION CHARGE = \$725 VALUE		



2000 RANGER 4x2 SUPERCAB

XLT Trim, 2.5L 4Cyl engine, 5 speed manual transmission, 4.10 rear axle, sliding rear window, CD player.

M.S.R.P.	PURCHASE	SAVE
\$17,815	\$13,589**	\$4,226

NO ADDITIONAL DESTINATION CHARGE = \$560 VALUE



2000 ECONOLINE CARGO VAN

4.6L V8 engine, automatic transmission, full length floor covering, work bin rack system.

M.S.R.P.	PURCHASE	SAVE
\$22,955	\$17,689**	\$5,266

NO ADDITIONAL DESTINATION CHARGE = \$665 VALUE



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4.6L V8 engine, automatic overdrive, front and rear floor mats, power windows and locks.

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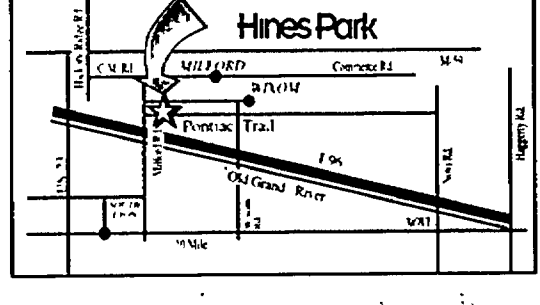
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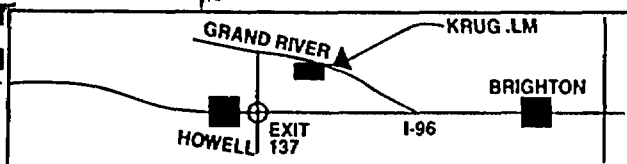
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Christie O'Hara, above, who teaches a college course in designing cottage gardens, created this backyard retreat for a Manhattan Beach, Calif. home.

Botanical Bliss

Wild, romantic, historic English cottage gardens

By Meredith Grenier
Copley News Service

There is no precise blueprint for a typical cottage garden. That's because it is more of a garden ambience than a specific design.

It is crowded and carefree, not formal or pretentious.

If it were a person, its name would be Willy Nilly. If it were a holiday, it would be Mardi Gras.

The cottage garden is the stuffy horticultural world's hippie stepchild - a rollicking, uncontrolled riot of plants, all growing in reckless abandon. A botanical free spirit.

Chockablock with romantic names such as love-in-the-mist, Sweet William and forget-me-not, this garden style was worshiped by the Victorians, but Modernists hated its tussie-mussie mobocracy.

In these lawless gardens, it's not enough to grow 100 different plants, each blooming in its own assemblage of color and texture, spilling onto pathways and hanging out of trees. Cottage gardens cry out for more - crystal-gazing balls and statues of St. Francis with birds on his shoulders.

They harken for rose-covered arbors and picket fences, signs with snippets of

Wordsworth or Keats, birdbaths, fountains and white wrought-iron benches. There's no such thing as excess. Over-the-top is the norm.

At least this is the perception.

But, in truth, cottage gardens only appear to be laid out as if 1,000 pounds of flower seed had been randomly cast. The secret, experts say, is careful planting for "controlled confusion."

It's not so much what the English plant, but where they plant it that gives the English cottage look, landscapers joke. Containers of all shapes and sizes are filled with colorful blooms and placed strategically around the property. From every nook and cranny, cheerful plants exalt the senses.

Like the grace notes in a symphony, a cottage garden savors secrets - violets hidden under an old wooden wheelbarrow - a sweetheart rose growing in the tiptop of a bottlebrush tree. These gardens smack with amusing asides, whimsical whatnots of nature. No wonder children thrive in them. So do cats, dragonflies and, if you are lucky, goldfish.

But, experts say, a cottage garden's most important ingredient is its caretaker. Light-years away from "mow and blow"

gardeners, these hands-on cultivators endure bad knees and junk-mail fallout from impulsive seed orders. They never make a newspaper run to the driveway without pruners in hand. Their idea of a vacation is hunting down offbeat nurseries to find heirloom plants.

The caretaker is vital even if the design is flawless, because a cottage garden cannot survive without watering, weeding and replacing spent plants. And, although it doesn't look it, constant pruning is necessary to keep plants from choking out their neighbors.

The concept, says Manhattan Beach, Calif., landscape designer Denise Lea, originated in 18th century England when workers collected seeds, cuttings or divisions of flowers, herbs and vegetables from the manor house and planted them outside the door of their humble cottages.

Eventually, these gardens evolved into an extra, outdoor room, so there was a feeling of a secret garden or getaway. Many are enclosed by trees and hedges or designed in certain color combinations. Pathways lead to a focal point such as statuary or a garden bench.

"Today, we think of the cottage garden as informal planting - featuring annuals,

perennials and edibles," says Lea. "Plants are repeated in the garden, but never are set out in rows."

Lea's own garden is a uniquely California version utilizing an abundance of native stone - both in walls and incorporated into patios. Because her garden is so compact, she says pruning is the most important job to keep it from becoming a jungle.

Her property is replete with roses, hydrangeas, foxgloves, freesias, lavenders, mondo grass, day lily, petite ivy and much more. Accessories such as an antique wooden wheelbarrow hold winter annuals and Bouquet Canyon flagstone patios are interspersed with creepers such as thyme and lamium for a natural look.

Lea created the garden with a lot of curving lines and repeated colorful plants in groupings of three and five to create a repetition or rhythm.

"Color is really important," she says. "I think blue adds a spark to the garden so the pinks and purples don't get lost." She keeps red, and orange to a minimum, but she embraces white as a buffer between colors and uses pale yellow to brighten up dark spots.

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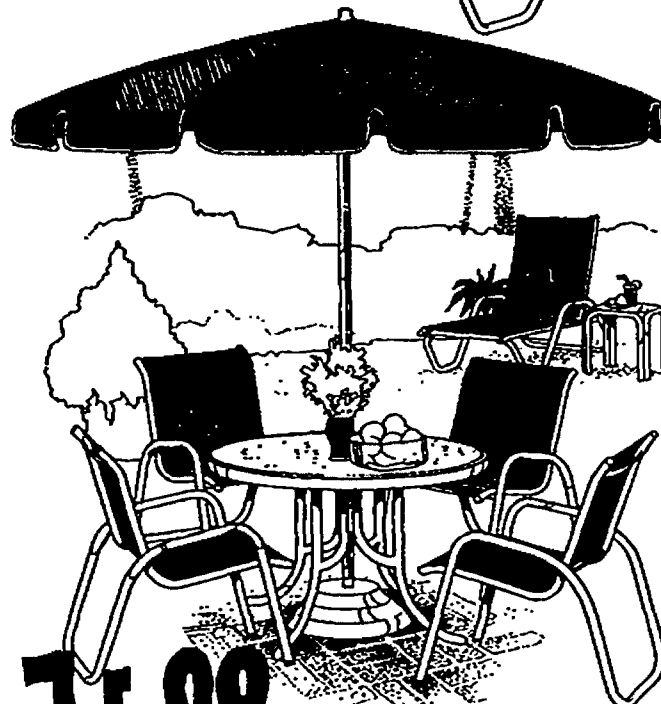
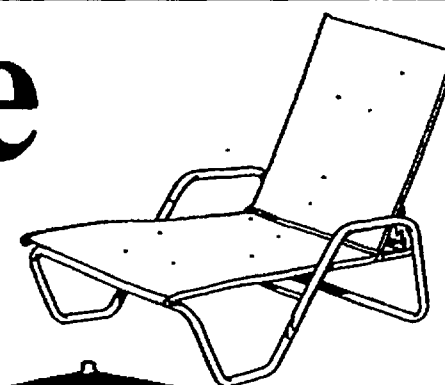
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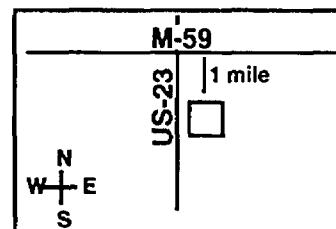


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When night falls, Steve and Donna Bringham can bask in the glow of their moon garden, which features plants with white flowers and variegated foliage that Steve says glow in the dark

Moonlight Serenade

Lovely created garden blossoms in the twilight

By Pat Stein
Copley News Service

Steve and Donna Bringham are being followed by a moon shadow, and they don't mind a bit.

In fact, they're wooing the moon.

The couple decided to celebrate the new millennium by creating a "moon garden" on the grounds of Buena Creek Gardens in San Marcos, Calif., where they live and work. The diminutive circular garden is a romantic retreat where they relax and enjoy moon risings after days spent tending the 180,000 plants at the four-acre nursery.

"I'm a Cancer and I've always loved the moon," says Steve, who turned a 100-year-old former milling shed on the property into his home when he went to work at the nursery in 1988. (He has owned Buena Creek Gardens since 1996.)

During the remodel in the one-bedroom, one-bath residence that he now shares with Donna, his bride, he built east-facing windows into the living room so he could watch the sun and moon rise.

But he wanted more moon glow after he met and fell in love with the former Donna Gunderson when she came to the nursery looking for a job on March 4,

1999 - a date Steve will never forget because, he says, it was a turning point in his life.

The couple decided they could capture more moonbeams if they carved an outdoor retreat out of a patch of land on the east side of the house that wasn't under cultivation or being used as display space for the 1,400 rare and unusual plant species they propagate and sell at the nursery.

"We wanted a cozy garden where we could cocoon after working all day in the nursery," Donna said.

Only 12 feet in diameter, the "moon garden" features plants with white flowers and variegated foliage that Steve says "glow in the dark."

"Actually, they reflect the light of the moon and stars and only seem to glow in the dark," he admits.

Circular steppingstones lead to the middle of the moon-shape garden where the couple placed a pair of chaise longues. Between them is a small, round mosaic table topped by a terra-cotta pot. In it is a heart-shape cactus leaf where they've inscribed their initials and the date 1/2000.

The garden itself was simple and quick to create and, Steve says, any home gardener with a reasonably green thumb

could fashion a similar nighttime retreat shaped like the full moon.

"It was almost an instant garden because the plants we used have grown so quickly, and it's very low maintenance," he said.

Using 1- and 2-gallon plants from the nursery, they planted the garden just before Thanksgiving last year and, six months later, it was mature, according to Steve.

Although it looks and feels secret and sunken, the garden is planted on flat land. The illusion was created by a circular hedge of tall plants that makes its interior seem like a bowl.

A dense, mixed hedge of spreading Frances Grate geraniums, White Wings compact hibiscus (*Hibiscus rosa-sinensis* White Wings) and hybrid orange-flowered cigar plants (*Cuphea oreophila* Orange Flame) forms one section of the circular arc while giant daisy trees (*Podachaenium eminens*) on the street side provide a live privacy fence that has grown to 12 feet in height from 2-gallon plants put in just six months ago.

Angel's trumpets (*Brugmansia* hybrids) with creamy trumpet-shape blossoms that are fragrant at night and moonflower vines (night-blooming morning glories or *Ipo-*

moea alba) finish off the circumference.

"The angel's trumpets are actually tree petunias that are native to the Andes. They attract large, white moths that also seem to glow in the dark," Steve said.

With their large showy blossoms, angel's trumpets are the Brighams' favorite flowers, not only for their delicious fragrance, but also because they bloom year-round and come in a variety of colors, including white, pink and apricot.

"We planted seven different varieties to make sure the moon garden would always have angel's trumpets in bloom," Steve said. "The Charles Grimaldi is the main variety and it blooms several times a year. In between, the other varieties bloom."

The moonflower vines produce amazing 7-inch white flowers that open before your eyes after the sun goes down.

"We've watched the flowers open in 20 seconds to 20 minutes," Steve said. "They unfurl like parasols and they're very easy to grow from seed. We've gotten plants with 30 flowers from just four seeds."

A red banana tree is the centerpiece of the back yard. He chose a red rather than green banana tree because he felt it "tied together the variegated foliage and other colors in the garden."

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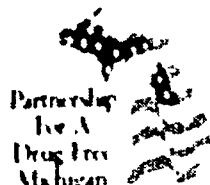
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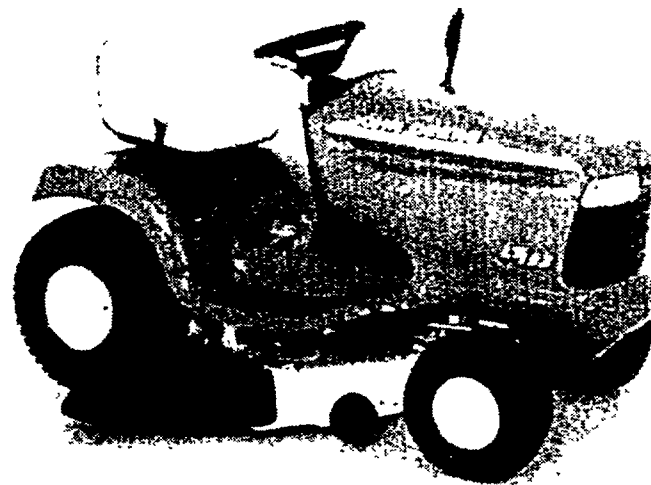


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In contrast to Lea's compact space, landscape designer Julie Heinscheimer maintains an exquisite garden on 2 1/2 acres around her Rolling Hills, Calif., home. When she and her husband, Tom, bought the property more than 30 years ago, it had been a goat farm. Today, it has become a gorgeous, much-sought-after destination on local charity garden tours.

Despite its sweeping canyon view and vast size, Heinscheimer's creation has an intimate feeling because she designed different areas or visual compartments, often using stone walls and terraced hillsides. There are front- and backyard patios, an olive tree alley, a vegetable garden, a grape arbor, a fruit tree orchard and many intimate seating gardens and patios. She says California-style cottage gardens are the most frequently requested designs by her clients.

Her "cottage" garden is actually a 200-foot-long, 8-foot-wide border with larger plants such as rose trees, tall delphiniums, foxgloves, lavatera, hydrangea, abutilon and buddleja as background plantings for medium-size perennials such as lavenders (French and Spanish), penstemons, Mexican sage, rosemary, shasta daisies and more. In the front are lower plants such as convolvulus, lobelia, bacopa, borage, lamium and countless others.

Heinscheimer says the famous garden designer Gertrude Jekyll popular-

ized the cottage garden concept in England around the end of the 19th century, flying in the face of Capability Brown, who favored great vistas of rows of color.

Wisteria and climbing roses lend that cottage charm along with vertical garden accessories on which plants can climb such as wrought iron or wooden pillars. Heinscheimer's interpretations of "Victorian follies" include gumdrop-shape plumbago bushes and an outdoor "guest bedroom." Made of plant material, it features a privet "bed" and a checkerboard "carpet."

From vast to intimate, landscape designer Mimi Laurent O'Keefe's Old Torrance, Calif., garden smacks of traditional cottage garden charm with its picket fence, arched gate and rose trellised arbor. But, unlike some landscapes that forgo grass, this design calls for traditional borders surrounding a grass lawn. On the sides of the house are cut flower garden borders.

O'Keefe says the secret to large, weed-free borders is applying 3 inches of mulch in March and September. She usually flags down a professional tree trimmer and asks him to dump a pile of his wood shavings in her driveway. So far, all have happily obliged. The mulch, which has come from both pine and eucalyptus trees, also keeps plants from drying out.

Among the roses are companion plants such as salvias, lavender and penstemon. She also uses a pink cistus (rock rose) and a pink breath of heaven and large Shirley and matilija poppies.

"I love the pinks, lavenders, blues, peaches, reds and white, but I don't do too much with orange or yellow, except for daffodils," she says.

Landscape designer Christie O'Hara, who taught a course on the subject, recently designed a charming Califor-

nia-style cottage garden for Manhattan Beach clients Cheryl and Roger Boeke. A teacher, Cheryl wanted a peaceful oasis, complete with birds and bees, in which to unwind and exercise her love of gardening.

O'Hara stresses patience when choosing plants for a new garden such as this, which was all dirt when a new two-story Craftsman-style house was constructed in place of a single-story structure. She designed a master plan taking into consideration not only the heights of plants when mature, but the leaf color and texture to maintain interest even during the quiet, less-colorful winter months.

"Most people don't realize that the foliage has to hold the design in the winter," O'Hara says.

The designer considered the view from every window in the house. Out the dining room window, for example, she created a green-and-white shade garden with angel's trumpet, birch trees and cannas framing a beautiful antique-white plaster fountain.

O'Hara emphasized the importance of a really strong beginning structure or bones of the garden - a certain tree here to block the neighbor's garage, a vine there for height.

The backyard view from the house centers on two small-scale, flowering crab apple trees that frame a beautiful bench. Gardens are laid out with wide paths in circular patterns so there is a surprise around every bend. The plant beds are narrow enough to reach them from both sides. To add interest, some beds are mounded with extra soil.

"Even though it is a small garden, I wanted visitors to be able to make choices as to which path to take," says O'Hara. "Plants must be balanced in each bed."

With the house's Craftsman architec-

ture, the space begged for a cottage garden, but not a cute, white picket fence variety. This has the cottage feeling, but uses more California natives and herbs and lots of shrubs and climbing old garden roses.

Both designer and client opted for no lawn.

"People use so much water and spend hours and hours on their lawns, but I would rather have the pretty flowers, butterflies, hummingbirds, bees and fragrance from a garden like this," says Cheryl.

Another important consideration, says O'Hara, is to create seasons in a garden by using plants such as sedum "Autumn Joy," a succulent that has coppery-rose blooms in fall.

Despite the season, the cottage garden concept is often requested by customers at Armstrong Garden Center in Torrance, says the nursery's Melissa Paltin.

"I try to help people create their own idea of what a cottage garden is," she says.

Similar to the exercise of planting a seed and watching it grow, creating a cottage garden takes patience, she says.

"If you want foxgloves and delphiniums in spring, they do much better if you plant them from pony packs or 4-inch pots in the fall so they can acclimate to your garden conditions. Cottage gardens are high maintenance, and I try to be realistic about that. There is a constant need for replanting and pruning. But it is very therapeutic.

"If a person doesn't want to invest the time, I suggest plants that give the cottage garden look, such as false heather, marguerites, foxgloves, salvias and lavenders that aren't high maintenance," she says. "But, if you plant a real cottage garden, you will have a hands-on experience that you can grow from along with your plants."

Moonlight Serenade

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"Plus, it adds drama to the yard, and it has grown from 4 feet to 10 feet in just one year. It's a great tree for adding instant drama to any yard because it grows so fast."

The garden is planted in layers. Beneath the "upper story" of hedging that forms the bowl, there's an array of plants with variegated foliage and others with flowers that are fragrant at night.

At first, Steve says, they planted shrubs with silvery foliage to carry out the white-garden theme. But, since the garden is in a shady spot, plants with gray-green foliage didn't do well and they replaced them with golden sanchezia (*Sanchezia speciosa* Ecuador Gold), golden duranta (*Duranta erecta* Gold Tip) and golden oregano (*Oreganum Norton's Gold*). All have variegated chartreuse and yellow foliage that also catches light.

"Plants with silvery foliage do better in sun than they do in shade," he said.

In addition to fragrant plants such as night-blooming jasmine and blue skyflow-

ers (*Duranta* Sarasota), the Brighams chose plants that attract butterflies (pentas) and hummingbirds (*Cuphea* "David Verity," salvias and plectranthus) during the day. The plant list also includes lion's tail (*Leonotis leonurus*), impatiens, African linden (*Sparmannia africana*) and yellow plume flowers (*Justicia aurea* Compacta).

The Brighams' moon garden is an easy-care retreat. Steve says watering twice a week and application of time-release fertilizer twice a year is all it takes to make this thrive. Plant costs totaled about \$250.

Because the soil was "reasonably fertile," Brigham didn't add any amendments. If enrichment is needed to help plants thrive, he prefers earthworms to soil amendments.

MATCHMAKING

If you believe in magic and romance, consider the Cinderella story of how Donna and Steve met as you walk the garden and nursery grounds on tours that Steve leads at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month.

Steve, now 46, was considered by some acquaintances to be a confirmed bachelor married to his plants and the nursery. But, when Donna, 45, came to visit her family, she stopped by the nursery to see about a job.

"I had been working for 15 years at a nursery in Mendocino (Calif.). I loved it

there, but I was ready for more sunshine, plus I missed my family and I missed being able to see the moon because whenever there's a full moon in Mendocino, it brings in the mist so you can't see it," she said.

What brought her to the nursery was an article about Steve and Buena Creek Gardens that appeared in The San Diego Union-Tribune's Homescape section.

Her sister clipped the article and sent it to her with a note saying, "Here's a good-looking guy who shares your love of plants. Why not come down and see if there's a job for you there."

Donna followed her sister's suggestion and the rest is romantic history.

"We hit it off right away," recalls Steve, who says he had been looking all his adult life for the right mate.

He was scheduled to speak at a seminar in San Francisco the month after Donna had dropped in at Buena Creek Gardens, so he took a side trip to Fort Bragg to visit her. One thing led to another and, in July 1999, Donna moved to San Marcos with her cat, Boots, and went to work at the nursery.

A month later they traveled to an ancient bristlecone pine forest east of Mount Whitney where they got engaged under the spreading boughs of 3,000-year-old trees.

"We thought there could be no better witnesses for our engagement ceremony

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On March 19, 2000, they were married in the redwood grove on the nursery grounds. They wrote their own vows and invited 200 guests.

Today, they work together propagating plants, their favorite aspect of the nursery endeavor. Steve takes charge of the business and scientific aspects, while Donna manages the retail operation, which offers customers the newest hybrid day lilies, a large collection of reblooming bearded iris, shade plants, salvias, drought-tolerant shrubs, trees, vines and grasses.

Demonstration gardens at the nursery show visitors how they can re-create sun perennial gardens, shade gardens and drought-tolerant gardens in their own yards.

At the end of a busy day tending plants and customers, they recline on their chaises in the moon garden.

Do they listen to Cat Stevens' pop lunar anthem "Moon Shadow" while watching the moon and stars?

No. They tune in to the song of crickets and the scurrings of nocturnal creatures. And, they hold hands.

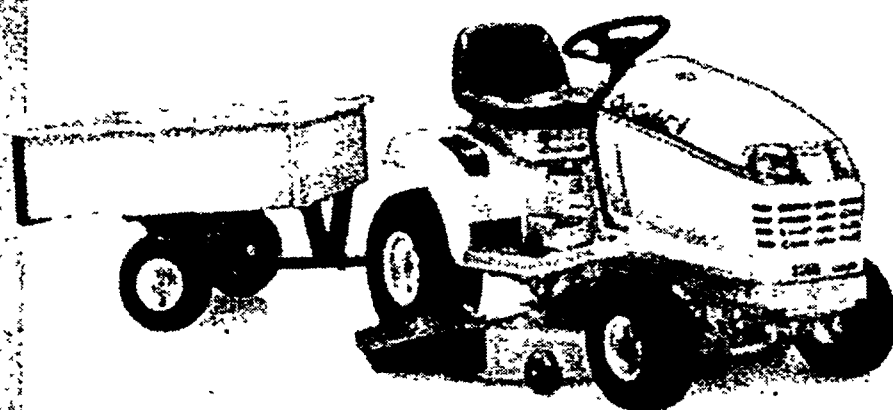
"There's so much that goes on in nature at night that people miss if they go inside and shut the door when the sun goes down," Donna said. "The moon garden provides a cozy place to relax and enjoy the night."

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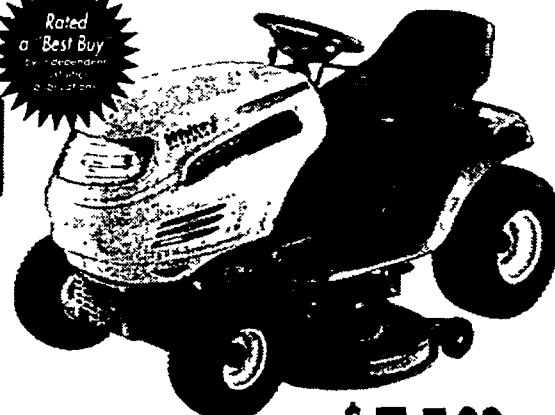
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Feng shui expert, Angi Ma Wong, right, helped bring Madhu Thangavelu's home into balance using the ancient Chinese art of placement.

Enlightened Garden

Feng shui helps create balance in the back yard

By Meredith Grenier
Copley News Service

Your garden may be pretty but lacks serenity. It may be lush but fails to ease your journey or provide nourishment for your soul.

Whether your own piece of nature is a balcony, a patio or a back yard, it could be out of sync with the universe. In short, it may have bad feng shui.

Feng shui, literally wind-water, is the Chinese environmental art of placement. For 5,000 years, it has worked its magic on believers who swear that health, prosperity and relationships improve when their homes and gardens were rearranged to best utilize cosmic energy, or chi, to promote harmony.

The No. 1 concept of feng shui is the flow of energy. In the garden you should have a lot of curves, therefore an English garden has better feng shui than a formal Italian garden.

The second principle is balance, created by the interaction of the yin and yang. In the garden, good feng shui translates to equal amounts of sun and shade and a balance of "soft scape" and "hard scape" - flowers/shrubs and structures/patios.

Because much of feng shui is common sense and/or intuition, you may already be doing a lot of things right. If not, don't worry. As feng shui expert Angi Ma Wong of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., says, "I am a purveyor of hope. I don't believe you have to move out of your house because something is wrong. There are always things to be done to counteract the bad feng shui."

A major key to feng shui is understanding the Chinese preoccupation with five basic elements: wood, fire, earth, metal and water.

Knowing how they relate to each other in generative and destructive ways is critical to generating harmony. Think of the children's game of stone, scissors and paper.

It's the same principle. In the generative cycle, fire generates the earth, earth generates metal, metal generates water, water generates wood and wood generates fire.

In the destructive cycle, fire melts metal, metal cuts wood, wood moves earth, earth muddies water and water puts out fire.

But, the five elements and their corresponding four cardinal compass points and secondary compass points (such as north-east) are only part of the feng shui process. Each direction has its own appropriate color, number, season and symbol/shape. The four cardinal directions also have animal symbols.

So, good feng shui is achieved when each of the elements is positioned in its proper compass direction on the property.

To illustrate, Wong visited the Torrance, Calif., backyard garden of Virginia Levanas. Using Wong's Feng Shui Garden Design Kit and the succinct companion book, "Designing Your Garden With Feng Shui," the author located the north section of the garden with a compass. Beginning at north (which is 12 o'clock), she moved clockwise around the back yard, designating east (3 o'clock), south (6 o'clock) and west (9 o'clock), and noting the secondary compass points.

Now, she can easily rearrange these elements, colors, etc., with the goal of creating harmony and balance in her outdoor environment. Either instinctively or accidentally, Levanas had a lot of key elements in precisely the right compass directions.

"Overall, this garden is very peaceful and harmonious with no clashing colors, and a lot of curves and a balance of sun and shade," observes Wong.

At the north point of the back yard is a small garden that backs up to the house. A metal drain spout runs vertically down the side of the house behind the garden.

"Perfect," proclaims Wong. "North stands for business success and career. Its element is water and here we have the water drain in the north, where it should be. North's color is black and here she has a black wrought-iron arbor. North's symbol is wavy or curvy and she has a squiggly vine growing up the arbor. The fact that she has her metal arbor here is very good because the element, water, is enhanced by metal."

To improve the feng shui in the north area, Levanas could add one (north's number) tortoise (north's animal). Another recommendation Wong had for this area was to add a fountain, waterfall or decorative faucets, antique metal, mirrored surfaces, or chimes.

Moving clockwise to the right, Wong next analyzed the northeast section, which represents knowledge and self-growth. Here again, Levanas was pretty much on the mark.

"The number for northeast is eight, the element is earth and the colors are turquoise and tan. So, I see she has seven pavers made of earth going through the northeast section. I would recommend adding one more tile or stone paver to make eight."

She recommended that Levanas add more earth objects - anything made from earth, such as stone, brick or ceramics. She suggested relocating a terra-cotta "sun" face

from her south wall to her northeast wall. Also, she could add shapes that are square or rectangular. Northeast is a good spot for a stone bench, a meditation or reading area, but avoid wood furniture or accessories. The Chinese have long believed that five things create one's destiny: fate, luck, feng shui, charity/philanthropy and education/self-development. Feng shui depends on the natural shape of the land, the plants and animals on it and "dragon lines," or natural energy already existing under hills and mountains.

Originally, the Chinese invented the compass to determine the optimum final resting place on a plot to honor dead relatives. As a result, many Chinese today still associate feng shui with burials.

Wang points out that paying all the money in the world to ensure that your home or business has ideal feng shui would not matter "one iota" if the owner did not practice charity and philanthropy and have good character.

She also stresses keeping mentally alert and physically healthy.

While feng shui is moving more into the mainstream, some Chinese practice it religiously. Others liken it to the Farmer's Almanac filled with old adages, which have some root in tradition or common sense, such as the practice of planting seeds at specific cycles of the moon. One rule of feng shui, for example, says not to sleep with your bed facing the bedroom door because that is the way they would carry out a dead body.

Whether you are a believer or not, its use in the garden could result in achieving balance, which is the first amendment for garden design.

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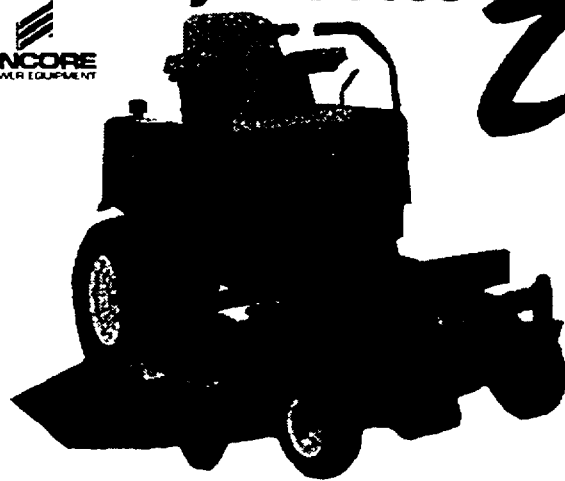
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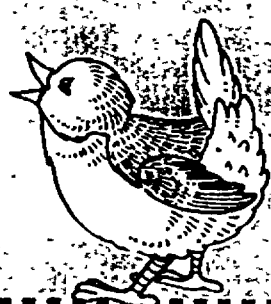
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Back in the east section (representing family, health and joy) of Levanas' garden, Wong recommended she move her three metal chairs to her west area, whose element is metal, and replace them with three (east's number) wood chairs, preferably painted green or tan, east's colors.

Wong emphasizes that the elements in each area (wood, metal, etc.) are more important than the colors, numbers, animals, shapes, etc. But, a combination of appropriate colors and shapes can overcome disharmonious existing elements such as an immovable fire pit.

For details on what properties to place in which compass direction to implement harmony in your garden, consult the feng shui chart. Also, to understand the relationship of elements to each other, consult relationship

of the elements circle/star to show how each element can be enhanced (generative cycle) or overcome or destroyed (destructive cycle). Either cycle can be used to work to your advantage.

FENG SHUI DOS

- Incorporate curving paths, bringing beneficial energy and drawing in visitors.
- Plan a new view, surprise or delight to be revealed at every step or turn.
- If your property is too flat, it is considered too yin. Create mounds or hills and add trees bushes or hedges to balance with yang energy.
- Add geodes in the southwest to enhance romance, relationships and love, and in northeast to reinforce personal development.
- Plant versions of the "money tree" - plumeria, ginkgo, poplar or prosperity bamboo in the southeast or east area.
- Keep eight gold-colored fish with one black in your pond or tank; or just one ele-

gant, slow-moving prosperity fish.

- Put a pheasant in the south area for fame and fortune. A carved wooden one is twice as powerful.
- Incorporate a smiling Buddha carrying a gourd or bag. The bag contains your troubles and problems, which he has collected and contained for you.
- Choose a fountain with water that bubbles or sprays up, rather than runs down, to represent blossoming.

FEN SHUI DON'TS

- Use a lion's (or any other animal's) head decoration for fountains or draw pulls, as it has grave connotations. The exception is if the lion is part of your family seal.
- Harm a snake on your property. Catch and release for good karma.
- Mount a pair of crossed swords over a door or path. It will shorten the lives or adversely

affect the health of those who pass under.

- Give a bonsai plant as a gift since it symbolizes limited growth and is unlucky.
- Incorporate "hostile" plants that have short, spiky leaves or thorns, barbs or needles, such as cactuses, close to your front entrance or flanking the entry path. But, planted on the perimeter of your property, they create a natural deterrent to intruders.
- Fret if any of your fish die. It means that they absorbed something negative that would have happened to you. Replace as soon as possible.
- Have the trunk of a tree facing your front door as it will block your view and obstruct beneficial energy.
- Put a pond or fountain near the right side of the door (looking out). It will encourage infidelity in your partner.
- Allow the shapes of trees to resemble any animals or creatures.



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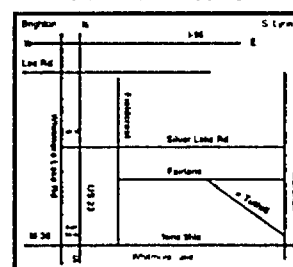
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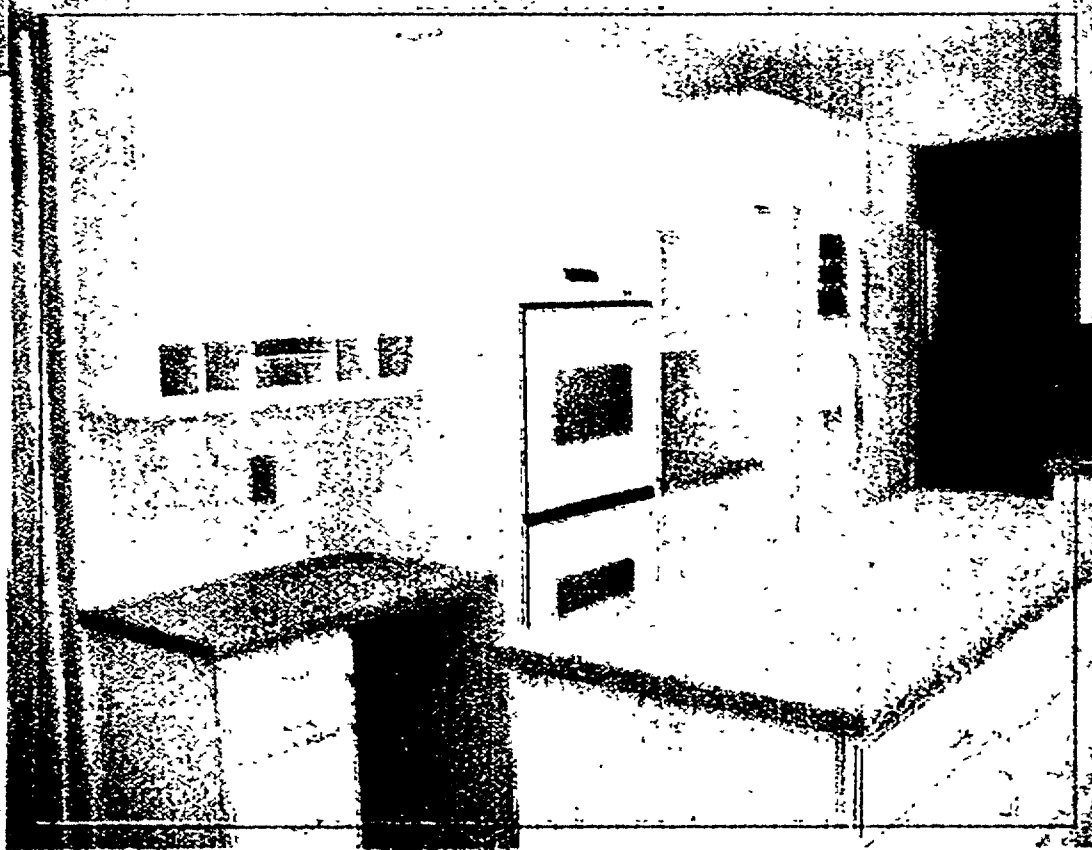
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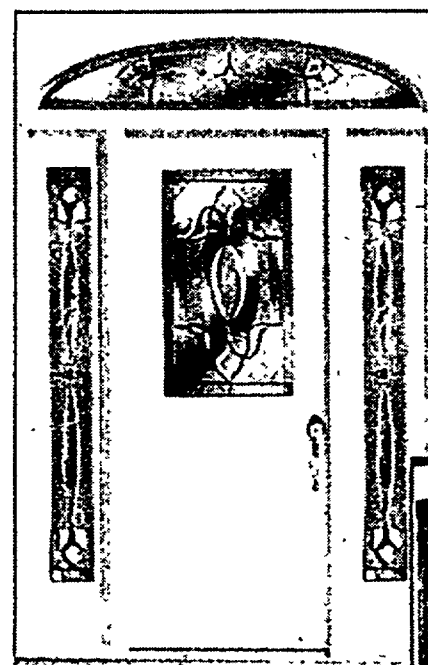
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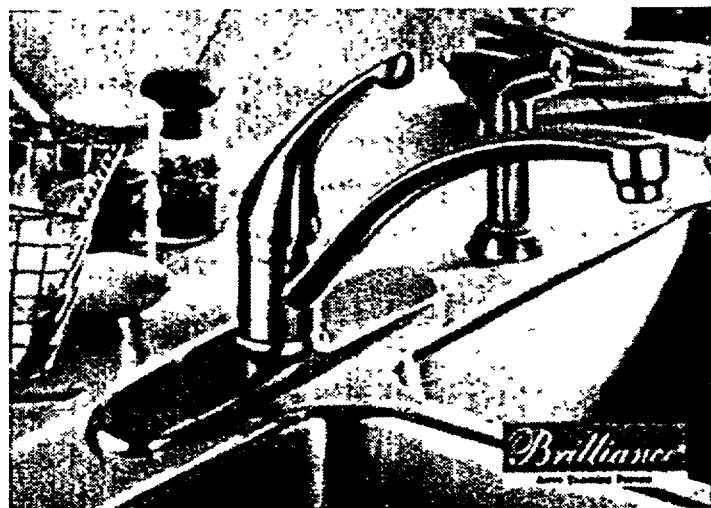
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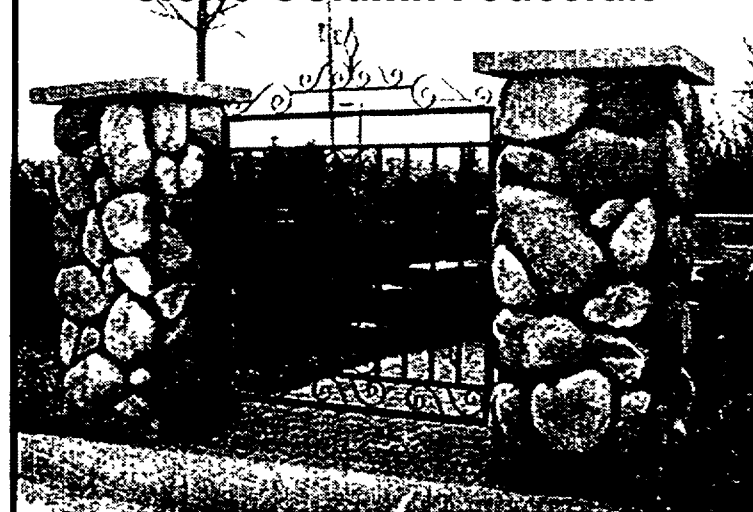
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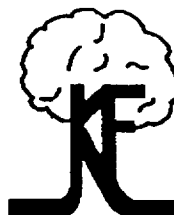
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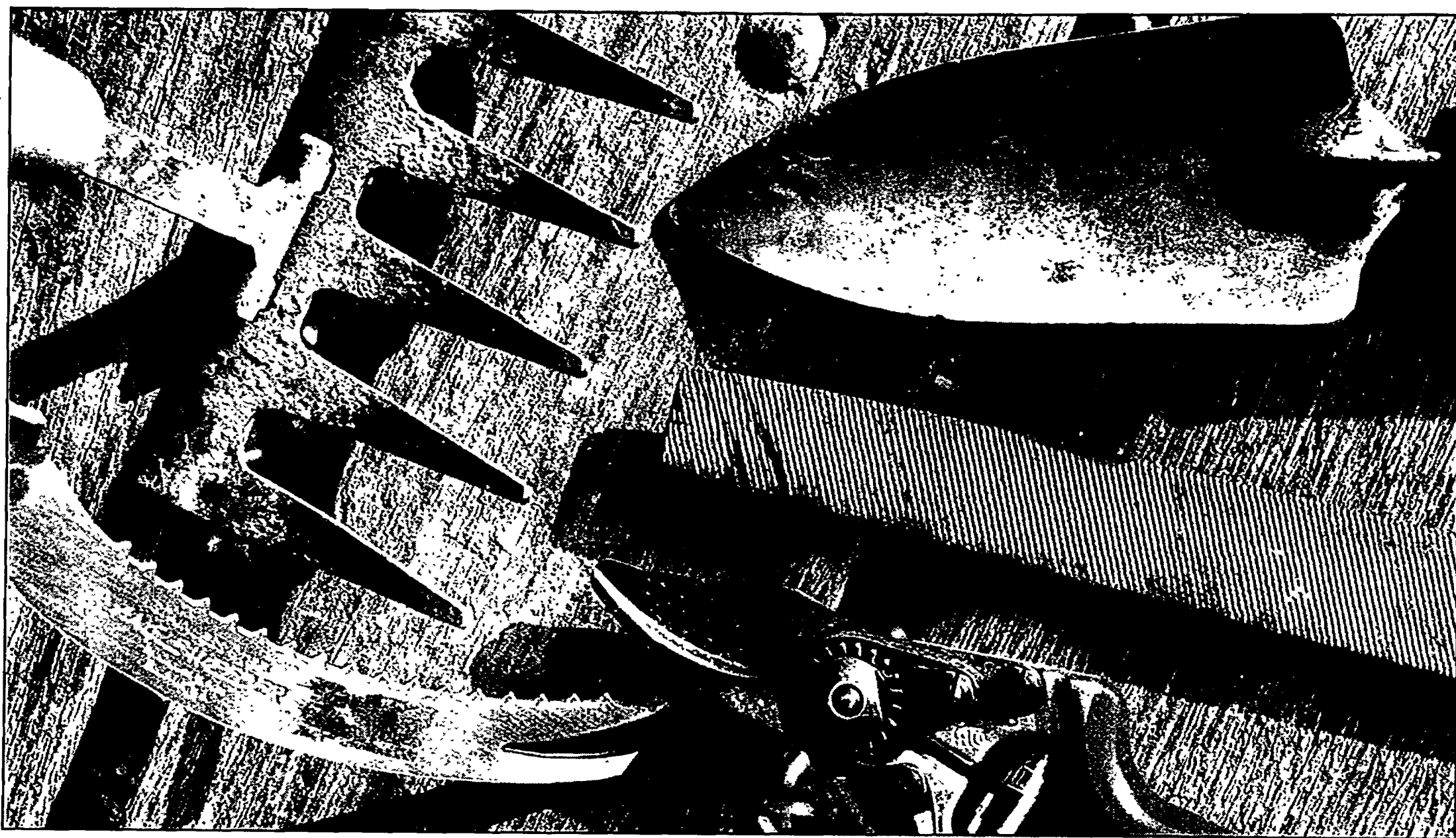
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The Dirty Dozen

A guide to 12 must-have gardening gadgets

By Pam Adams
Copley News Service

Genny Gibbs just bought an angle weeder. She hasn't used it yet, but she thinks it's about to become her new favorite garden tool.

"It's three weeders in one," she says, "a wicked looking thing, you should be wearing a black hooded robe when you use it."

Gibbs exaggerates. The thing isn't that scary looking. But it is versatile, as far as weeders go. She says she can pry weeds out of the ground with it, use it as a dandelion digger and dig weeds from between stones and bricks.

At heart, gardeners are tool-using creatures. They dig, they hoe, they weed, they rake. They stalk catalogs and garden centers like the green-thumbed shopaholics they are. One should never ask them to list one dozen essential gardening tools.

"A dozen limits me terribly," says Gibbs, of Illinois Central College's agriculture and horticulture staff. Her favorite tool before the angle weeder was a potato fork. "You can double dig your beds with it, shovel compost, mulch or dig potatoes."

Press her, however, and she can force herself to come up with a dozen basic gardening tools everyone needs.

The basic dirty dozen is a combination of Gibbs' favorites, supplemented by Karen Davis Cutler, author of "Burpee: The Complete Vegetable and Herb Gardener."

The three most basic? Shovel, rake and hoe.

• Shovel

"It's the tool you use most," Gibbs says, "the one you use first, middle and last of the season."

They're good for scooping and moving soil, compost and other materials, according to Cutler.

Shovels, not to be confused with spades, are slightly concave with rounded edges. Spades are nearly flat and have straight edges.

• Rake

"A common garden rake is useful for breaking clods, removing stones and debris, grading and smoothing soil, spreading compost, covering seeds and other tasks," Cutler writes in Organic Gardening.

Look for models that have between 14 and 18 slightly curved teeth and a one-piece, forged-steel bowed head for strength.

Rakes are one of the three basics, Gibbs says, but they're also one of the most breakable.

"People usually hold them wrong." Place one hand on the end of the handle, the other near the middle, then let your knees do the real work, Gibbs advises. And, switch off positions so your hands, wrists and back don't get tired.

• Draw hoe or Common Hoe

"Most gardeners spend more time with a hoe than any other tool," Cutler writes. "It's the traditional American implement for weeding, chopping, digging, covering, cultivating and making rows."

"Standard models typically have a 4- to 6-inch-wide head attached to the handle by a

neck curved at a 70-degree angle.

• Trowel

For small digging jobs, such as planting and weed removal or working in containers. Strength is less crucial with hand tools.

Choose a wide-bladed model unless you're container gardening only. For that, use a narrow-bladed model.

• Fork

Also useful for digging, and excellent for opening new ground, turning cultivated soil, and digging up plants, bulbs and root crops. Pick a flat-tined model with a 6- to 8-inch forged steel head.

• Oscillating and tined hoes

Cutler's second choice for a hoe, the oscillating variety looks like a hinged stirrup. It's sharpened on both sides of its bottom edge so it can be pushed and pulled along the surface to slice off weeds without stirring up the soil.

Gibbs has never used an oscillating hoe. "Sounds neat though. Maybe I should get one."

• Pruners

"Hand pruners are perfect for severing tough squash stems, cutting back asters and other trimming jobs," Cutler writes. "Look for bypass pruners, which have curved blades that cut cleanly. Choose a model you can take apart to sharpen."

• Hose

A must for larger gardens. Gibbs' student worker, Isaac Raabe, says it's the easiest garden tool to use. "You're not using any muscle," he says. "It's more like you're using it as opposed to it using you."

Choose between a rubber or reinforced hose. The major difference is the rubber is heavier to lug. Either type should have brass couplings, at least 5/8 inch diameter and a psi rating of 500.

• Watering can

"They should be fun as well as functional," says Gibbs, holding up a red plastic frog-shape can.

They work for small touch-up watering jobs, window boxes or a patio filled with pots.

• Pocketknife

For chores such as harvesting fruit, flowers, vegetables or cutting twine.

• File

Shovels, hoes, and rakes, along with other tools, should be kept sharp, she says.

"A sharp tool is important for a clean cut, and it will save you a lot of aching muscles."

• Wheelbarrow or Garden Cart

There are always things to be moved in a garden - plants, soil, compost, etc. Pick a wheelbarrow with an extra-deep tray of steel or polyethylene and an inflatable tire.

You don't need a garden cart right away as long as you've got a wheelbarrow, but they are easier to balance and push, and they can carry larger loads. Look for a plywood cart with a steel frame, inflatable bicyclelike tires and a hinged front panel for dumping.

In place of either the cart or the wheelbarrow, however, Gibbs would choose gardening gloves. "You can't beat them, especially the ones with the knobby grips, if you're going to do a lot of digging."



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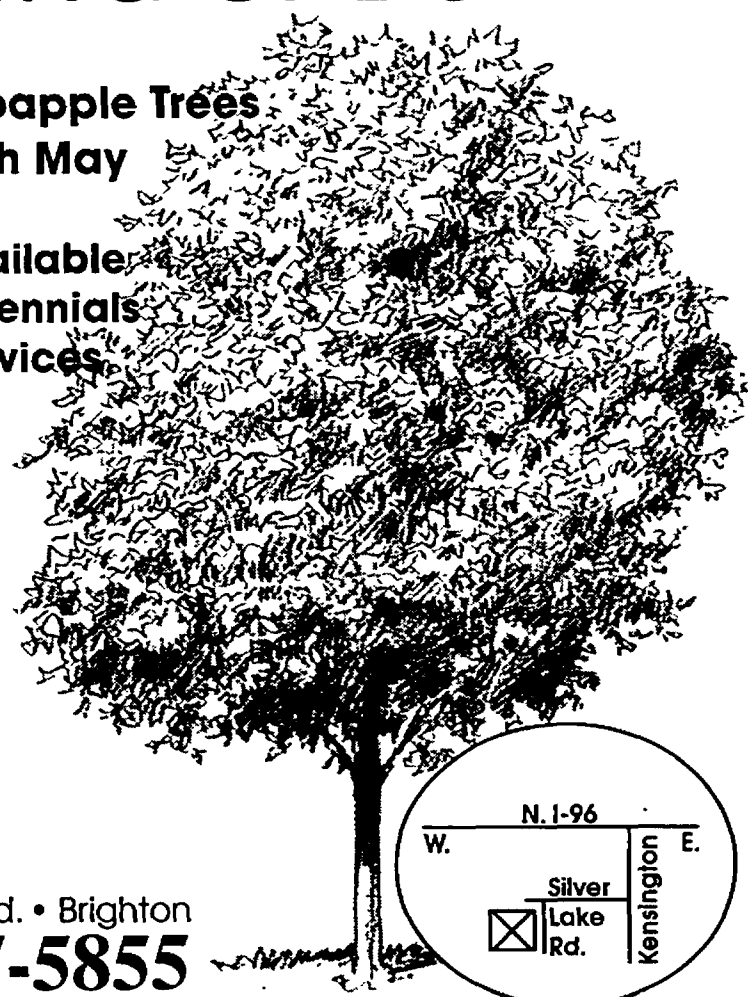
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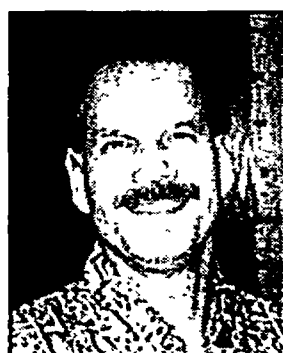
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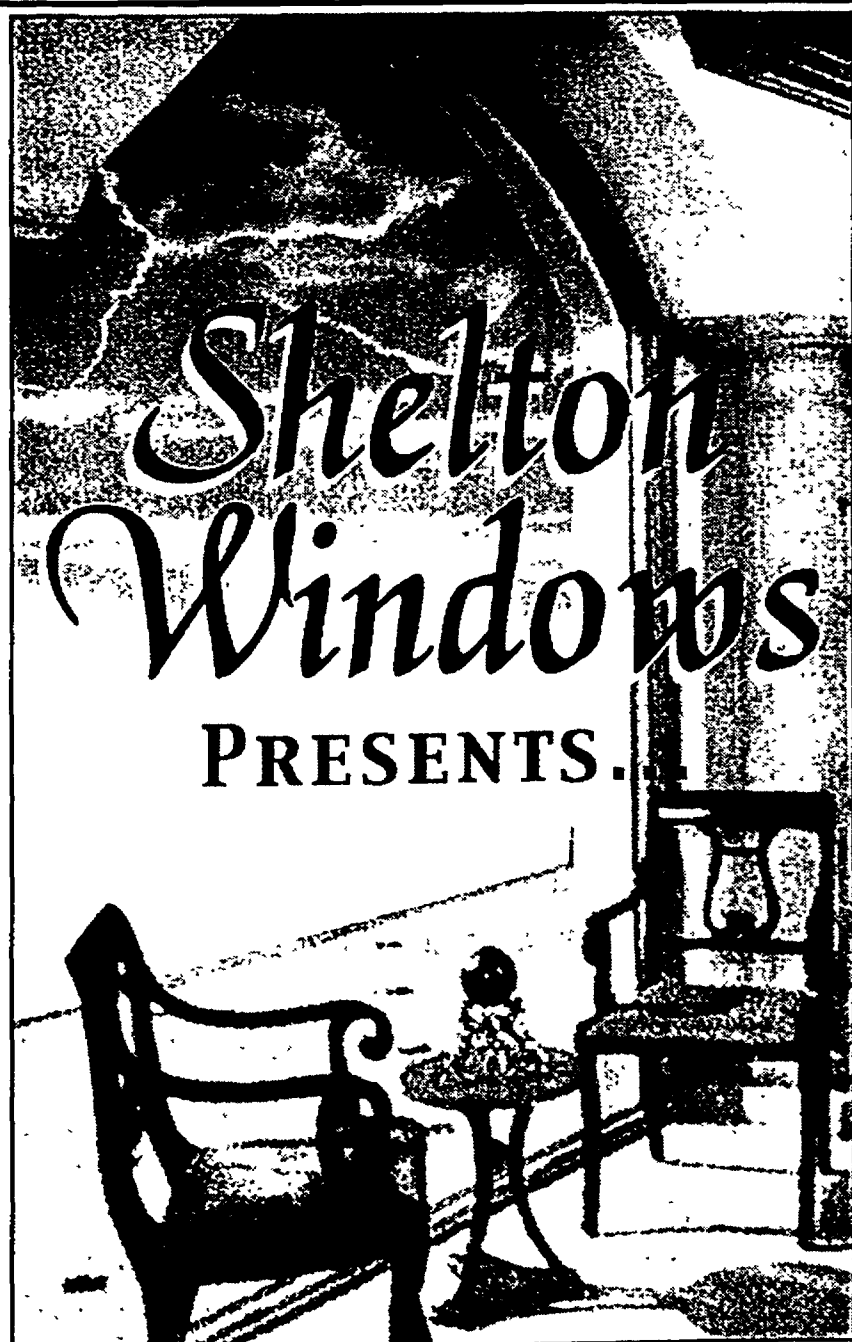


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Summer Harvest

Tomatoes top the list of annual favorites

By Susan Frick Carlman
Copley News Service

In Italy they're called love apples. Then, again, they were introduced to the boot-shape country by early trans-Atlantic explorers, who had found them growing lushly in this strange new land they'd discovered. The "apple" had indeed fallen far from the tree.

In the American Midwest, we simply regard tomatoes as little orbs from heaven.

The combination of abundant rains and ridiculously rich, black soil adds up to luscious garden goods. Heading the list of all our home-grown bounty is tomatoes, the backyard gardener's perennial favorite crop.

Ron Wolford, extension educator/horticulture for the University of Illinois Extension in Chicago, has some ideas about why tomatoes are so popular among the rake-and-hoe set.

"They're fairly easy to grow, and there's a huge variety, from the huge beefsteaks to the tiny cherry types to the Romas that are good to use in pastes and sauces and things," Wolford said, adding that the dynamic crop has a huge variety of potential uses.

But, ultimately, what makes home-grown tomatoes so wonderful is their taste.

"If you buy tomatoes at the supermarket in December, there's no comparison between the taste of those and what you can grow right in your garden," he said.

It's been a pretty good year for tomatoes. Most of the phone calls Wolford's office received have been about tomato leaf spot diseases, especially septoria and early blight. Leaf removal is virtually the only way a gardener can fight the ailments, although fungicides can be effective if they're used early enough, Wolford said.

Like the rest of us, tomato growers are thankful for the relatively cool days and generous waterings Mother Nature sends our way.

"If we get temperatures in the 90s with winds blowing, then you get blossom drop," Wolford said. "That's what will hurt your yields."

Many ardent tomato fans swear by eating the fruit out of hand, but if you'd like to try using your love apples in a prepared dish, consider these suggestions.

Cilantro and peppers, also quite easy to grow in a home garden, co-star in this raw sauce, perfect with good tortilla chips and cold drinks. Put this mixture together several hours ahead of serving time, but not too far in advance or its flavors will fade.

SALSA FRESCA

- 3 large, fresh tomatoes
- 2 or 3 green onions, sliced (include some of the green part)
- 1 or 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 or 3 small green hot peppers (jalapeno or serrano are best), seeded and chopped fine
- 1/3 cup finely diced green bell pepper
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped, peeled and seeded cucumber
- 1 (4-ounce) can chopped mild green chilies
- 3 to 4 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 tablespoon snipped chives
- 2 teaspoons coarse or kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice

Yields about 3 cups.

Bring large saucepan of water, half filled, to a boil. Drop in tomatoes and let them remain for 60 seconds. Lift them out, using a strainer or slotted spoon, and put them immediately into a bowl of ice water. After a few minutes, blot off tomatoes and pull off their skins (this should be easy).

Remove cores and seeds, and chop tomatoes into 1/4-inch dice. Put them in a glass or ceramic bowl and add remaining ingredients. Cover and chill for several hours.

Bring to room temperature before serving.

BREAD SALAD

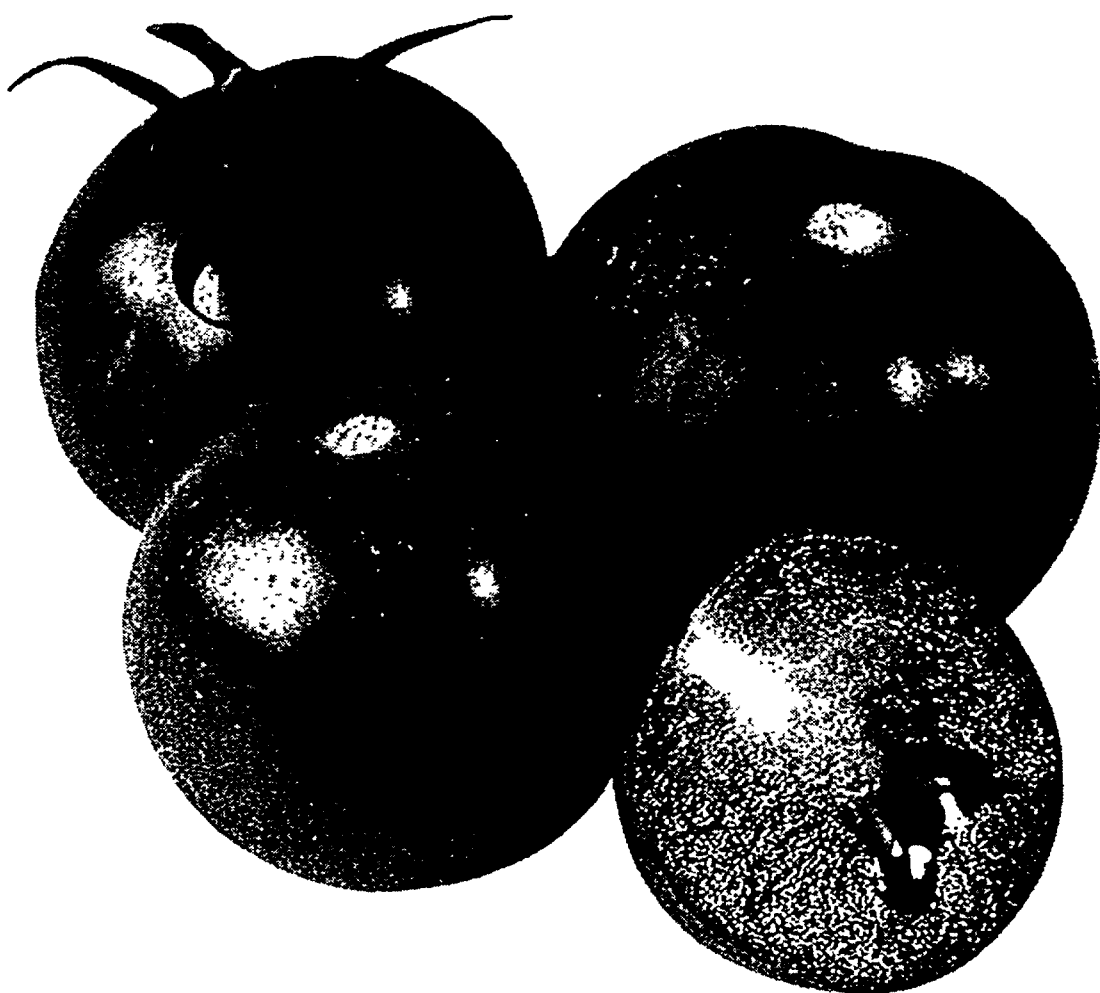
Good croutons are essential for this preparation, which illustrates why home-grown tomatoes are worth all the fuss. Here's how to make them yourself:

Thoroughly toss together about six generous cups of 1/2-inch cubes of day-old French bread (crusts removed) with about 2 tablespoons of good olive oil, a clove or two of crushed garlic (it works best to mix garlic and oil together in a little cup), some salt and fresh-ground pepper and a couple of tablespoons of Parmesan cheese. Spread cubes on a baking pan and cook for about 15 minutes in preheated 350-F oven, until they are a light golden brown.

If you can't make your own, do break down and buy the expensive kind of croutons in the store.

Layer in a glass or ceramic bowl or casserole, in amounts that suit your liking:

- Fresh, ripe tomatoes, cut into large cubes
- Thinly sliced red onion
- Lots of fresh basil, cut into thin slivers
- Salt, to taste
- Pepper, to taste
- Light drizzling of olive oil
- Slightly larger amount of balsamic vinegar



Let these ingredients marinate on the counter, covered, for several hours.

When you're ready to serve (not ahead of time!), toss the mixture gently with croutons (don't use too many; start with about half the volume of tomatoes you've used, and add more if you like).

Let the salad sit for about 5 minutes, then serve.

BRUSCHETTA

- French bread, cut into slices
- Garlic-flavored olive oil
- Chevre (goat cheese) or feta cheese
- Fresh plum tomatoes, sliced
- Salami, finely diced (optional)
- Sliced scallions
- Salt, to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Vary the quantities here to suit your taste and the supplies you have on hand.

Preheat oven to 375 F. Lightly butter a large baking sheet.

Spread 1 side of each bread slice with olive oil. If you're using chevre, spread it on the oiled side of the bread and then set a tomato slice or 2 (depending on the thickness of your loaf), some salami if you're using it and a few pieces of scallion on top of each slice.

Season as desired with salt and pepper, then add feta if you're using it. Set slices on prepared baking sheet as they are assembled.

Bake for 10 minutes or until lightly browned around edges.

Tasty little cherry tomatoes furnish a one-bite fix of garden magic.

CHERRY TOMATO GOAT CHEESE TART

For the crust:

- 1 1/2 sticks (3/4 cup) cold unsalted butter
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons ice water
- Pie weights, dried beans or raw rice for weighting crust

For the custard:

- 1/2 cup packed fresh basil leaves

- 7 ounces mild soft goat cheese, softened
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, well softened
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2 large eggs
- 12 ounces vine-ripened red cherry tomatoes

Yields 8 to 10 servings.

For the crust, cut cold butter into pieces. Put in the freezer.

In food processor, pulse together flour, cornmeal and salt until well combined. Add chilled butter and pulse until mixture resembles coarse meal. Add ice water and pulse until ingredients are incorporated and mixture just forms a dough.

Press dough evenly into bottom and up sides of 10-inch round tart pan with removable bottom. Roll a rolling pin over rim of pan to trim dough flush with rim. Chill crust about 20 minutes, or until firm.

While crust is chilling, preheat oven to 375 F.

Line crust with foil and fill with pie weights, beans or raw rice. Bake crust in lower third of oven until edges are set, about 10 minutes. Carefully remove foil and weights or rice and bake crust 5 minutes more, or until just dry. Leave oven on and cool crust in pan on a rack (crust may crack slightly). Crust may be made 1 day ahead and kept, loosely covered with plastic wrap, at room temperature.

For the custard, chop basil and whisk with remaining ingredients in large bowl. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Pour custard into baked crust, spreading evenly. Halve the tomatoes and arrange, cut sides up, in single layer, pressing them lightly into custard. Season tomatoes lightly with salt and pepper and bake the tart in lower third of preheated oven until custard is just set, about 25 minutes. Cool tart to warm in pan on rack.

Note: This tart may be made 1 day ahead of serving time and cooled completely before being chilled, covered, in its pan. Reheat the tart, uncovered, in 350-F oven or bring it to room temperature before serving.

Carefully remove rim from pan. Cut tart into wedges and serve.

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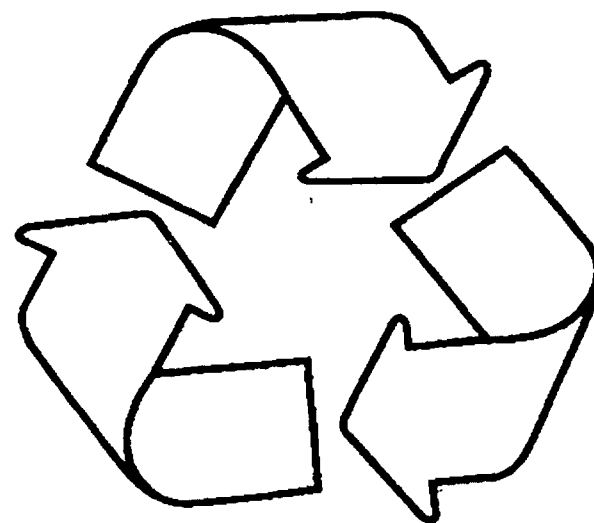
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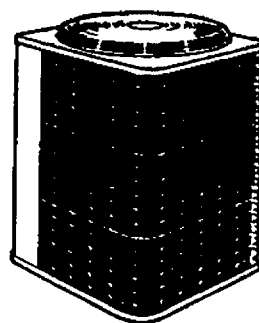
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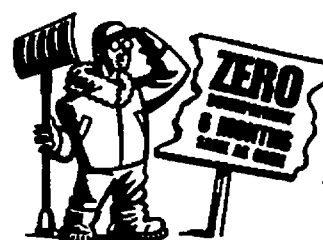


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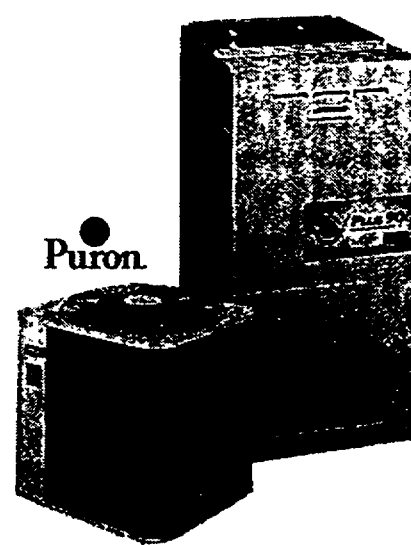


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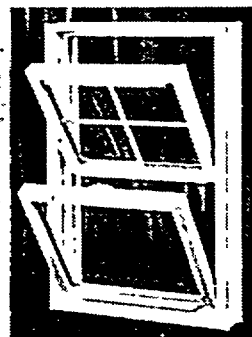
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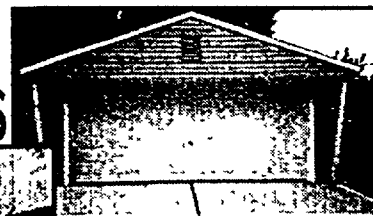
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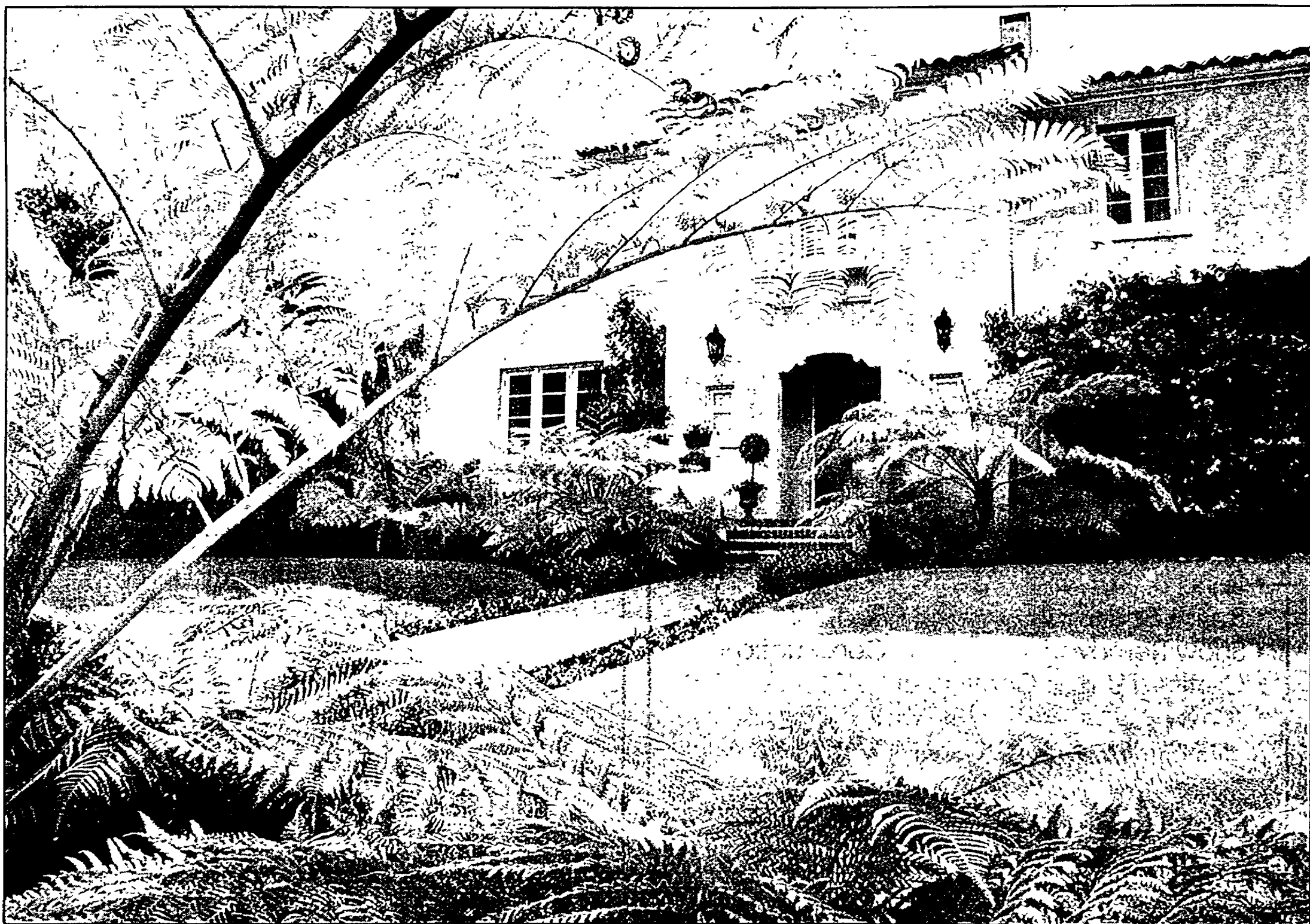


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Lush Lawns

Experts offer tips on keeping grass greener

By Meg Dedolph
Copley News Service

If homeowners could earn merit badges like scouts, there'd be one for lawn care.

These would be the requirements: Grow a lush lawn with no grubs or funny brown spots that stands up to the kids and the dog and makes the neighbors fume with envy.

The key to growing this little piece of Eden in the suburbs is moderation, said Todd Pope, a landscape design salesperson at the Green View garden center in Oswego, Ill.

People trying to create a healthy lawn go overboard, he said. They fertilize too heavily, or too often, when three or four times between March and August will do.

But, before people fertilize, they have to plant. In Pope's area, cool-season grasses grow best, so most lawns are a blend of bluegrass, rye and fescue. Blending the different types of grass makes a lawn more resistant to disease, said a master gardener with the University of Illinois Kane County Extension office, who is required to remain anonymous by the office.

Cool-season grasses don't do well in hot weather and tend to turn brown as part of their natural response, Pope said.

People can counteract the browning with

extra nutrients and extra water for a nicer-looking lawn, but that might not be the best idea, he said.

"That makes the grass juicy and available to insects and diseases when it's weaker because that's against the natural condition of the grass," he said.

SEEDING SUCCESS

So, why not plant grasses that do better in warm weather? In southern Illinois and the St. Louis area, people use zoysia or bent grass, which is also grown on golf courses.

"They green up at 70 degrees," Pope said. "But, you have to be careful because warm-season grasses spread. If you have it and your neighbors don't, it'll spread."

Plus, these warm-weather grasses turn brown in the fall, as soon as temperatures start to drop.

MOW DOWN YOUR COMPULSION TO CUT

What's a grass fanatic to do?

First off, watch how you mow, said Kristi Goley, a landscape architect at Green View.

"Some people have to mow their lawns whether it needs it or not," she said. "They want indoor-outdoor carpeting. You have to live with it not being perfectly manicured during the hot, dog days of summer."

Pope agreed, and added that some people take their cues from golf courses - the wrong thing to do.

"People look at a golf course and think, 'Oh, that's green, I'm going to cut my lawn that short,' but golf courses have bent grass, and they can do that. The average homeowner does that and their lawn turns brown," he said. "I almost leave mine to the point where it waves in the wind. My wife wishes I would cut it shorter, but I have the greenest lawn in the neighborhood."

A slightly longer lawn also helps with weed control, said the master gardener with the Kane County Extension office.

She said people who keep their lawns about 3 inches high tend to use less weed-killer because the taller grass blocks light from the weeds and chokes them out.

GROW INTO A ROUTINE

Next, establish a maintenance plan for your lawn, Pope suggested.

This isn't as intimidating as people might think; it just means homeowners ought to plan for regular fertilizations, including one before winter, and aerate their lawns, which is a process that uses a machine to poke holes in the ground to allow oxygen to reach the grass roots.

"You can get it done or rent the machine to

do it," Pope said. "It's fairly inexpensive and ensures good root vigor the following year. The best analogy is, don't build a house on a crumbling foundation."

People also should make sure their timing is right. For example, many people mistime the application of herbicides to kill crab grass and other weeds, which are better applied before the weeds start sprouting.

"You don't think about weeds until you see weeds, and then it's too late," Goley said.

DIG DEEP FOR CAUSES OF PROBLEMS

Finally, keep an eye out for anything unusual that might indicate insect or disease problems, Pope said. "If you've had that lawn year after year, you know what it does during the season. Look for something odd. If grass comes up in clumps, it's grubs, because they chew through the roots."

Consider external circumstances as well, Goley said. For example, if neighbors power-washing their siding splashed detergent on the lawn, that could cause problems.

It doesn't take much to grow a good lawn, Pope said. "If you start with a good foundation, if you've added some fertilizer when you plant, and do all these things in moderation, you're going to have a nice lawn," he said.



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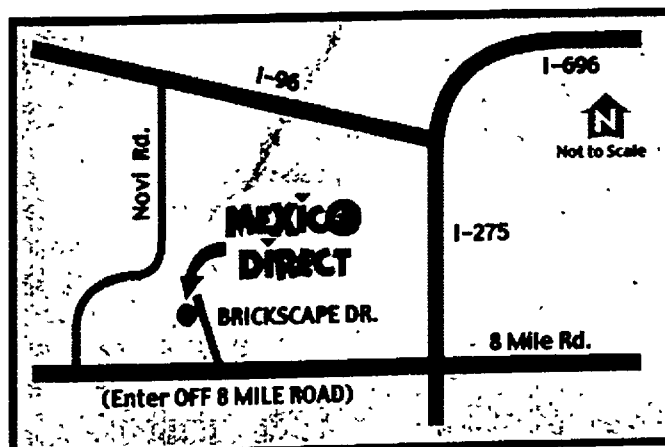
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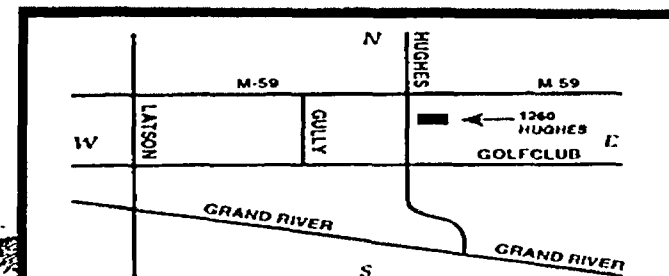
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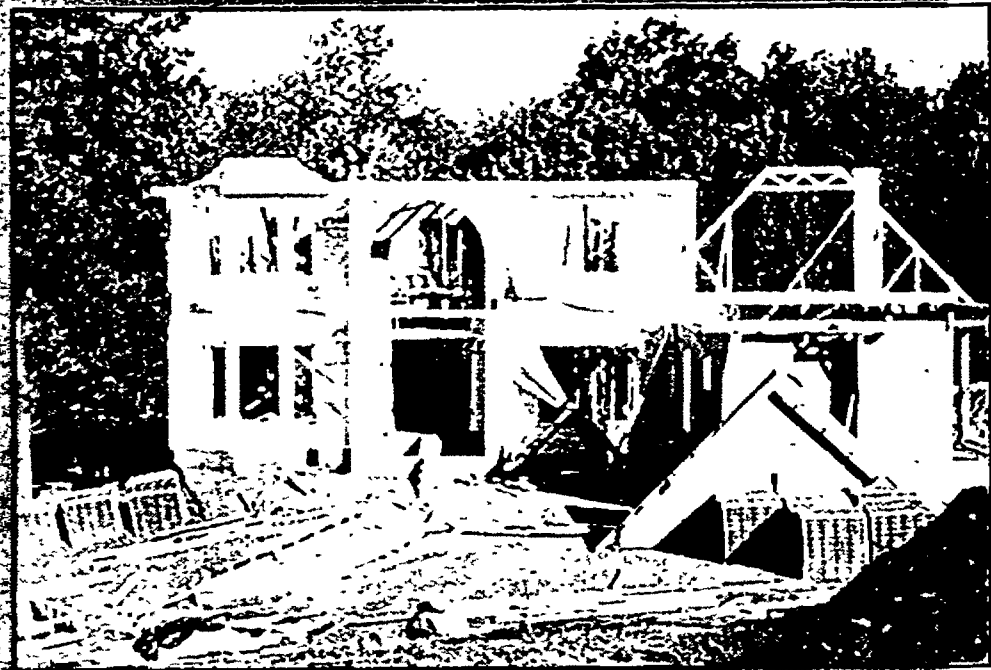
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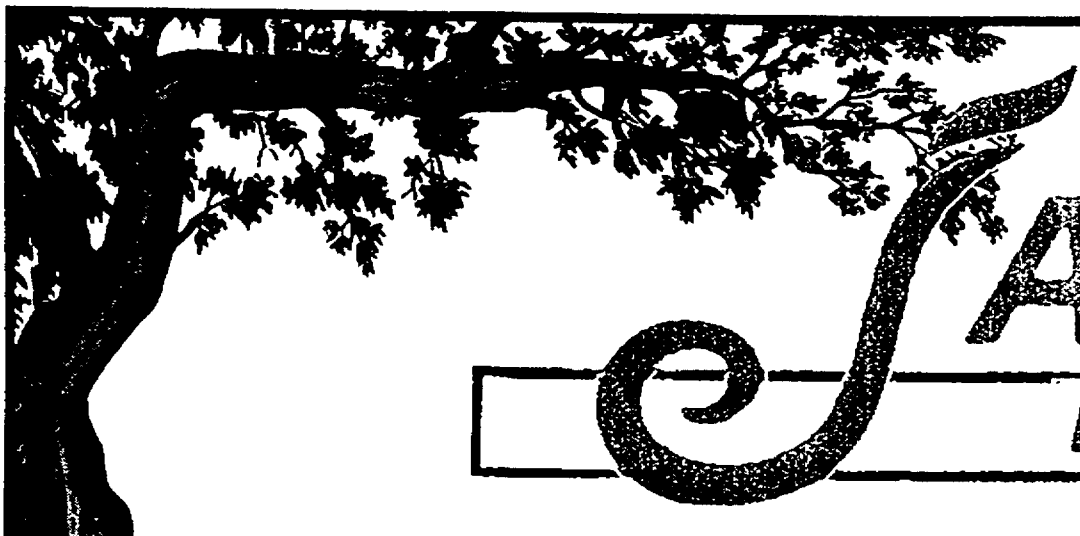
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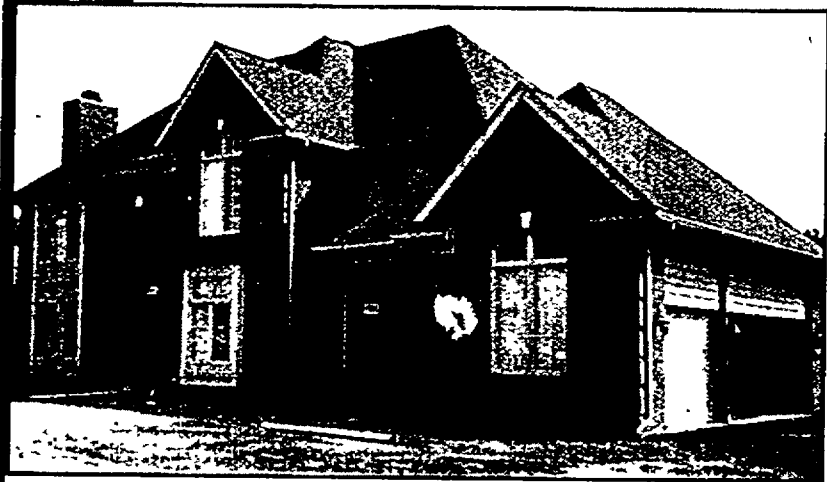
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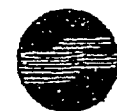
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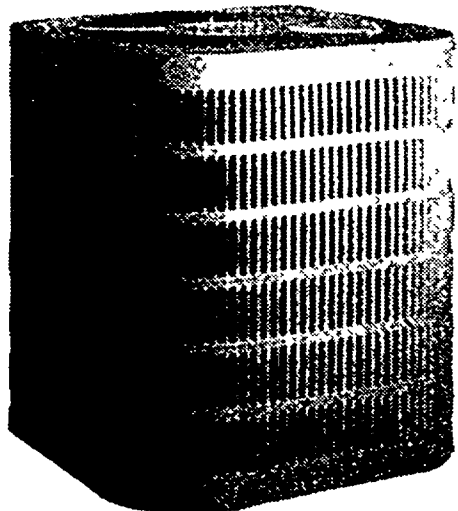
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Step one, make sure you select the right contractor

Perhaps the most important step in replacing or upgrading your home's comfort system is choosing the right company to do the job.

A good contractor can help you make the right choices and give you the best value for your money.

Choosing a reliable contractor is more important than the brand of equipment because no matter how well-made a furnace is or who manufactures it, the comfort, reliability and energy-efficiency that furnace provides is still in the hands of the company doing the installing.

If you know a good heating contractor, that is an excellent place to start. If you don't, ask your friends or neighbors for recommendations. Remember: What they charge is less important than what kind of a job they do, how honest they are and how they treat their customers.

Some prefer to get several esti-

mates. That isn't a bad idea, as long as you don't consider lowest price the main reason for selecting a contractor. What should you look for?

- Avoid any company offering to give you an estimate without coming out and looking at the job.

- A good company will supply you a written proposal clearly outlining the work to be done and the agreed-on price.

- A reliable contractor will usually provide more than one furnace choice. Know the costs, quality and savings of the furnace or air conditioner you're buying.

- An estimator for a reliable company should ask about heating and cooling problems experienced with your old equipment, then offer understandable solutions.

- A good company will usually have a financing plan available.

- Most reliable contractors offer extended service agreements which include maintenance inspections.

- A well-trained, up-to-date contractor won't try to discourage you from purchasing high-efficiency equipment. If he does, get a second opinion.

- A good contractor is professional. Their people are prompt, they meet appointments, they are courteous, neat and well groomed. This neatness should be reflected in their vehicles and offices and installations.

- They should have an office/shop facility and not be ashamed to have you visit it.

- Many less qualified companies don't provide employees proper training. Rather than keep current with the latest technology, some discourage selling new designs.

Demand quality! What about price? For us to tell you what a high-efficien-

cy furnace or air conditioner installation should cost would be misleading. Pricing is determined by several factors including: the added costs of correcting venting or duct work problems, difficulty in installing the furnace in the selected location, code, licensing or inspection requirements, local labor costs, the quality of the job, etc.

Better companies usually charge more, but offer greater value. While one price may look better on paper, the most important consideration is your satisfaction with the end result. Did you get what you paid for?

Reliable companies, those meeting the requirements above, are interested in keeping you as their long-term customer. They want to maintain their fine reputation, so the price offered will usually be reasonable. If you have any questions, ask another company for a quote, then choose the best value.

Questions about ACCA, NWHCDA

What is the ACCA?

The Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA) is a non-profit trade association of service to the independent heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVACR) contractors.

Since its onset in the 1960s, ACCA objectives have been to promote and protect the interest and welfare of the HVACR industry, its members and the public which it serves.

In doing so, its members maintain the highest ethical standards of selling, advertising, pricing, installation and service, guided by the principles of honesty and integrity. While competing in our free enterprise system, the members of ACCA share certain goals and aspirations designed to improve the quality of service provided to the American people.

ACCA and its members work with the Department of Energy (DOE), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state and local agencies on formulating energy programs and policies.

ACCA and its members stay in touch with the local utility companies on issues that affect the consumer.

ACCA and its members work with local and state agencies concerned with licensing and inspections to maintain consumer safety and satis-

faction.

ACCA and its members participate in a program designed to rapidly locate defective products introduced to the marketplace so corrective action may be taken without delay to avoid cost and inconvenience to the consumer.

ACCA furnishes to its members a technical and management library unequaled in the HVACR industry.

ACCA and its members work with local and state educational organizations in an effort to ensure a steady influx of trained people in order to provide consumers with the quality service they deserve.

ACCA members are dedicated to:

- Instilling the highest respect for their profession within their community.

- Complying with all local codes and regulations.

- Upholding the highest ethical standards in selling, installing, and servicing heating and cooling equipment.

- Yielding an excellent policy of consumer relations and upholding the policies and warranties of the manufacturer.

- Carrying the proper liability and workmen's compensation insurance to avoid risk to the consumer.

- Supporting energy conservation efforts through federal, state, and local agencies.

- Contributing to consumer education through agencies such as local consumer affairs offices.

- Maintaining the proper state and local licenses for the consumer's protection.

What is NWHCDA?

Locally in the metro Detroit area, the ACCA chapter is called the Northwest Heating and Cooling Dealers Association. There is also a state chapter called Michigan ACCA (MI ACCA).

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NWHCDA sponsors a four-year federally-approved apprenticeship program to train new technicians for the HVACR industry.

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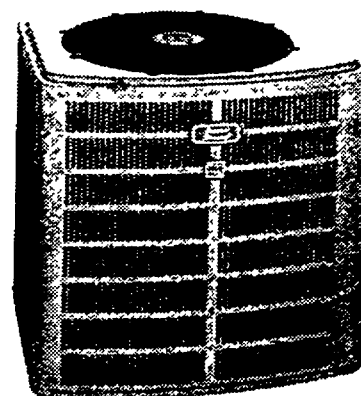
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Chill out in the summertime

Work with your air conditioner to keep your home comfortable

Here are some basic rules for keeping cool at minimum cost:

- Caulk, weatherstrip and insulate (especially the attic) to close air gaps.
- Plan hot work (washing and drying clothes, baking, cooking) for cooler morning and evening hours.
- Pull drapes and shades over windows facing the sun.
- Keep windows and doors closed when air conditioning is on.
- Use a thermostat control to automatically increase or decrease home temperatures for daytime and nighttime differences.
- Set thermostat control at highest comfortable level – each degree raised reduces energy consumption by 3 to 4 percent.
- Clean or replace air filters regularly.
- With a new system, consider a service contract which includes periodic maintenance and repairs for a specified period of time.
- Keep the outside unit free of leaves or other obstructions.
- Have the air conditioning unit cleaned each spring.

What is the average life of a central air conditioning system?

It can vary, depending on how much the system is used and how regularly it is checked or serviced.

Generally, the average life of cooling units built in the 1970s and 1980s is about 15 years, but individual units may vary and last much longer, depending on use and how well they are maintained. Heat pumps have about the same life-span. Newer units are expected to last longer.

If my air conditioner is no longer cooling properly, what is the most likely problem?

• It could be as simple as replacing a fuse, resetting a circuit breaker or checking to see if the thermostat is set properly. If an electrical problem isn't the cause, the refrigerant may be low if the system still runs but does not cool properly. This can be corrected by having an EPA-certified technician add necessary refrigerant. Most likely, if the problem involves any major part, such as the compressor, you would hear strange noises similar to those of any mechanical equipment not running cor-

rectly or the unit might not run at all.

Can homeowners repair their own air conditioners?

In most cases, definitely not. Cooling systems today are more complicated to service and usually require expert attention in order to comply with federal regulations, such as the Clean Air Act which prohibits releasing refrigerants into the atmosphere. An EPA-certified air conditioning contractor or service technician should be called at the first sign of trouble.

Remember, any one working on air conditioning units needs to be licensed. All local jurisdictions have air conditioning licenses.

In hot weather, should I turn my thermostat up when I leave for work?

If your house is going to be empty for more than four hours, it's a good idea to turn your thermostat up to about 82 degrees instead of the 78 usually recommended. Keep the house closed to minimize heat build-up. When you come home, don't set the thermostat any lower than the temperature you actually want –

your air conditioning system wouldn't cool any faster and might easily waste money by cooling your home more than needed.

How often should I change the air filter in my system?

Check it at least every month during peak use and replace it when it looks dirty enough to impair the air flow through it. Some filters, such as media filters or electronic air cleaners, are washable; others are disposable and must be replaced.

If I'm buying a house, how can I make sure the air conditioning system is in good working order?

Just turn on the system and listen for unusual sounds while feeling how cool the air is and how strong the air flow is from the vents. Don't just listen inside the house – go outside and listen to the condensing unit, too. This personal inspection is a good indicator, but like buying a car, the best way is to then hire an expert – a contractor – to come out and inspect the system. It won't cost much and could save you lots of money in unanticipated repairs.

An air conditioner should be a custom-fit

Here's some tips for buying the right size air conditioner:

- Don't use a contractor who wants to size your unit solely on the square footage of your house.

Contractors should calculate how much cooling a home needs, according to guidelines such as the "Air Conditioning Contractors of America's Manual."

To gather the information necessary, a contractor should consider windows, insulation in the attic, walls and crawl spaces. Some other factors that go into the cooling load formula include indoor and outdoor temperatures, number of occupants, shading, siding and roof color.

- Don't be tempted by the lowest bid.

Be willing to pay for the time the contractor must spend to do the job right.

- Consider a high efficiency unit.

Central air conditioners are rated by SEER, or Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio. New air conditioners are required by federal law to have a SEER of 10 or higher. Even though it will cost more, it is usually worth it to buy at least a SEER 12 unit because over time that initial investment will be paid back with energy sav-

ings.

An easy way to identify SEER 12 and higher rated units is to look for the EPA Energy Star logo.

If you are replacing an existing air conditioner, you must replace the whole unit, including the inside coil to achieve the rated efficiency.

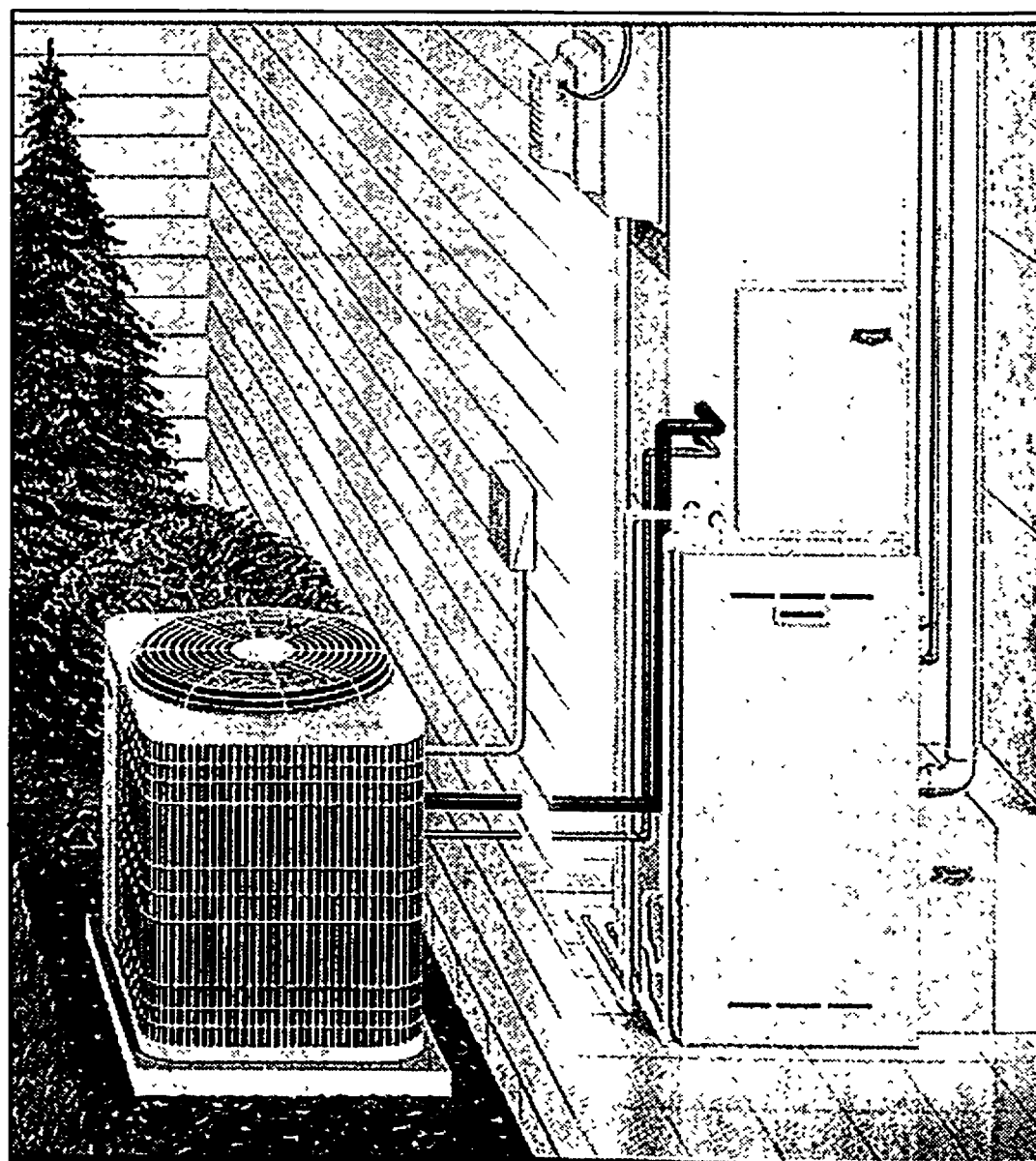
The air filter should be located where it is easy to remove. Check it every month during the summer, and change or clean it whenever it is dirty.

Bring your air conditioning costs down to size

You'll pay hundreds of dollars more for an oversized air conditioner. Then, you'll pay higher electricity bills to run it because it is so inefficient.

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Filters for Cleaner, Healthier Indoor Air

Central system air filters and air cleaners are installed "upstream" of your forced-air heating and air conditioning equipment. They are categorized into several groups:

Basic furnace dust-stop filters, which come with most heating and cooling units,

Media air filters, which use a rather porous media typically formed into pleats,

Self-charging media filters, which use the static-electricity-generating properties of plastic fibers such as polystyrene,

Charged media filters, which use an external direct dc voltage source, and

Electronic air cleaners, which use the elegant principle of two-stage electrostatic precipitation.

Portable room air cleaners are used as a supplement to central air cleaning or when central air cleaning isn't possible.

Throw-Away Fiber Glass Filters

Virtually all manufacturers of heating and cooling equipment include with their units a throw-away fiber glass filter, whose media is usually fiber glass or open-cell foam. For about 90% of the equipment sold, this is the only filter that ever gets installed.

That's really too bad, considering that throw-away fiber glass filters operate at an efficiency of only about 2% to 3% (initial dust spot) or 70% (bulk dirt), which does next to nothing for cleaning the air. Practically speaking, these filters only protect the blower compartment from large dust particles, or "bulk dust," that can clog the equipment before the warranty runs out.

Media Air Filters

These filters are made from media (paper or fiber "fabric") stretched across a plastic or metal frame. Usually the media is arranged in pleats—a zigzag pattern that increases surface area devoted to collecting particles.

Although they appear solid to the naked eye, media filters are actually quite porous when viewed under a magnifying glass. The fibers criss-cross to form an overlapping pattern, with plenty of tiny spaces for air (and small particles) to pass right through.

Media filters clean the air in three ways: by straining, by impaction (interception), and by diffusion. Larger particles are strained out of the air, similar to the way "particles"

of cooked pasta are strained when poured into a colander. The pasta (particles) are too large to fit through the holes in the colander; the water (air) passes through easily.

Smaller particles are able to pass through the same microscopic holes that allow air through. During their quick journey through the filter fibers, however, these small particles are jostled by random collisions with air molecules, which causes diffusion. This diffusion causes many particles that would otherwise pass through the filter to collide with and stick to the fibers in the process of impaction.

Self-Charging Media Filters

Self-charging media filters rely on straining, impaction, and static electricity to clean the air. The media consists of plastic fibers that are excellent electrical insulators, such as polystyrene and polypropylene.

One of the properties of polystyrene is its ability to create static electricity as air moves quickly through the filter. You've seen how those styrofoam "packing peanuts" cling to anything in their path. Moving air leaves random charges, and the effect is similar to the electrostatic charge that builds up on your body as you shuffle across the carpet in winter, then discharges when you touch a doorknob.

In theory, this electrostatic field polarizes dirty air particles, causing more of them to stick to the medium. In practice, self-charging media filters are only marginally better than performers than throw-away fiber glass filters of the same density. The strength of the electrostatic field is insufficient to polarize most particles, and the polystyrene media is too thin for effective straining and impaction. Moist air also reduces the static charge.

Charged Media Filters

Charged media filters also rely on straining, impaction, and static electricity to collect particles. Unlike their self-charging cousins, however, charged media filters use an external, direct current (dc) voltage source to generate the electrostatic field. Charged media filters are made of fiberglass or cellulose fibers, which can pick up an electrostatic field when a high dc voltage is applied.

Electronic Air Cleaners

Electronic air cleaners operate from a principle everyone learns

early in life—that opposites attract. In scientific jargon, electronic air



Pollen

4200X magnification
size range 8-100 microns

Like plant spores, pollen is everywhere at certain times of the year. Its presence inside a home causes allergy sufferers numerous miseries, such as watery eyes, irritated sinuses, and sore, runny noses.

cleaners are "two-stage electrostatic precipitators." In the first stage, dust particles enter the charging section of the electronic air cleaner and pass between high-voltage ionizing wires. Charge to 8000 volts, these ionizing wires rip electrons from any particle in the vicinity. Particles leave this section carrying an intense positive or negative charge.

In the second stage, these charged particles enter the collection section and encounter a series of collector plates. Positively and negatively charged collector plates shove the particles toward oppositely-charged collector plates, while those same plates exert a nearly irresistible tug on the particles. The dirty air particles strike the charged plates, where they stick like glue due to electrostatic attraction until they are washed away.

Only the very smallest particles can get through, pulled along by a fast-moving airstream before they have a chance to be collected. At maximum airflow rates, electronic air cleaners are approximately 70% efficient, and can be up to 95% efficient at lower airflow rates.

Not all electronic air cleaners are equally efficient, however. Differences in power supply design, ionization voltage, and collector plate spacing all affect efficiency.

HEPA Filters

High Efficiency Particulate Air, or HEPA, filters use deeply-folded media to trap particles. With efficiency ratings of close to 100%, true

HEPA filters are the top performers in the air cleaner circle and are used



Dust Mites

320X magnification
size range 30-60 microns

Greedy devourers of skin flakes, dust mites live out their entire reproductive lives in your carpets and mattresses, leaving behind a trail of droppings, carcasses, and more dust mites. Not surprisingly, breathing these particles into your nose and lungs can cause an allergic reaction.

in settings where perfectly clean air is the highest priority.

It takes a powerful fan or blower to move air through a HEPA filter, which rules out their use in typical central system, forced-air applications. But they are perfectly suited for portable air cleaning in conjunction with a powerful fan.

Applications where central system HEPA filters are found include hospital burn-patient rooms and clean-room manufacturing areas. Some manufacturers offer "HEPA-like" or "HEPA-type" filters. These filters are actually extended-surface media filters and have efficiency ratings of only 10% to 35%.

Portable Room Air Cleaners

In many instances, central air cleaning isn't possible or practical. People in condominiums, apartments, and individual offices can use a portable room air cleaner such as a High Efficiency HEPA Filter Portable Room Air Cleaner or Portable Room Electronic Air Cleaner to remove indoor air pollutants.

When properly sized for the room area, these portable air cleaners are just as efficient at removing indoor air pollutants as central air cleaning.

Many allergy sufferers have found that supplementing their central air cleaning with a portable room air cleaner in the bedroom gives them even cleaner air to breathe as they sleep and helps their symptoms significantly.



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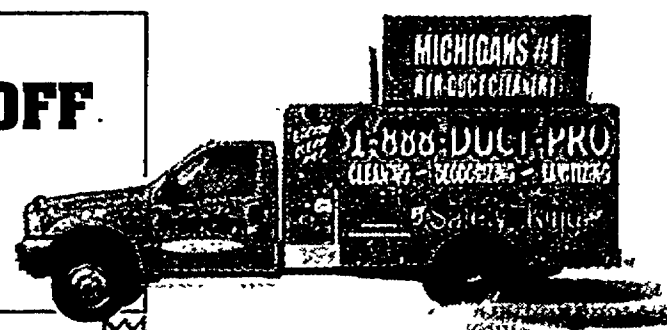
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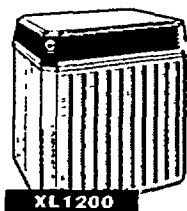
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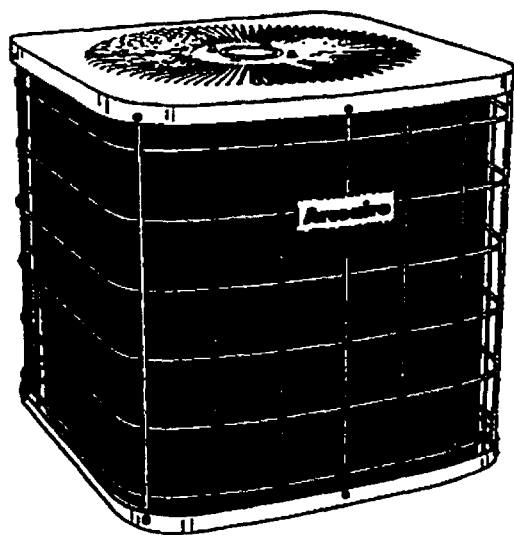
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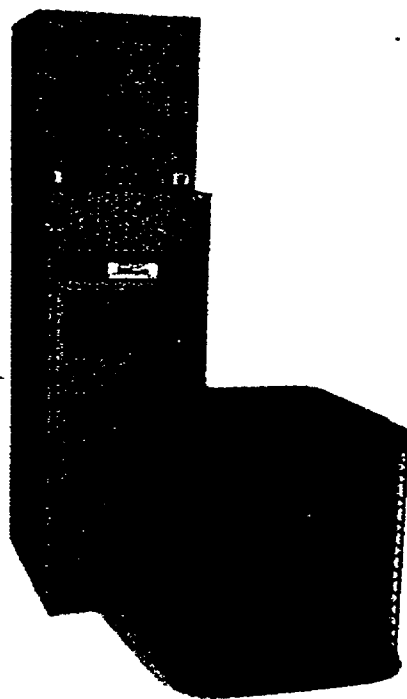
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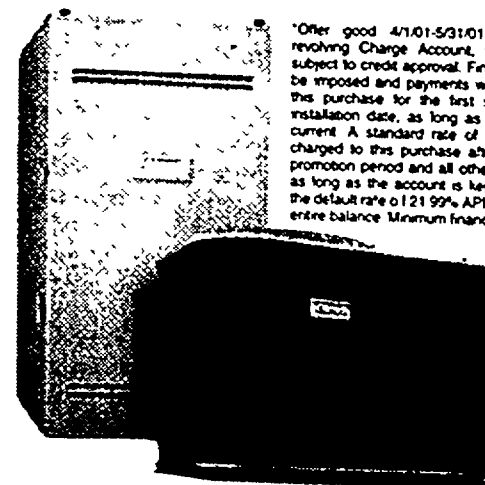
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What is ENERGY STAR?

The ENERGY STAR label stands for high-efficiency, energy-saving products. When the ENERGY STAR label appears on appliances, computers, and heating and cooling equipment, you can be assured that the product not only has the same features as standard products, but also has additional energy-saving components or technology.

What is an ENERGY STAR Product?

There are minimum efficiency levels for ENERGY STAR Products. For central air conditioning it is 12 SEER or higher, Boilers 85 AFUE or higher, and furnaces 90 AFUE or higher.

Why purchase ENERGY STAR Heating & Cooling Equipment?

High efficiency heating and cooling equipment can lower utility bills, improve comfort and air quality throughout the home, and help reduce air pollution.

One easy way for you to differentiate high efficiency equipment is to look for the ENERGY STAR label. Heating and cooling products with the ENERGY STAR label are produced by most major manufacturers and have the same features as standard products but also incorporate energy saving technology.

EPA estimates ENERGY STAR-labeled heating and cooling equipment, when properly sized and installed, can save consumers 10-40% on heating and cooling bills.

Don't wait until your comfort system breaks down to have it checked. If your system is more than 8 years old, it's a good candidate for replacement. You could be saving significantly on utility bills with an ENERGY STAR qualifying model.

ENERGY STAR-labeled products use less energy than other products, save you money on utility bills, and help protect the environment. Look for the ENERGY STAR label on household appliances, home electronics, office equipment, heating and cooling equipment, windows, and residential light fixtures, and other products.

How do I save energy?

- To maximize efficiency, change the indoor coil when replacing an older central air conditioning outdoor unit.

- Make sure leaves and grass are clear of the outdoor unit.

- Keep heat-producing devices such as lights and television sets away from your thermostat. They can cause the thermostat to read the room temperature incorrectly.

- Use your microwave oven instead of a regular oven to minimize heat and humidity in your kitchen.

- Delay heat producing chores such as cooking, laundry and washing floors until cooler parts of the day; otherwise, your unit will have to work longer.

- Weatherize your house with insulation and weather stripping.

- Ventilate your attic to remove heat build-up.

- Cut down on the sun's heat in your home by closing blinds and drapes on the sunny side of your home during the day.

- Clean indoor unit filters monthly and

replace as needed.

- Tune up the unit every other year to serve to ensure peak efficiency.

- Set the temperature as warm as your comfort level permits: Every degree higher equals a 3 percent to 5 percent energy savings.

- Turning your air conditioner up a few degrees when you're away from home all day will save energy. If you want to come home to a cool house, install a programmable thermostat with your central air conditioner.

Save an additional 20%-25% with Detroit Edison's Interruptible Space Conditioning Project Option

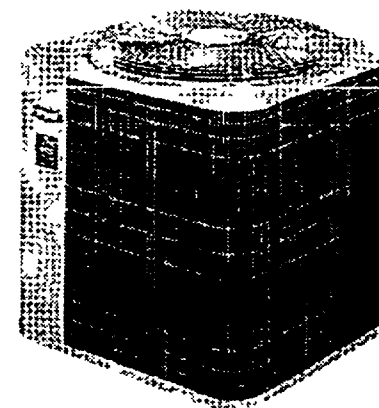
By choosing Detroit Edison's Interruptible Space Conditioning Product Option for your central air conditioner or heat pump, you not only stay cool, but save money as well. The annual savings for a home with a 3-ton air conditioner operated for 500 hours during the cooling season would be between \$38 and \$40 when compared to your Residential Service. You will be billed your so you will know how inexpensive it is to stay cool all summer long. Please note, there is an additional monthly service charge of \$2.05 during the June-October cooling season to cover the cost associated with the second meter.

The outdoor units on some air conditioners come equipped with a built-in heater to keep the refrigerant at the proper



temperature. As a result, your air conditioner may use a small amount of electricity during the winter and generate a small bill. (This is true for customers not on the interruptible program as well.) If you wish to prevent this small bill, all you need to do is turn off the circuit breaker to the air conditioning outdoor unit.

"Cycling" of your air conditioner will generally occur on very hot days with high humidity, and when there is a high demand on the electrical grid. The cycling should not noticeably affect the temperature inside your home because they are 15 minutes maximum at a time followed by at least 15 minutes of operation. Only your outdoor unit is affected by the cycling, the indoor fan continues to run and maintain indoor comfort. Cycling is limited to no more than eight hours in a day.



Save money on energy bills by adding insulation

The Department of Energy bases their R-value recommendations for existing homes on specific heating and cooling needs, the type of fuel used, and the cost of energy across the country. A home just three years old may not be up to recommended insulating standards.

Fortunately, adding insulation throughout your home is not a difficult project. Whether you live in a warm or cold climate, adequately weatherizing and insulating your home has many benefits. Most importantly, it saves money. In fact, an investment in insulating products can usually be recovered through energy savings in a short period of time.

All insulating products are based on a single basic principle: heat moves from warmer to colder areas. On cold days, warm air from inside tries to get out. On warm days, the hot air outside is trying to get in. Insulation slows this process.

A properly insulated house has the appropriate type and amount of insulation for walls, ceilings, floors, basements and attics (attics offer one of the easiest and most cost-effective insulation projects). Insulation is designed to resist heat transfer and is rated by R-value, which means Resistance to heat flow. The greater the R value, the greater the insulating power.

The type of insulation you choose - whether batts and blankets, rigid foam panels, or loose fill

insulation - will depend on your project, and often products are used together for maximum energy efficiency. Proper installation is critical, so be sure to follow the manufacturer's recommendations, cautions and limitations.

The only way to maximize your home's energy efficiency is to insulate all the areas of your home that are susceptible to air infiltration and heat transfer. Using a complete system of insulating products throughout your home will not only help you to save money on energy bills, but will also help you to maintain a more comfortable home throughout the year.

When you are buying insulation, there are three important things for you to think about:

1. Where do you need to insulate?
2. What R-value do you need for your location?
3. What types of insulation are available?

What to Use Where

There are many different insulation products available. The type of insulation you choose will depend on your project, and often products are used together for maximum energy efficiency. Here is a quick reference guide to your material choices:

Unfinished attic - Loose-fill blown-in or poured-in insulation over 4- or 6-mil polyethylene vapor retarder. Fiberglass batts or blankets stapled face

down into joist cavities.

Finished attic - Rigid foam baffles stapled between rafters or fiberglass batts or blankets stapled between rafter cavities. One inch of ventilation space should be provided.

Beam ceiling - Rigid foam panels glued to underside of roof deck as sheathing on warm side of rafters and covered with wallboard, paneling or other finish material.

Wood frame wall (new construction) - Fiberglass batts or blankets stapled between stud cavities, with facing directed towards warm side of room.

Wood frame wall (retrofit) - Loose-fill insulation blown into walls from outside (professional installation only).

Wood frame floor (unheated crawl space) - Fiberglass batts or blankets installed between joist cavities, with vapor retarder facing up against underside of floor.

Heated crawl space - Fiberglass batts or blankets hung side by side over crawl space wall, attached by cleats to rim joist above vapor retarder on ground, such as 4- to 6-mil polyethylene.

Concrete slab floor (to install floor above) - Rigid foam panels laid between 1x4 or 2x4 sleepers or screeds (seal floor against moisture before installing insulation) and cover with 4-mil polyethylene

as vapor retarder. Then install plywood or OSB.

Finished basement (masonry wall) - Rigid foam panels glued between furring strips and covered with drywall. Also use fiberglass batts or blankets stapled into stud cavities (seal wall against moisture before installing insulation).

Exterior foundation wall perimeter - Extruded polystyrene or polyisocyanurate held in place with backfill.

Sealing air leaks - Foam sealant expands to fill holes and gaps around window and door frames, pipes and plumbing, electrical outlets and ducts. Foam sealant has a higher insulation value than standard caulk.

Exterior wall residing - Fanfold applied directly over old siding to an exterior wall increases insulative characteristics and reduces drafts. Vinyl, aluminum, hardboard, wood and steel may be installed over the foam board.

Exterior sidewall - Housewrap applied to sidewall reduces air infiltration, permits water vapor to escape and resists tearing or puncturing during installation. Housewrap seam tape seals joints and serves as a vapor barrier.

Sill plate/foundation wall (new and retrofit) - Rigid sill plate gasket fills gaps between sill plate and top of foundation wall, reducing air infiltration.

What Is Variable Speed/What Does It Do?

The variable speed blower motor is a "smart" motor, which means it varies its speed depending upon your home's heating requirements. And it does this so quietly you may not even know it's running.

The variable speed motor operates quietly, particularly during first stage of low heat operation. During continuous fan operation, the blower operates at a selected percent of cooling airflow, so sound is minimized.

In a conventional single-stage furnace, air is pulled through the filter at a consistently high rate of speed. This lessens the filter's ability to col-

lect dust and allergens.

If you have a central air conditioner, you'll really feel the difference with an extra added bonus that comes with the variable speed furnace. This will give you greater comfort during cooling because of an enhancement feature built right into the system.

The enhanced comfort you'll feel is the result of better humidity control. During cooling, air moves over the coil more slowly at start up. This allows the coil to rapidly cool down, resulting in increased moisture removal.

Because a variable speed furnace operates at slower speeds, your indoor air quality will greatly improve. A slower fan speed means more unwanted particles cling to the filter, allowing cleaner air to flow into your home.

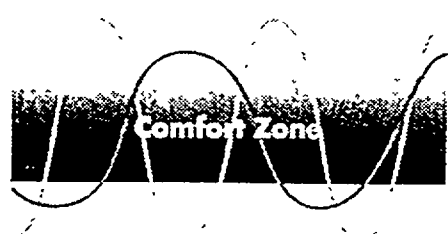
The variable speed motor/module combination is programmed to be a constant airflow blower motor. The drive module controls the motor speed and torque to ensure a constant volume of airflow. If the resistance to airflow in the duct system increases (i.e. due to dirty filters, closed registers, etc.) the drive module will be able to detect this and the drive module will increase the speed and torque to move more air. When the desired airflow is again achieved, the motor RPM settles to the proper speed. Therefore, the motor/drive varies its speed to achieve a constant volume of air. This feature helps ensure adequate airflow over a wide range of restrictions within its power rating. This helps ensure compressor reliability, proper system capacity

and airflow distribution throughout the duct system.

Variable Speed air handlers and furnaces also provide a unique combination when used with dual compressor systems, dual circuit indoor coils and zoning applications. In these systems, the airflow delivery can be programmed to deliver 50% airflow during the first stage operation and 100% for second stage. A ramping feature can be selected to vary the airflow during the cycle to provide improved moisture removal during cooling operation. Variable speed blower operation also improves control of humidity in winter.

When used in a zoning system, the motor drive may be required to deliver very low airflow as the zone control system is only calling for part load operation. In this type of application the system controller sends a speed command to the drive which can vary the airflow to achieve optimum system performance, increased comfort, application flexibility and quiet operation.

Conventional Variable Speed



Conventional Variable Speed

Your present furnace more than likely allows a temperature swing of 3 to 5 degrees before turning on or off. With a variable speed gas furnace, those days are gone forever.

Cool jobs available in climate control

The heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVACR) industry manages indoor environments.

It is an industry that our society depends on year-around. The HVACR industry is a \$150 billion a year business and employs many people. More and more skilled people are needed to fill the increasing demand. The industry works on issues that affect our environment such as indoor air quality and protecting the earth's ozone layer through refrigerant recovery.

Everyone depends on the HVACR industry:

- People depend on air conditioning and heating to keep comfortable.
- Electronic and computer manufacturers need cool, clean, and very dry air for their products.
- Hospitals, day care centers and community centers depend on HVACR equipment to maintain comfortable temperatures and good air quality.
- Research labs, medical manufacturers and food preparation companies need HVACR equipment to ensure that their products are pure and safe.
- Farmers, livestock shippers, and fruit growers rely on refrigerated trucks, warehouses, and display cases to keep their products fresh.
- Printers use high-speed, multicolor printing equipment that requires strict humidity control to ensure product quality. To get started in the field, you

should enroll in the following courses in high school or trade schools:

- Applications
- CAD-Computer-Aided Design
- Air Conditioning
- Math - algebra and geometry
- Sheet metal
- Electricity/electronics
- Mechanical drawing
- Blueprint reading

After graduation from high school, you can get additional training at a local community trade school or at a university. Look for two-year associate programs or colleges and universities with high rates of job placement. Often they can find jobs for 100 percent of their HVACR graduates with four-year engineering degrees at starting salaries from \$20,000 to \$31,000, depending on the applicant's experience and job location. Universities like Ferris State report there are 25 jobs available for each HVACR graduate.

Another direction can be to participate in an apprenticeship program. Apprentices gain hands-on skills by working in the field, earn money, and learn at the same time. Northwest Heating and Cooling Dealers Association endorses an HVACR apprenticeship program in the Detroit metro area. For information call (248) 544-1965.

Once in the HVACR industry, jobs available include:

- Sales and marketing specialists who sell and market heating and air conditioning systems to small and large businesses and to homeowners. Technical know-how is a plus.
 - CAD designers who design heating and air conditioning systems for today's "smart" office buildings and homes.
 - Service technicians who install new units, service broken ones, and maintain existing units.
 - Manufacturers who research, design, test and manufacture heating and cooling systems that deliver the maximum comfort for the lowest cost.
 - Project engineers who supervise multiple crews and work at different job sites. The engineer must schedule the right people, have the correct supplies on site and communicate each day's objectives to the site staff.
 - Quality control engineers who ensure that HVACR products work to specification. As products come off the line, these engineers test, locate, and correct any production defects before the appliance reaches the consumer.
- This is a profession and new jobs are predicted to increase through this century. Average first year salaries (as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor,

Bureau of Labor Statistics) are:

- HVACR professionals, \$29,500*
- Lawyer (public sector), \$29,200
- Travel agent, \$21,300
- Secretary, \$19,100
- Cosmetologist, \$14,800

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How Fresh is the Air in Your Home?

If you're looking for the unhealthiest air in America, you don't have to go to a major industrial area. The chances are America's most polluted air can be found right in your home. In fact, EPA studies prove that concentrations of toxic pollutants can be up to ten times greater inside homes than outside, even in our smoggiest cities.

THE CAUSE.

So where was this problem 20 years ago? Why is it in the news all of a sudden? In an effort to save energy costs, we have tightened up our homes. New homes have energy efficient windows and exterior doors. Builders are using far more insula-

tion with vapor barriers, and 6" walls, along with better caulking to seal up not just new homes, but also older ones that are being remodeled. And while all this has made our homes more efficient, saving both energy and money, it has also made it nearly impossible for our homes to "breathe" — to expel stale, polluted indoor air and exchange it for cleaner, fresher outdoor air.

THE CONCERNS.

Over the last few years, we've been able to learn more about indoor air pollution and its effects on people through advanced testing techniques. Formaldehyde, radon, household chemicals, odors, cigarette smoke, and other contaminants are present

in our homes. These substances have become the focus of studies by builders, remodelers, heating and ventilating contractors, and even the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Some of these gaseous contaminants can cause headaches, nausea, and cancer.

THE SOLUTION.

Reducing these harmful contaminants has required builders and contractors to use extra care in the selection of materials. But it doesn't stop there. Both the EPA and the National Association of Home Builders recommend adequate ventilation in homes, as well as ASHRAE* (American Society of Heating, Refrigeration &

Air Conditioning Engineers) and many local building codes. And that means bringing the outside air in. But how do you do that without sacrificing your home's energy efficiency?

The basic solution starts with a make-up air kit. This is simply a duct that supplies outside air to the return air duct of your furnace using a Barometric damper to control the amount of fresh air.

Other options are heat recovery ventilators and energy recovery ventilators. These systems remove stale air after transferring its heat to the incoming fresh air. They also filter the air, and remove excess humidity during the cooling season.

What you don't know can hurt you

The air circulating in the ductwork of your home or office can be some of the poorest quality anywhere. Molds, bacteria, yeasts, dust mites, viruses — all could be present in every breath you take. You fill your lungs up to 20,000 times each day. Over time, these contaminants become concentrated causing allergies, inflammation of the mucous membrane, upper respiratory problems, asthmatic conditions, headaches and even flu-like symptoms.

FACTS:

- Indoor air can contain up to 100 times

more airborne contaminants than outside air.

- Indoor air quality problems, often referred to as Sick Building Syndrome, cost North Americans over \$100 billion each year in health care, absenteeism, lost production and lost revenue.

- 65 to 75 percent of infections and allergy sources are passed from person to person through the air.

- Airborne contaminants cause diseases such as influenza, hepatitis, tuberculosis and pneumonia.

Self adjusting Make-Up-Air Control ...why homeowners need it

Provides controlled, filtered fresh air

The Make-Up-Air Control installs quickly and easily on any warm air heating system, delivers controlled, fresh air automatically during the winter and a constant supply of clean, fresh air for comfortable summer living. It solves the negative pressure problem.

Here's how it works

It's mounted on the return air plenum of the furnace. A fresh air pipe connects to a screened fresh air inlet on the outside of

the house. When the furnace blower operates, the damper in the fresh air control opens automatically pulling outside air into the furnace. The air is cleaned by the filters, heated, or cooled, and circulated through the duct system. A slight pressure is built up in the house, preventing infiltration around windows and doors and eliminating drafts.

Uses no electricity

The Self Adjusting Make-Up Air Control is the modern approach for supplying make-up-air; it's compact, efficient and simple to install.

Clear the air in your home with the purifying power of the sun

How it works:

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The process requires very little maintenance and costs just pennies a day to operate. Ultra Violet Air Treatment Systems could be one of the best health and comfort investments you'll ever make.

Stop: Put it on a clean coil and it stays clean

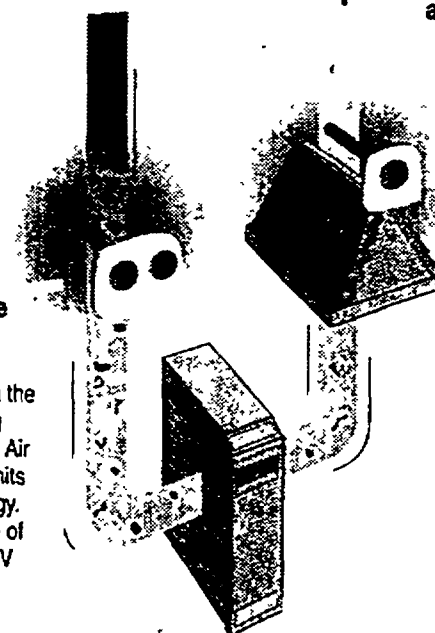
Coil irradiation model. Mounted next to your central air conditioner's cooling coils, the Ultraviolet Air Treatment System continuously bathes cooling system components with mold-stopping UV energy. Put it on a dirty coil and tests show that it kills up to 99.9% of mold that could otherwise thrive on your system's cooling coils. What's more, the unit eradicates the "dirty sock" odor sometimes associated with mold growth on cooling coils.

Zap: Kill most germs before they circulate (again)

Return-air duct models. Located in the ductwork upstream of your heating and cooling system, the Ultraviolet Air Treatment System continuously emits high-intensity ultraviolet (UV) energy. The energy kills a high percentage of airborne bacteria passing by the UV light.

Trap: Capture germs and other particles

A electronic air cleaner captures up to 91% of the remaining live bacteria and dead bacteria particles in the air passing through the air cleaner. All told, the electronic air cleaner captures more than 94% of all the particles (0.5 microns and larger) from the air passing through the system.



Safeguards

Mechanical permits serve to protect your family's safety

Whenever a furnace is installed a permit is required for the homeowner's safety and well-being.

This process is necessary for two reasons: to assure that the contractor is qualified to install the equipment you have selected, and once the equipment is installed, that it has been inspected and is in compliance with the current Mechanical Code rules and regulations for proper

installation of mechanical equipment.

Mechanical inspectors ensure that contractors are properly licensed in this jurisdiction and that they obtain the permits for regulated work that requires permits.

"Local mechanical contractors must be licensed by the state of Michigan and registered with the city."

In order for that contractor to operate legally, he must carry his annual contractor's license with him. Homeowners will want to see a copy of the license or ask for the license number before deciding on the contractor who will install their air conditioner or furnace.

"A permit must be obtained prior to commencing any mechanical work. If his license doesn't cover what he's

trying to install, he won't be issued a permit."

Once installation is complete or prior to any work being concealed, the contractor is responsible to call for inspection on the equipment.

The permit process is one that has been instituted for one purpose - to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the public. It's a matter of peace of mind.

Zoning makes each room comfortable

Enjoy comfort in each of your rooms with zoning.

At last you have an option. With zoning you can effectively move hot and cool air to the rooms you want when you want it.

Zoning uses your existing duct system so you do not have to install a separate system. By installing a mechanical damper into the ductwork that goes into individual rooms or levels, you can control the airflow.

Each damper is controlled by a separate thermostat so you can maintain exact comfort and temperature level into the desired areas of the home.

In addition to the added comfort zoning gives you, it also saves you money and conserves energy. Because you can set the thermostat in each zone, the areas you are not using can be maintained at a more economical setting. For example, in the evening when you go to sleep, you could have the upper level set at a comfortable 72 degrees and the lower level can be set at a more economical temperature of 65 degrees. This will save energy and save you money. In the daytime, just reverse the settings.

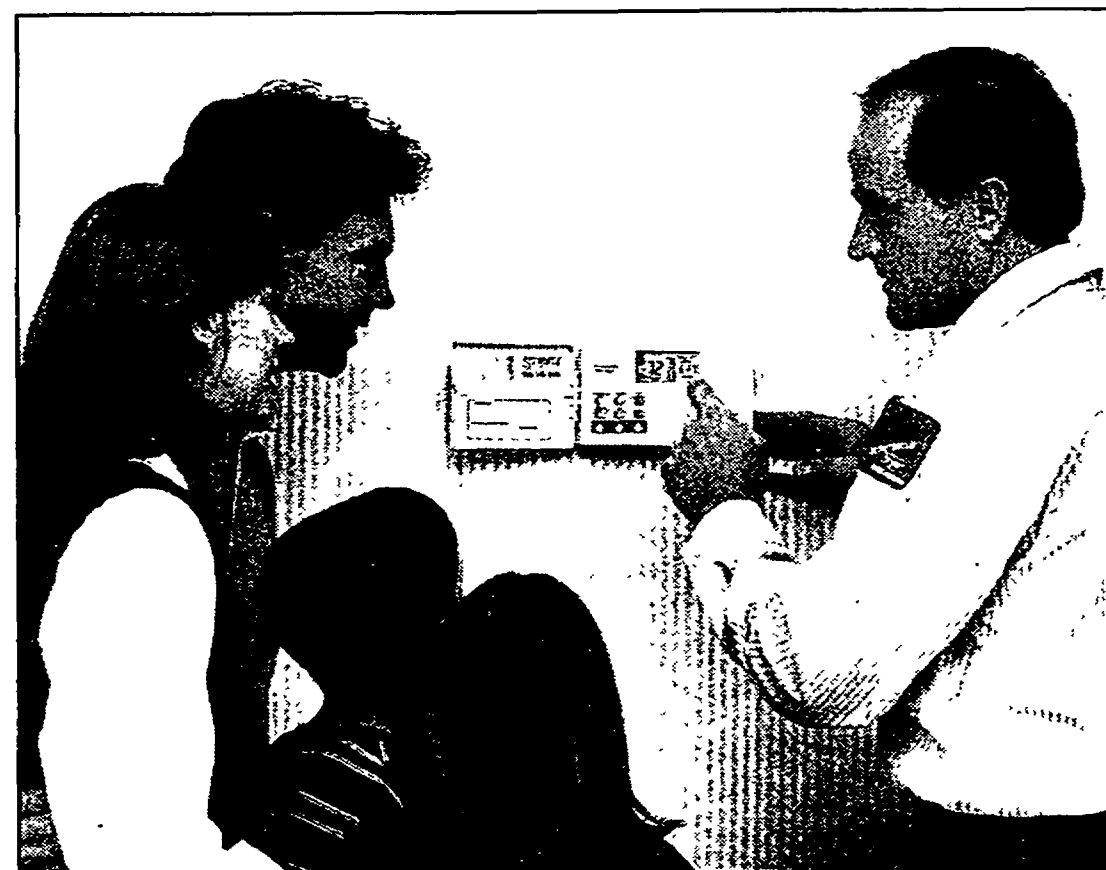
In many cases, homeowners experience dramatic changes in comfort

from one part of their house to another.

With zoning you can control when and where the air is moving in your home to provide your family the level

of comfort you desire.

You should be able to be comfortable in your own home; zoning gives you personal climate control throughout your home.



Zoning gives you personal climate control.

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HOW MUCH? UNCERTAIN!
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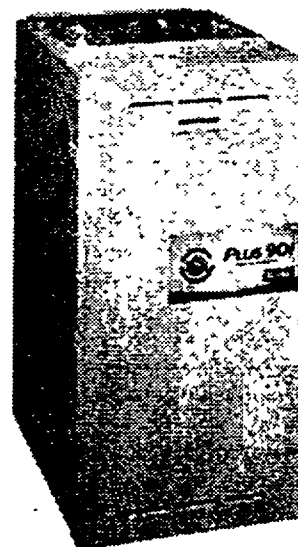
Puron is the long-term solution for the environmentally sound heating and cooling. And, it's a refrigerant we've been using quite successfully in homes like yours since 1996.

Bryant Has The Experience You Can Trust

While many other manufacturers begin to develop environmentally sound products, only Bryant is expanding on a successful family of products already in use. We're ahead of the competition in design and development, and we have always taken great pride in our reliability testing. That's why Bryant products have always passed the toughest test of all: keeping you comfortable.

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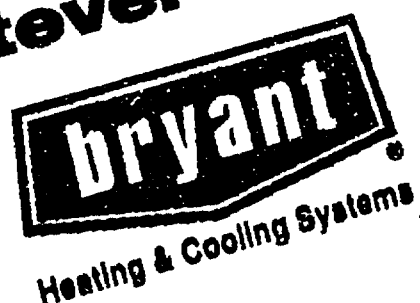
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How can I compare brands?

Most people understand the idea of comparing gas mileage or engine sizes when shopping for cars of different brands. But, how can you compare quality between different brands of heating and cooling equipment? And, what are the industry-standard measures that can help you make objective comparisons? Here is some guidance in these areas:

Select a brand name that you trust

As a general rule, the bigger, better known brands will have a better reputation for quality and reliability - that's how they got to be so well recognized. For example, Carrier products undergo a rigorous series of quality tests that begins during initial product development and continues with field-testing of hand-built prototypes. Many of Carrier's quality checks during production are performed on every product we make, not just random samples. And, final products are run-tested. Every product we make is then backed by warranty protection of key components as well as the entire product.

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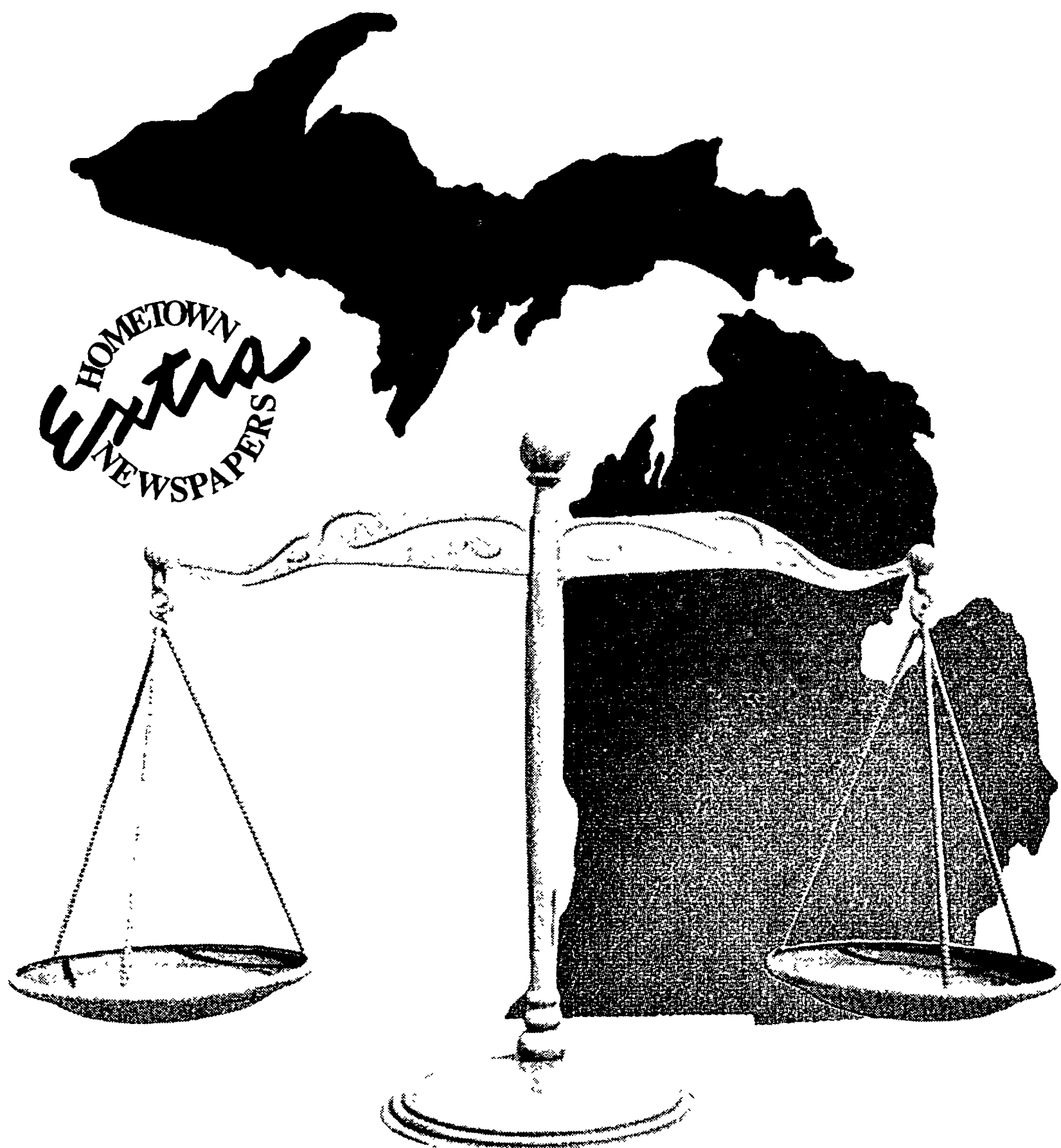
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Be aware of employment rights

During the 1970s and 1980s the courts, U.S. Congress and the state legislature expanded employee rights. During the 1990s the courts significantly cut back on these employee rights. Despite the recent contraction, Michigan employees continue to enjoy significant employment rights. The purpose of this article is to increase general public awareness of these rights.

AT-WILL EMPLOYMENT AS THE GENERAL RULE

Contrary to popular belief, most employees can be terminated at any time with or without cause and without notice.

The legal term for this employment status is "employment-at-will". At-will employers have the right to dismiss an employee for any reason without regard to fairness or due process.

Courts refuse, however, to apply the at-will doctrine when an employer discharges an employee for refusing to violate the law. This is known as a discharge in violation of public policy. Even an at-will employer is liable for such a termination.

Roughly 85 percent of employees are employed "at-will". The following categories of employees comprise the

roughly 15 percent that are not employed "at-will" and can be discharged only for just cause:

(1) employees covered by a union contract;

(2) employees with written contracts specifying a specific duration or that the employee can be terminated only for just cause;

(3) employees working for employers that specifically provide in their policies that discharge will be for just cause only.

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tion of whether the property's owner or occupier subjected the victim to an unreasonable risk of injury due to the design, construction, or condition of the property. Then, it must be resolved whether the victim's behavior contributed to the accident.

HINT: A property owner is not always responsible for someone's slip on something that an ordinary person would be expected to see and avoid.

DAMAGE TIP

Those who are injured due to the negligence, or the intentional acts of others can sue in hopes of collecting damages. By compensating injured parties with damage awards, the legal system attempts to restore them as closely as possible to the positions and conditions they were in prior to their injuries. In cases where defendants carry sufficient liability insurance to cover the mounts awarded to successful plaintiffs, the injured parties should have little trouble collecting their judgments. In the event that defendants

have no insurance but do have personal assets, legal action can be instituted to freeze them to satisfy the judgments. If, however, there are no assets that can be garnished or levied upon, the defendants are considered to be "judgment proof."

HINT: Because there is no set formula to determine the value of a plaintiff's pain and suffering, juries have to use their own judgment when setting an award.

DAMAGE TIP

Let us look at the case of a driver who misjudges the speed and distance of another car and makes a left-hand turn directly in front of it. The collision resulting from this misjudgment causes the oncoming driver injury both to himself and his car, to the extent that the car is totalled and the injured driver has broken bones. Beyond that, the injured party must miss weeks of work and submit to physical therapy. While the faulty driver's insurance company may ultimately pay to replace the victim's car and compensate

him for medical expenses and lost income, no one compensates the victim for this pain and suffering. It is, therefore, up to the victim to explore with an attorney possible grounds for suing for personal injury

HINT: If the driver at fault is underinsured, the victim may sue him personally for the remainder if the award exceeds the coverage.

How are employees protected?

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cies are few and far between. For some time, most employers have been distributing policies which provide for employment at-will. Further, many if not most employers require signatures on applications in which the job applicant expressly acknowledges that if hired, employment will be "at-will".

Fortunately, no employers, even at-will employers, may terminate employees for reasons which violate state or federal law. The following section describes state and federal laws protecting employee rights, including the right to be free from discriminatory termination.

STATE AND FEDERAL EMPLOYEE RIGHTS LEGISLATION

The state and federal constitutions bar **public** employers from firing or taking other adverse actions against employees because of the exercise of free speech. Note: Private employees have no such protection. The state and federal constitutions also require equal treatment of employees regardless of race or gender. The state and federal constitutions are increasingly utilized by white government employees to challenge employment decisions based on affirmative action policies.

The **Michigan Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act** parallels federal legislation, Title VII of the **Civil Rights Act of 1964** and the **Age Discrimination in Employment Act**. These statutes prohibit discrimination in employment based upon religion, race, color, national origin, sex, pregnancy and age. Elliott-Larsen is broader than federal legislation because it also bars discrimination based upon marital and familial status, height, or weight. These statutes also bar harassment based on the above factors.

The **Michigan Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act** (formerly known as the Michigan Handicappers Civil

Rights Act) also has a federal counterpart - **The Americans With Disabilities Act**. These statutes prohibit employment discrimination against an individual that has a disability that is "unrelated to his or her ability to perform the duties of the job". A disability which, with minor accommodating measures by the employer, does not prohibit the employee from doing the job, is considered "unrelated to the employee's ability to do the job".

The **Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act** parallels the Federal Osha statute and prohibits retaliation for refusal to work in an unsafe environment or reporting unsafe working conditions. However, an employee must file a claim within 60 days of the retaliation.

The **Michigan Whistle-Blowers Protection Act** prohibits retaliation for reporting an employer's violation or suspected violation of the law to governmental agencies. To secure protection under the Act, the employee must file suit within 90 days of the retaliation.

The **Michigan Polygraph Protection Act** prohibits termination based on (1) refusal to submit to a polygraph exam or (2) a suspicion of untruthfulness arising out of such an exam.

The **Michigan Worker's Disability Compensation Act** prohibits termination of an employee to avoid paying Worker's Compensation benefits.

The **Michigan Wages and Fringe Benefits Act** prohibits termination for disclosure of wages.

Michigan military legislation, like its federal counterpart, prohibits discharge due to voluntary or mandatory military service.

The **Michigan Revised Judicature Act of 1961** prohibits termination for jury service or because an employee's wages have been garnished. This Act parallels the federal **Judiciary and Judicial Procedure Act**.

The **Michigan Labor**

Mediation Act is patterned after the federal **National Labor Relations Act** and prohibits termination for union activity, protected concerted activity or filing charges or giving testimony under the act. Note: The protected activity does not have to have as its aim unionization. Employees acting together for a common benefit enjoy the act's protection.

OTHER FEDERAL STATUTES

Fair Labor Standards Act (prohibits discharge for exercising rights guaranteed by minimum wage and overtime provisions of the act.)

Employment Retirement Security Act of 1974 (known as "ERISA," prohibits discharge of employees to avoid vesting of pension rights.)

Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act (provides protection for a limited period against discharge without just cause for returning veterans.)

Consumer Credit Protection Act (bars employers from discharging because of garnishment for any one indebtedness.)

United States Bankruptcy Code (prohibits termination or other adverse action based on an employee's filing for bankruptcy.)

Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 (provides that federal civil service employees may be terminated "only for such cause as will promote the efficiency of the service.")

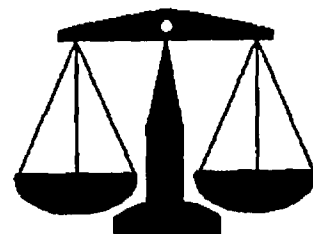
Civil False Claims Act (prohibits employers from terminating an employee that reports fraud upon the federal government to a federal governmental agency.)

ENFORCEMENT

Employees that feel that they have been discriminated against on the basis of an illegal factor (age, height, weight, race, national origin, medical condition, etc.) may ask the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to investigate and prosecute their claim.



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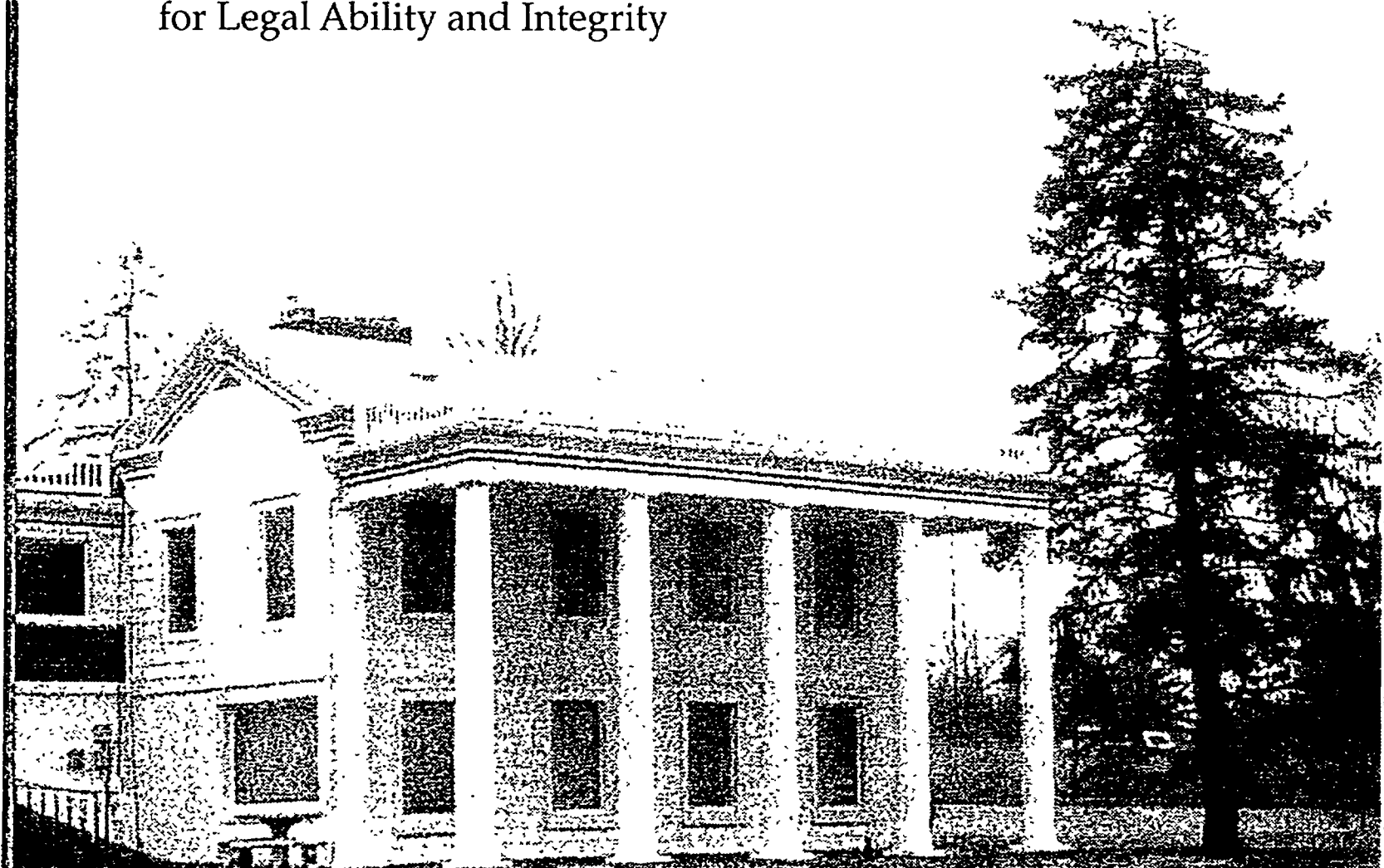
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AMICABLE DIVORCE?

Cut the stress level, save money and agree to disagree

"Divorce" is a dirty word. It conjures up mental images of two people who once took a vow to love each other forever, now fighting over the ketchup and mustard in their refrigerator.

Unfortunately, that kind of fight just makes an attorney rich. More and more couples are being educated to the fact that they should treat their divorce like a business negotiation. Trying to get a "leg up" on your former partner by "slinging dirt," takes money out of the "marital pot" thus harming both parties to the divorce.

The referees, the mediators, the arbitrators, the magistrates, the judges, and most divorce attorneys do not want to hear it. Attorneys that encourage that kind of conduct during the process of divorce, are either putting a child through college or building an addition to their home. No fault means it is no one's fault. The property in a long-term marriage is usually split 50/50. In a short-term marriage, the parties are normally restored to the same financial condition they each occupied before the marriage. Children born of the marriage are entitled to two parents. So what is there to fight about other than hurt pride?

When children are involved, there is more reason to try to resolve issues amicably. Children need both parents, and like it or not, because of the kids, each party is still tied to the other. County courts are now spending money on pro-

grams that drive this message home to divorcing couples, for example, the "Kids First" Program in Wayne County and the S.M.I.L.E. Program (Start Making It Livable for Everyone) in Oakland County.

Crash and burn divorces leave couples in shambles after the lawyers, referees, experts, mediators and the courts leave the scene. Feuding couples hang on to their partners by continuing divorce issues way after the finalization date, and they just continue to hang on to the hate and continue to make lawyers rich.

What is new for couples to help them over this hump and point them in the right direction? Mental health professionals are increasingly becoming involved with divorce attorneys. They meet with the parties to establish agreeable custody and parenting time arrangements for the children. They also zero in on divorces that appear to be headed in a high conflict direction. These professionals teach parties how to let go of anger and learn an effective method of communication. They help the parties to come to grips with a new life style. Help can come individually, as a family, or in divorce recovery groups.

Certified Divorce Planners and specialized family accountants are also now used in divorces to help parties to project long-term consequences of their property settlement. These specialists assist a divorcing couple to get the most

out of their assets and find creative ways to eliminate debt.

Courts are now insisting that divorces be mediated or arbitrated prior to scheduling trials. Mediation works by having an individual, usually a third party attorney, work with each party to come to an agreeable solution to volatile issues. Arbitrations are also used as a less expensive method of resolving issues without trial. An arbitrator will often hold an informal mini trial with the rules of evidence relaxed. The parties have an opportunity to air their differences. They can agree to binding arbitration which means that the arbitrator acts as a judge and any decision made by that arbitrator is final. This method is less expensive than a trial and used when parties are at serious loggerheads.

Binding mediation is another form of resolution. Judges are starting to require that the parties be bound by the agreed upon issues during mediation and that only the remaining issues not agreed to can be further arbitrated or brought to trial.

Once divorce is imminent, the best course of action is to keep your head, not let your emotions run rampant, and start working toward your future life. There is no doubt that this advice is difficult to implement, however, it can be done. You must remember that you do not want third parties making decisions for your future family life. Judges *do not* want to make your decisions either, and they will tell you so.

Negotiate, cooperate, compromise and come to an agreement. Make that final settlement your own. The more input that you have, the easier it is to comply with the decisions in the future and the better your life will be for you, your former spouse and your children.

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Ensuring new home doesn't become nightmare

Building a new home can be a dream come true or a nightmare. Unfortunately, I usually get involved at the nightmare stage.

This occurs with a client describing to me in a frantic phone call that the home they are building, which was supposed to have been completed in six months is now going into its tenth month of construction, the drywall is not even up, the general contractor wants more money and no one has been on the job site for the past two weeks.

The purpose of this article is to provide some methods of preparation which, although they will not guarantee the absence of nightmares, should help avoid many problems encountered by frustrated homeowners to be.

The first step in building a new home is securing a general contractor.

You should do a thorough background check on your general contractor. Ask to walk through both completed houses and houses in various stages of construction which your contractor is working on.

Talk with the property owners to see if your contractor worked in a timely manner, kept the price within the terms bargained for and did quality work.

Talk to subcontractors who provided things like

foundation, electrical work, plumbing or finished carpentry for their opinion on working with the general contractor.

Contact the Better Business Bureau and state Department of Consumer and Industry Services to see if any complaints have been registered against your general contractor.

Finally, make sure your general contractor is licensed. This can be done through the License Verification Unit of the state Department of Consumer and Industry Services by calling 900-555-8374 or checking license verification on the web at www.cis.state.mi.us and click on license information.

The information you gather should give you an idea as to the reputation and ability of the general contractor.

Once you have a potential contractor, the next thing to examine is the building contract.

You should read this thoroughly or have an attorney review it for you..

Most new home construction contracts are prepared by, for and in favor of the general contractor. Therefore, they do not include provisions for such things as timeliness and default on the part of the builder.

They will, on the other hand, provide in great detail what should happen if you fail to fulfill any of our obligations under the contract.

If your contract does not provide for them, try and negotiate deadlines and time provisions for the completion of each phase of the project.

One way to do this to the benefit of both you and the builder is to build in penalty and bonus clauses for deadlines. For example, designate an amount you will pay per week to the builder for finishing before the quoted deadline.

The same amount will be paid to you or discounted off the final price from the builder for each week that construction continues past the deadline.

The American Institute of architects provides a standard form of agreement between owner and designer/builder, AIA Document A191 which sets out terms of construction and responsibilities and obligations of both the buyer and seller in a way which is neutral to both the owner and the contractor.

If you are uncomfortable with the building agreement which your contractor presents you, suggest that the AIA Document A191 be used.

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HINT

AT WHAT COST?

Victims of intentional or negligent wrongdoing may be reluctant to bring suit against liable parties because they fear it will entail considerable expense.

This apprehension is largely unfounded because lawyers are likely to handle such cases on a contingent fee basis. That is, the lawyer agrees to represent the plaintiff for a percentage of what will be obtained in settlement of the case or through litigation.

Implicit in the contingent-fee arrangement is the lawyer's expectation that he or she will win the case. If the lawyer is not successful in this effort, he or she may only charge the client for out-of-pocket expenses. The contingent-fee arrangement assists those with limited funds to pursue the litigious process.

HINT: In their preliminary meeting, a lawyer can inform an injury victim of his or her rights and prospects for successfully pursuing litigation.

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Get everything in writing

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The AIA Document A191 is a form that must be purchased, and can be obtained through any architecture firm or through contacting the American Institute of architects, 1735 New York Ave., N.W., Washington D.C. 20006-5292.

Many building contracts require you to make decisions or choices such as brick type, cabinet and plumbing fixtures, throughout the course of construction.

General contractors will often blame delays in finishing construction on an owner's failure to provide timely choices. In order to avoid this, require that your contractor put all requests for such choices in writing and have the writing dated.

Likewise you, as owner, should submit your choices in writing and have the writing dated. This will verify the timeliness of your response.

As well, any changes, additions or deletions from the contract should be in writing and made an Addendum to the original contract.

Far too often, change orders are verbal and become a bone of contention at closing when your idea of the final numbers conflict with your contractor's idea.

The simple rule is: always get it writing.

At various times during the course of construction, you will be asked to make payments to the general contractor. Whether the payments are coming from a bank, title company or your own pocket, it is important that you request and receive a Sworn Statement from the general contractor for each payment.

The purpose for the payments throughout the course of construction is so that the contractor can pay the subcontractors as they complete their work.

The Sworn Statement tells you what subcontractors are owed money, what amounts are owed to each subcontractor, what supplies are provided, what work is being done and how much has been paid to each subcontractor.

Michigan law requires a contractor to provide a Sworn Statement to an owner when payment is due to the contractor from the owner, when the contractor requests payment from the owner or when a demand for a Sworn Statement has been made by or on behalf of the owner (see MCL 570.1110).

The Sworn Statement must be signed by the contractor who gives a false

Sworn Statement is subject to criminal penalties.

Therefore, the Sworn Statement will tell you exactly where your money is going at each payment.

Additionally, request that your general contractor provide you with waivers of lien from each of the subcontractors as they complete their work and are paid.

The waiver of lien insures that the subcontractor has been paid for its work and waives the right to file a lien on your property for non-payment for work performed.

Again, none of the above will guarantee that your construction will go without a hitch.

However, if you enter into your building agreement with an eye toward prevention of conflict, you will be better prepared when and if the conflict arrives.

It is also wise to have an attorney knowledgeable in construction matters review your paperwork for problems early on. This is much less expensive than having the attorney try to fix the problems after they have occurred.

The main thing to remember is get everything in writing, signed and dated.

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HINT

SUFFERING ECONOMIC HARM

One of the torts (civil wrongs) that injured parties can use as the basis for lawsuits is the harm caused to their economic interests by deceptive or interfering parties.

This harm may be incurred as a result of the defendant knowingly lying about an important fact in an effort to get the plaintiff to rely on it. (Deceit practiced during the course of business is called "negligent representation").

The law also recognizes that harm may come to a plaintiff's economic interests if a

defendant were to interfere with the contractual relationship between the plaintiff and a third party.

Anyone who suffers economic harm as the result of another's deceit or interference should consult a lawyer in an effort to ascertain whether he or she can be made financially whole again.

HINT: Home buyers may sue sellers who knowingly misrepresent a serious deficiency of the house in order to sell it.

Don't leave future undecided

Sonny Bono didn't have one. Neither did John Denver, Abraham Lincoln or billionaire Howard Hughes.

What didn't they have? A Last Will and Testament. As a result, their deaths resulted in court battles that drained their estates and caused needless fighting among their survivors.

A will is the most important legal document you will ever sign, according to CBS financial adviser Marshall Loeb.

Loeb, a former editor with *Fortune*, *Money* and *The Columbia Journalism Review*, says every family needs a will no matter how "ordinary" their finances may seem to be.

"Without one," cautions Loeb, "there is no way that you can eventually leave whatever you have to whomever you want. More than mere wealth may be at stake. Only if you have a solid will or trust can you appoint a guardian for your children or make a special provision for an aging relative or a significant other."

According to the Consumers Union, about two-thirds of all adult Americans do not have a current will. In effect, they are leaving the future of their families up to state courts.

That's a formula for family fights. One academic study shows that when no valid directives were left behind, arguments among the heirs were four times more likely to occur.

That may result in assets going to relatives you would have preferred didn't share in your estate. In California, Sonny Bono's ex-wife Cher is claiming part of his estate because he didn't leave behind a Will making other arrangements.

You can get a basic, fairly simple will for about \$250. The cost rises, sometimes steeply, with the complexity of your finances. Most prepaid legal plans include drafting of a will as a "free" benefit, although some plans only allow for simple wills.

Experts caution against the temptation to use a "will-in-a-box: By using computer-generated wills, or using forms available at office-supply stores.

As attorney Alexander Bove Jr. says in "The Complete Book of Wills and Estates" - "Approach preprinted forms the same way you would a cheap suit of clothes bought from a mail-order supply house. The price may be right, but you'd be a fool to think it would fit or be fit to wear."

Loeb urges his readers to have a will drafted by an attorney experienced in probate law rather than by a general practitioner." Just as with a surgeon who performs many operations a year, practice makes nearly perfect."

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How To Discover If Your Odometer Has Been Spun Back

■ How to detect odometer fraud

Consumers face major problems every time they buy a car. A high percentage of late model used cars have odometers that have been turned back, disconnected, replaced or repaired without lawful disclosure of the inaccuracy of the numbers seen on the dash. Even new cars have had roll backs to hide use prior to sale.

While State and Federal laws seek to prohibit such fraud, the cost of tampering is so low (+\$50.00) and the financial return is so high (\$1,000.00 to +\$2,500.00 extra per car) the chances are good that once in your life you or someone you know will be touched by odometer fraud. Nationally, the cost to consumers is estimated to be \$4 billion a year. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates a vehicle increases in value \$50.00 to \$100.00 for every 1,000 miles rolled off. In addition to a higher initial price paid, the consumer buying a 'clocked' car faces unexpected repair bills and safety hazards, since altered odometers often accompany fraudulent concealment of wreck damage. Nine (9) out of ten(10) leased cars later sold at retail have odometers altered. (N.H.T.S.A. director's testimony April 1, 1984 before U.S. Senate)

Here are some general tips on detecting odometer fraud:

1. Eyeball the odometer. Misaligned numbers, scratches or dirt on the

numbers are not typical of an assembly line, they show tampering.

2. Look for mileage written on old oil stickers, inspection stickers, muffler or tire warranty cards, repair bills or owner manuals.

3. Check all the rubber. Low mileage cars should not have replacement tires...all tires should match with the same brand..

4. Contact Michigan Secretary of State at (517) 372-1473 or (517) 373-9072 and request an odometer history for \$6.55 pre-paid. Then talk to prior owners.

5. Write to the factory and request the dates, location and mileage of all warranty repairs on the vehicle.

6. In cars made by Chrysler a blue asterisk drops into the farthest left column on the odometer whenever tampering occurs.

7. In G.M. cars, a rolled back odometer can be detected by a set of two white lines descending to frame the digit in the 1,000 mile column.

8. Contact former insurance companies that covered the vehicle requesting claims and request accident information documents, especially mileage.

9. Look at the dashboard trim parts and screws. If any trim (which would have to be removed to gain access) is misaligned, damaged, out of kilter or if the screws are marred someone was inside the dash after factory assembly.

10. Are there stickers or traces of stickers on the left front door frame?

Such stickers are required after legitimate odometer repair by State licensed odometer repair shops.

11. Does the odometer function properly? Anything but smooth and accurate (+5% margin of error) is cause for concern.

12. Contact the auction from whom the seller obtained the vehicle prior to transferring to you and request mileage and ownership documents.

13. Engine, brake or transmission repairs are needed far earlier or sooner than the mileage would warrant for cars with rolled back odometers.

14. Contact any dealer who possessed the car prior to you. Federal regulations effective in 1989 require dealers to keep mileage disclosure forms for five years.

Should these general self-help tips lead a consumer to suspect odometer alteration a skilled attorney specializing in odometer fraud can engage the in depth services of expert inspectors and investigators to sue in Court. Federal and State criminal prosecutors can be informed as can state consumer protection advocates, postal inspectors and licensing authorities. It's time car dealers stop looking on customers as prey to gouge and cheat. It's time consumers discovered if their odometers have been spun back.

If you have any tips on determining odometer fraud, I would appreciate hearing from you.

Jay R. Drick, Attorney at Law

HINT

MOUNTING A DEFENSE

Those who find themselves involved in automobile accidents should not assume that their insurance companies will necessarily come to their defense against all charges filed against them. An auto accident can give rise to both a civil suit and criminal charges.

While an automobile policy would defend its policyholder against any civil actions, it will offer no assistance in the criminal aspect of the matter. In such cases, the defendant would likely engage the services of a personal attorney who would coordinate the criminal defense with the attorney used by the insurance company to take care of the civil suit. Beyond that, it may be necessary for a defendant to hire a tort attorney to guard his or her rights in the case where the policy limits are inadequate.

HINT: Defendants without insurance coverage in civil cases must ask themselves if, and when, it pays to settle.

STRATEGIC INTERESTS

Anyone who has been personally involved in civil lawsuit or who follows legal issues in the media know that lawyers on both sides employ strategies that will best further their clients' interest. Defendants who must assume legal costs in the face of suits filed against them may choose a settlement offer, rather than incur added expense.

On the other hand, a defendant may choose to use tactics of delay which impose costs upon the plaintiff which encourage either the acceptance of a low settlement or that the suit be dropped. All this serves to point out that anyone involved in a legal dispute must have more than truth and law on his or her side.

HINT: Under English law, the losing party is required to pay the legal costs of both sides. This serves to limit frivolous claims, but also discourages risk-averse plaintiffs from filing claims.



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DRUNK DRIVING?

The law punishes the guilty and the ignorant. Educate yourself. The following are general tips but your unique situation means it can not be accurate every time for everybody.

TIPS FOR SAFE DRIVERS

DO count your beverages and remember who served you (as witnesses later). Use your cruise control set below the speed limit to be safe.

DON'T forget to use a designated driver, call a taxi, or tow-truck, they are cheaper than Court. Consider carrying a video camera/tape recorder (if you have any prior convictions) to record your driving or the real words or the police on the street all the way to the jail.

DO display your license, registration & proof of insurance if pulled over. Roll the window down only an inch as your breath is the biggest clue cops want to discern. Chewing peanuts is legal.

DON'T talk or answer questions. No law says you must talk or answer, in fact, it guarantees your right to be silent. Remain silent and polite.

DON'T talk about drinking, where, or how many...shrug your shoulders a lot; remain silent.

DO listen and remember why the officer says he pulled you over.

DON'T blow into the small breath tester (P.B.T.)(size of pack of cigarettes) if you have had more than 3 beverages.

DO exit your vehicle, if asked.

DON'T take or perform any "tests" of memory or coordination. Politely say "No Thank-you" to saying ABC's, nose touch, walk a line, etc. No law says you must do these. Remain silent and polite. Never consent to a search of your vehicle.

DO expect to be handcuffed if arrested. Remain silent and polite.

DON'T verbally match wits with the officer, don't fight, resist or threaten. Ask to bring your operating audio or video tape recorder at all times.

DO blow into the breath tester at the jail (size of a 12 pack with computer keyboard on top) if it is your first arrest ever. Cool your throat and mouth by many open mouth inhales and exhales before you blow. This eliminates unscientific throat and mouth liquid alcohol residue. Ask to video or tape record your breath test at the jail.

DON'T take a DEEP BREATH and DO NOT BLOW HARD even if the police so instruct you. The manufacturer of this device issues written warnings against a "deep breath" or a "hard blow". After you blow, demand your own urine test (never blood) of every cop or jail person you see until you get it. (Take names) Now is the time to ask, ask, ask.

DON'T blow in the stationary breath tester at the jail (size of a 12 pack with computer keyboard on top) if you have even one prior alcohol conviction. The police can try for a search warrant for your blood. Demand a copy to read and keep before any needles go into you.

DO ask for a phone call (to an attorney or friend) and request they tape record it(as evidence of unslurred speech and mental alertness). Ask them to call the police and demand your own urine test.

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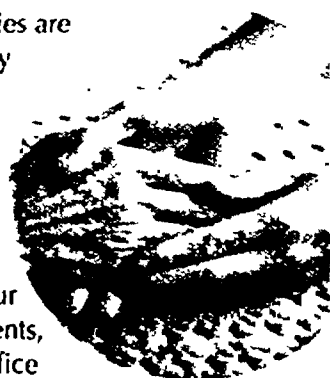


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Volunteer Services

Are you interested in lending a helping hand? Giving a friendly smile? Doing something for your community? That is the volunteer challenge of service-giving and caring at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital. Adult and teen opportunities are individually arranged. If you are interested in talking to someone about sharing your special talents, call the Office of Volunteer Services at 248-937-3505.



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National Cancer Survivor Day

Sunday, June 3, 3 to 6 p.m. COST: FREE

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital is celebrating life by hosting a garden party. Activities include an art show, door prizes, music, speakers and refreshments. A highlight of the program is a perennial plant exchange. Attire is casual or gardening apparel. To register or for more information call 248-937-5052. Please bring a perennial plant to exchange. Use the Garden Entrance.



Physicians, volunteers and HVSH staff gather to commemorate the hospital's 15th Anniversary.



Volunteers and physicians discuss the Anniversary festivities from left to right: Dottie Mengel, Mike Wynn, Dr. Theresia Krieger, Dr. Norman Krieger, Barbara Brennan, and Bev Wynn.

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Preregistration

Registration is required for classes. Call 248-937-3314 or 1-888-DMC-2500 (1-888-362-2500) unless otherwise indicated.

Payment

Prepayment (cash or check) is required. Please make checks payable to *Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital* and send to the attention of the:

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If no cost is mentioned, the program, seminar or support group is free.

Canceled Programs

Please register early to avoid disappointment. Limited enrollment will cancel or postpone some classes. Refunds on canceled classes will be issued if necessary.

If a program will be canceled as a result of inclement weather, attempts will be made to notify registrant with a telephone call to the number provided when registering. Postponed programs will be rescheduled.

You may reach the Office of Community Health during normal business hours by calling our toll free number, 1-888-DMC-2500 or 248-937-3314. If you are calling after hours or on a weekend, you may leave a message.

Location

The majority of programs in this calendar are offered at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital unless otherwise indicated. The DMC Health Care Center in Novi or DMC Rehab Center will also host some seminars and support groups. Some programs are also offered at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. See the map on the back page of this schedule for directions or call 1-888-DMC-2500.

Blood Drives

Spring Blood Drive

Friday, May 18, 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Summer Blood Drive

Wednesday, Aug. 8
6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In conjunction with the American Red Cross of Oakland County, Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital is recruiting donors for its Blood Drives which are held in the hospital's Conference Center. Blood donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good general health. The donation process takes a little more than one hour. Community members can pledge a donation by calling (248) 937-3314. Appointments are encouraged to prevent lengthy waits.

Lifestyle Enrichment

Only Skin Deep – Skin Care Seminar

NEW!

Wednesday, May 9, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

COST: FREE

Is a suntan healthy? Michael Dorman, M.D., will discuss basic skin care, sun protection, photo-aging and general concerns about skin cancer and skin rejuvenation.

Vitamin and Mineral Supplements – A Physician's Perspective

NEW!

Wednesday, May 9, 7 p.m.

COST: FREE

Family Practice Physician and Fellow of the Academy of Family Practice John J. Kelly, M.D., M.P.H., will discuss vitamin and mineral supplements. Are you unsure if you should take a supplement? Are you already taking prescription medicines? Find out what you should know before deciding to take a supplement. Time will be allowed for a question-and-answer session.

Agoraphobia and Panic Disorder Seminar

Thursday, May 10, 7 to 9 p.m.

COST: FREE

Behavioral Psychologist David Wartel, Ph.D., will discuss the environmental and physiological factors that interact to cause panic attacks and how to treat them.

55 Alive/Mature Driving Program

Monday, May 14 and Tuesday, May 15
10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

(includes one-half hour lunch break on your own)

COST: \$10

The American Association of Retired Persons, in conjunction with Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, is offering an eight-hour classroom refresher course designed to meet the specific needs of older drivers. The discussion includes age-related physical changes, declining perceptual skills, rules of the road, local driving problems and license renewal requirements.

Laser Vision Correction Seminar

Wednesday, May 16, 6 p.m.

COST: FREE

DMC Health Care Centers-Nov

Ophthalmologist Vikas Chopra, M.D., will provide information about the most advanced refractive surgery techniques available today. The LASIK Laser Vision Correction procedure corrects nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism. The procedure involves very little or no discomfort and eliminates dependence on glasses or contacts. *Bring your glasses or prescription with you.*

Anger Management

Thursday, May 17, 7 p.m.

COST: FREE

Anger is the most long-lasting of all moods. The negative consequences of anger are numerous and can lead to damaged friendships, reckless driving, verbal and/or physical fights, property damage or alcohol abuse. This presentation by David Wartel, Ph.D., is designed to help you identify your anger, its consequences, and ways of handling it better.

The Arthritis Self-Help Course

Thursdays, May 24 through June 28
12 to 2 p.m.

COST: \$35 fee, \$5 for support persons

Taught by a health educator/Arthritis Foundation volunteer, this six-week course helps a person take control of his/her arthritis by learning coping mechanisms such as pain and stress management. Exercise, nutrition and medications are also discussed. To register, call the Arthritis Foundation at 1-800-968-3030.

Nothing to Sneeze About – Allergy Treatment Seminar

Wednesday, May 30, 6 p.m.

COST: FREE

Learn how allergies are diagnosed and treated from Margarita M. Garriga, M.D., and Ronda Barak-Norris, M.D. Topics will include when to see an allergist, testing available, avoidance and other treatments.

What You Should Know About Preparing to Care for Your Parents

NEW!

Tuesday, June 12, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

COST: FREE

This program has vital information you will need in preparing to take care of your parents. Speakers from Hospice of Michigan will include a social worker, a counselor and an attorney. Don't be caught off guard. Learn about advance directives, trusts, how and when to approach and talk to your parents as well as long-term care planning and community resources available. Time will be allowed for a question-and-answer session.

Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease Forum

NEW!

Put Out the Fire and Get on With Your Life – Treatment for Chronic Heartburn

Thursday, May 31, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

COST: FREE

Millions of Americans suffer from heartburn. If someone you know suffers from chronic heartburn, there is a new videoendoscopic procedure which may offer a long-term answer. Learn more about heartburn and this new surgery from Surgeons A. King Ang, M.D., and Carlos Montenegro, M.D.

All About Type II Diabetes

Wednesday, June 13, 7 p.m.

COST: FREE

NEW!

16 Million Americans and counting... Diabetes is a disease in which the body cannot produce or properly use the hormone insulin, which converts food into energy. Endocrinologist Marvin Kofender, M.D., will discuss Type II Diabetes (formerly called adult-onset diabetes) including symptoms, risk factors, prevalence, diagnosis and treatment.

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Tuesdays, 2 p.m.

Call for starting dates and fees. Weight Watchers® is pleased to offer its program entitled "Winning Points." If losing weight is something you've been thinking about, attend the Weight Watchers® AT WORK Program®. A representative will share how this twelve-week program can work for you (you must enroll by week four). The program is open to the community.

Feldenkrais – Awareness through Movement

Call 248-305-7575 for dates and times

COST: \$60 fee

DMC Rehab Center - Novi

Do you need to improve your posture, manage stress, increase flexibility and decrease pain? Joan Doezenia, R.P.T., registered Feldenkrais practitioner, will present this six-session program that will help you sleep better, decrease stiffness and improve coordination.

Arthritis Forum

NEW!

"Arthritis is a Pain!" –

Taking Control of Arthritis Pain

Tuesday, May 15, 7p.m.

COST: FREE

Arthritis is the #1 cause of disability in our country and the leading cause of chronic pain - pain that can make you sick and tired. This interactive forum will help you learn the dynamics of pain, including what causes it, strategies for managing pain, communicating with your doctor about pain and adaptive ways to live with pain.

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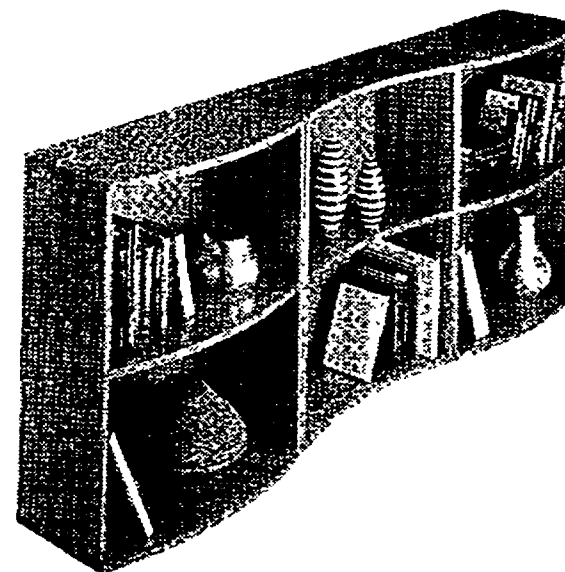
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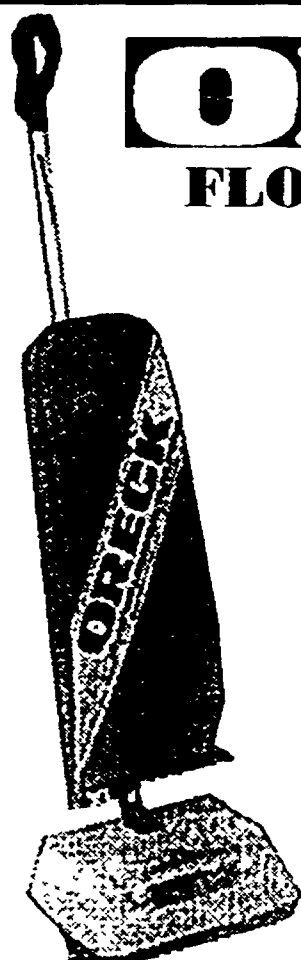
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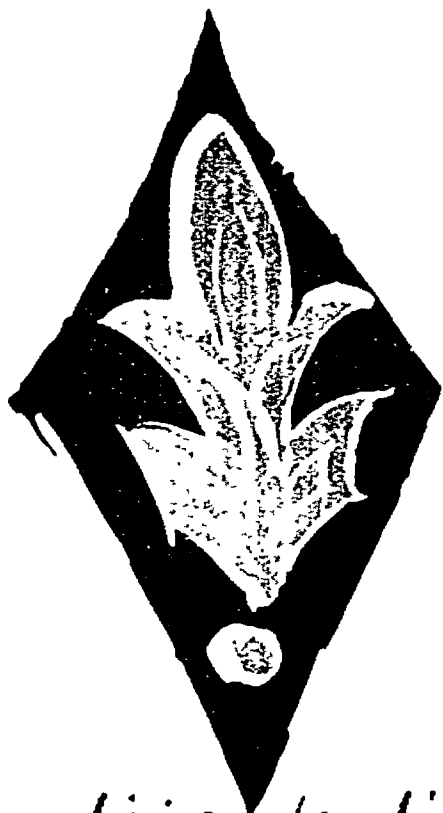
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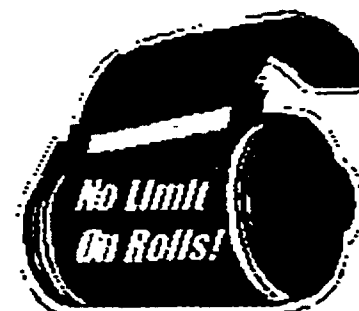


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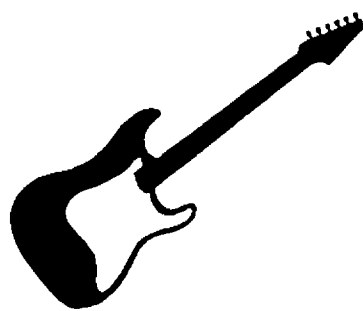
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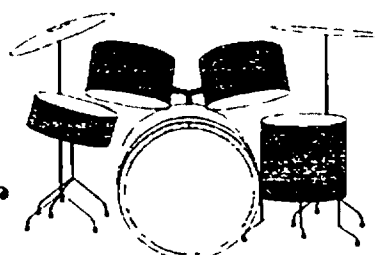


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Support Groups

Support groups are free and held at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital. Registration is not required unless otherwise indicated. Family members or friends are welcome. Note: Some support groups vary their schedules around holidays. Call 248-937-3314 or 1-888-DMC-2500 toll-free or the specific phone number listed to confirm or for more information.

AL-ANON/ALATEEN Meeting

Every Sunday, 10 a.m.
AL-ANON and ALATEEN both offer recovery programs for families and friends of alcoholics, whether or not the alcoholic seeks help. Members give and receive comfort and understanding through a mutual exchange of experiences, strength and hope in a bond that is protected by a policy of anonymity. Call 248-889-2486.

Alzheimer's Family Support Group

Third Wednesday of every month, 7 p.m. (No meeting in June and July)
Offered in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, the group, led by a senior center coordinator, provides an opportunity for discussion, sharing and information for interested family members.

The Arthritis Club

Third Thursday of every month, 2 p.m.
Offered in conjunction with the Arthritis Foundation, this group provides mutual support, education and social activities.

Breather's Club

Third Wednesday of every month, 2 p.m.
With the American Lung Association of Michigan, this group provides information and support to people affected by lung disease.

Cardiac Rehab Support Group

Call for dates and times
Assists persons with the effects of heart disease by providing information about coronary artery disease and healthy lifestyle choices. Call 248-937-3606.

Caring Cancer Chat

First and third Tuesdays of every month, 5 p.m.
This support group, offered by the Karmanos Cancer Institute, will provide the opportunity for an informal chat session for individuals touched by the cancer experience. The focus will be on journal writing as a means of coping with cancer. For those interested, the written thoughts gathered from the group will be used to compile and publish a positive, inspirational book for other cancer patients. For more information call 248-937-5077.

COLORS (art therapy for children)

Third Saturday of every month 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital is hosting a support group in the form of art lessons for children touched by the cancer experience. Each month the children will embark on an adventurous project that explores their thoughts and feelings of cancer and how it affects them and their family. This is a great opportunity for them to meet other children and find some common ground. The group will meet in the Karmanos Cancer Center lobby. To register call 248-937-5077.

H.U.G.S. (Help, Understanding and Grief Support)

Third Thursday of every month 7 to 9 p.m.
This self-help group facilitated by a trained grief counselor addresses the needs of families who have suffered a pregnancy or newborn loss. Support is available after miscarriages, stillbirth, newborn death, ectopic pregnancy and during subsequent pregnancy after loss. Call 248-937-4261.

Lupus Support Group

First Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m.
In conjunction with the Michigan Lupus Foundation, this group will provide support and teach coping skills to people with lupus and their support person.

Moving On... Cancer Support Group

Last Monday of every month, 7 p.m.
Offered together with the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, this group for cancer patients, survivors and their support persons provides information and an open forum to improve coping skills and quality of life.

Pediatric Parent Group

First Thursday of each month, 7 to 9 p.m.
DMC Rehab Center - Novi
This group is for parents and caregivers of children with special needs. Opportunities to share information, experiences, and to network will be provided. Call 248-305-7575 for more information.

RESOLVE

Second Friday of each month, 7 p.m.
Whether you need to deal with feelings, make decisions, or understand the medical and emotional impact of infertility, RESOLVE can help. This peer-led group provides the opportunity to meet others who are experiencing infertility, form friendships and build a support system as well as gather information and knowledge. Call 248-680-0093 for more information.

Sew Where the Heart Is (sewing therapy for women)

Second Tuesday of each month 6 to 8 p.m.
This support group is for women touched by breast cancer. Offered by the Karmanos Cancer Institute, the focus of this group will be sewing therapy for thoughts and feelings. Please bring your favorite sewing pastime (quilting, cross-stitch, needlepoint, and embroidery) and together we will create a positive patchwork of personalities. Call 248-937-5077 to register.

Spinal Cord Injury Family Support Group

Third Tuesday of every month, call for times
DMC Rehab Center - Novi
Facilitated by social workers, this group for family members, friends and significant others offers support, education and resources. Call 248-305-7575 to register.

Traumatic Brain Injury Family Support Group

Fourth Tuesday of every month, call for times
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Facilitated by social workers, this group for family members, friends and significant others offers support, education and resources. Call 248-305-7575 to register.

Parenting

Call 248-937-3619 for more information or to register for parenting classes held at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital.

Bringing Baby Home

Call for dates, times and fee
This class offers an overview of newborn care including behavior, nutrition, hygiene and dress. Participants will receive information on safety issues such as signs of illness, response to choking and rescue breathing.

Childbirth Education

Call 248-937-3619 for more information or to register for childbirth classes held at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital.

Birth Awareness

Call for dates, times and fee
This six-week course fully prepares expectant parents to participate in the birthing process. Learn the mechanics of labor and birth, as well as the appropriate relaxation and breathing techniques. This class should be attended during the last three months of pregnancy. Early registration is necessary.

Birth Review

Call for dates, times and fee
If you have had a baby within the past two or three years, this two-session class is tailored to meet your needs. You will review labor, breathing, birth, relaxation and visualization techniques. Information on how to handle sibling issues will also be discussed.

Childbirth Education for Teens

Call for dates, time and fee
This program is designed for expectant teens ages 19 and under and their support person. It will help expectant teens learn about labor and delivery to gain confidence in their natural ability to give birth.

Early Beginnings

Call for dates, time and fee
This program is designed to help the newly expectant parent(s), in the first or second trimester, learn about the process of pregnancy. Topics include physical changes to expect, relief measures for discomforts, nutrition tips, appropriate exercises and healthy lifestyle ideas. Call 248-937-3314.

Nature's Way: Breast-feeding Education

Call for dates, time and fee
Add a beautiful dimension to your motherhood experience. Learn the science and art of breast-feeding in this two-session class.

Big Kids' Class

Call for dates, time and fee
This class helps explain the sudden change from "baby" to big sister or brother. Siblings receive an on-the-scene preview of mom's visit to Huron Valley-Sinai and learn what it all means.

Touring the Obstetrics Unit

Wednesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays, call for times
COST: FREE
Tours of the Maternal/Child unit are available. Preregistration is required. Call 248-937-5120 to arrange your tour. Group size is limited.

General Health Education

Adult Arthritis Aquatics Group

Call for dates, time and fee
DMC Rehab Center - Novi
These aquatic exercise classes are for adults with arthritis and focus on range of motion, strengthening and endurance exercises. Call 248-305-7575 to register.

Baby-sitters' Basic Life Support (CPR)

Call for dates, times and fee
For young people age 11 to 15, this class will teach adult and pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Back to Basics

Call 248-937-3606 for dates, times and fee
Jewish Community Center - West Bloomfield or Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital
This exercise program is available for those who have a physician's prescription and need or want a supervised exercise program to reduce their risk for heart disease. Risk factors for heart disease include being overweight, diabetes, hypertension, smoking and elevated cholesterol. Some additional diagnostic testing may be required.

Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP)

Call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-922-6266 for more information or to determine eligibility. If you are eligible for this program, call 248-424-7100 to make an appointment.

The only defense against cancer is early detection and treatment. The BCCCP is a screening program for women 40 years of age or older to have a free or low-cost breast exam, mammogram and pap smear.

Caregiver College

Call for dates, times and location

COST: FREE

Presented by health professionals from The Detroit Medical Center, this seven-session program for persons caring for the elderly in their homes will provide information on skin care, hygiene, first aid, safety, nutrition, communication needs and insurance and legal issues. Call 313-745-1068 to register.

Chemotherapy Class

Every Thursday, 1 to 3 p.m., or 5 to 7 p.m., or by appointment

COST: FREE

Offered by the Karmanos Cancer Center, this two-hour class, led by certified oncology nurses, is for chemotherapy patients and/or their caregiver. It will provide an overview of how chemotherapy and other medications for cancer treatment work. Symptom management, nutrition and self-care techniques to use both during and after chemotherapy will be discussed. Call 248-937-5077 to register.

Community Basic Life Support (CPR)

Call for dates, times and fee

Learn adult and pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Community First Aid and CPR

Call for dates and times

COST: \$40 fee

First aid topics and adult, infant and child CPR are taught. Participants will receive an American Red Cross certificate upon completion.

Diabetes Education Program

Call 248-937-3600 for dates, times and fee

The Michigan Department of Community Health has certified this comprehensive program. Education is provided by a health care team in order to provide adults with diabetes the specific tools that will enable them to cope and manage their disease process for life.

Fitness Program

Call 248-305-7575 for dates and times and fee

DMC Rehab Center-Novi

Open to all former patients following completion of therapy at DMC Rehab Center - Novi. Initial clearance from your physician is required.

Lumpectomy and Mastectomy Class

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The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital is offering a class designed for women who have had or will have a lumpectomy or mastectomy. This class can be attended before or after surgery. Topics include what to expect from surgery and immediately after. The recovery process as well as the long-term effects of these procedures will also be discussed. Time will be allowed for a question-and-answer session. Call 248-937-5077 to register.

Pediatric Surgical Orientation Program

Call for dates and times

COST: FREE

Is your child scheduled for a surgical procedure at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital? During this hour-long program, your child, age 4 to 10, will receive an introduction to hospital personnel and equipment used in the Operating Room. The session will include basic preoperative instructions for the parent who attends and a tour of the surgical area. There will be time for questions. Call 248-937-3394 to register.

Pulmonary Conditioning Program

Call 248-937-3606 for dates, times and fee

Offered to adults with lung disease, this program will help improve your physical abilities, increase your knowledge of this condition and decrease your level of fatigue from performing everyday activities. Pulmonary Conditioning is an individualized program including education and exercise sessions.

Super Sitter Course

Call for dates and times

COST: \$15 fee

Taught by pediatric nurses, this course includes instruction on general safety, emergencies, feeding, diapering, bathing, bedtime information and other tips to help youngsters ages 11 to 14 become qualified babysitters.

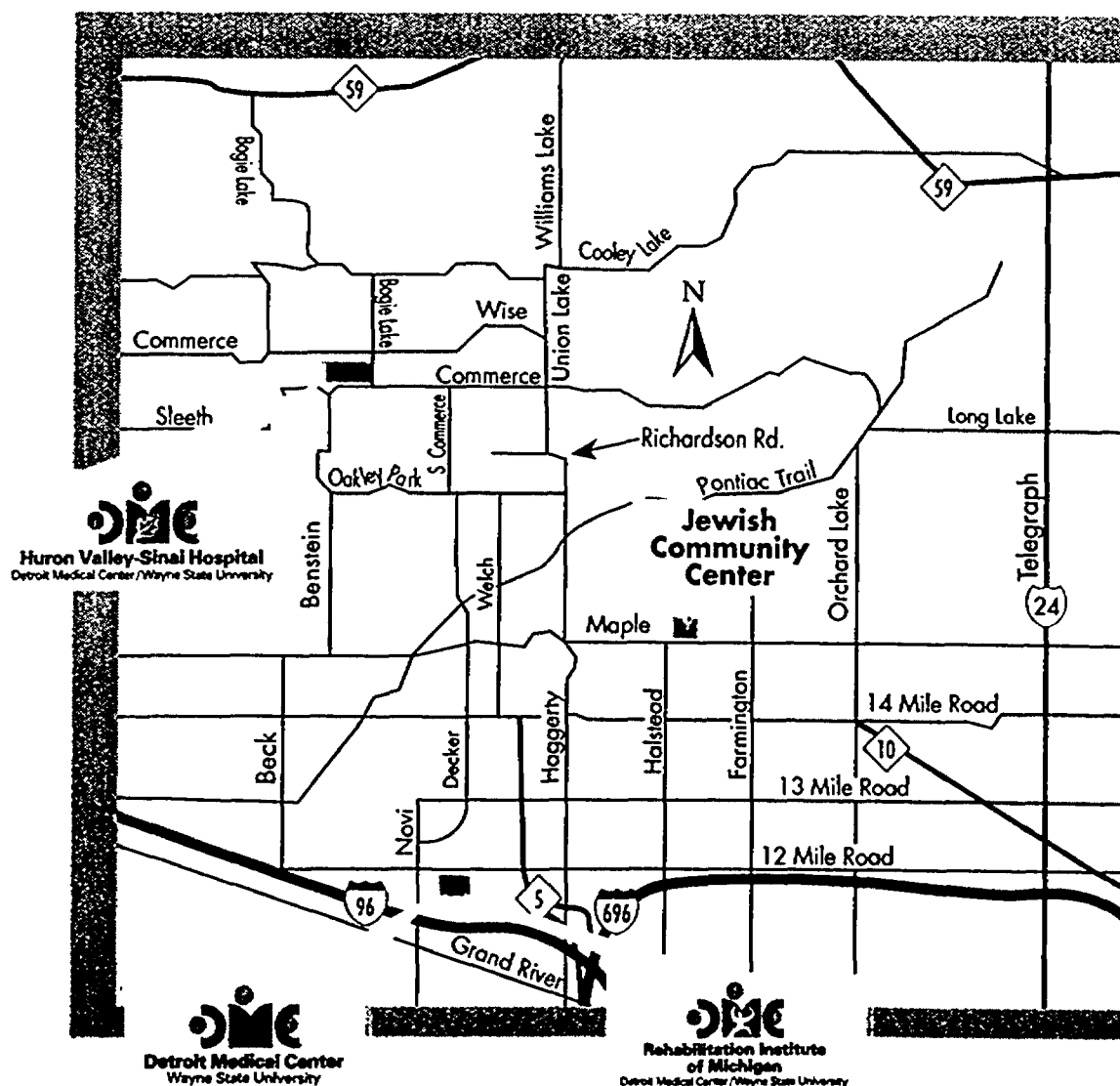
Understanding Intravenous Therapy

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Call 248-937-5045 for dates and times

COST: FREE

Make an informed decision about your health care. Learn about your options if you or a loved one is faced with a condition that requires long-term intravenous (IV) therapy. The IV Resource Team will provide information on all types of intravenous access devices that could make therapy easier and less painful. Hands-on demonstrations of the latest devices will be given.



Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital
Detroit Medical Center/Wayne State University

Program Locations in Oakland County

The Detroit Medical Center (DMC) is one of the nation's leading academic health systems. In addition to Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital (HVSH), the DMC operates Children's Hospital of Michigan, Detroit Receiving Hospital, Harper University Hospital, Hutzel Hospital, Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan, Sinai-Grace Hospital and many outpatient sites. The DMC is also affiliated with Wayne State University and the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. Over 1200 physicians are affiliated with HVSH.

Health education programs in your area are currently offered at:

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1 William Carls Drive
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248-937-3300

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42005 W. 12 Mile Road
Novi, MI 48377
248-305-7575

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41935 W. 12 Mile Road
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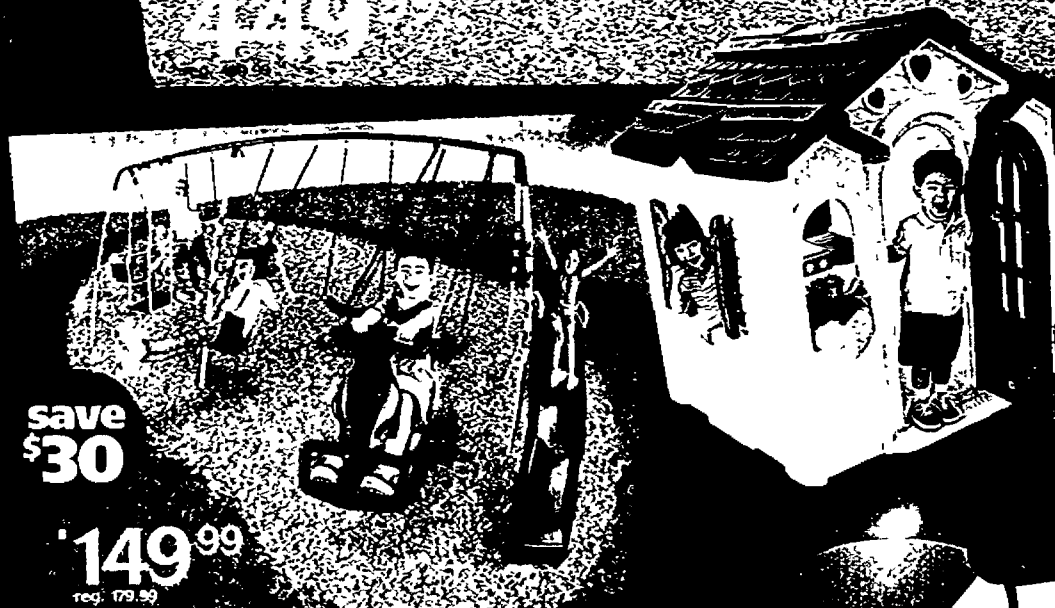
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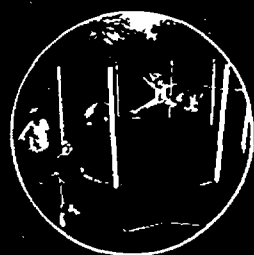
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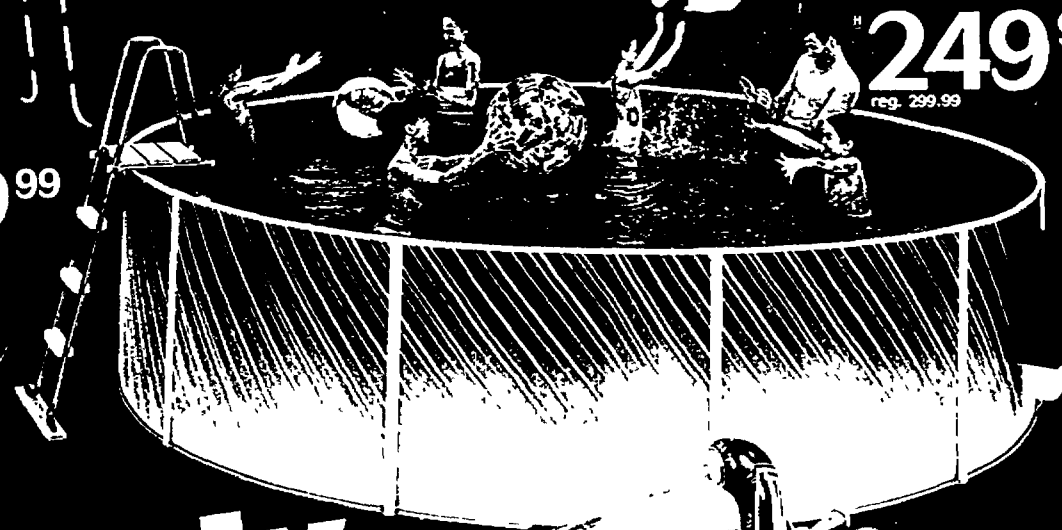
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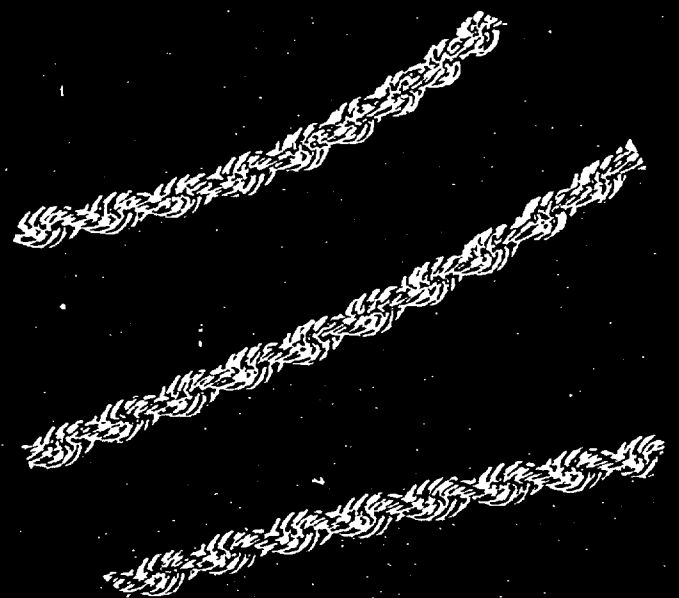
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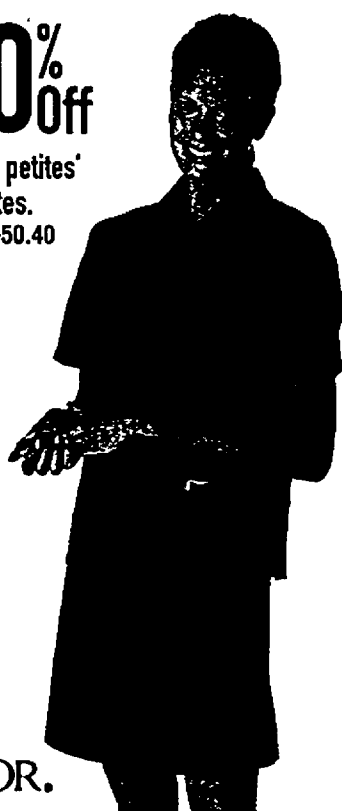
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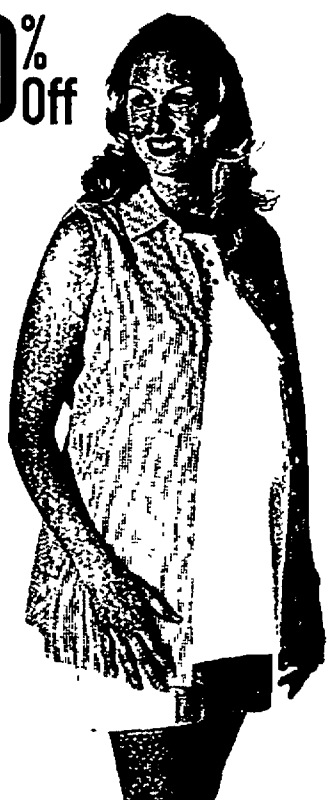
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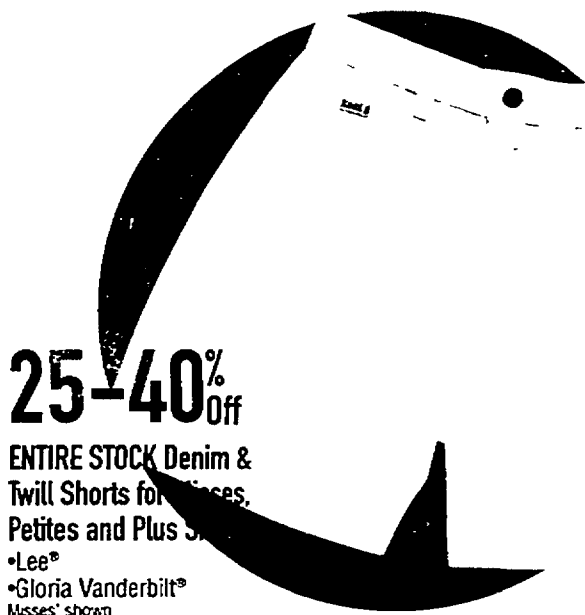
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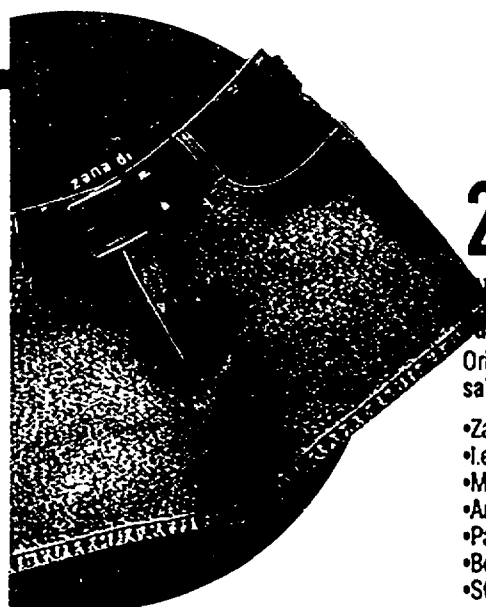
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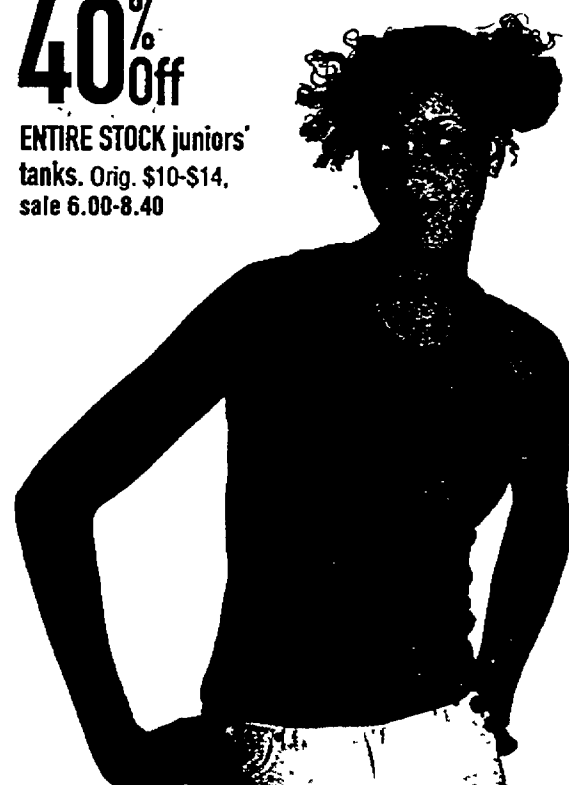
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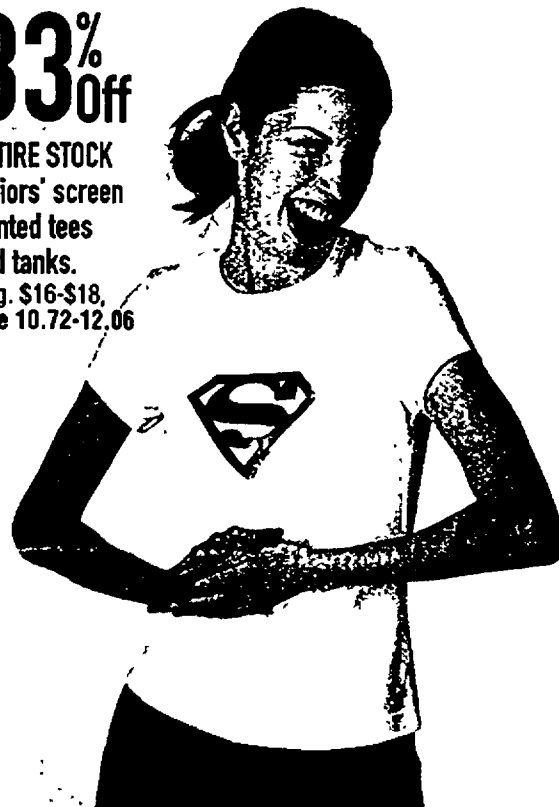
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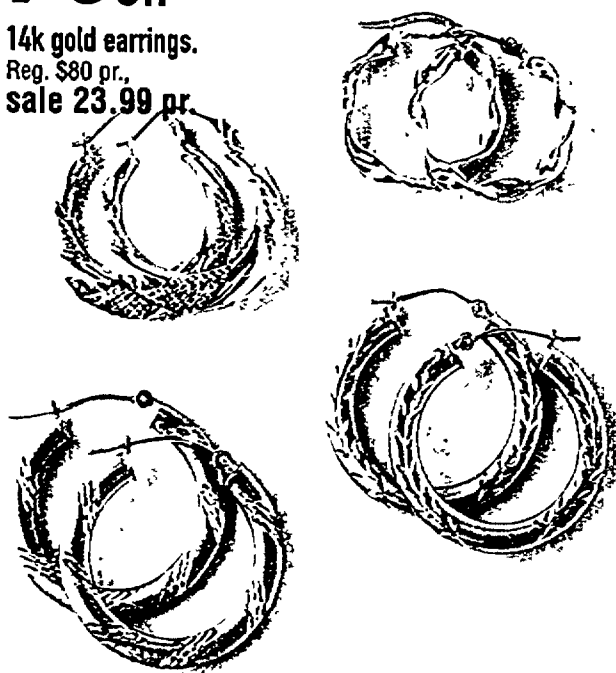
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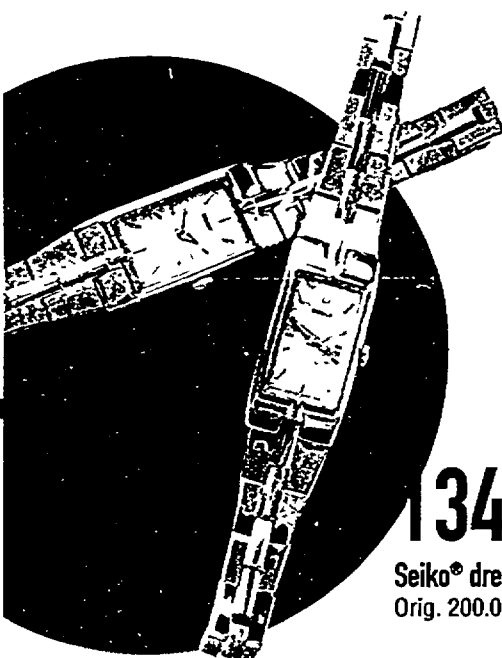
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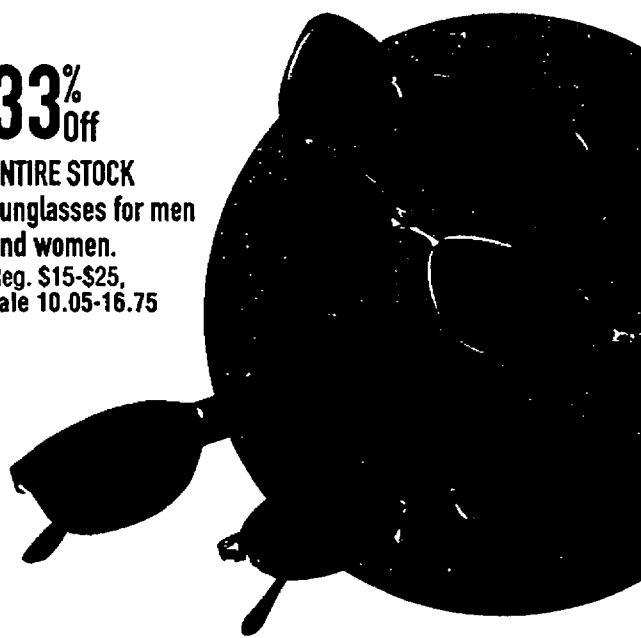
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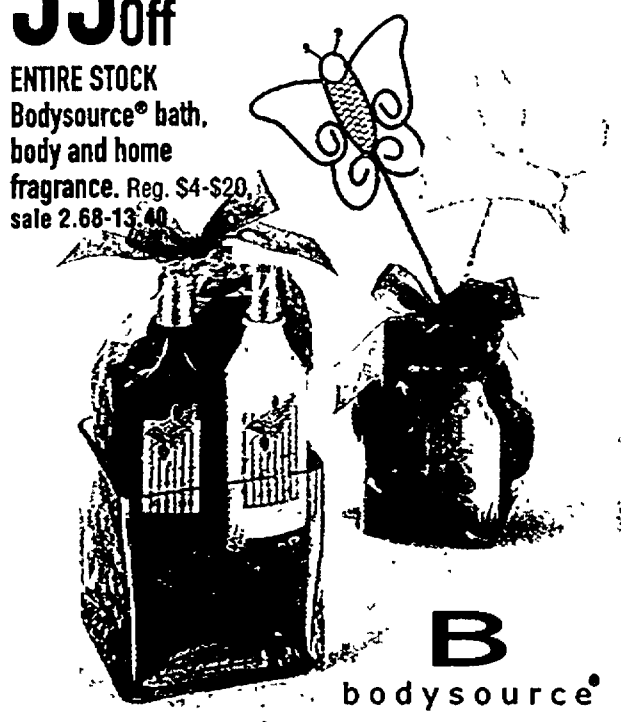
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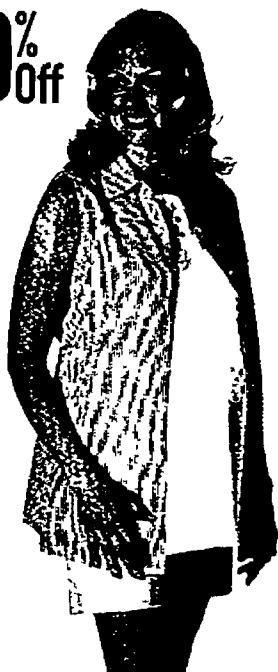
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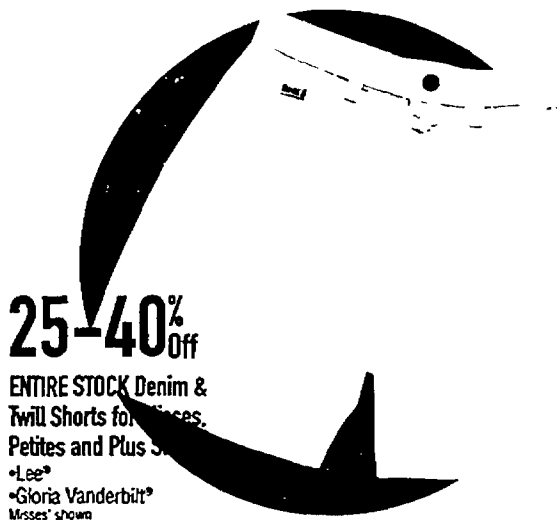
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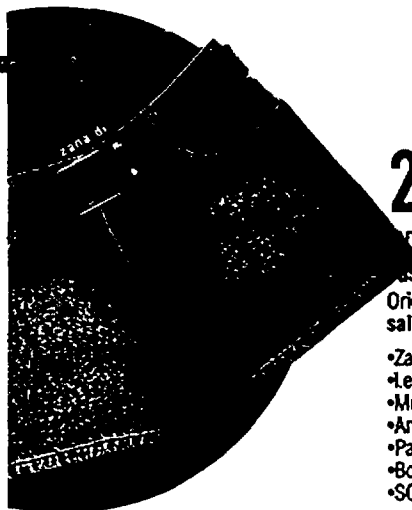
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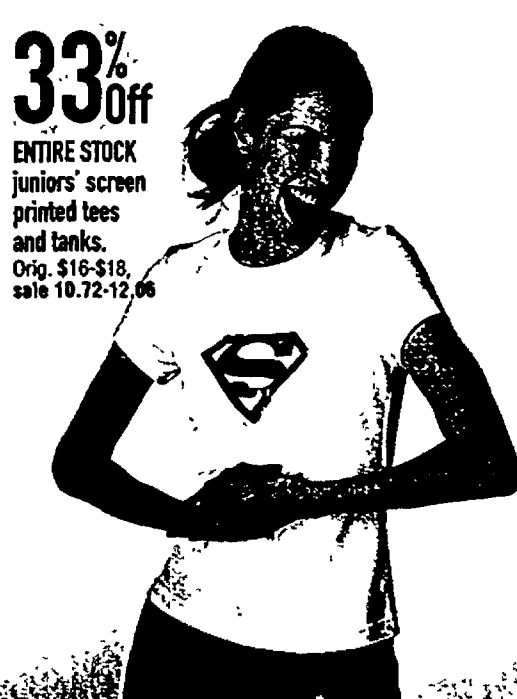
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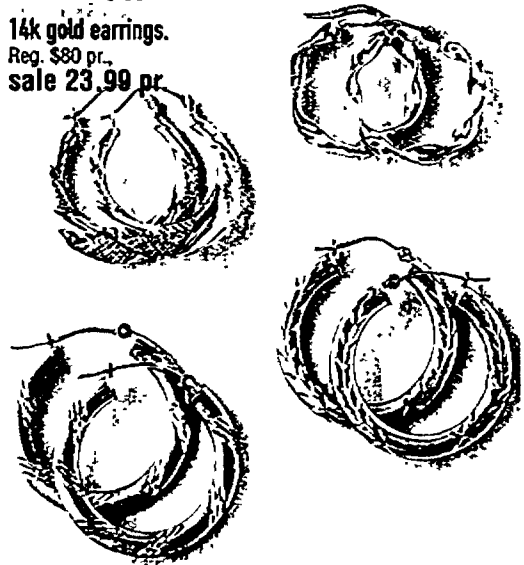
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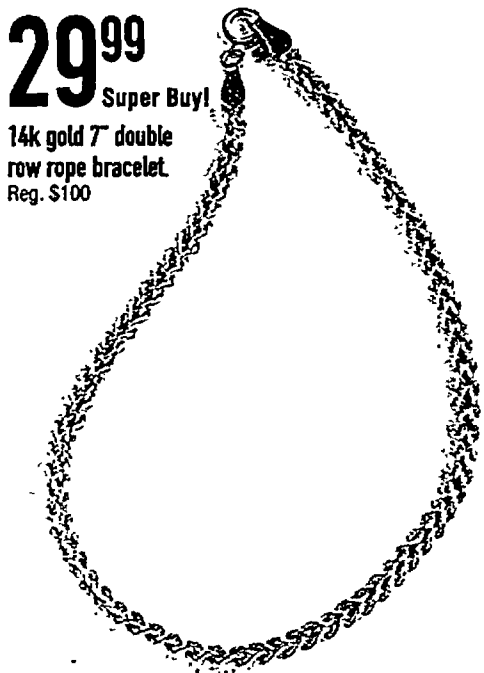
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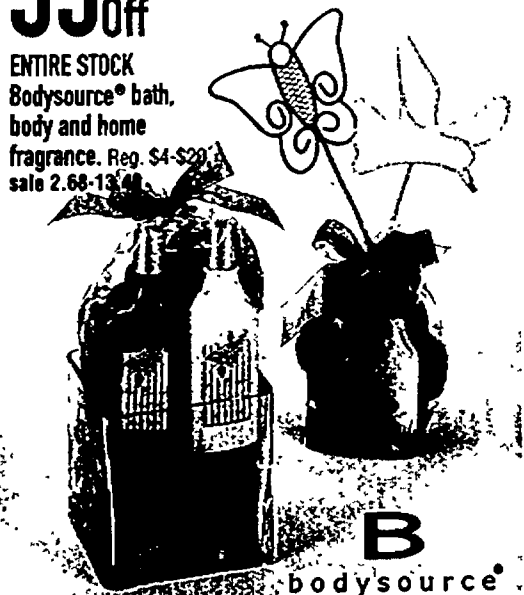
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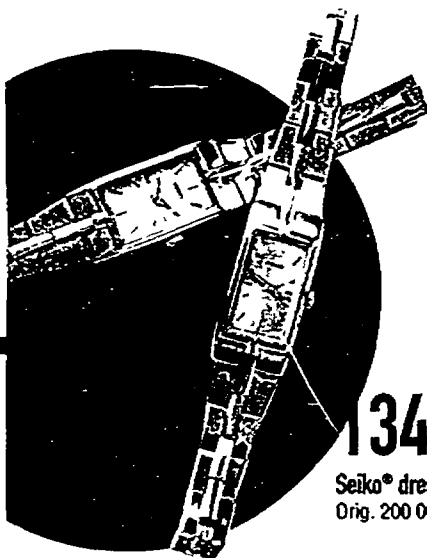
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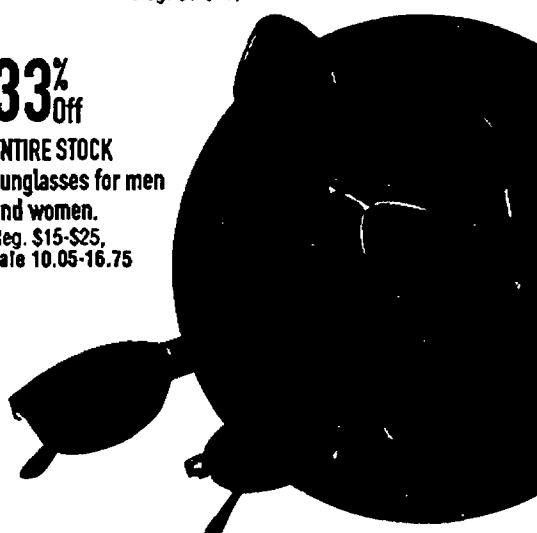
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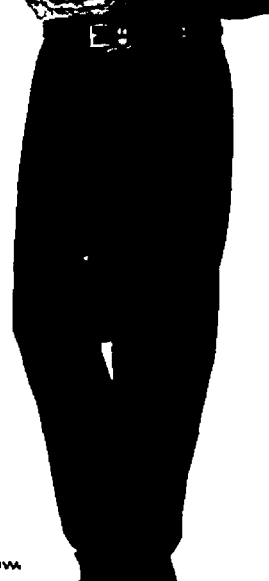
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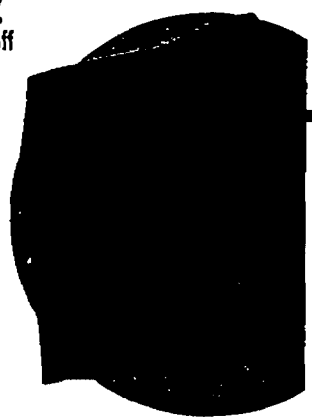
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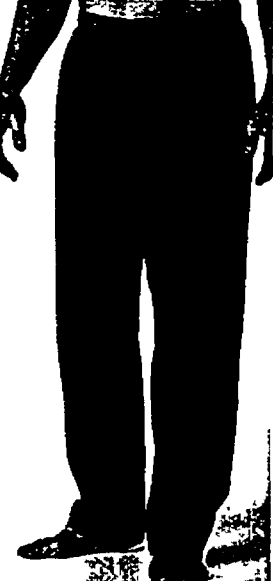
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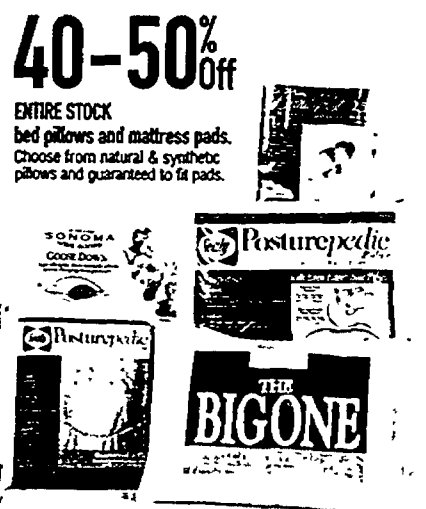
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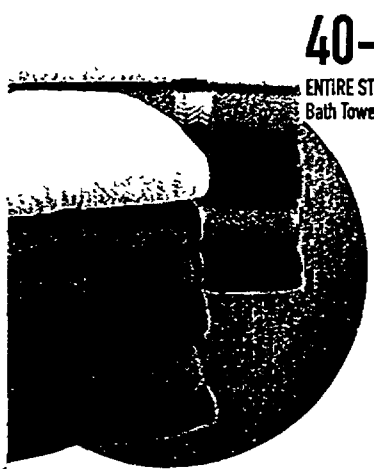
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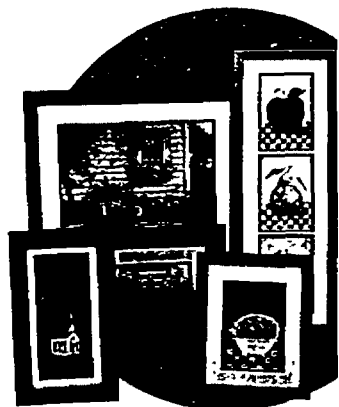
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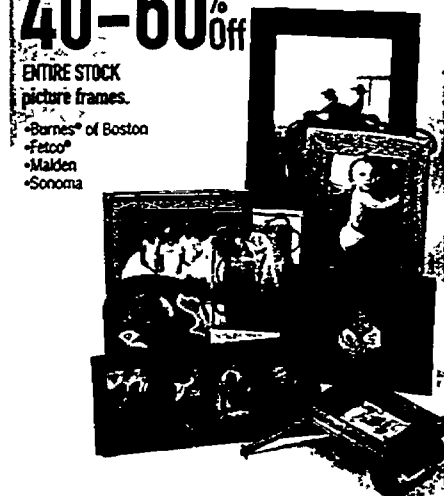
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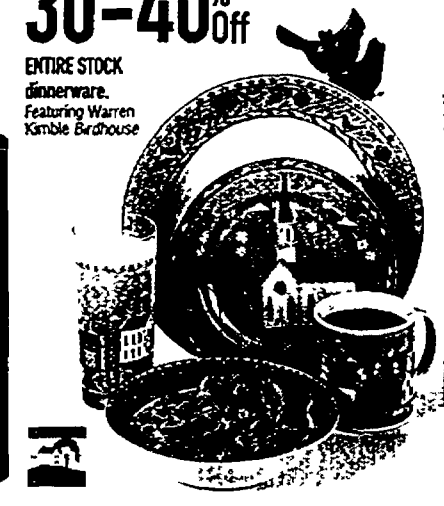
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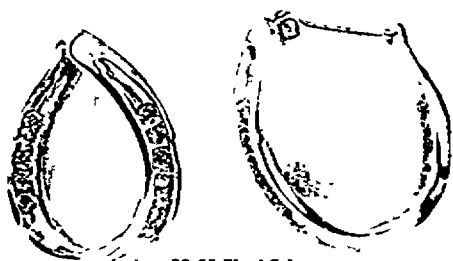
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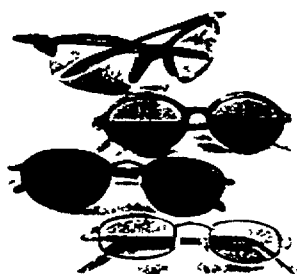
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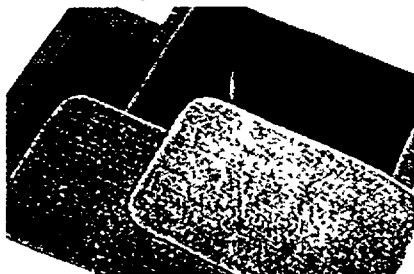
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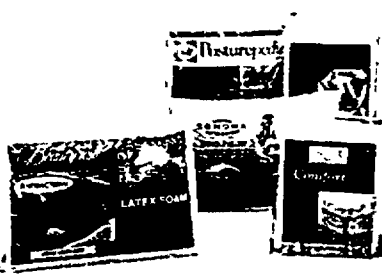
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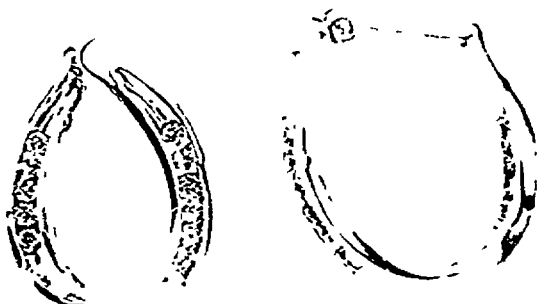
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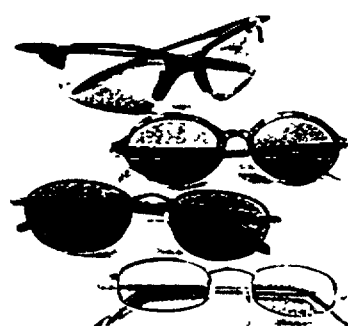


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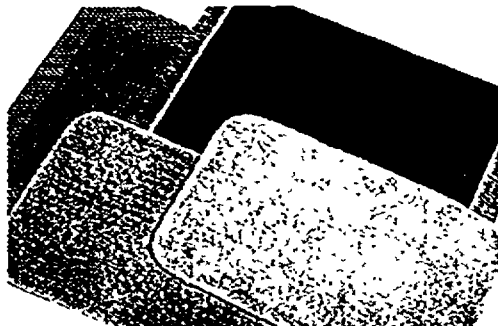
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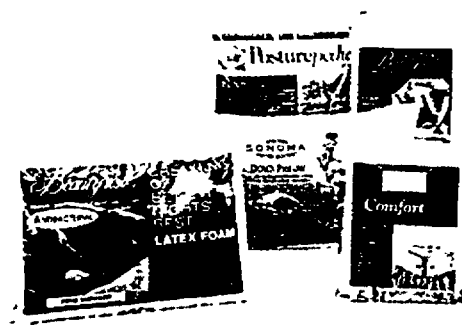
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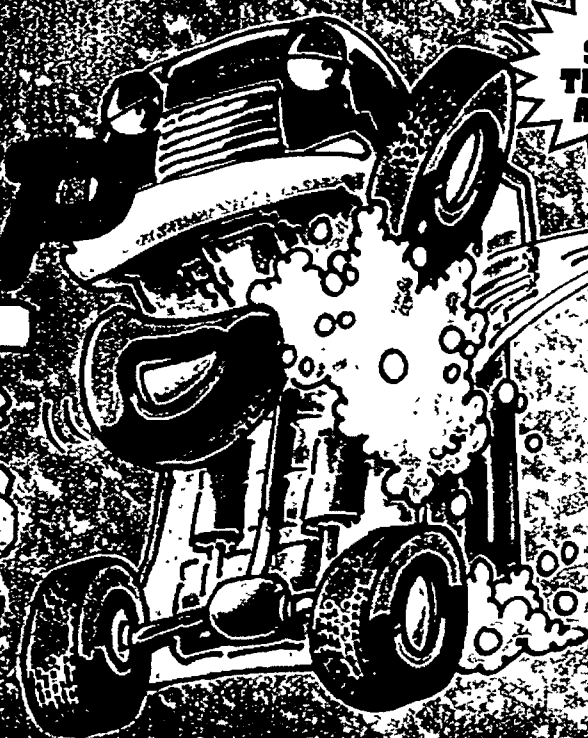
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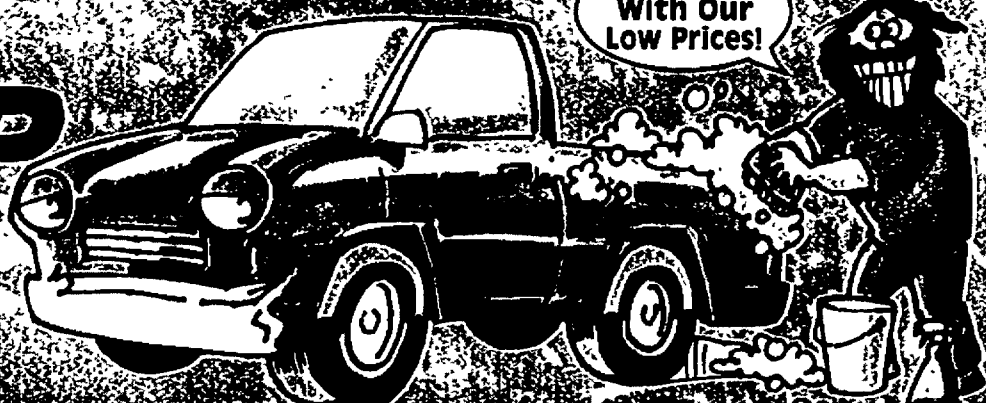
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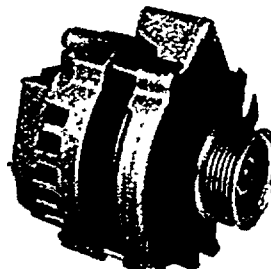
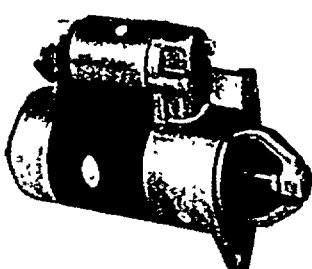
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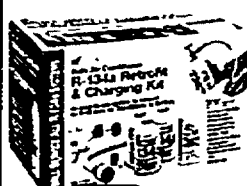
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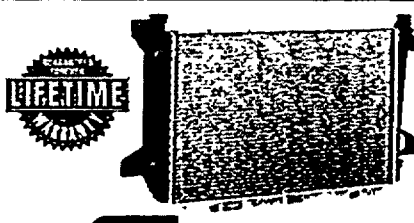
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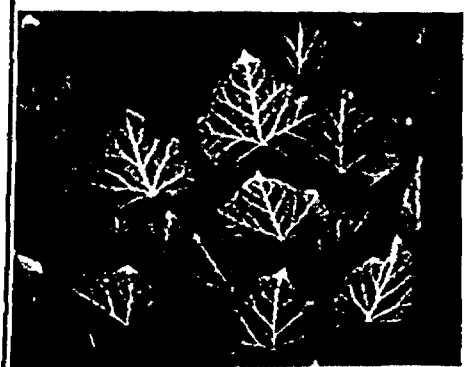
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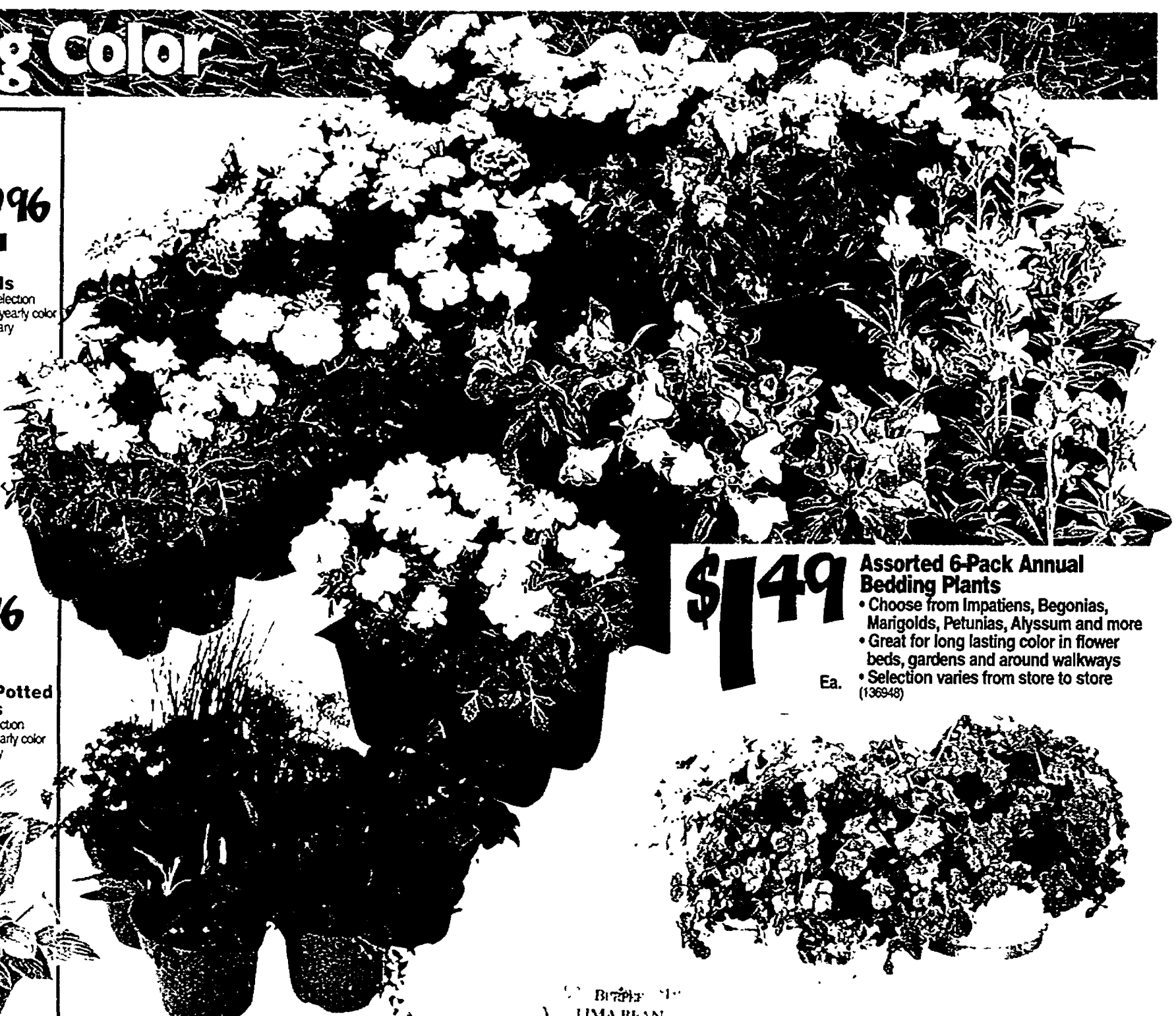
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 • Many varieties to choose from (619574)



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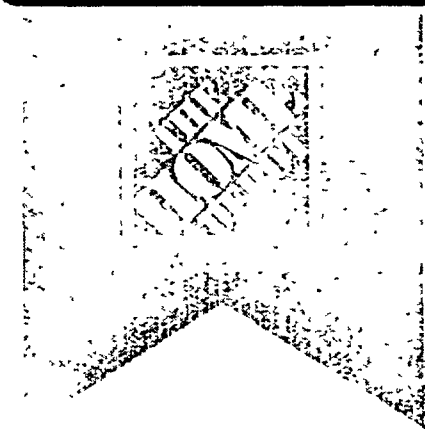
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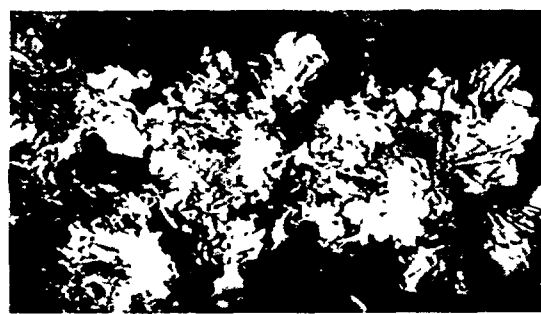


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1-Gallon Azaleas

- Choose from red, pink or white
- Spectacular springtime flowers (240923)

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- Beautiful flowers in the spring
- Plant in part sun to full shade
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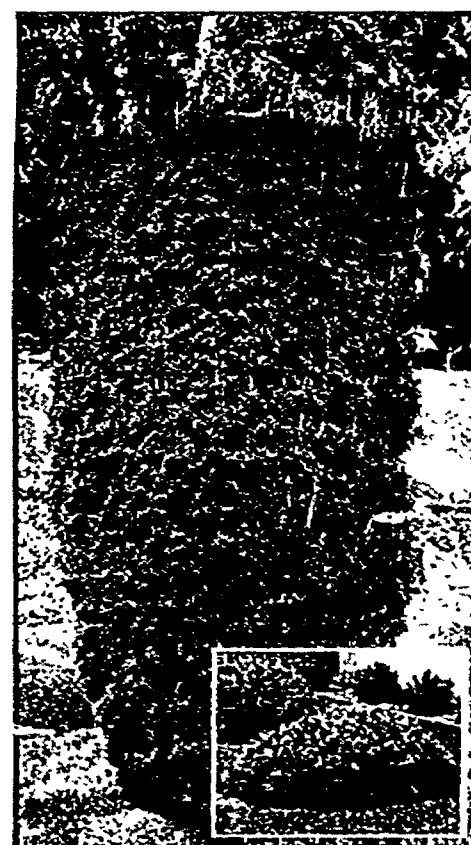
- Dense shrub
- Adds year round color to your landscape
- Prunes easily
- Plant in full sun or partial shade (525585)



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2-Gallon Emerald Green Arborvitae

- Pyramidal emerald green shrub
- Very hardy; adaptable to various climate & soils
- Little or no maintenance required
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- Plant in shade to partial sun, moist, well-drained soil
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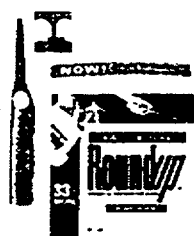
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Scotts Turf Builder® Plus 2™

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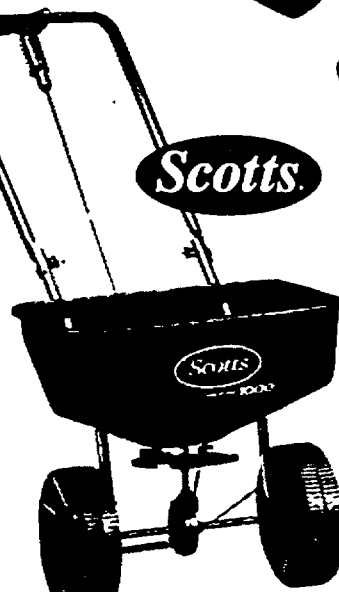
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- Assembly required
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- For frequent users or larger lawns
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- SB4300 (381047)



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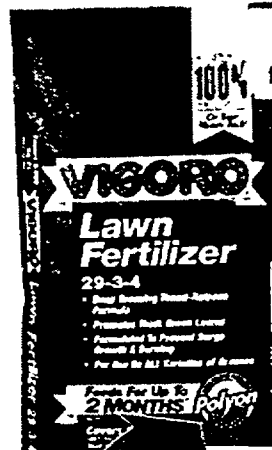
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- 3606 (634202)
- 15,000 sq. ft. (362344) ... **\$36.96**



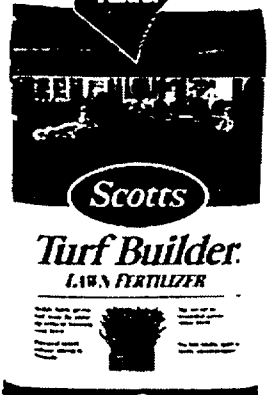
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Lawn Fertilizer

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- Formulated to prevent surge growth and burning
- Safe for use on all lawns
- Feeds for up to 2 months
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- 15,000 sq. ft. (459363) ... **\$16.94**

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- For healthy, vigorous growth of turf grasses
- Timed-release nitrogen won't burn lawn or cause surge growth
- 23309 (196339)
- 15,000 sq. ft. (896519) ... **\$19.97**



Contains **POLYON**[®]
timed-release fertilizer that
feeds for up to **2 months**

\$11⁹⁸
5000 sq. ft.

Ultra Starter Fertilizer

- 20-28-6 formula
- Superior formulation
- Slow release nitrogen & phosphorus for extended feeding
- For seeding, sodding & new plantings
- (543903)

Step Up to Better Value!



\$12⁷⁶
5000 sq. ft.

Starter Fertilizer

- 20-27-5 formula
- Use when planting seed, sod, sprigs, new lawn plugs, or overseeding
- 24208 (896470)



\$3²⁷
17.5 oz.

Ant & Roach Killer

- Outdoor fresh
- Contains quick-killing pyrethrum to kill faster than before
- Gets into hard to reach places
- 21613 (656607)



\$6⁴⁴
1 Gal.

Home Insect Control

- Ready-to-use
- Kills unwanted insects in and around the house
- 8 weeks of control
- Leaves no odor
- Use indoors and outdoors
- 10054 (707215)

8 Week Insect Control

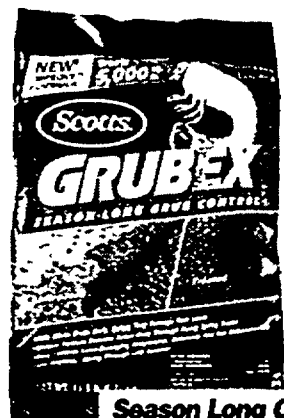


Overnight Results

\$18⁹⁸
5000 sq. ft.

24 Hour Grub Killer

- Nothing works faster against grubs - overnight results
- Degrades quickly, will not linger
- (139255)



Season Long Control

\$18⁸⁸
5000 sq. ft.

Grub Ex[®] Grub Control

- Provides season long grub control with one application
- Apply with lawn spreader
- 34005 (236467)



Lasts Up to 30 Days

\$7¹⁴
10 lbs.
5000 sq. ft.

Multi-Insect Killer

- Kills ants, spiders, and other pests (596590)
- 2 lbs. (596373) ... **\$5.97**
- Qt. Concentrate (596035) ... **\$10.92**



\$7⁴⁴
10 lbs.

Diazinon Soil & Turf Insect Control

- For use on lawns to kill ants, fleas, crickets and many other pests
- 2596 (314374)



\$7⁹⁸
5 lbs.

PatchMaster[®] Sun & Shade Lawn Repair Mix

- Seed, fertilizer and mulch combined
- Ideal for patching and repairing lawns
- 1493 (655275)
- 15 lbs. (352374) ... **\$19.98**



\$7⁹⁸
3 lbs.

Turf Builder[®] Sun & Shade Grass Seed

- Contains Perennial Ryegrass, Kentucky Bluegrass and Fine Fescue 1901 (816321)
- 10 lbs. (816257) ... **\$19.98**



\$22⁹⁸
10 lbs.

Turf Builder[®] Shade Mix Grass Seed

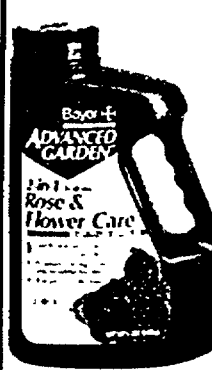
- An attractive lawn for shady areas
- Contains Kentucky Bluegrass, Fine Fescue and Perennial Ryegrass
- 1925 (816516)



\$7⁹⁸
3 lbs.

Turf Builder[®] Kentucky Bluegrass Grass Seed

- Excellent for filling in bare spots and thin areas in Bluegrass lawns
- High quality varieties of turf type Kentucky Bluegrass
- 1926 (816518)



\$6⁴⁸
5 lb.

Rose & Flower Care Granules

- 12-18-6 formula
- Promotes strong roots & beautiful blooms
- Systemic rainproof protection
- Contains Di-Syston
- Ready to use (594204)

Landscaping



\$2.37

Easy Gardener®

Commercial-Grade Landscape Fabric

- 4' x 50' roll
- Stops weeds without chemicals
- Allows maximum amounts of water to reach roots
- Tough spun bonded polyester with high puncture resistance

Contractor Grade lasts longest

4' x 100' (730257) ... **\$38.64**
4' x 200' (258313) ... **\$59.90**



Easy Gardener®

\$10.97

3'x50'

Weedblock® Landscape Fabric

- Stops weeds, lets water through
- Ideal for a variety of landscape applications

6'x50' (324725) **\$23.46**
3'x100' (325937) **\$20.96**

Easy Gardener®

\$11.94

3'x40'

Sta-Level Patio & Walkway Fabric Underliner

- Prevents patios and sidewalks from sagging
- Keeps sand and soil layers separate
- A must for a long lasting even patio or sidewalk

2170 (521879)

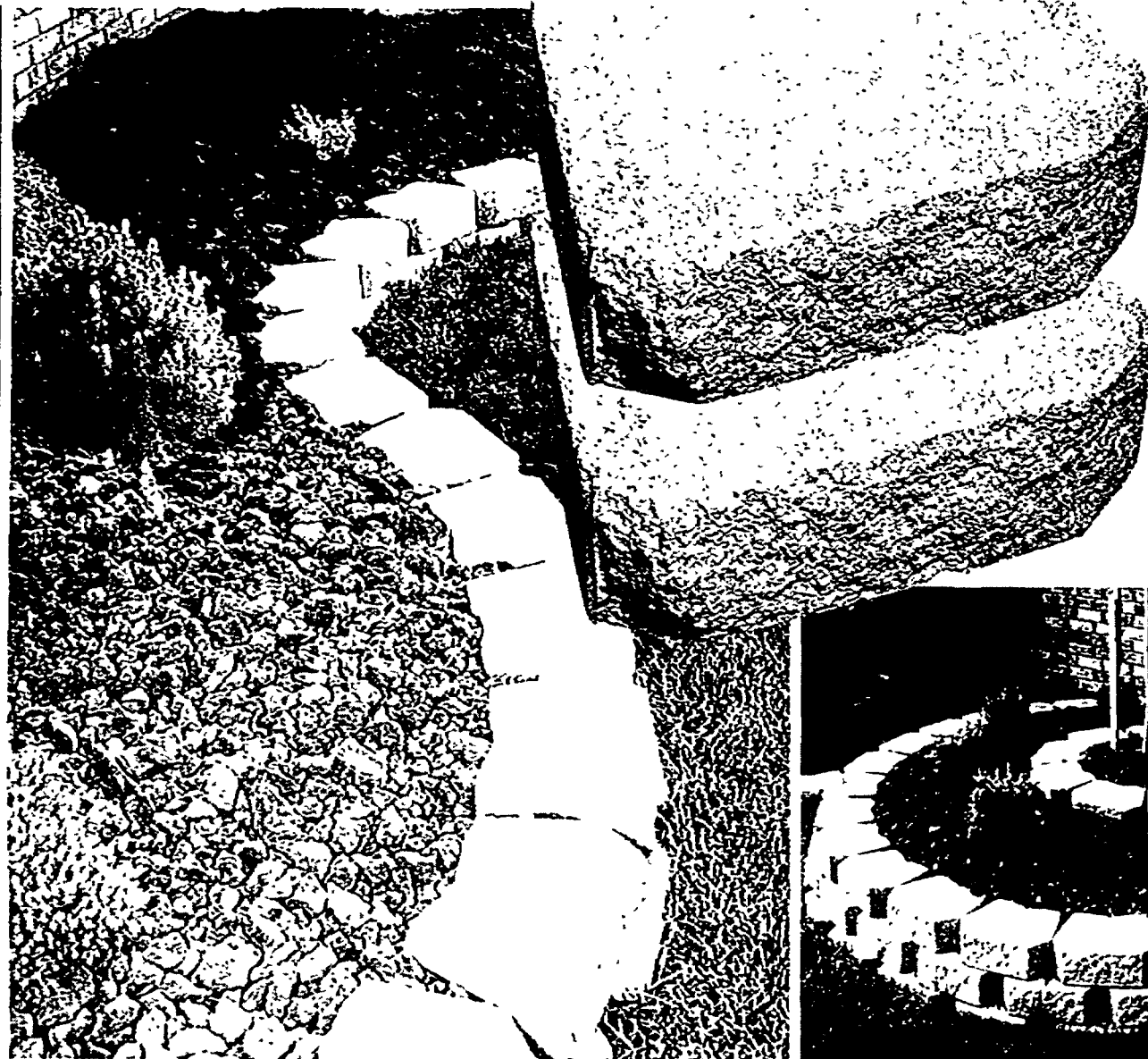
Valley View®

\$7.36

Diamond-Lok® Flexible Paver Edging

- 6 section
- Secures paver bricks, prevents heaving
- Stakes sold separately

DLDD (640952)



\$1.87
Ea.

12" Stone Wall Block

- 3 stones per square face foot
- Easy to install; no mortar needed
- Choose from assorted colors

1913 (715492)

That's Only

\$5.61

per square face foot



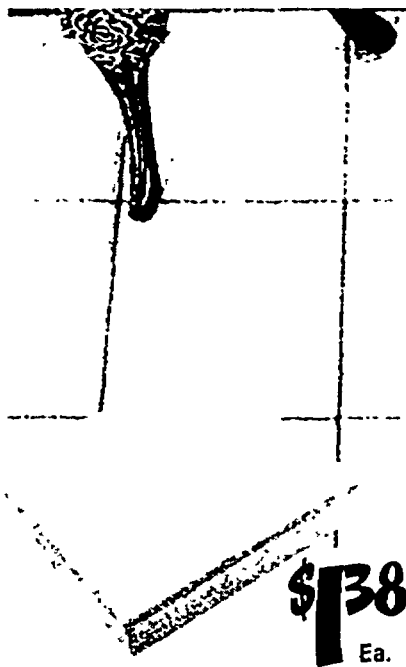
That's Only 77¢ per sq. ft.

68¢
Ea.

8" x 16" Patio Blocks

- 113 blocks per sq ft
- Colors may vary by store
- Perfect for patios & walkways

(269164)



That's Only \$2.07 per sq. ft.

\$1.38
Ea.

12" x 12" Stepping Stone

- Gray
- An economical choice for creating patios and walkways
- Easy to install

(556211)



46¢
Ea.

Holland Paver

- 45 pavers per sq ft
- Easy to install
- Non-slip surface is perfect for pools, drives, patios and walkways
- Assorted colors

(442209)



That's Only \$2.34 per sq. ft.

78¢
Ea.

Plaza Rectangle Paver

- 3 pavers per sq ft
- Classic and versatile concrete paver
- Easy to install, mortarless and requires no maintenance
- Perfect for patios, walkways, driveways and pool decks
- More durable than concrete and will not crack or chip

60688 (301583)



64¢ Ea.

Classic Paver

- 3.5 pavers per sq. ft.
- Creates a unique pattern for walkways and patios
- Red/charcoal blend (657977)

Classic Edger

(845024) **64¢**



\$139



Medium Water Garden Kit

- Everything you need to create a 6' x 8' water garden. 300 GPH pump, pump filter box, 10' x 12' liner, diverter/flow control valve, three different fountain nozzles, nozzle extension tubes and adapter, 5/8" black tubing and hose clamp
- Landscaping items not included MCK325 (750992)

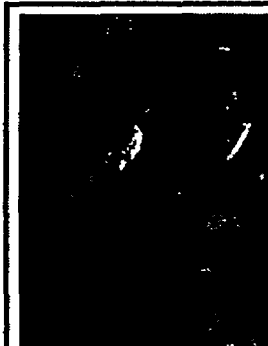
Small Kit (242981) ... **\$99**



\$99

Flowerbed Fountain Pump with Bucket

- Kit includes everything you need: pump, 8.5 gal. tub, sturdy lid, fountain with tubing, access door for easy pump maintenance
- Easy installation—less than one hour
- Made from Durium™—a sturdy and durable resin compound for all seasons
- 1 year warranty
- Landscaping items not included FBD3014M (450010)



\$268

2 cu.ft.

Decorative Red Mulch

- Creates a new and unique look in landscape
- Covers a 12 sq. ft. area 2" deep (650401)



\$228

2 cu.ft.

Pine Bark Mulch

- For shrubs, and plants
- Covers a 12 sq. ft. area 2" deep (363944)

Nuggets

(363936) ... **\$2.28**



\$248

2 cu.ft.

No Float™ Cypress Mulch

- Locks in moisture; locks out weeds
- Naturally repels roaches & other pests
- Covers a 12 sq. ft. area 2" deep (556737)



\$270

1/2 cu.ft.

White Marble Chips

- Use around trees, shrubs and when trimming flowerbeds
- Covers a 3-4 sq. ft. area 2" deep (383864)



\$182

1/2 cu.ft.

Pea Gravel

- Covers a 4 sq. ft. area 1-1/2" deep 1205 (715622)

Pond Pebbles

(232226) ... **\$2.18**



\$326

1 cu.ft.

Red Volcanic Rock

- Great for flower beds
- Use around trees or shrubs
- Covers a 3-4 sq. ft. area 2" deep 1310 (715719)

Lawn Mowers



JOHN DEERE

ONLY
\$20
PER MONTH*

\$469

Self-propelled,
3-speed transmission

6.5 HP Walk Behind Mower

- Easily converts mower from side discharge to mulching with included attachments, no tools required
 - Caster wheels lock and unlock from operator's position
 - Unique dome-shaped deck for superior mulching and cutting performance
- JS63C (795941)

Rear wheel drive for
improved traction

Strong, durable
13-gauge steel deck



JOHN DEERE

ONLY
\$19
PER MONTH*

\$449

6.5 OHV 21" Walk Behind Mower

- 3-speed self-propelled
 - Briggs and Stratton Intek engine
 - 3-in-1 ready; includes bag, side chute, and mulch
 - 13 gauge steel deck
 - 9" wheels
 - Adjustable and foldable handles
- BG10330 (795930)

HONDA
Power
Equipment

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HONDA
Power
Equipment

ONLY
\$19
PER MONTH*

\$599

5.5 HP 21" Rust-Free Xenoy Deck Mower

- 3-speed, self-propelled
 - Rugged commercial-grade, overhead valve engine
 - 2-in-1 mulcher or bagger
 - Easy-starting powerful Honda overhead valve commercial-grade engine
 - 5-year limited deck warranty
 - Exclusive twin blade Honda QuadraCut® System
- 633700 (686299)

ONLY
\$21
PER MONTH*

\$499

5.5 HP 21" Steel Deck Mower

- 3-speed self-propelled
 - 3-in-1 mower; bag, mulch or discharge
 - 6-position height adjustment
 - Easy-Start, Honda overhead cam premium engine
 - Exclusive twin blade Honda QuadraCut® System
 - Honda Ergo-Active handles offer "side" or "top" grip
- 606700 (229543)

ONLY
\$20
PER MONTH*

\$468

6 HP 21" Personal Pace® Mower

- Personal Pace® puts you in control of your mowing speed
 - 3-in-1 Recycler®, side discharge, or rear bag included
 - Convert to mulch, bag, or discharge without tools
 - Guaranteed-to-start engine on 2 pulls for 2 years
 - Exclusive Bag-on-Demand, flip lever to mulch or bag whenever you want
- 20023 (426963)

ONLY
\$19
PER MONTH*

\$449

5.5 HP 21" Harmony II® Steel Deck Mower

- 1-speed, self-propelled
 - Easy to start, Honda Overhead Cam Engine
 - 4-in-1 versatility with optional leaf shredder
 - 6 position height adjustments
 - Exclusive twin blade Honda QuadraCut® System
- HRT216SDA (229531)

Lawn Mowers



YARD MACHINES
by MTD

\$229

ONLY
\$10
PER MONTH*

6 HP 21" Mower

- 3-in-1; Side discharge, mulch kit, and rear bag included
- 11A-549F129 (692971)

Powerful engine for increased production and reduced mowing time

Steel side discharge deck with tree guard edges

9-position fingertip wheel height adjusters easily adjust cutting height

YARD MACHINES
by MTD

\$169

4 HP 21" Push Mower

- 2-in-1 mulch kit and bag included
- 9-position fingertip wheel height adjusters easily adjust cutting height to meet any lawn condition
- 21" fully-baffled deep-dome deck with tree guard edges produces finely cut clippings that decompose into the soil for a healthier lawn
- 11A-414D129 (407539)

YARD MACHINES
by MTD

\$139

4 HP 22" Steel Deck Push Mower

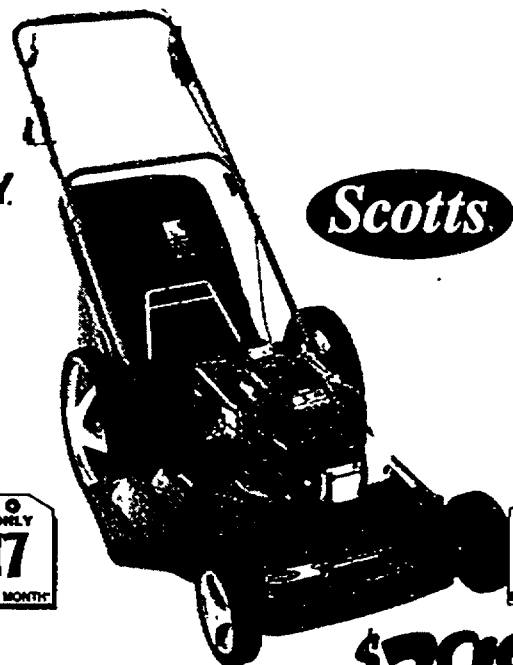
- 2-in-1 side discharge or bag (bagger sold separately)
- 6-position fingertip wheel height adjustment
- 11A-084D129 (406856)

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LAWN-BOY
Making it easier.

Scotts

Scotts



6 HP 21" Recycler Mower

- 1-Speed self-propelled
- 3-in-1; recycler, side discharge and rear bag included
- Guaranteed-to-start engine on 2 pulls for 2 years
- Exclusive bag-on-demand, flip lever to mulch or bag whenever you want
- 20021 (426958)

\$399

6.5 HP 21" DuraForce Mower

- 3-in-1 self-propel rear bag mower
- Commercial-grade DuraForce engine, no oil changes mean less maintenance
- No tool conversion from mulching to side discharge to bagging
- Variable-speed self-propel lets you choose the mowing pace
- 10324 (412066)

\$398

6.5 HP 22" High Wheeled Mower

- 3-in-1 mulch, bag or discharge
- Powerful Easy-to-Start overhead valve engine
- Long lasting reversible, double edge cutting blade with twice the cutting life
- 3 year engine drive train warranty
- 229630x8 (597506)

\$299

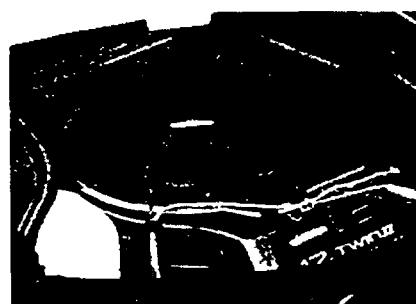
6 HP 22" Rear-Bagging Mower

- Power-propelled front wheel drive
- Powerful, easy-to-start B&S engine
- Convert to mulch bag without tools
- 22815x8 (598587)

\$259

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Lawn Tractors



Briggs & Stratton Engine

Get a smooth, quiet ride from a naturally balanced opposed Twin Engine design. Industrial / Commercial features for extended engine life; Cast Iron Cylinder Sleeves withstand wear and abuse, improved oil control and Heavy-Duty Valves improve performance and minimize maintenance.

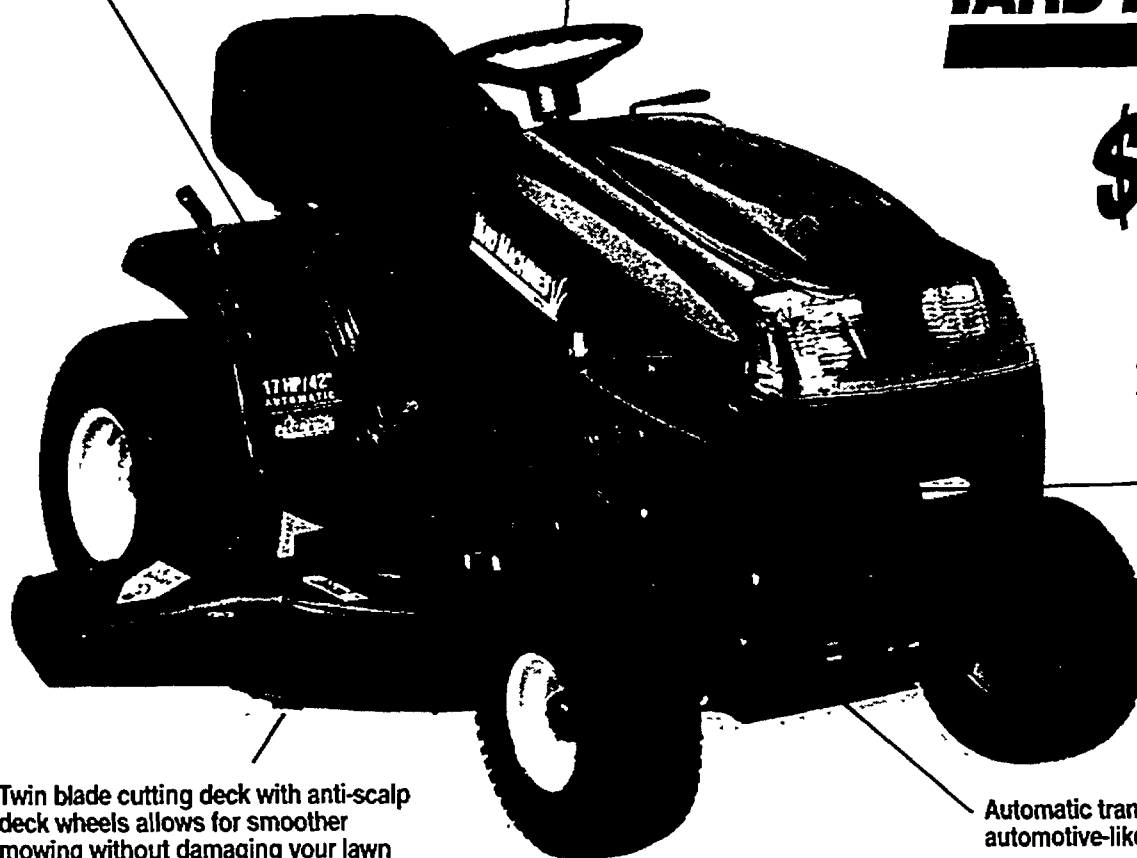


3-in-1 Deck

3-in-1 Cutting Deck—Maximum cutting width helps the operator cut more in less time. Yard Machines 42" cutting Deck provides ultimate mulching performance with both bagging and discharge. Deck height adjustment lever allows you to customize cut for professional appearance.

Heavy-duty, fully welded, step-thru frame provides strength for longer life and durability

Dual drag link steering design, provides automotive-like steering control



Twin blade cutting deck with anti-scalp deck wheels allows for smoother mowing without damaging your lawn

YARD MACHINES
by MTD

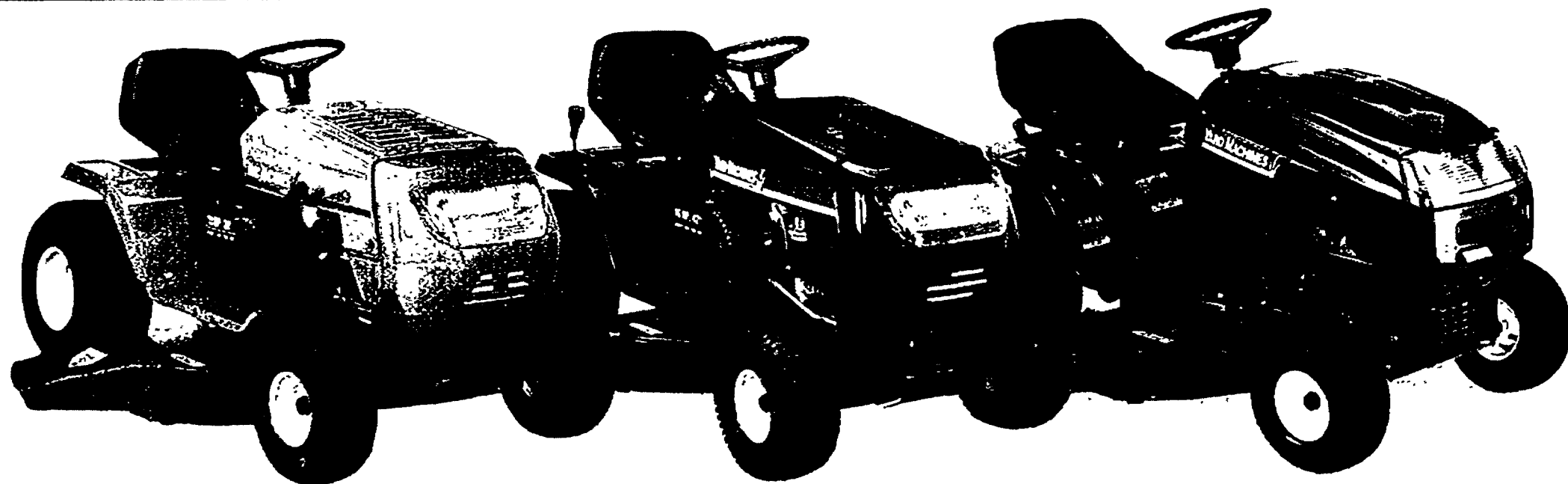
\$1249

17 HP 42" Lawn Tractor
13AK608G129 (484526)

Twin V/C engine provides quieter and cooler performance



Automatic transmission with pedal control offers automotive-like speed control with an infinite range of speed



\$849

13 HP 38" Lawn Tractor

- Tecumseh overhead valve XL engine with cast iron sleeve
 - 6-speed transaxle "shift-on-the-go" drive allows the operator to match the speed to the job
 - Side-discharge with optional mulch kit and bagger sold separately
 - Heavy-duty box frame provides strength and durability
- 13A4662F129 (483839)



\$998

15 HP 42" Lawn Tractor

- Tecumseh overhead valve XL engine with cast-iron sleeve
 - 7-speed "shift-on-the-go" drive allows operator to match speed to the job
 - Side discharge with optional mulch kit and twin bagger sold separately
 - Twin blade cutting deck with anti-scalp deck wheels allows for smoother mowing without damaging your lawn
 - Heavy-duty box frame provides strength and durability for longer life
- 13A6672G129 (483568)



\$1499

20 HP 46" Lawn Tractor

- Briggs & Stratton twin V/C engine provides quieter, cooler performance
 - Automatic transmission with pedal control automotive-like speed control with an infinite range of speed
 - Heavy-duty, fully welded, step-thru frame provides strength, for long life and durability
 - Twin blade cutting deck with anti-scalp deck wheels allows for smoother mowing without damaging your lawn
- 13A1608H129 (719399)

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Lawn Tractors

Scotts

Soft Touch™ hand-controlled automatic transmission

Manufactured by John Deere



Powered by KOHLER® Command™ overhead valve engine with cast-iron sleeve

Cast-iron front axle with greasable, metal center-pivot bearings

\$1798

ONLY
\$45
PER MONTH*

16HP 42" Lawn Tractor

• Double-plated, rust-resistant zinc-dichromate on all exposed metal parts
BG10229 (307605)

Cast Iron Front Axle

Heavy-duty (12-gauge steel) 42-inch mower deck

Deck easily converts from mulching to bagging to side discharge modes (bagger sold separately)



\$197

SINCE 1839
BRINLY-HARDY CO.

Broadcast Spreader

- 3.5 cu. ft., 175 lb. capacity heavy poly hopper
- Up to 12' spread width
- Calibrated stainless steel gate with adjustable opening
- Directional control with AutoStop™ feature
- Fully enclosed, self-lubricating gears
- Hitch pin included

BST350-BH (150997)



ONLY
\$55
PER MONTH*

\$2198

20HP 46" Intek Automatic DR Rider

- 20 V-Twin Intek engine with electronic ignition, 90-degree V-Configuration, cast-iron sleeve, overhead valve design, dual barrel carburetor
- No tools conversion for side discharge or rear bagging (bagger sold separately)
- Cast-iron front axle, high-back seat and running headlights
- R/O (reverse implement option)

BG10171/S2046 (309315)

ONLY
\$85
PER MONTH*

\$3399

23HP 48" Yard Tractor

- Two pedal, automatic Tuff Torq transmission
- Cast iron front axle
- Powered by 23-HP Kohler Command™ V-Twin overhead valve (OHV) engine with cast-iron cylinder sleeves, spin-on oil filter, and full-pressure lubrication
- Premium 2-pedal automatic transmission foot control
- Heavy-duty (11-gauge steel), 48-inch, mulch-capable mower deck (mulching kit and Power Flow™ bagger sold separately)

BM20506 (756050)

ONLY
\$100
PER MONTH*

\$3998

25HP 54" Scotts® Garden Tractor

- KOHLER Command™ V-Twin overhead valve engine with nickel-silicon sleeves
- Premium 2-pedal automatic Tuff Torq transmission
- Side discharge (Mulch kit and Power Flow™ bagger sold separately)
- Cast-iron front axle with greasable, metal center-pivot bearings
- Double-plated, rust-resistant zinc-dichromate on all exposed metal parts
- 7-position rotary dial cutting height adjustment
- Tight 20° turning radius
- Optional sleeve hitch

BM19909 (309672)

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Trimmers

Optional Quik-Tatch™ Tools



Quik-Tatch™ Trimmer
(811169) \$54.00



Quik-Tatch™ Blower
UT15519 (811168) ... \$54.00



Quik-Tatch™ Edger
(811166) \$64.00

JOHN DEERE

Quik-Fire™ starting—just prime, push and pull

\$189

John Deere BC1600 Brushcutter/Trimmer

- 1 HP Engine with dual piston rings
- Quik-Tatch™ system

UT15198 (811044)

JOHN DEERE

\$169

S1400 Straight Gas Trimmer

- 1 HP Engine with dual piston rings
- Quik-Fire™ starting—just prime, push, and pull
- 18" cutting width
- Quik-Tatch™ system allows you to easily convert trimmer
- Padded ergonomic handles (811121)

JOHN DEERE

\$149

1 HP Curved/Split C1200

- Long-life 1 HP engine with dual piston rings
- Quik-Fire™ starting
- Extra long shaft for more comfort
- Rubber padded assist handle (811108)

Quik-Fire™ Starting

Prime Push Pull



Don't settle for status quo service, expect more! We make every effort to hire experienced professionals. So when you come looking for project advice, you'll be talking to someone who can help make your project a success.

Homelite
A Subsidiary of Deere & Company

\$119

18" 25cc Easy Reach™ Straight Shaft Gas Trimmer

- Zip Start™. Easiest to Pull
- Quickest to Start™
- Straight shaft for extended reach
- PowerStroke™ Engine maximizes performance and durability

UT20704 (440449)

Homelite
A Subsidiary of Deere & Company

\$109

Versa Tool™ Attachment Capable Gas Trimmer

- ZipStart™ makes this one of the easiest starting gas trimmers available
- Easily convert trimmer with many optional Quik-Tatch™ tools. No tools required (811073)

Homelite
A Subsidiary of Deere & Company

\$89⁷⁴

17" 25cc Trim N' Edge™ Gas Trimmer/Edger

- Zip Start™. Easiest to pull, Quickest to Start™
- Adjustable depth edger guide for easy edging
- PowerStroke™ Engine maximizes performance and durability

UT20698 (440447)

Homelite
A Subsidiary of Deere & Company

\$74

17" 25cc TrimLite™

- 25cc curved shaft 17" cut swath
- Most horsepower in its class
- PowerStroke™ Engine maximizes performance and durability

UT20677 (380955)

Blower/Vacs and Trimmers

Homelite

\$109

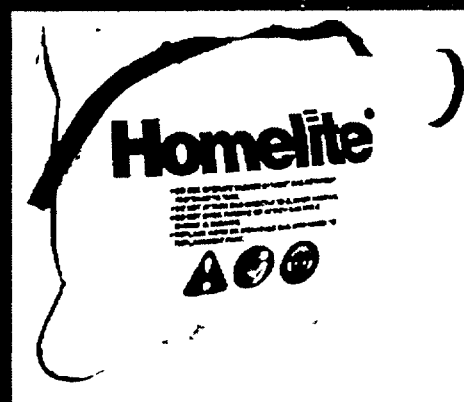
25cc Vac Attack™ Gas Blower

- 2-cycle air-cooled 25cc engine
- Blower easily converts to a powerful vacuum and mulcher
- Bag attachment included
- Large 22 oz. fuel capacity
- Maximum air velocity 160 mph
- Weighs just 10.9 lbs.
- ZipStart™ system

UT08052-A (627348)

**ZIP
START™**

Easier to Pull,
Quicker to Start™



BLACK&DECKER

\$29.47



16" Electric Hedge Trimmer

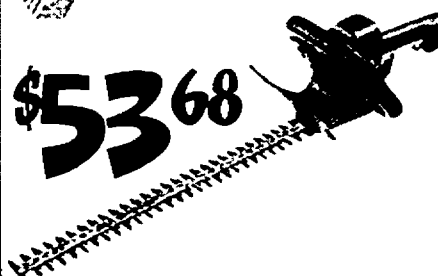
- Universal gear-driven motor delivers powerful, reliable performance
- Patented double-edged steel blade

t225 (863247)



BLACK&DECKER

\$53.68



22" Electric AutoStop™ Hedge Trimmer

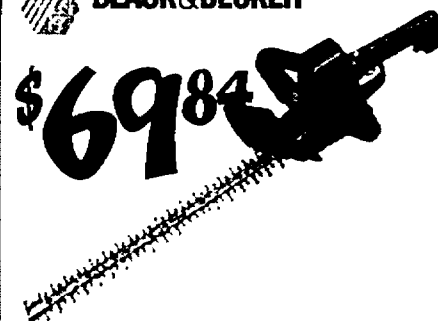
- 30 day no risk guarantee
- 2.6 AMP high performance motor

HT500 (591495)



BLACK&DECKER

\$69.84



22" Hedge Hog Trimmer

- Exclusive 3/4" blade design with sawing action cuts branches up to 3/4" diameter
- AutoStop™ blade system stops blade in under 1/2 second
- Weight reducing holes decrease vibration
- Lock-on/lock-off reduces fatigue while trimming and prevents accidental start-up
- Cord lock prevents accidental cord disconnection

HS1022 (198660)



ELECTRICORD
A EATON COMPANY

\$24.97

50' 12/3 Outdoor Power Center

- 12/3 Grounding
- Super flexible cord
- Extra heavy capacity
- Allows 3 grounding looks to connect to one outlet

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TORO

\$34.97

Electric Power Sweep Blower

- Exclusive extension cord lock holds cord firmly in place
- Generates powerful air force up to 140 mph
- Clear leaves and debris from sidewalks, decks and driveways

51586 (225618)



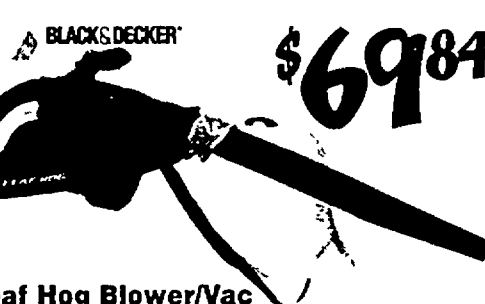
TORO

\$59.94

Super Blower Vac

- 215 MPH air force
- Three machines in one - powerful blower, high speed vacuum and leaf shredder
- Quick-release latch for easy, no tools conversion
- Two speeds for better control

(812790)



BLACK&DECKER

\$69.84

Leaf Hog Blower/Vac

- Vortex-Anti Clog Vacuum System
- Push button release easily switches blower to vacuum
- 200 MPH Maximum Air Speed
- Variable Speed Air Control

BV2500 (684118)



Homelite

\$79

25cc Yard Broom Gas Blower

- Quiet, only 69 decibels
- 2-cycle air-cooled engine
- 150 MPH maximum air velocity
- 350 cfm air movement

UT-08026-H (239220)



ECHO

\$149

21.2cc Gas Blower

- Dual-ring piston 21.2cc engine
- Stop switch and cruise control throttle on hand grip
- Lightweight

PB2100 (639468)



ECHO

\$199

21.2cc Shred And Vac

- Can be used as a hand-held shredder/vacuum or converts to a hand-held blower (pipes included)
- Fully adjustable throttle lock, cruise control feature
- Removes unsightly leaves, twigs, and other waste from lawns and gardens, reducing bulk by a ratio of 12:1
- Extra-large 2.0 bushel capacity bag with rear discharge design
- 35" intake tube for less strain on your back
- 21.2cc engine with Pro-Fire® Electronic Ignition and purge pump-equipped carburetor for fast, easy starts and steady power flow

ES2100 (639484)

Gas & Charcoal Grills

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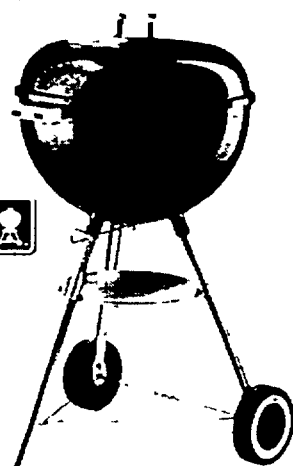


\$27⁷⁰

14.5" Smokey Joe

- 10-year limited warranty
- Porcelain-enameled bowl and lid
- Triple-nickel-plated cooking grate
- 10020 (682573)

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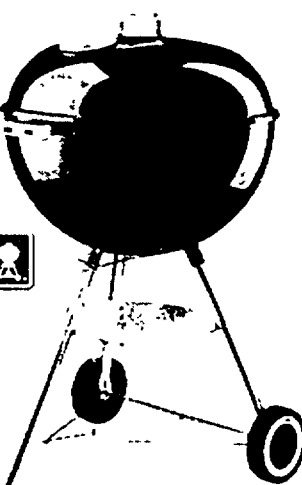


\$59⁷⁰

18.5" One-Touch Silver Grill

- 10-year limited warranty
- Porcelain-enameled bowl and lid
- Triple-nickel-plated cooking grate
- Aluminized steel One-Touch cleaning system
- 441001 (682575)

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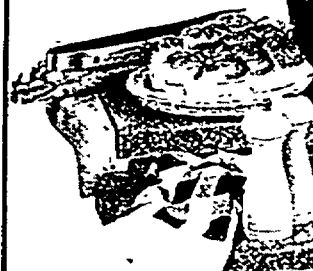


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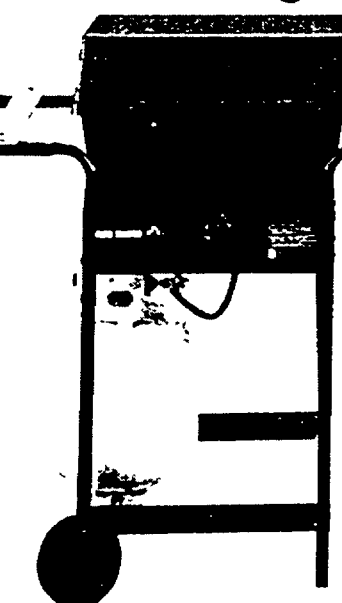
- 36,000 BTU per hour input
- Weber® Cooking System with porcelain-enameled Flavorizer® Bars
- 611 sq. inches of total cooking area
- Crossover® Ignition System
- Cast iron cooking grates
- 3 stainless steel burners
- 1 removable thermoset work surface and 1 swing-up thermoset work surface
- Granite-style thermoset work surfaces are weather and heat resistant and cleans up easily
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Genesis Silver "A" LP Gas Grill

2241411 (682587) **\$349.00**

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Sunbeam

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24,000 BTU Patio Master® Gas Grill 415 Series

- 225 sq. in. of primary cooking area
- Push button ignition
- Honey wood side tables
- Chrome cooking grids
- PG4150H (756562)

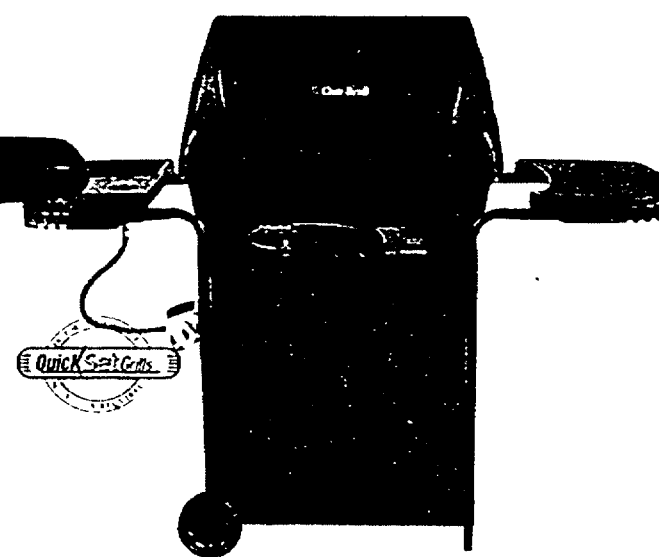


Char-Broil

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35,000 BTU 7000 Series Quickset Grill

- 340 sq. in. of primary cooking area
- Porcelain cooking grates
- Push button ignition
- Quickset grills come factory pre-assembled and require no tools, grills can be assembled in about 10 minutes
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Char-Broil

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40,000 BTU 8000 Series Quickset Grill

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- Swing away warming rack
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- Plastic side shelves
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Grills and Smokers



Coleman

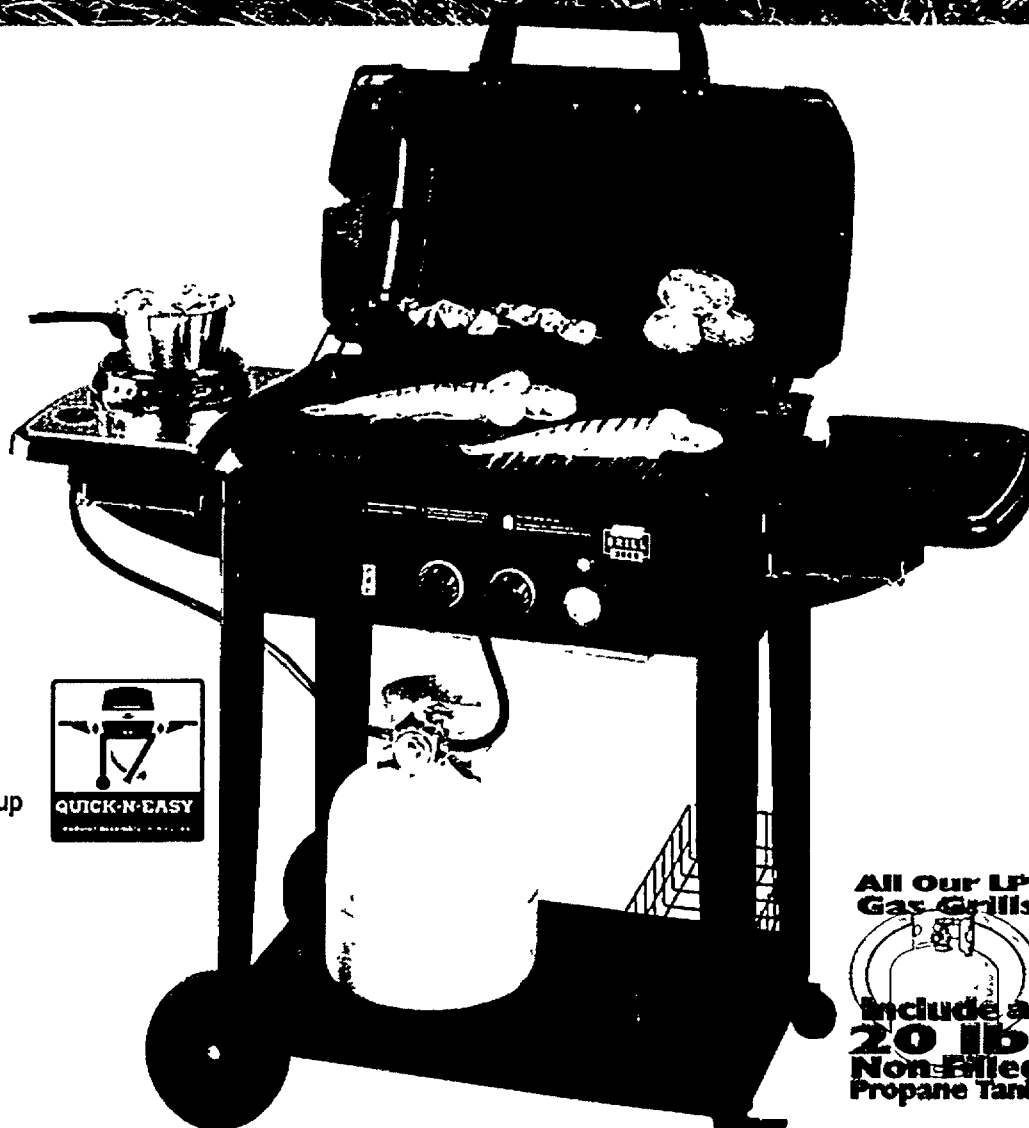
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40,000 BTU Coleman Gas Grill with Sideburner

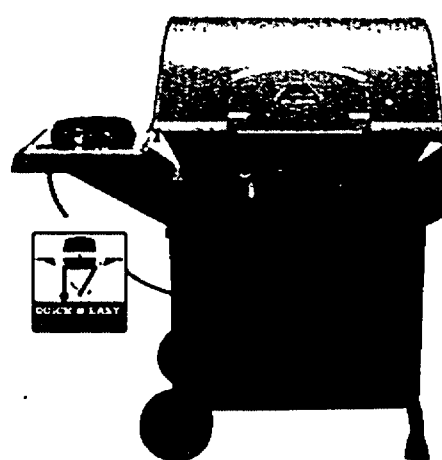
- 590 square inches of cooking area
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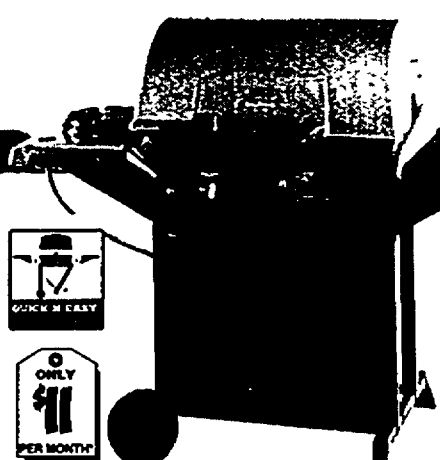


Sunbeam \$199

750 Series with Sideburner

- 40,000 BTUs for optimal heat output
- 884 sq. in. of total cooking area
- Black half barrel castings
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- Rotary ignition
- 13,000 BTU Turbo-Flame™ sideburner
- Porcelain cooking grates

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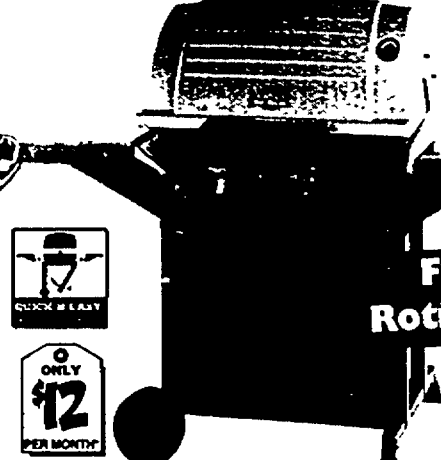
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Sunbeam \$259

760 Series with Sideburner

- 44,000 BTUs for optimal heat output
- 1000 sq. in. of total cooking area
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- Electronic ignition
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- Cast iron cooking grates

HG7621YPB (597838)



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- Robust stainless steel side table inserts

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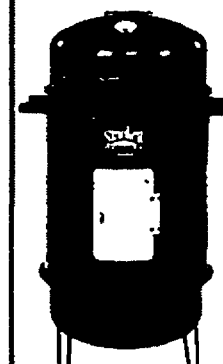
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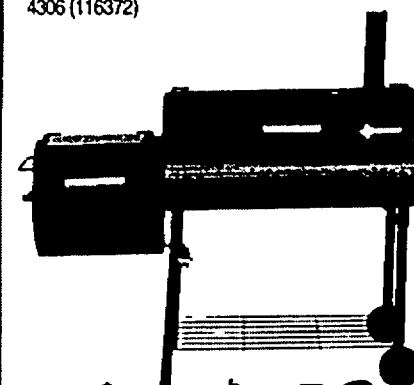
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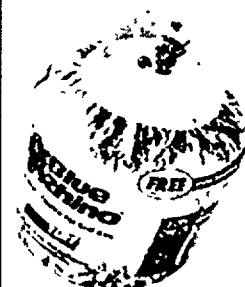
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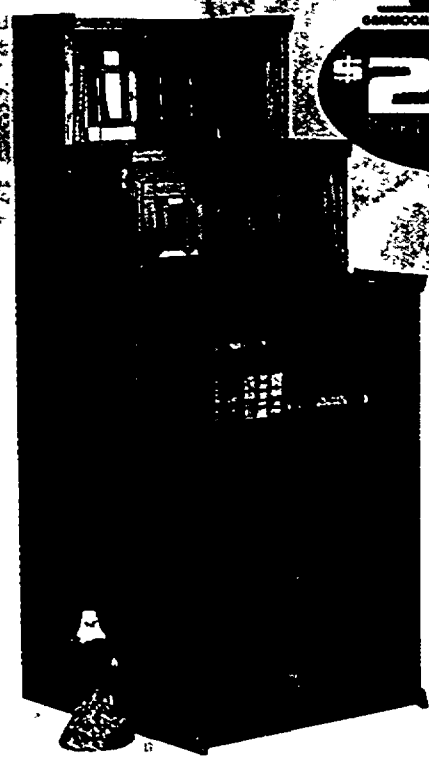


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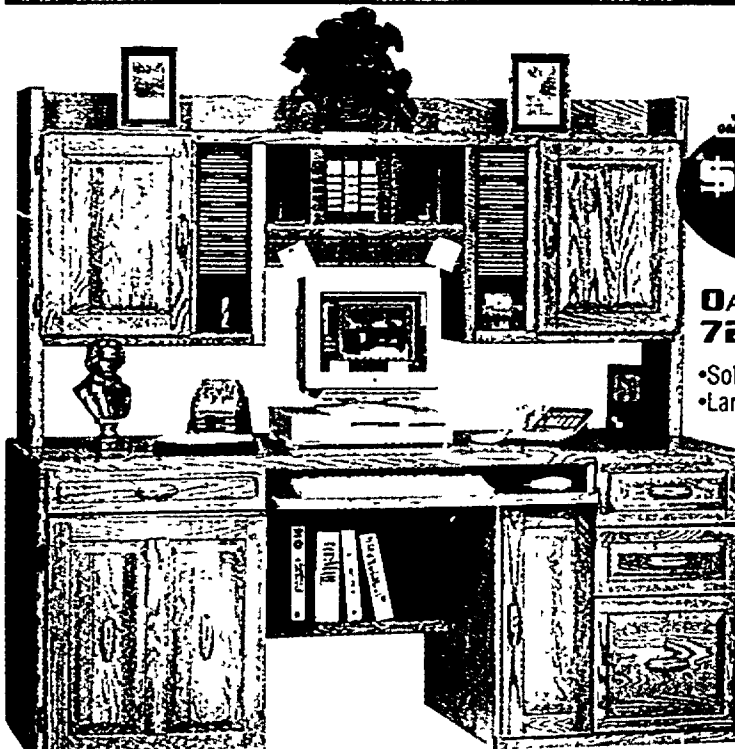


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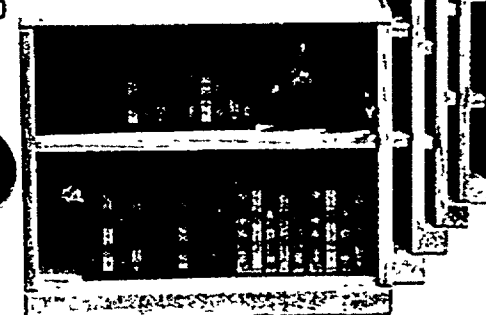
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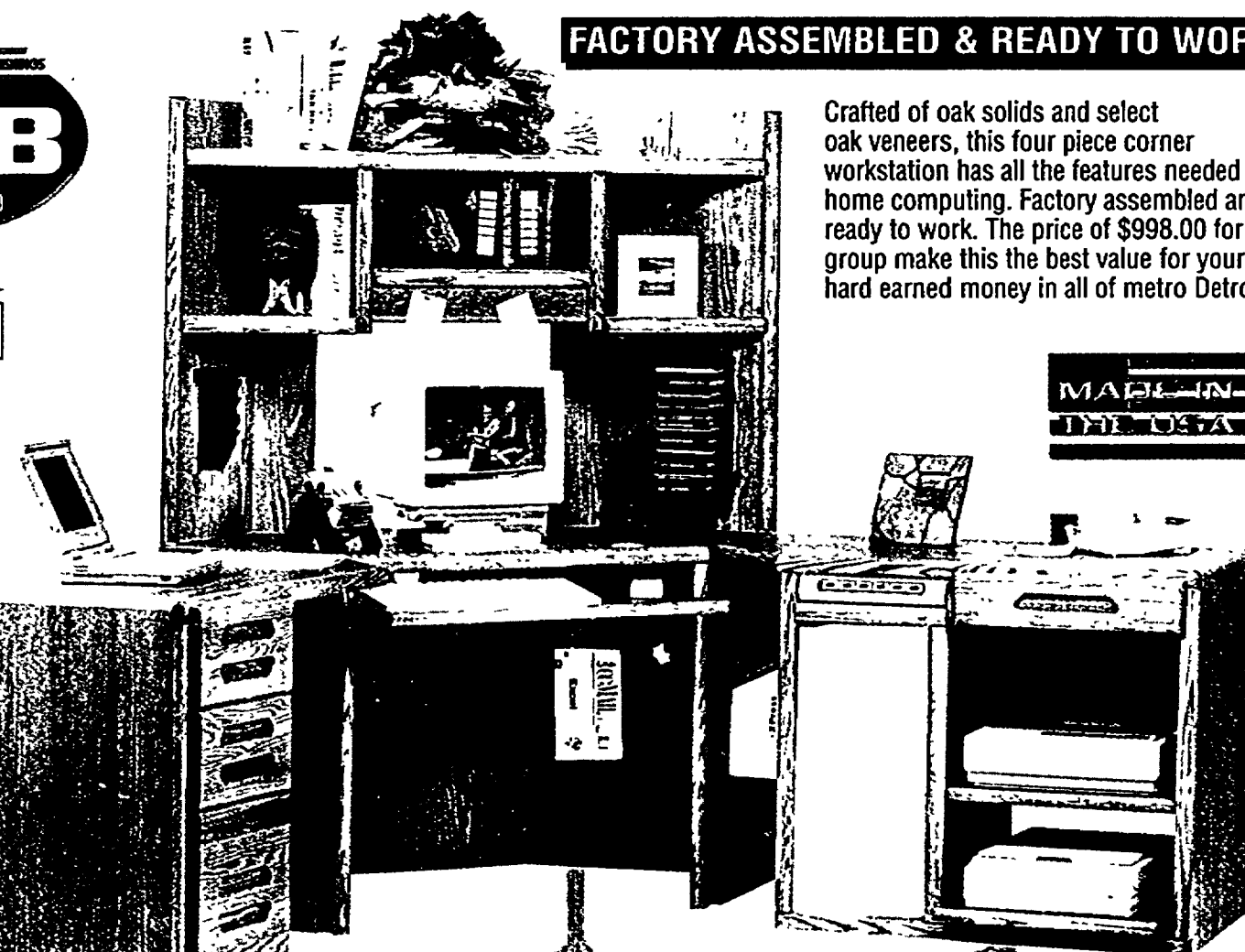
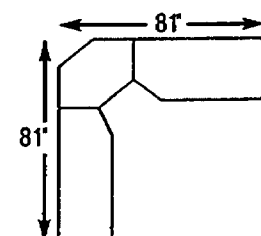
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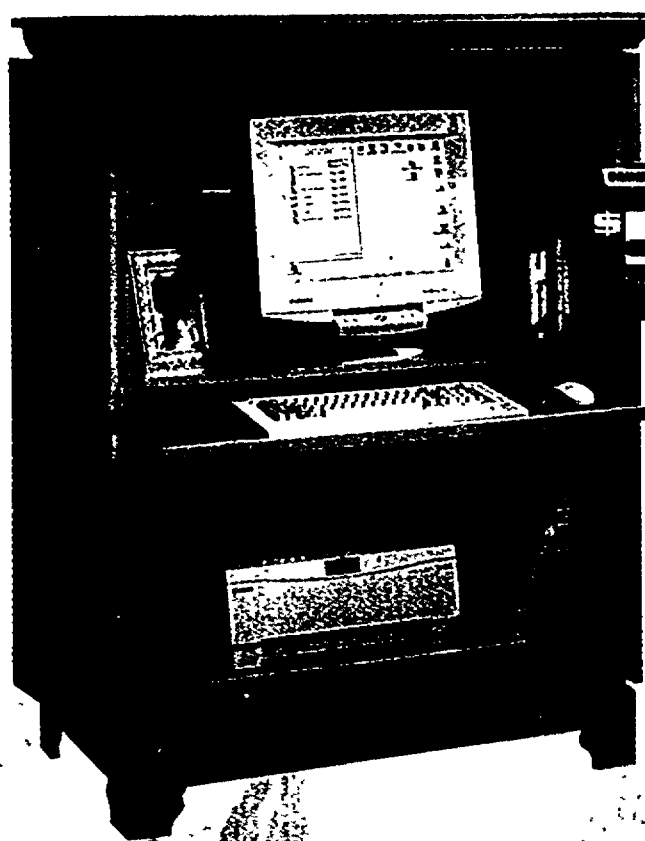
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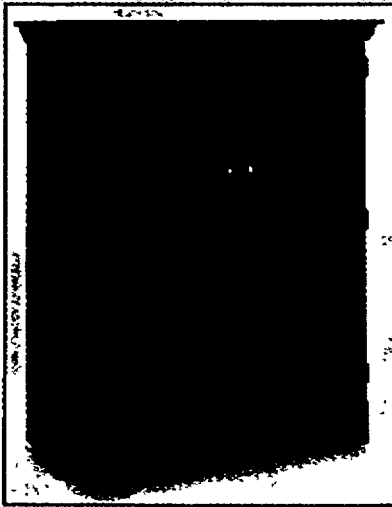
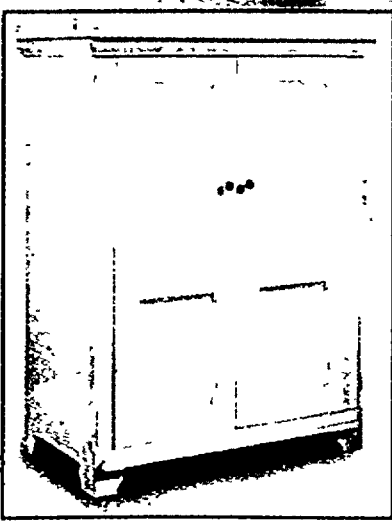
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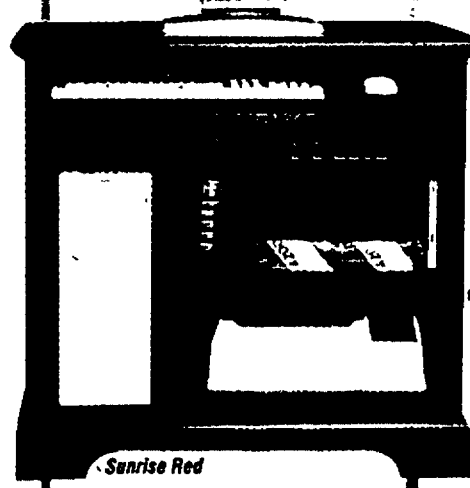
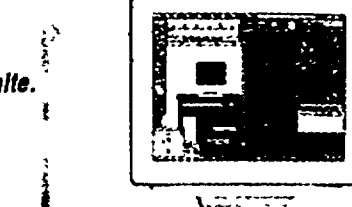
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MAY 11

LIVE IRISH MUSIC

Live Irish music with the Golden Griffin Stringet - 7 p.m.

MAY 26

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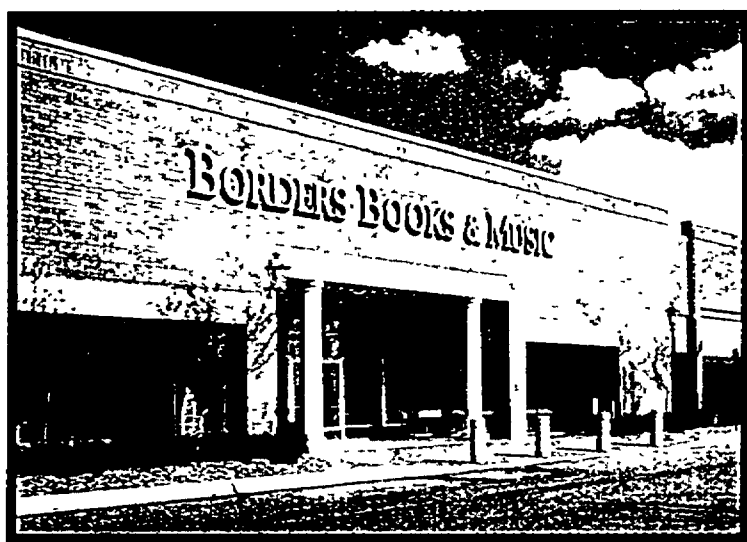
Live music performance with Susan Gilloway - 8 p.m.

These Gifts Are Rated "G" for Great!

Get a Jump on Your Shopping for Mother's Day and Father's Day at Novi Town Center

The fine merchants of Novi Town Center are stocked and ready with gifts any mom or dad would love. Here are a few suggested picks:

Linens 'n Things – With everything for home, garden, bath and kitchen from pillows to pruning shears, Linens 'n Things has the perfect gift. For mom's garden, surprise her with a Chippendale resin planter, tabletop gardening tray or garden caddy with tools. Dad will enjoy relaxing outside by a George Foreman patio grill, outdoor garden lantern or a folding armchair with cupholder.



Borders – Come to Borders for the most complete selection of books and music in Novi. The following books are on their "must have" list for mom and dad this year. "The Little Big Organizer for Moms" by Katrina Fried, "Chicken Soup for Mother's Soul" by Jack Canfield. "Lawns & Lawn Care" by Jane Coutier and "Father's Journal" by Linda Kranz. If mom and dad are music lovers, Borders suggests the following compact discs from its music selection: "Voice of an Angel" by Charlotte Church, "Day Without Rain" by Enya and "You're the One" by Paul Simon.



Boyne Country Sports – Golf is the name of the game at Boyne Country Sports this summer. Let mom hit longer than ever with clubs from Taylor Made's 300 series. She'll look good on the links in new Ashworth, Haley and Polo golf clothing. Dad will be speechless when you give him new Callaway Ere and VFT woods, Odyssey White Hot Putters or a lightweight bag for his golf clubs. Check out Boyne Country's full line of sports apparel and equipment.

Lane Bryant – Comfortable sleepwear for mom is what you'll find at Lane Bryant this Mother's Day. This popular women's clothing store for sizes 14 to 28 has a large selection of sleepwear in all styles and fabrics. Be sure and check out their selection of dress and sweater sets as well as coordinate pieces.

Running Fit – For parents who enjoy jogging or running, come to Running Fit for the latest running shoes, apparel and accessories. New to Running Fit are unisex sports watches from Oakley. Nike Dri-Fit t-shirts are ideal for runners and Running Fit carries both women's and men's styles. The Nike Shox R4 running shoe for men and women introduces Nike's new cushioning technology. Not sure what to get? Running Fit also offers gift certificates.

Repp Big & Tall – For the best-dressed dad in town, Repp carries the latest styles from the designer lines of Tommy Hilfiger, Polo and Nautica. On deck for summer from Tommy Hilfiger is an undyed carpenter jean and bright polo shirts in colors like yellow and red. From Polo and Nautica, the beach is the word with camp shirts and tropical prints as well as several styles of swim trunks. ■

Salöné Nadwa and Day Spa Expands to Meet Client Demand

If you build it, they will come." Salöné Nadwa and Day Spa, a long-standing merchant in the Novi Town Center, knows this expression rings true as it moves forward with expansion plans to meet client demand. Work began in March to add 1,200 square feet to the existing 5,000 square foot facility.



The new expansion will employ an additional twelve professionals including massage therapists, estheticians, and foot treatment specialists. The space will provide for additional massage, facial and foot treatment rooms, as well as an expansive women's changing room and women's lounge. Salöné Nadwa and Day Spa is also adding a new concept. The area will include a phone room where receptionists will handle incoming client calls, and book client appointments in the privacy of an enclosed room. Therefore, phone lines and all unnecessary noise will be eliminated from the front reception desk, creating a new dimension in the salon and spa business.

Michigan's largest full-service salon and day spa opened in November 1994 at its current location in the Novi Town Center, and Salöné Nadwa and Day Spa quickly emerged as a leader in the billion dollar health and wellness industry.

For more information about Salöné Nadwa and Day Spa, to schedule an appointment or request a brochure, call (248) 348-7316. ■

Portrait Perfection

One of Novi Town Center's newest merchants is in the business of helping create lasting family memories. Olan Mills Portrait Studio, a worldwide leader in portrait photography, moved to Novi Town Center in mid March from its former location in the Peachtree Plaza.



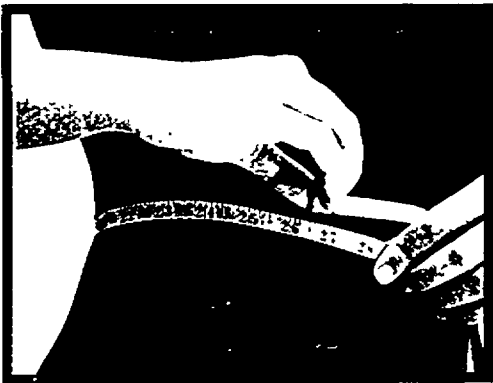
"As our business needs changed we needed more room to expand our photography capabilities," said Roger Hauser, Olan Mills District Manager. "With the updated, larger space in Novi Town Center we now do vintage photography with an old-fashioned look. We also do portfolio photography with longer sessions and several wardrobe and background changes. For example, this type of photography is ideal for high school senior and bridal portraits."

Being in the business of family and child photography, the professionals at Olan Mills know that portrait sessions can be filled with anxious and nerve-racking moments, especially for those with small children. The photographers at Olan Mills undergo a Certified Professional Photographers Program that stresses quality on every aspect of portrait photography from posing and composition to backgrounds, lighting and props.

Olan Mills Portrait Studio in Novi Town Center is open Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. and is closed Monday and Tuesday. To schedule an appointment, call (248) 348-5016. ■

Weight Loss with a Healthy Attitude

For many, losing weight can be a long and challenging road — one that often ends in disappointment. LA Weight Loss, another of Novi Town Center's newest tenants, is a weight-loss consultation clinic. The LA Weight Loss program is not a diet. It is a three-step process pioneered by weight loss and nutrition experts that emphasizes safe, healthy weight loss coupled with lifelong weight management.



"Our programs are frequently the answer to someone's prayer," says Holly Morgan, manager. "Often they have tried every diet out there and when they come to us they can't believe how easy our program is." Morgan explains the three-step process behind the LA Weight Loss program: **Lose the weight, not the lifestyle.** The client can eat "real" foods and still lose weight. No overly strict diet regimens of special foods, shakes or medications.

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Maintenance. Learn to use the tools for maintaining an optimum weight for a lifetime.

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Manager's Greeting

by Jim Clear

The weather is getting warmer, the flowers are beginning to show their colorful blooms and we at Novi Town Center are looking forward to a great summer season.

Welcome to our new merchants

We have several new faces in the Center – The Right Start and Pita Café joined us in late 2000 and we welcome them one and all. In addition, Edward Jones, LA Weight Loss and Olan Mills are our newest tenants and we are glad to add them to our merchant mix. We have profiled a couple of them in this newsletter. Novi Town Center continually strives to bring you the freshest mix of merchants to create the best, most unique shopping experience in southeast Michigan.

Renovation and Expansion Update

Salóné Nadwa and Day Spa is undergoing a 1,200 square foot expansion in order to meet client demand. This will allow them to add 12 professionals to their staff to accommodate a variety of massage, facial and foot treatments.

Finally, Novi Town Center 8 (Goodrich Quality Theaters) has completed its remodeling projects. Customers can now enjoy a new sound system, an inside ticket booth and newly remodeled lobby and snack area. Their popular "Kids Free Matinee" series will run through May 12 and 13. Kids can attend free matinee movies on Saturday and Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Novi Town Center Fountain

Novi Town Center's beautiful fountain located on the west side of the Center is fast becoming a backdrop for our

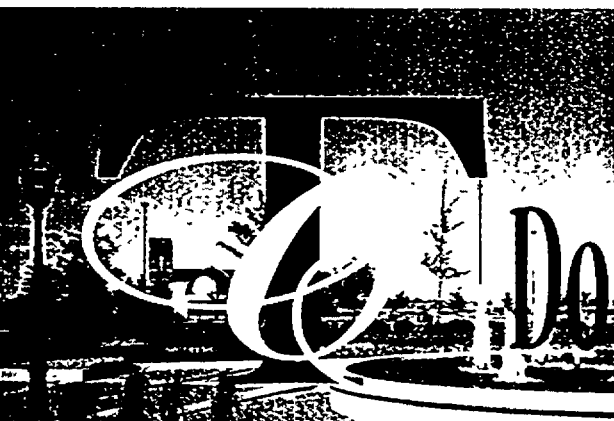


customers' photographs. We are happy to share our beautiful fountain with the community. If you plan to photograph a large group however, please call the Management Office at 248-347-3830 to let us know.

Upcoming Events

We will soon be preparing for some exciting summer events at Novi Town Center. The Music & Motor Fest comes to town July 25 through 29. We're also looking forward to the 6th Annual Howard Alan Art Fair and Novi Town Center Sidewalk Sale, August 4 and 5.

Until next time,
Jim Clear, The Linder Company
Novi Town Center General Manager



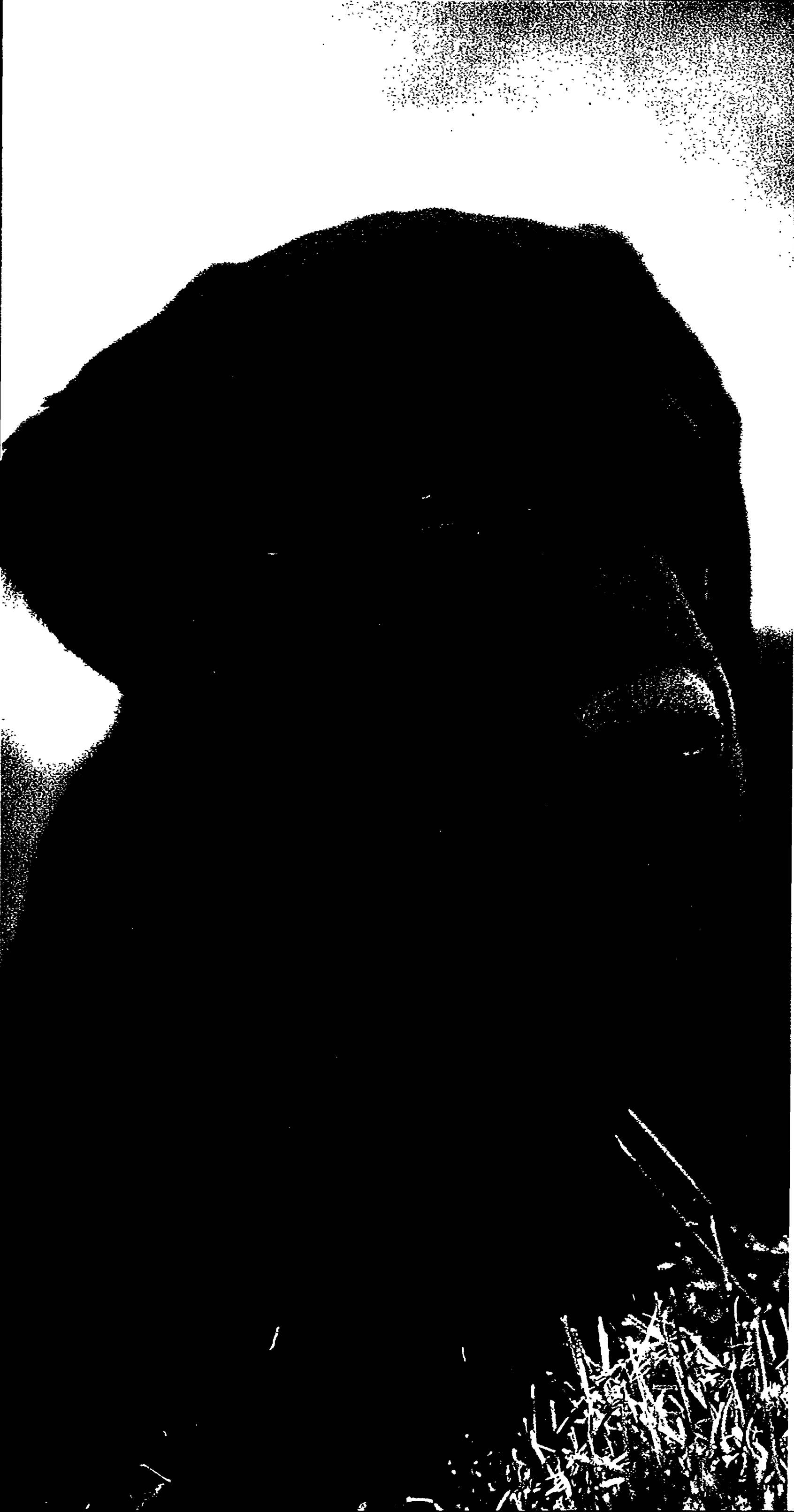
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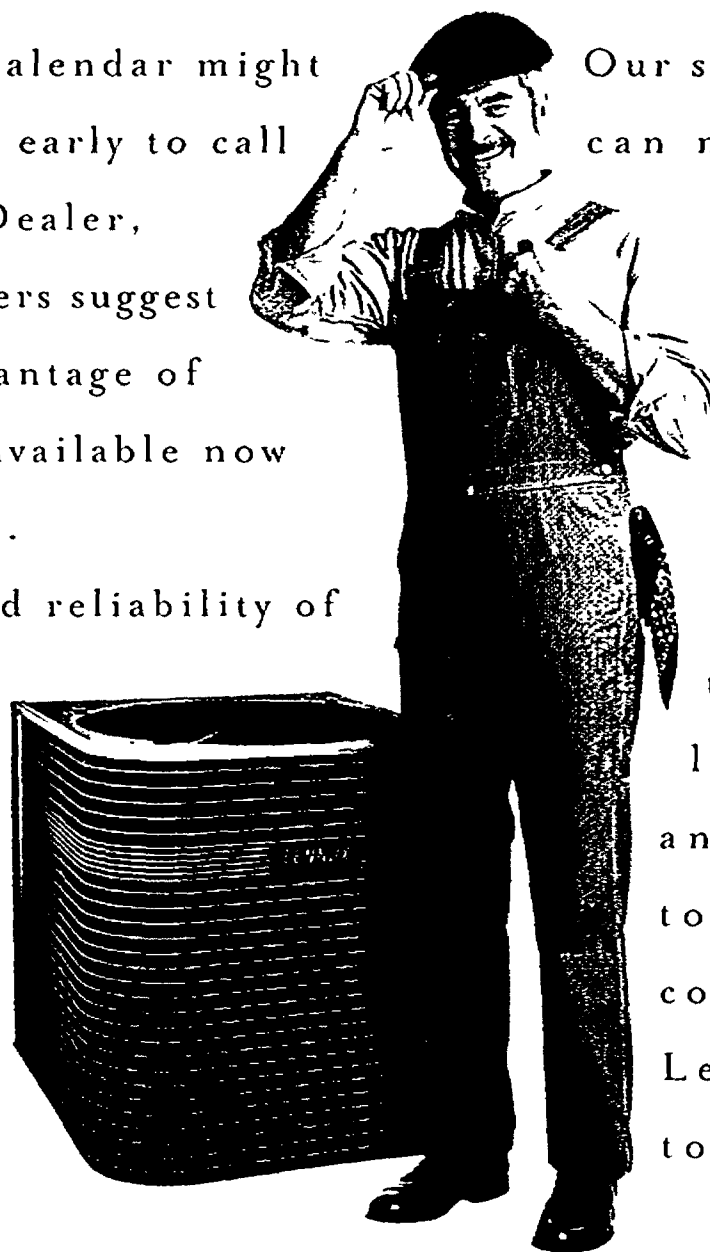
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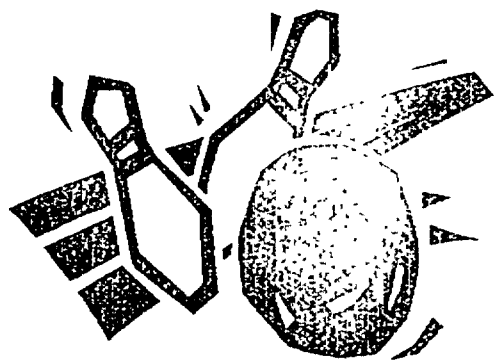
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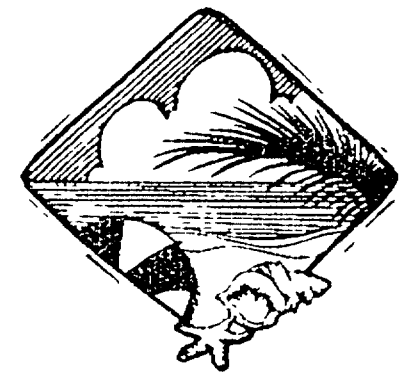
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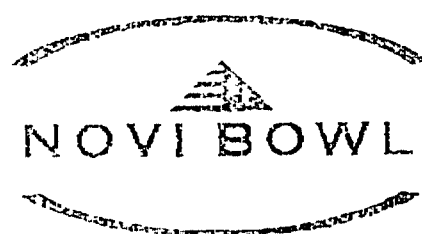
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THURSDAYS - 10 WEEKS

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THURSDAY ANY COMBO

THURSDAYS - 10 WEEKS

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BANQUET: 8/2/01 7 PM.

COST: \$10 WEEKLY - 4 PER TEAM

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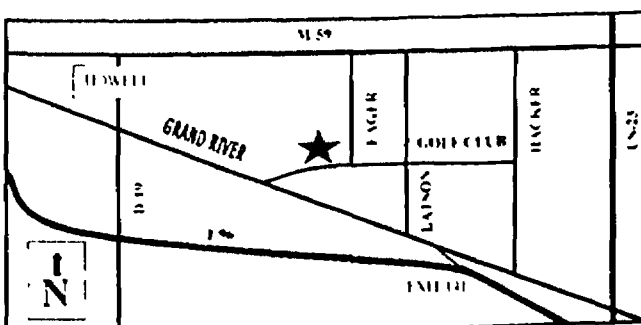


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One look at their floor plans and you know – Doyle Homes is different. Local names – The Petoskey, The Charlevoix, The Grand Traverse, and even a Michigan room – show this company's local focus and commitment. A focus that has earned this Livingston County company a reputation for quality and customer satisfaction.

A Lansing native, company president Jeff Doyle worked in both Florida and Maryland as a Division President for Texas-based Centex Homes, one of the nation's largest home builders. Four years ago he left that fast-paced life and formed Doyle Homes. Last year, Jeff's brother Bob joined the company. Today, Doyle Homes has the knowledge and experience of

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Their commitment to the customer gives Doyle Homes versatility and the ability to meet the needs of any customer. Doyle Homes will build from stock plans, modify an existing plan or build a home to customer specifications. "We're a full-service builder," said Doyle.

These details make the difference in quality home building and earned the company a "Best Home in its Class" distinction at the 1999 Livingston County Cavalcade of Homes.

This company's straightforward style has changed many people's perceptions of builders. Many homeowners have heard horror stories of drawn-out projects built over budget by other builders. Doyle's focus on the customer breaks down that barrier with a simple principle – trust.

"Most problems people have are created by lost trust," Doyle said. "Trust is earned by doing what you say you are going to do."

Doyle Homes' three-member staff communicates with the homeowner throughout the building process, eliminating miscommunication and confusion.

When you build with us, you actually talk with the owners of the company," said Doyle. "There are no layers of management to navigate in order to get your questions answered."

The company has created a unique proactive system to maintain the trust after customers move into their new home. Rather than having

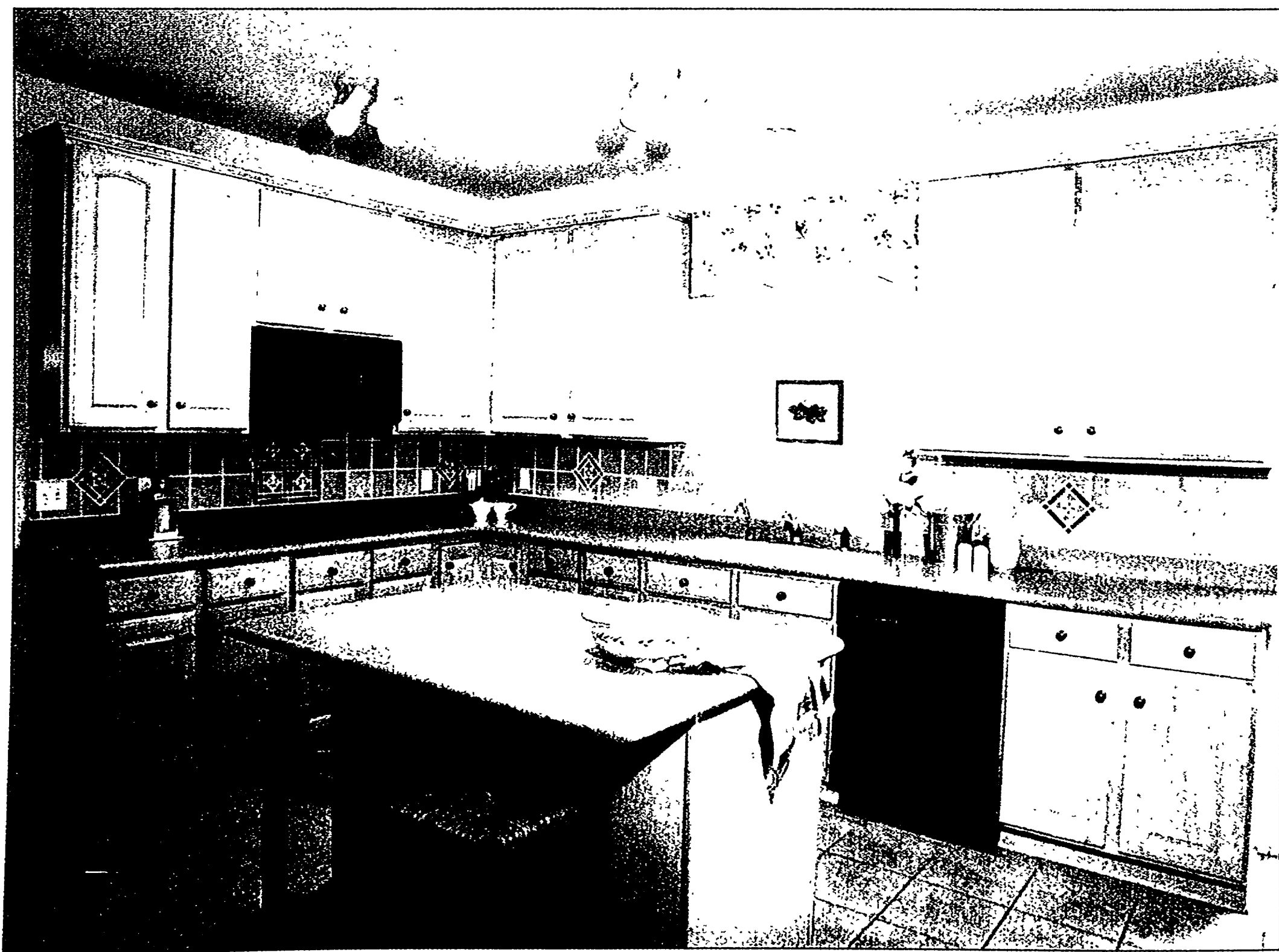


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to hunt your builder down to get warranty service completed, Doyle Homes schedules a three-month post-closing appointment to review maintenance procedures and make any

adjustments necessary to the new home.

"It's reassuring to know (Jeff) will continue to communicate with us during our first year to address any of our concerns," said Karen and



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Ken Poprave, owners of a new Doyle-built home in Pinckney.

The same procedure is done at the one-year anniversary of home ownership as well. "Follow-up is the key. Attention to detail earns the customer's trust and keeps it. There is no better advertising than word of mouth. It's priceless and I treat it as such," Doyle said.

Obviously, Doyle Homes' customers agree. "We feel very fortunate to have found a knowledgeable, ethical builder who clearly takes pride in building a quality home," said



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Brighton residents Susan and Kurt Krinke and owners of a Doyle-built home.

Their commitment reaches beyond the home and into the community. Civically minded, Doyle Homes is an active member of the Livingston County Home Builder Association, the Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce and a financial

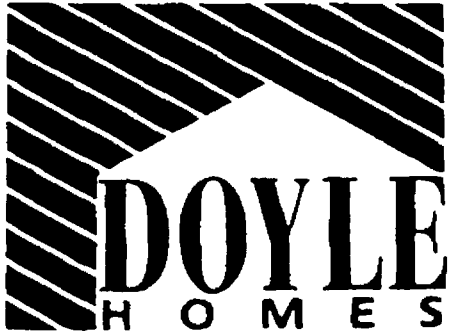
supporter of the local Habitat for Humanity. Doyle believes that building homes means helping to build a community.

"Everyday you plant a seed," said Doyle. "The benefits come in the long term."

The company builds around eight homes each year, most around 3,000 square feet and starting in the \$300s. However, the company has built homes costing as low as \$160,000 to as high as \$500,000.

Currently Doyle Homes is building in several Brighton area neighborhoods, including: Arbor Meadows (starting from the low \$300s), Winans Woods (wooded half-acre lots starting from the \$400s), and Caroga Forest (with homes starting from the mid-\$300s).

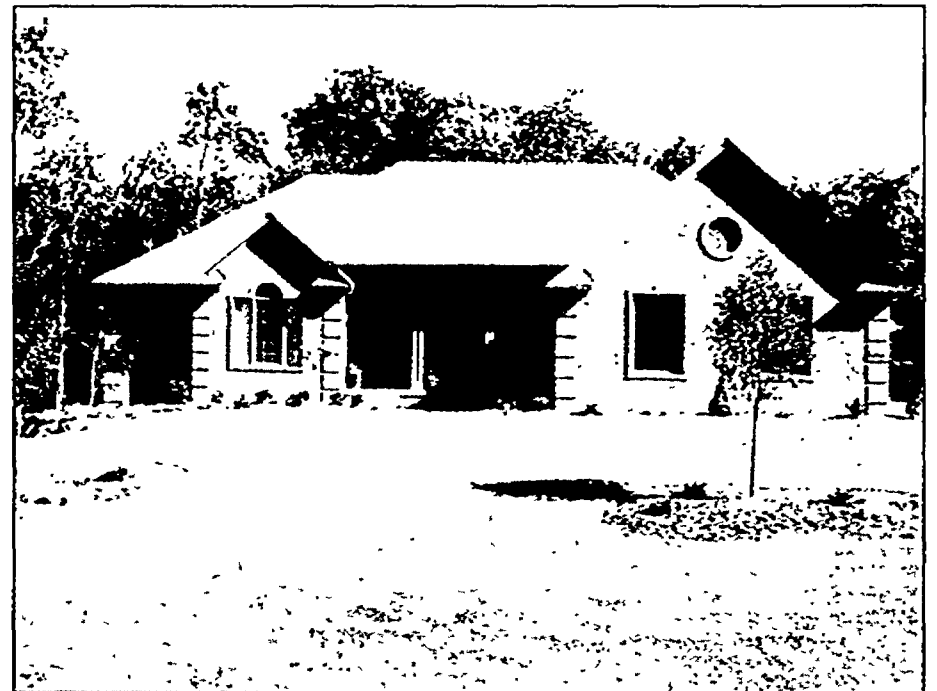
Doyle plans to grow the company, hoping to one day build 100 to 200 homes each year. But that change will only come when he can guarantee himself and his customers the same top-notch quality and attention the company provides now. Said Doyle, "The challenge would be to provide the same customer service." ■



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Awash in tranquility: *Bringing peace to your landscape with water gardens*



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By Jeremy Hull

When it comes to making your landscape a peaceful retreat, nothing says serenity like a water garden. In addition to providing a relaxing destination where the allure of running water intermingles with nature, water gardens are a manmade endeavor that can be enjoyed for many years.

Careful planning, careful placement

One of the most important aspects in planning a water garden is proper location. Find a high area of the property to reduce the chance of overflow after a heavy rain. Having a garden close to your home has many advantages, including a shorter distance needed to bring electricity from the home if you will use a pump. If your garden includes fish in more

than three feet of water, Marie Muehlenbein, owner of Global Gardens, Inc. in Northville, says you'll want it near the house for easy supervision (to protect children drawn to it and to shoo hungry wildlife away).

Because homeowners are drawn to the soothing sound and visual qualities of a water garden, Muehlenbein recommends placing it where it can be experienced without a hike through the yard.

"You're spending a lot of money on it, so why put it where you can't see it?" she says. "I would prefer to see it from the house or the patio, which is usually adjacent to the house."

Before putting shovel to ground, Cheryl Stasak, owner of Horticultural Services and Consulting in Canton, says

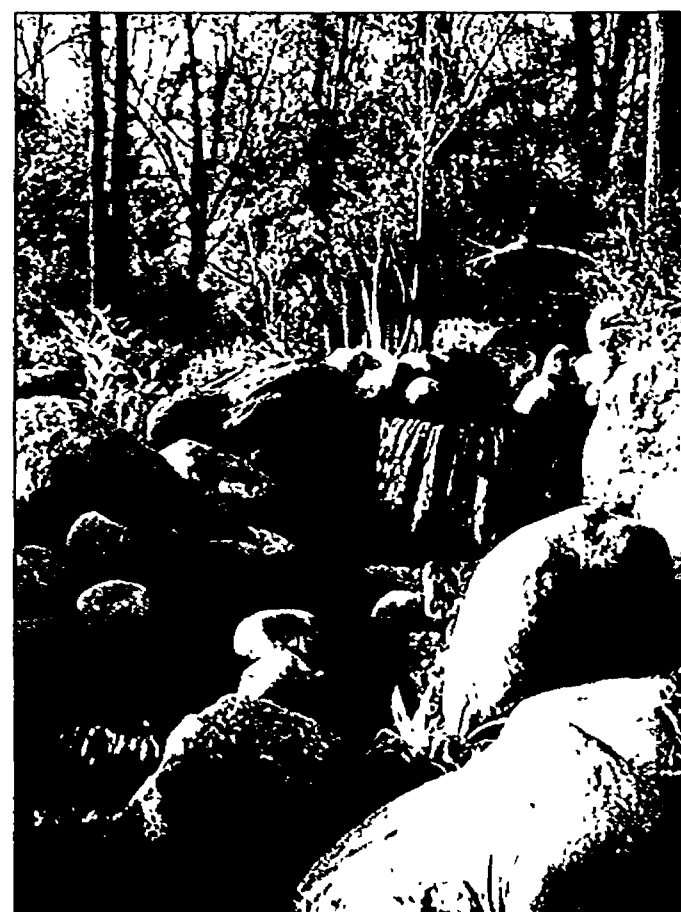


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to think about the kinds of plants you want, and the yard you have. Is your water garden going to be in the shade or sun, and what trees will be overhead?

She says, "If I'm not careful with placement, I end up with tree litter in the pond."



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Creating a natural setting

Designing the actual foundation of a water garden can take a few steps or many, depending on how creative the homeowner wants to be. Pre-formed plastic liners, complete with built-in shelves that support aquatic plants, have increased the popularity of water gardens over the past five years. Do-it-yourselfers with a specific design in mind do their own sculpting of the dirt

base and cover it with a flexible, rubber liner that conforms to the ridges. Although a pre-formed liner is much easier to install, Stasak says that part of the fun comes from shaping your own pond and using a flexible liner.

"When you have a flexible liner, you can create more narrow and wider areas, and you have control over all of that," she says. "You can form it into whatever shape you like."

Since the goal of a water garden is to recreate a natural setting, it is important to reduce as much visible manmade material as possible. Once either the preformed or flexible liner is in, the lip extends slightly over the sides of the pond. To hide that, most landscaping designers line the pond with rocks, which Mark Wilkop, owner of C.G. Wilkop Garden Center in Troy, says help to give it a more natural setting and also



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increases the longevity of the pond.

"[The pond] could last 40 years without a problem, as long as it's covered with the stone," he says.

Keep it clean with filters

Installing a filter in a water garden will not only keep it debris-free, but will also prevent it from becoming stagnant. And most require only the smallest amount of maintenance. Wilkop says that all it takes is a garden hose and 15 minutes a month to clean a filter.

For a more advanced approach to keeping a water garden clean, Aquascape, an Illinois-based water garden supply and design company, devised a filtration system that combines both a skimmer and filter to keep everything looking good. "It's just like a swimming pool system," explains Wilkop. "It has a skimmer and a filtration system that keeps it fairly clean," he says. "The filter is a basic Styrofoam filter that you clean with a hose."

In water gardens that display winding waterfalls and spraying fountains, there is always a pump hidden somewhere in there that is helping to move the water. A pump's size will depend on how far the water is going to travel, whether it is going over stones or just up in the air. Even if it does nothing but sit there, Muehlenbein still recommends using a pump.

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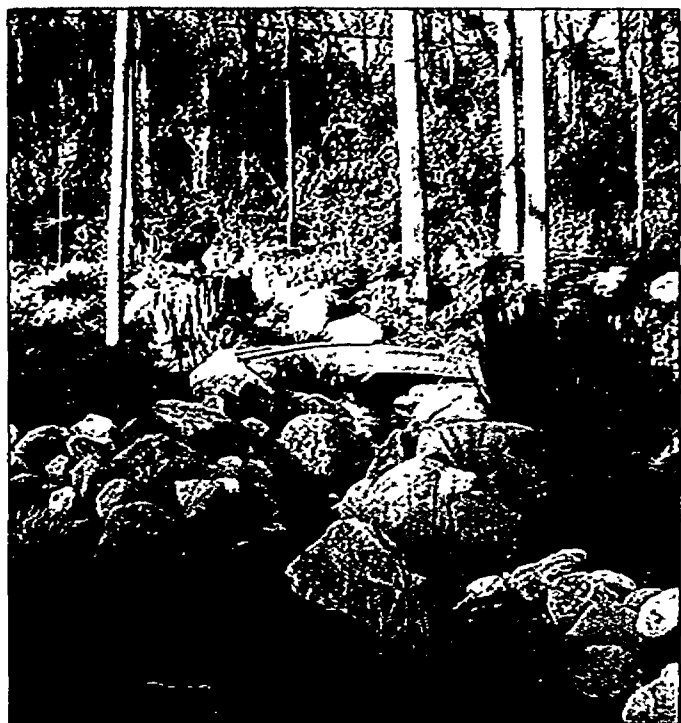
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"Because it would still need circulation in there, just to stir [the water]," she says.

Fishing for plants

According to Stasak, there are literally hundreds of plants available for use in and around a water garden. They range from the actual aquatic plants, such as the water lily, to wetland plants that can

live submerged in water, but at times require a dry period. And trees such as the dogwood and the willow, which are known as marginal, live on the very edge of the water garden. Stasak says that knowing the sun and shade requirements of the plant is also important when deciding on what to include.

Introducing fish to a water garden will not only add beauty and life, but will also help keep water clean and virtually insect free. One of the most popular types of fish stocked in water gardens is a species of carp known as koi, a hardy fish bred for its attractive coloring and ability to keep the water clean by feeding off of the garden's refuse. Trout, bait minnows, trophy bass, and even African cichlids are all suitable as livestock in water gardens.

Once a water garden is created, it becomes a natural gathering area for a variety of wildlife. Ducks, frogs, turtles, and snails will all eventually find the water source and make a home out of it.



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Stasak says this is what makes a water garden so interesting.

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(NAPSA)-Gardening is a pleasure, but until you know what to do and how to do it, gardening can also be a challenge. Luckily, a new book, *Creating Good Gardens* (Creative Homeowner \$20.00) has come out with some great advice.

In easy-to-understand language, lush photographs, and instructive drawings, this book clears up many of the mysteries new gardeners face. In it, you'll learn how to design beautiful gardens that suit your lifestyle and are also kind to the environment. Throughout, authors Roger Holmes and Eleanore Lewis make easy maintenance and time-saving techniques a priority. If you're just starting to garden or want to improve gardens you already have, this book is a must. The following excerpts illustrate how well this book gets you started.

Planning for success:

Few people would consider building a house without a blueprint or plan. It is important to apply this rule to your garden as well. The best way to succeed at designing your garden is to start small. The experience and knowledge that comes with each project will help in the next. Planning a garden that accentuates your property, addresses your family's needs, and is easy to maintain are important factors to consider. Coordinating plant's colors, textures, and blooming seasons requires experience and knowledge, not to mention more effort. Decide what's best for you early on. If you have a large family that uses the yard for fun and entertainment, keep your garden small, and isolated from access to entryways, storage areas, and play areas. And remember to coordinate your garden with any outdoor structures such as arbors, fences, and paths.

Tricks of the trade:

Although the urge to grow a variety of different plants is strong, in the end, your garden may turn out looking messy and out of control. When design-



ing your garden, think simplicity. One trick that professionals use is repetition. Repeating the same plant or color several places in the same bed helps tie everything together by giving context and order. It's also much more pleasing to the eye. Another trick for designing a memorable garden is to create a focal point – an element that quickly catches the viewer's eye, and draws them in. A focal point doesn't have to be huge and overbearing, but it has to be large enough to attract attention. Try a reflecting ball, or a structure such as a gazebo, wooden bench, or birdbath. Specimen trees, such as a weeping cherry or Japanese maple, work well also.

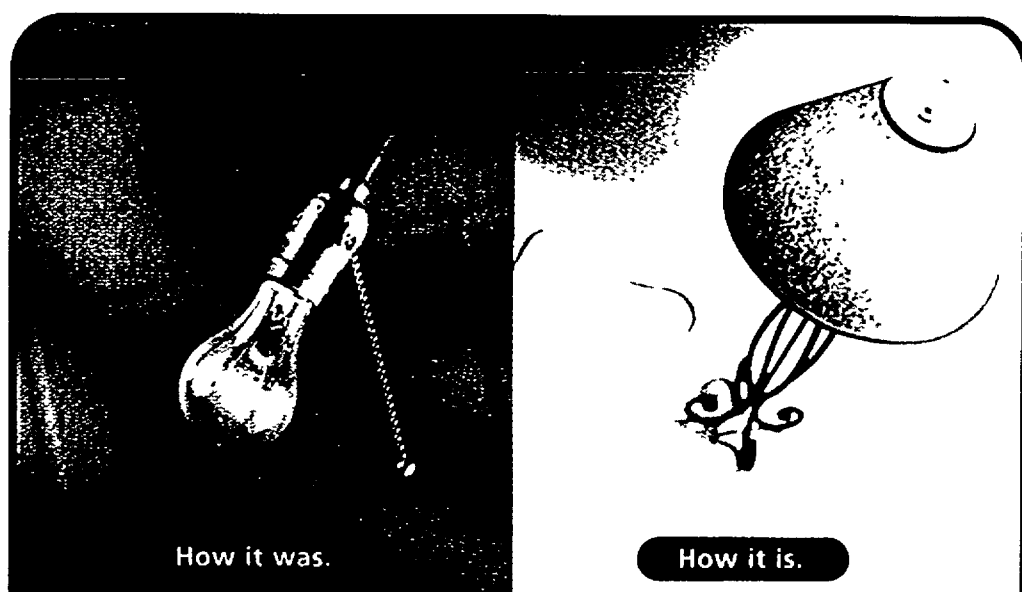
Buying Healthy Plants:

A well-designed garden starts with healthy plants. When shopping, look for a nursery or garden center that supplies quality plants and gardening supplies year round. Some suppliers also offer a replacement or credit if the plant dies within the first year, which is always a plus. Select plants that are native to your region and climate. Smaller plants that have not yet bloomed are more likely to perform better than those already in flower. As you select plants, remember to match their needs (sun requirements, soil preferences, and moisture/watering specifics) to the place where you are planting them. And always remember to group plants with similar needs in the same bed. It makes for much easier maintenance.

Overall Garden Care:

Gardens require routine maintenance to stay healthy. Mulch is a very important part of the equation. Mulch helps soil retain water, keeps roots from getting too hot or cold, holds weeds in check, and provides nutrients. Many loose, organic materials can be used such as mulch-chopped leaves, straw, grass clippings, newspaper, and shredded or chipped wood or bark. Layer the mulch no more than 3 inches deep, and leave a few inches around the stem of the plant clear to avoid rotting problems. Mulch helps the soil retain water, but it doesn't provide moisture. Plants need regular watering to stay healthy. To find out if a plant needs watering, check the soil. If the soil beneath the mulch feels dry, add water. When you water, water deeply, adequately soaking the soil. Wetting just the top of the soil encourages shallow root growth.

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- Chipotle liquid, plus 1 to 2 chopped chiles from 1 can (7 ounces) chiles in adobo*
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- Orange slices and cilantro sprigs optional garnish

Place racks of ribs in a roasting pan or pot, large enough to hold them. Add onion, garlic, salt and enough water to cover. Bring to a boil over medium-high

heat, then reduce heat to medium-low and simmer gently for about one hour until ribs are tender when pierced with a knife. Drain ribs well and set aside.

In a medium-size mixing bowl, combine Imported Gran Gala, ketchup, chipotle liquid and chopped chiles. Stir in lime juice.

Prepare a charcoal or gas grill for grilling. Brush ribs on both sides with the sauce and grill over a medium-hot fire for about 15 minutes. Turn and brush generously with sauce two to three times during grilling. Serve garnished with orange slices and cilantro. Makes four to six servings.

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Outside accents: *Brick, stone and concrete for your home's exterior*

By Marilyn Sambrano

The latest trend for home exteriors may call for a "distressed" look, but one needn't worry: yet another trend calls for durability – and the two may be achieved at the same time.

So says Dave Susalski, a landscape contractor at Dixie Cut Stone, located in Novi, who's been in the "outside" business for 25 years.

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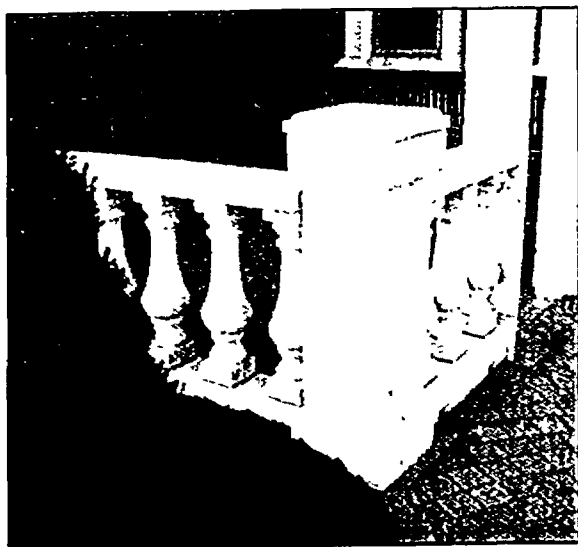
Trims for doors, patios, pools and more

Many new houses have large edifices with many windows and doors that call for trim work, according to Greg Schmidtke of Canton's Architectural Accents, Ltd, the Midwest distributor for the geologist and architect founded Concrete Designs.

"Homeowners now want a richer look that's relatively maintenance free," says Schmidtke. "Wood decks, for instance, require washing and resealing. But a patio made of 12x12- or 16x16-inch tiles is not only easier to take care of, but is also very decorative. We recommend using pre-cast concrete tiles instead of wood. And these tiles look great around pools, too.

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By Karin O'Callaghan
Home Decorating Expert

(NAPSA)-Selling your home can be an intimidating and expensive process. You want to get the best offer possible, but you don't want to spend a lot of money "face lifting" a home from which you are moving. Here are some inexpensive suggestions to make potential buyers fall in love with your home, without breaking your bank account.

Curb Appeal.

The first thing that buyers see is the outside of your home. Having a home that is attractive on the outside is every bit as important as a home that has a beautiful interior. An inexpensive way to keep your landscaping looking beautiful is to make sure the lawn is freshly mowed and the bushes neatly trimmed. A nice finishing touch is to plant some flowers near the entrance to your home or in pots to be placed by the door.

Paint.

Nothing freshens up a room like a coat of paint. It cleans up any imperfections or marks on the walls, and it leaves the room with a crisp new



look. It is a good idea to stick with neutral colors such as eggshell or beige so that potential buyers can easily picture adding their own furnishings to the room. Light colors such as these also reflect light well and do wonders to brighten up a room.

Maintenance.

Buyers notice whether a home appears to be well taken care of, and little maintenance problems in

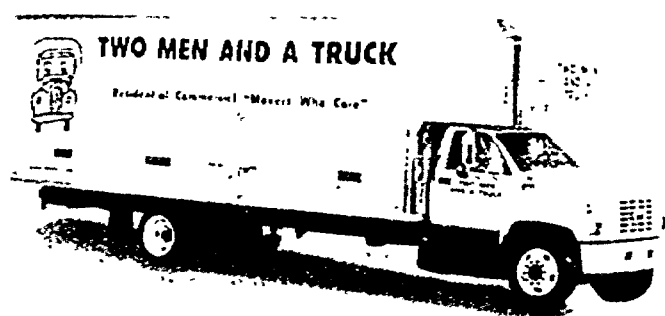
your home can be very noticeable. Before you show your home, go through it and fix the small problems. This includes cleaning out the furnace and filters, tightening doorknobs and latches, cleaning the grout between the kitchen or bathroom tiles and replacing any burned out light bulbs. These small repairs go a long way in making your home look well maintained.

Windows.

Window treatments create the mood of each room, and can create a richer, bigger and brighter appearance. A small investment in new window treatments can go a long way toward increasing the perceived value of your home. If potential buyers see new, custom made blinds and shades in the windows, they will know that they will have one less thing to worry about when they move in. Neutral colors or wood tones that match existing floors or cabinetry are the safest choice; these will work with any décor. Buyers can then add soft over-treatments to coordinate with their furniture and accessories.

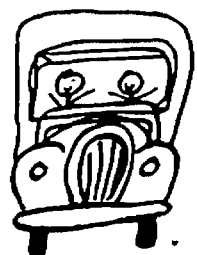
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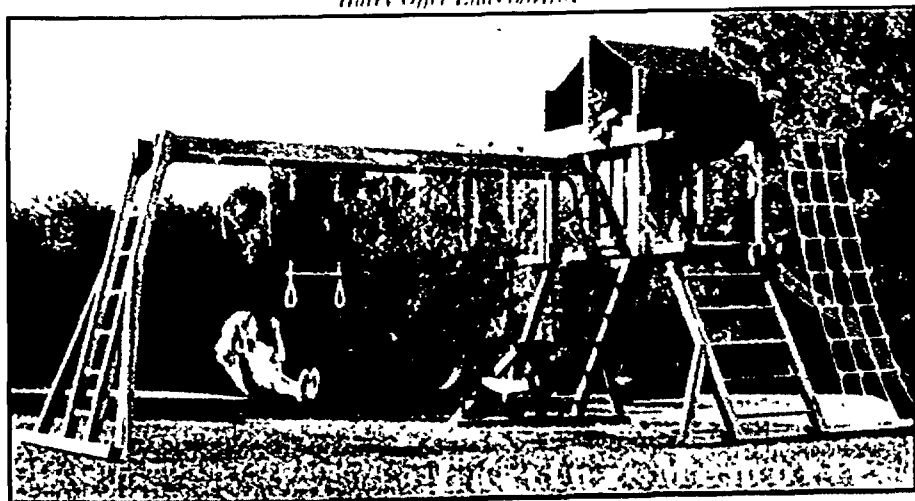
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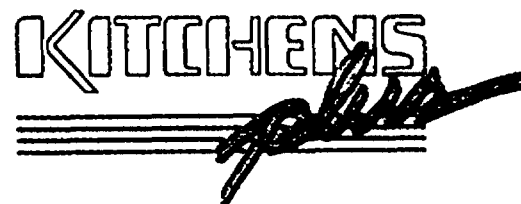
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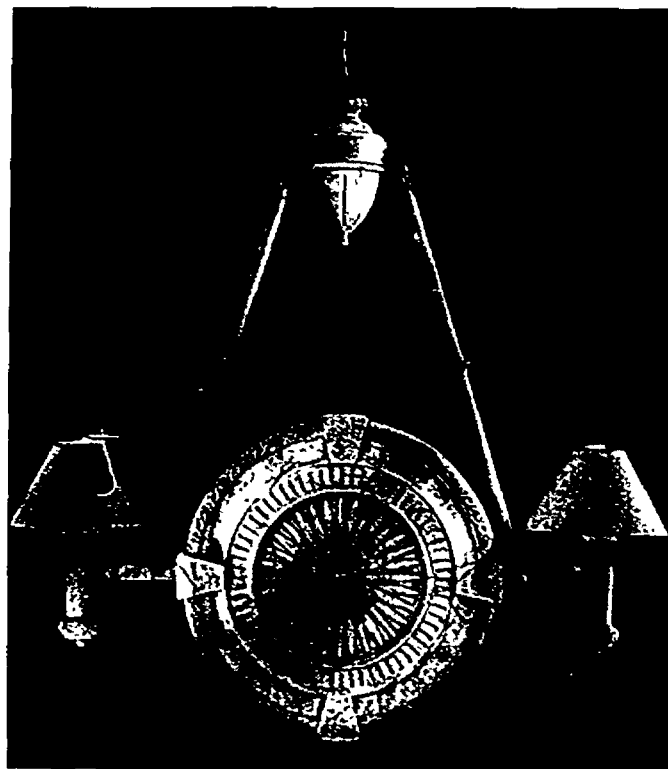
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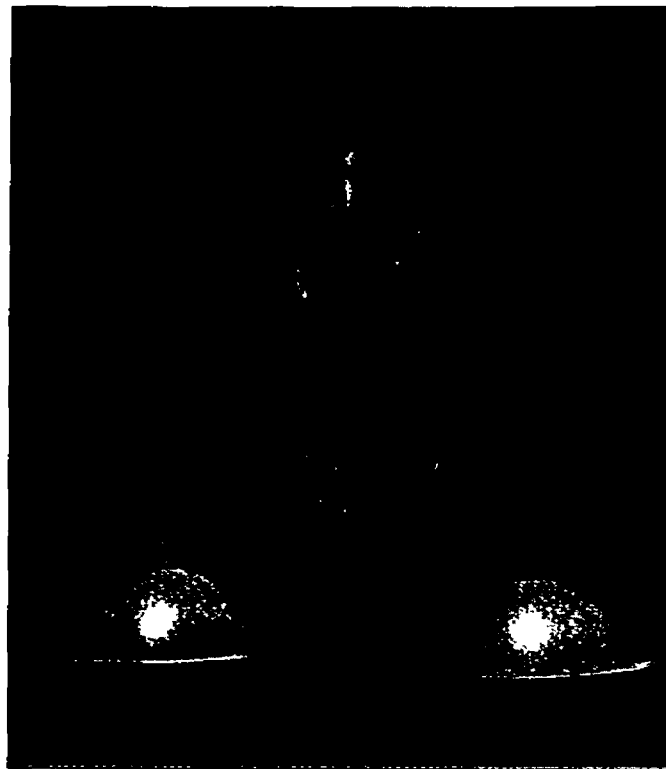
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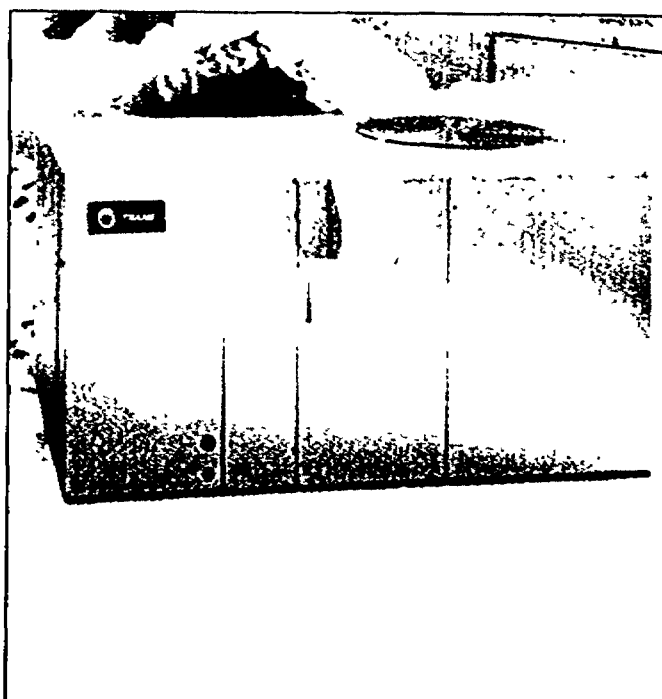
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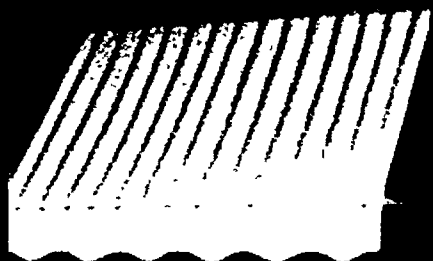
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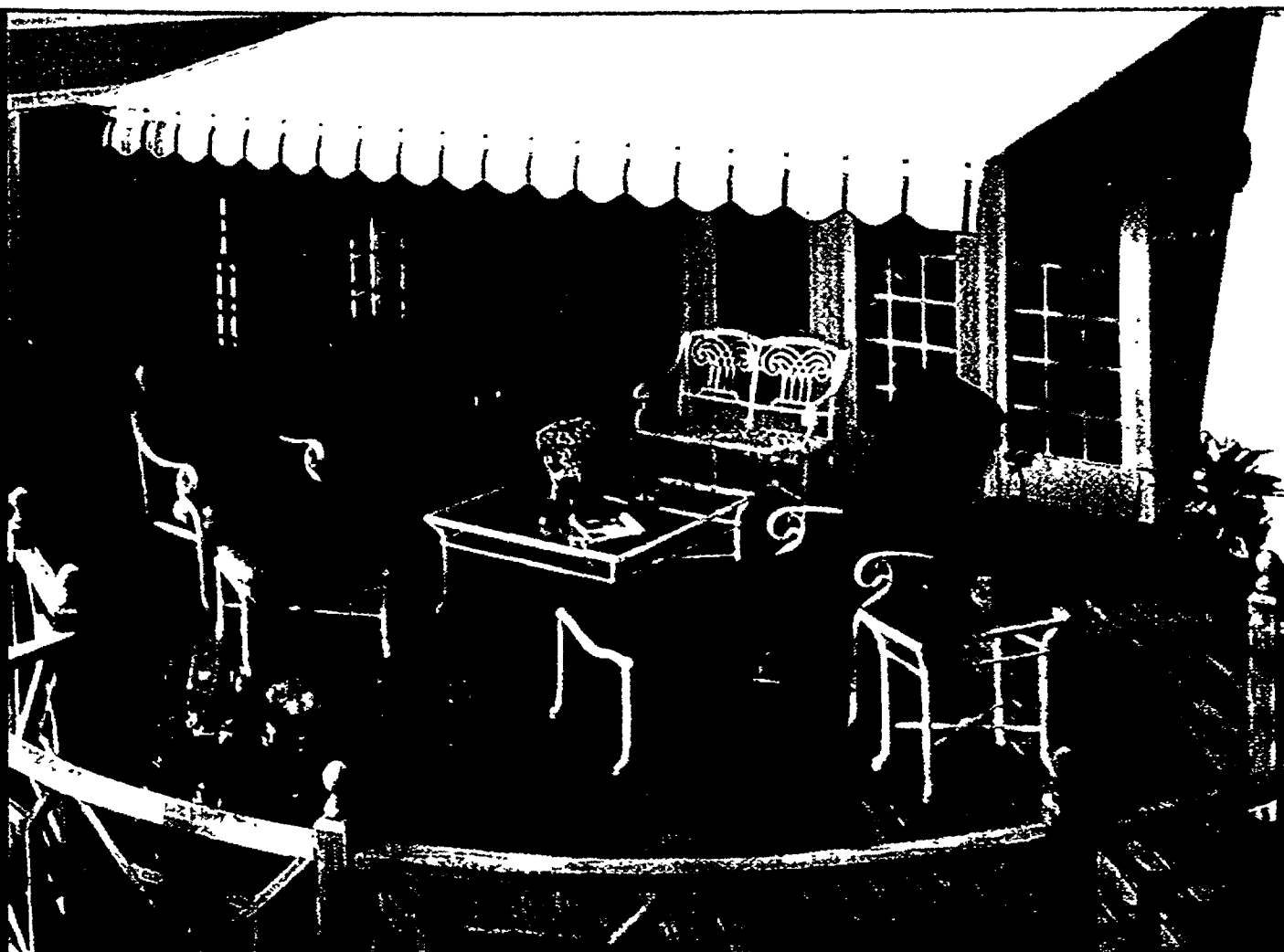
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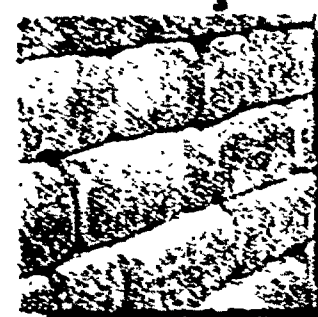
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