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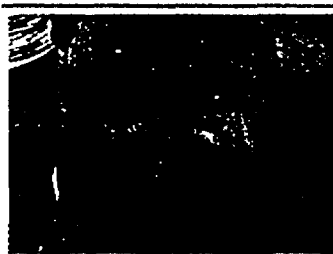
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A new home for township business?

Township considers renovating, consolidating government offices; costs being closely examined

By Pauline Campos
STAFF WRITER

Northville Township's police department, fire station personnel, and township hall staff may eventually have new work addresses

under a proposed municipalities project that would allow for all department heads to work under the same roof.

According to township manager Chip Snider, the project calls for the construction of a new town-

ship hall, new fire station, and the renovation of the existing township hall. Township personnel would be moved into the new building and the police department would be able to utilize the finance building while the existing hall is renovated

and expanded for their use.

Renovation of the current township hall for existing and additional staff, said Snider, would be costly and still not provide a proper layout for township hall functions. It would, however, function as a

police station with "reasonable building additions and layout."

According to assistant township manager and finance director Thelma Kubitsky, the proposed fire station would serve as the new

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Police find unlicensed guns in resident's vehicle

By Pauline Campos
STAFF WRITER

Northville Township resident Garlan Solomon was arraigned in 35th District Court on April 22 on five counts of transporting loaded weapons in a motor vehicle.

Solomon, 47, was arrested by township police after his girlfriend, a Park Place

apartment resident, called police late in the evening April 20 to report that Solomon had threatened her after an argument. The woman told police the argument had started after Solomon had been driven to the apartment complex by his wife to retrieve his possessions. After Solomon left her apartment with several bags and briefcases, the girlfriend reported to police that Garlan had the loaded weapons in his possession.

Township patrol officer observed a vehicle matching the description given by the woman on Haggerty Road. Officers followed the vehicle to the Standard Federal bank at Six Mile and



Garlan Solomon

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Hang on, hold on — and hope for help



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Knight rugby player Bill Adkins, right, looks to lateral the ball to a teammate while encountering a tackler or two in last week's game against Livonia. See page 1B for more rugby coverage.

Ex-cop to serve jail time for CSC

By Pauline Campos
STAFF WRITER

Former Northville city police officer and Novi resident William Edgar Jr. will be facing time behind bars after pleading guilty to sexually mistreating his former step-granddaughter.

Edgar, a 16-year veteran of the department, appeared in Oakland County Circuit Court last Wednesday in Judge William Sosnick's courtroom to plead guilty to two counts of criminal sexual conduct.

Edgar, 55, was arraigned last September at 52-1

District Court in Novi and ordered by Judge Michael Batchik to stand trial for first and second degree criminal sexual conduct charges involving a child under the age of 13. The victim was nine-years-old when the events occurred.

According to Christopher Andreoff, Edgar's attorney, first degree criminal sexual conduct involves sexual penetration as an "essential element of the crime, while second degree involves "sexual contact of any kind."

"My client made a decision to accept responsibility for his actions and the prosecution office in return offered to drop the more serious term of first degree criminal sexual conduct," said Andreoff. "In part of their consideration they allowed him to plead to two counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct."

But the agreement made also guarantees Edgar will face time behind bars. Sentencing will start at a minimum of 36 to 71 months, although the court will have the discretion of staying within the guidelines. Andreoff said he would be filing a sentencing memorandum requesting a downward departure from those guidelines.

Assistant Oakland County prose-

"He's an opportunistic predator."

Cheryl Mathews
Oakland County
asst. prosecutor

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Demray named school psychologist

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

In early May, Northville Public Schools will be welcoming a new face to the district among its faculty ranks.

Malinda Demray, a Farmington resident, will be joining the district as a school psychologist. Her new duties will commence on May 6 and she will be based at Cooke and Old Village School.

"I have always been impressed with Northville's approach to educa-

tion and childhood intervention,"

said Demray. "It seems to be a district that really encourages innovation and creativity and ingenuity in both the staff and their students."

Demray said she is excited to join Northville Public Schools and said her position will allow her to interact



Malinda Demray

with students and the community.

"It just happens that the school psychology position that I have allows me to have a multi-faceted role," she said. "Instead of just doing evaluation for special education, I'll have the opportunity to work one-to-one and in groups with parents, teachers, and I can work with the students in the classroom and in the community."

Demray said she is also looking forward to working with families.

"I'm really excited about having chance to work with parents," she said. "A lot of the parents I'll be

working with have handicapped students who might be physically or mentally challenged. I'm really looking forward to being a resource to establish some parenting groups where the focus is on the parents and their issues and their concerns and their growth."

Demray attended Northern Michigan University for two years and received her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 1995. She later earned her master of arts

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Kerr-unch! Thornton Creek pupil breaks school's record for sit-ups

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Karen Mayhall, a fifth grade student at Thornton Creek Elementary, recently broke a school record for completing the most number of curl-ups.

According to Jeff Schade, a physical education teacher at Thornton Creek, Mayhall completed 2,611 curl-ups in 2 hours, 15 minutes.

The previous record was set by Rebecca Polanski who executed 2,601 curl-ups.

Schade said the elementary students are given various fitness tests during the first and fourth marking period. During the fourth marking period, he said students have the option of attempting to break existing fitness records.

A large chart of the school record holders is posted on the Thornton Creek gymnasium wall. The chart lists

seven different various athletic categories including curl-ups, a half-mile run and sit-ups. Records are divided into male and female groups.

"Every time [a record] is tied or broken their name goes up on the wall with the year next to it," said Schade.

Mayhall said she initially didn't plan to break the existing record, but later reconsidered.

"When I got to 1,000, I just kept going," she said.

Schade said usually three or four students per class try to break the existing record, adding that the record that was set was last year.

A resilient attitude resulted in high acclaim for Mayhall, however she said she had difficulty moving around after completing over 2,600 curl-ups.

"I couldn't walk," she said.

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Just call her the Queen of Crunch — Karen Mayhall demonstrates one of the 2,601 curl-ups she did en route to the new school record.

Police Reports

Township Police Briefs:

WALKING IT OFF: Police were called to search for an angry wife who had left her Edgewood residence after an argument with her husband on April 21 at approximately 10 p.m. The husband called police in an attempt to locate her. The husband eventually notified police that he had located his wife walking eastbound on Five Mile from Northville Road. He stated that he had spoken with his wife, but she still refused to come home. Officers made contact with the woman, who said that she had taken the walk to "cool down" from the argument. She also said that she felt better and was on her way back home.

DRINKING AND DRIVING: A 19-year-old Farmington man was arrested at approximately 3 a.m. on April 21 for underage consumption of alcohol. Officers had observed the subject flagging down drivers looking for help fixing his flat tire while officers were traveling southbound on Napier. The officers observed a strong odor of intoxicants on the subject's breath while the blown tire was being shown. When asked if he had been drinking, the subject admitted to having consumed "two beers" and had consumed the last one approximately 30 minutes prior to driving the car. A PBT test was administered with a result of 0.20 BAC. The subject's vehicle was impounded because it had been partially blocking the southbound lane of Napier and the subject was transported to the township department without incident. Officers issued the subject a violation for minor in possession by consumption. He is scheduled to appear in 35th District Court on May 10 at 8:30 a.m.

Suicide Threat: A township resident contacted police on April 21 to

report that her son had become angry and had threatened to kill himself. The 15-year-old had reportedly quit taking the medications prescribed for his authority disorder. After speaking with the teen, who was still unsure if he would take his own life or not, police contacted the township fire department and an HVA ambulance. The teen was transported to St. Mary's Hospital where his mother stated she would sign him in.

BORROWING WITHOUT PERMISSION: A 44-year-old Seven Mile resident called police to report that her 17-year-old son had taken off in her 2001 Ford Explorer in the early morning hours of April 20. The woman reported that her son had been allowed to take the vehicle during the previous evening and had returned at midnight. The woman also stated that after an argument between herself and her son, he left again in her car and had not been seen or heard from. The complainant did not wish to press charges, but only wanted her vehicle returned. The woman called back to report that her son had returned home with the vehicle a few hours later.

HOUSE PARTY: A Willowridge resident contacted police after midnight on April 20 to report a loud party. The reporting person stated that parties are a frequent occurrence at the home. Police made the scene and spoke to the homeowner who was advised to keep the party inside and the volume down. The homeowner complied.

CHECK FRAUD: A Livonia woman reported to township police that one of her credit union checks had been stolen from her home on April 19. The check had been used at Northville Township's Home

Depot for a purchase amount of \$300. Livonia police have two suspects in custody in connection with the April 19 home invasion.

LARCENY FROM VEHICLE: A Tournament Drive resident contacted police on April 19 to report that unknown suspects had entered his open garage, entered his unlocked vehicles, and stolen a laptop computer from each vehicle. The garage had been left open between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 1 a.m. Due to lack of suspects and witnesses, the case was closed.

WARRANT ARREST: Police investigated a report of a suspicious vehicle parked in the Bank One lot at approximately 8 p.m. on April 18. The vehicle had reportedly been parked there for some time. When officers approached the vehicle they were told by the woman occupying the car that she and her child were waiting for her husband to finish cleaning in the bank. The husband came outside and identified himself. Officers confirmed that the man had a warrant out for his arrest through Washtenaw County. The man was taken into custody and turned over to Washtenaw County police.

ON THE RUM: A call was received on April 18 from Northville Township's Meijer from an employee stating that a young white male had been seen getting away with a bottle of Bacardi rum. The subject was seen getting into a grey Mercury Tracer and last seen heading south on Haggerty. Officers checked the area but no report was made due to lacking information on the suspect.

Stealing Bits: Officers responded to Meijer in regards to a call of retail fraud. Officers were advised that the

suspect was in custody and making verbal threats. When officers entered the loss prevention office, the verbal threats and screaming were observed by both officers and possible cause to arrest was determined. He was released after being run through dispatch and no prior convictions were found. He is scheduled to appear in 35th District Court at 8:30 a.m. on May 7 for reportedly selecting and concealing nine packages of drill bits totaling \$85 and exiting the store without offering payment.

STRIKE TWO: After officers observed a 1993 Chrysler Lebaron traveling in the southbound lane of Haggerty on April 18 at 2 a.m. strike the curb on the east side, end up traveling northbound, and turning left onto Six Mile road, officers activated their emergency lights. The driver pulled into the McDonald's parking lot, and drove around to the CVS parking lot before stopping. Officers could immediately detect a strong odor of intoxicants on the 25-year-old Livonia resident's breathe and questioned him. He advised that he had "had a couple of drinks" and had last been drinking "about an hour ago." The subject was asked to perform field sobriety tests but was unsteady and could not walk straight. He also only stated "B through Z" when asked to recite the alphabet. The subject was read his PBT rights and tested with a result of 0.127 BAC. He was placed under arrest for OUIL and transported to the station. The subject's vehicle plate was confiscated and destroyed. He was issued a paper plate on his vehicle due to this being his second OUIL offense.

Lack of dollars forces Smith to end guy race

By Mike Malott
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State Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith's familiarity with state government combined with Congressman David Bonior's knowledge of "the federal government and where the dollars are...should make a very powerful team" in their bid for the seats of governor and lieutenant governor.

So said Smith, explaining her decision to drop her own bid for the governor's post and cast her lots as Bonior's running mate.

"It had become painfully obvious that I was not going to raise the money necessary to be competitive in the media campaign," she said. "So I started looking around for someone who was running with the same intensity and commitment that I was."

The two had been discussing the idea of joining forces since less year. "at first in jest," she said.

Smith, a Democrat from Salem Township in Washtenaw County, said she agrees with fellow Democrat Bonior, from Macomb County, on 90 percent of the issues on the Democratic ticket.

Their combined knowledge of state and federal governments will be especially necessary, she said, considering the next governor is facing a looming deficit of almost a bil-

lion dollars." Polling has indicated Bonior and Smith have been running in third and fourth positions in the race for the Democratic nomination, behind state Attorney General Jennifer Granholm and former governor James Blanchard.

But she expressed frustration with the media and its emphasis on polling in its coverage of the race so far.

"They keep polling the same thing, name recognition. David and I both admitted we lacked named recognition. But that is why a (newly elected Detroit mayor) Kwame Kilpatrick can be 20 points behind in the polls just a couple months before the election ... Filing deadline isn't even until May 14. Once people learn a little bit about you and find out what you stand for, they'll say I can vote for that."

Money had to be in place by the end of February to launch a competitive campaign, Smith said. But she had raised only about \$130,000 compared to Granholm's \$2.8 million, Blanchard's \$1 million and Bonior's \$865,000.

Smith was first elected to the state senate in 1994. Before that, she served a term as a Washtenaw County Commissioner and, even earlier, held a seat on the South Lyon Board of Education for eight years.

The general election is Nov. 5.

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Arbor Hospice assists following loss of a mother

By Pauline Campos
STAFF WRITER

Mother's Day will be bittersweet for Northville resident Cathy Ponder. Her daughter, Meredith, will be confirmed in her church. But Ponder's mother, Shirley Straub, will not be there to share in the joy. Straub, who had been a resident of Sterling Heights, lost her four-month battle with colon cancer in October. She was 65.

Now Ponder focuses on the life-time of memories that bring a wistful smile to her face.

That time at the beach when her brother threw a bucket of water on their unsuspecting mother who had been relaxing in the sun.

High school graduation. Her wedding. And her favorite memory of Straub holding her firstborn child in the hospital.

"It was that look in her eyes," Ponder whispered as she closed her eyes. "It was amazing."

"While the loss of a loved one is unique... we recognize that the loss of a mother forever changes each woman's life."

Jacquelin Galliff
Arbor Hospice & Home Care

The memory is cherished, for it was the moment that Ponder came to understand the bond between mother and child.

"While the loss of a loved one is unique and its impact immeasurable, we recognize that the loss of a mother forever changes each woman's life, yet the bond remains," said Jacquelin Galliff, director of grief support services for Arbor Hospice and Home Care.

Galliff has encouraged Ponder, a close friend, to attend a workshop entitled "The Memory in the Mirror:

Daughters Reflecting on Mother Loss." Launched in 2001, "The Memory in the Mirror," presented Arbor Hospice, acknowledges the psychological and spiritual relationship women have with their mothers. The program focuses less on the mother's death and more on the opportunity for that woman to grow.

Galliff had originally believed that the program would only appeal to women who had recently lost their mothers. But when she received a note after last year's program from a woman whose mother had died

more than 40 years ago, Galliff realized the strength of the mother-daughter bond.

"She hadn't been able to talk about her feelings before that night," Galliff said.

Galliff also remembered a pair of sisters who had recently lost their mother. While cleaning out their mother's freezer after her funeral, the sisters found a piece of pie dough their mother had prepared before her death. The sisters decided to honor their mother's memory by using that piece of dough to create one of her recipes for a Mother's Day pie.

"Whether the loss was last year or 25 years ago, this workshop has proven to be a source of a great strength and support for women of all ages," said Galliff.

The program is purposely set for April 28 in preparation for Mother's Day, which for many women, is a difficult holiday to face regardless of the time that has passed since their mother's death.

It is a night that Ponder is looking forward to. She wants to remember. And she wants to be around other women who will be remembering as well.

"Although all of our stories will be different, the bond we share will be the same," she said.

Workshop participants are encouraged to bring with them a tangible expression of their mother such as a photograph or trinket. The workshop, held at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. is open to members of the community and is free of charge but space is limited to 60 attendees. To register or for further information, please contact Arbor Hospice & Home Care at (734) 662-5999 ext. 117 or register online at www.arborhospice.org.



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Cathy and Meredith Ponder stand alongside Cathy's mother, Shirley Straub (right), who died two years ago.

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Youth sought for help with Make-A-Difference Day

By Pauline Campos
STAFF WRITER

Gone are the days when young people should be seen and not heard. Today's youth are involved, outspoken, and ready to make a difference in the Northville Community with the city's newly created Youth Advisory Committee.

The Committee, formed in conjunction with Northville Community Foundation, combines local youth from public and private high schools, as well as college. The group of 14-20-year-olds

would like to address the needs and concerns of youth in the community.

"Already we have begun work to ensure that Make A Difference Day, coming in October, is a huge success," said Committee vice president, Lisa Peterson. "For this nationally recognized day of volunteering, we plan on washing wheelchairs. We will need the help of everyone to make this plan a reality."

According to Shari Peters, executive director of the Northville Community Foundation, the group

is still in the preliminary planning stages for the October event. Closer to the homefront is the rotating schedule Committee president Matt Kosmowski has set for Committee members to be in attendance at one city council and township board meeting per month. Kosmowski's goal is for Committee members to have the opportunity to learn about local government and perhaps get involved in the process.

"The hope is that the [Committee] will be starting people at a very young age to get involved

in their community, however that may play out in their future lives," said Peters. "Now there will hopefully be a voice that can speak for the young people."

Any young people who are residents of the Northville community and interested in joining the Committee may contact Kosmowski or Peterson at (248) 374-0200.

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APPOINTMENTS: Lorraine Steimel was appointed to the Senior Advisory Committee with the term to expire in 2005. Public works director James Gallogly was appointed to a six-year term with the Building Authority.

VFW POPPY SALE: The Veterans of Foreign Wars Northville Post No. 4012 was granted permission to sell poppies May 9-11 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The VFW will be selling the poppies at the intersections of Main and Center, Wing and Cady, and Dunlap and Main and Northville Road and Seven Mile Road. Proceeds will help cover the cost of the needs of disabled veterans and their families.

WHITE CANE WEEK: City council approved the Northville Lions' request to solicit in front of businesses the week of April 26 and April 27 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Alternate dates of May 3 and 4 were granted if weather does not permit for the original dates.

Township Briefs:

FIRE DEPARTMENT PURCHASES: Purchases for a new fire exhaust system and six portable radios and head sets were approved by the township's board of trustees last Thursday. The exhaust systems will be installed on both trucks and the ventilation fan for an approved total of \$9,000. According to fire chief Bill Zimendek, the exhaust purifier will last the for the lives of the vehicles and will not affect their warranties. The new system will control emissions inhaled by firefighters and will reduce the exposure of fire firefighters to harmful contaminants. It will also place emissions within the acceptable range as determined by the Michigan Occupational Health and Safety Administration.

Township Manager and director of public safety Chip Snider said he believed the \$11,000 purchase of the six portable prep radios and headsets to be a necessary update.

"It's much safer when [the fire fighters] are talking hands free while they are driving one of those large fire trucks."

Snider also stated that the new radios and headsets will allow for better clarity and communication between fire fighters and dispatchers.

VFW POPPY SALE: The Veterans of Foreign Wars Northville Post No. 4012 was granted permission to sell poppies on May 9th, 10th, and 11th, 2002 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. The VFW will be selling the poppies on corners and sidewalks throughout the township and will request permission from local businesses and store owners to be in front of their business.

Proceeds will go towards the needs of disabled veterans and their families.

WHITE CANE WEEK: The board approved the Plymouth Lions' Club request to solicit in front of township businesses the week of April 26 through May 6 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

APPOINTMENT: Board treasurer Richard Henningsen was appointed to the Senior Advisory Counsel with a new term to expire March 31, 2005.

It's a sure sign of spring: return of Farmer's Market

By Pauline Campos
STAFF WRITER

Farmer's Market is back. Beginning next Thursday, residents will once again have the opportunity to shop for Michigan-grown produce and many other items when they browse the vendor stands in the Northville Downs parking lot located at the corner of Center Street and Seven Mile.

"We are very, very fortunate that Northville Downs allows us to use their parking lot," said Executive Director of the Chamber Laurie Marrs. "It is another example of how Northville Downs is a good neighbor to our community by generously providing the use of their parking lot. Farmer's Market has been held here for several years now."

According to Marrs, vendors and artisans from all over the state will set up shop in the Downs lot. The focus is on Michigan grown flowers and produce.

"You won't find bananas," said

Marrs.

But residents will have their pick of the state's best apples, cherries, and Michigan honey. Perennials, annuals, baked goods, and food items such as salsas and jams will also be available for purchase.

A recent addition to the Farmer's Market selection is the handmade crafts vendors will be displaying. Added only a couple of years ago, the chamber has seen a growth in the selection of garden arts, arbors, plant stands, and statues in addition to handmade jewelry and home made clothing.

"It really is quite a diverse selection," said Marrs.

Customers are asked to park in the north side of the parking lot, as the south side is reserved for vendors only. A hot dog stand will be set up each Thursday for customers who wish to grab a quick bite to eat and perhaps a cup of coffee while browsing the market. A wagon will be available for customers to transport their purchases to their vehicles.

MARKET-PLACE

Here are some quick facts on Northville's Farmer's Market:

■ The market will open May 2 at Seven Mile and Center Street. It runs through early October, rain or shine.

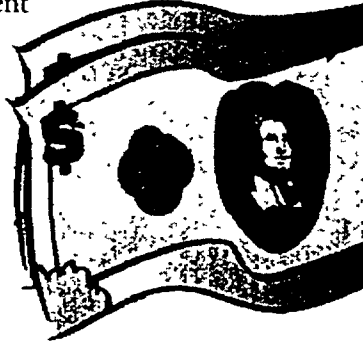
■ Michigan-grown produce and plants will be available for purchase.

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

Farmer's Market, sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce, will be held every Thursday from May 2 through Oct. 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. "Rain or shine," said Marrs. "Hopefully mainly shine."

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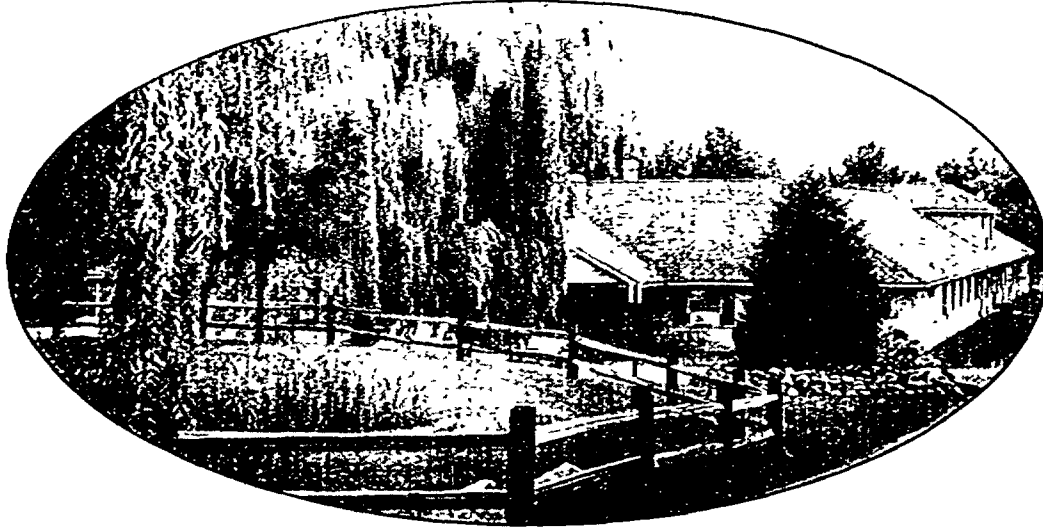


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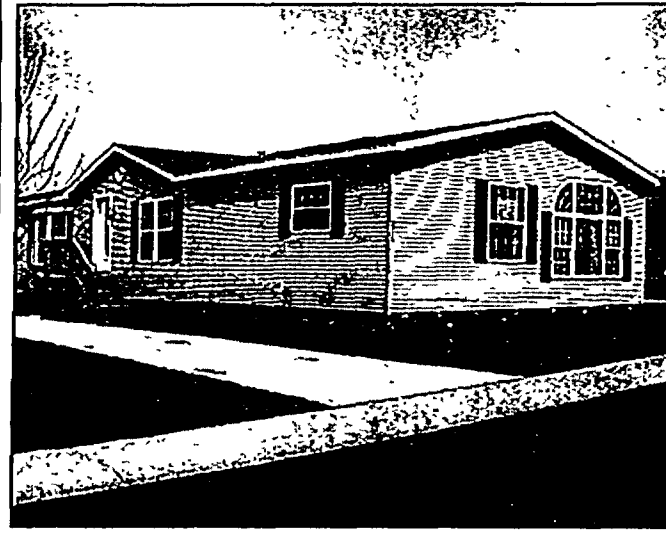
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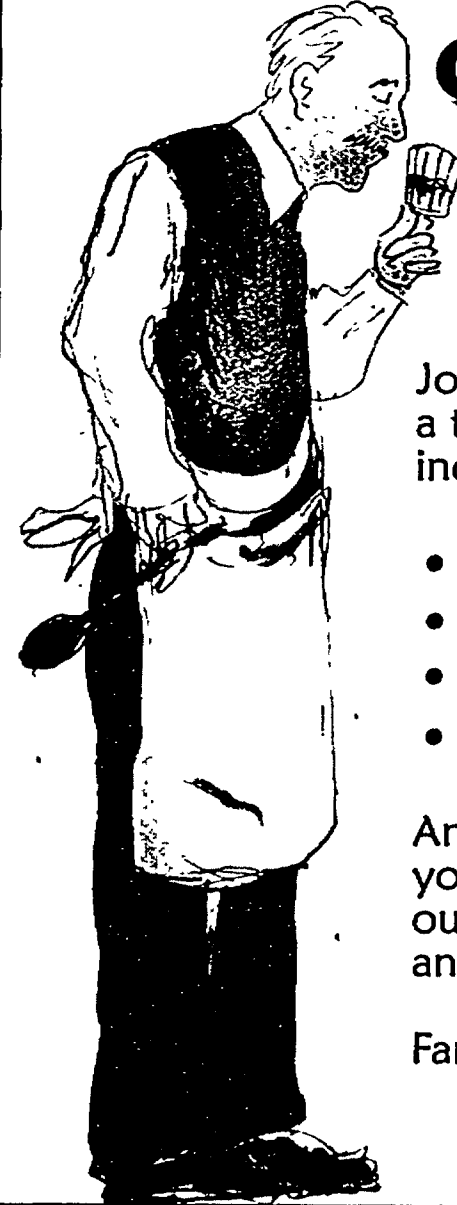
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Historical Society helped by Eagle Scout project

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Northville High School senior Jeff Mihalik has recently completed the final steps towards earning his Eagle Scout award — the highest rank advancement within the Boy Scouts of America program.

"I've been in Scouts for 12 years," said Mihalik, 18. "It's been a goal for me throughout my 12 years of Scouting."

Mihalik was recognized by members of the Northville Board of Education and Northville superintendent Leonard Rezmierski at the April 9 board meeting hosted at Old Village School.

For his Eagle Scout project, Mihalik created an album of photographs to benefit the Northville Historical Society. Within the album, the pictures illustrate the historic district of Northville in 2001.

Over 130 man-hours were dedicated to the project. The final result was a binder containing 340 color pictures arranged by

locations and complete with the building address and date.

"Getting the project was done was a big relief," said Mihalik. "It took nine months to finish. What was really interesting [is] since it took so long, I got every season in my pictures."

Mihalik said his project will be housed at the offices at Mill Race Village. The idea for such an undertaking, he said, was suggested by his Eagle Scout advisors.

"I really like taking pictures," he said. "I found out it was something I was good at. I got pictures of all the residential and commercial buildings in the historic district. Once I talked to archivist of the Northville Historical Society, she said they really needed pictorial archives. So, I went ahead and did it."

Along with completing his Eagle Scout project, Mihalik has earned 26 merit badges.

Attaining the Eagle Scout rank appears to be a growing family tradition.

Mihalik said he is the third per-

son in his family to accomplish this feat. His father and older brother preceded him in earning the Eagle award. Mihalik's younger brother is also involved in the Boy Scouts program.

Mihalik said he wanted to thank his parents for their support and encouragement.

"I had some lazy days and they just pushed me through it," he said.

His mother, Susan Mihalik, said her sons have gained many advantages through their Scouting experiences.

"We're very proud of Jeff," she said. "He and his brother have gained a lot from Scouting, especially in the areas of outdoor skills and leadership."

After graduation, Mihalik plans to attend Kalamazoo College and major in computer science and minor in music.

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Eagle Scout Jeff Mihalik did volunteer work for the Northville Historical Society as part of his Eagle project.

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Special students get chance at real-life work

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Tisha Welch was seated at a far corner table at the Rebecca's On Center restaurant in downtown Northville Monday afternoon. On the table, a tray of silverware and napkins were spread before her. Her small hands carefully and methodically creased the napkins as she gently rolled each necessary utensil into position.

When the task of rolling silverware was completed, Welch stood up and began gathering dirty glasses and used plates from the nearby tables. She then vigorously scrubbed the tabletop with a washrag, ensuring that no trace of debris remained.

An expression of perseverance and pride never left her face.

Welch, a student at Cooke School in Northville, is severely multiply impaired and has no functional hearing. To communicate with others, she uses sign language or an augmentative communication device featuring a microchip which allows the machine to project recorded speech.

Welch works at Rebecca's On Center three days a week as part of an individualized vocational training program through Cooke School.



photo by JENNIFER NORRIS

Tisha Welch, a student at Cooke School, works at the Rebecca's on Center restaurant in Northville as part of an individualized vocational training program through the school. Some of her responsibilities include clearing tables, rolling silverware and feeding the fish.

Vocational coordinator, Donna Case, said the program began early this year.

"We couldn't have asked for a

better match between Tisha and Rebecca's," said Case. "I can't say enough good things about what they've done here."

In addition to clearing tables and rolling silverware, Welch's other responsibilities include filling condiments, sweeping the floor, scraping plates, feeding the fish and cleaning the windows.

Although Welch is deaf, Case said communicating with her co-workers has not been a problem.

"Her personality is such that they know exactly what she's saying," she said.

Case also said that Cooke paraeducator, Gloria Rhodes, initially accompanied Welch on the job. Now, however, Welch works independently and is unpaid.

Case said that Welch has demonstrated a keen desire to be a part of the work force.

"She's pretty motivated," she said. "She loves to work. She wants a job when she leaves [school], and she has two more years."

During her vocational training, Case said Welch has overcome certain obstacles such as distinguishing the difference between packaged decaffeinated and regular coffee.

In addition, Case said a unique system has been designed to assist Welch in clearing the tables.

Case explained when a table is dirty, a poker chip is placed on the table. If Welch is able to clear the table before other staff are able to, she can then deposit the poker chip into a jar. When the jar is filled, Case said Welch is allowed a free ice cream cone.

In addition to working at Rebecca's On Center, Welch also works at Twelve Oaks mall in Novi.

Case said Rebecca's offers Welch a free lunch when she starts work and added that the restaurant offers an ideal working environment.

"It's been great because they always have work to do," said Case, adding that such a vocational program encourages not only work skills but personal development.

"She has a really good sense of herself," said Case. "The regular customers seem to know the students that work here. They've been very welcoming."

Some of the area businesses that have partnered with Cooke School for job internships include Allen Terrace, Chocolates by Renee, First United Methodist Church, Good Time Party Store, Northville City Hall, McDonald's, Northville District Library and Sparr's Florist.

Case said a variety of available internships offers many advantages to the students.

"What we want to do for Tisha and all our students...is to give them choices," she said. "They know what those choices are because they've experienced a variety of job sites."

"If we find the right environment for Tisha—or any student—then they are going to be successful."

Welch will continue to work at Rebecca's On Center until June.

Another Cooke student, Shaun Hall, also works at the restaurant two days a week.

Case said she is hoping additional local businesses will have an interest in forming new internships or training opportunities for Cooke students.

"They're really great workers," said Case. "Anybody that wants to can call. We'd like to offer students variety."

Repetitious tasks are ideal for the students, she said.

Staff at Rebecca's On Center also spoke highly of the alliance with Cooke School and Welch's job performance.

"She a good worker," said restaurant manager William Short.

"They're getting out of school and coming to work. Tisha's funny. She thinks she's the boss of everybody. That's okay, though. She's fun."

Short also said he thinks it's a great idea for students and businesses to be involved in the program.

"I think more restaurants should participate in that," he said. "It lets [students] live a little bit. They get to do what we do. It's a good experience. She takes pride in her work."

For more information on becoming a business partner with Cooke School and forming student internships, contact Donna Case at (248) 344-8489 or e-mail her at case-do@northville.k12.mi.us. Cooke School is located at 21200 Taft Road in Northville.

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Obituaries

Wesley A. Kaiser

Wesley Kaiser of Plymouth died April 16 in Livonia. He was 85. Mr. Kaiser was born Jan. 26, 1917 in Wayne. A supervisor for Detroit Edison until he retired after 43 years, Mr. Kaiser married Cecelia Kaiser of Plymouth, who survives him. Mr. Kaiser was a lifelong Plymouth resident. He was a member of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, a member of the Edison Boat Club, a former member of the Plymouth school board, and a member of the Canton planning commission.

Mr. Kaiser served in the U.S. Army as a counterintelligence official. He enjoyed reading, fishing, hunting, camping, canoeing and gardening.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Kaiser is survived by his children, Jim (Sheryl) Kaiser of Brandon, Fla. and Fay (Tim) Dickinson of Northville; his brother, Dale (Frances) Kaiser of Plymouth and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ann Kaiser.

A funeral service for Mr. Kaiser was held April 20 at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church. Rev. Larry Wik officiated the service. Interment was at Cherry Hill Cemetery in Canton.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cherry Hill United Methodist Church. Funeral arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth.

Howard E. Rush, Sr.

Howard Rush, Sr., of Walled Lake died April 14 at his home. He was 73.

Mr. Rush was born Aug. 27, 1928 in Mountain Park, Md., to James Thomas Rush and Gladys A. McRobie. An area resident most of his life, Mr. Rush worked in sales at Tyner Furniture of Ann Arbor. He married Mary J. Rush in 1947. She survives him.

Mr. Rush was a member of St. David's Episcopal Church and the Oddfellows Association. He was also an Army veteran of World War II.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Rush is survived by his children, Carol (James) Land of Northville, Cathy (Craig) Barrett of Walled Lake and Howard, Jr. (Cindy) Rush of Sterling Heights; siblings Blanche Buttlegieg of Dearborn; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service for Mr.

Rush will be held May 11 at 11 a.m. at St. David's Episcopal Church in Southfield. Rev. Donald Duford will officiate. Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Heart Association, Midwest Affiliate / Memorial & Tributes Program Dept. 77-3968, Chicago, Ill., 60678; or Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, Mich. 48154.

Funeral arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home of Northville.

Dorothy Cherne

Dorothy Cherne of Colorado

Springs, Colo., died March 22 in Colorado Springs. She was 84.

Ms. Cherne was born Oct. 26, 1917 in Detroit to Norman Schelzer and Jennie Van Sickle. She later married Stephen Cherne, who preceded her in death in 1995.

Ms. Cherne, a member of Northville High School's class of 1935, worked in sales at Twin Pines Dairy Store, Northville Laundry and the Ford Motor Company Phoenix plant. Ms. Cherne was a Methodist church Sunday school teacher for two years, a member of NHS's Glee Club, the Michigan State University Extension Club for

Women, the Northville Senior Advisory Council and a former member of Kings Daughters.

A memorial service for Ms. Cherne will be held April 27 at 11 a.m. at Thayer Cemetery in Salem. Rev. Jennifer Bixby of First United Methodist Church will officiate. Interment will be at Thayer Cemetery in Salem.

Funeral arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home of Northville.

Mary E. Killeen

Mary Killeen of Northville died at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills on April 22.

She was 83.

Ms. Killeen was born Sept. 8, 1918 in Detroit to the late Henry Osebold and Loretta Goddeyne Killeen. Ms. Killeen was a homemaker and a Northville resident since 1986.

Ms. Killeen is survived by her husband, Thomas; her children, Thomas (Kathleen) Killeen, Jr., of Farmington, John (Mary) Killeen of Bloomfield Hills, Dennis (Lynette) Killeen of Plymouth, Judith (John) Wuert of Redford, Patricia (John) Haapanlemi of Farmington and Kevin (Claudia) Killeen of Northville; 15 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and her siblings, Margaret Knapp

of Florida, Bernard (Maxine) Osebold of Florida and Loretta (Donald) Cameron of California.

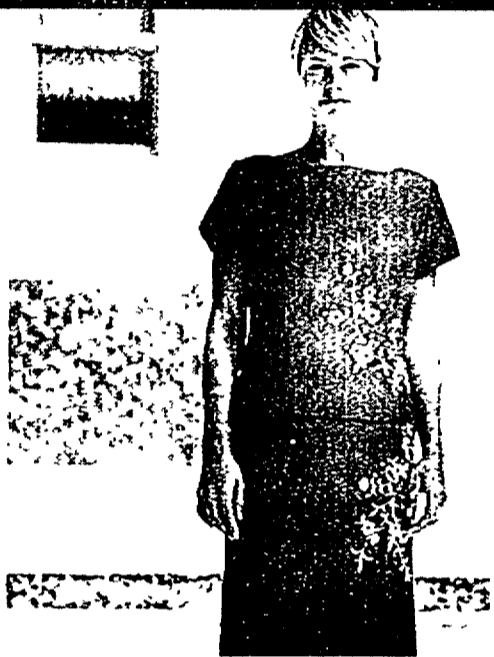
A memorial service for Ms. Killeen was held earlier this week at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville. Prayers and a funeral mass will be held today at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church at 10 a.m. Fr. Joseph Killeen. Interment will be at Rural Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of St. Joseph in Nazareth, Mich. or to the charity of choosing.

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Students excel at metro science expo

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Five students at Meads Mill Middle School have been lauded for their participation in the Science and Engineering Fair of Metropolitan Detroit, hosted at Cobo Hall in early April.

The students, Cory Patterson, Ryan Peterson, Ryan Sweetapple, Emily Zwarka and Kimberly Sammut were among the top award winners in the competition.

Kathleen Mroz, a teacher at Meads Mill Middle School, said the students—who are in grades 7 and 8—should feel proud of their achievement.

Patterson was named the Grand Award Winner for his project titled "Bugs in the Bark." A portion of his project aimed to find out what insects are contributing to the spread of Ash Yellows disease in North America.

Peterson and Sammut were both commended with first place awards. Zwarka earned a second place finish and Sweetapple was awarded a blue ribbon for his project.

The participating students said they dedicated many weeks and even months of work preparing their project for the competition.



photo by JENNIFER NORRIS

Meads Mill Middle School students Ryan Peterson, Kimberly Sammut, Emily Zwarka, Ryan Sweetapple and Cory Patterson earned top awards in the Science and Engineering Fair of Metro Detroit in early April. Patterson was selected as the Grand Award Winner.

"When I got there, there was a ton of projects everywhere," said Patterson, recalling the vastness of the Detroit science contest. Zwarka said her mother informed

her of the results of the competition. "My mom woke me up and said, 'Emily, you won second place,'" she said.

Peterson said he anticipates participating in the science fair in the future.

"I thought I did pretty good," said Peterson. "I guess I'd do it next year."

Mroz said the students' projects were involved in the school science fair and were then later entered into the Detroit contest with some required adjustments.

"There's so much work involved in entering the Metro Fair," said Mroz, adding that students had to write up a project summary or abstract and bibliography to fit the contest requirements.

Devoting hours of labor and research into the various projects paid off in ribbons and acclaim for the five Meads Mill students.

"It's hard, but once [I] did good, it was pretty rewarding," said Sammut.

And for some, the research will still carry on.

"I want to continue to add on to my project in the ninth grade," said Patterson.

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Northville School Briefs

FIRST FRIDAY GATHERING

The Northville Council of PTAs will host the First Friday Gathering on Friday, May 3 at 9:30 a.m. at Starbucks in downtown Northville. Ms. Carolyn Miranda will be available to discuss issues related to Northville High School Students.

ITALIAN WEDDING LUNCH AT H.M.S.

On April 18, students at Hillside Middle School participated in an "Italian Wedding" themed lunch. The event was sponsored by the food service program.

Hillside principal James Cracraft said the menu consisted of Italian wedding soup, Italian sausage, mostaccioli, baked chicken, roasted potatoes and wedding cake.

ST. PAUL'S OPEN ENROLLMENT

St. Paul's Lutheran School in Northville is now holding open enrollment for Preschool through grade 7. St. Paul's is located in downtown Northville behind Hiller's Market at 201 Elm Street.

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2002 SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Over 550 high school, middle school and elementary teams competed at the Science Olympiad Regional competitions during February and March. Ninety-six advancing regional teams will be competing in the 20th Michigan State finals on Saturday, April 27, 2002, on the Michigan State University campus. Forty-eight teams come from junior high or middle schools, and forty-eight teams represent high schools. Over 40 event competitions will be held in various locations of the MSU campus. There will be soaring bottle rockets, robots rambling around and other events. State Champion teams will go on to the National Science Olympiad Tournament at the University of Delaware in mid-May.

Northville's Our Lady of Victory is competing in the State Tournament for its ninth consecutive year. Meads Mill Middle School is returning for the seventh consec-

utive year and Hillside Middle School is returning for its second consecutive year. Northville High School is returning for an eighth consecutive year. Our Lady of Victory, Meads Mill Middle School and Hillside Middle School are three of 33 teams returning from last year out of 48 junior high/middle schools. Northville High School is one of 36 high school teams returning from last year out of 48.

MEADS' FORENSICS WINNERS

Mark Morrow, an eighth grader at Meads Mill Middle School, won the award of overall second place trophy for his Dramatic Interpretation of the Music Man's "Trouble in River City." He also won two first place blue ribbons for a perfect score.

Hillary Frimenko, a seventh grader at Meads Mill Middle School, was a first place blue ribbon winner, placing first with a perfect score in one of three rounds of competition in the Impromptu Category.

Forensics is a speaking and acting state competition held on campus at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor annu-

ally. Thirty Michigan schools participated in the competition.

MEADS MILL STUDENTS LAUDED

This is the 15th year for the Detroit Free Press writing contest and officials announced that only ten percent of more than 2,000 entries receive an award. Officials congratulated four Meads Mill Middle School eighth graders who won in the essay division.

Christine Curran, first place essay will receive an Award of Excellence. Bridget Hughes, second place essay will receive a Certificate of Commendation. Diana Zhou, second place essay will receive a certificate of commendation and Gretchen Warner, third place essay will receive an Honorable Mention Certificate.

MORaine FUN FAIR

The Fun Fair is scheduled for May 31 from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Moraine Elementary.

Note the date on your calendar and con-

sider volunteering to work a shift, or donating one or two of many needed items. The Fun Fair is currently in need of a deejay for the evening.

Along with the Fun Fair, there will be a silent auction and a raffle. All of the monies raised from the auction will be donated to the Moraine PTA for the purchase of playground equipment.

Robin Ginnard will be chairing the event along with Fun Fair co-chairs Elizabeth Diminick and Celeste LeFort. They can be reached at (248) 347-1533 or (248) 374-0455.

WINCHESTER ICE CREAM SOCIAL

An old-fashioned ice cream social will be hosted on May 17 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

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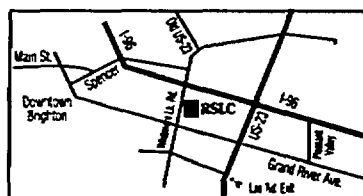
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Northville High School student wins gold medal at health event

By Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

Four local students are wearing gold or silver medals around their necks this week and another is now holding office.

Health science students at Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southwest vied in health care-related competitions with Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) in Traverse City.

Students competed at the state level April 11-13 in everything from nurse aid skills and vital signs to best health care display. The winners will be competing at the national level in Anaheim, Calif. June 26-29.

The students had more than 40 topics to choose from to compete in at the state competition.

"When we went to the regionals in February, I was just so proud of them," said Dawn Stewart, health sciences instructor and co-advisor for the HOSA program with Laura Naudi, health sciences instructor.

"It was so rewarding to see them accomplish so much," Stewart said. "The state competition was like the cream on top. The state meet was a lot of pressure, but they stepped up



Annie Braine

and did really well."

Megan Paquin, a senior at South Lyon High School, won a gold medal for extemporaneous writing on health care ethics.

Paquin said the competition was a great experience but sometimes hectic.

"It was very nerve-wracking but in the end, it was worth it because we all did so well," Paquin said. "It's something we are all proud of."

However, she thinks the competition was greater than just winning a gold medal.

"I think the best part of the experience was meeting all of the different kids," she said. "Everyone was so friendly and polite. That's part of HOSA, connecting and communicating with people."

Martez Gibbs, a senior at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills, and Erik Aratari, a senior at Millford High School, worked together to win their silver medals. They created a career health display that explained what the job is like for emergency medical technicians (EMTs). They included pictures of different types of injuries and explained a day in the life of EMTs.

Not only did they produce the display, but they also had to present it to HOSA judges.

Gibbs, who plans to study premed in college, felt fortunate to win a medal by competing with others from around the state.

"It felt real good," Gibbs said. "All of that work on the poster paid off. It was an overall good time."

Aratari thought it was easier to win with Gibbs as a teammate.

"If I was by myself, I don't think I would have done this well," Aratari said.

He was shocked when he heard their names called as silver medal winners since they competed with 50 other displays.

"I haven't been able to sleep," Aratari said. "And it's been a week."

Annie Braine, a Northville High School student, won her medal with her excellent speaking skills. Her topic "From Aspiration to Inspiration" won gold at the competition.

She was thrilled to win first place honors.

"I thought it was my moment of glory, so I stood up proud," Braine said. "The whole experience was amazing."

Braine felt that she has gained knowledge from competing in the state competition. Now she is looking forward to going on to nationals.

"I learned a lot from it," she said. "There are so many things that you can go into as a career."

Elizabeth Holdenberg, a senior at South Lyon High School, didn't go home with a medal but instead she was elected to office. She became the next HOSA state treasurer at the competition.

Holdenberg had to complete applications, forms and write an essay submitting her goals for the position before she arrived at the event.

"I had to get up in front of 900 people and answer a question that I was given five minutes prior to going on stage," Holdenberg said. "I must have done well because now I am the state treasurer."

Novi city officials approve less funding Ten Mile construction

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Ordinarily, changes to construction plans usually mean more money.

The opposite recently happened when Novi city officials announced that changes to construction on Ten Mile Road would result in a reduction of the original amount council approved and negotiated with Cadillac Asphalt Paving Company.

According to a change order request, the amount to complete Ten Mile Road intersection work will decrease by \$6,780.

The reduction was arrived at by combining a \$9,000 increase for sidewalk and island construction with a \$15,780 decrease in traffic signal technology.

The \$9,000 increase resulted from a request made by city officials to have the contractor extend a sidewalk 275 feet on the east side of Meadowbrook Road.

A request was also made to extend the revised island in Cranbrooke Drive.

The changes were requested to provide improved pedestrian access and delineation of traffic as well as aesthetics of the intersections, officials said.

The \$15,780 reduction came from the elimination of SCATS technology at the Ten Mile Road and Meadowbrook Road and Cranbrooke Drive intersections.

The Oakland County system utilizes overhead cameras to provide additional timing for an intersection based on actual traffic volume.

Officials said the decision to go without the technology was based on an increase of \$130,000 in fees by the Road Commission for Oakland County and a previous city policy that Ten Mile Road will not be treated as a major traffic thoroughfare.

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Sealed proposals for all work described in the RFB will be received at the above location no later than 2:00 p.m. local time on April 30, 2002. Absolutely no bids will be accepted after this deadline.

(4-25-02 NR/NN 1105316)

CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Woodlands Review Board, of the City of Novi, will hold a meeting on Thursday, May 2, 2002 at 4:30 PM at the City of Novi, Community Development Conference Room, Novi, Michigan to review the Woodlands Review Board Permit Application for, 45685 Belfour Ct. - Lot 103 Bristol Corners (Case # 02-03).

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend. Any written comments may be sent to Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry, Attention: Woodland Review Board, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 3:00 PM, Thursday, May 2, 2002.

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(4-25-02 NR/NN 1106010)

**CITY OF NOVI
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that that Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 1, 2002 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **NOVI EXPRESS SP 00-29**, located on the southwest corner of Pontiac Trail and West Park Drive, to consider **PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT AND WOODLAND PERMIT** approvals. The applicant is proposing a self-serve gas station, convenience store, and fast food restaurant.

Any interested person are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 1, 2002.

**NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
LODIA RICHARDS, SECRETARY**

(4-25-02 NR/NN 1105963)

**CITY OF NORTHVILLE
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, May 6, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville City Hall Council Chambers located at 215 W. Main Street to receive public comments on a proposed adjustment to the Residential Refuse & Recycling rate, effective July 1, 2002, as shown below.

Type	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Adjustment %
Residential	12.00	12.72	6% Increase

Persons wanting to comment on the proposed Residential Refuse & Recycling rate adjustment are invited to attend this meeting.

**DIANNE MASSA
CITY CLERK**

(4-25-02 NR 1106076)

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS**

Date: April 18, 2002
Time: 7:30 PM Regular Meeting
Place: 41600 West Six Mile Road
Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Henningsen at 7:30 p.m.
Roll Call: Mark Abbo, (excused absence), Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Shirley Klokkenge, Brad Werner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas: Motion to approve the consent agenda and the regular agenda approved: 6-0
- Appointments, Petitions, Resolutions & Announcements:
 - Appointment of Richard Henningsen to the Senior Advisory Council approved: 6-0
- Public Hearings:
 - Public Hearing for Parkdane Paving SAD scheduled for May 16, 2002 at 7 p.m. approved: 6-0
- Brief Public Comments and Questions: Residents of the Ravines Subdivision thanked the Board of Trustees for their support in the handling of the lawsuit with the developer of their subdivision. Resident of Country Club Village questioned the completion of the Haggerty Road Pathway and bridge construction.
- New Business:
 - Rural Hill Cemetery Property Annexation tabled: 6-0
 - Northville Village Center Phase 2 Concept Plan approved: 6-0
 - 2003 Budget for Parks & Recreation & Senior Adult Services approved: 6-0
 - Recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny rezoning for Electropolitan Int. approved: 6-0
 - Plymouth & Northville Lions White Cane Week approved: 5-1
 - Villas of Northville Hills Golf Club Water Main & Sanitary Sewer Easements approved: 6-0
 - Amendment to the Country Club Village of Northville PRUD Agreement approved: 6-0
 - Haggerty Road Pathway 3rd Payment in the amount of \$88,087.50 approved: 6-0
 - Fire Department purchase of exhaust system in the amount of \$8,945.97 approved: 6-0
 - Fire Department purchase of six prep radio headsets in the amount of \$10,800.00 approved: 6-0
 - VFW Poppy Sale approved: 6-0
 - Removal of one grass infield at Millennium Park to accommodate Girls Softball approved: 5-1
- Unfinished Business: None
- Ordinances: None
- Bills Payable:
 - Bills Payable in the amount of \$881,692.35 approved: 6-0
- Board Communications: Monthly reports from: Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marv Gans, Shirley Klokkenge, Brad Werner, Theima Kubitsky
- Any Other Business that may properly be brought before the Board of Trustees:
 - Study session scheduled for April 25, 2002 at 7 p.m. at the Northville Civic Center.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

**MARK ABBO, SUPERVISOR
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A whale of an exhibit



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A huge life-size model of a humpback whale and its calf dominate the ceiling of the Novi Christian School's gymnasium during the opening of its Whale World exhibition on Monday morning.

Township government buildings tapped for possible overhaul

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headquarters while the current building would be utilized as a substation.

"The fire station was built in the 1980's and is not efficient to be headquarters for a full time 24-hour staff," said Kubitsky. "It would also reduce our response times on the west end of town."

The existing township hall was built in 1977 at no cost to local taxpayers due to a federal grant provided to the township. For a then-population of approximately 8,000, the building met the needs for the 15-person police department and the volunteer fire department.

The fact that the 25-year-old building, which has had no significant repairs since being built, was also designed with low ceilings, unfinished walls, and minimal lighting needs also play into the decision to explore renovation and expansion options, Snider said.

Snider said that lack of space to house current and additional staff

was the key factor.

"Currently, nearly all township facilities are fully utilized, with many facilities exceeding their design capacity. As the township continues to grow, this condition will only be exacerbated," Snider said.

One step already taken to increase staff productivity and decrease distraction in a too small work place was the addition of cubicles. The township purchased the former Comerica Bank branch on Six Mile Road and converted it into the township's finance building to "significantly relieve staffing congestion." The board also recently hired Plante & Moran CRESA, LLC to develop a needs analysis for square footage to determine the necessary square footage to accommodate a 20-year build out for the township.

According to Snider, the township board wants to make certain this is the last major township facility project for the next 20 years in an effort to offset the "sky-rocketing cost of construction."

"This spatial plan [needs analysis] will be brought before the township board in May for preliminary approval and based on approval the assistant manager [Kubitsky] will procure the necessary funding to complete the project," said Snider. "We hope to begin our search for an architect in May."

The township is tentatively planning on beginning groundwork in January of 2003 and achieving close out by April 1, 2004.

But Kubitsky said the first step in determining the feasibility of the project involves number-crunching.

"The study is being done to come up with a tentative cost per square footage and once the board approves that it will be calculated out to dollars," said Kubitsky. "Then funding then can be determined."

Pauline Campos is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 109, or at pcampos@hl.homecomm.net.

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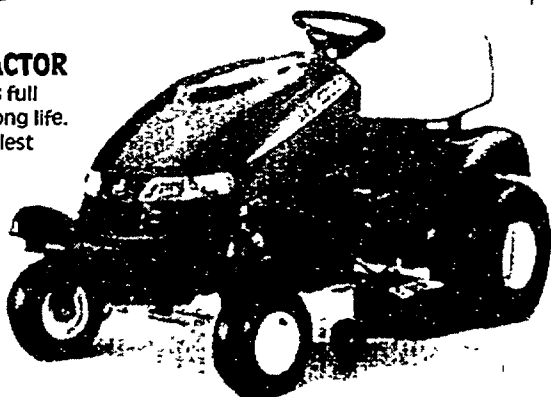
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Student breaks school record for number of sit-ups

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Sharon Mayhall, mother of Karen Mayhall, said her daughter plays soccer and lacrosse and is a determined individual.

"She's always been real athletic," said Sharon. "She usually doesn't stop until she accomplishes her goal."

Mayhall will be receiving a medal for breaking the old record.

Schade said other Thornton Creek students also broke existing marks. He said a fourth grade boy broke the push-up record by doing 79 push-ups and a fifth grade girl broke the shuttle run record by completing it in just under nine seconds.

Sharon said that the news that her daughter broke a school record was astonishing.

"When she came home and told me, I didn't believe it and then her

"She usually doesn't stop until she accomplishes her goal."

*Sharon Mayhall
Mother of Karen Mayhall*

friends started calling and saying congratulations," she said. "I couldn't believe she did that many."

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Area youth to help lead Walk for Wishes

By Anna Troppens
STAFF WRITER

They made his wish come true. The Make-a-Wish Foundation of Michigan has helped several seriously ill local children achieve their dreams, including 13-year-old Ryan Ohanesian of South Lyon, who wanted to visit Hilton Head, S.C., again. Ohanesian suffered from a cancerous brain tumor that invaded his spinal fluid.

Doctors say Ohanesian, a student at South Lyon Middle School, is now cancer-free after receiving treatment at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. He will be closely monitored for the next two years to ensure the cancer does not return, said his mother Diana.

Thanks to the Make-a-Wish Foundation of Michigan, Ryan and his family enjoyed a worry-free, 10-day trip together, with seven days on Hilton Head Island, where they previously owned a home. He wanted to go back to Hilton Head to see what it was like after not visiting it in five years, Ryan said.

The representatives from Make-a-

Wish who visited the family at their South Lyon home were wonderful, Diana Ohanesian said. They had gifts for Ryan, his sister Lindsay, 15, and their brother Andy, 11. Ryan received a book about Lance Armstrong, a competitive bicyclist who survived cancer.

He said he planned to buy the book himself before he received it as a gift. Ryan found Armstrong's story very interesting and used it for a book report at school.

The Make-a-Wish representatives spent a couple of hours with the Ohanesians to determine what kind of wish Ryan would enjoy having fulfilled.

"They just sat back and listened," Diana Ohanesian said.

A board approved the wish, and Ryan and his family received spending money, paid motel rooms for the drive to South Carolina and back and gas money for their car.

"They really fulfilled the wish," she said.

Courtesy of the Make-a-Wish Foundation, Ryan played putt-putt golf, shopped, went out in a boat to see dolphins, spent some time on the

beach sunbathing and using his metal detector, splashed in a pool and sauna, watched movies and went out to dinner with his family. In addition, the Ohanesians visited the zoo in Knoxville, Tenn., on their way to South Carolina.

The weather was very good during their stay, hovering between the high 70s and low 80s, Ryan said.

"(Make-a-Wish) is just such a wonderful organization," Diana said. "They didn't leave anything undone. They really go all out to make it special for them."

Ryan and his family arrived at a large house on the ocean donated for their use during their stay by a couple from New York, she said. Balloons and a banner were waiting there to welcome Ryan.

A woman from Make-a-Wish also left a cake decorated with plastic dinosaurs.

Now Ryan wants to help other children through Make-a-Wish. He will join the Dream Team — other Make-a-Wish children — this weekend for the Walk for Wishes at Kensington Metropark.

"I've been building up for it," he

said. Jeannette Porter, public relations manager for the Make-a-Wish Foundation of Michigan, said the organization is hoping to raise more than \$150,000 from the four-mile walk on Saturday. Each participant is encouraged to raise \$125 in pledges to help make seriously ill children's dreams come true.

The course is accessible to everyone and can accommodate strollers and wheelchairs.

UAW-GM is the primary sponsor of the Walk for Wishes. The organization will help Erik, a boy from Redford, visit Walt Disney World Resort this September. Michigan's chapter of Make-a-Wish began in 1984 and has granted more than 3,000 wishes, including 381 last year.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at the Martindale Beach area of Kensington Metropark. The walk will begin at 9 a.m.

Forms are available for printing at the Make-a-Wish Foundation's Internet website, www.wishmich.org. Walkers can also register by calling (888) 857-9474.

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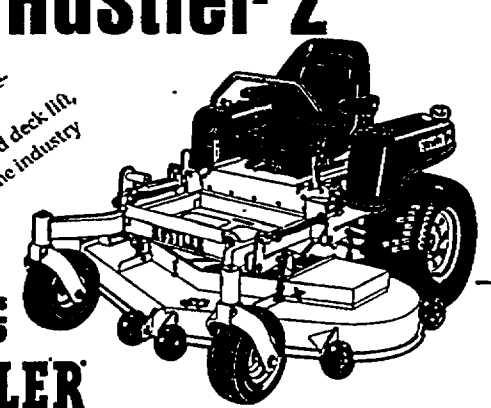
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State agrees to hike per-pupil spending in public schools

By Mike Malott
 HOME TOWN NEWS SERVICE
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State lawmakers have fulfilled their promises of putting \$6,700 behind each public school student in Michigan in 2003, a \$200 increase over the current year in the per student "foundation allowance" that goes to local school districts.

Michigan legislators were able to keep that promise — approving the K-12 school aid budget 75-26 in the House and 35-2 in the Senate on Thursday, April 11 — by implementing Gov. John Engler's plan for early collection of school taxes.

Beginning in 2003, the six-mill educa-

tion property tax collected by local units — now split between collections in July and December — will all be gathered entirely in July, and it will continue to be collected in July in future years. To off set the cost of early collection to taxpayers, the plan also gives a one-time, one-mill break on those education property taxes.

Altogether, the budget puts almost \$12.7 billion to education in Michigan. That's a 10.5 percent increase over current year figures, but the increase is due mainly to the shift of federal grant money from the state Department of Education to the school aid budget.

The state's general fund contribution to schools remains unchanged for the coming

year.

Although promises were kept, the bill had its controversies.

Rep. Patricia Godchaux (R-Birmingham) delivered an angry speech about the package on the floor of the house prior to its passage.

Earlier versions had included a proposal by Godchaux to help to higher spending school districts, but the verbiage was stripped from the final compromise.

Although school aid has been rising for lower spending districts, wealthier districts — so called "hold harmless" districts, because they were allowed to continue collecting additional taxes after the passage of Proposal A in 1994 — have been unable to

keep up with inflation in recent years. And many report the problem has produced budget deficits and trimming of programs.

Godchaux's proposal was to allow such districts to better keep up with rising costs by allowing them to override rollbacks in those extra millages.

Increasing her anger was the fact wording was included in the bill to allow districts to use general fund money to repay bonds. Previously under Proposal A, she said, there has been a strict "firewall" between money spent for school operations and for capital improvements.

"There are people in this room who say Proposal A was perfect the first time and I am consistently told we can't touch

Proposal A," Godchaux said on the House floor. "This bill goes further. The school aid fund was to be for education, not capitalization ... I don't want to hear anyone who votes for this bill tell me that we can't touch Proposal A because we are ripping the shreds out of it."

To keep per pupil spending at promised levels, some special programs saw cuts, including several new programs. Chopped from the budget was \$45 million for the recently instituted Parental Involvement in Education grants, aimed at working with parents through early education programs.

Gone also is \$45 million for the early reading Literacy Achievement Program.

District hires new school psychologist

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degree in psychology from Wayne State University in 1998.

Demray also said she works part-time as a massage therapist at Salon Marzejon, located at 114 Main Centre in Northville.

"What I learn in that field complements what I do in my work as a psychologist because I study health and nutrition and all of the things that contribute to a person's functioning and well-being," she said.

According to school officials, the position of school psychologist for the Northville Public School District was posted in mid-January. Nine applications were received and six candidates were interviewed. The interviews were conducted on March 5.

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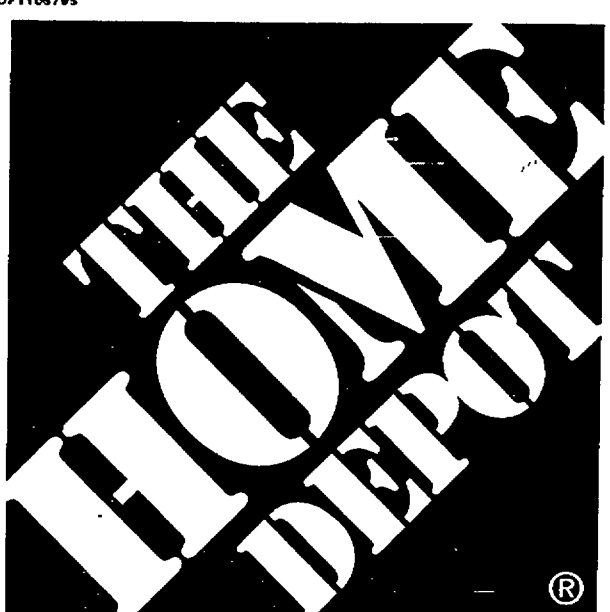
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Businesses saluted in help with no-sale alcohol effort

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

More than 65 Novi proprietors were saluted earlier this month for their efforts to keep alcohol out of the hands of minors. The large group of honorees received praise during the Novi Community that Cares Coalition's Vendors' Third Annual Appreciation Luncheon. The April 10 event recognized those who passed the most recent Novi Police Department youth decoy operation. About two times a year the police department sends a youth decoy out to purchase alcohol from establishments throughout the city. The ones that card the decoys and refuse the sale are the ones the coalition recognizes. "We believe in positive rein-

forcement," said Beth Belter, director of the Novi Community That Cares Coalition. "We also want to recognize those who do the right thing." Belter explained these are the people who are the community's last line of defense when it comes to keeping alcohol out of the hands of minors. "We want to make sure they continue to do the right thing," she said. In addition to a prime rib and turkey scaloppini with pasta luncheon, each vendor received a framed certificate for their accomplishment. Many local dignitaries were present, including Novi Police Chief Douglas Schaeffer, former Novi Mayor Matt Quinn and many representatives from the police department and school district.

The event, held at the Oakland Technical Center, was sponsored by Providence Hospital and Medical Center with assistance from the Novi Police Department, Novi Community School District Community Education and the coalition. The Novi Community that Cares Coalition is a substance abuse prevention focus group serving the community along with 20 other coalitions in Oakland County. The coalition began five years ago and focuses on multiple strategies over multiple sectors. "Prevention is the key," Belter said. Victoria Sadlocha is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 or at vsadlocha@ht.homecomm.net.

Police confiscate guns in domestic dispute call

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Haggerty. Once officers confirmed that Solomon was indeed in the vehicle, officers searched for the weapons. According to detective Bill Helke, officers found two loaded pistols in Solomon's briefcase and two more behind the backseat of Solomon's vehicle. None of the four guns were registered. Officers also discovered a loaded assault rifle. Solomon was arrested immediately. A warrant was prepared on the morning of April 22 by the detective bureau and approved by the prosecutor's office for the five felony charges. Solomon, who does not possess a concealed

"This is an example of why domestic violence...calls can be dangerous for police officers."

Det. William Helke
Northville Township police

Solomon's driver's license was also suspended for commission of a felony with a motor vehicle. "This is an example of why domestic violence or family disturbance calls can be dangerous for police officers," said Helke. "Tensions are high and this is a case that shows the police officers need to be cautious." Solomon is scheduled to appear at 35th District Court for his preliminary examination on May 3 at 8:30 am. Solomon was released Monday afternoon on a \$5,000 cash bond.

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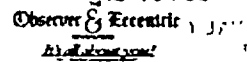




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New township HQ: When do we start?

Northville Township manager Chip Snider announced this week that the township would be taking steps forward enhance its bricks-and-mortar element by constructing a new township civic center, which would get all its entities back under one roof.

We have one question: when do we break ground?

The plan, which certainly appears headed for development, would call for the construction of a new township hall, new fire station, and the renovation of the existing township hall. Township personnel would be moved into the new building and the police department would be able to utilize the finance building while the existing hall is renovated and expanded for their use.

We think the project is not only logical, but it's also overdue. The existing township hall was constructed in 1977, and since it was built using a governmental grant, it didn't cost taxpayers a dime. Twenty-five years is a long time. If a home went 25 years without being expanded or renovated, it would probably be converted into an auxiliary set for "That 70s Show."

Mr. Snider believes in the project. We do, too.

Currently, nearly all township facilities are fully utilized, with many facilities exceeding their design capacity. As the township continues to grow, this condition will only be exacerbated," Snider said.

That's got a lot to do with growth, and as we know, 'growth' is a word thrown around extensively when Northville Township is discussed. Residential development is continuing at a very fast pace, forcing all elements of township public services to be put to the test.

Like it or not, it's impossible to continue functioning in a facility that was created for a population roughly a quarter of what it is now. There's only so much space in which to file the thousands of pieces of paperwork essential to community business, and there's only so many square feet in which to house the people who are working on those papers.

Putting various township departments under one roof will also help smooth communication and give residents one-stop shopping for all their governmental needs. Our neighbors in Novi learned that lesson years ago with the Novi Civic Center.

We support the township's centralized office project, and look forward to seeing the first set of artist's renderings.

FOOTNOTE: (If you don't think space gets to be an issue, think of how cramped a home can get when babies are brought in to a house that had been occupied by only a husband and wife...or what a grind it was to fly Northwest Airlines before the opening of the new McNamara Terminal.)



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The Northville Farmer's Market gets underway in this 2000 file photo at the corner of Center and Seven Mile Road. Shoppers have their choice of vendors of fresh produce, baked goods, crafts and plant and floral arrangements.

LETTERS

'Bye-Bye, Birdie' was a fantastic production

What's the matter with kids today? Can you imagine charging \$10 for tickets to a high school play? I was shocked at the price, but relented (as most parents do) so I could watch my daughter perform in her final high school production, "Bye Bye, Birdie."

Ten minutes into the show, in the middle of the first big production number, I was amazed to discover that I wasn't at a "high school play." I was attending a first-rate, quality theater event. I knew this was true, because I had an overwhelming urge to applaud the voices of the leads, to laugh out loud at well-delivered punch lines, and wish that each song would last just a little bit longer. Before intermission, I noticed my eyes had started to leak with pride, not because my daughter was terrific (she was), but because I was so very proud of kids I didn't even know. From Harry and Albert, Rosa and Kim, The Shriners, the Screamer, that poor sap looking for a prom date, and of course, Mae, every single member of this cast contributed to my night of great theater. Thanks to them, and their mentors.

What's the matter with kids today? Based on Northville High School's production of "Bye Bye, Birdie," our kids are doing pretty well.

Dave Duye
Northville

And thank you to Northville High School faculty member Kurt Kinde and his talented NHS students who created an entertaining theatrical production that brought to life several books created by Moraine students.

Most importantly, thank you to the Moraine students for their interest in reading and their teamwork as they read their way across America. The March is Reading Month committee and I hope the students had fun and enjoyed reading, and that it will continue to take them to places they have never been before, because Reading Takes You Places — not only in March, but always.

Pattie Curtis
Chairperson

Moraine March is Reading Month Committee

Haste, insensitivity killed a crossing duck

To the driver of the station wagon who whipped out from Lake Street on to Center [the morning of April 24] and smashed one of two ducks crossing Center Street. What part of the cars stopped from both directions on Center Street to allow the two ducks to cross did you not understand?

Your quick maneuver in order to beat the traffic made an impression on many drivers and kids on their way to school. If you could have only seen their faces as they watched you drive away. I hope you had a productive day.

Norm Fankell
Northville

College coursework gets more ridiculous

It gets worse. The University of Minnesota has published a book by one of its instructors which supports sexual relationships between adults and children. No other publisher would touch the book, but the University thought that printing any tripe and trash is in the tradition of free speech.

There must be perverts in the administration who believe that the writer may be correct when he suggests, as educators in the East have earlier, that rape, incest, man-boy relationships make for stronger young adults. The backers of perverted sex insist that molested kids reaching twenty-one are better able to face life situations having survived and "enjoyed" early excursions into what most of us know to be indecent, immoral, abnormal liaisons.

Following the course in "How to be a Homosexual" at the University of Michigan, and a course in masturbation for the female student in colleges in the East, can the social benefits of bestiality be far behind?

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

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Moraine appreciates help with March reading

Thank you to everyone who helped make March is Reading Month at Moraine Elementary so enjoyable for the students. In addition to the amazing participation from our learning community, Michigan Literacy, an organization promoting literacy in Michigan, sponsored a visit to our school by author and illustrator, Mike Artell. Jim DeLano of Pizza Cutter provided encouragement for our students by donating a personal pizza for each student who met a specified individual reading goal for the month. We are very grateful for his generous support.



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McBrayer was my 'type' of guy

It was just a standard obit in last Saturday's *New York Times*. Staley T. McBrayer, who died at 92, was a small-time Texas newspaper publisher and tinkerer.

But McBrayer took an unwanted German press and figured out how to adapt offset printing technology to making newspapers. In so doing, he revolutionized the newspaper industry and made possible the success of home-town newspapers like this one. His life is conclusive evidence of how a small innovation can spawn profound consequences — that were completely unimagined at the time.



Phil Power

McBrayer started out working as advertising and business manager of *The Commerce Journal*, a weekly newspaper in Commerce, Texas. After a while, he bought several other small newspapers in the Fort Worth area. But the salaries of the linotypists, who set in hot metal news stories and ads using a Rube Goldberg-like contraption called a Linotype machine, were "killing us," according to his partner, Jenkins Garrett.

So McBrayer and some employees in the back shop started tinkering around with how to set the type and print the newspapers cheaper than current technology allowed. They paid \$10,000 for a castoff press and figured out how to adapt offset printing to the production of newspapers.

Abandoning the industry-standard but slow and clumsy Linotype machine, they perfected "cold type" photographic typesetting. Then they learned to transfer the image of a newspaper page to a thin metal plate. Ink adhering to the images on the plate was transferred — offset — to a rubber blanket which then transferred the image onto newsprint. And, eureka, offset printing!

At that time, most newspaper press manufacturers believed offset would never click for the fast rotary presses required to print newspapers. But the technology worked. Within 30 years after McBrayer's first press was developed in 1954, virtually all the newspapers in America were printed by offset.

His invention made the skills — and the high wages and the workplace stranglehold — of Linotype operators irrelevant, thereby setting off a long, fierce struggle over the future of linotypists and other workers in the letterpress crafts.

"Cold type" typesetting was far easier, quicker and cheaper than the old "hot type" system. For example, when I started out in this business back in the 1960s, I used to write my column on a Linotype machine. If I was really flying, I could set it in around an hour. Today, I'm writing this column on a computer, which transfers the file to a phototypesetter that converts bits and bytes to readable copy (I trust) in seconds.

Since photographic negatives were cheaper, more maneuverable and easier to use than heavy trays of lead type, newspapers using offset technology could join together to set type and print in cooperative plants. The cost savings were considerable.

Moreover, because photographic typesetting was so much faster and cost-effi-

cient than hot type methods, home-town newspapers like this one could localize their coverage economically, focusing on one community at a time without having to jumble local news from several different towns into a big regional newspaper like the metropolitan daily newspapers still do.

So the community newspapers, arguably the most innovative and entrepreneurial part of the newspaper industry, really got their start as a result of Staley T. McBrayer's innovative genius way back in the mid-1950s. Like many of my publisher colleagues, I adopted phototypesetting and offset printing in my newspapers in the late 1960s.

I never met Staley T. McBrayer; indeed, I had never heard of him before I read his obituary in *The New York Times*. But I owe him a great debt of gratitude. And so do countless readers whose lives are enhanced by reading their own home-town newspaper like this one.

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

It's the simple things that make a life

I have never met Tisha Welch, but I sure would like to. I could learn a thing or two from her.

Yes, Tisha is severely multiply impaired and has no functional hearing — but that's only part of the story. The part that grabbed my attention was the part where I learned she was working at Rebecca's On Center bussing tables and helping out around the restaurant. Tisha does these things for the opportunity to earn a free ice cream cone.



Chris C. Davis

That's right — ice cream. These are tasks most people wouldn't do for a take-home paycheck, but she's willing to do it for the chance to help herself to a scoop of vanilla or strawberry.

When a table is ready to be cleared, the staff at Rebecca's places a poker chip on the table. Once Tisha fills up a jar with poker chips, she gets a crack at the

ice cream freezer chest. If that doesn't meet the definition of 'determination', I don't know what does. What I do know is that folks like Tisha — and the staff at Rebecca's — deserves a lot of credit for doing what they're doing. In a world where a two-second delay at a green light is cause for a national uproar, customers may get impatient with someone who works at a somewhat slower pace.

You know what I say? I say *too bad*. Take a breath. Have a seat. Relax. The world will continue to spin and the sun will come up tomorrow, no matter what you may think, because regardless of what the "professional driver on closed road" television ads may have you thinking, life is not all about speed-speed-speed. Part of it (and in my opinion, more of it) should be spent just taking in life and enriching the lives of people around us.

People like Tisha. Here's the other thing, too: when I hear stories like Tisha's, and then compare that with whiny NBA stars who refuse to step on the court for anything less than a boatload of money and rights to a self-titled video game, I get nauseous. And it goes beyond pro athletes. The

complete loss of sense of priority takes place right here in Northville, and it happens every day. Someone throws a fit because the hairdresser was late for the appointment or someone got a Coke when it was supposed to be a diet Coke or the cell phone company mixed up the billing on the 10,000 minutes I get each month.

Get the picture? The two things that are messing up all of us are the same two things that Tisha doesn't fret over: greed and speed.

An ice cream cone. Instead of a six-figure salary. A leisurely pace. Instead of breakneck, left-side-of-the-interstate rates of living our lives. That's how happiness is achieved.

"What we want to do for Tisha and all our students is to give them choices," said Donna Case, vocational coordinator at Cooke School. "They know what those choices are because they've experienced a variety of job sites. If we find the right environment for Tisha — or any student — then they are going to be successful."

In my opinion, Tisha — and those like her — already are.

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Is it the letter or the spirit of the law?

"We are dealing with only the hairballs, if we are doing our job right," said Michigan Supreme Court Justice Robert Young Jr.

In Howell to talk to Livingston County Teen-age Republicans on their Legal Career Day, he also took a few minutes to chat with journalists of the HomeTown Communications Network.

He was explaining about the quiet revolution the current Supreme Court majority is taking our state through. Calling himself a "constitutional traditionalist," he believes the "judicial activism" of justices in the past has made for an inconsistent application of the law. Only if the court interprets the constitution and laws literally — according to just what the words are as they have been written down on paper — will the rest of us really know what our rights truly are, he said.



Mike Malott

Activism — the philosophy in which judges try to decipher the meaning of the laws, as Young describes it — has led to inconsistent rulings and case law. So the rest of us can't really be sure how a judge will rule in a given case once it reaches the trial stage.

What the Supreme Court is going through is a process of "judicial hygiene," said Young. And that's where the hairball analogy

came in. "These are the areas where the fabric of the law has become gnarled, the fabric itself frayed, and our job is to go in and say, 'no, this is the pattern,' so that you can understand what the next step in that pattern will be."

"So we are dealing with the hardest cases in the state, and to do it fluently, in understandable English, to do it persuasively, and to have a comprehensible result is a very high goal of this court." Young's conservative view of the role of the judiciary — interpreting what the law says, not what it should be — was the big issue in the race for the Supreme Court in the 2000 elections.

He contends Michigan is unique among states in having dealt directly with it. He gives credit to Gov. John Engler — one of the few governors, according to Young, who really understands the issue — as having brought it to the fore through his appointments to the bench.

Of course, Young also feels the outcome of the election vindicated his traditionalist views. Voters here, having had a chance to decide between the two schools of judicial thought, chose to keep the traditionalists.

I'm not convinced. Once voters get a chance to view the traditionalists in action, I think, they may have a different reaction.

It's fine to argue, as Young does, that the law is just what it says it is in writing when you are talking about legislation that applies to the general public.

Provisions that limit government, such as those in the constitution, I think should get a broader view. We've all dealt with the used car salesman who can come up with a con-

tract that appears to say one thing, and then treats it in a completely different way once the signatures have been placed on the dotted line.

In fact, the law recognizes that contracts can be "deceptively written." Contracts written in that way are prohibited under Michigan law.

But the "constitutional traditionalist" philosophy, in my view, lets the used car salesman get away with his fraud.

We saw it in the Supreme Court's most publicized case last year, its ruling on the new concealed weapons statute. We all thought we had a right to referendum, the ability to petition to overturn laws passed by the Legislature. But lawmakers found a loophole, an exception for bills that allocate money.

The "traditionalist" majority on the court interpreted the words of the constitution literally, and thus found that it was irrelevant that a "legislative subterfuge" was being used. The constitution doesn't stop "the legislature from capriciously exercising its power of appropriation," they said.

Scary stuff from a court whose job is to be the final say on a document like the constitution, written in large part to place controls and limits on what government can and cannot do.

Young has to run again this fall. He'll be on the ballot along with Justice Elizabeth Weaver seeking reelection.

So the debate over traditionalism versus judicial activism will continue. And it should.

Mike Malott reports on the local implications of state and regional events. He can be reached by phone at (517) 548-7125 or by e-mail at mmalott@homecomm.net.

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Community Events (cont'd)

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DETAILS: Sankey was an opening act for comedians Tim Allen and Bob Saget. Tickets are \$12 each.
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Northville Community prayer

breakfast
DATE: May 15
LOCATION: Laurel Manor (39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia)
TIME: 7:15 a.m.
DETAILS: WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) anchor Frank Turner will be the event's guest speaker. Tickets are \$17

and can be purchased at Community Federal Credit Union of Northville or Northville area churches.
PHONE: (248) 374-0200

Second annual senior housing expo
DATE: May 16
LOCATION: Northville Community

Center (303 W. Main Street)
TIME: 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Hosting by the Northville Senior Center, it's an opportunity for residents to explore many possible housing options. Guest speakers, booths, prize drawings. Free luncheon to first 175 par-

ticipants.
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comedy benefit for Northville's New Hope Center for Grief Support
DATE: May 17
LOCATION: Penn Theatre (760

Penniman Ave., Plymouth)
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Tickets are \$25, \$15 of which is tax-deductible. The featured act is Dan Wilson. RSVP by May 10.
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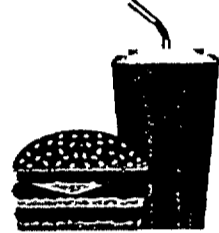
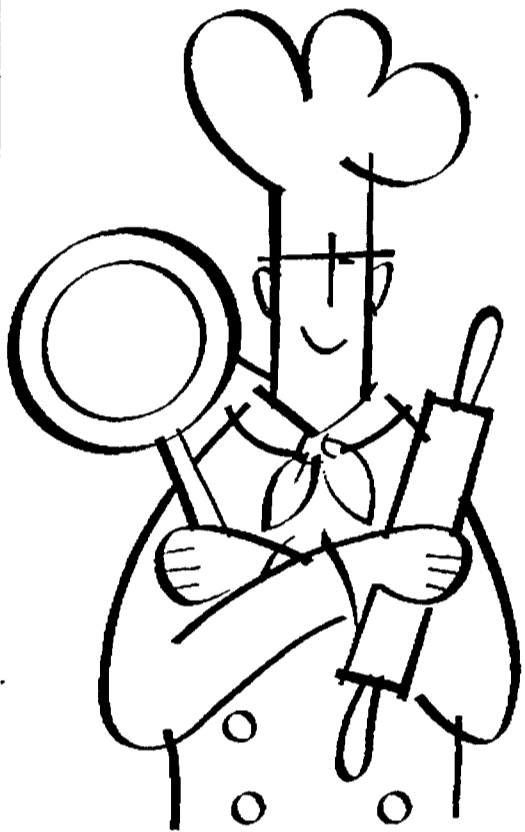
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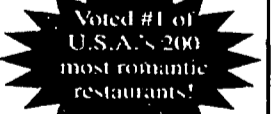
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Thursday, April 25, 2002

Oh my gosh! This shop will amaze and entertain you

RIDE LIKE THE WIND

Wind River Gallery is located in downtown Milford at 400 North Main Street, call (248) 684-6044.

By Annette Jaworski
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

You might say Nancy and Tim Smith's Wind River Gallery is an art store and more. Between the walls of their Milford shop, you'll not only find a wide range and taste in pieces of art, but numerous unique home décor and collectible items that aren't so traditional. For instance, who can resist the 3-foot plus furry gorilla that greets customers as they walk in?

It's part of Tim Smith's philosophy that there should be a certain amount of entertaining quality to your shop. It's what keeps many of their faithful customers coming back, time and again.

"When people walk into the store, I want them to be able to say, 'Oh my gosh, I can't believe it,'" said Tim Smith.

Expect the unexpected and the traditional in their merchandise, including art.

As Nancy Smith put it, "We hope to stay a step ahead - to be ready for the changes."

Look for talent such as Royo, an artist whose specialty is women and Leonard Wren, who paints European street scenes.

Twelve years ago, their shop originated by featuring many wildlife art pieces, and they continue to offer these. However, they've grown and expanded their art collection to explore different styles, said Tim Smith.

You will still find many signs of their rustic roots with Lodge look accessories. You'll find a range of Big Sky Carvers pieces including bear and moose picture frames, dishes, rugs and lamps. There are several shelves full of Michigan products as well.

To complement their attractive pieces of art is another important side of the business - framing. It's something that's expanded considerably, especially in the past five years, Tim Smith noticed.

"We're constantly adding frame choices, they're constantly being updated," he said. Right now they offer about 2,000 different choices of moldings. With today's new styles, many customers are choosing to update a favorite piece of art as well.

With years of experience, the Wind River staff helps customers



Photo by HAL GOULD

Nancy and Tim Smith, along with their store's pet stuffed moose, operate the Wind River Gallery in Milford. Tim Smith hopes the store will surprise and entertain his clients.

to maximize their artwork by laying it out in the most creative and attractive fashion. And since some of the elaborate trims can be pricey, they're careful to offer selections in more affordable price ranges as well.

"On the service end of it, we do whatever we can so the customer can be happy," said Nancy Smith.

They credit their experienced staff for excellent customer service, including framer, Jan Lilly and Kathy Boonstra, in the frame

room. In sales, you'll chat with Nancy Hinzmann and Ginette McDowell. Behind the scenes as bookkeeper is Lynn Glover.

In addition to art and the exceptional framing services, there's a large selection of collectibles. There's exotic jewelry from fossilized ivory, made by Len Puzewicz who was originally from Oscoda. You'll find Harmony Kingdom collectibles; these are charming pieces, small enough to hold in your hand, with amazing

details. Each of them opens up to reveal a small prize inside. Some are jungle animals - zebras, rhinos and elephants. There's also a line of domestic animals and people in Harmony Kingdom. Another unique line of collectibles you'll find are Dezine Fairies that are delicate carvings of these dainty creatures.

Wind River is a fine example of the hometown service and ambience, where people feel free to come and browse. And for many

out of town customers as well, a trip to Milford is not complete until they stop by and see what's new at the gallery.

"We know most of our customers. We know them by face and smile," Nancy pointed out.

Tim Smith agreed, "You get to know their family, you get to know what's going on in their lives. It's a small town atmosphere."

Periodically, Wind River Gallery also features an in-store artist, such as photographers Carl Sams

and Bruce Montagne for the public to enjoy as well. Right now they're hoping to schedule an artist during the Milford Memories festival.

Just a reminder, of course they'll be open during the Milford '02 downtown improvements.

"Our back door is always open, and there's plenty of free parking," said Tim Smith.

They welcome you to drop by to see what's new - or just to say hi to the gorilla!

Learn to stop identity thieves in their tracks

By Tim Kissman
SEAM DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS

The most valuable asset any business owner has is an identity, and unless you're extra cautious, who you are in cyberspace is becoming easier to steal and harder than ever to get back.

Keep a tight lid on personal identification like Social Security numbers, computer passwords, bank codes or check and credit card numbers, or you could become the victim of the largest crime wave this side of Chicago-land gangsters.

Think of it this way: If the roaring 1920s was the era of the bank robber, then the 2000s is the era of cyber identity theft.

Instead of brandishing guns and robbing banks, these thieves pick through your garbage and ATM wastebaskets for receipts.

Instead of a getaway car and a blazing escape, modern rob-



Tim Kissman

bers quietly change your credit card address, run up obscene bills and create cell phone accounts. You don't know you're a victim until it's way too late.

In the 1920s, cops caught the bank robbers, returned the money and dished out justice. In 2002, authorities can barely track identity thieves.

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much less catch them. Even if the bad guys slip up, it really doesn't matter because your credit is ruined. It takes years to restore your identity and get back to normal.

Experts say the best way to stop identity theft is to be smart about your personal information. What does that mean? Here are a few ideas:

- More info. Don't give out any kind of personal identity information until you know how it's used, or if it's shared. Ask the solicitor if your information can be confidential.

- Security options. Don't give out your Social Security number unless it's necessary. Pay attention to billing cycles, too. If you don't get your monthly credit card bill, find out where it is. Someone might have it.

- Don't carry a lot of identification information. Keep your credit cards to a minimum and always tear up the bank receipts. If you lose your wallet or cards, call the credit company immediately and report it. Any kind of delay gives identity thieves a chance to strike.

If you really want to be careful, shred all receipts and don't put your trash out to the curb or dumpster until the day of pickup.

You see, these thieves are vermin and make life miserable for victims. Anyone who picks through trash to ruin the lives of others is no friend to small business.

But like the Roaring 20s, their reign will come to an end. We just have to be extra careful.

Business in Brief

Maklebust earns nursing award

Northville resident JoAnn Maklebust will receive the 2002 Nightingale Award for Advance Practice Nursing at this year's Nightingale Awards Ceremony. The event is hosted by Oakland University's school of nursing, and is slated for May 9. Maklebust is a nurse practitioner in the academic surgical oncology practice and a clinical nurse specialist for the surgical oncology

unit at the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Phillips promoted

Northville resident Thomas L. Phillips was promoted by the Ann Arbor architectural firm of Hobbs+Black Associates, Inc. to the level of vice-president. Phillips' projects have included Park Place at Victor Park in Livonia and NorthRidge Church in Plymouth.

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EVENING DROP-IN STORYTIME FOR FAMILIES

Wear your pajamas and join us for stories on May 8 at 7 p.m. This half-hour, drop-in storytime is designed for pre-school children and older with parents or caregivers. Families are welcome to attend this monthly program.

WOMEN WHO INFLUENCED THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

On May 2 at 7 p.m., Abraham Lincoln expert Weldon Petz will discuss the women in this president's life who most influenced him. To register, please call the library.

BETWEEN THE LINES

Join this lively evening book discussion group that meets every second Monday at 7 p.m. On May 13, we will be discussing Ernest Gaines' novel, "A Lesson Before Dying." Set in 1940s Cajun country, it tells the story of a teacher who visits a black youth on death row for a crime he didn't commit. Together they come to understand the heroism of resisting.

JUNIOR BOOKS CHAT AND CHOW

Kids in grade 4 and up, join us for this lively book discussion group that meets each month.

On May 29 at 4:15 p.m. we will be discussing "Homeless Bird," by Gloria Whelan. Please sign up and request a copy of the book at the Information Desk or by calling the library.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Northville District Library Board of Trustees will be April 25 at 7:30 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings, which are typically scheduled on the fourth Thursday of the month.

Ex-city police officer pleads guilty to molestation charge

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Mr. Edgar served the city for many years, and although the crimes do not relate to his employment as a police officer, the events have been troubling for the department and the community," said Petres.

Edgar will remain out on personal bond until the sentencing and has been ordered not to have any contact with the victim, the victim's family, any other minor, or his former wife. He is scheduled to appear in Oakland County Circuit Court for sentencing at 1 p.m. on June 5.

Edgar's former employer also had a comment on the case.

"It is unfortunate that these events occurred and we feel sorry for the victim," said Northville police chief James Petres on behalf of the department. "Hopefully, she will be able to recover from the trauma she has endured."

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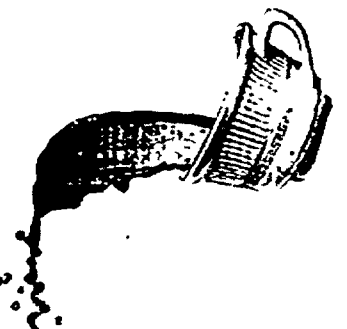
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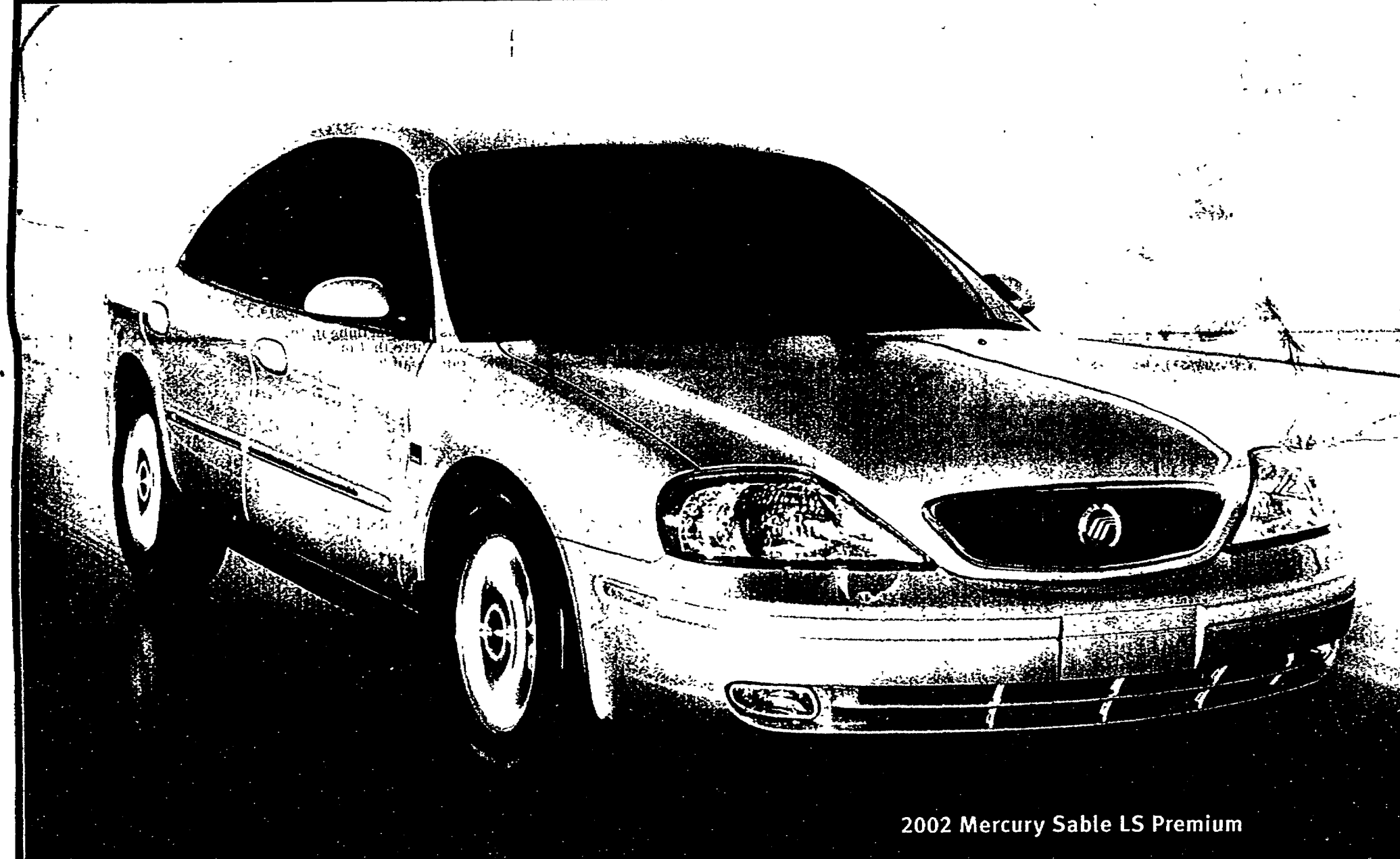
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'Stangs snatch two wins away from Lions

By Brian Doyle
SPECIAL WRITER

The Northville baseball team went through a tough week filled with a last-minute victory and a pair of heartbreaking losses.

"It was a very exciting week," said coach Mickey Newman.

A week which ended with two disappointing games against North Farmington last Friday and Livonia Franklin just a few days prior.

It was an up-and-down game throughout for the Mustangs as they took on the North Farmington Raiders and fought from behind to take a 5-3 lead in the sixth inning before falling behind to lose the contest 7-5.

"It was a real good game," Newman said.

Scott McNeish hit a solo home run to tie the game up before Jimmy Wolbers knocked in two runs with a two-out single. McNeish went two-for-four on the day with a stolen base.

In the end, it was North Farmington's hitting that won the game. They rallied back and scored three in the bottom of the last inning to win the game.

"They were an excellent ball club," Newman said. "A real good hitting ball club."

North Farmington kept on hitting the ball and getting bloop singles to land in play. According to Newman, they also refused to strike out. Even

though Northville lost, the coach said it was not a total loss.

"We played real well," Newman said.

Northville 7, Livonia Franklin 11

On Wednesday, April 17, Northville went up against another strong team and again fell in the late innings. Northville jumped ahead 7-6 in the fourth. McNeish came up big again and drove in three runs on a two-out double. However, in the bottom of the sixth, Livonia Franklin put up five runs to take the lead.

"We kind of fell apart defensively," Newman said.

Tyler Carter started and pitched

over five innings and Jimmy Riehl came in again to close.

Northville 13, South Lyon 2 Northville 14, South Lyon 9

The bright part of the week came earlier on. The day before the loss to Franklin, Northville knocked off South Lyon in both games of a double-header.

In the first game, Roger Garfield got his first varsity start and was credited with the win. He pitched five innings and only let in three hits while throwing five strike-outs. Tyler Carter also had a big game and had seven RBIs. Carter hit a three-run homer and stepped up to bat the next time and hit a grand slam.

In the second game, Dan Abude pitched his first varsity start and was able to get the win. Again, the Mustangs' closer Jimmy Riehl came in to finish out the game.

Northville 7, Livonia Stevenson 6

The week of excitement started on April 15 with a narrow 7-6 victory of Livonia Stevenson. The team won the game in the sixth inning to overcome a two-run deficit.

"It was a fantastic ball game," Newman said.

Robbie Harmer was on the mound for the game. He pitched nearly six innings while Jimmy Riehl came in to get the last four

outs of the game. Harmer was also a part of the sixth inning comeback and knocked in an RBI.

"He had a couple of key hits for us," Newman said.

Northville ended the week with a 3-3 record. Although they lost a couple of close games, the team is still happy with the results.

"We did very good with a young team," said Newman, whose squad faces four more talented clubs this week. "We have our work cut out for us."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The Knights rugby club made short work of the ruggers from Livonia as they simply plowed their way to victory. Here, a Livonia rigger is wishing he were back in Kansas as the Knights get ready to introduce him to the grass.

Knights rugby blasts Livonia Brighton ruggers are up next with road trip

By Brian Doyle
SPECIAL WRITER

The Northville Knights Rugby Club kept their season going strong with a huge victory over Livonia last Wednesday. Novi won 29-0, giving the team their second shutout of the year.

The Knights scored five tries by five different players. Matt Haggerty and Matt VanNortwick from Novi and Billy Adkins, Alex

Gutierrez, Ryan Sturing and Mike Subu all had tries in the game.

"Everybody finally played as one," said assistant coach Mark Moebus. "Everybody clicked as a team."

Most of the game took place deep in Livonia's zone with the Knights charging. They were able to break in for a score five hard-fought times. According to the team's coaches, it was a group effort that allowed the team to

play so well.

"The coaches were very happy with what the team had done," Moebus said.

Livonia played the Knights tough but could not manage to break down the Northville defense. The Knight's stayed strong all game long and refused to allow Livonia to score. On the day, there were a few minor injuries to both sides as is expected in a rugby match.

This was only the team's second regular season game of the season, and they were very happy with the result.

"We did what we went there to do," Novi player Alex Burtch said.

The team has a lot of new players who are playing rugby for their first time. The team has a lot of quality players in that regard also.

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Ruggers should have good time

The Northville Knights Rugby Club will have the fun and joy of taking a little trip to Brighton May 1, and I know that none of us are going to want to miss it.

The Knights have started their season off on the right foot with huge wins over Howell and Livonia, but now they are going to have more than a challenge on their hands when they take on the always-powerful Brighton crew.

It seems to me that Brighton is a deciding factor in most sports teams' seasons as they are usually a driving force in the sports they participate in. It must be something in the water over there that makes those kids so athletic.

Even when facing a team like Brighton, I am not concerned that the Knights are going to be in any immediate danger. These guys have shown on two occasions in non-tournament games that they are a team to reckon with. With guys like Billy Adkins and Alex Gutierrez leading the way for the Knights, I have a feeling that they are going to



Sam Eggleston

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come out of this one with a win. I haven't had the opportunity to watch Gutierrez in action, but from what I have heard he is quite the scrum half and quite the scrapper, too. With Adkins, on the other hand, I have been

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Golf team earns two big victories JV team has talent galore

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Now those are impressive numbers.

The Northville girls golf team found that two of the freshman on their Junior Varsity squad may be seeing time on the Varsity team sooner than later as Renee Christopher and Allison Grant shot 50s against Grosse Ile to lead their team to victory. The elder 'Stangs followed their shining example as they topped John Glenn and won a Hartland Best Ball Tournament with a score of

Girls Golf

264.

"We won it," Northville coach Trish Murray said of the tournament. "Not that I am totally shocked. You go to these tournaments looking to gain experience and you are always gunning to win, it is just extra nice when you do."

The Mustangs followed the lead of Kate MacDonald and Shannon Lewicki as they shot a combined 84 to lead the day with Layne Scherer and Andrew Phillips shooting an 88. The team of Marte Snyder and Theresa Juthage shot a combined 92 to help the Mustangs to an overall victory.

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Churchill too much

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Northville Mustangs girls track team came up short against Western Lakes Activities Association rival Livonia Churchill — but even with the loss, the Mustangs had top-shelf performances for many of its competitors.

The Mustangs, who fell 74-61 in the dual meet, showed much improvement from the weeks prior.

"We still have things we need to work on, hand-offs in our sprint relays being the most important," Northville coach Nancy Smith said. "Once we get those down, our relays will be much improved, since we definitely have the speed in them to compete."

The Mustangs turned to the

lead of competitors like Emily Ott in the losing effort. Ott, who is a senior captain this year, won the high jump with a leap of 5-foot-1 and captured first in the 200 meter sprint with a time of 27.9. Ott was also third in the 100 meter dash with a 13.3.

Girls Track

"Emily did an amazing job today," Smith said. "She continues to improve and shows that she can be put in any sprint area for us and be counted on."

Devon Rupley had an outstanding performance for the Mustangs as well — she took first in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:21 while placing third in the long jump with a final tally of 15-feet-11.

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Boys stopped by Churchill

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Northville Mustangs boys track and field team just didn't have what they needed to stop the power of the Churchill Chargers and fell to the Western Lakes Activities Association foe 78-59 April 18.

The Mustangs, led by first-year track coach Bill Cornelius, found that the Chargers were a strong team to contend with.

"They are a very strong team," Cornelius said. "They seemed to be strong in all of the events we are strong in, they were just stronger."

The Mustangs were able to grab more than one first place finish though, especially behind the speedy feet of Bill Brown.

Brown, who has shocked the fans more than once with his running ability, took first in both the 100 meter sprint and the 200 meter with times of 11.9 seconds and 23.9 seconds respectively.

"Bill did very well in his sprints," Cornelius said. "He had really good

"They seemed to be strong in all of the events we are strong in, they were just stronger."

*Bill Cornelius
Boys Track and Field coach*

times considering he was running into the wind."

Besides Brown, the Mustangs earned first place finishes in the high jump, the long jump, the 800 relay, the 300 hurdles and the 4-by-400 relay.

In the high jump, freshman phenomenon Alan Shanowski took first with a jump of 6-feet-even while Brown took second with a 5-foot-10 jump.

Matt Cornelius, who has been a factor in the long jump since the

first meet this season, took a top-finish with a leap of 18-feet-11. The 800 relay team of Brad Stoner, Brown, Mike Howell and Damien Singh took the top spot with a time of 1:38.3 while the 4-by-400 relay squad of Tim Dalton, Maxim, Zach Wollack and Rob Steiner took first with 3:50.

"We had some real good performances from our top guys," Cornelius said. "In some events they just had better athletes than we did, in others we were just as competitive as they were and more so at times."

Maxim notched a first-place victory in the 300 hurdles in a time of 43.1 seconds, just point-one of a second ahead of senior Robert Cameron.

"I asked Rob to teach Ben how to hurdle and he did," Cornelius said. "Ben was two seconds slower than Cameron until he taught him how to run them. Rob is a true team captain. He is so unselfish that he would teach someone to hurdle well enough that they would be competition for him and maybe

even beat him."

The Mustangs (1-1) will have the joy of taking on a very tough Farmington Hills Harrison team today at 3:30 at Harrison.

"They have some really good sprinters there," Cornelius said. "I read that Marcus Woods ran a 10.97 second 100 meter already. They are going to be tough in sprints, but we are going to beat them in distance."

When all is said and done after the meets and to this point in the season, Cornelius said that he is happy with the effort his team has shown him.

"I am satisfied with the team effort," he said. "My sprinters have to get into better shape because their endurance is not there yet. Other than that, I am happy with how everyone has been performing during the meets."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Matt Foster throws the discus 111-feet-even in an April home meet against Livonia Churchill.

Next Level Athletes

The Next Level Athletes portion of the sports section is dedicated to the men and women who once played high school athletics here in our communities before taking the next step in the careers and moving on to college and beyond to play the sports they love. It is here we are able to applaud them for a job well done and for giving it their all each and every time they compete.

Steve Weickel, Senior,

University of New Hampshire — A 1998 graduate of Northville High School, Weickel is a captain this year for the University of New Hampshire Men's Track and Field Team. As a four-year varsity letterman, Weickel has competed in track events ranging from 100 meters to 800 meters, as well as sprint and distance medley relay teams. In addition to representing UNH at major collegiate track championships including the Drake Relays and the ICAA Eastern track championships, Weickel is serving as President of the Student Athlete Advisory Council at UNH. He will be graduating from UNH this May.

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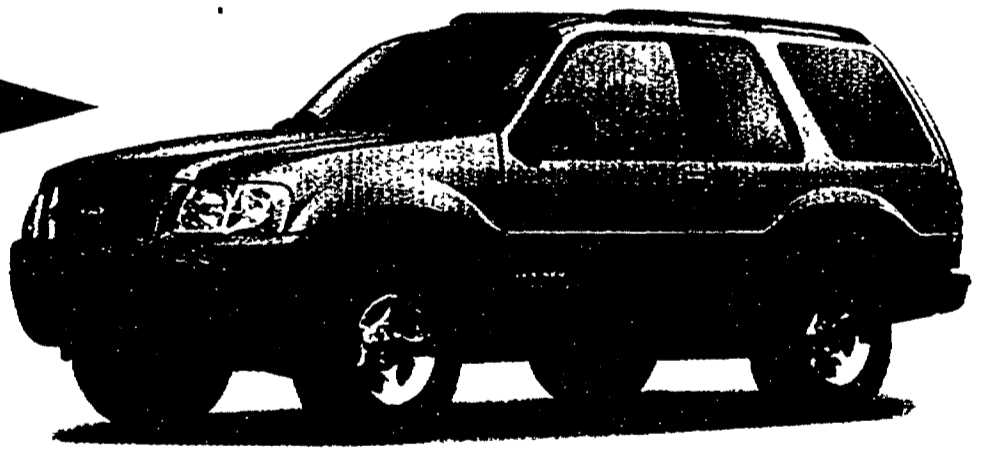
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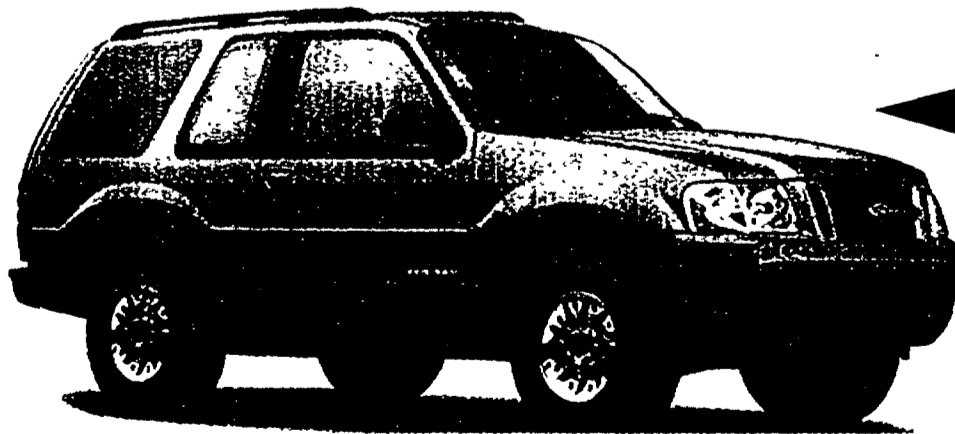
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Sports moms are the best

Sometimes I sit back and I wonder where my sports career, besides the one in writing, could have taken me if I would have dedicated every waking hour to becoming quicker, stronger and better at what I did.

Could I have played college football? Maybe. Could I have played semi-pro? I did. Could I have went all the way? No. It is this type of question-and-answer thoughts that run through my head, but there is one question that I know the answer to with- out ever pondering — Would I have been able to accomplish anything in sports, including writing about it, if it hadn't been for my mom? That answer, quite simply, is no.



Sam Eggleston

My mom, just like many sports moms out there, spent much of her time during my years in high school shuttling me back and forth from practices and games. We lived about a half hour away from my high school, and she never complained once when I had a Saturday practice or something I had to show up to (like a fundraiser). Each and every Friday (and Saturday in many instances) when there was a game close to home, she and my dad would make there way to cheer me on to both victories and, in many cases, losses.

were particularly far away, like a three-and-a-half-hour bus ride one way to Pickford, she wasn't able to make it there to watch me play. But when I pulled into the driveway at 3 or 4 a.m., there was always a note telling me that supper was in the refrigerator.

When I injured my knee in football, my mom and dad followed the ambulance all the way to the emergency room after the game and gave me a ride home. Mom took me to the doctor to get fitted for a brace, and she brought me to the walk-in medical clinic every time I got hurt on a Friday night and our doctors weren't around Saturday morning.

She encouraged me to go to Hampton-Sydney to chase my dream of college football and then supported me when I chose to stay closer to home instead of traveling to Virginia. She didn't say a negative word when I chose to play rugby at Northern Michigan University, and she never complained when I would bring home my muddy clothes and ask her to wash them after a hard-fought match. And of my short-lived semi-pro football career with the Northern Michigan Arctic Blast, my mom was there for me. She didn't tell me it was foolish to do or that I had to make sure to not let it interfere with my work — she just wished me the best of luck.

If it weren't for my mom pushing me to do the things I love, I wouldn't be writing here today — passing on the names and scores of our local teams and cheering them on to victory in the pages of this

SPORTS MOMS

newspaper. If it weren't for my mom I wouldn't have ever experienced the joy of winning, the agony of defeat or the bonds of true friendship on the field of play.

As you read this today, April 25, it is my mom's birthday. She is turning 46 years old and is the sometimes-proud mother of four children. Besides myself, she has a son named Jeff, who is 29, a daughter, Angel, who is 26, and a daughter named Jennifer, who is 16. I am just one of four that she has encouraged and pushed to be the best we can be. Have we? I can't answer for the others, but I do believe that I have stepped up to the challenge very well — but I could never have done it without the support and guidance of my mom.

As a young boy growing up through my teen years and to now, I rarely appreciated what my mom did for me. She forced me to get an education by getting me up for school each morning and shipping me off on the bus. And she made me learn to respect my fellow man, even if I don't want to from time to time. My mom would never let me put down the pen and paper that I wrote fiction with all of these years, even though there have been times that I have wanted to. She has never let me call it quits

but she has always been there when the door closed on me. I appreciate all of this now; I just wished I appreciated it more then. Where would I be right now if it wasn't for my mom? I couldn't tell you. I can tell you that I probably wouldn't be very happily married to a wonderful wife, nor would I probably have a wonderful daughter, as I do. I look to my mom to be a guiding light in my life and she always has been. I just hope as I grow older and lead my life, that I am able to be a steady rock for her to lean on in troubled times.

I love you, Mom, and happy birthday. I just wanted to say thank you to the greatest sports mom in the world. With Mother's Day right around the corner and spring sports in full swing, it is probably a good time for all of you athletes — and non-athletes, for that matter — to tell your mom how much you love her. Maybe you will have to wait for her to get home, or maybe you have to pick up the phone and call her or maybe, like me, you have to drive eight hours just to see her face and tell her that you love her more than anyone else in the world loves their mother. The three words of "I love you" say more to our mothers that most of us may ever know.

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Sports Schedule

Following are the schedules for this week for Northville High School Athletics as well as for the Northville Knights Rugby Club.

Tennis			
Date	Opponent	Time	Place
April 29	Canton	4 p.m.	A
May 1	John Glenn	4 p.m.	H

Baseball			
Date	Opponent	Time	Place
April 26	Harrison	4 p.m.	A
April 27	W. Bloomfield (OH)	11 a.m.	A
April 29	Churchill	4 p.m.	A
April 30	Brighton	4 p.m.	H
May 1	WL Central	4 p.m.	A

Softball			
Date	Opponent	Time	Place
April 26	Harrison	4 p.m.	H
April 29	Churchill	4 p.m.	H
May 1	WL Central	4 p.m.	H

Soccer			
Date	Opponent	Time	Place
April 24	Canton	7 p.m.	A
April 29	John Glenn	7 p.m.	H
May 1	Farmington	7 p.m.	A

Girls Track			
Date	Opponent	Time	Place
April 25	Harrison	3:30 p.m.	H
April 27	Yps. Lincoln Relays	10 a.m.	A
May 2	WL Western	3:30 p.m.	A

Boys Track			
Date	Opponent	Time	Place
April 25	Harrison	3:30 p.m.	A
May 2	WL Western	3:30 p.m.	H

Golf			
Date	Opponent	Time	Place
April 26	Brighton Invite	9 a.m.	A
April 29	Salem	3 p.m.	H
May 1	Stevenson	3 p.m.	H

Rugby			
Date	Opponent	Time	Place
April 27	Traverse City	TBA	TBA
May 1	Brighton	A	4:30 p.m.

Mustangs lose hurler Nebozny to injury

Softball team will look to Banner, Kruszewski to lead way on mound

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Northville Mustangs softball team is having a rough start to their 2002 season and have gone through more than one drastic change since the start.

The biggest change has been the introduction of freshman hurler Jane Kruszewski to the line-up — her addition to the line-up came with a price tag though.

"In our double header against South Lyon, Candra Nabozny was

"(Candra Nabozny) is still coming to all of the games and being a leader for this team."

Kelly DeWitt
Softball coach

warming up (pitching) and got hit," Northville coach Kelly DeWitt said of the junior hurler who had been warming up in foul territory near the Mustang dug out. "It pretty

much set the tone for the game. She broke her jaw and we thought she was going to lose some teeth."

Though Nabozny has her jaw wired shut, though very little

bruising, the junior lost no teeth and is still a factor for her team.

"She is still coming to all of the games and being a leader for this team," DeWitt said. "It has been a long week."

DeWitt noted that Nabozny is going to be sorely missed.

"She worked all winter," she said. "It is devastating that a player that has been working so hard gets an injury like that just warming up pitching. She would come

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Golf wins Hartland best-ball tournament

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"We beat Ann Arbor Pioneer by one (265)," Murray said. "We beat Brighton (271) and they played very good. The nice thing about that best ball tournament is that both of those teams are in our regional. At least now we know they will be looking for us."

The Mustangs (3-0) also took it to the John Glenn Rockets, who didn't have enough players to field a team, as they shot fairly good scores.

"I still wanted the kids to go ahead and play," Murray said of playing out the meet instead of just catching the bus back home. "It is good experience to play the other courses."

MacDonald led the pack with a 40 on the day while Scherer hit a 49. Lauren Farris collected a 52 in the winning effort while Kelly Harrison shot a 57 to round out the scoring.

The Junior Varsity squad collected two wins as well as they slipped by Grosse Ile behind the marvelous shooting of

"We won it. Not that I am totally shocked. You go to these tournaments looking to gain experience and you are always gunning to win, it is just extra nice when you do."

Trish Murray
Girls golf coach

Christopher and Grant — both who shot a 50 for the day. Lauren Grisby shot a 57 in the win while Katie Abbo notched a 58. Grosse Ile shot a 251 against the more experienced Mustang linkers.

"As a team they shot a 215," Murray said. "I remember when

the varsity teams were shooting that. Renee Christopher and Allison Grant did a great job. They might see some varsity time. It is a possibility."

The next day, the JV girls took it to the Novi Wildcats, notching a 224-245 victory.

Grant put together another impressive performance with a 51 while Christopher shot a 53 and Grisby and Marie Defer shot 60s to help their team to victory.

"I am very happy with where the younger players are at," Murray said. "It is a good indicator of where this team might be a couple of years down the line. I it very nice to have such a talented pool of kids to choose from. I keep telling them in a couple of years the teams we play better be looking out."

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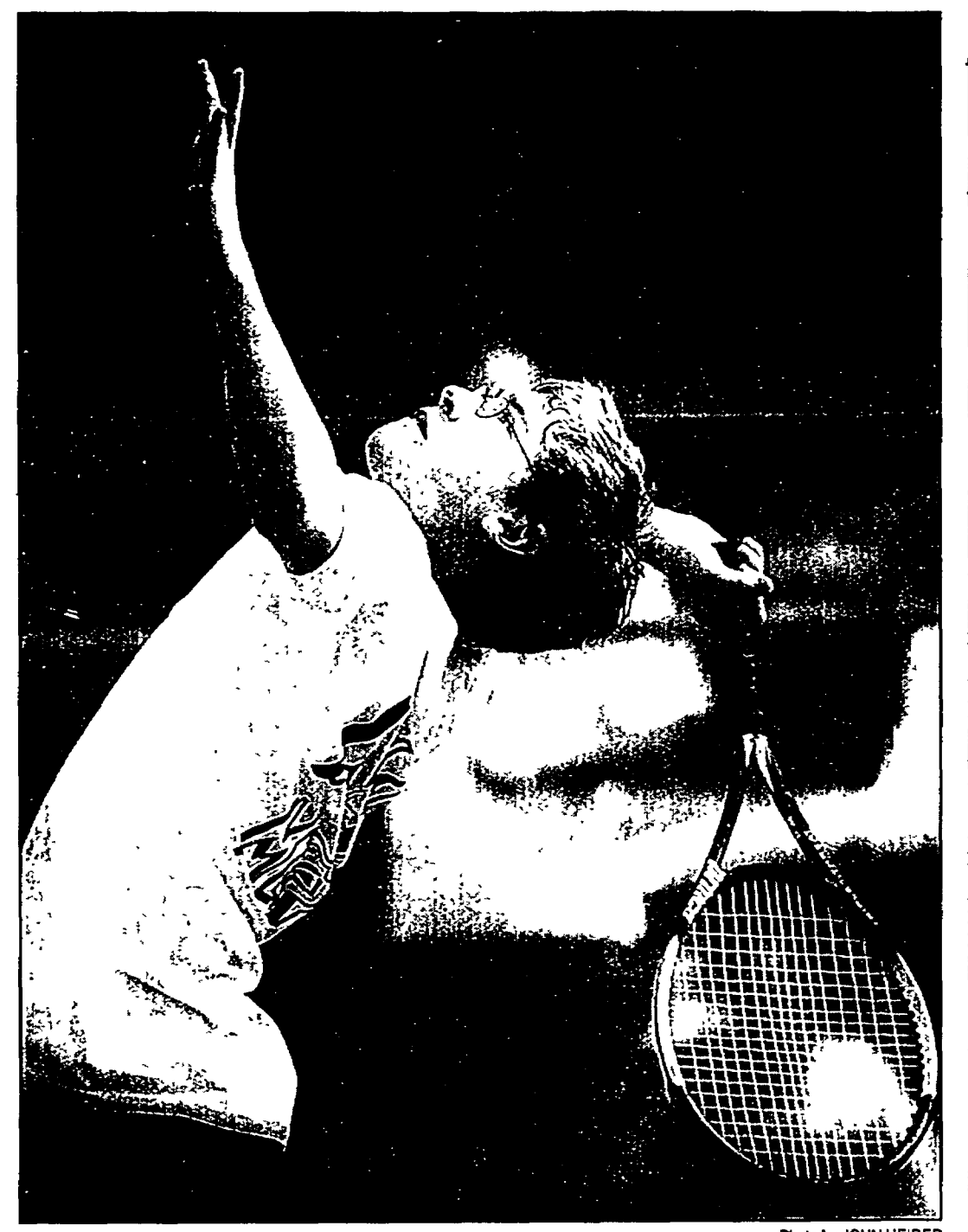


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Heads up for Jason Spruit and the Northville Mustangs tennis team
Freshman Jason Spruit serves to his opponent during a mid-April home game at Northville High.

Sports Shorts

Hawks Football registration
The Lakes Area Hawks varsity is accepting registration for five players. Only serious players, eager to start the transition to high school football, should call. These players will be involved with coaches closely related to what they will learn in high school. The Hawks staff includes state champion experience with one of the most successful teams of the '90s and today. The Hawks are the only little league football team with their own stadium. For more information, call Dan Welch at 360-6647.

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A sand volleyball league held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays starting May 13, is starting up. Interested teams should contact Northville Parks and Recreation at (248) 449-9947. The league costs \$50 for fours, \$40 for twos and will run 11 weeks. Non-residents must pay \$15 per person.

Northville/Novi Colts registration
The Northville/Novi Colts youth football organization is holding registration for the 2002

season May 4 at 9 a.m. at the Novi Civic Center. The registration is for openings on the cheerleading and football squads.

Due to the large number of returning players, the only football squads accepting registrations are freshmen football (8- and 9-year-olds, maximum of 105 pounds) and the varsity football (11-year-olds with max of 150 pounds; 12- and 13-year-olds, max 150 pounds). The cheerleading teams have freshmen openings (8- and 9-year-olds) and the varsity cheer (12- and 13-year-olds).

Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. The registration fee is \$260. For more information, call Cathy Thomas (football registration) at (248) 348-4282 and "Reire" Enliston (cheerleading registration) at (248) 344-8977.

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Flag football tournament
Total Soccer, in Wixom, will be holding a five-on-five flag football tournament with the winner of the tourney receiving half of the fees gathered by the registration.

The tournament will run May 18-19 with three guaranteed games per team and a team trophy and T-shirts being awarded to the champions. There is a six-team minimum in the tournament and a 14-16 team maximum. Each team will have an eight-man roster limit and must have a jersey or uniform with numbers for each player.

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'Cats skin Mustangs

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Northville Mustangs youth seemed to be overwhelmed by the experience of the Novi Wildcats when the duo met for a remake of an earlier canceled game April 19.

The Mustangs, led by coach Doug Button, took on and lost to the Novi Wildcats 6-2 in a non-conference meet.

"It was a fairly close meet," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "6-2 sounds like we beat them fairly handily, but we had to work extremely hard for the win."

The Mustangs found troubled waters in the second and fourth singles, as well as all of the doubles as they fell in a hall of point scoring and tight matches.

First singles found senior Kyle Dehne pounding freshman Preasanna Venugopal 6-2, 6-2 while third singles freshman Jason Sprull blasted Novi senior A.J. Sansom 6-3, 6-2 to win the only two flights for the Mustangs.

"I thought Northville gave us a

really tough match," Hanson said. "Their abilities reflects the coaching of Doug Button, who is a real tough coach. For a while it seemed like they were taking it to us, but I am proud of the way my kids came back in a few of the matches there."

The matches the Wildcats were able to make comebacks in usually led to wins. Novi sophomore Suraj Ramachandran edged out junior Adam O'Donnell 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 while sophomore Vishal Rungta topped Mustang sophomore Nate Mevill 6-0, 6-0.

The doubles, which were swept by the Wildcats, found 'Cat juniors Andrew Laskowski and Joe Lynch popping sophomore's Jackson Knoll and John Lee with a 6-2, 6-0 loss in one doubles while seniors Josh Christopherson and Matt Peurach squeaked by Northville senior Tom Gavin and sophomore Brian Bensette 6-4, 7-6 in the second doubles flight.

Third doubles found Mustangs Matt Lewicki and Chris Irvine falling to Drew Doster and Chris Kovacinski 6-3, 6-4 while the fourth doubles

team of Novi's Conor Hogan and Phil Schuyten managed a close victory over junior Graham Appleford and Colin Acherman 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

"I am pleased with how we closed out some of the matches," Hanson said. "We held tough at the end and closed them out: It was a good high school tennis match with a lot of spirit. Northville is definitely going to be a team to reckon with in years to come. I think they are going to be tough in the league as well."

The Mustangs also felt the sting of a loss to North Farmington, who blanked them 8-0.

"I don't think they are that much stronger," Button said. "We have a pretty young team and they just had more experience."

The Mustangs came back right away, pouncing Harrison 8-0 before falling to top-rated Ann Arbor Huron 7-1 with three doubles Lewicki and Irvine earning a victory in three sets.

"Our goal is to still win the conference," Button said. "We have some work we have to do and we have to get some more experience, but that is still our goal."



Northville's No.1 singles player Kyle Dehne returns with his forehand during a home match in April.

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Knight rugby player Bill Adkins, right, looks to lateral the ball to a teammate while encountering a tackler or two in last week's game against Livonia.

Bring on Brighton

After blanking newbie Livonia, Knights look to taking on a very tough Brighton

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"We have a young, inexperienced team with a lot of talent," said Joe Petrous, a player from Novi who scored two tries against Howell the week before. "We're led by some big horses up front like Nick Clark and Mike Subu."

Those big horses have led the Knights to two victories so far without letting the opposition score even one try.

Since the team was coming off only one other week of regular season play, there still are other kinks to work out.

"We had a few too many penalties," said Burtch. "Other than that we played well."

The Knights hope that as experience comes, the number of penalties will fall off.

The team is continuing their quest to go after the state championship and has three more regular season games before the

post-season starts. They played St. Joseph's yesterday (after the *Novi News* and *Northville Record* went to print). Next Wednesday the team will square off against Brighton.

"Brighton is going to be our toughest game so far," Moebus said.

Ultimately, the team wants to get to the state championship and will have to go through the East Regional on May 11. The top four teams coming out of that regional advance on to state championship competition.

Right now though, the team will have to focus on its upcoming games. After yesterday, the team only has two regular games left. Their success depends largely on how well the team can play as one unit.

"We just need to play as a team," Moebus said, "and make sure we're supporting each other."

According to Moebus, if the players don't support each other, both literally and figuratively, on the field, the team will have trouble.

The team is playing very well right now and has blown out their first two opponents. Novi hopes to continue their success but remains focused on the post-season.

"I don't want to jinx us," Moebus said about the team going undefeated.

The Knights have a tough game ahead of them against Brighton next week. The team wants to stay strong and continue gaining momentum all the way into the post-season.

Brian Doyle is an intern for the *Northville Record* and the *Novi News*. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

Rugby looks good for Brighton match

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witness to his ability to handle a melon-shaped ball on the field of play more than once during the football season. Adkins in one of those guys who can really hurt you if you let him make a move. He has a cunning ability to slide past defenders and continue on his way for the score.

Other than those two ruggers, players like Seth Corbin, Alex Burtch, Nick Clark and Joe Petrous are going to be deciding factors in the contest. Both Burtch and Clark are big enough to put the hurt on just about anyone trying to push the ball up field, and Petrous is a dangerous player when he gets the ball in the open field. As for

Corbin, the praise he gets from veteran players like Adkins is enough to convince me that he is golden when on the field.

I am looking for the Knights to take the trip to Brighton — with plenty of fans in tow, I hope — and hit the bus for the ride home with a big, fat check in the win column. **Knights 29, Brighton 10.**

Softball off to rough start

Young team now has very young pitching staff

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in and work out while I was coaching volleyball. Candra is a tough player with a lot of spirit. If will have anything to do with it she will be back this season, but that is a doctor's call."

The Mustangs have felt the pain of other things as well — mainly losses. Since the beginning of the season the Mustangs have fell to Stevenson 5-2, Franklin 5-0, dropped two games to South Lyon in a double header and, most recently, was mercied by North Farmington 11-0.

"That hurt," DeWitt said. "It has been a tough way to start the season. Right now we have to start measuring successes and thinking of what we want to accomplish."

Whatever they look to accomplish, they are going to have to do it on the arms of sophomore Carrie Banner and freshman Kruszewski — the squads two remaining pitch-

"We still have growing room, but they are doing a great job."

Kelly DeWitt
Softball coach

ers. "We threw Carrie all week," DeWitt said of tiring her sophomore out and having to bring in her freshman hurler, who she recently pulled up from JV. "It has been a long week for Carrie, with Candra breaking her jaw. She has pitched four-and-a-half games and has just started to tire out. It is hard to put Jane in because I haven't seen her throw except once."

DeWitt noted that her team is young, but willing to work at improving.

"They are young but solid," she said. "We still have growing room, but they are doing a great job and I really couldn't ask for more. Right now we have to work on our hitting. I am usually really aggressive with our slapping and bunting and they are coming from a swing away program. If we aren't used to faster pitching, swinging away isn't going to pay off. We need to get on base."

The Mustangs return to action when they host Harrison tomorrow at 4 p.m. before hosting Churchill April 29 at 4 p.m. and Walled Lake Central May 1 at 4 p.m.

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Northville Youth Soccer Team Scores

The **Northville Lightning** followed the lead of Sara Fort as they crumpled a squad from Hamburg with a 4-0 loss. The Lightning took the victory with only 9 players compared to Hamburg's 11.

The **Northville Storm** followed the lead of Elizabeth Hawksford to a 1-1 tie with Novi. The single Northville goal was assisted by Lauren Scheer while Kim Remine and Gina Morris were named as two of the team's Most Valuable Players.

The **Northville Lightning U-13 girls** soccer team started the 2002 season with a 2-0 record as they notched a 2-1 victory over Hamburg behind the scoring abilities of Rebecca Jaskot and Emily Kalweit. Lauren Gonyea was named MVP of the game with her debut game at goalie. The second win came at the expense of Farmington I as the Lightning strolled off to a 4-3 victory. Jessica Boerger, Kirstyn Wildey and Jaskot put the Lightning ahead 3-0 before Farmington came back to tie the contest 3-3. With less than a minute remaining, Wildey took the ball on a break-away and scored the game-winning goal. Amanda

Weaver was the offensive MVP while Rochelle Kelly earned the defensive MVP nod.

The **Northville Cosmos** followed the lead of Michael Scorzo who scored two goals on the night as his squad fell to Livonia 5-2. MVPs for the contest were Blair Robinson and Alex Zimmer. The Cosmos were able to turn things around in their next outing as Scorzo slammed three goals home in a 5-3 beating of Farmington. Christian Presseau and Zimmer notched a goal apiece while Peter Marilley and Nicco Buffone were named MVPs.

Northville's Stompers felt the sting of a loss as South Lyon pounded them 6-2 even with the effort of Thomas Bawden and Joshua Boerger, who scored a goal each in the losing effort. Stephen Widzinski and Partick Cowher were named the team MVPs for the game. The Stompers couldn't keep up with the Hot Spurs as they fell in a 6-2 spanking while David Rogers notched the lone goal and John Lubisco and Joe Blastus were named MVP.

Winning is one of the greatest feelings in the world — especially when you win convincingly, just

ask the **Northville Express**. The Express slammed Farmington with a 5-0 blanking as Stephen Grimmer scored two goals while Jake Robideau, Matt Lypka and Eric Winkler each found the back of the net. Grimmer and Winkler were the game MVPs. The Express notched another convincing win as they pounded Novi 8-3 behind the goal scoring of Robideau — who tallied three — Lypka — who got two — Grimmer, Robby Mauer and Winkler — who scored one each. Robideau and Lypka were named MVPs of the squad.

The **Northville Hot Spurs** came away with a big win in a 6-2 shelling of Plymouth IV. Aaron Ashton scored three goals for the Hot Spurs while Lukas Barnes, Nicholas Rogish and Paul Sanders each tallied a goal. The Hot Spurs coach named the entire team as the game MVPs. The Hot Spurs were ready to keep their winning alive as well as MVP performances from the entire team as Ashton notched three goals and Myles Baker, Kevin Parea and Sanders each tallied a score in a 6-1 blasting of the Stompers.



Photo by John Heider

Brown's sprinting ability is simply golden

Northville sprinter Bill Brown, left, won this 100 meter race in 11.28 during a home meet against Livonia Churchill. Brown surprised a lot of spectators and his coach as he recovered from a big surplus of meters to help his relay team to a win in the opening meet.

Ott, Hogan, Moehle, Rupley, Belangero lead way in very close meet

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"Devon is such a versatile athlete, no matter where we put her we can count on her doing well," Smith said. "She is truly amazing."

Rupley assisted in the victory for the 3200 meter relay team which included herself along with Heather Moehle, Jenny Malle and Katy Miller. The crew

finished the team event with a time of 10:13.

Genevieve Belangero was also a multiple-event winner, capturing the 100 hurdles in 16.4 seconds and the 300 hurdles in 51.3 while taking second in the high jump with a leap of 4-feet-10.

Girls Track

"Genevieve is the best hurdler in the conference right now and she continues to improve," Smith said.

"She has the potential to win both at league and also in the top of the high jump."

Moehle took second in the mile run with a 5:39 before turning around and winning the two mile with 12:32.

Shannon Hogan, running her

first meet of the season, captured second in the 100 dash with a time of 12.8 before taking second in the 200 with a time of 28.2.

Senior Maggie Ossola won the long jump with an impressive leap of 17-feet-1.

"Once we get Maggie for an entire meet she will definitely be an advantage in the sprints and relays," Smith said.

Also taking places were Erica

Johnson with a 29-9 throw in the shot for third and a 79-7 throw in the discus for third. Julia Williams was third in the 100 hurdles with an 18.4 as well as in the 300 hurdles with a 54.6.

"As we continue to juggle our line-up we will only continue to improve," Smith said.

"Our goal is to be strong in the conference and regionals and we learn from our dual meets. Once

conference rolls around we will be ready to go in full force."

The Mustangs will be hosting Farmington hills Harrison at 3:30 p.m. today.

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"DUAL" OPEN Houses, April 27, 12-2:00, On Lucy Rd. 840 & 8601 \$179,900 & \$169,900. Directions: S. on Lucy Rd. from Grand River in Howell, b/w Golf Club Rd. & National St. Look for signs. Sharon Zeigler, Re/Max All Stars & Robin Love, previewproperties.com

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OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 12-4 Hartland Schools/Twp. Stunning brand new 2500 sq. ft. Contemp on 2.25 rolling acres. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home has spacious island kitchen w/solid maple cabinets, maple hardwood floors, all tile bathrooms. 9' cathedral ceilings w/plenty of windows/skylights. 2.5 car/gar. US 23, Clyde Rd., West, Parshalville North, 8707 Parshalville Rd. \$319,900 Anthony Lubkin 248-709-7999 810-249-HOMES Full MLS mls listing service commission 1.5%

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NOVI SUN. 4-28, 12-4pm. 10 & Beck. 47645 Wellesley Court, GREENWOOD OAKS Cape Cod, 4750sq ft. (includes professionally finished walk out basement) on private wooded cul-de-sac lot. Neutral decor, hardwood floors; extensive landscaping; 2 story deck! MUCH MORE TO SEE! \$569,900. (248) 374-5566.

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323 Howell

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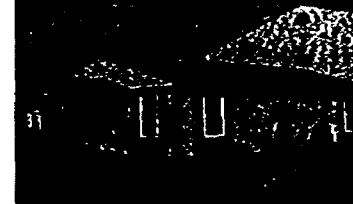
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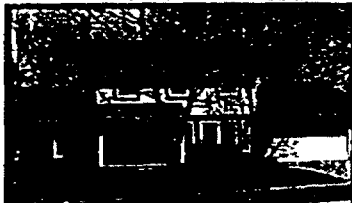
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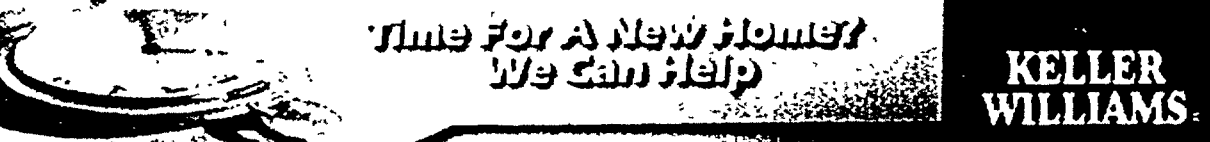


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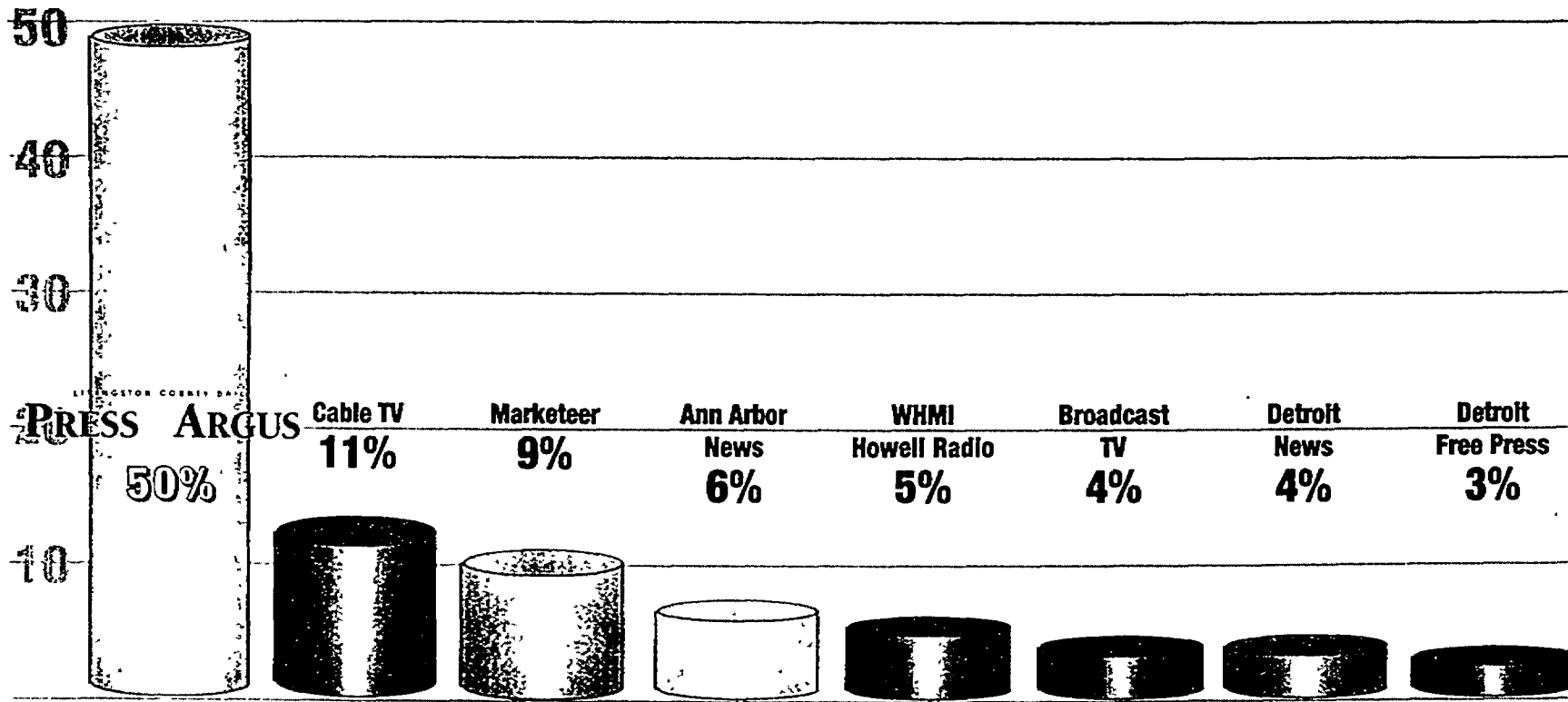
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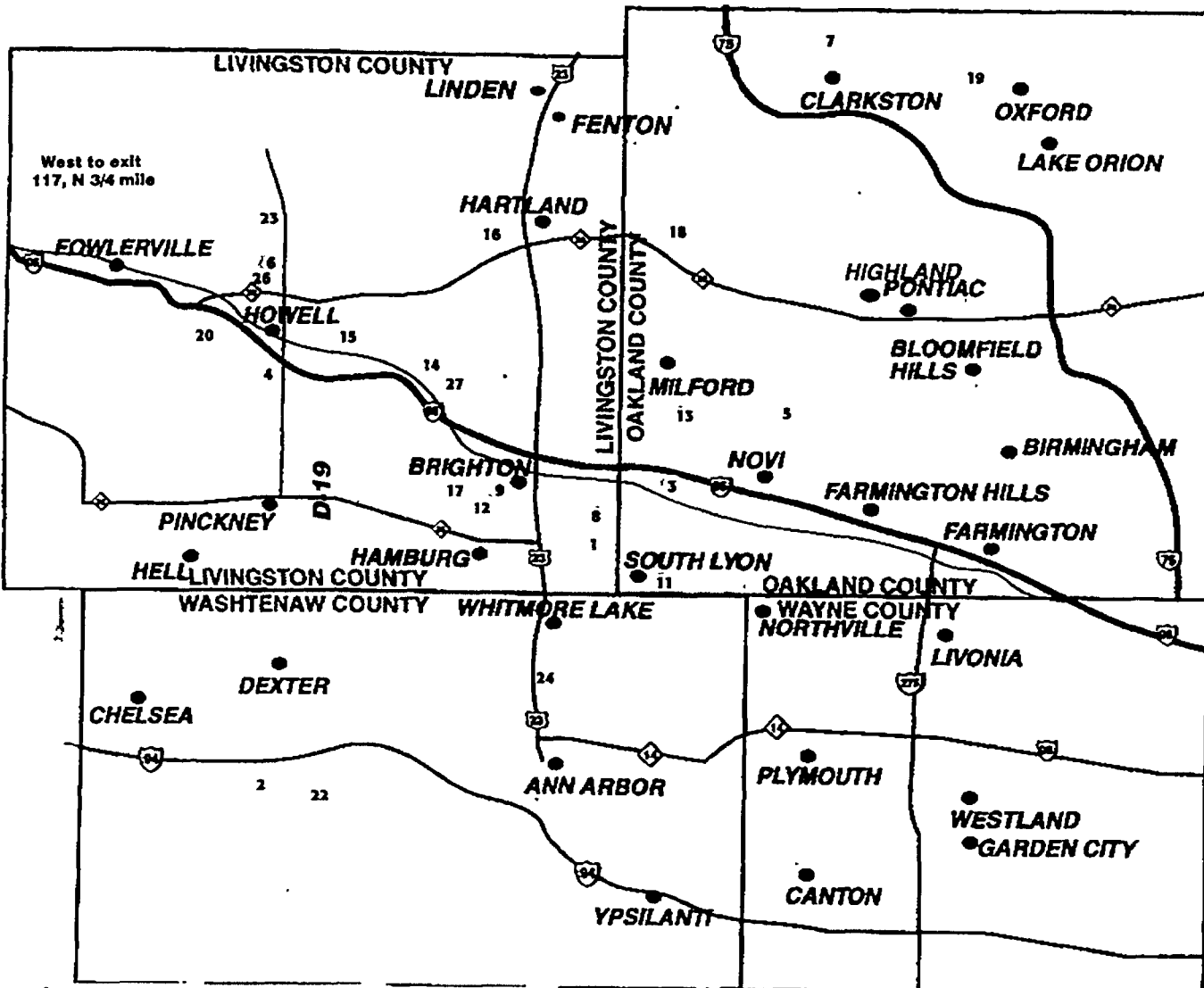
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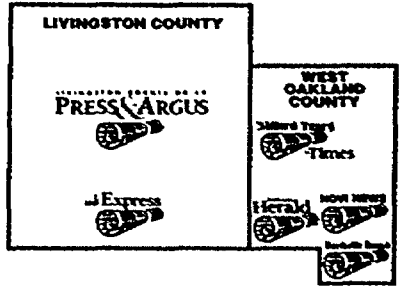
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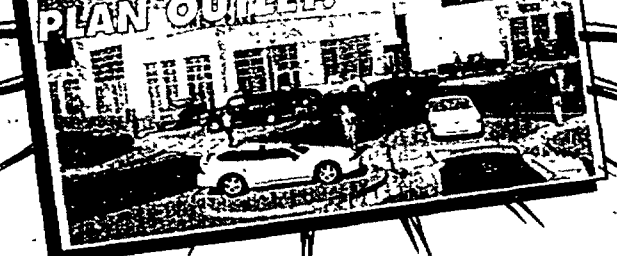
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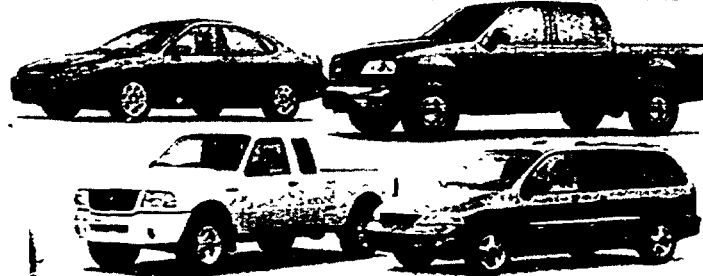


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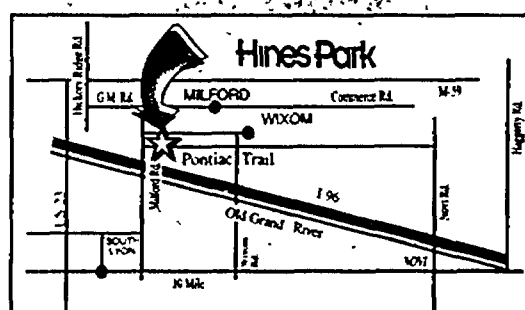
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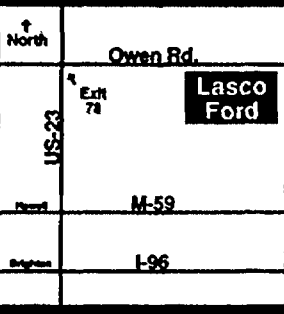
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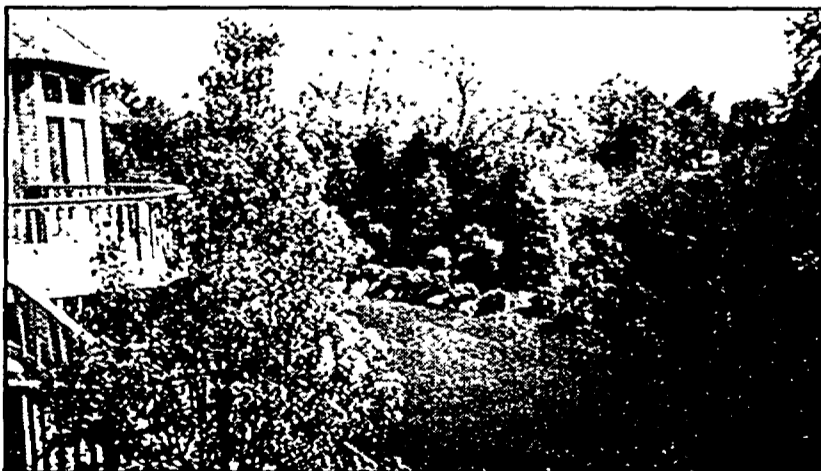
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Spice Up the Cold

Don't settle for bare trees next winter

By John O'Connell
Copley News Service

In too many yards the colorful brush strokes of fall fade to a dull gray in winter. But it doesn't have to be that way, according to Dave Schafer, owner of Schafer Landscaping Inc. in Peoria, Ill.

"There are six months out of the year when deciduous plants have no leaves," Schafer said. "Winter can look pretty bleak, if you haven't added some kind of winter interest to your landscape."

By combining multiple kinds of evergreens, fruit-bearing trees and shrubs, and trees with different barks and varying shapes and forms, you can create year-round interest in your lawn.

Evergreen trees, shrubs and ground covers are the backbone of winter interest because they stay green throughout the year, Schafer said. Evergreens include pines, spruces, yews and junipers.

"Blue spruce is very widely used around here, because it is so hard to introduce a lot of color in winter," the landscape designer said. "The blue spruce does that. And with snow on its branches it can be gorgeous."

Evergreens come in two types: broadleaf evergreens which have broad leaves that don't fall off in the winter; and needled evergreens. An example of the former includes the boxwood.

"The boxwood is one of the easiest to grow," said Glenn Herold, professor of horticulture at Illinois Central College. "It's dark green in color with small, rounded leaves. It's very popular in this area."

The evergreen holly is another example of a broadleaf evergreen. It also has dark green color. And when a male and female evergreen holly are planted together, the female produces colorful red berries.

"Birds love those berries," Herold said. "I've watched cedar wax wings completely clean one of my shrubs of all its berries."

While cold hardy, the evergreen holly is susceptible to wind damage, Schafer warned. "I would recommend planting them on the east side of the

house," he said.

Needled evergreens are what most think of when they hear the word evergreen. These include pines, spruces, yews and junipers. They are planted primarily for their green foliage throughout the year. But their many sizes, shapes and textures add to a winter landscape.

Homeowners can also provide color in winter by planting ground covers like pachysandra. It grows about 6 inches tall and provides a green carpet during the winter. Another good winter ground cover is the purple winter creeper, which is vine-like in nature and turns a purple-reddish color in cold weather. But the latter can be very aggressive and take over a garden, Herold cautioned.

Fruit-bearing shrubs, hollies and trees provide additional color in winter. The hawthorn family produces berries of orange or yellow color, and most types of flowering crab apples bear red or yellow fruit in the fall, which can last into January and February. Schafer is especially fond of red jade crab apple. It has small glossy red fruit with a graceful weeping form.

Form and texture are often overlooked in a landscape design, Schafer said. Trees with graceful or contorted forms can create dramatic profiles on a raw, cold winter day.

"Trees or shrubs with beautiful or unusual shapes can be highlighted with outdoor lighting," Schafer said. "And a spotlight on a plant can make a beautiful silhouette."

Bark texture can also create interest. Schafer especially likes the Heritage river birch for its peeling, creamy-colored bark. This is a plant that is resistant to bronze birch borer. And a dogwood's red and yellow branches can create interest, too.

Ornamental grasses are especially showy rustling in the breeze on a winter day. They can be planted in mass or mixed with other perennials, Herold said. The lush colors of their spring and summer foliage turn to shades of red, beige or brown in fall and winter. Grass varieties can range from low mounding to densely spreading to tall spikes. And they can look particularly dramatic in a snow-covered landscape.

"One of my favorites is feather reed grass," Herold said.

"It is an exotic that stands upright about 4 feet tall and has a reddish, brown color in winter. Another favorite is Heavy Metal switch grass, which is a native plant that needs very little care. It has a gray color in both summer and winter. It stands about 4 feet tall with a medium texture. It really stands out because of its color."



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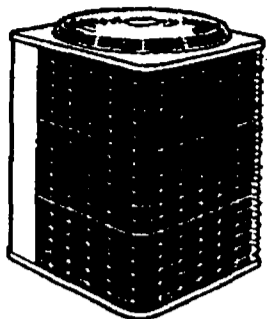
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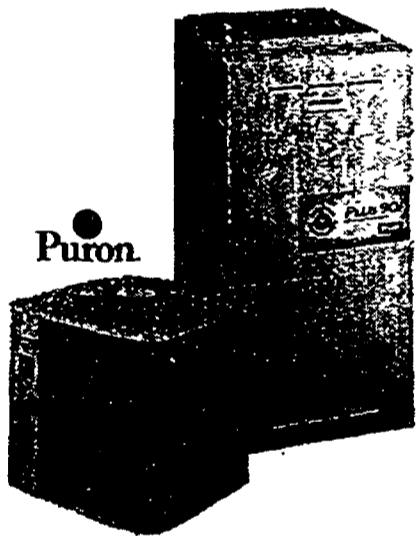
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Beautiful Bulbs

It's time to enjoy those colorful spring flowers

By John O'Connell
Copley News Service

Flower bulbs are like candy to Lois Coppemoll. The Chillicothe, Ill., resident just can't resist buying them in the fall.

"Every year I plant a bunch," said Coppemoll, a Peoria (Ill.) County master gardener who specializes in bulbs. "And (fall) is an excellent time to plant spring-flowering bulbs. I really enjoy being outside on a beautiful October day planting my bulbs and thinking about what will come."

Basically, there are two groups of bulbs: spring-flowering like tulips, daffodils, scilla and crocuses that are hardy and planted in the fall; and summer-flowering like

dahlias, begonias and anemones that are more tender and planted in the spring.

Spring-flowering bulbs provide what is most in demand in a spring landscape after a long dreary winter — color.

"I'm especially fond of botanical tulips because they come up very early in spring just when you can't stand one more dreary, gray day," Coppemoll said. "Bulbs can be a lot of work, but they are worth it. Beauty is the reward."

A bulb is an underground storehouse and flower factory. Within the bulb is just about everything the plant will need to sprout and flower at the right time.

"If you slice a true bulb in half vertically you will see the tiny little flower curled

up inside," Coppemoll said.

But not all bulbs are true bulbs, the master gardener explained.

"True bulbs include tulips, daffodils, onions, hyacinths and scilla," she added. "Gladiolas, crocuses and grape hyacinths are considered corms; calla lilies, iris, canas and lilies of the valley are rhizomes; and jack-in-the-pulpit, caladiums and anemones are tubers. But we generally lump them all in the same bag and call them bulbs."

If you plan and pick the right variety of bulbs, you can provide color in your yard throughout the growing season, Coppemoll said. Crocuses and snowdrops are among the first to bloom at the end of

March. Daffodils blossom from late March through April. Depending on the variety, tulips can bloom from early April to late May. Alliums and day lilies come on in June and July, while oriental lilies blossom in August. And fall crocuses can provide color in early October.

"I guess my favorite bulb is the daffodil," Coppemoll said. "They are so durable, and they multiply. They will keep coming up year after year."

And while tulips and crocuses are considered tasty treats for deer and squirrels, daffodils and alliums are generally shunned by garden pests because of their bitter taste.

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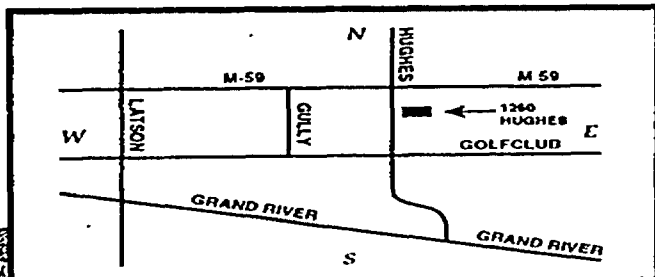
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What Lies Beneath

A great lawn begins with some dirty business

By John O'Connell
Copley News Service

Good, rich soil is at the root of a healthy lawn.

"If you are establishing a new lawn, you should first amend the soil," said Glenn Herold, professor of horticulture at Illinois Central College.

"In building our homes, much of the topsoil is scraped away or compacted by the construction equipment. It needs to be worked up and organic matter added to it."

Some lawn care experts advise testing the soil, which will give you an idea of the type or amount of fertilizer to apply. Most lawns do well in a mildly acid soil with a pH between 6.0 and 7.0. If the soil test shows high acidity (below 6.0), add ground limestone to make it more alkaline. And alkaline soil (above pH 8.0) can be made more acidic by adding powdered sulfur or organic matter.

The soil should be loose and friable to provide adequate drainage, aeration and good water-holding capacity. Clay and sandy soils need organic matter to improve their properties. Clay soils don't drain well; sandy soils drain too fast. One of the best ways to amend the soil is with compost or peat.

"You want to work three inches of organic matter into the top eight inches of the soil," Herold said.

There are two primary ways to establish

a new lawn: seeding or sodding. Both can result in beautifully green lawns. It's a matter of personal choice, Herold said. Unlike grass, sod can be laid any time during the growing season and it's a lawn free of weeds, at least for a time. It's also ideal for hilly areas or where there are erosion problems. Sod's prime advantage is the immediate impact of a green lawn.

With a seeded lawn, however, there is much more versatility in selecting seed, the professor said. You can select the right seed for the amount of sun in an area of the yard. Sod is usually Kentucky bluegrass. Another advantage of seed is it is less expensive than sod.

"But with seed you are limited to when you can seed a lawn," the horticulture professor said. "The best times to seed are late summer into early fall. September is the ideal month. Your second best time is April."

Kentucky bluegrass is traditionally the seed used most often in the Midwest. It germinates in 14 to 28 days and grows well in full sun to partial shade.

"I consider Kentucky bluegrass a high-maintenance grass," Herold said. "It's not the kind of grass you can fertilize once and let it go. It requires some fertilizing and regular watering, but it's a good seed."

Zoysia grass is a Southern variety ideal for warm climates.

"Some people swear by zoysia, and others swear at it," the professor said.



A variety of grass seed gives homeowners versatility when planing their lawn-care needs.

"It chokes out weeds and is very deep-rooted. It tolerates droughts very well. It's also a very aggressive grass. It fills in rapidly."

This type of grass, however, goes dormant early in the fall. It stays brown from October to May, and it is thatch prone, Herold said.

If you want your lawn to look like a golf green, creeping bent grass is for you.

"It's good for golf courses, but not for home lawns," Herold said. "It's high-maintenance. It needs a special mower to cut it so short. A typical power mower won't do. It's also susceptible to disease."

Tall fescue is Herold's personal favorite.

This seed germinates in seven to 10 days, grows well in full sun to very light shade, and requires less watering than other seed varieties.

"Tall fescue isn't as fine-textured as Kentucky bluegrass but most people couldn't tell," Herold said. "It's also very unlikely to produce thatch."

For shady areas, fine fescue is ideal, he added. It requires less water than tall fescue.

"What homeowners typically do is sod the front yard for aesthetic reasons, and the backyard in seed for economical reasons," Herold said. "I personally would seed, because it's more versatile."

Beautiful Bulbs

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Bulbs always have been popular with American gardeners. Pilgrims brought bulbs with them, according to Sally Ferguson, director of the Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center in Brooklyn, N.Y. And the fascination with bulbs continues to this day. Gardeners are planting more bulbs and a wider variety of them each year, Ferguson said.

The center estimates that 1.5 billion bulbs are planted each year in America.

"The big four are tulips, daffodils, hyacinth and crocus," Ferguson said. "But we are seeing a greater interest in what are now called special bulbs like iris reticulata, grape hyacinth, allium, Oriental lilies and Spanish bluebells."

There are thousands of varieties for each of the basic bulbs on the market with new hybrids coming out each year. There are more than 5,000 different varieties of tulips alone. And they come in all shapes, sizes colors.

When selecting bulbs, the center recommends choosing firm, healthy bulbs and avoiding soft, mushy ones. Small bulbs of the same variety will be just as healthy as larger bulbs, though their flowers will be smaller. The center recommends planting a group of large bulbs in places where you want to make a big show, such as along a walk or by an entrance. Smaller bulbs, on the other hand, are ideal for places most often viewed from a distance.

And select bulbs with color combinations in mind.

"Color is really a matter of personal choice," Coppemoll said. "Pink and purple or yellow and purple I think are good color combinations. So are pinks and reds and yellows and oranges."

"Red and yellow combinations you can see for a long distance. I especially like planting red tulips with yellow daffodils. Lavender and blue is also a good combination. But that combination doesn't show up well at a distance. Lavender and blue you want to plant outside your window."

For several years, the hottest color has been blue, Ferguson said.

"People like blue," she added. "Color experts say it's soothing. And this year with world events being so intense, blue is more popular than ever."

Blue, however, is not the most abundant

color in nature. But you'll find shades of blue in such bulbs as hyacinths, crocus, scillas, iris, alliums, grape hyacinths and iris reticulata.

The biggest trend is the wide variety of bulbs that are being planted today, according to Ferguson. Gardeners are going beyond the big four, and planting bulbs that were once termed "miscellaneous" and now go under the moniker of "special" bulbs.

On its Web site, bulb.com, Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center has provided notes on some of the best "special" bulbs. They include:

— Allium sphaerocephalon. Better known as drumstick alliums, these reddish-purple fuzz balls atop slender 24-inch stems bring a whimsical touch to borders, perennial beds or grassland plantings.

— Anemone blanda. Also known as Grecian windflowers, these low-growing (6 inches) early bloomers with long-lasting daisy-like flowers come in white, pink or purplish-blue.

— Chinodoxa forbessii. Commonly called glory of the snow, it is one of the first flowers of spring. It is a delicate 6-inch tall flower, which blooms in February and March. Its elegant, rich blue flowers with white centers are borne four to 12 florets per stem. It tolerates partial shade

and excels in rock gardens and under trees and shrubs.

— Galanthus nivalis. Better known as snowdrops, this is one of spring's first sentinels, flowering in February and March, sometimes blooming right through the snow. It has 10-inch stems topped by dainty, nodding white flowers with a green spot at the apex of each petal.

— Hyacinthoides hispanica. Also known as Spanish bluebell and wood hyacinth; this bulb is especially beautiful planted en masse in woodland settings. It has tall stems (12 to 16 inches) to support its abundant, pendulous bell-shaped flowers.

— Iris reticulata. This 4-inch tall flower with grass-like leaves and a violet-blue or purple flower with yellow markings blooms in early spring. It likes full sun to partial shade.

— Muscari armeniacum. Best known of the grape hyacinths, it features long-lasting flowers that are brilliant blue and 4- to 8-inches tall. It blooms in April and May.

— Scilla siberica. Cobalt blue, with bell-shaped flowers three to four per stem, this 6-inch tall bloomer adds a brilliance to the early spring landscape. It comes year after year and blooms profusely in March and April. It is resistant to deer and rodents.

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Bright Ideas

Skylights, roof windows help lighten up things

By Steve Lusk
Copley News Service

Natural light is the key to brightening your home and enhancing the use and enjoyment of the living space around you. And one of the easiest ways to open up and improve your home with everyday comfort is to install skylights and roof windows.

Introducing more natural light into your home will make your rooms feel more spacious, expansive and more beautiful. The difference can be stunning. Imagine your family room filled with sunlight and cooling breeze; a bright and airy kitchen that easily ventilates food odors; or a bathroom with natural light for putting on your "happy face" each morning; and natural lighting dim hallways and powder rooms.

It's all possible with a skylight. There are skylights and roof windows on the market that can enhance the enjoyment of your home when installed in just the right places.

First some definitions. While both are mounted on the roof, the difference between a roof window and a skylight is simple. If you can reach the hand crank that operates the unit, it's called a roof window. If it's out of reach, it is a skylight. Skylights can be operable (ventilating) or stationary (non-operable). A third type of roof-mounted device, a cylindrical light-gathering reflector tube, is marketed as "Solatube" and "Sun Tunnel."

There aren't any set rules about which rooms can have skylights. What is important about skylights and roof windows is that they serve a utilitarian function (letting in light and ventilating air) and that they look good in the roof line of your home. Your building or design professional can help you with selection of window styles (flat or dome), glass color and glass selections. Design of the plenum (the shaft built between the skylight and ceiling) is vital to the finished appearance of the installation. And, it is important that you have an experienced professional design or build this crucial element.

Consider an example: If there is

enough vertical distance between the ceiling and roof when installing a small skylight, flare the plenum to a ceiling opening that is larger than the actual skylight. This makes the skylight appear larger than it really is and brings in more light.

Their placement in the roof is an important consideration when selecting skylights for your home. The sun angle and prevailing wind direction (if the skylight is operable) are things to consider when choosing roof location and orientation for mounting the unit.

One of the most beneficial features of operable skylights is that they can be kept slightly opened in your kitchen or bathroom for air circulation during the day when you're not at home. However, you will want to be sure that the opening side of the skylight is away from the prevailing wind in case of rain. Opening away from the wind is also the best orientation to help draw air out of the house.

Operating skylights feature manual hand-crank poles, and manufacturers offer electric motors for a price. If you want to really impress your neighbors, can get remote controls.

Skylight and roof-window manufacturers offer many of the same glass options offered by window manufacturers as well as shade devices that can be controlled manually or electronically — all, of course, at additional cost. And speaking of cost, you should budget about \$1,000 for each conventional skylight you want to add to your existing home. That figure will depend on your specific situation and design requirements.

My personal favorite for low-cost natural lighting in hallways, bathrooms, powder rooms and closets is the remarkable reflective tube skylight. First, it really works and is of high-quality design and manufacture. And second, it is inexpensive when compared to conventional skylights. Solatube and Sun Tunnel skylights light up to 100 square feet and cost about \$300 installed. If you are a do-it-yourselfer you can purchase these products for about \$250 and install them yourself.

However, my advice is to pop for the installed package. It's just too easy and



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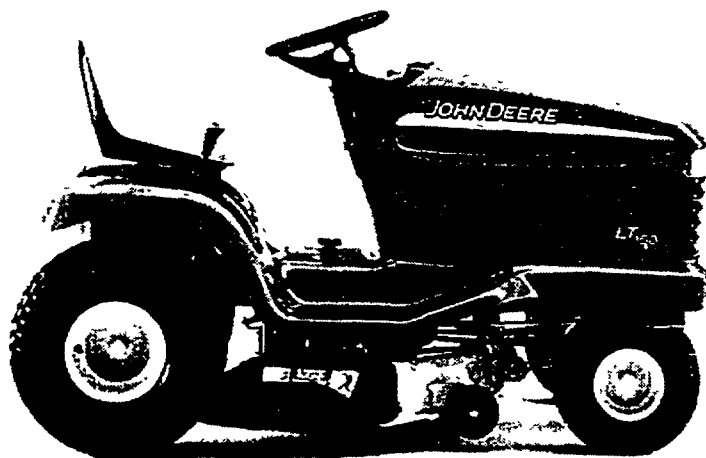
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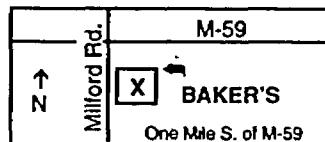
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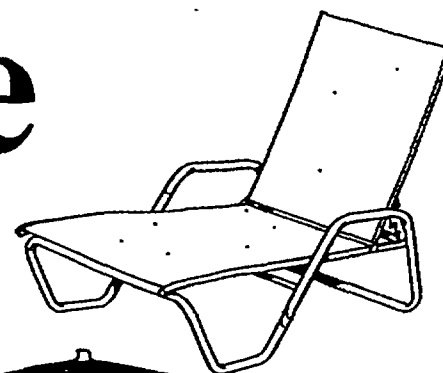


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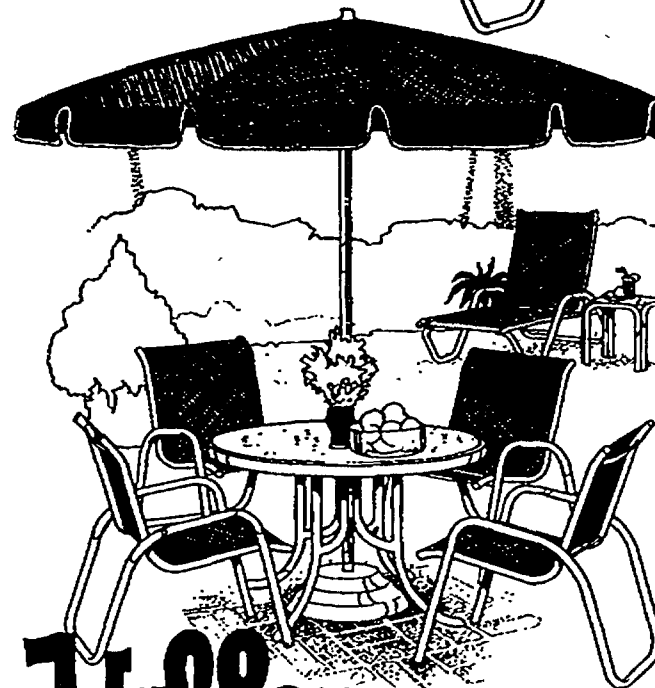
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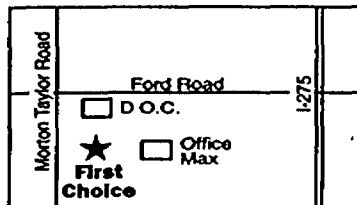
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Earth Movers

Tiny worms a big help at improving soil

By John O'Connell
Copley News Service

Worms are a lot more than fish food.

Just ask Bob Frazee, a University of Illinois Extension natural resources educator. Worms are the engine behind no-till farming, he said. In a nut shell, worms work night and day, for no pay, breaking down plant material, increasing soil fertility, aerating the soil and improving soil texture and its drainage.

"Worms are very desirable critters," Frazee said. "In no-till farming, worms are the most critical element."

In simple terms, no-till means not plowing the ground, or at least disturbing the topsoil only minimally, to plant seeds. After a crop is harvested, the residue is left on the field over the winter for worms and other decomposers like fungi and bacteria to break down and return to the soil.

"The benefits of no-till are: it saves the soil, saves oil and saves toil," Frazee said. "By leaving residue on the fields for an entire growing season, we are reducing soil erosion by 90 to 95 percent compared to plowing the ground. Worms are doing a lot of the work that was once done by farm machinery."

In no-till farming, worms, of course, don't do it all. Chemicals and special farming equipment are required, too.

Today, about 30 percent of cropland acreage in Illinois is in no-till farming practices compared with 2 percent in 1978, Frazee said. And worms are proliferating under no-till methods. An acre of land, rich in organic matter, can support as many as one million worms. In a study of earthworm populations on Indiana farms, no-till fields harbored three times as many earthworms as deep-plowed fields, according to a recent article in *Turf* magazine.

"Of the decomposers in our soil, worms do the best job of breaking down plant material and mixing it with the inorganic soil components," Frazee said.

Worms can be divided into two categories — those like red worms that create shallow burrows near the surface and those like night crawlers that burrow straight down about three or four feet into the soil, Frazee explained. As they burrow, worms leave their droppings — rich in organic matter and nutrients — all through the soil profile, he added.

"Worm castings — or what you call worm poop — really enriches our soil and increases the water-holding capacity of the soil and improves its drainage," Frazee said.

Consider these facts from *Turf* magazine: When earthworms were added to farm fields where they didn't occur naturally in New Zealand, the average grass yield doubled. Also, a California study showed that adding worm castings to soil increased tomato production by 10 percent and adding both worms and castings hiked up yields by 33 percent.

And these wiggly critters are in no small measure helping to battle global warming. As no-till improves the organic matter in our soil, more carbon dioxide is being removed

from the atmosphere, helping to cut greenhouse gases.

"We are finding that no-till is the best way of tying up carbon dioxide in the organic matter in the soil," he added. "In the photosynthesis process, we pull carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere and convert it into plant material. As the plant material eventually decays, oxygen is released into the atmosphere and the organic matter is distributed through the soil by the worms."

Another to exalt the good works of the small but mighty earthworm is Trish Westerman-Connor, recycling educator for Peoria (Ill.) County Solid Waste Management. In her school presentations, she dazzles kids with worm facts. And she is a non-apologetic promoter of vermicomposting (verms is Latin for worms), using worms and microorganisms to convert organic waste into nutrient rich humus.

"Did you know that there are about 3,000 different kinds of earthworms?" Westerman-Connor said. "Earthworms have been on this earth for more than 300 million years. And there is an Australian earthworm (Gippsland) that grows to 12 feet long."

Worms are big eaters, according to Westerman-Connor. They can eat up to their body weight per day, she added.

"Two pounds of worms could eat 1 or 2 pounds of food waste daily," she said.

Worms also are prolific reproducers, and they like a crowded environment.

"As few as 1,200 worms can multiply to 1 million in two years," she added.

But their population is limited to their environment. They will produce only as many as can live in it, the educator said.

Setting up a worm bin doesn't take a lot of work. In the basement of the courthouse, the recycling educator has several bins of red worms, which are considered the best for worm composting. Many courthouse employees save leftovers from their lunches to feed the worms.

Worms do their best work in dark, cool places. They don't like bright light or direct sun. So it is best to keep the worm composter under the kitchen sink or in the basement.

The worm composter can be a plastic container or wooden box with holes in the top and sides to provide a source of air and holes in the bottom for drainage. Worms like it moist, but not wet. The bin needs some kind of bedding for the worms. This can be something as simple as shredded paper, peat moss or cardboard.

"I just use a prepared worm bedding that you can buy at Wal-Mart," Westerman-Connor said. "It's dirt cheap."

The worms feed on kitchen scraps, such as fruits and vegetables, pasta, bread, coffee grounds and egg shells. But don't feed dairy products or meat.

"When you feed the worms, you want to cut up the scraps into small pieces and bury them so they don't smell or attract flies," she said.

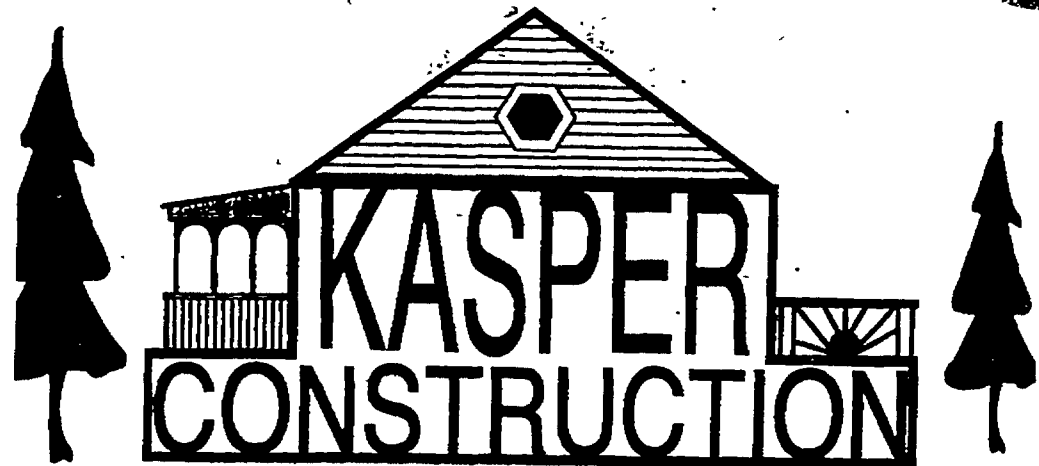
Worms for a homemade composter may be found at bait shops. Westerman-Connor recommended cleaning the bins two or three times a year. And the worm castings can be added to the lawn or garden as a rich fertilizer.

"With vermicomposting you keep kitchen waste out of the landfills and you get fertilizer in return," Westerman-Connor said.

"It's something fun to do and good for the environment, too."



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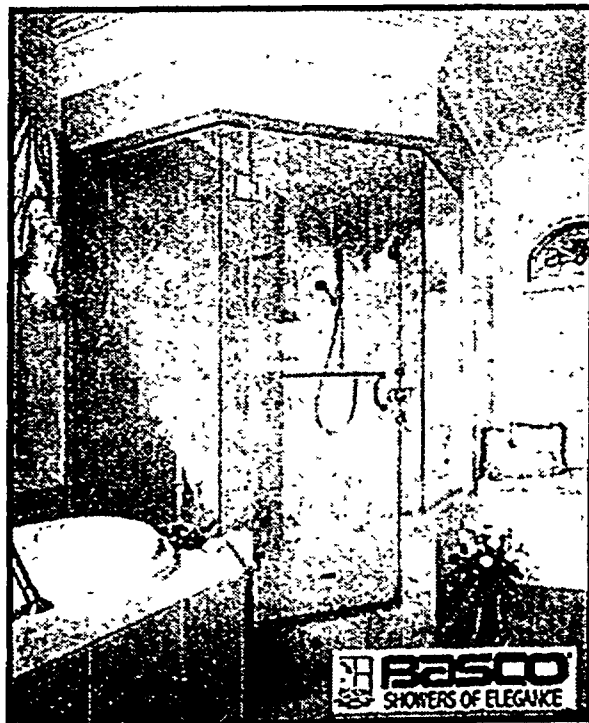
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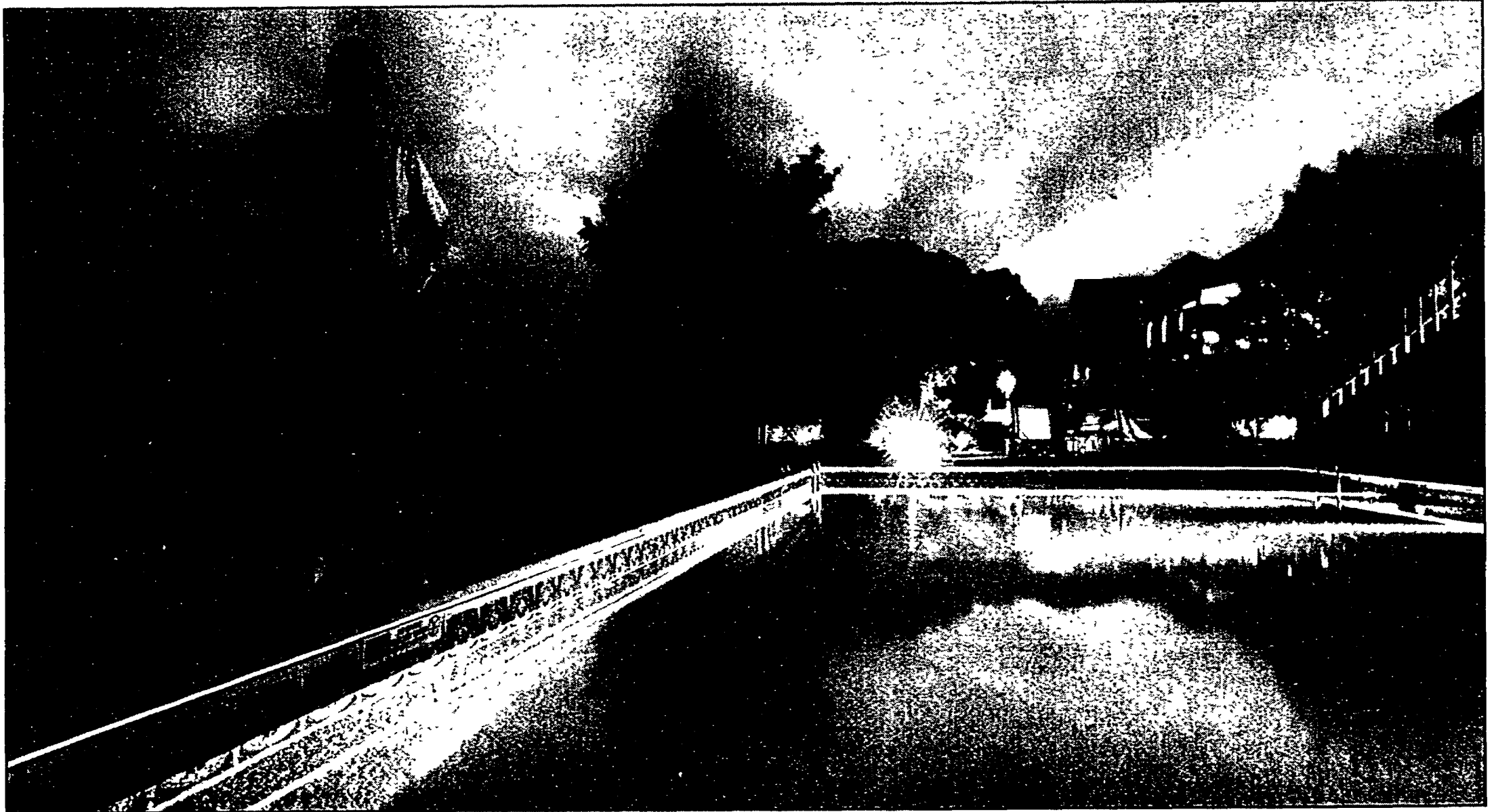
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Taking the Plunge

Pools and spas make a splash with owners



Fiber optic lights operated by remote control can change the color of Don Sours' pool from blue to purple.

By John O'Connell

Copley News Service

When Dr. Richard Schock gets done mowing his grass or working in his gardens, he likes to cool off with a dip in his L-shaped pool.

"I tell people we got the pool for our four children and grandchildren, but I use it more than they do," the Illinois family physician said. "I don't golf, and I don't fish much. This is my recreation."

There aren't many days from May through September that someone isn't making waves in the in-ground pool.

Pools are still cool with homeowners across the nation, according to figures from the National Spa & Pool Institute.

"Family togetherness and fitness are two of the benefits that motivate families to take the plunge into pool ownership," according to Patty Hulbert, a spokeswoman with the National Spa & Pool Institute.

MAKING A SPLASH

Modern pools can be designed in any shape and size, according to Don Walker, president of D & J Pool & Spa Inc. of Peoria, Ill.

The cost for an in-ground swimming pool can run between \$3,700 to more than \$20,000 for do-it-yourself kits, according to Daniel Morrison, branch manager with

Central Pool Supply Inc.

"You come close to doubling the cost, if you have someone install the pool," Morrison added.

Above-ground pools are big sellers, but in-ground pools are hard to beat for looks. With elaborate landscaping, a backyard pool can become an impressive focal point.

"Some people install waterfalls and fountains around their pools and landscape them to look very natural like a pond or lagoon," Hulbert said.

The basic types of in-ground pools are concrete, fiberglass and vinyl-liner.

MAINTAINING POOL

Nationally, concrete pools are the most common type of in-ground pool. But they require more maintenance than vinyl-liners. Concrete pools need to be pumped out and scrubbed down about every year and painted about every five years. A vinyl liner will need to be replaced about every 10 years.

Improved chemicals and pool accessories are taking much of the work out of maintaining a pool. Pools can now be equipped with automatic chlorinators and cleaners. Schock once relied on his children to vacuum out his pool. Now he has an automated pool cleaner that vacuums up debris.

Pools can be equipped with solar covers, which use the sun's rays to help heat the pool. But in this area it's no replacement for

a heater, one dealer said.

"A heater is a good investment," Morrison said. "You need one for those cool nights and days. A heater will add a month of swimming to each end of the season."

Heaters can range in price, Morrison said, from \$700 to \$1,500 for a typical home pool. Schock's pool is not only heated, but comes equipped with fiber-optic lighting, which illuminates the swimming pool with vibrant colors. The lighting can be set to continuously change colors from blue to bright red, brilliant green or even bold gold. Such lighting, according to the National Spa & Pool Institute, can change the mood from a backyard water park by day to a romantic playground at night.

For Schock, the pool is great for both entertaining and exercise. But he especially enjoys swimming laps in the evening when the crowd has left. The Schocks designed their pool with volleyball and basketball in mind. The short part of their L-shaped pool is more shallow and reserved for games. The longest stretch gradually goes from a depth of 4 feet to 8 feet around the diving area.

The doctor does all the maintenance on the pool himself, including opening and closing the pool at the beginning and end of every swim season. He estimates he spends about \$500 each season on chemicals to kill bacteria and algae, lower and raise the water's pH, and keep scum from building up

on the sides of the pool.

"You have to keep a handle on the chemical balance," the doctor emphasized. "If you don't the water turns cloudy and even green. I keep my pool crystal clear."

RELAXING IN SPAS

Schock also maintains an in-ground hot tub, which was constructed next to the pool.

Sales of spas or hot tubs, which can range in price from \$2,000 to \$7,500, also have seen a dramatic increase in the past few years, according to the industry's trade association.

"People are buying spas for the therapeutic benefits of hot, swirling water," Walker said. "It's very relaxing. If you are tense, 20 minutes in a hot tub will completely relax you."

And whirlpool tubs are becoming commonplace in new upscale homes, Walker said. Sales of whirlpool tubs for bathrooms have doubled in the last 10 years as manufacturers are offering new styles and sizes.

"A whirlpool tub and a spa are two different things," Walker explained. "A whirlpool tub is basically a jetted bathtub, which you fill from your hot water heater and drain after use. It's more for personal use. Spas are used for entertaining and exercise. And nine out of 10 people use their spas outside all year long."

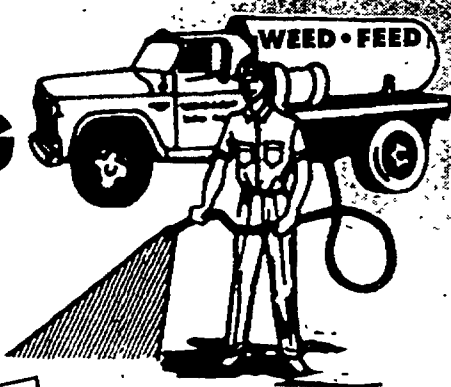
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Whether it's freshly picked from the garden, or dried and kept in a jar, the aromatic flavor of basil makes it a favorite herb with many cooks.

Prince of Herbs

Basil reigns in kitchen if not in the garden

By Pam Adams
Copley News Service

Why botanists chose to name basil after the Greek word for "king" or "prince" is a mystery. Basil, one of the most useful — and most used — of all plants is clearly the mother of all herbs.

Fragrant, easy-to-grow, and as versatile as a classic black dress, basil is a basic in herb gardens and spice cabinets all over the world. Although it's mainly associated with Italian cooking, basil is also a flavorful, everyday staple in Thailand and a sacred herb in India.

No wonder the National Garden Bureau declared 2001 the "Year of the Basil."

Every year is basil year at Golda Ewalt's Peoria, Ill., home, where fresh basil moves from the garden to the table spring, summer and fall and dried basil serves the purpose in winter.

Basil, she gushes, is "simply wonderful." In her domain, basil is practically a substitute for salt.

As many gardeners know, fresh basil and a little olive oil are perfect mates for fresh tomatoes.

In pesto, basil teams with olive oil, walnuts, garlic and Parmesan cheese to create a light sauce that can accessorize any number of dishes.

Add it to heated vinegar, let it sit two weeks, and it's a salad dressing.

Though Ewalt knows a million and one things to do with basil, she's just as likely to sprinkle fresh basil leaves and mint over cut melons or toss basil on a grilled cheese sandwich before grilling.

"You don't even have to chop it first, just wash it off and pat it dry," she says. The only trick to remember about basil has to do with fresh vs. dried. If a recipe calls for dried basil, use three times as much fresh basil. "That's a standard conversion for most herbs,"

she says.

Ewalt, a registered dietitian at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, is as enthusiastic about growing basil as she is about eating it. Her husband, Bob Streitmatter, a landscape architect, helped her start gardening, which turned out to be the perfect complement for a nutrition expert. "I'm so antsy to get started," she says of her garden. She's waiting until mid-May to set out basil plants.

Though her herb garden will include lemon grass, dill, oregano, thyme, sage, lavender and rosemary, she tends to plant more basil, and more varieties of basil, than other herbs.

According to the National Garden Bureau, the four basic garden basil varieties are:

— Sweet basil, the familiar, popular basil whose cousins include lettuce-leaf basil and Genovese basil, varieties with larger-than-usual leaves, along with the spicy Thai basil.

— Dwarf basil, also known as bush or fine, green basil, "spicy globe" and "green bouquet" are two well-known dwarf types.

— Purple-leaved basil varieties tend to have ruffled, frilled or deeply cut leaves. "Dark opal," "purple ruffles" and "red rubin" are three popular varieties.

— Scented-leaf basil varieties bring variety to the basic clove-anise aroma of sweet basil: Lemon basil, as might be expected, has a distinct lemon flavor. There are also cinnamon basil and anise basil.

One more addendum to basil's versatility: It's as easy to grow in containers as it is to grow in a regular garden. It's as easy to dry as it is to grow.

"There's something therapeutic about gardening, getting your hands dirty, watching plants grow," Ewalt adds.

And if anybody knows, she knows, basil is as easy to eat as it is to grow.



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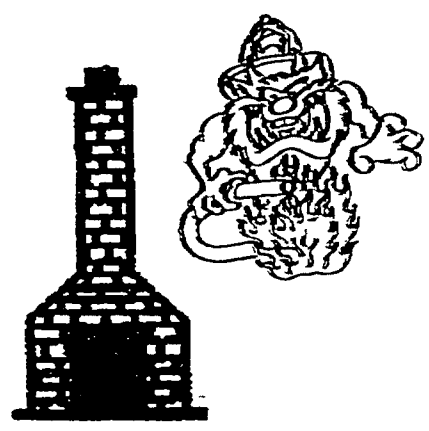
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Mom's Place

No place like home to care for aged parents



A patio between Steve Lusk's home and his mother's apartment gives both mother and son privacy and proximity. Both structures are similar in design.

By Pat Stein

Copley News Service

Caring for aging parents is as much a part of contemporary life as fast food and personal computers.

The choices Steve Lusk faced, about how to provide long-term living arrangements for a parent as well as himself and his wife, are typical today and will grow in importance as longevity increases.

A few years ago, Lusk, who is in his mid-50s, had to decide how to care for his mother, Mariellen Draise, after she had knee replacement surgery and other health issues had arisen.

Now in her 80s, his mother is still very spry and mobile, but back then Lusk was concerned about her living alone in a condominium. He wanted her within shouting distance, not driving distance.

And he didn't want her in a care facility.

"I had seen my grandmother rot away in a rest home and I vowed that would never happen to my mother," Lusk said.

In 1995, he began making plans to build a residence for his mom that would be just a few steps away from his own home. With that project in mind, he purchased a 57-year-old house in and converted the original garage into a structure that included an apartment for his mother on the second floor with the garage below. The project also included a complete remodel of the original two-bedroom house that he and his wife, Lynn, now occupy.

Separated by a pleasant, low-maintenance courtyard with a spa, both structures feature

universal design. "The goal of universal design is to make a house usable by people with a wide range of abilities, yet have the appearance of a 'normal' house," Lusk said of features like wide doorways and lowered light switches.

Lusk included similar elements in his own home, he said, because his aging mother's needs had made him think about his own journey into the golden years.

"I wanted to create a transitional space where my wife and I also could live for a long time," Lusk said.

MOM'S PLACE

Security, privacy, accessibility, proximity and a pleasant ambience were key considerations in design of the companion residences.

Draise's second-floor apartment above the garage can be accessed from an elevator in the garage or by a staircase that ascends from the courtyard. The garage elevator, which cost about \$20,000, provides not only access but security.

"Older people tend to associate living on the second floor with safety. But my mother has had knee replacement surgery so walking up stairs was not an option for her," he said.

"With the elevator, she can enjoy the sense of security of living on the second floor without walking up stairs. She drives her car into the garage, closes the automatic door behind her, steps into the elevator and goes up to her apartment without ever having to go outside."

Draise's guests enter through a gate in the enclosed courtyard while the Lusks' guests

enter their home through the front door facing the street. The arrangement gives both households a sense of privacy and independence.

The apartment has two suite-style bedrooms with adjoining bathrooms, a living room with fireplace and a balcony. The complete kitchen is separated from the living room by a peninsula bar where Draise said she likes to have breakfast while reading the paper or sharing a cup of coffee with her son.

Lusk said he designed the 1,200-square-foot apartment with two bedroom suites in case his mother needs a live-in caregiver in the future. The bedroom suites are separated by the living room to provide privacy.

"Having a private suite for a caregiver makes it easier to find quality care," Lusk said.

Draise uses the second bedroom as a home office with a desk for her computer, a sewing room, space for craft making, which is one of her hobbies, and a guest room when her grandchildren or other overnight guests visit.

"I've always liked to sew. I made clothes for my children when they were growing up and now I make clothes for my five grandchildren," Draise said.

The bathrooms feature showers with wide doors, a built-in seat, grab bars and a hand-held shower.

"The showers were designed to reduce the hazard of falling and to permit wheelchair access," Lusk said.

Doorways in the bath and throughout the apartment are 30 inches wide to permit

access for a wheelchair or walker. In the kitchen, there also is enough open space for a wheelchair or walker.

Bathroom vanities and kitchen counter tops are 36 inches high instead of the standard 32 inches, to reduce the need to bend over while preparing meals or doing clean-up.

Kitchen cabinetry features roll-out shelving, a slide-out pantry below the peninsula counter, a microwave oven built in at eye level, a built-in oven at waist level, a water-saver Bosch dishwasher and a cook-top.

The unit is oriented to provide maximum sunlight through windows and also includes a skylight that opens for ventilation. Having noticed that older people tend to keep their windows closed, Lusk installed a special HVAC system to circulate air. The apartment also has a water filtration system to keep the glass doors and cultured marble surfaces of the showers spot free without any elbow grease.

The interior is straightforward but with some classy touches such as granite on the kitchen counter tops and fireplace hearth. The decor that Draise has chosen is similarly unfussy. The living room is furnished with an easy chair and sofa and there are a few cherished pictures on the walls.

The three-car garage houses Lusk's vehicles and his mother's car, as well as the laundry facility shared by both households.

When she's not enjoying her home and easy proximity to her son, Draise said she likes to play bridge and go out for lunch with friends, and travel to visit her three other children and five grandchildren.

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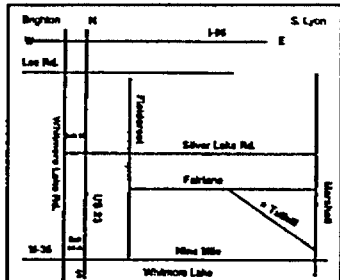
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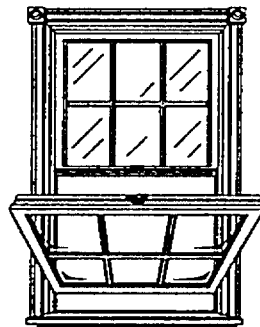
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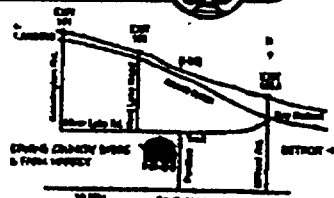
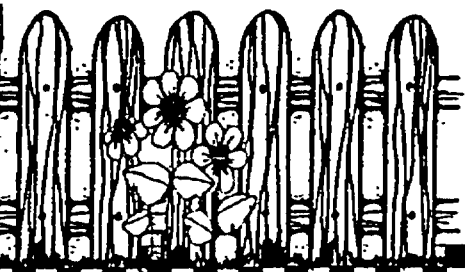
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Digging It

Nothing tops soil when it comes to healthy garden

By John O'Connell
Copley News Service

The groundwork for a good garden begins with the soil.

Healthy soil equals healthy plants, according to Lauren Howell, manager of George A. Luthy Botanical Garden in Peoria, Ill.

With the proper amount of sun and rain, plants in fertile soil and rich in organic matter will develop quickly, resist pests and diseases and, in the case of vegetables, produce bumper crops.

"If this is a newly established garden, soil testing is very important," Howell said. "I must say soil testing is preached more than practiced. Most gardeners don't bother to do it.

"But it is really a good place to start. It gives you a base line on your soil. A soil

test is inexpensive and it is an excellent measure of soil fertility. But if you have an established garden that's doing well, a soil test is probably not important."

SOIL ANALYSIS

A soil test pinpoints exactly what fertilizers to apply, if fertilizers are needed. It is also the only precise way to determine the pH level of soil, which is a measure of how acidic or alkaline it is. Howell said that in central Illinois, soil typically has a higher pH level. Acid soil has a pH level under seven and alkaline soil has a pH value over seven.

"Our soil at the garden was tested at 7.2 which is a little on the alkaline side," Howell said.

She explained that some plants grow well over a wide range of soil

pH, while others grow best in a narrow range. Turf grasses, flowers, ornamental shrubs, vegetables and fruits, she said, grow best in soil that's on the acidic side.

"A pH of 6.5 is preferred for most flowers and vegetables," Howell said. "We have a pin oak here that doesn't do well in our alkaline soil. Its foliage turns yellow. Trees like burr oaks or white oaks tolerate our soil a lot better.

"I would advise selecting plants that are not so picky about soil. You want the right plant in the right place. As far as vegetable plants go, most are tolerant of our soils. But if you have a high alkaline soil, you might want to avoid pin oaks, rhododendron and azaleas."

THE DIRT ON SOIL

A soil's pH can be altered some, Howell said. Sulfur, organic matter or

acid-forming fertilizers can be applied in the spring if the soil's pH needs to be lowered. Ground limestone can be added to raise its pH level.

"You may not be able to change the soil pH very much, but the idea is to do what you can," Howell said.

The primary job of soil is to support plants and provide them with nutrients, water and air. Soil is nothing more than a combination of rock particles, organic matter, air and water. In good soil, about 45 percent will be rock particles, 5 percent organic matter, 25 percent water and 25 percent air, according to information provided by the University of Illinois Extension. But most home gardeners whose topsoil has been scraped away or packed down by construction equipment don't have the best ground.

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And the Winner Is:

New selections for an All-American garden

By Lisa Coon
Copley News Service

If you're wanting your garden and landscape to have that award-winning look, here are 13 flowers and vegetables you just might want to check out.

All-America Selections, the oldest established international testing organization in North America celebrating its 70th year, announced its winning selections for 2002.

"We didn't intend to introduce 13, it's the luck of the draw," explained Nona Koivula, executive director for All-America Selections, which is based in Downers Grove, Ill.

"We basically test for one year and only those entries that have the highest average score are considered for All-America Selections awards.

"We will not introduce a variety until a seed company has produced a one-year supply of seed," she said. "We allow a seed company up to three years from the time they enter to the time they have a sufficient amount of seed to introduce, so we don't know how many entries we'll be awarding until the last minute."

But 200 test gardens throughout the country have been privy to the selections since they've been growing the flowers and vegetables all season.

Of all the choices, Randy Wall, professor of horticulture at Illinois Central College (which was a testing site), said the best choice in his opinion is Sparkler Blush. Sometimes called spider plant, this cleome is a dwarf to the old standard, which are much larger and looser.

"This one is more compact and consistently produces," Wall said. "It started flowering in June and has continued to do so."

The plants are covered with pink flowers and reach 3-feet tall and wide. The smaller size allows gardeners to grow this

old-fashioned annual in less space without overwhelming their overall landscape design. It's also easy to grow, needing only sun and nutrients in the soil, and is heat and drought tolerant.

"The old cleome," Koivula said, "can split apart or fall over with severe weather, winds or storms, but sparkler blush doesn't need staking."

Here's a look at the rest of the winners:

— **Black Magic Rose:** This geranium is unique because of its bicolor leaf pattern, which has a dark chocolate brown center and a very green edge.

"The cooler the temperature, the greater the chocolate coloration is going to come through," Wall said.

The foliage contrasts with the bright rose florets, which each sport a white eye. The plant can be 10 to 14 inches tall and spread 14 to 18 inches. It's best in full sun.

— **Jaio Scarlet Eye:** Like most vincas, Jaio doesn't have problem with insects or disease, Walls said.

This distinct rose-colored flower has a small white eye, making it the only vinca with its coloring. The 2-inch nonfading blooms cover 1-foot tall plants.

Koivula said its perfect for those wanting a full-sun or container plant.

— **Chilly Chili:** This ornamental pepper plant has non-pungent fruit, according to Koivula. The "heat" was bred out of the 1-inch long peppers, making it ideal for decorative purposes such as wreaths, vinegars or oils. Extremely heat tolerant, the plant will provide color all summer, and reach about a foot tall and spread 6 to 10 inches.

— **Ultima Morpho:** This bicolor pansy has mid-blue upper petals and bright lemon yellow lower petals.

"I think it'll be a great little pansy," Wall said.

Koivula agrees. "It's the first pansy that is creamy yellow and blue. It's a gorgeous

pastel blend."

Recommended for spring or fall gardens, Ultima Morpho is free flowering all season. Mature plants can spread 8 to 10 inches and attain a height of 5 to 8 inches. It's great for containers if adequate moisture levels are maintained.

— **Lavender Wave:** Landscapers love these kinds of petunias because of their coverage, said Wall.

Koivula said the Lavender Wave is similar to the popular Purple Wave, and it will spread 3 to 4 feet but only reach a height of 4 to 6 inches.

"I think the reason the waves are so popular is because they are maintenance free," she said.

Highly resistant to drought and disease, these petunias will flower all season without the need for pinching or pruning.

— **Tidal Wave Silver:** Another petunia that serves as a great groundcover, Wall said.

"Tidal Wave is a little bigger, and the best thing is the weather doesn't beat them down," he said.

Sporting silvery white blooms with dark purple centers, Tidal Wave can attain heights of 2 to 3 feet if spaced closely together. If spaced a foot apart, the mounded, hedge-like plants will reach 16 to 22 inches. No pinching or pruning is needed.

"This is one of the strongest, most vigorous plants," Koivula said.

— **Cherokee Sunset:** This Rudbeckia hirta bursts with Autumn colors of yellow, orange, bronze, mahogany and shades thereof.

"I think this is probably my second most favorite plant," Wall said. "It's a half hardy perennial with spectacular fall color. I think they'll do well."

It sports 3- to 4 1/2-inch double or semi-double blooms that make for excellent cut flowers, Koivula said.

These are best grown in full sun and

reach about 24 to 30 inches tall and spread about a foot. Some may need staking.

— **Magical Michael:** This is the first sweet basil bred specifically for uniformity in shape and height, Koivula said. The plants get about 15 inches tall and 16 to 17 inches wide. The aromatic leaves can be harvested within 30 days of transplanting, and plants flower when mature — about 80 to 90 days from seed. The small flowers are interesting with calices that are purple and corollas that are white.

— **Diva:** This seedless, non-bitter cucumber has excellent flavor and a crisp texture, Koivula said.

"The plant produces female flowers and doesn't require pollen, resulting in a higher yield," she said. "They do need to be harvested at a young stage when they're about 4 to 5 inches."

They are resistant to scab and tolerant to powdery and downy mildew.

— **Orange smoothie:** "This is really the first smooth-skinned pumpkin in the 5- to 8-pound range," Koivula said.

The dark orange smooth skin is great when it comes to painting, decorating and carving. The meat is sweet for homemade pumpkin pie.

— **Sorcerer:** "One aspect the judges liked about this is that it's a large, full-sized pumpkin produced on a compact vine," Koivula said. "Normally, vines spread 10 to 20 feet. This one, at most, is 10 feet."

At full-size, this pumpkin reaches 15 to 22 pounds and matures in 100 days from seed.

— **Cornell's Bush Delicata:** This winter squash is the first delicata to grow on a bush, Koivula said.

The sweet flesh is finely textured without coarse strings. The tolerance to powdery mildew will increase the overall yield of this plant. The compact bush requires less garden space.

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Most often it's rock-hard clay or too sandy. Organic matter, the decaying remains of plants and animals, is the best treatment for soil of any texture, Howell said. By adding organic matter like compost, aged horse manure or peat moss, clay soils become more porous and drain better. It also makes it easier for plant roots to spread out and grow.

In sandy soil, organic matter acts as a sponge, soaking up water and slowing drainage so the soil stays moist longer. Organic matter also provides nutrients to soil-dwelling microorganisms and bacteria. Every spring, one area horticulturist recommended spading in three inches of organic matter into the top eight inches of soil.

MIRACLE OF COMPOSTING

A ready supply of organic matter can be available to every gardener at no expense through the miracle of composting, Howell said. By composting, garden wastes, leaves and grass are turned into essential soil nutrients.

"It's pretty simple to do," Howell said. "You can build different type structures to hold the compost. Bins made of chicken wire, wood or brick will work. The bins make it look more attractive and limit the area of the compost, but all you really need is a pile."

To work effectively, compost microbes — fungi and bacteria — need a mix of materials that are high in nitrogen like grass clippings, lettuce and carrot tops and carbon from brown leaves.

"You can add weeds as long as they haven't gone to seed," Howell said. "But you want to keep invasive weeds like creeping Charlie out of the compost

pile. The rule is: 'If in doubt, keep it out.'"

Howell said to alternate green material and brown material in layers. Some garden experts recommend adding a scoop of soil in between the layers to promote the growth of microorganisms, which do the work of breaking down the compost materials.

TO SPEED THE PROCESS

"As things decompose the microbes use up nitrogen," Howell said. "You can feed the microbes by adding a scoop of high nitrogen fertilizer to the pile. This hastens the composting."

She also recommended turning the pile several times a month.

"Turning the pile adds air to the process," Howell said. "The more often you turn the more quickly it will be ready to use. If you don't turn it, the pile will decompose anaerobically (with-

out air) and that can have a bad odor. A compost pile that is maintained properly will have a good earthy smell."

To work best, the compost pile should be about 3 to 5 feet high and 3 feet across and in direct sun.

"If it is too small, it won't heat up enough," Howell said. "A pile too large doesn't allow enough air in."

The pile should be kept moist.

"You don't want to add meat scraps or dog or cat waste to the compost," Howell said. "And if you have a lawn service treating your lawn, don't compost the grass clippings."

If you turn the pile frequently, keep it moist, and layer the compost ingredients, the compost may be ready for the garden in two or three months.

"If you don't do anything but dump the ingredients in a pile, it may take a year or longer," Howell said, "but eventually you will have rich organic matter to spade into your garden soil."

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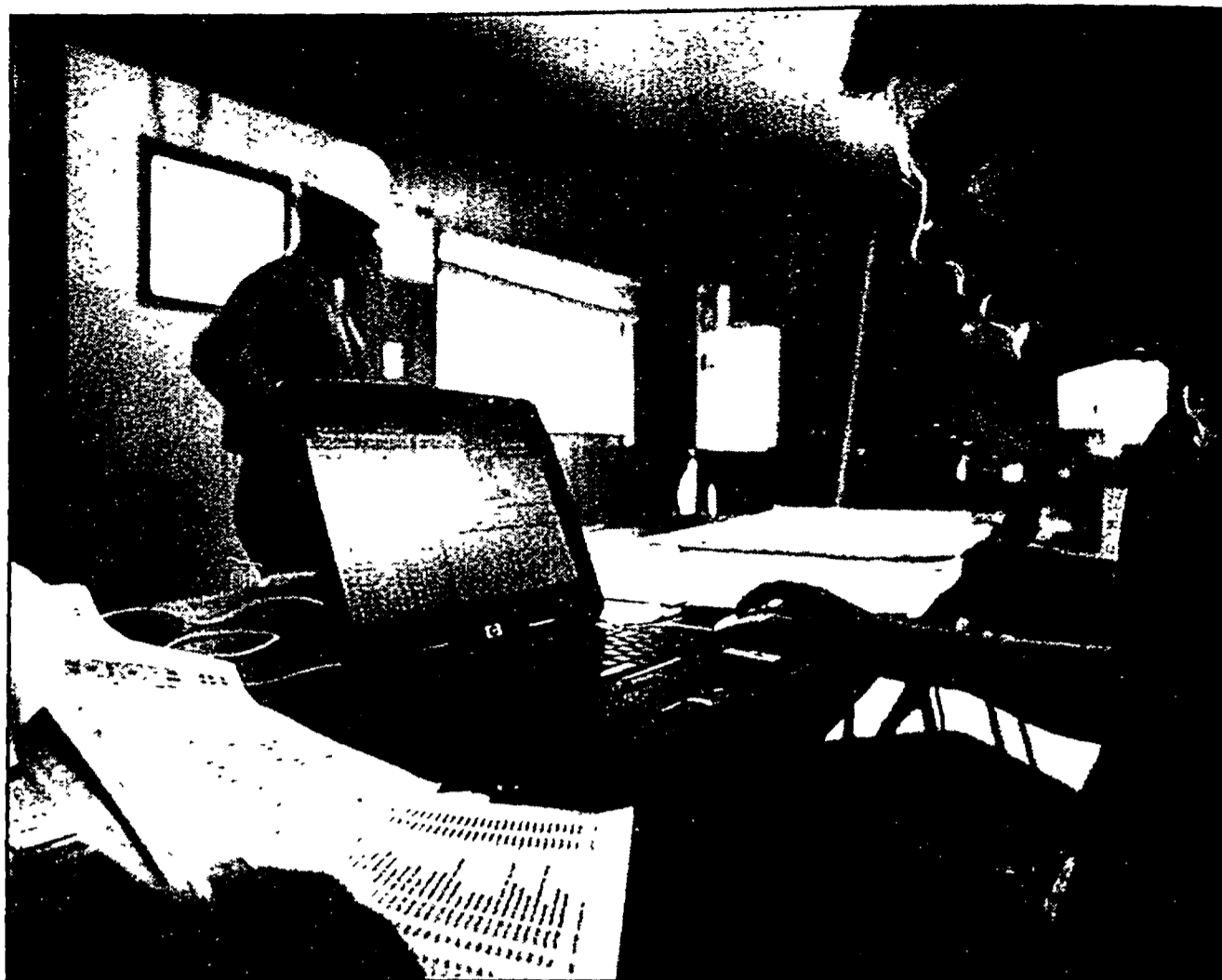
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Tools of the Trade



Steve Lehman, RiverWest assistant project manager, updates segments of the construction projects completion schedule.

Computers measure up to builders' needs

By Lisa Coon
Copley News Service

A painter, dressed in white T-shirt, white painter's pants and a white cap steps into the superintendent's trailer at the site of a new housing project called RiverWest. A beeper and cell phone are attached at the waistband of his pants.

He talks briefly about some touch-up work needed on one of the 200 town-house units Diversified Buildings Inc. is responsible for constructing as assistant project manager Steve Lehman updates the construction schedule on a laptop computer.

Project manager Scott Turnbull's cell phone rings periodically. It's not a typical cell phone, but one with computer and two-way radio capabilities.

Back at Diversified's home office, chief estimator Marc Robertson can pull up the project file on his computer and view the daily reports, equipment use, visitors to the site, what materials were delivered, letters and more. Technology is changing the way business is done, and that includes at large and small construction sites.

No longer does construction have the image of being just a tool-bag industry. Technology is everywhere — laptops in the field, palm pilots, cellular phones with computer capabilities, digital cameras used to communicate with out-of-town architects, digitized estimating equipment, software for improved tracking of project schedules and materials, laser equipped concrete spreading machines, global positioning satellite equipment for more accurate surveying.

"The industry is changing very quickly," said Diversified's Robertson. "Ten years ago, it was unusual to find com-

puters in construction offices, let alone in the field. We have job sites where the superintendent has a computer in the trailer, the office for the site. We use it to better communicate with the field and do project administration tasks — record keeping, daily reports, logs. At least half of our job sites are now on line."

The use of computerized record keeping is a marketing tool, and one customers find attractive, Robertson said.

"They can dial up our system and with a password, they can access the same reports and see where the project is."

Digital cameras in the field have saved a lot of time, according to Turnbull, RiverWest's project manager for Diversified's \$15.5 million share of the \$44 million project.

"We use it to correspond with the architect. If we have a problem, we take a picture of it, e-mail it to her and talk about it on the phone," Turnbull said. "What would normally take a week to get them down here from Chicago to look at something, we can do it in an hour."

Concrete work at a 200,000-square-foot Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse and parking lots was completed using a laser screed, some of the latest technology in the field. Otto Baum Company Inc. did the work as part of Diversified's \$15 million contract.

"The operation we used down at Lowe's was a giant man-saver. Instead of striking concrete by hand, the laser screed strikes an area of 12-foot by 20-foot in 20 seconds," said Mike Childers, field coordinator for Otto Baum.

An area like that would typically take four workers 10 minutes to complete, he

said. Traditionally, when concrete is poured from a truck, it's dumped into a pile and workers use two-by-fours to strike it off to the elevation needed.

With the laser screed, a \$250,000 piece of equipment Otto Baum rented for the Lowe's project, a 12-foot-wide screeding head is mounted on a 20-foot telescopic boom. This allows for 240 square feet of laser-level concrete to be handled in less than one minute. The self-leveling screed head consists of a plow that removes excess concrete and an auger that cuts concrete to grade. The hydraulic four-wheel drive machine has two independently mounted laser receivers with an on-board computer control panel that determines the level of the concrete based on inputted coordinates.

"This is one of the newest things on the market," Childers said. "By using the laser screed, it probably cuts the time down to a quarter of what it traditionally would be. Typically, it would have taken two months to get all that concrete down vs. a couple weeks."

"The laser screed produces a more accurate pour, it saves on manpower, it's much faster and produces a much better product — a more level floor. It doesn't have the bumps in it," Childers said. "This creates a more perfect floor."

An attachment to the laser screed, called a profiler, also allows for concrete to be poured on a surface that is not flat. All the coordinates and elevations of a multi-elevated site are input into a computer, and the laser screed then strikes the concrete based on those coordinates, Childers said.

"We were able to use that attachment on part of the parking lot," he said.

Field use and project administration aren't the only areas where technological advances have been seen. Diversified's Robertson said technology has proven to be a time saver in the front end, before a job has even been bid.

As chief estimator, a year ago, Robertson would pull out his ruler and calculator to begin estimating what it would cost to prepare a site for construction — such as how much concrete or asphalt it would take or how much dirt or gravel needed to be hauled in or dug up and hauled out. It was a timely and sometimes less than accurate way to cipher what it would take to do a job.

Now, Diversified has \$10,000 in computerized equipment that has cut the estimating time in half and has proven to produce much more accurate figures. It's done by placing a copy of the elevation plans for the site onto a large digitized drafting board. An electronic pen is then used to trace around the plans and that image is transferred to a computer screen above the drafting table. The computer then calculates the amount of material needed to be exported or imported. A national database tweaked to reflect area wages then calculates the cost.

The next technological advancement Robertson hopes to take advantage of is the way architectural plans can be retrieved for the purpose of bidding. Currently, one person is responsible for ordering new plans, copying them, logging them and sending back old ones.

"They say we'll be able to order plans electronically, download them and print them out," Robertson said. "It's very clumsy now. That'll be great technology to have when it gets here."

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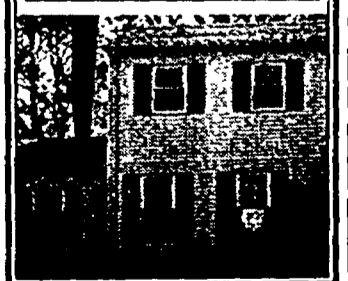
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Blue Morning

Easy to grow, this vine has plenty of glory

By Pam Adams
Copley News Service

Morning glory.

The name itself evokes dewdrops and freshness and the kind of early sunlight that makes small creatures dance. Two of most common varieties, Heavenly Blue and Pearly Gates, carry equally jubilant names.

With their trumpet-shaped flowers and heart-shaped leaves, morning glories are one of the most popular climbing vines — and one of the easiest to grow.

"That's one of the reasons I started studying them," says Daniel Austin. "I can grow morning glories because they're weeds, basically. You put them in the ground, they grow, they look pretty. That's my kind of gardening."

But when Austin talks about morning glories growing like weeds, he can say exactly which species of the broad-branched convolvulaceae family is considered a weed and its phyletic relationship to ipomoea, the largest tribe in the family.

The rest of us may think of morning glories as another pretty vine. Austin, a biology professor, director of the environmental sciences program at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Fla., and one of the pioneer researchers in the botany of morning glories, knows there's much more.

"There are fascinating evolutionary adaptations for survival going on in this group," Austin says, detailing characteristics of a huge family that ranges from trees to tiny herbs and stretches from deserts, prairies, savannas, rain forests and the tropics.

The convolvulaceae, or morning glory family, is so large and so diverse that the commonly cultivated ornamental flower and the sweet potato are just two of 300 to 500 classifications in ipomoea, the largest group of the family.

Austin has traveled all over the world researching, in effect, morning glory genealogy — who's related to who, where different family members live, how and when they migrated from one part of the world to another, where they lived once but have since disappeared and how people use them, past and present.

The Aztecs and Mayans cultivated Heavenly Blue and Pearly Gates and used them for religious and medicinal purposes for hundreds of years, he says, before a new generation rediscovered their hallucinogenic properties in the 1960s and '70s.

The seeds became so popular as a recreational drug that seed companies bathed them in mercury and other poisonous compounds to discourage people from eating them. Later, the companies found a more effective mechanism by making plants that didn't reproduce seeds.

Descendants of the Aztecs and Mayans still eat the seeds for religious purposes. "They have a totally different perspective on getting high than north Americans," Austin says. "They believe eating the seeds allows you to communicate with the deities, and that the deities will diagnose a patient for you and tell you how to treat the patient."

Morning glories are one of many plants religious leaders use in this manner, he says. "And it's amazing how often they diagnose a situation correctly."

For years, Japanese and Chinese botanists assumed another common variety, the Japanese morning glory, was native to Asia. Long used as a laxative, there are drawings in Japanese and Chinese archives dating back to before Christopher Columbus' voyage.

"The oddity to me, as a biologist is all of its relatives are in the New World," Austin says. "How can they be natives if they don't have any relatives there? How did it get to the Old World? Did people take it before Europeans got to that part of the world?"

No one has solved the question yet, he says, though several of his colleagues are working on a project, similar to the Human Genome Project, to crack the Japanese morning glory's genetic code.

While there are too many members of the morning glory family to classify them all, Austin is also acutely aware that some rare, wild varieties are disappearing.

One variety, which once grew throughout Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Florida, is now found only in Everglades National Park. "As far as we can tell, it's gone, except in the park," he says. "This is an internationally endangered species. Mind you, it's not on the federal endangered species list, which is one reason many of us oppose any weakening of the endangered species act."

Morning glory. The name itself evokes dewdrops and freshness. Austin knows they're much more than another pretty vine.



On the way up

Maybe it's their carefree growing habits. Maybe it's the lofty luxuriance they add to a garden. Whatever, climbing vines are an enduring classic in many gardens.

Here are 10 vines, courtesy of Home & Garden, that will climb for the sky:

— **Morning glory, "Heavenly Blue:"** The most-planted morning glory for a reason. Bright blue flowers, a rarity in the flower world, brighten up the garden all summer and into the early fall. An annual, it attracts butterflies and hummingbirds.

— **Morning glory, "Grandpa Ott's:"** Similar to the Japanese morning glory, blooms a rich, royal purple with velvet petals, a bright rose star and a pink throat.

— **Sweet Autumn clematis:** A heavy, flowering perennial that will produce thousands of blooms even in its first year. Plus, it blooms in the fall when all new flowers are welcome.

— **Climbing hydrangea:** A perennial with clusters of large, showy flowers, it will climb a wall or tree and can be used as a ground cover. It also attracts hum-

mingbirds in late spring and early summer.

— **Porcelainberry "Elegans:"** Best-known for its pea-sized lavender berries, which are at their best in autumn.

— **Japanese tobacco:** Sweetly fragrant, star-shaped annual brings a lovely scent from late spring to mid-autumn.

— **Honeysuckle "Aureoreticulata:"** Year after year, blooms with white flowers, flushed with pink that turn creamy yellow as they age from early to late summer.

— **Trumpet honeysuckle:** Fragrant, scarlet red blooms, a perennial excellent for covering chain-link fences and other eyesores.

— **Cup and saucer vine:** This annual, blooms from spring to fall, starting with green, five-cornered papery buds, then opens to reveal the green saucer and bell-shaped flower.

— **Hop "Aureus:"** A showy perennial with bright golden-yellow leaves, it's deer resistant but it attracts butterflies.

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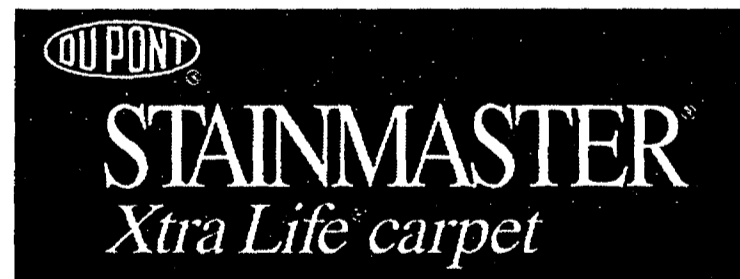
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Window Shopping

Don't shudder about what's under shutters

By Steve Lusk

Copley News Service

Windows play a major role in how your home looks and works. They also make up a major expense when you build or remodel. So whether you are choosing windows for a new custom home on the drawing board or selecting them for your existing home, it will pay you to get ahead of the learning curve before making a purchase.

Type, style, material, comfort, convenience, security, glass, quality, manufacturer and price are all variables from which you have to make your choices. There are more than 225 manufacturers of windows and window hardware available in the U.S. With so much to choose from, the homework you do beforehand will be repaid many times over in time and money you save — and choices you will be happy with in the long run.

Begin with the understanding that the aesthetics of all windows involve framing daylight. Just as you would pick a frame for a work of art or fine photograph, you should select windows that are appropriate to the view and scenery, quality of your home, neighborhood and budget. With that in mind, here's a guide to making some smart window shopping decisions.

BUDGET

Have a good idea of what you can afford before you begin. The cost of windows for an average-size house can range from a few thousand to several thousand dollars. Your contractor, designer or architect can help you set your budget. Although material glass options and window type are fundamental to setting your budget, the material choice will pace the cost for the whole job.

MATERIALS

Aluminum, vinyl and wood are your material choices and each has its advantages.

Aluminum is most cost-effective with vinyl and wood costing more, in that order. If you can afford the best, choose the material that is appropriate for the house and neighborhood and then select the glass, hardware and security options from a high-quality manufacturer for a high comfort level for your money spent.

Don't just buy wood because it is the best if nobody else in the neighborhood has wood windows. Spend your money on comfort features with aluminum or vinyl frames instead.

TYPES

Window types include sliding (traveling side to side on a track), casement (usually hand-crank operated, swinging outward from a side pivot), awning (same as casement, but swinging outward from a top pivot) and hopper (same as awning, but swinging inward from a bottom pivot).

Hopper-style windows are common in older factories and basements. Hung windows slide up and down. Single-hung means that only one sash slides up or down with the other sash fixed in place. Double-hung means that both sashes move up and down.

STYLES

The window style is usually determined by the architecture of the building. If you've ever seen a "funny-looking" window that just does not look right in a home, it's probably because the style choice was made without regard for the design and overall appearance of the house.

The type of architecture should provide a basic guide to window selection. For example, divided lights or window panes would be appropriate in a Cape Cod or country-style home, while full lights without dividing the window unnecessarily are suitable in contemporary designs and architecture. Other styles include, accent windows (geometric shapes or round feature windows), bay windows, bow windows (arranged in an arc), corner picture windows with bent glass and without the obstruction in the corner, and clerestory

windows set in a raised element above the roof line of the rest of the house, picture windows and glass blocks.

COMFORT CONSIDERATIONS

How well your new windows meet your comfort and satisfaction level has a lot to do with glass (single pane or dual pane), tinting for heat and glare, coating to reduce the ultraviolet ray passage (low emissivity, called "low-e"), window frame and overall quality.

Temperature control is a function of those options plus frame color and material. Aluminum is most heat-conductive and least desirable with wood and vinyl increasingly more efficient.

GLASS OPTIONS

The glazing of your new windows is critical to the performance of the window system. Don't even consider single-pane windows. Today's market is driven by dual-pane (or dual-glaze) manufactured products. Two panes of glass are separated by a small space that is usually filled with argon gas for insulation. Be sure to ask about this feature because some cheaper windows do not use gas at all, just air. It is the argon that keeps the window panes from forming condensation between the panes.

Placement of windows is an important item to consider when it comes to glass type. The use of tempered glass, which is stronger than regular glass and doesn't break into sharp points, has important safety considerations in heavy-use areas such as in or near entryways. Federal law requires that if a window is within 18 inches of the floor or next to a door, the glass must be tempered.

SECURITY

The type of window you select and the way it opens have security considerations. Picture windows do not open at all. Sliding windows are easier to jimmy open than hung windows. And casement, awning and hopper windows are all very difficult to break into. In fact, if the window is properly locked, you probably have to break the glass to defeat the window.

The quality of the hardware and the locking devices mainly determine the security reliability of the window. Especially on gliding doors and large windows, multipoint locking devices are a must when you purchase. Be sure to ask what the standard hardware is because mid-priced window and door companies usually offer these features as extras, at additional cost. Expensive windows are usually loaded with these features as part of the quality package.

With so many people making windows today, the market is very competitive and built on service.

PRICE AND QUALITY

Features, finishes and quality are directly related to the price you pay. Well-designed and manufactured products require quality materials, quality control in manufacturing, and good packaging and transportation to get them to your doorstep ready for installation.

Service after installation is important if you are willing to pay for that type of quality up front. If you make a price-driven decision, do not expect to get high quality service after the installation.

There are three basic price levels in windows from the perspective of a builder: Minimum quality found in entry-level housing, mid-priced quality that makes up most of the retrofit marketplace and move-up housing and high quality that is found in upper-end and custom-home construction.

Look for well-designed windows in the category you choose. Look over the manufacturer's warranty on glass and the window system when you compare one brand with another. Do business with a reputable dealer or contractor who has credentials and a known, good reputation. Check with the building department in your community to find out if a building permit is required. You'll be glad you did when selling your house in the future.



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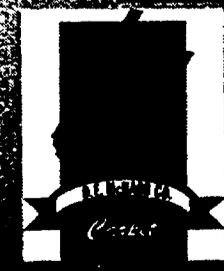
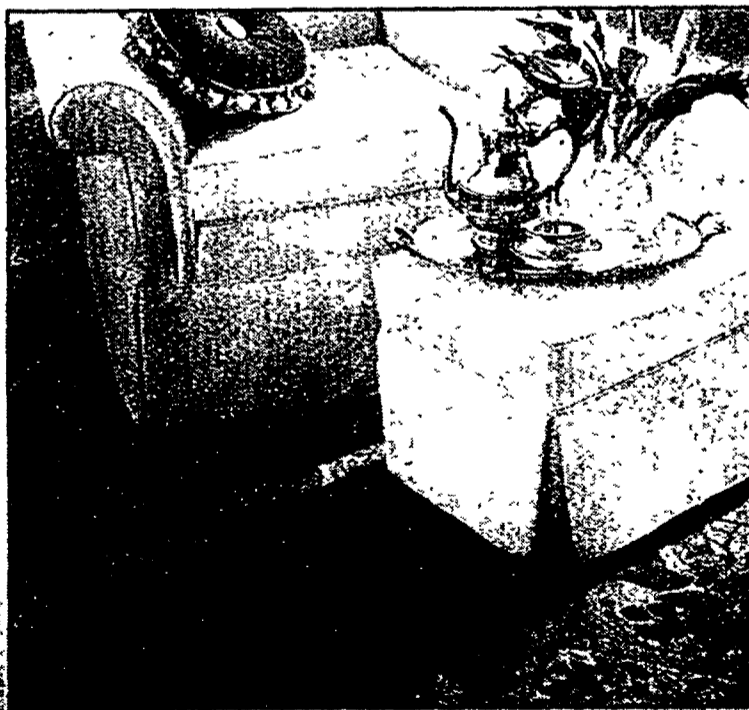
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One way to protect your landscaping investment may be to install an underground irrigation system.

Rain Maker

Irrigation systems keep lawns from getting thirsty

By Lisa Coon
Copley News Service

When the summer months wane on, you can be sure that more homeowners will be dragging out the hose to water their lawns, nourish their flower beds and give their gardens a long, needed drink.

But is the old-fashioned hose in hand watering method the best way to deliver this essential ingredient?

Not necessarily, according to some landscaping experts, who recommend homeowners consider having an underground irrigation system installed.

"We consider it an insurance policy on your landscape investment," said Doug Harper, owner of Four Seasons in East Peoria, Ill. "You buy insurance policies for everything else — your home, your car — why not for the landscape in which you've made an investment?"

Basically there are two ways to deliver water to your lawn and plants — sprinkling from overhead or watering the

base of the plant that allows for moisture to be sent directly to the root zone.

Overhead watering like homeowners would do themselves with their trusty garden hose is less efficient, and some plants, such as roses, don't tolerate that type of watering, according to Joel Dixon, co-owner of Sheridan Nurseries in Peoria, Ill.

Underground systems that carry water through PVC pipe to sprinkler heads that pop up during watering times are more efficient, can last 15 to 20 years or more with minor or no repairs and actually can save homeowners on their sewer bills, Dixon said.

"Our systems have a water meter so homeowners get credit for use of unsewered water — water that is not subject to the flush tax," Dixon said.

Dan Aeschliman of Commercial Irrigation and Turf of East Peoria is an independent contractor who installs irrigation systems for local landscapers, including Four Seasons. He agrees homeowners won't see the increase on their water bill that they'd expect to

experience by installing an automated systems.

"One of the major selling points of a house is its landscaping," Aeschliman said. "You want a return on your investment and keep the risk (of loss) to a minimum."

Automated systems allow you to program when the watering should occur, how long watering should take place for each zone, how much water should be applied for the lawn, the flower beds or the shrub sand can sense when rain has fallen so that the system isn't running during a downpour.

And today's systems don't require half of your yard to be dug up. Both Aeschliman's company and Sheridan Nurseries rely on lines manufactured by Rain Bird and Peoria-based L.R. Nelson Corp.

"We don't trench much anymore," Dixon said. A vibrating trough and pipe puller equipped with hydraulics allows installers to place a system by digging just a half-inch split.

"It's not like the old days where we

used to trench and dig up half the yard," Dixon said. "Two weeks after the installation, you don't even know we've put a system in."

The price for installing a system can range from \$3,000 to \$5,500 for an average lot, Dixon and Aeschliman said.

The more detailed the landscaping, the higher the cost of the system, Aeschliman said.

Today's systems use about 12 to 13 gallons of water a minute, he said. And typically, a lawn needs one hour of watering per zone per day and bedding plants need about 5 minutes a day. In all, about 1 inch of water per week is needed.

"All of this can be programmed. Today's systems allow you to do so much more than they used to," he said. "In order to water your lawn adequately (with hose in hand), there's no way I would consider that water conservation."

"An irrigation system is a long-term investment," Aeschliman said. "It's no different than the windows, siding and tile you put in and on your home."

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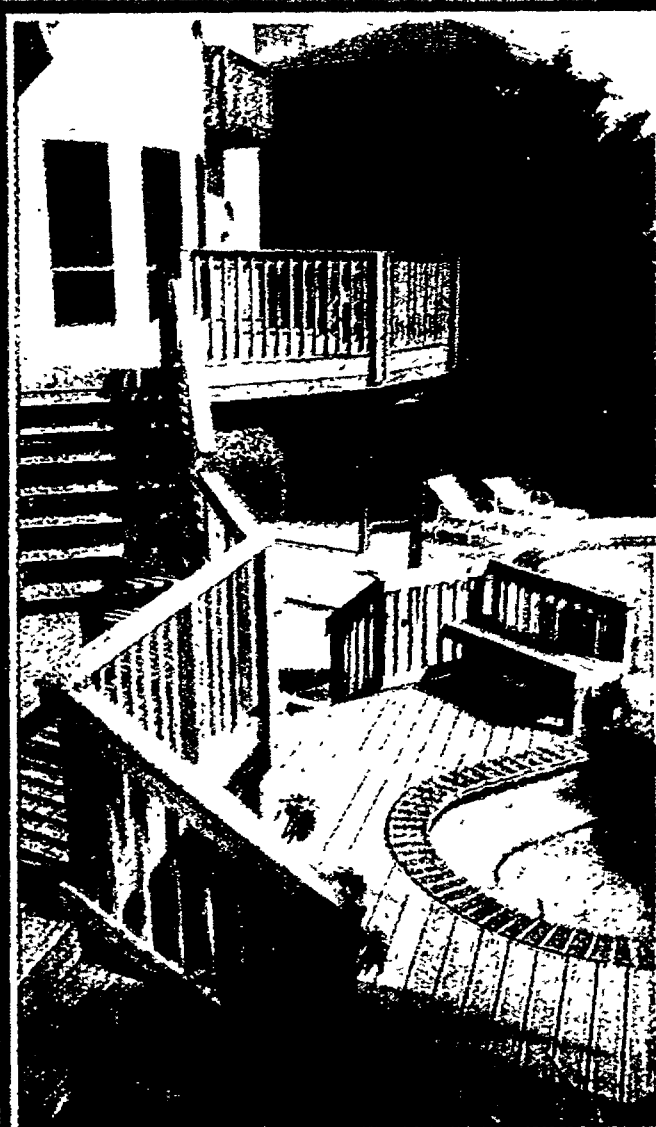
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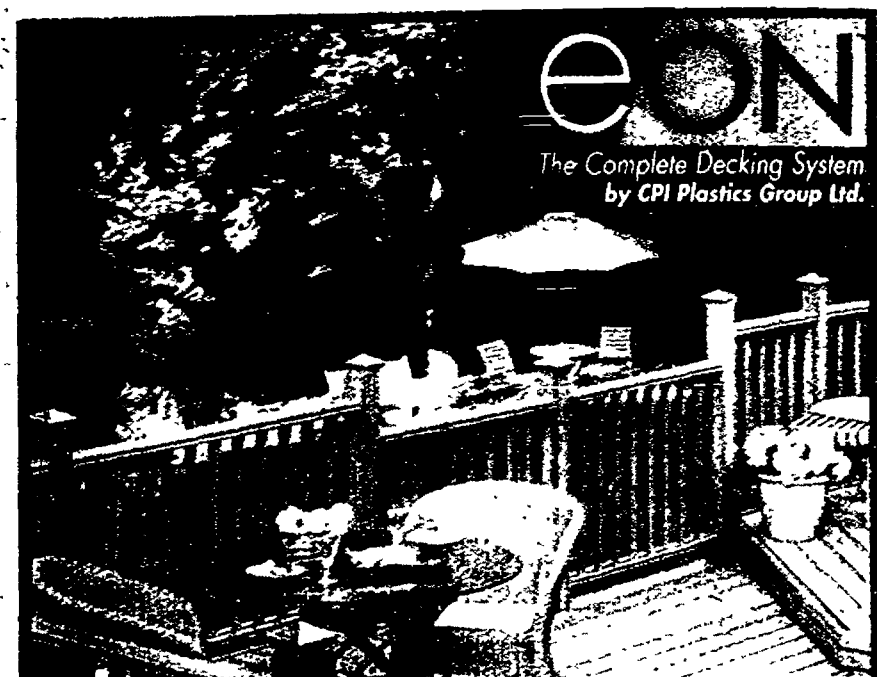
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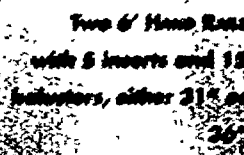
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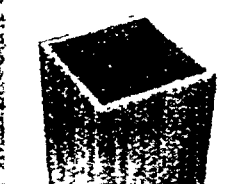
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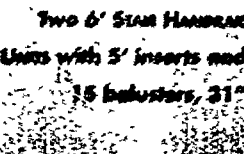
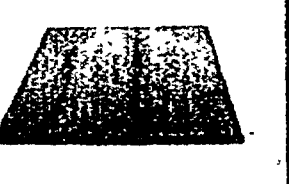
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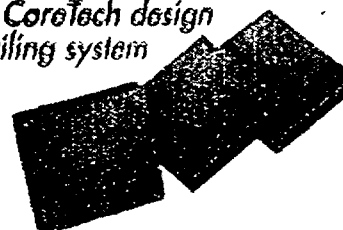


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COVER PHOTO: Bird banding demonstrations and closeup views of yellow warblers (below) are among the many activities taking place during the upcoming Festival of Birds at the 'Warbler Capitol of North America' – Point Pelee. It's the major Essex County destination awaiting the spring migration of birds...and the birders following close behind them.

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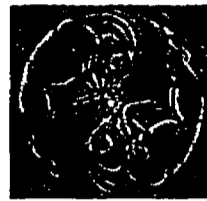
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For art's sake

Canadian works like this by Michelle Angers grace the walls of Mirari Gallery, downtown Windsor's latest art gallery.



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Spring beauties

Rhododendrons and other spring beauties will be blooming at horticultural festivals in the town of Essex and elsewhere.



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Snow kidding

Canada's colourful currency took on a playful tone with the new \$5 bill. It features images of children enjoying winter sports.



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Swan sculptures

The 35-foot tall swan-like sculpture Tohawah is among the most popular in Windsor's 'museum without walls'.



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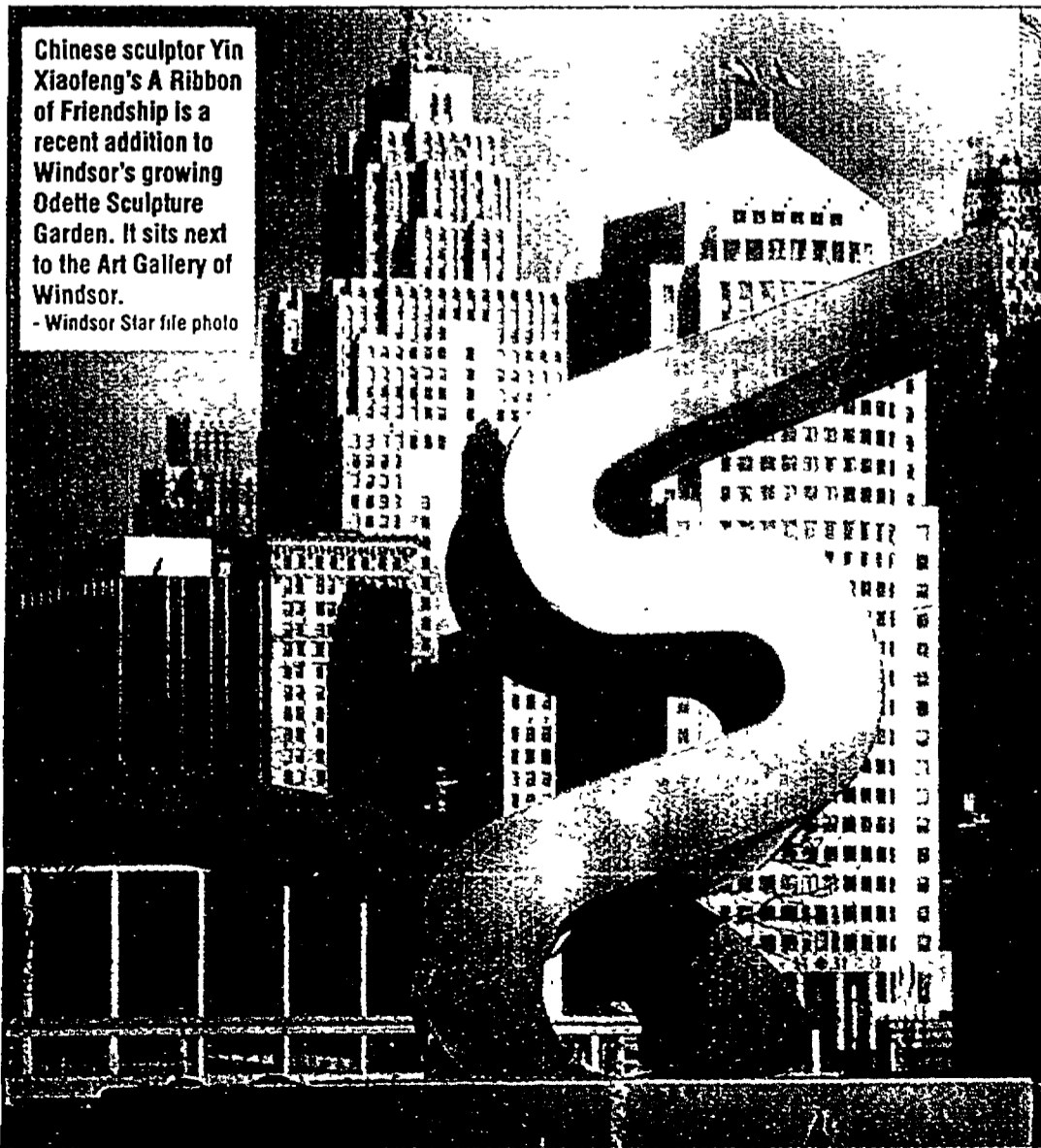
Stunning creations for the home, by companies like Stained Glass Artistry By Larry Gardner (above) and Molding the World

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ODETTE SCULPTURE GARDEN

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BORDER NEWS: CANPASS PRIVATE BOATS PROGRAM

U.S. boaters looking for quick entry to Canadian waters will welcome the resumption of the CANPASS Private Boats Program. The Canadian government announced this month it will increase security and validation measures in restarting the program. American officials were still reviewing the program on the U.S. side after putting it on hold following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

- Metro Creative Graphics photo



Green light given to visiting boaters

U.S. boaters can take the fast lane when they enter Canadian waters thanks to the resumption of the CANPASS Private Boats Program.

The program was suspended following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks but returned earlier this month. Canadian National Revenue Minister Elinor Caplan announced Apr. 4 that the program was being restarted with an emphasis on increased security and validation.

The U.S. equivalent of the program is on hold while it is being reviewed.

In Canada, boaters who are legal permanent Canadian or U.S. residents can apply for the CANPASS. It allows them to telephone customs up to four hours before arrival and to obtain clearance to enter the country.

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Michigan man hits \$1.8M jackpot

Casino Windsor gave Michiganders 1.8 million more reasons to visit this month.

A Michigan man, identified only as Jim, won \$1.8 million Apr. 7 when he played the MegaBucks slots at the Windsor casino. It was the largest ever payout at the Windsor casino.

MegaBucks were introduced to Casino Windsor in June 2001. The jackpot begins at \$1 million and builds until a

customer at one of Ontario's three commercial casinos wins the grand prize.

The other Ontario casinos that participate in MegaBucks are Casino Niagara and Casino Rama. The largest MegaBucks jackpot in the province's history was a \$5,613,203 booty at Casino Niagara in Niagara Falls. A retired nurse's aide from Tonawanda, NY won the bonanza.

Gondola awaiting green light

Supporters of an ambitious gondola proposal that would link Detroit and Windsor got a boost recently when the Michigan House of Representatives threw its support behind the plan.

But the proposal seemed to run aground when Ontario Lottery and Gaming Commission, which operates Casino Windsor, said it refuses to allow Montreal-based Skylink International the use of land just west of the casino for a terminal.

Skylink wants to build a \$45-million Cdn. cable link 50 metres above the Detroit River. The link would include 60 eight-passenger gondola cars capable of shuttling 4,000 passengers an hour.

As well as the House of Representatives, which passed its resolution Feb. 28, other confirmed supporters of the gondola link are the mayors of both Windsor and Detroit and the chambers of commerce and tourist bureaus for the two cities.

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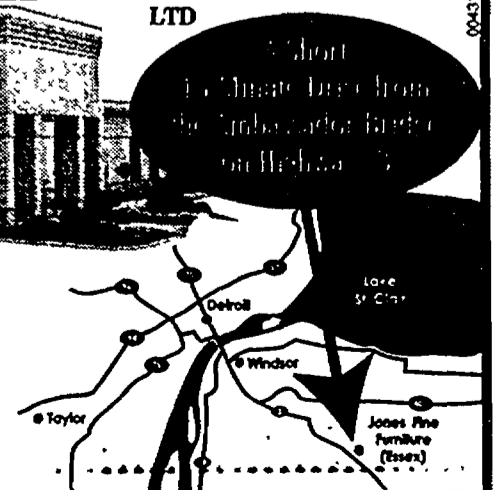
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And those buds really start to bloom at springtime, when many eateries, coffee shops and roadhouse taverns open up their sidewalk cafes.

Here's a quick tour of some of the prime areas to enjoy a bite and drink - and some great sightseeing and activities:

Starting in Windsor, the city centre is filled with a rich variety of restaurants, nightclubs and outdoor cafes. You'll find most of them on Ouellette Ave., immediately west of the tunnel exit, and adjacent streets Pelissier, Chatham and Pitt. Other fine dining areas include Windsor's 'Little Italy' district Erie St., also known as 'Via Italia', and nearby Ottawa Street.

Head west and south from Windsor by following the water's edge and you'll come across historic Olde Sandwich Town and LaSalle, one of the fastest growing communities in Canada. It's situated close to the Detroit River, so look for lots of fine seafood offerings as well as restaurants in its rapidly expanding new Town Centre.

Further west, Amherstburg is another waterfront community with a rich history. (Don't forget to enjoy tea at the Gordon House.) Keep travelling and you'll stumble on small towns Harrow and

Kingsville, home to award-winning wines Colio and Pelee Island.

Further east is Leamington, home of some of the finest tomatoes around and other agricultural goodies as well as Colasanti's Tropical Gardens and Point Pelee, one of Canada's most beautiful national parks.

At the hub of the county is Essex, an historic town with rich, rural roots. Follow Lake St. Clair from the east back to Windsor and you'll enjoy Lakeshore, a growing community that includes such gems as Lighthouse Cove, a prize catch in the search for fine seafood restaurants, and the French communities of Stoney Point and St. Joachim. Belle River is another Lakeshore community with heavy Francophone influences that's just down the road on Highway 22.

Drive west to complete the circle to Windsor and you'll enjoy Tecumseh, a peaceful suburb located at the end of the popular recreational Ganatchio Trail.

There now, did you enjoy the trip! Now dig in and raise a glass to the good life.

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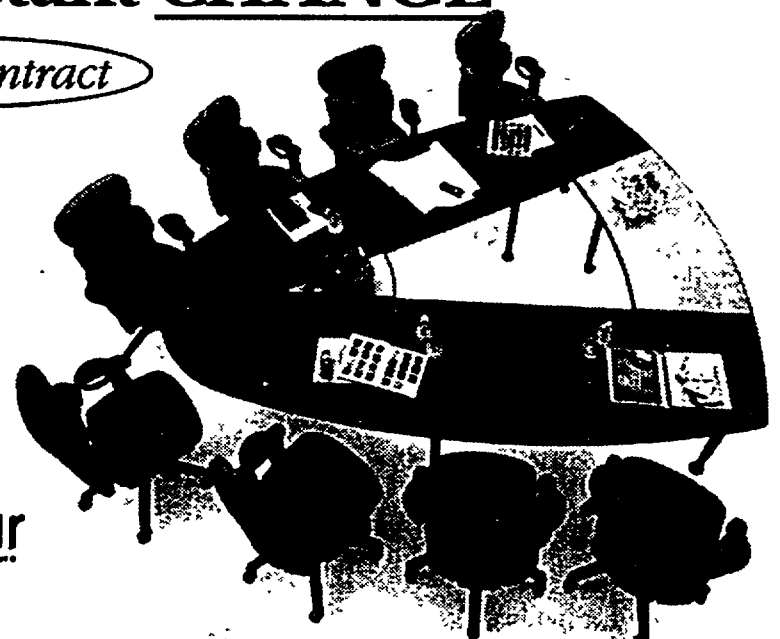
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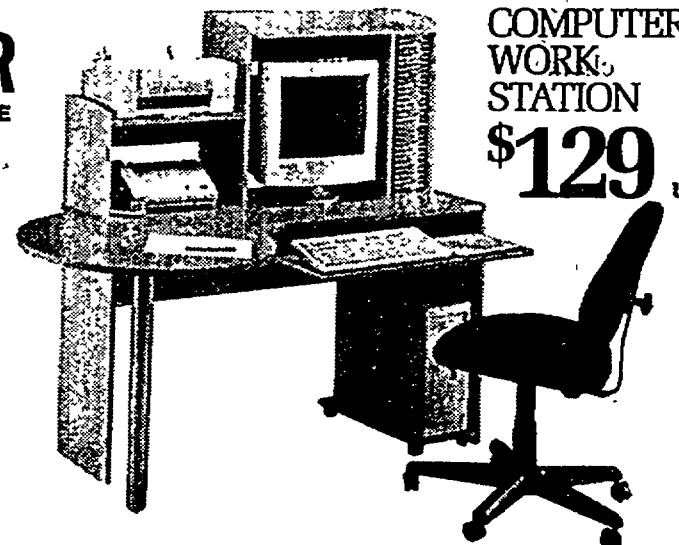
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ARTS: MIRARI GALLERY OPENS

Canadian art finds home

A new art gallery in downtown Windsor which specializes in Canadian art celebrated its grand opening earlier this month.

Mirari Gallery — its name is borrowed from the Spanish and Italian “to wonder, to look at” — is the creation of Tasha Swinhoe. A professional treasure hunter and lover of art, Swinhoe plans to set aside only five per cent of gallery space to international artists.

In fact, a large number of the 35 artists on display at the time of Mirari's grand opening April 10-13 are from Windsor and Essex County.



Mirari Gallery's Tasha Swinhoe (far right) is flanked by artists Elio DelCol and Michelle Angers at her new art store in downtown Windsor.

- Windsor Star file photo

People 'amazed'

“People come in and are amazed that the artist they are admiring is from Canada, maybe even from right around the corner,” she says.

Born into a creative family, Swinhoe set up Buy and Buy, a professional shopping service for individual and corporate clients that she continues to offer at her gallery.

“If our clients can't find it here, we'll find it for them,” she says.

Through Buy and Buy, busy clients pay for research into promotional pieces, cars, boats and home and office decor. It

was during these searches that Swinhoe built up a vast network of artists, galleries, retailers and distributors.

She concluded there was a world of art waiting to be discovered by potential buyers. During her shopping expeditions, she would find herself tripping over boxes filled with excellent paintings that were hidden in dusty corners.

“A lot of artists love what they do, which is create,” she explains. “With my marketing ability I can bring their art to the people. I wanted to showcase these fabulous Canadian artists and their pieces.”

Swinhoe opened Mirari in December 2001. The gallery's warm, understated tones draw the visitor inside and allow art to be the focus.

“We want to bring art to the people, sharing it with the community so it can be appreciated,” she says.

Mirari is located at 472 Pelissier St., one block west of the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel exit. Gallery hours are Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Monday and Tuesday by appointment. For more information, call (519) 256-6500.

LOCAL ART ON DISPLAY

Artists whose works are on display at the new Mirari Gallery include the following from Windsor and Essex County:

- **Michelle Angers:** Her bold acrylics on particle board are accented by an unusual dry brush technique. “You get lost in her colour,” gallery owner Tasha Swinhoe says. “The impact is phenomenal.”

- **Phillip Chouinard:** His rich, textured decanters, bowls and other decorative pieces are done in a contemporary style.

- **Elio Del Col:** The Amherstburg print-maker is known for his use of graphite and watercolour.

- **Barbra Mahoney:** The globetrotting artist's latest work reflects a recent trip to Ireland.

- **Ken Morris:** The self-taught Windsor watercolour artist, originally from England, specializes in traditional landscapes and figurative interpretations.

The gallery's current collection also includes works by renowned Canadian artists including:

- **Paul Ygartua:** The painter, sculptor and teacher, who was born in England but calls himself a “citizen of the world”, created an acrylic tribute to the masters of jazz, and

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Yes, those are hockey players and snow sleds on the back.

The Bank of Canada started circulating the new bills last month. Although the image of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Canada's third prime minister, still graces the front of the banknote, the back includes a winter scene called "Children at Play." It shows children playing hockey and sledging.

It also includes lines from French-Canadian novelist Roch Carrier's famous short story *The Hockey Sweater*.

The new bill is the second in the Canadian Journey series. The series features themes that celebrate Canada's history, culture, and achievements.

The new \$5 bill includes security features similar to the \$10 bill like raised ink, hidden numbers and micro printing. Tactile features are also incorporated to help the blind and visually impaired.

The bank unveiled its new \$10 bill in January 2001. New \$20, \$50 and \$100 bills will be released in the next few years.

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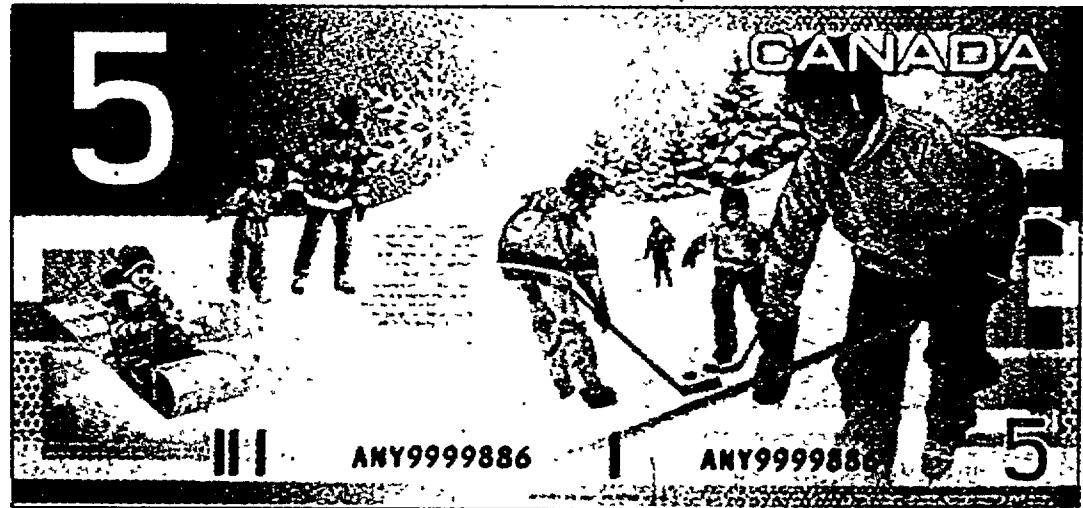
The "lively and informative account of Canadian money from colonial times to the present" is available on the Bank of Canada website in both text and PDF forms. To access the information, visit www.bankofcanada.ca and click on the 'Currency' link.

Loonie limping along at 62 cents

The Canadian loonie hovered at the mid-62 cent US range into the month of April, in keeping with a trend throughout the past few months.

The dollar hasn't hit 64 cents since late last year. According to Bank of Canada charts dating back to the beginning of last year, the loonie peaked at about 67 cents in early 2001 before plummeting to below 64 cents in the first couple of months.

It rose again briefly to the 66-cent mark by mid-year then started dropping steadily to its current rate.



The new Canadian \$5 bill unveiled last month depicts winter activities. The image of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Canada's prime minister from 1896 to 1911 (top photo), is still on the front of the bill.

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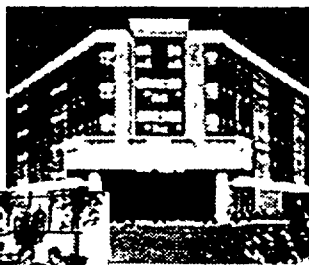
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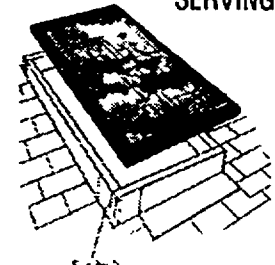
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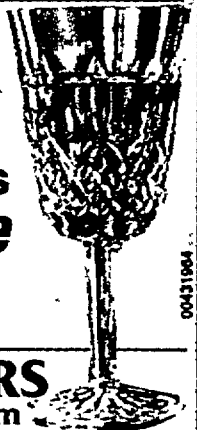
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COVER STORY: FOR THE BIRDS

Fine feathered friends return

No doubt about it — Point Pelee and surrounding areas in Essex County are prime perches for birdwatching.

Every May, birders from around the world flock to Point Pelee National Park, the southernmost tip of mainland Canada, for the annual Festival of Birds. Nearby sites like Hillman Marsh, Pelee Island and Ruscom Shores also attract their share of birdwatching enthusiasts during spring migration.

Last year, Point Pelee reported a bird bonanza during the Festival of Birds—its best showing in 20 years. Park officials attributed the bounty of birds to a 'fallout' in the weather, the result of dueling weather systems and fog forcing birds to land and stay at the park, located 45 minutes southeast of Windsor.

"They were dripping from the trees," park naturalist Linda Tucker told *The Windsor Star* last June. "The park was so noisy."

Not far behind their feathered friends are the estimated 25,000 birdwatchers who visit during birding season, pumping at least \$7 million into the local economy. Point Pelee itself reported attendance



Banding demonstrations during the Festival of Birds provide viewers with a fascinating, closeup look at the world of birds.

- Photo courtesy Essex Region Conservation Authority

for 2001 at 336,241 visitors, up from 329,226 in 2000.

The reason for all this interest, of course, is the birds. Point Pelee, best known for its great diversity of songbirds, is known as the 'Warbler Capital of North America' due to the spectacular movement of wood warblers through the park; of 55 species of American wood warblers, 42 have been observed at Point Pelee, 36 of them annually.

Sightings of extremely rare species have become part of local lore. Last summer in Pelee Island, a short ferry ride from Point Pelee, three endangered wood storks were spotted. They usually nest in South America and the southern U.S. and haven't been seen in Ontario since 1972.

For residents and merchants in towns located near the birding hot spots, like Leamington, the annual arrival of birds — and birders — is like a harbinger of spring. A variety of specials and activities — from 'early bird breakfasts' to bird tours and binocular clinics — are prepared just for them.

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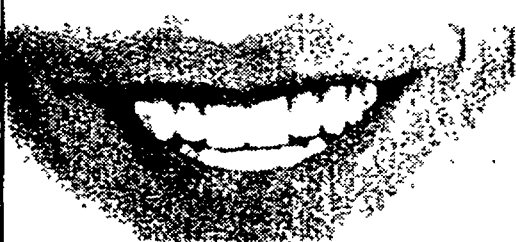
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Where to watch

Essex County and Windsor offer a number of prime birdwatching spots, according to naturalists at the city's Ojibway Prairie Complex. They include:

Point Pelee Birding Area

• **POINT PELEE NATIONAL PARK.** Each spring and fall, thousands of birds pass through the area whose total species count is up to 370. The Horned Larks arrives in late January and February and is followed in turn by ducks, blackbirds, geese and Tundra Swans. The main event is its Festival of Birds.

• **THE ONION FIELDS.** This area north of Point Pelee is known for its shorebirds, especially Gold and Black-bellied Plovers, Red Knots and Ruddy Turnstones.

• **HILLMAN MARSH CONSERVATION AREA.** One of the premier areas for viewing marsh life in Essex County, this 850-acre marsh hosts Bald Eagles and rare species like the Yellow-headed Blackbird, Willet, Marbled Godwit, Eurasian Wigeon and Western Kingbird.

• **KOPEGARON WOODS CONSERVATION AREA.** The 47-acre area located just north of Hillman Marsh offers excellent viewing during spring migration.

Lake Erie shoreline

• **HOLIDAY BEACH CONSERVATION AREA.** Located on the north shore of the lake, the area is known as one of the finest in North America to observe the migration of raptors from mid-September to late November.

Pelee Island

• **PELEE ISLAND.** The island is home to a rich diversity of breeding species and has similar birding life to Point Pelee. Its Heritage Centre includes a sightings book.



A stork acts as a sentry in front of the nature centre at Hillman Marsh Conservation Area, one of Essex County's popular bird-watching areas.

- Photo courtesy Essex Region Conservation Authority

• **LIGHTHOUSE POINT.** This nature reserve on the northeast coast of Pelee Island is a natural jumping-off point for migrants heading to the mainland.

• **FISH POINT NATURE RESERVE.** A wide variety of migrants visit this area, which has been described as a miniature Point Pelee.

• **STONE ROAD ALVAR.** Open prairie-like parkland make this nature reserve ideal for southern breeding birds like the Yellow-breasted Chat and Orchard Oriole.

Windsor

• **OJIBWAY PRAIRIE COMPLEX.** Located at the southwest corner of the city, the area has recorded 238 species. Its unique prairie, savanna and oak woodland habitats attract species like the Tufted Titmouse, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Red-headed Woodpecker and Indigo Bunting.

• **DETROIT RIVER.** Peregrine falcons are present throughout the year at Sand Point Beach, Peche Island and St. Rose Park. Winter is a good time to observe Canvasbacks, Redheads and other diving ducks and waterfowl land in the open waters of the Detroit River.

BIRDING INFORMATION

For more details, including phone numbers and directions, check out the website www.city.windsor.on.ca/ojibway/birding.htm. Or call birding hotlines: (810)-477-1360 SE Michigan/SW Ontario; Detroit Audubon (519)-252-BIRD Windsor/Essex; or Essex County Field Naturalists' (519)-322-2371 Migration update, Point Pelee National Park.

Lake St. Clair shoreline

• **RUSCOM SHORES CONSERVATION AREA.** Shore and marsh birds and waterfowl flock to this area, located between Belle River and Stoney Point.

• **TREMBLAY BEACH CONSERVATION AREA.** Located east of Stoney Point, this area is typically home to species like the Common Moorhen, Virginia Rail and Marsh Wren. Past rarities include Swainson's Hawk, Tricolored Heron, Glossy Ibis and Purple Gallinule. Just north of Tremblay Beach, the village of Comber's Big-O Conservation Area has recorded migrants such as Parula and Hooded Warblers, among others.

• **LIGHTHOUSE COVE AREA.** In late spring, this area at the northeast corner of Essex County hosts numerous marsh birds and occasionally Brewer's Blackbirds.

• **ST. CLAIR NATIONAL WILDLIFE AREA.** Herons, egrets, birds of prey, shorebirds and songbirds all pass through this area in Kent County, east of Lighthouse Cove.

Other birding hotspots

• **JACK MINER BIRD SANCTUARY.** The world-famous 300-acre refuge for Canada Geese, located three miles north of Kingsville, is a great spot to view spring and fall migratory flight of Canada Geese. Adjoining fields and Kennedy Woods are good viewing areas too.

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COVER STORY: FOR THE BIRDS

Birds return

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The Festival of Birds "sets the stage" for spring and the tourism season, says Diane Tofflemire, marketing coordinator at historic Seacliffe Inn in Leamington which gets busy at this time of year.

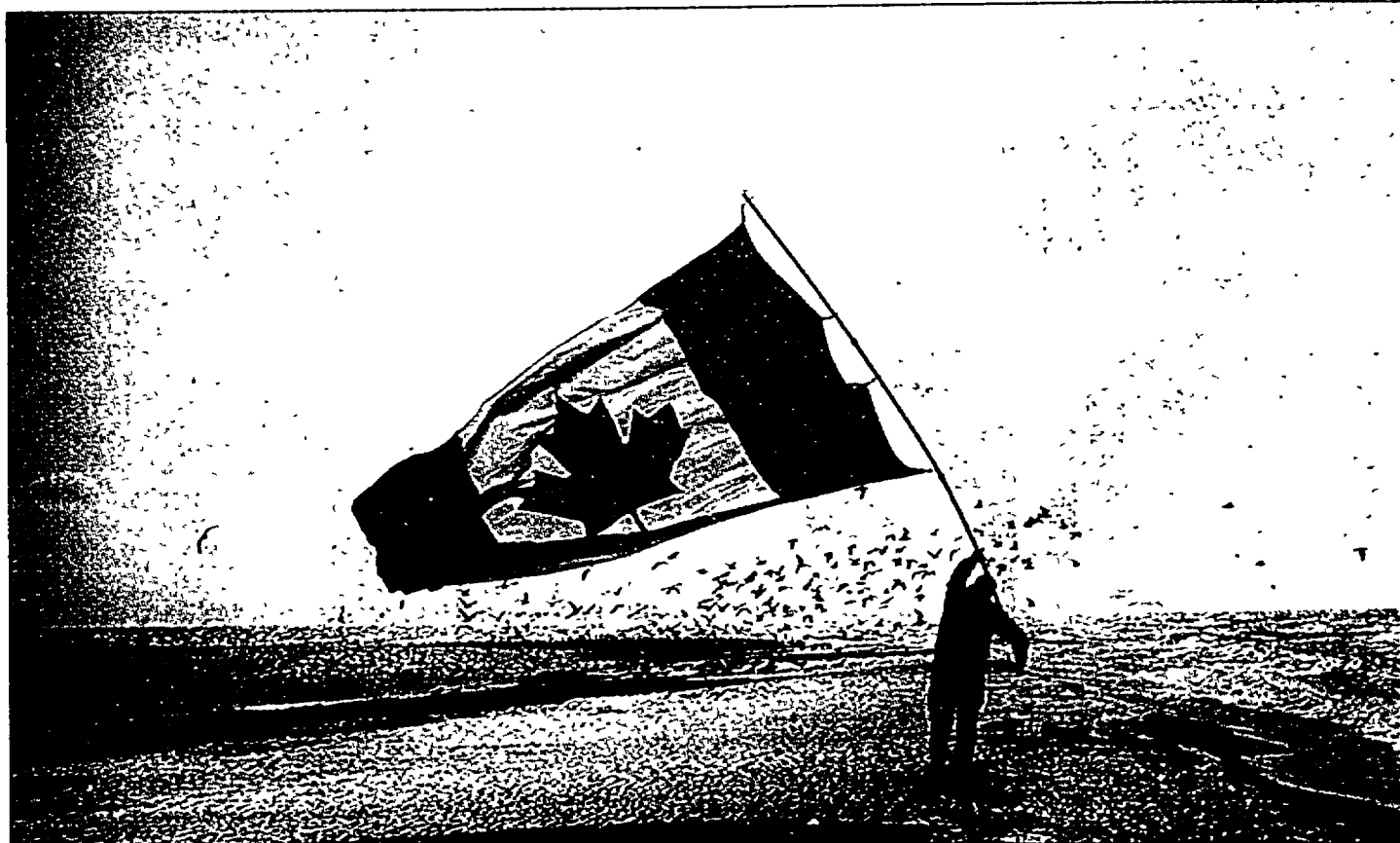
"Birders are very loyal," she says. "They come and they book a year in advance. They come and they book [for next year] when they leave."

Tofflemire added Seacliffe Inn doesn't have any special packages specifically for birding season. But its All Season Getaway package, available year-round and mid-week and weekends, offers a lakefront queen room with gas fireplace, dinner for two and continental breakfast for \$129 Cdn. per person. It also has a \$99.50 Cdn. per person golf package from June to September, Monday to Thursday.

Hotel heavily booked

Although her hotel is heavily booked through birding season, Tofflemire advises visitors not to lose hope; finding a room is a question of timing and by checking the website www.seacliffeinn.com you can take advantage of a cancellation.

Danielle Breault, coordinator of marketing at the Essex Region Conservation Authority which owns and manages a number of conservation areas, also looks forward to the return of the birds — and birders. Last year,



Birds are aplenty at Point Pelee for visitors like Chris Robertson. On March 1, the Hamilton man, carried the Canadian flag as he revisited the starting point of his 1997 bicycle trek from Point Pelee — the southernmost tip of mainland Canada — to the northern tip of the country. Five years ago, he became the only person to cycle the distance — a total of 3,912 miles or 6,520 kms in Canadian metric.

Windsor Star file photo

she took part in her first banding presentation at Hillman Marsh and was fascinated.

As well as banding, volunteers demonstrated how wingspans are measured and blew feathers on the bird's bellies to determine if they were nesting.

Breault says the Hillman Spring Shore and Songbird Celebration has grown to include a number of educational demonstrations like the banding. "We live in such a special geographical location," Breault says. "It's really unique and people from all over the world appreciate it."

VISITOR INFO: EXCHANGE RATES

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Knowing that the American dollar is worth more in Canada is one thing, but exchanging those greenbacks for Canada's more colourful currency is another matter.

In fact, the Convention and Visitors Bureau of Windsor, Essex County & Pelee Island urges American shoppers to consider using their credit cards first, followed by ATM cards, the border currency exchange sites or a bank, in order to receive the fairest exchange rates.

Definitely don't rely on retail establishments, says Elizabeth Hamel of the bureau.

Retailers don't offer a guaranteed exchange rate, she adds. In fact, it is entirely legal, if short-sighted, for merchants to offer no exchange at all. Such instances are rare, but Hamel's advice helps customers to avoid the possibility.

The bureau offers currency and other information on its website. Log on to www.city.windsor.on.ca/cvb.

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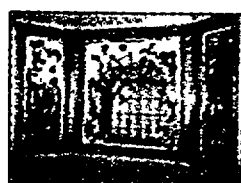


This new 'product/concept' from Wayne's Woodcraft Woodcraft, one of the exhibitors at the Windsor Home and Leisure Show, extends the house to the outside by installing outdoor kitchens. The display consists of stainless steel cabinets surrounded by stucco and complete with all appliances. Below, Stained Glass Artistry by Larry Gardner shows the endless design possibilities with stained glass.

17,000 expected for home, leisure event

The Windsor Home and Leisure Show – the longest running consumer show in Windsor and Essex County – celebrates its 20th year when it returns this month.

The April 26-28 show has steadily grown over the years to become a must-attend event for homeowners looking to make improvements.



"People know they can rely on this show to find the newest products and see a large variety of professionals to complete any home improvement," says show producer Stuart Galloway.

This year's show features 181 companies ready to kick off their busy season with the best prices, ideas and selection.

More than 17,000 people are expected to attend. Show organizers say they can expect to find everything for their homes and yards plus a large selection of leisure products and services.

The show will be held at St. Denis Centre on the corner of Huron Church and College. Admission is \$3, free for children under 16. Show hours are: Friday, Apr. 26, 5-9:30 p.m., Saturday, Apr. 27, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, Apr. 28, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PARADE OF HOMES MAY 24-26

Looking to buy some property in Canada? If so, you may want to mark May 24-26 on your calendar.

That's the date of the Greater Windsor Home Builders Association's Parade of Homes. The three-day showcase of member builders' homes has become an eagerly anticipated event in Windsor and Essex County, with this parade marking seven years.

Open house hours are Apr. 24, 6-8 p.m., Apr. 25, noon to 6 p.m., and Apr. 26, Noon to 5 p.m.

For detailed information about this year's Parade of Homes, visit the association's website at www.wyba.org or call 1-519-948-7247.



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FOOD/DRINK

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The 16th annual Battle of the Hors D'Oeuvres May 3 will pit those chefs against each other as they prepare their courses and await the balloting results based on flavour, creativity and presentation.

A decadent dessert finale completes the gastronomic gala.

Proceeds from the event, to be held in the Canadian Club Room at the Cleary International Centre, will benefit the Big Sisters Association of Greater Windsor.

Included in the \$100 ticket price is: a reception with wine tasting offered by vintners of Colio, D'Angelo and Pelee Island Wineries and beer tasting by Walkerville Brewing Company. Auctions and entertainment are also on the bill.

For tickets and more information, call Big Sisters at (519) 945-6232.

ARTS

AGW adds to its permanent works

The Art Gallery of Windsor is continuing its subtle shift in programming from contemporary art towards its more traditional permanent collection.

Recent acquisitions to the collection include Toronto artist Evan Penny's almost hauntingly real sculptural relief work. Angela Grauerholz, Wanda Koop, Tim Zuck, John Hartman, Wyn Geleynse, Arthur McKay and Leopold Plotek have also been added to the collection.

The permanent collection is part of the gallery's mandate to research, collect and maintain works of art, primarily those produced by Canadians.

For more information about the gallery, which moved to its new location at 401 Riverside Dr. W. just over a year ago, see www.artgalleryofwindsor.com or call (519) 977-0011.

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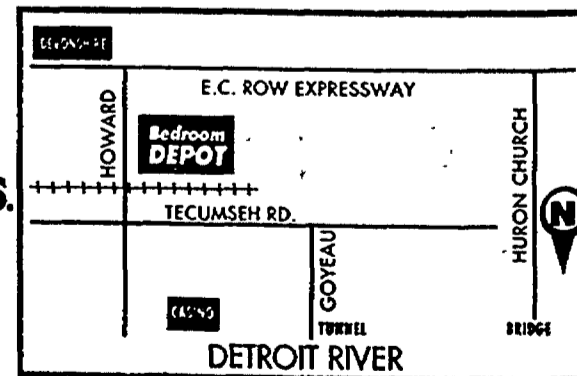
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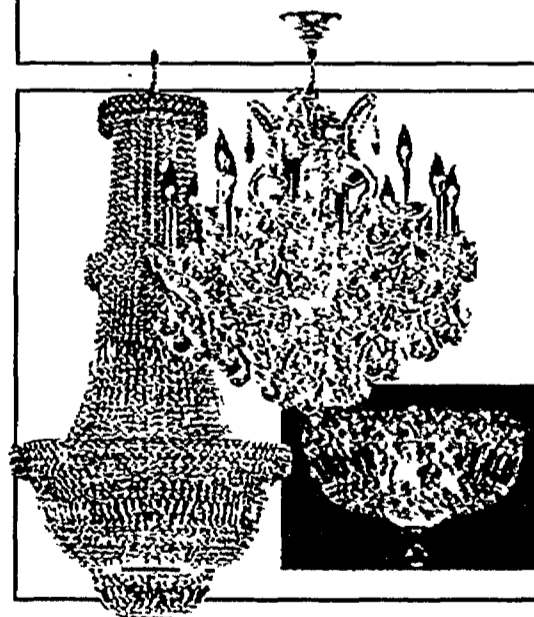
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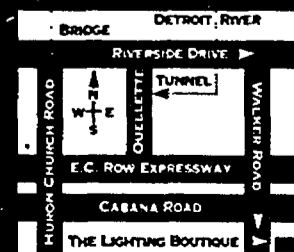
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DAYTRIPPING: EVENTS IN WINDSOR

Apr 26-27: Nemesis rocks race-way

Nemesis, a popular seven-piece horn band with good vocals who play pop/rock/R&B, perform free at Hideout Lounge of Windsor Raceway. 8 p.m. Info: 519-250-3600.

Apr. 26-28: Home & Leisure Show

Windsor Home & Leisure Show, Windsor and Essex County's "largest and most successful" home show of the year, takes place at St. Denis Centre. \$3 admission. Info: 519-256-9434.

Apr. 27: Chair-ity 9 fundraiser

Ninth annual auction fundraiser of one-of-a-kind artist-created chairs and wares for the home, office and garden takes place at Walkerville Brewery. \$10 advance, \$15 at the door. Info: 519-252-6855, www.mnsi.net/~acwr.

May 2-4: Steel Magnolias

Theatre Windsor (2520 Seminole St., Windsor) is the setting for this play. 8 p.m. \$10. Info: 519-944-1968, www.wincom.net/theatre_windsor. Also May 9-11.

May 5: Easter Seal Walkathon

Rotary Club of Windsor (1918) begins its Easter Seal Walkathon at Windsor Raceway, then to the Children's Rehabilitation Centre and back for hot dogs and door prizes. Info: 519-253-6382, www.rotary1918.com.

May 10: The Jeff Tones perform

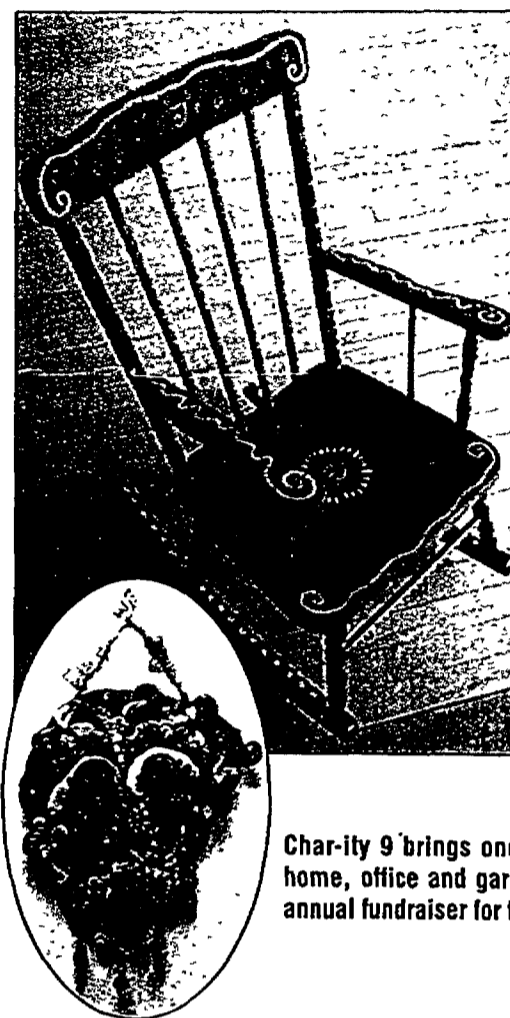
Walkerville Brewery Co. sets the stage for a special fundraising Evening of Rock 'N Blues with The Jeff Tones from 6-9:30 p.m. \$20. Info: 519-945-2121.

May 10-12: Celebrating 'Yo Mama'

The Capitol Theatre and MJM Entertainment Productions present "Yo Mama of the Year, a comical mystery featuring a huge Mother's Day Awards Banquet for local 'families'. \$30 includes dinner. Info: 519-253-7729.

May 11: Garden Delights & plants

Heritage Essex & Essex Horticultural Society will have annuals and perennials for sale. A master gardener will answer all your tough gardening questions at Essex Railway Station. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info: 519-776-9800, www.mnsi.net/~essexrr.



Char-ity 9 brings one-of-a-kind artist-created chairs and wares for the home, office and garden to the auction block for an evening of fun in an annual fundraiser for the Arts Council - Windsor & Region.

May 11- June 8: I Married My Mom!

The Purple Theatre Company performs this wild comedy, Saturdays only (except for May 18), 8 p.m. at Mackenzie Hall (3277 Sandwich St.) \$14. Info: 519-255-7600, www.come.to/purpletheatre.

May 24-26: Jesus Christ Superstar

Theatre Intrigue presents the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical at Capitol Theatre. Info: 519-252-3244, www.theatreintriguesociety.com.

May 25: Spring Winery Tour

Meet the winemakers; tour facilities and taste the wines of Essex County's LeBlanc Estate, D'Angelo Estate and Grape Tree Estate then enjoy dinner be at the final stop. \$75. Info: Mackenzie Hall, 519-255-7600.

DAYTRIPPING: EVENTS IN ESSEX COUNTY

Apr. 26: Black Tie Bingo Gala

Classic Bingo Country presents a fun evening to benefit Together In Caring at the Ciociaro Club. Doors open at 6 p.m., with hors d'oeuvres and complimentary wine, followed by dinner at 7 p.m., bingo at 8:30 and live entertainment with MacDaddy. Black tie is optional. \$75. Info: 252-7000.

Apr. 27-28: Holiday Beach Trout Derby

Catch trout and win prizes at the stocked pond of Holiday Beach Conservation Area. \$2.50 per permit. \$6 vehicle admission. Info: 519-776-5209 Ext. 352, www.erca.org.

Apr. 27: Holiday Beach opens

Stop by for a day trip, walk or bike the trails, bird watch, bring a picnic, pitch a tent and camp out at Holiday Beach Conservation Area, Amherstburg. Info: 519-776-5209 Ext. 352, www.erca.org.

May 5-6: Yard Sale at Homestead

John R. Park Homestead in Harrow is offering free admission and a yard sale from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info: 519-738-2029, www.erca.org.

May 12: Celebrate Mother's Day

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May 18: Victorian Festival in Kingsville

Step back in time to a more gracious era as Kingsville offers all-day live entertainment for the family on the outdoor stage, strolling musicians, live performances of a "Punch & Judy" show, Victorian costume contests and more. Activities take place at Main and Division streets in the town. Info: 519-733-6250.

May 18: Vintage Bikes, Vintage Wines

Pelee Island Winery in Kingsville is the setting for this vintage motorcycle Show and Shine event. Proceeds go to Windsor Western Regional Hospital, the children's ward and burn unit. Info: 1-800-597-3533, www.peleeisland.com.

May 19: Parade of Horse Breeds

Fifteen different breeds of horses parade to a historical commentary at John R. Park Homestead in Harrow starting at 1:30 p.m. \$4. Info: 519-738-2029, www.erca.org.

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ATTRACTIONS: ODETTE SCULPTURE PARK

'Swans' grace riverfront

Ever wonder about the sculptures along Windsor's riverfront?

The official name of the display is the Odette Sculpture Park and it's been described as a "museum without walls." It was made possible by the generosity of local philanthropists Mr. and Mrs. Louis Odette and is maintained by the Department of Parks & Recreation.

It is located along the riverfront at Ambassador and Centennial Parks.

The park showcases large-scale, internationally recognized contemporary sculpture by world renowned artists. Windsor Parks and Rec, on its website

(www.city.windsor.on.ca/parkrec/), says Odette Sculpture Park "is about convergence and divergence, differences and similarities. The garden is about connections."

The park is open year round, free of charge.

Shop Windsor & Essex County is profiling the individual works of the artists to help visitors know the story behind the sculptures.

Untamed strength and precise elegance. Anne Harris' sculpture Tohawah fuses both in a very literal way.

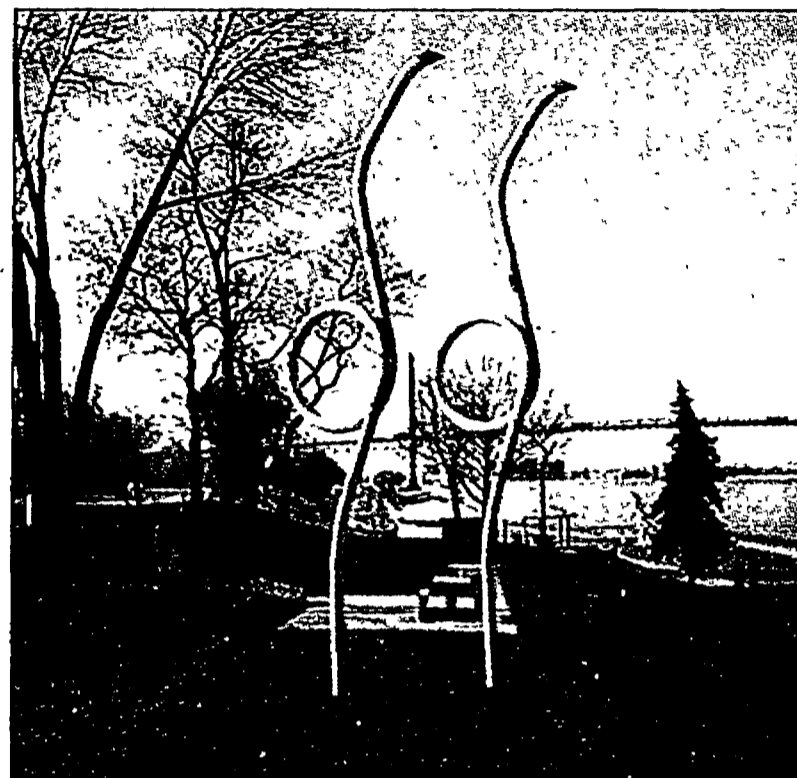
Harris, who divides her time between the studio and the metal foundry, complements the skill of her sculptor's vision with the industrial tools of blow torches, fork lifts, electric buffers, and sand blasters. Out of these fiery forces, she creates works of delicate balance and grace.

Tohawah, Native for swans, displays this trademark duality. The polished metallic surfaces and magnificent height of this sculpture convey the sense that this is marvel of modern engineering, while the Native title and purely elemental shape of the intertwining lines speak of a return to the natural subject and shape.

In this representation trends are reversed. Nature is served by technology, allowing the sculptor to transform idea into a form of massive size and scope.

Born in Woodstock, Ontario, Harris, 74, studied at Central Technical School and the Ontario College of Art. Her work has been featured in nearly 40 exhibitions across North America and is included in more than 100 private and public collections including the Albright Knox Gallery, the Canadiana National Capital Collection, Outdoor Sculpture at Rideau Hall, the official residence of the Governor General of Canada and the Chongqing Fine Art Museum, China.

Harris has won Ontario Society of Artists awards on two different occasions and exhibited her work throughout Canada, the United States and Europe.



Tohawah, Anne Harris' steel 38-foot high sculpture in polyethylene metallic finish and 10 foot base, takes its name from the Native word for swans.

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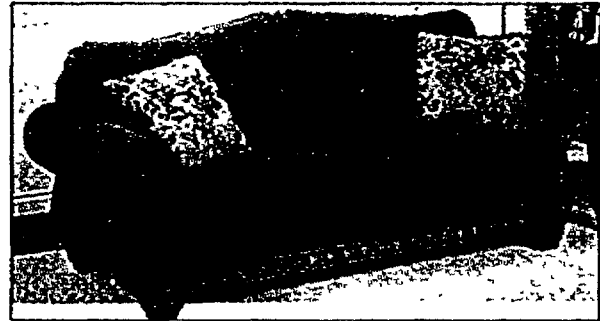


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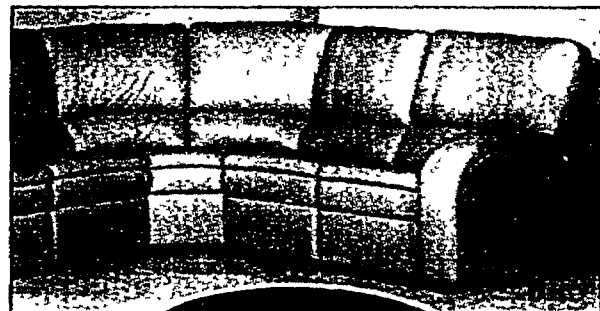
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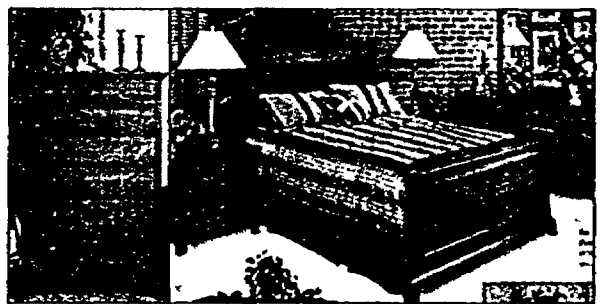
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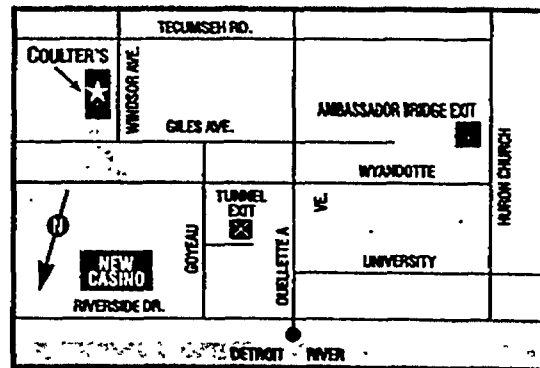
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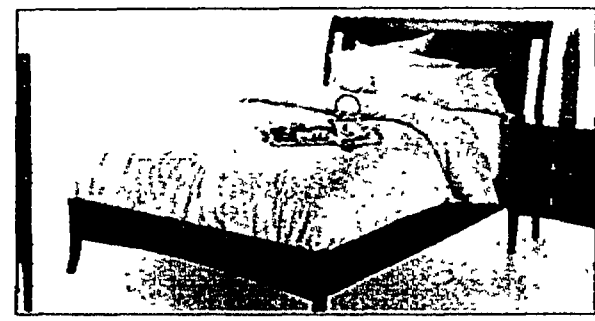
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the law at work

Sabrina Jones

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Nearly three years ago, Amy Sindermann, then a computer technician in Chapel Hill, N.C., found herself on her back and out of a job. She had gone into premature labor, and her doctor put her on bed rest for the last nine weeks of her pregnancy.

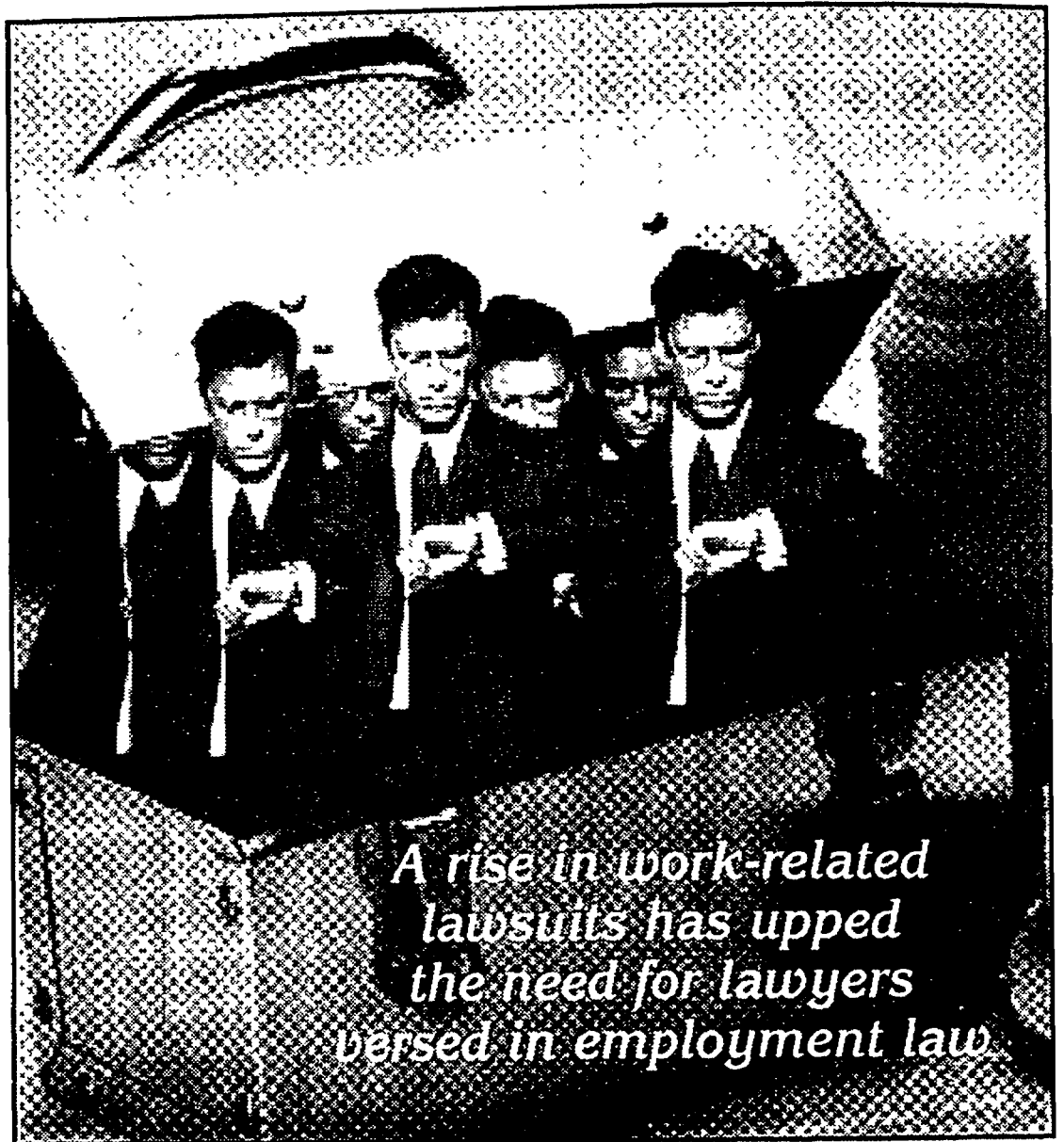
She called her employer, the American Board of Pediatrics, with the news that she was on bed rest. Two days later, she said, the licensing board fired her, deciding that it couldn't keep her position open. Sindermann, whose husband Carl is a stay-at-home dad, was left with no income and little health insurance. She was upset and desperate.

"I was about to have a baby, and I had no income," said Sindermann, 40, now a service project manager for a company in Research Triangle Park and the mother of 2-year-old Adam. "I couldn't collect unemployment because I wasn't able to look for a job. We were left with nothing."

Sindermann, who thought she was fired because of her pregnancy, moved to recoup her losses. She filed a discrimination claim against the Board of Pediatrics with the Orange County Human Relations Commission, seeking \$20,000 for lost wages and medical expenses. The pediatrics board eventually agreed to pay her \$7,700 in an out-of-court settlement.

Sindermann was lucky. The lawyer appointed to her case was well-versed in employment law and helped her wade through a sea of statutes designed to shield workers from discrimination.

"She essentially did what she had to do," Sindermann said. "She's an excellent attorney. She provided a lot of information. In



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the current day and age, where there's so much encouragement for making sure people are protected, when a family can all of a sudden find themselves in the position that we were, it's very frightening."

Now, the state Bar Association is considering making employment law a specialty to help individuals find qualified attorneys, said Alice Mosely, executive director of the bar's board of legal specialization. A committee of seven attorneys from across the state is in the early stages of considering whether specialization, which would require employment lawyers to be certified through tests and training, is appropriate, and developing requirements.

South Carolina, for example, requires specialization applicants to devote 35 percent of their time to practicing labor and employment law. In North Carolina, where many people find lawyers by thumbing through the Yellow Pages, finding good lawyers is sometimes difficult, Mosely said. The state now has seven legal specialties — bankruptcy, criminal law, estate planning and probate law, family law, immigration law, real property law and workers' com-

pensation.

The proposal to specialize employment law indicates how much the need for attorneys has grown in the past few decades, said Susanna Gibbons, a Raleigh, N.C., attorney who represents companies. Twenty years ago, employers didn't have that many laws to learn. Now, many businesses are scheduling seminars with attorneys and making it part of the duties of human resource managers to keep up with legislation, such as the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, which requires companies to give qualified workers unpaid leave to care for children, spouses and parents. Sometimes, the load of workplace legalese can be mind-boggling for businesses, Gibbons said.

"There are far more laws now that address workplace issues and which clarify employers' obligations and employees' rights," Gibbons said. "Some employers feel overwhelmed from time to time. Not all the statutes are clear. With the growth, there has been an increased need for lawyers who focus in that area. No employer wants to be sued."

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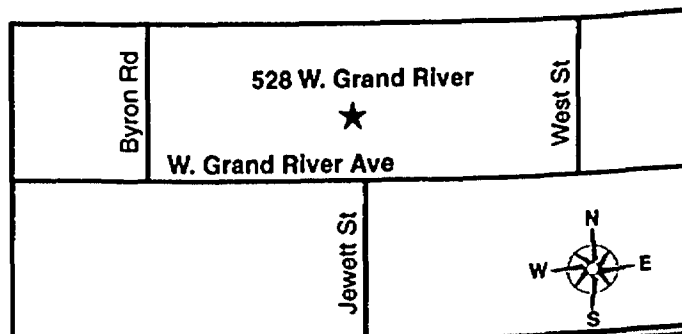
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Living the way you want after retirement

By Paul R. Huard

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If you are older than 50, retirement is something you can't wait for. In fact, you probably think it's overdue.

You've stashed money away in a retirement fund, planned for the long term with prudent investments and decided long ago that you were not going to rely solely on Social Security benefits.

Is it time to take the money and run? Maybe — if you are sure that your retirement income will be substantial enough to support the post-career lifestyle you want.

So, before you grab the gold watch and enjoy your fill of cake at the retirement party keep the following in mind.

Retirement can actually increase your expenses. Seen as a time for more travel, more leisure, more possessions and more disposable income, retirement is what every working person dreams about. But what about paying for the cruise tickets, the tennis club, the new vacation home and the grandchildren's expensive toys?

Learn that "retirement" is synonymous with "fixed income." You don't want to spend so much that you are dipping into your principal just to make ends meet. Nor do you want to treat your principal as a handy "checking account" that you can debit for trips, homes and luxuries.

That's not a "no fun" approach to life after your career. Just make sure that your retirement fund is just that — an investment that will provide you a monthly return sufficient for your lifestyle. Dedicate separate savings for vacations, boats, whatever.

Your money might earn more elsewhere. "Buy and hold" are

the watchwords of long-term, stable investing. But examine the returns on your savings plan, then look at the market.

It doesn't hurt to roll your money over into a plan that maximizes growth but is within your risk tolerance as an investor.

Check with your tax adviser, accountant or financial planner about tax questions and risk factors. Bear in mind the difference a few percentage points can make.

For example, \$100,000 invested at a modest 8 percent will earn \$46,900 in just five years, but just a two-percent increase (10 percent) will mean \$61,100 during the same period.

You need to know what Social Security will pay you. Social Security retirement benefits are part of your financial equation. If you don't know what your monthly benefit will be, there are ways to estimate.

The Social Security Administration (www.ssa.gov) has an online calculator that will estimate your monthly payment.

There are three different calculators.

Quick Calculator: It provides rough estimates of your retirement benefit at three different retirement ages.

These estimates will indicate the effects of early and delayed retirement. It also provides estimated disability and survivor benefits if you die or become disabled today.

Online Calculator: If you have a record of your earnings and are close to retirement there is an interactive benefit program. You will need to enter your earnings for each year. The Social Security Administration says that entered data is secure.

Detailed calculator: To use this program, you need to

install it on your computer. According to the administration, this program is the most powerful of the three and is capable of computing any type of Social Security benefit.

Also, know when to apply for your retirement benefits. Generally, you should apply for retirement benefits three months before you want payments begin.

Even if you have no plans to receive benefits because you plan to continue working you should still sign-up for Medicare three months before age 65.

You can apply by calling a toll-free number: (800) 772-1213.

Representatives there can make an appointment for your application to be taken over the telephone or at any local Social Security office.

When you apply for benefits, you will need the following information: Social Security number; birth certificate; your W-2 forms or self-employment tax return for last year; military discharge papers, if you had military service; spouse's birth certificate and Social Security number, if he or she is applying for benefits; children's birth certificates and Social Security numbers, if applying for children's benefits; proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful alien status, if you (or a spouse or child is applying for benefits) were not born in the U.S.; and the name of your bank and your account number so your benefits can be directly deposited into your account.

A person who meets all other requirements for entitlement can receive benefits beginning with the first full month when he or she is age 62.

However, if benefits begin before age 65, they are reduced to account for the longer period over which they will be paid.

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All lawyers are not the same, since they specialize and prefer areas of the law. You would not hire a carpenter to fix a toilet, so you shouldn't be afraid to speak up at the first meeting with an attorney.

Prior to the interview

Is there a charge for an exploratory session? How much? Will it be credited toward later fees?

Is any conflict of interest expected?

Has the lawyer taken a position inconsistent with client's?

What is the lawyer's license number?

Does the lawyer carry malpractice insurance?

In the interview

What is the lawyer's recent experience with similar cases?

Does the lawyer currently have similar files and /or clients in similar situations?

How long has the lawyer been out of law school?

Can client have names and numbers to call recent clients for references?

Does the lawyer specialize in this area? Other areas?

How long will the work take?

Who will be doing the work? The lawyer? An associate?

What expertise or background qualifies the lawyer to do this work?

How much will the lawyer charge as a fee? Flat fee, hourly rate or contingent?

How much for court costs or expenses? What expenses are billed?

Does the lawyer provide written fee contracts? May client have one to read?

What alternatives to a court fight are available; at what cost in dollars and time?

Has any licensing authority tried to discipline the lawyer? For what? When?

Are there alternative methods to pay the fee?

What fraction of an hour will be used to bill?

Does the attorney keep time records and share them with the client?

Will bills arrive monthly? Will the bills be itemized as to date, service, name and amount of time?

Are client's goals written and kept on file?

What is the interval between attorney-generated status reports? Are these billed?

How does the attorney keep current on this area of the law? Newsletters, seminars?

What problems does the attorney expect in the case?

How is the case kept confidential? Who has access to the file?

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So, what is the first thing you do after a shower, shave and an extra large coffee at the closest Mobil Station? Don't call all your friends and relatives for advice. Call your attorney.

Contacting An Attorney

Seek competent legal advice, not just from a discussion with your friends and family. The worst legal advice is often by "someone I know."

Ask someone you trust to recommend a few attorneys. When you speak with an attorney or to their staff, ask whether he or she handles (insert your crime here) matters in the court in which you are to appear. You need an attorney who plays ball in that ballpark. Ask about fees up front, which may range from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

First Visit With Your Attorney

Be prepared with your questions and have your checkbook handy. Attorneys receive their retainers prior to letting you in the door. Listen and take notes regarding the advice they give you, you're paying for it. Then

follow the advice.

The Big Day

If you have retained an attorney, they can often waive the first appearance, which will save you time and money. At the Pre-Trial, your attorney will meet with a prosecutor without you. Often a "plea bargain" may be reached behind closed doors.

In court your attorney will do most of the talking, but you should address the court in a respectful manner by saying "Yes sir" or "Yes judge."

Be honest when questioned about what happened. If you punched a guy in the nose, just say so, but do not add that he deserved it.

Looks Count

Your appearance is very important. Dress as if you are going to church. Don't wear jeans, shorts, tank tops or flip flops. I had a client show up in a shirt proclaiming B.U.M. at his sentencing. Judge's judge. Do you want the Judge to think you are a B.U.M. or a clean-cut civilized citizen?

Probation Evaluation

A meeting with a probation officer will be scheduled. You will be given an extensive list of tricky questions to answer as well as a personal and intimidating interview.

Remember, this person works for the court and all they do is talk to guilty people. They are not your friends or your personal psychiatrist. Be honest, but now is not the time to discuss your extreme dislike of your mother. A CEO mentioned to the Probation Officer that he

smoked pot in 1978 while a student at Berkley, Calif. Defendant is a "self-professed drug abuser," read his Pre-sentence Investigation report.

You don't want the judge to know all the weird stuff in your life. Hire your own shrink later.

Sentencing

On this day, you will spend a few hours watching other people be yelled at, embarrassed or totally humiliated. Then it is your turn. You and your attorney will stand together and both will take the heat. Don't feel sorry for your attorney. This is what they are getting paid to do. Just when you feel lower than pond scum, it will soon be over and you are free to slither away.

At the end you will be given a list of "To Do's" that will keep you quite busy and broke. Fines, costs, fees, all add up to several hundred dollars. You will also attend classes, victim programs and name-your-addiction meetings. Community service ranges from picking up trash in a neon orange vest on a busy Saturday in your community to volunteering at a soup kitchen.

If you walk out of the same door as your attorney, then you have successfully survived your brief encounter as a guilty person. However, if a burly guy in a uniform starts to escort you out of the back of the courtroom, maybe you are embarking on a new career as a regular criminal.

Written by Michele D. Kelly, an experienced criminal attorney who practices in local district courts. Kelly is a partner with husband John P. Kelly at their law firm, Kelly & Kelly, P.C.

Addressing workplace issues

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And no employee wants to suffer the weight of discrimination, in the form of racial slurs, unwanted sexual advances and undue firings, said employment attorney Stewart Fisher from his downtown office in Durham, N.C. He estimated that he turns down more than 90 percent of the people who call him because he can't handle the workload.

Week after week, he hears tales of women who were fondled by managers, people with disabilities who were turned down for jobs and older workers who were downsized after putting in more than 20 years with a company. While many defense attorneys are paid by the hour, Fisher is often paid on a contingency basis — meaning he receives nothing unless his client wins a monetary award or settlement,

and losses are more frequent than wins.

"I'm representing people who have lost their jobs," Fisher, 49, said. "(Companies) have the economic resources to fight these things. The employee often starts out with the evidence often being in the hands of the employer. As discrimination has become more subtle, the courts have demanded more direct forms of proof."

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Struggle of Wills

By Mary Deibel

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If you don't have a will, you have plenty of company. Seven of 10 Americans haven't put down on paper how to divvy up things when they die.

There are lots of reasons people put off writing a will, but the primary reason is that most don't like contemplating their own mortality or the tough issues tied up with trying to be "fair" to those we love.

The toughest step is the first one, lawyers and financial planners say: the decision to sit down and plan what happens to your family if something happens to you. Experts say preparing a will and planning an estate aren't just for the rich but for any family.

Writing a will to make your wishes clear goes double for today's "his, hers and ours" blended families and for singles whose worldly goods will automatically go to their next-of-kin if they haven't spelled out other plans.

In "Beyond the Grave: The Right and Wrong Way of Leaving Money to Your Children (and Others)" (Harper Business), father-son lawyers Gerald and Jeffrey Condon of Santa Monica,

Calif., warn that family loyalty "can fly out the window" when children start fighting over money after a parent's death.

That can happen even when parents were scrupulous about treating their children equitably.

Mark Chasnoff of Advance Capital Strategies in Cincinnati is a big believer in telling family and friends what you're planning in advance to avoid a legacy of ill will.

"Have a discussion beforehand so your family understands why you've made the decisions you did," says Chasnoff, who believes "estate-planning fire drills" can minimize the potential for hard feelings.

Some estate planners suggest picking an executor you trust to divide assets fairly including the family house, silver and jewelry so your will isn't bogged down in details about possessions that could be long gone by the time your last will and testament is read.

But Chasnoff is from the school that advises people to write down who gets things of sentimental value: The mother with three daughters needs to tell them which one gets her wedding ring and why, and Dad needs to say why his Mark McGwire homerun ball will be

inherited by only one son.

Indeed, a Scudder AARP Investment Program survey of people 50 and over found that one in five say that inheritances had caused hard feelings among family members.

Deciding how to divide assets is a challenge: Do you leave everything to your spouse in the expectation he or she will provide adequately for the children? Do you leave more to the grown child who's had financial troubles and less to the one who's been a success?

A further wrinkle is that much of your estate doesn't get disbursed by a will but according to terms of an insurance policy, an Individual Retirement Account or a 401(k) retirement savings plan. Thus, an inheritance can get misdirected if you don't keep your retirement or insurance forms up to date.

"We urge people to review their financial materials once a year, including their pension plans, retirement savings and insurance coverage," says Herb Perone of the American Council of Life Insurers in Washington.

"The other rule of thumb is to review them whenever there's a major family change from the birth of a child to death or divorce."

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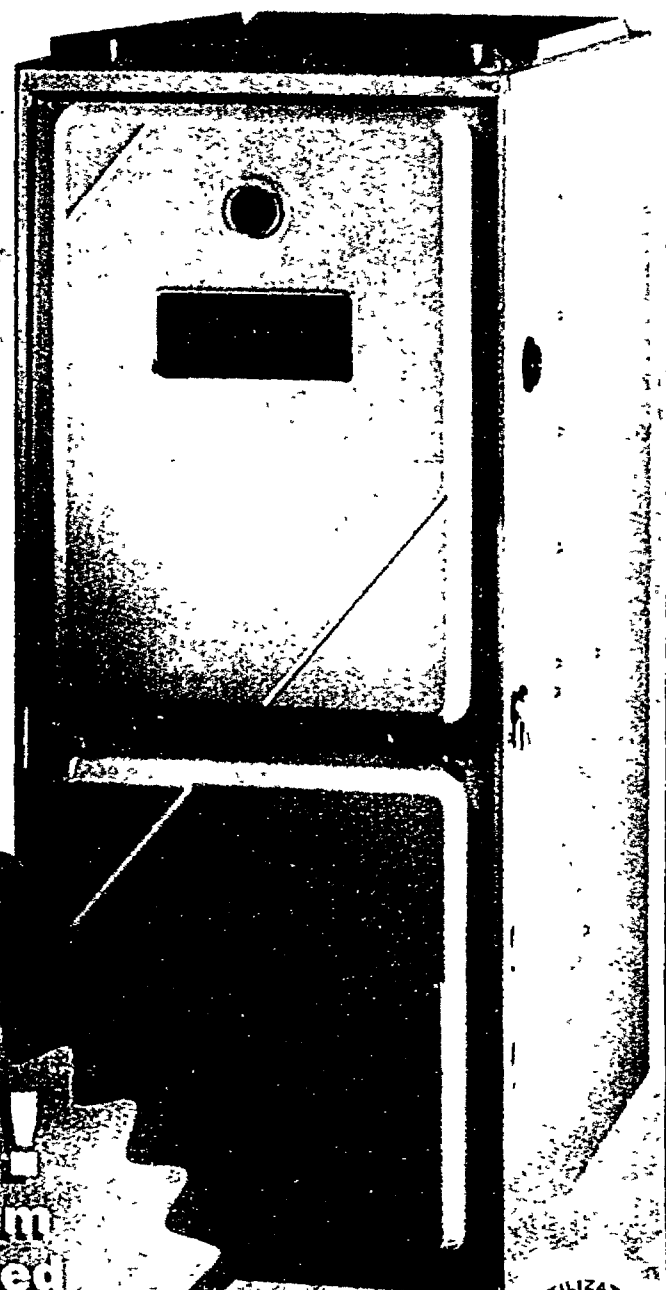
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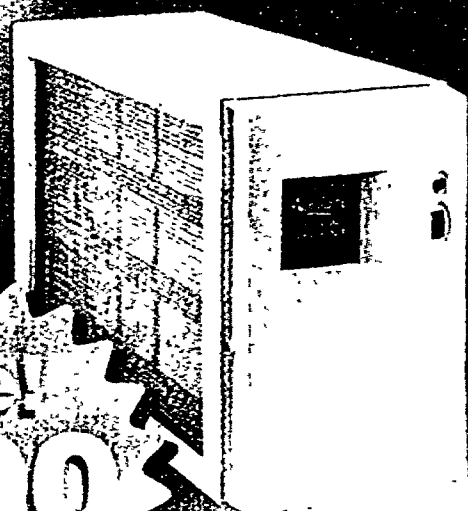
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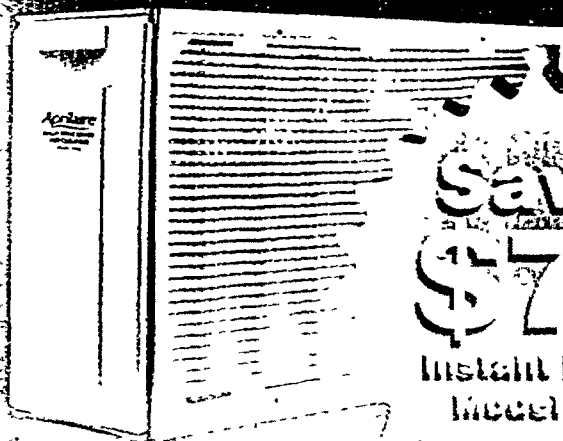
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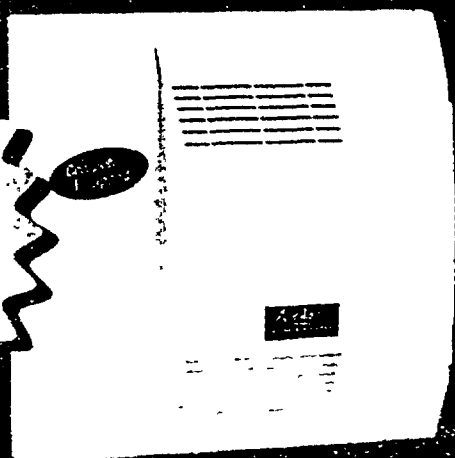


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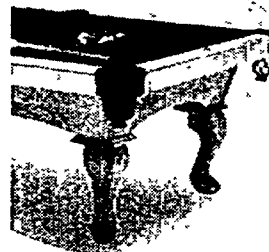
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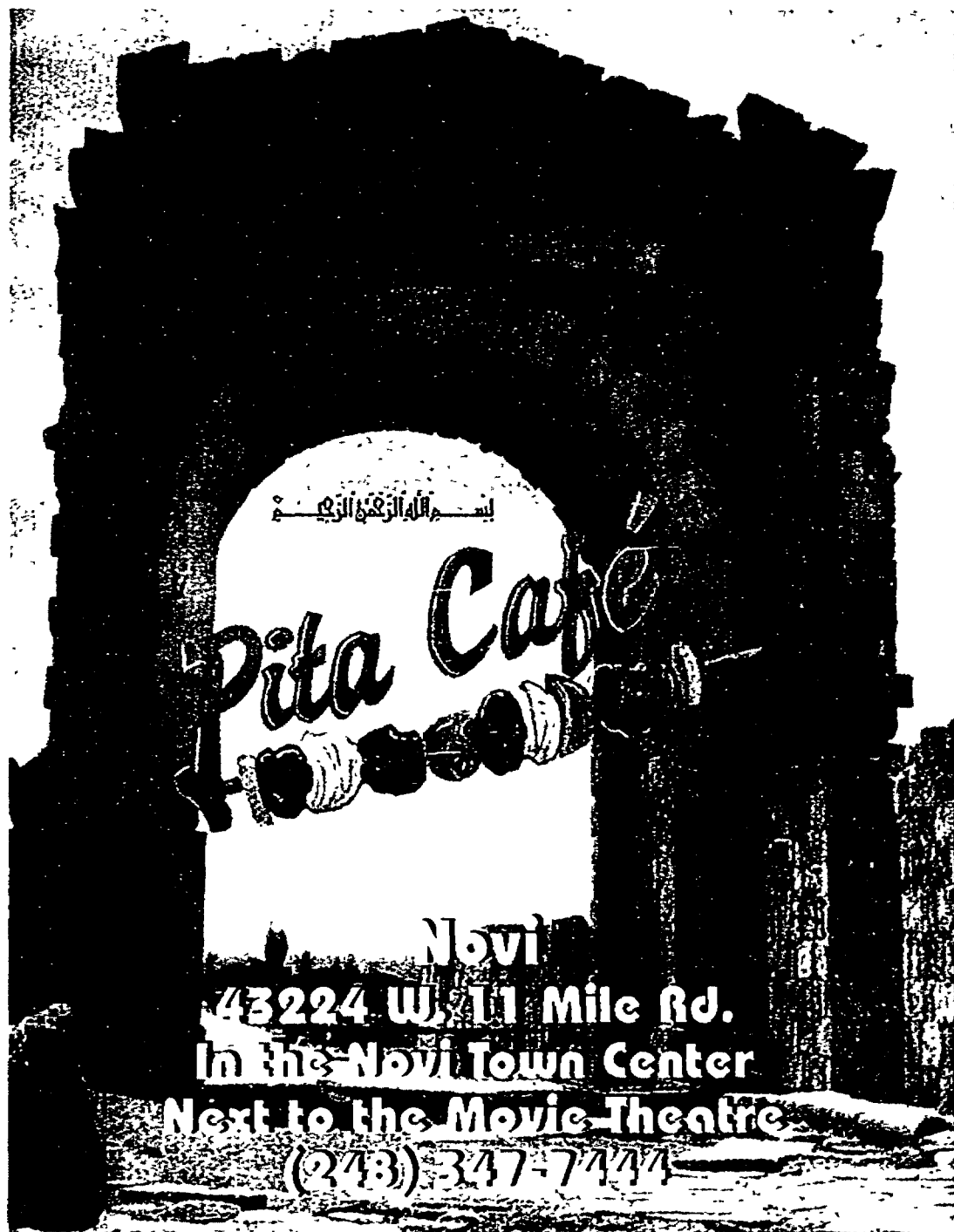
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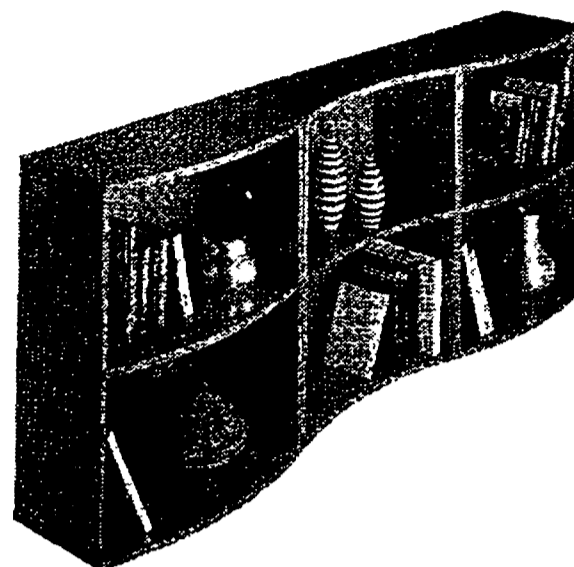


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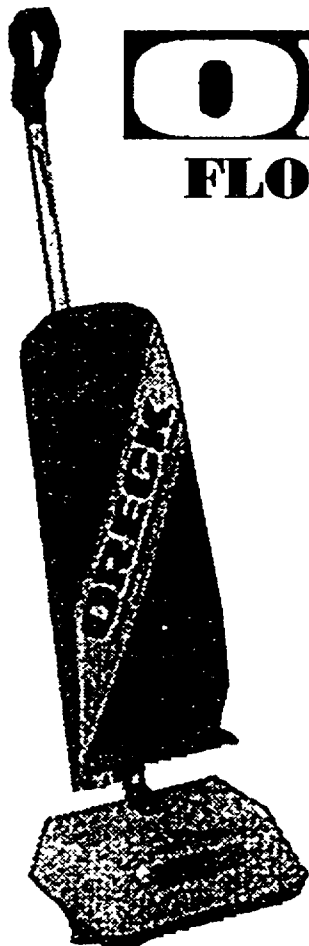
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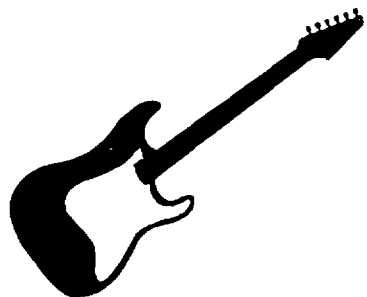
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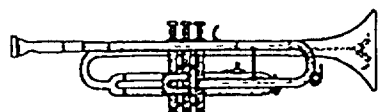
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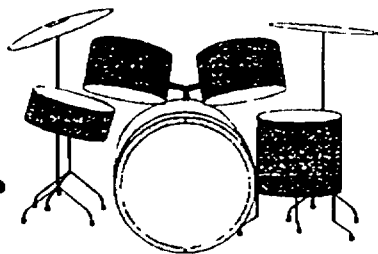
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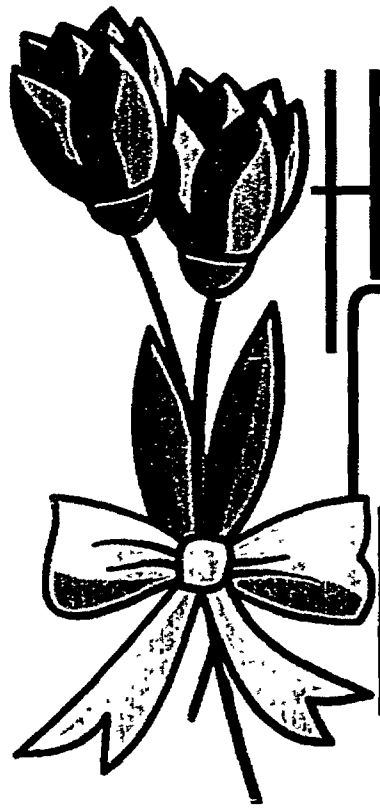
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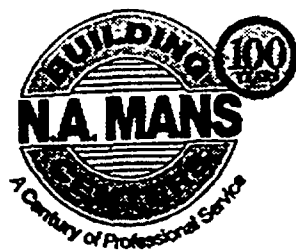
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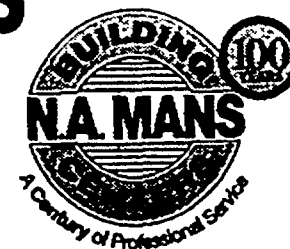
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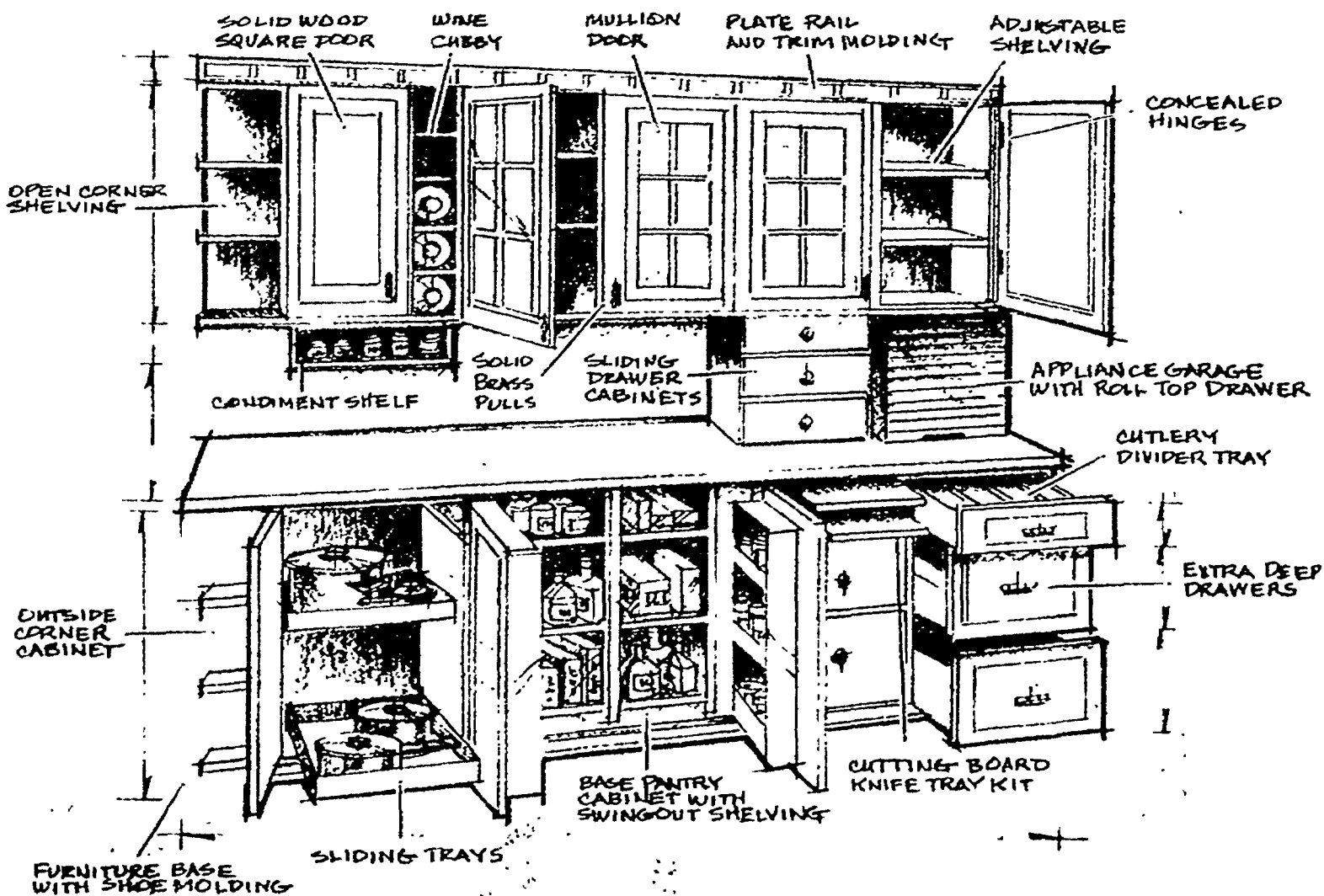


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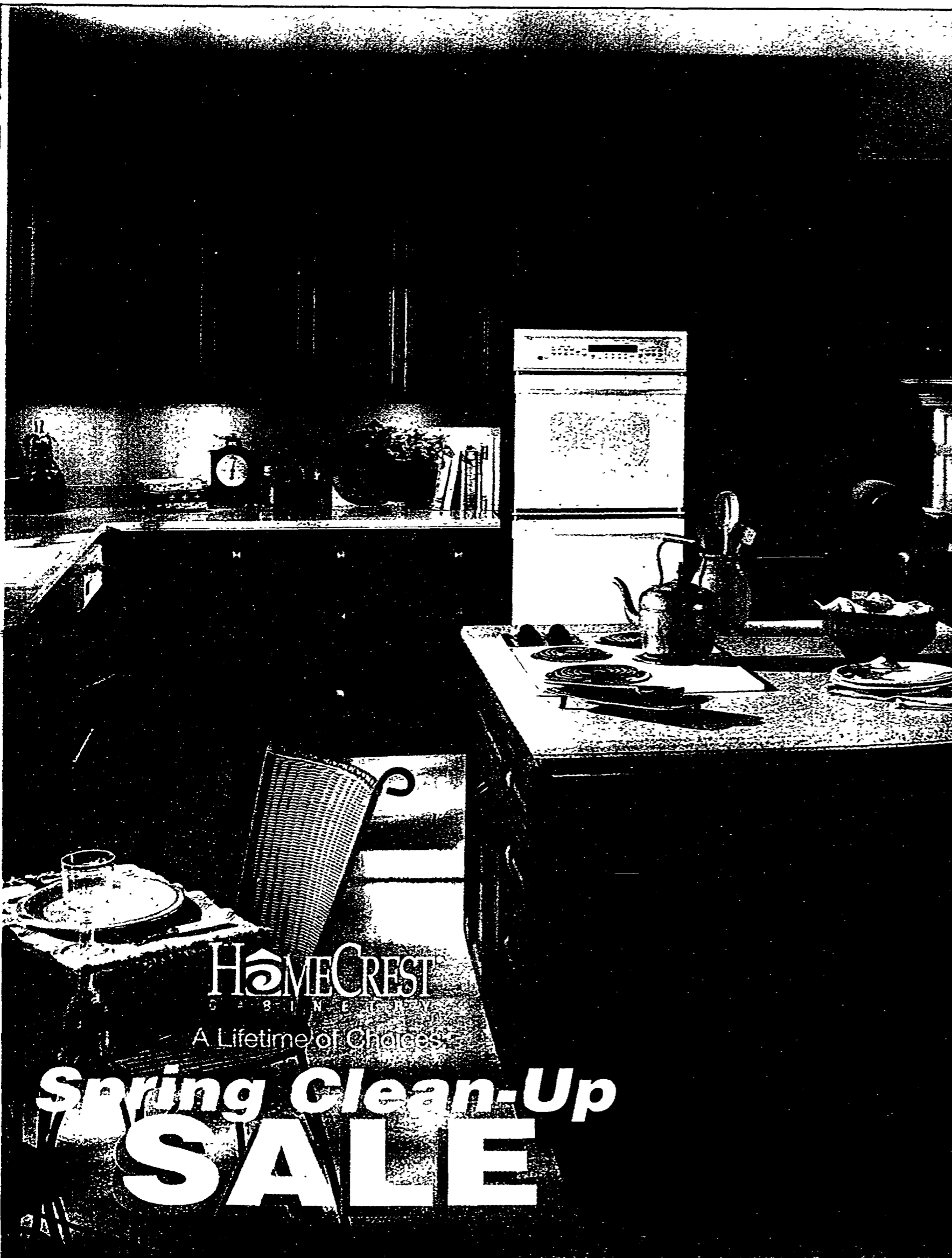
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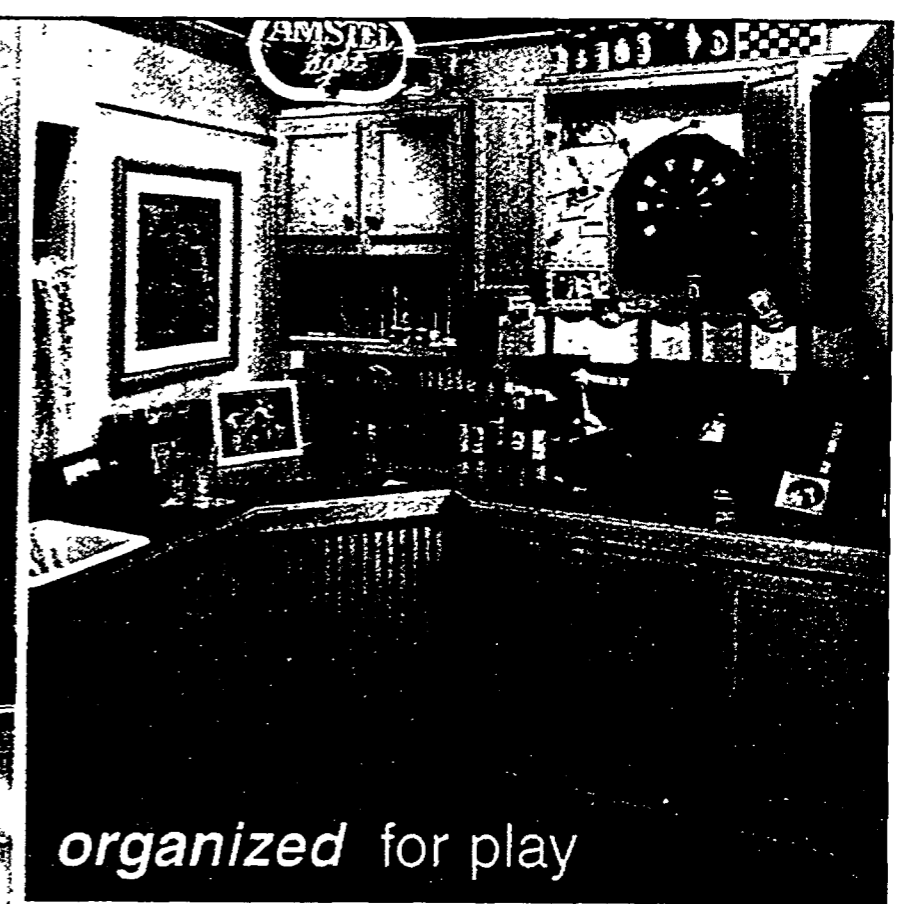
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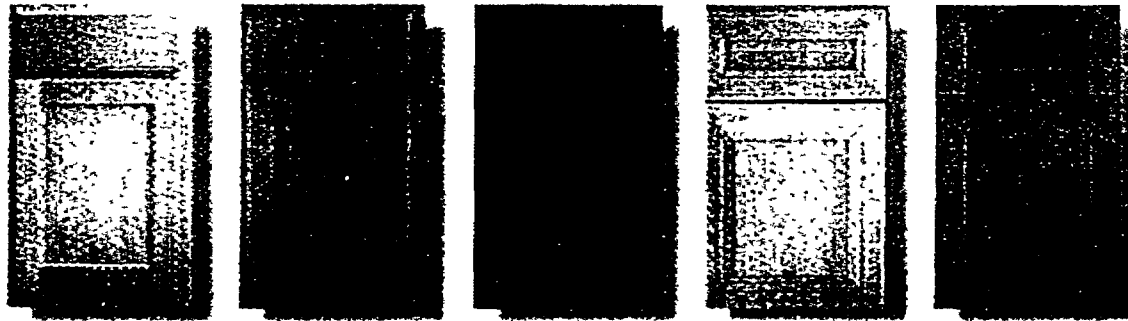


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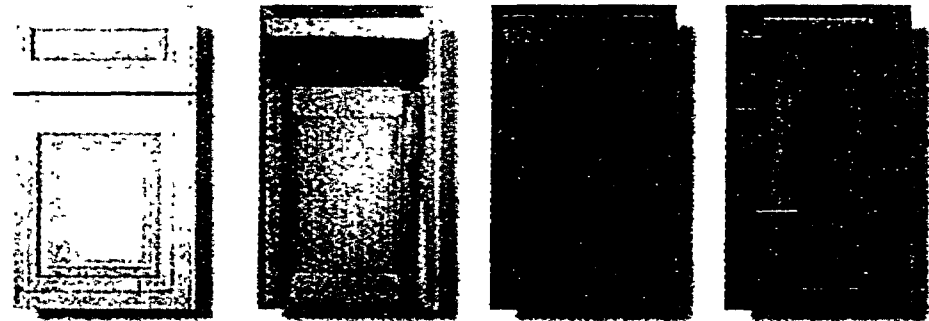
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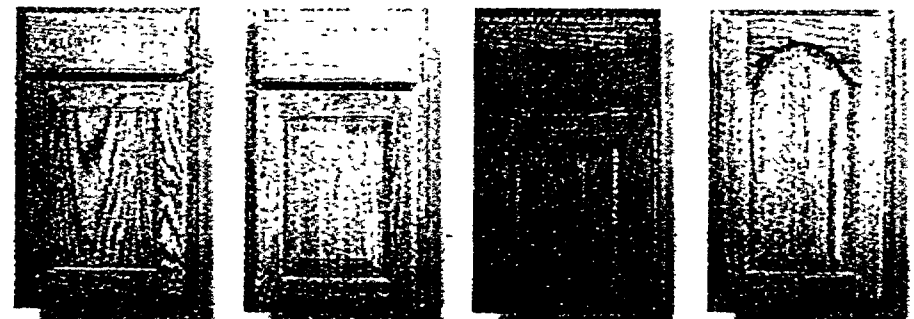
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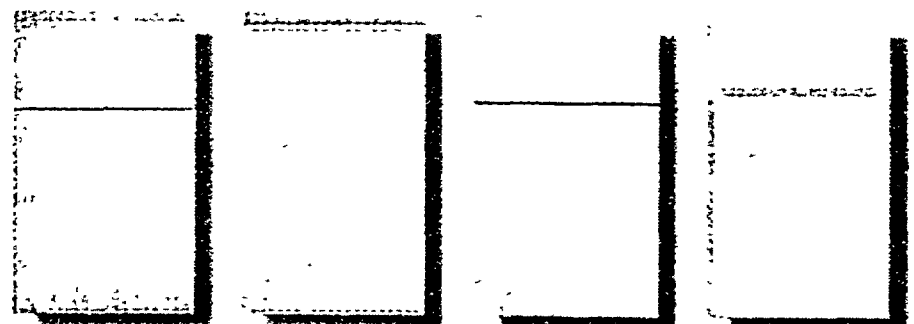
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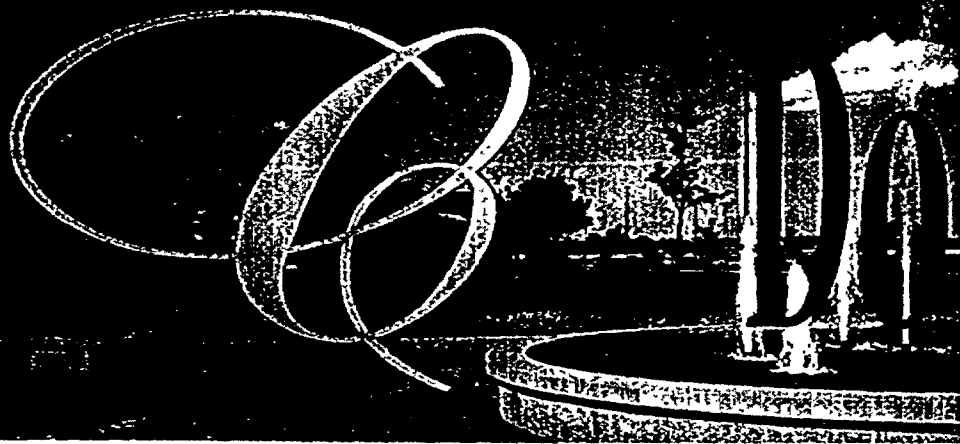


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Visit our website at www.novitowncenter.com and print a coupon worth \$10 off the \$100 minimum purchase for Novi Town Center's "Scentsational" Mother's Day Gift Promotion. Must present coupon at time of redemption to receive discount, offer good while supplies last. See website for details!

Fragrances like Crystal Blue Waters, Sun-Ripened Raspberry, Water-Lilly Blossom and Citrus Basil are in the air for Mother's Day at Novi Town Center. We've partnered with Bath & Body Works for our annual Mother's Day gift with purchase promotion to reward shoppers with a "scentsational" gift. Spend a minimum of \$100 at any Novi Town Center store between April 27 and May 12 and receive a FREE 8 oz. Antibacterial Hand Soap and coordinating hand lotion or gel. This gift, a \$7 value, will come attractively packaged with a bow and is available while quantities last, so don't delay.

Getting your "scentsational" gift is easy - simply take dated receipts to one of the following Novi Town Center merchants: Bath & Body Works, Music Go Round, Rainbow Signs, Ready, Set, Paint! and The Right Start.



Make plans now to attend the

8th Annual Novi Art Festival

Saturday and Sunday
August 3 and 4
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

View more than 200 artists displaying fine art, paintings, sculptures, ceramics, jewelry and much more.

Admission to this event is FREE! Enjoy live music and sample delicious food while you stroll through the festival. The event will take place in the parking lot at Mervyn's west entrance. Visit www.artfestival.com for more information.



The Linder Company welcomes the following new and expanded tenants to Novi Town Center. Read about them in this issue of *Do the Town*.

New Tenants

Your Toybox (pg.3)

Expanded Tenants

Charisma Salon (pg.3)

Novi Town Center Has Selection and Savings For Mother's Day and Father's Day

It's that time of year when we honor the two people who have given so much of themselves to us - mom and dad. Below you'll find a few suggestions from some of the Center's merchants to make your shopping a breeze.

Borders Books & Music

Come to Borders for the most complete selection of books and music in Novi. For mom, see Borders selection of "philosophical" coffee mugs with phrases from Plato and Aristotle. She'll love a box of Ghirardelli-filled chocolate squares or Harry and David raspberry fruit chocolates. To show her how special she is, get her a copy of "1,003 Great Things About Mom." For dad, check out the newly released "Final Season: Fathers, Sons, and One Last Season in a Classic American Ballpark" by Tom Stanton. This is a powerful memoir of fathers, sons and the end of baseball at Tiger Stadium. He'll also want to read, "365 Reflections on Fathers," a collection of thoughtful and heartwarming quotations that reveal how much fathers are loved.

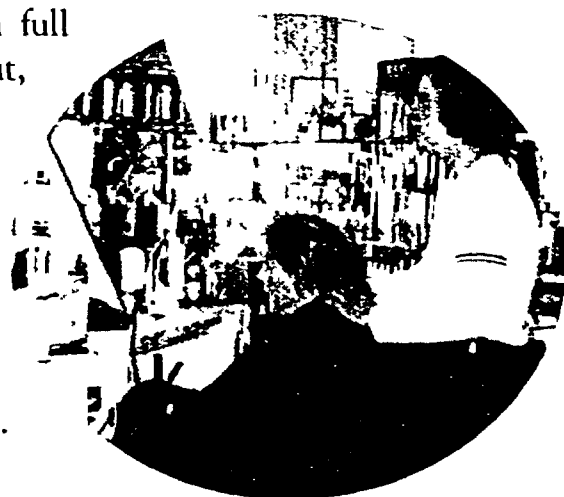
Boyne Country Sports

Comfortable, fun and fashionable are the name of the game at this sporting good store. For mom, Boyne Country carries Brighton watches, jewelry and purses to accent her dressy casual wardrobe. For the dad who's into golf, Pro VI golf balls by Titleist are a must. Also check out the selection of Nike golf sandals for guys who like a casual but functional look on the links. For men and women, Boyne Country has casual sportswear from Tommy Bahama and outdoor active wear from Patagonia. These brands and more make Boyne Country the best destination for sportswear in Novi.



Charisma Salon

The professionals at Charisma Salon have the perfect gift for anyone on your list that needs to be pampered. The Salon offers a full range of services such as hair cut, hair color, manicures, pedicures and facials for both women and men. In addition, Charisma now offers massage therapy and tanning. Spoil mom or dad with a gift certificate for one of these services and they'll thank you for it.



Christopher & Banks

Bright colors like periwinkle, ruby red, green apple, sunlight and cantaloupe make a bold statement this spring and summer in everything from twin sets to skirts. Capri pants are in style again this season as is everything Americana. For the mom who likes a feminine touch, dresses are back by popular demand at Christopher & Banks and she will love a casual dress she can wear for work and play.

Flowers & More

Spring is right around the corner and when you think spring, think flowers! Flowers & More has beautiful fresh flowers, gift baskets and plants in stock now that would make the perfect Mother's Day gift. Stop by the store and pick up their spring coupon for savings. If your wedding is fast approaching, be sure to speak with Flowers & More's professional wedding coordinator, Dawn, the best kept secret in Novi. Serving southeast Michigan residents and businesses for more than 10 years, Flowers & More is a full service florist and gift shop. Call today at 248-347-6644 or visit 1800flowersandmore.com.

Linens 'n Things

As one of the nation's leading retailers of home textiles, housewares and home accessories, Linens 'n Things has something for every mom and dad on your list. For the sentimental mom, a two-piece frame set with a trinket box will give her a place for special keepsakes and photos. She'll appreciate a three-tier round jewelry box in cherry or pine. For the mom on the run who needs a little pampering, LNT carries anti-stress kits and aromatherapy candles. To bring the spa experience home, get her a Bubble Spa Deluxe Bath Mat or a Foot Spa.

Make dad the king of the grill with a four piece barbecue set with mitt. Home repairs will be a breeze with a hardware tool set or a 16-foot steel tape measure with utility knife. To help with a little rest and relaxation, get him LNT's five-piece martini set or an aluminum glass-top wine rack. For the guy who likes a close shave, the Braun Syncro Shaver System and its revolutionary design offer an extra-close shave.

Men's Wearhouse

Carrying on the tradition from which it was founded, Men's Wearhouse continues to carry fine men's clothing and suits, but with today's casual trends, why not help dad update his wardrobe with something stylish! Men's

Wearhouse has a full selection of men's Gary Player golf shirts. One of these, paired with cotton shorts, will make dad the best-dressed golfer around. Mock turtlenecks are fast replacing the standard shirt and tie, check out MW's extensive selection of mock turtlenecks, fine gauge knit shirts and casual pants to make dad a stand out at the office. Men's Wearhouse also has gift certificates.



Ready, Set, Paint!

This year give mom and dad a gift from the heart like a create-your-own ceramic piece from Ready, Set, Paint! Mom will love a hand-painted picture frame, a whimsical flower pot, vase or a fun cookie jar for the kitchen. For dad, a coffee mug or picture frame created by his kids will make him the hit of the office. As always, handprints preserved in ceramic make a treasured gift that mom, dad or the grandparents will always keep.

Charisma Salon Expands, Adds New Services

Construction is nearly complete on Charisma Salon's 1,000-square-foot expansion project. When finished, the salon will encompass nearly 3,000 square feet in the northwest corner of the Town Center.

In addition to a variety of hair care services, the larger space will allow the Salon to add benefits like skin care, facials, massage therapy and tanning. "The main focus of our salon will always be incredible, outstanding customer service," said Ken Short, salon owner. "The new features will allow us to pamper the clients with services to rejuvenate the mind and body along with our renowned hair care services."

Voted the number one hair salon in 2001 by readers of the Novi News, Charisma is open seven days a week. For an appointment, call (248) 344-0006.



Open Your "Toybox" for Fun and Learning

Area businessman Bruce Weiner knows toys. For the last 15 years, his retail toy store, Your Toybox, has enjoyed locations in Troy and Rochester Hills. When the chance to open a much larger store in Novi Town Center came up, Bruce couldn't resist the opportunity.

"The Novi location offers twice as much space as my previous store," says Bruce. "And now there's a real need for a specialty toy store in the Novi area since two have recently closed." He adds that it was difficult leaving his loyal customers in Rochester Hills, but that he hopes to serve Novi with an even larger selection of the finest toys available.

The new Your Toybox offers toys for babies and children through adults. The store is designed to make toy shopping easy and enjoyable. Merchandise is divided into categories such as manipulative toys, arts, crafts, science, dolls, games and puzzles. As always, the store places an emphasis on customer service, good prices and unusual toys.

"Our staff specializes in assisting customers with choosing toys which are appropriate, fun and interesting to children," Bruce explains. "Ours is a family-owned business which caters to customers, parents and children. If we don't have what you are looking for, we will either try to get it for you or help you locate it. Our philosophy is that toys are fun and the people who sell them should be too!"

Your Toybox is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Look for extended hours during the holiday season. It is located in the northwest corner of the Town Center. For more information, call 248-449-6000.

Store Directory

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Boyne Country Sports	347-3323	Golf & Ski Equipment
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Charisma Salon	344-0006	Beauty Salon
Charles Schwab	449-5005	Investments
Christopher & Banks	347-1721	Women's Clothing
Comp USA	305-8800	Computers
Diamond Jim Brady's	380-8460	Restaurant
Divers, Inc.	344-9260	Dive Shop
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Flowers & More	347-6644	Flower Shop
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Linens 'N' Things	449-8850	Linens & Housewares
Mattress & Futon Shoppe	348-5494	Mattress Shop
Men's Wearhouse	344-9160	Men's Clothing
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The Right Start	596-1385	Toys
T.J. Maxx	348-7700	Discount Department Store
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Your Toybox	449-6000	Toys

NTC Restaurants Offer Diverse Fare for Mother's Day

Why not make this Mother's Day one she'll remember and treat her to a meal from one of the fine restaurants in Novi Town Center!

Chef Mary Brady of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro has created a new venture called "Let Mary Cook." The idea is to provide good, nutritious food for those who want to spend more time with their family and less time in the kitchen. Gourmet meals are prepared from the freshest ingredients, and then packaged with the directions to finish cooking at your convenience. If you're in a cooking quandary this Mother's Day, a gourmet meal from "Let Mary Cook" will show mom just how much you care. Gift certificates are also available.

One of metro Detroit's oldest restaurants, Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro is celebrating ten years in Novi, after originating in 1954 on Seven Mile Road in Detroit. Since that time, the restaurant has changed locations from Detroit to Southfield to its present home in Novi. For more information about "Let Mary Cook" call Nancy Hague at 248-345-1333 or visit www.djbistro.com.



If your taste leans toward the exotic, try the restaurant that brings a taste of the Mediterranean to Novi Town Center - Pita Café. Serving fresh salads and homemade soups that are good to eat and good for your health, Pita Café also offers sandwiches and traditional favorites such as Tzakziki, Kibbe, Lamb Grape Leaves and Soyet.



In addition, Pita Café has a large selection of entrees. Some popular customer favorites include shish combos such as shish kabob, veggie combos, and a variety of shrimp and lamb dishes. Pita Café is located between Salöne Nadwa and the Novi Town Center Management Office. Call 248-347-7444 for details.

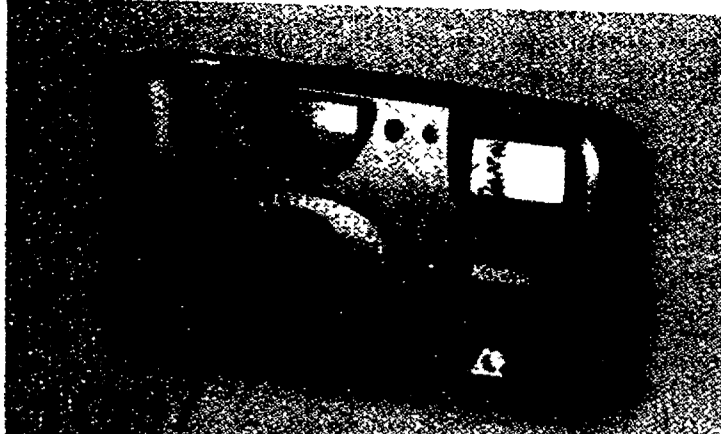


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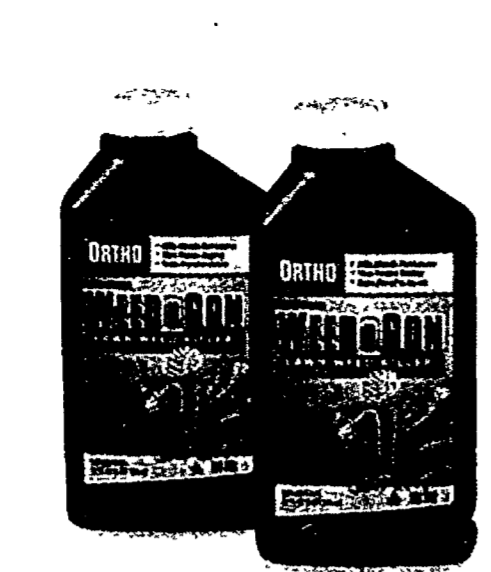
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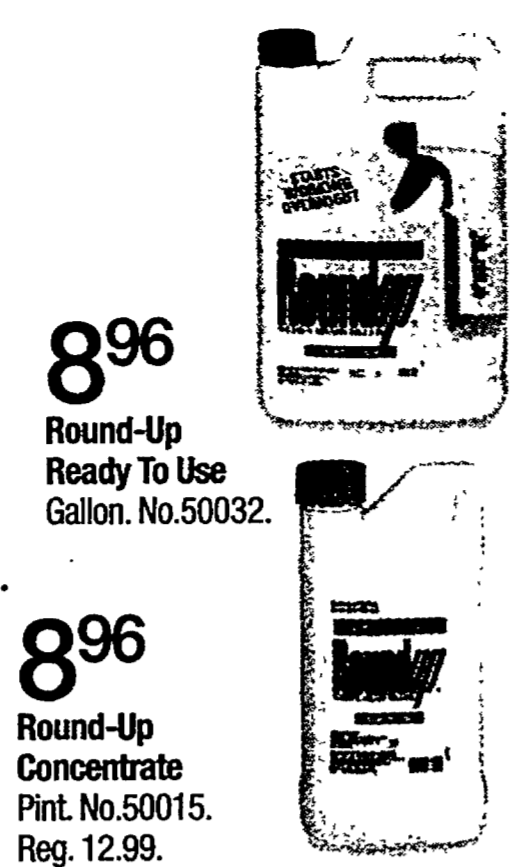
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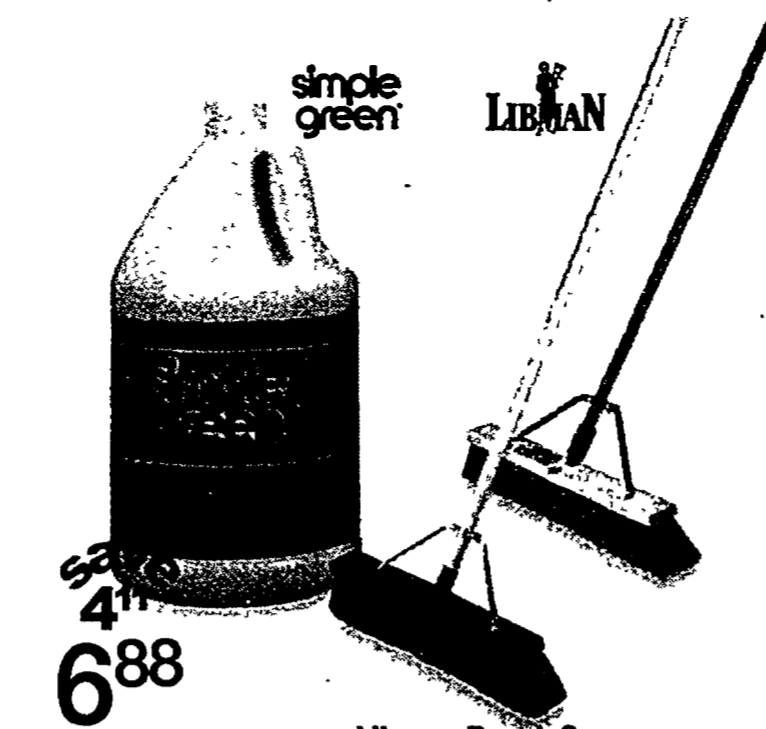
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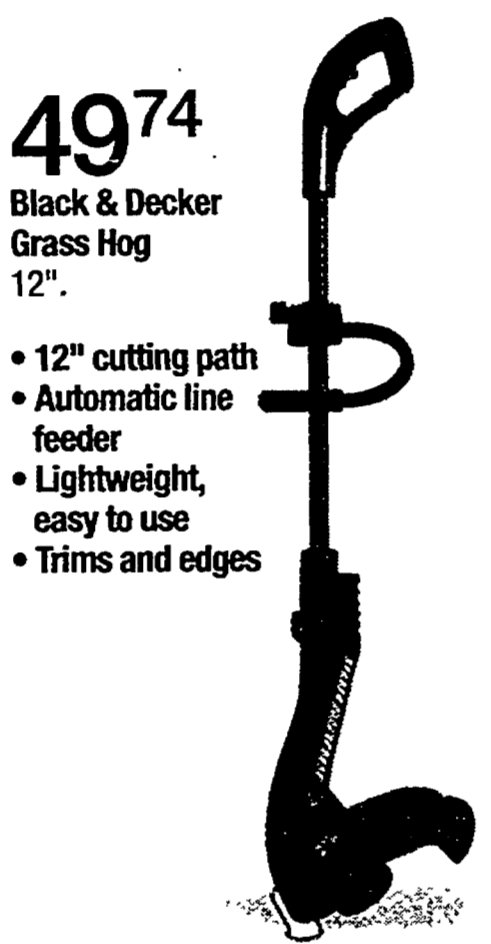
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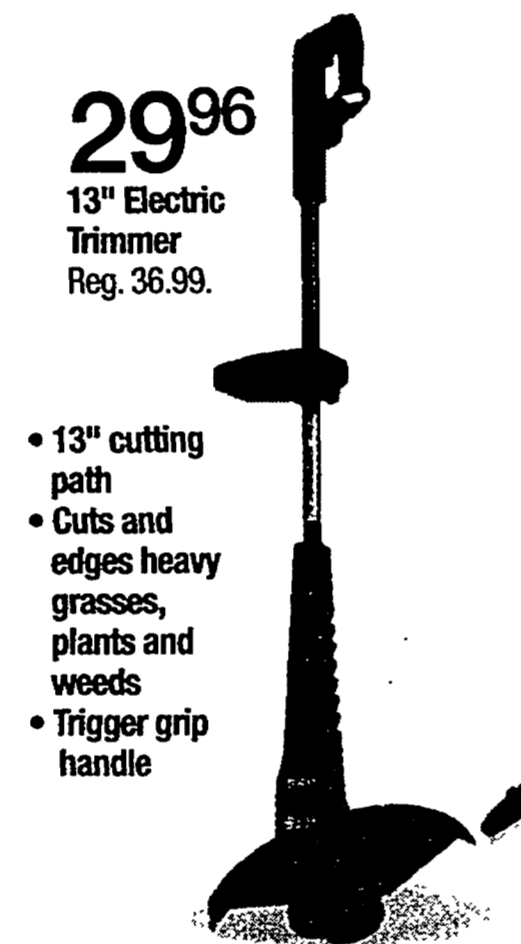


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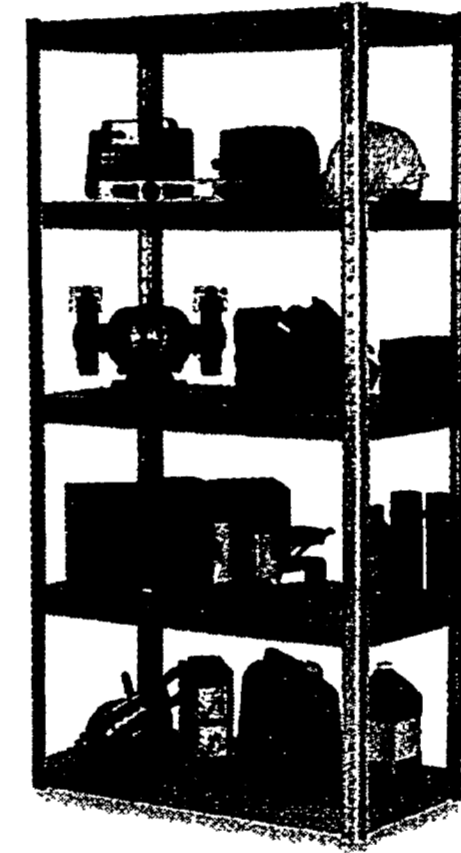
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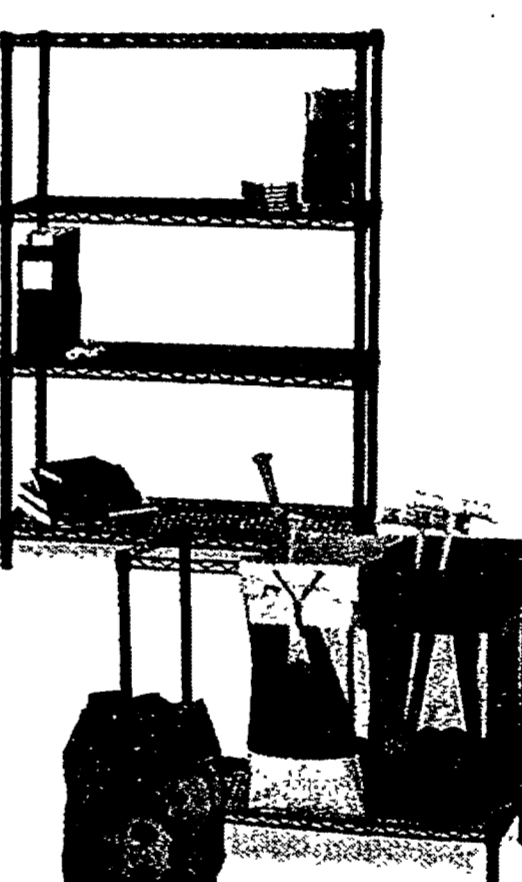


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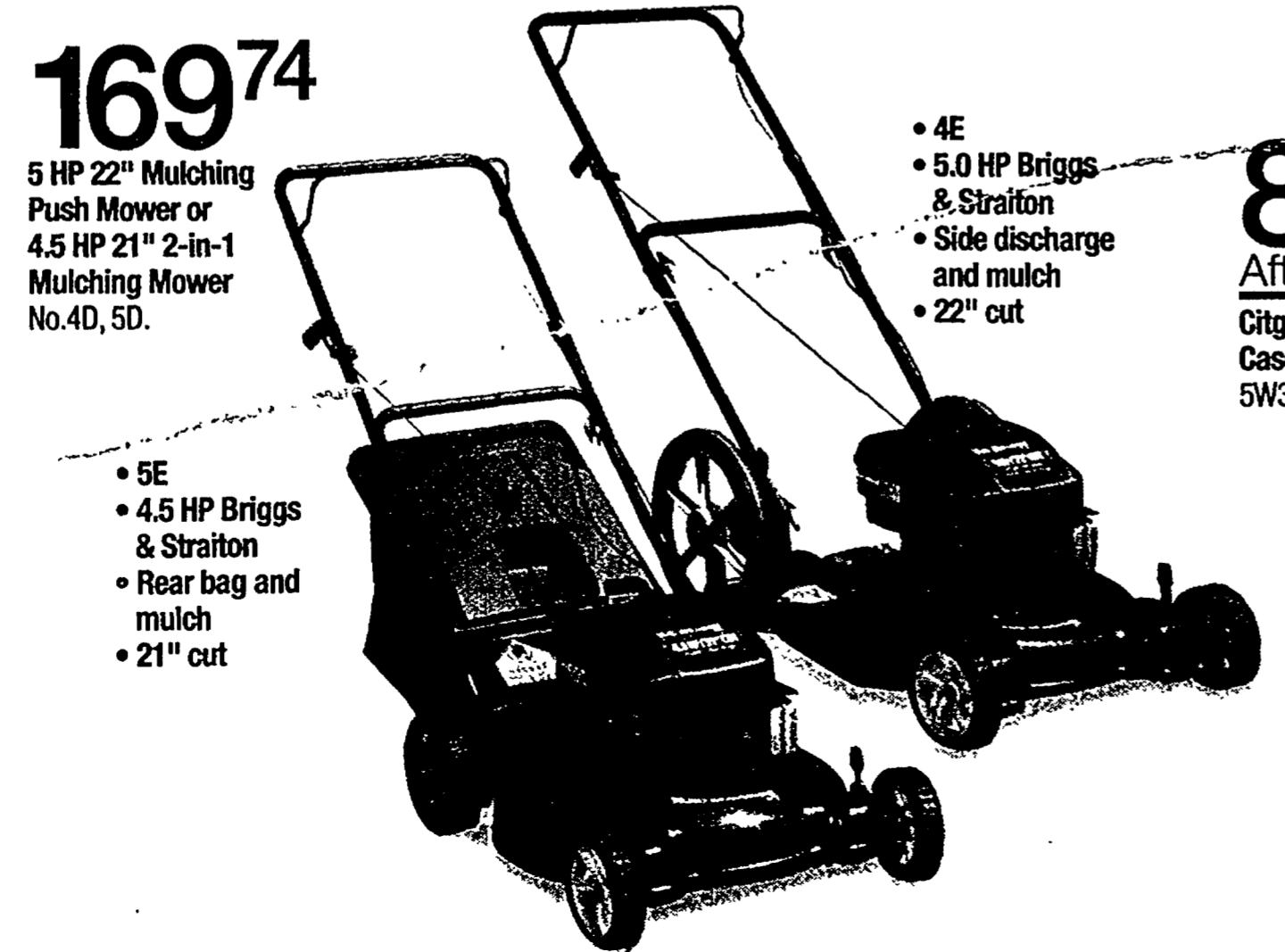
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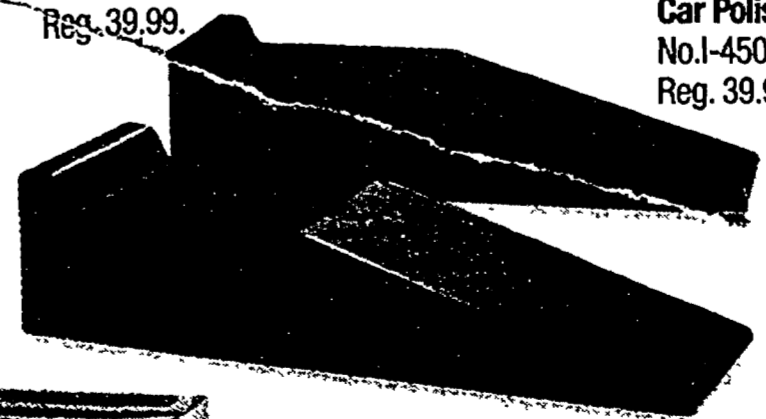
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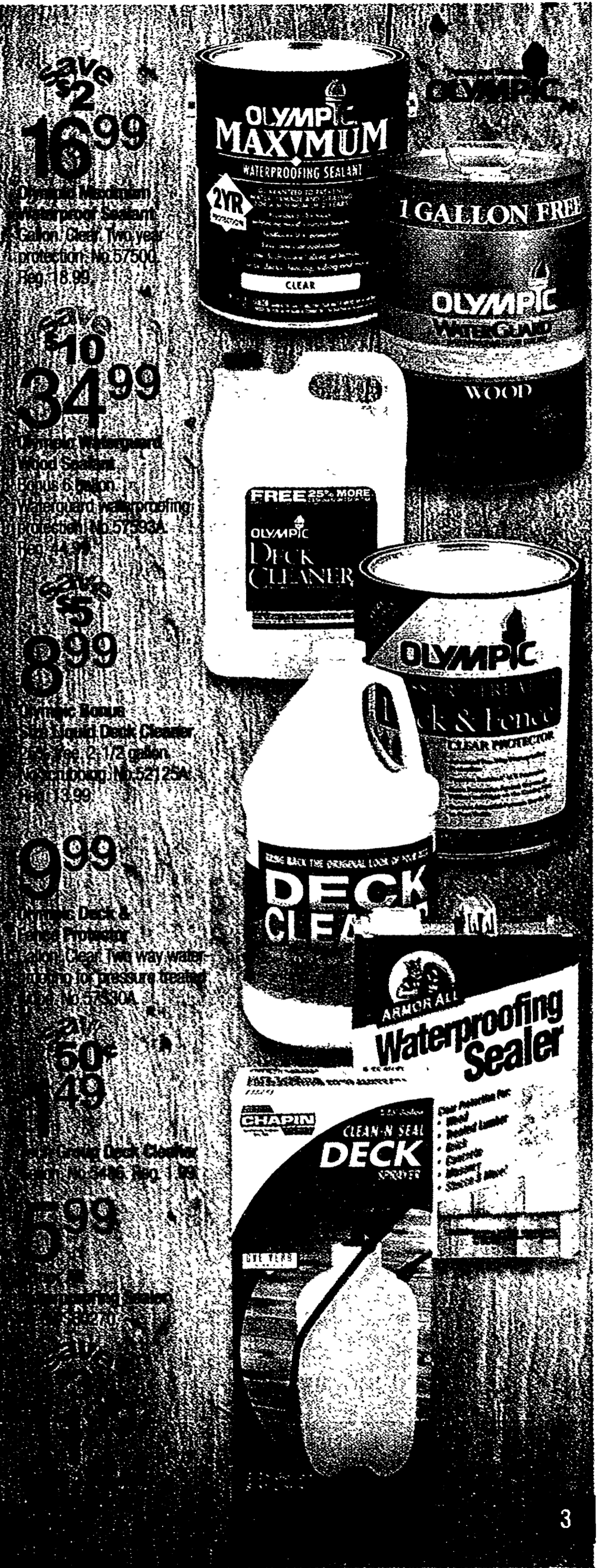


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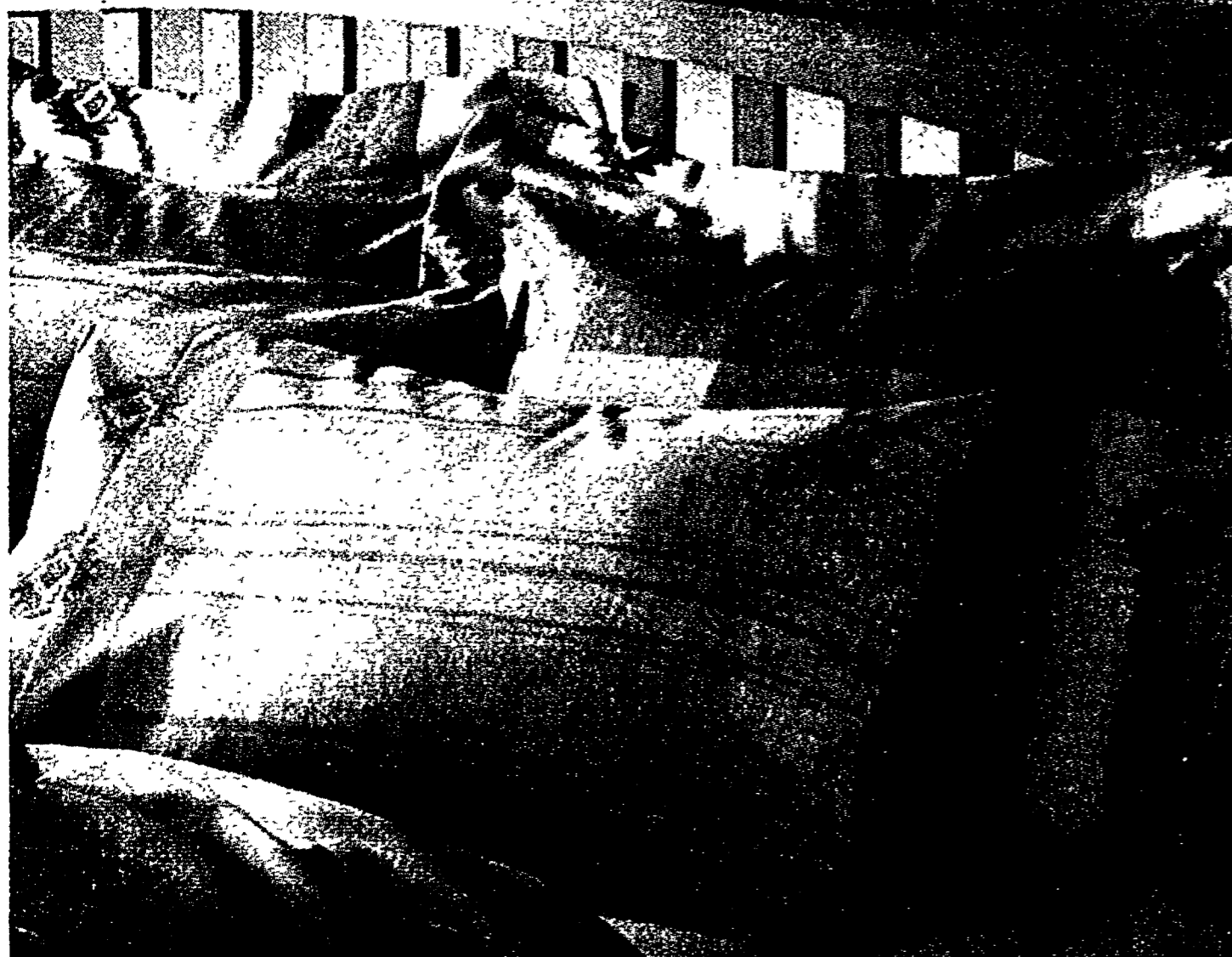
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Chrome Toaster**
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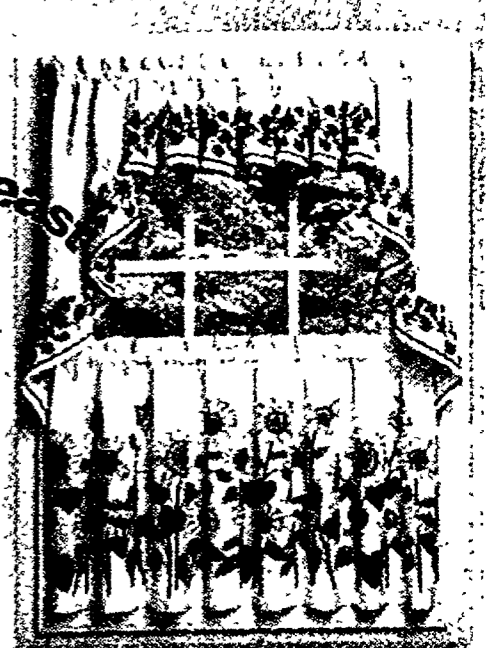
Tea Kettle
White, black or cobalt,
not shown. No. 91029/8.
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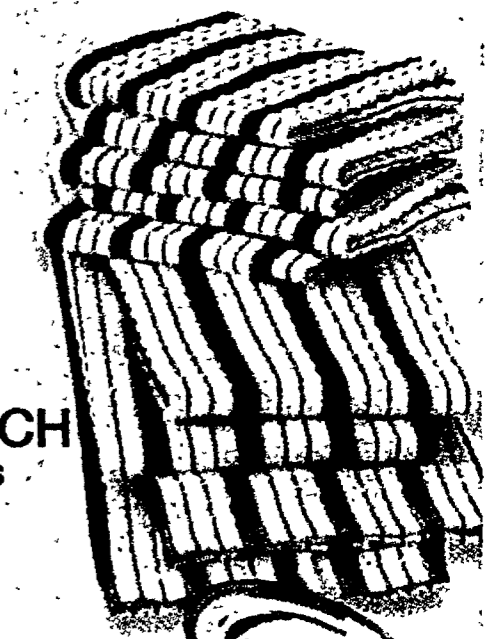
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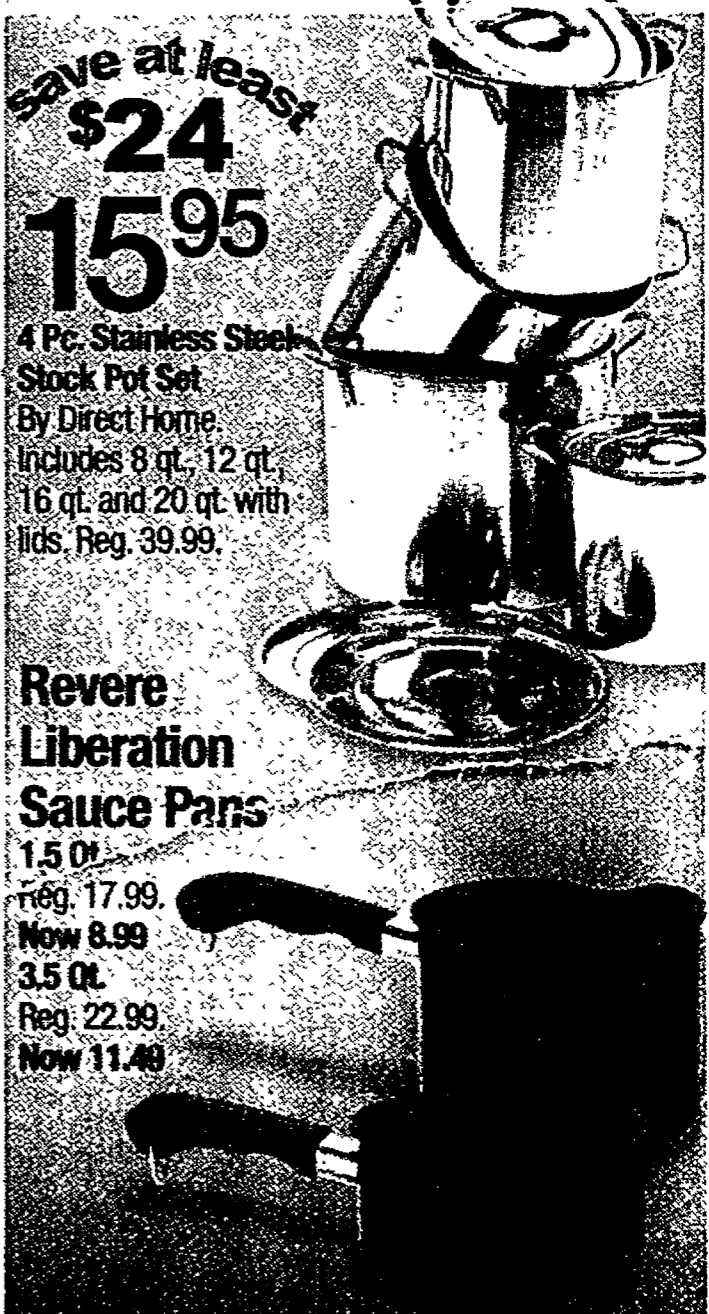
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Stock Pot Set**
By Direct Home.
Includes 8 qt., 12 qt.,
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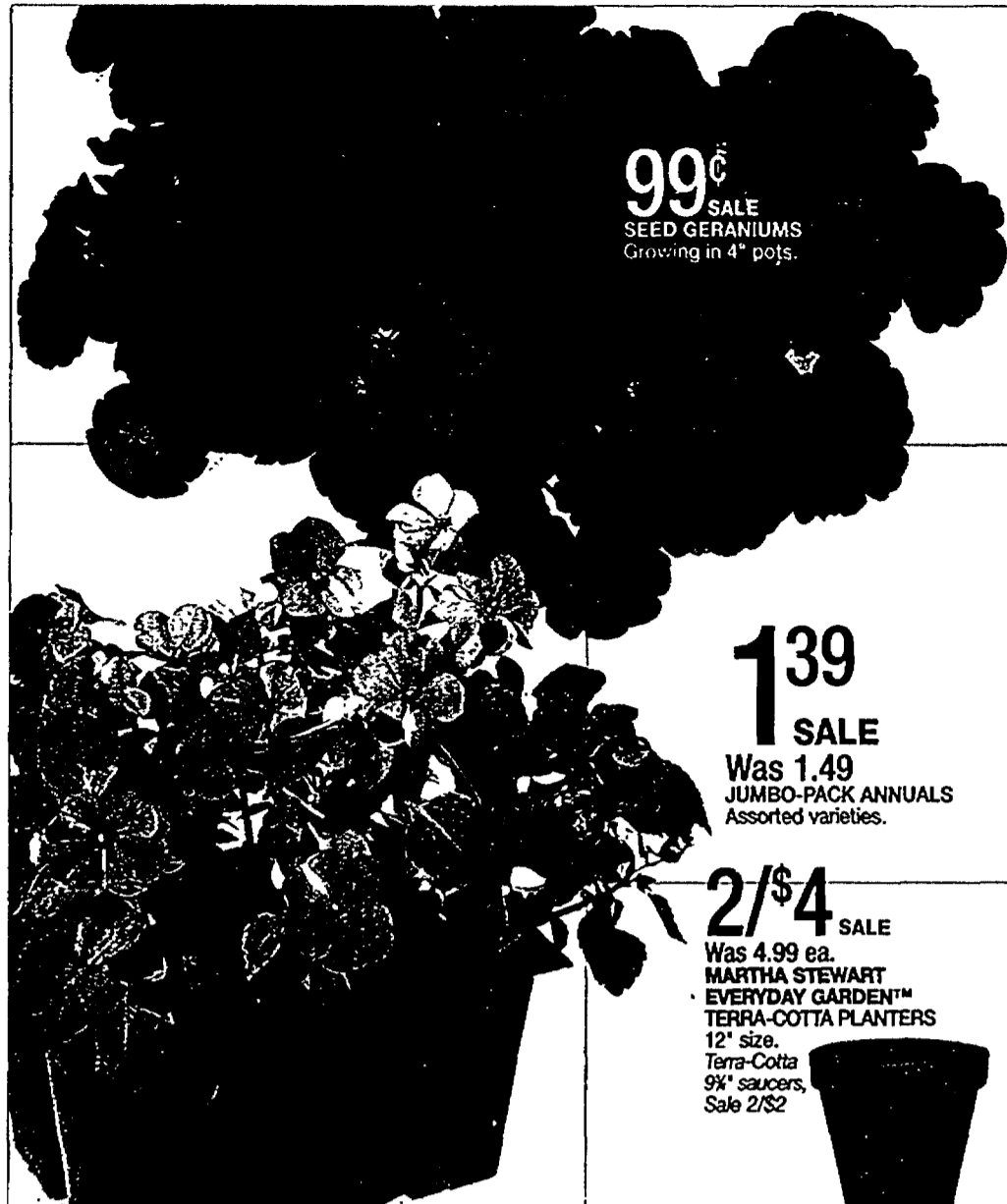
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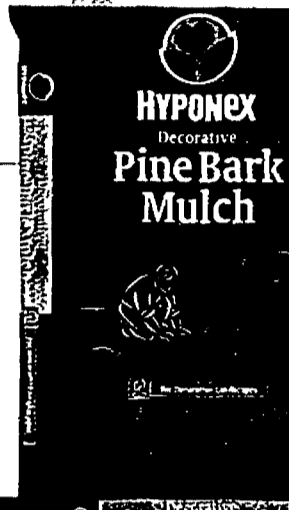
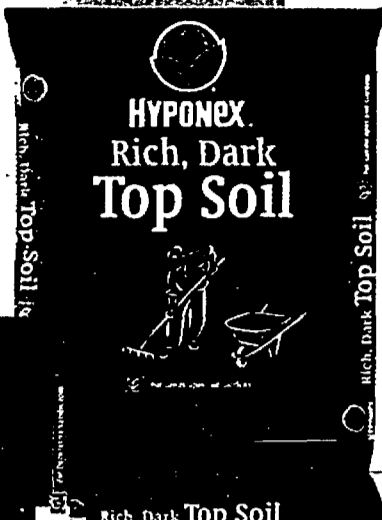
2/\$4 SALE
Was 4.99 ea.
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TERRA-COTTA PLANTERS
12" size.
Terra-Cotta
9" saucers.
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KGRO® PREMIUM
LAWN FERTILIZER
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6.83 SALE
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Covers up to 5,000 sq. ft.

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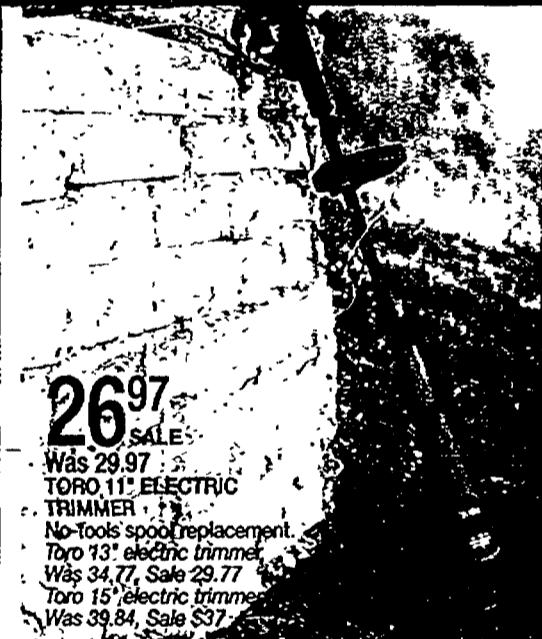
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KGRO® PREMIUM
WEED & FEED
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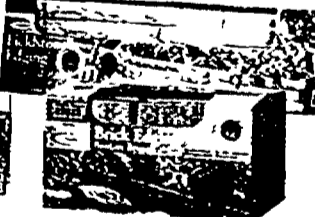
9.44 SALE
SCOTT'S® TURF
BUILDER® WITH
PLUS 2™ WEED
CONTROL
Covers up to 5,000 sq. ft.



2.97 SALE
Was 3.99
EDGING OR FENCING
Emerald Edge; or
4-pack Cape Cod or
Imperial plastic fencing.
Emerald Edge Verde Braid,
Was 4.99, Sale 3.97
Martha Stewart Everyday Garden™
18" folding fence, Was 3.99, Sale 2.97
32" folding fence, Was 11.99, Sale 9.97



26.97 SALE
Was 29.97
TORO 11" ELECTRIC
TRIMMER
No-Tools spool replacement.
Toro 13" electric trimmer
Was 34.77, Sale 29.77
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7.97 SALE
Was 9.99-11.99
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Decorative flagstone,
fieldstone, Quick Edge,
terra-cotta tiles or 20"
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Starting know how
The first time you mow this season, lower the blade one notch below normal.

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Was 18.99
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broadcast or
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FREE assembly on all gas grills.

138⁸⁸ SALE

Was 148.88
CHAR-BROIL® QUICK-SET GAS GRILL SERIES 7000
 35,000-BTU Master Flame cooking system with stainless-steel burner, 580-sq.-in. cooking area, weather-resistant side shelves. Includes 20-lb. fuel tank.



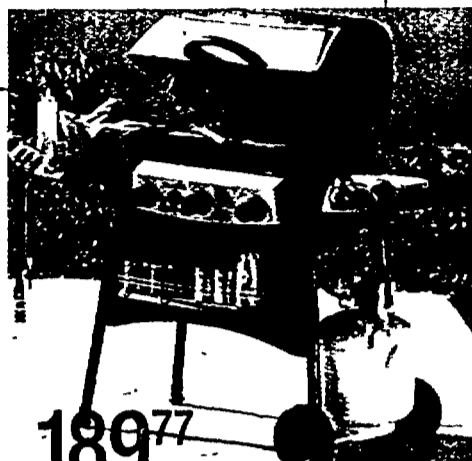
159⁸⁸ SALE

Was 169.88
CHAR-BROIL® SERIES 7000 QUICK-SET GAS GRILL WITH SIDE BURNER
 35,000-BTU Master Flame cooking system with stainless-steel burner; 8,000-BTU side burner; 580-sq.-in. cooking area; weather-resistant side shelves.



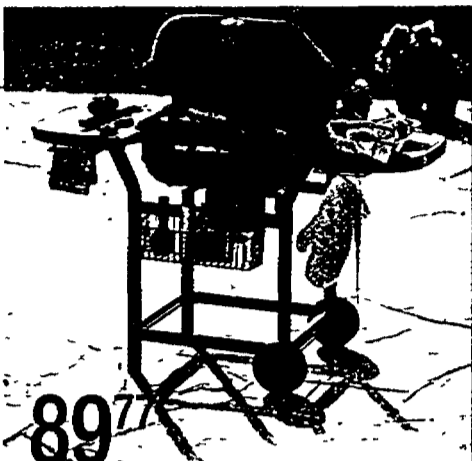
39⁹⁶ SALE

Was 44.96
21 1/2" ADJUSTABLE CHARCOAL GRILL
 355-sq.-in. cooking area, porcelain enamel finish, steel construction, convenient fold-down side shelf, adjustable air vents for improved temperature control.



189⁷⁷ SALE

Was 199.77
CHAR-BROIL® QUICK-SET THE BIG EASY® GAS GRILL SERIES 8000
 36,000 BTU, 3 stainless-steel Versaflame burners, 573-sq.-in. cooking area, weather-resistant side shelves.



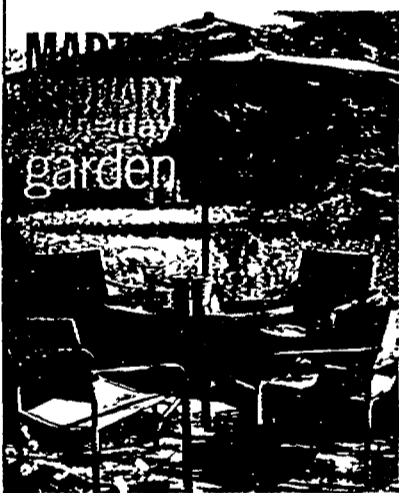
89⁷⁷ SALE

Was 99.77
CHAR-BROIL® PREMIUM CHARCOAL GRILL AND BARBECUE CART
 395-sq.-in. cooking area, 4 position charcoal grate, adjustable air vents for temperature control, 2 large weather-resistant side shelves, porcelain enamel finish, large slide-in ash catcher.

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Lawn & Garden Center weekend on the patio

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119⁸⁸ SALE

Was 149.84
VENICE BEACH 5-PC. FINE-WEAVE CHAIR DINING SET
 Complete dining set includes dining table and 4 fine-weave chairs. Venice Beach open-weave chair. Was 19.97 ea., Sale 14.99 ea. Umbrella and umbrella base sold separately. *Not shown.

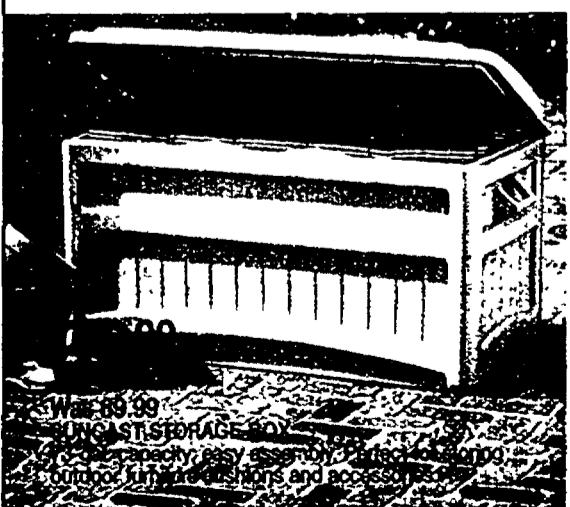


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398⁸⁶ SALE

Was 448.86
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Was 89.99
UNCAST STORAGE BOX
 Large capacity easy assembly outdoor furniture cushions and accessories.



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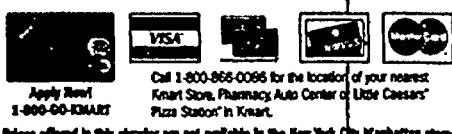
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Reg. \$5.49 sq.ft.

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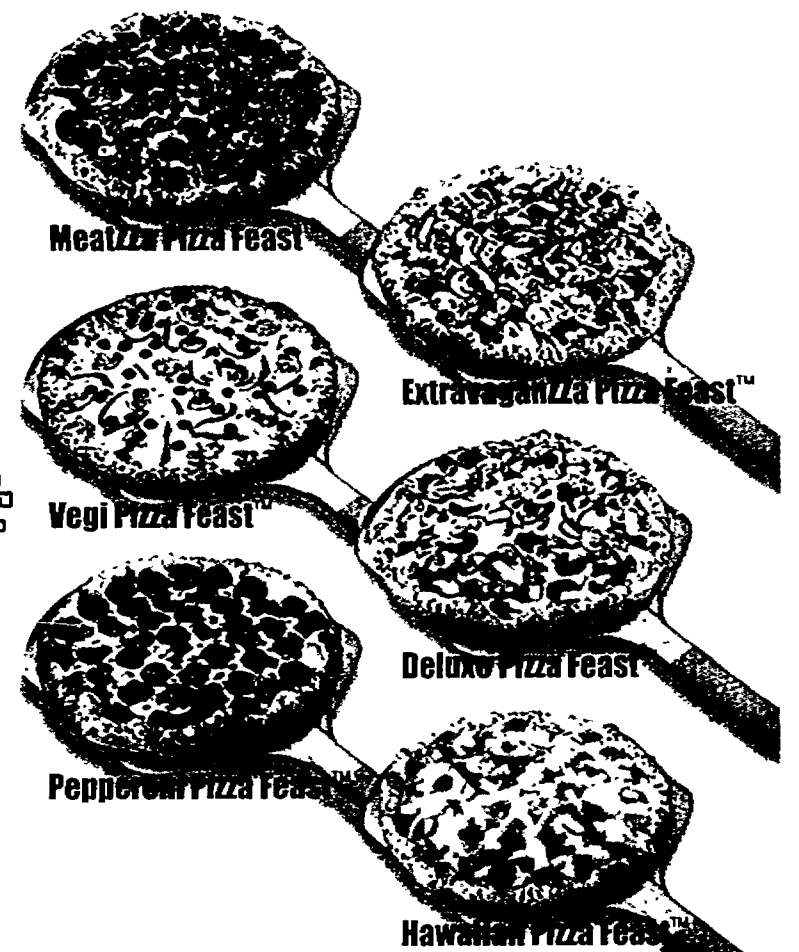


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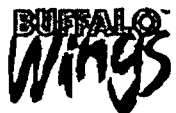
Then Add Your Favorite Toppings

MEATS
 Pepperoni
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 Hot Peppers
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PIZZA & WINGS

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LARGE 1-TOPPING PIZZAS & A 10pc. ORDER OF BUFFALO WINGS

Deep Dish Extra
 Limited Time Offer



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FAMILY MEAL DEAL

\$15⁹⁹

TWO MEDIUM 1-TOPPING PIZZAS, BUFFALO WINGS & BREADSTICKS

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DOUBLE DEAL

\$14⁹⁹ \$16⁹⁹

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ADD A 2ND MEDIUM \$6.00

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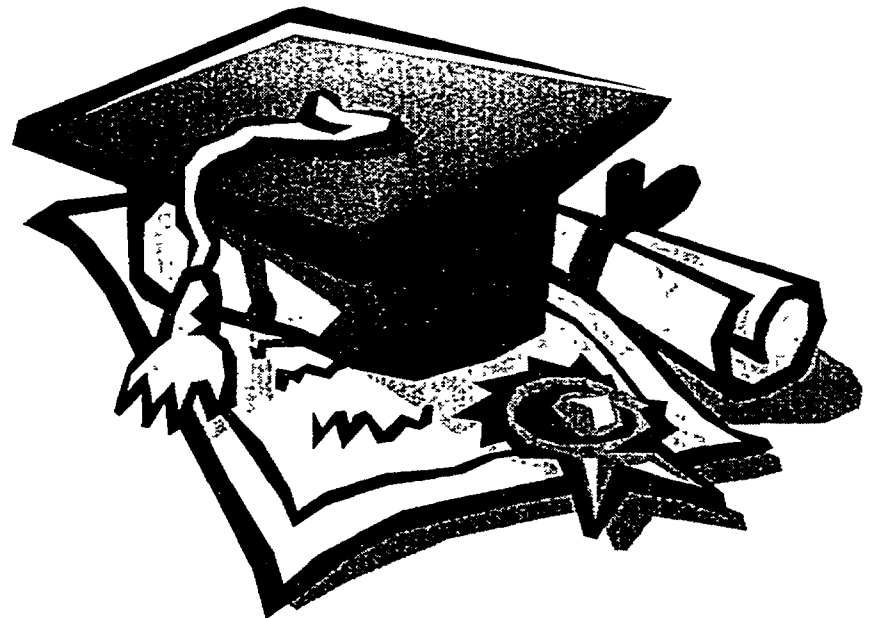
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1 DAY ONLY

Sat. April 27th 10am to 4pm

**NO DEALERS!
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NO EMPLOYEES!**

Higland MI- Jay Chevrolet just announced plans to hold an "\$88 USED CAR, TRUCK AND VAN SUPER SLASHER SALE" On Friday, Nov. 23rd and Saturday, Nov. 24th, 2001. Record sales from the last few months have resulted in an inventory crisis causing an overstock of Trade-ins. "We have to take immediate action NOW to reduce the number of used cars, trucks and vans on my lot. We have over a million dollar inventory. During this GIANT event, every used car, truck and van will be sold for up to thousands below its original price."

**ALL VEHICLES WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT JAY CHEVROLET
AT 3372 WEST HIGHLAND RD. 248-889-3232**

HERE'S HOW!

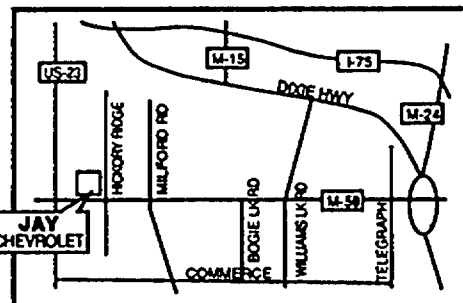
At 10am on Friday & 10am on Saturday, all vehicles will be opened so that buyers may inspect the vehicles for an hour before the sale begins at 11:00 AM on Friday & 11:00 AM on Saturday. Whoever is sitting behind the wheel at 11:00 AM on Friday & 11:00 AM Saturday, when the prices are slashed will be given the first opportunity to purchase the car, truck or van at the drastically reduced price. We want to remind everyone that this is for one day only. When our inventory has been reduced, we will remove the sale prices and return to normal operations. "Since Jay Chevrolet is a local business, we would like to give back to the community. The owner would rather allow local people to buy these over-stocked vehicles than wholesale them at auction."

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April 24-25-26-27

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Pay Only \$49 Down and take on payments from **THE BANK**

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These are brand NEW cars and trucks from Dodge and over 100 USED vehicles brought here courtesy of the bank and they have been ordered to sell them immediately!

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*Plus any applied taxes and fees. With approved credit.

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April 24-25-26-27

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FRIDAY
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SATURDAY
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NOW
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