

Governor Jennifer Granholm

Northville's governor casts an eye to Michigan's future on steps of state capitol

THE GRANHOLM FILE

BORN: Feb. 5, 1959
RESIDENCE: Northville Township
PARTY: Democrat
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in political science, University of California, Berkeley. Law degree, Harvard University Law School.
POLITICAL CAREER: Michigan attorney general, full-time aide, Michigan campaign for presidential candidate Michael Dukakis, 1988.
PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Wayne County corporation counsel; prosecutor, U.S. Attorney's Office in Detroit; clerk for U.S. 6th circuit court Judge Damon Keith.
RELIGION: Catholic
PERSONAL: Married to Dan Mulhern; three children, Kathryn, Cecelia and Jack.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville resident Jennifer Granholm is sworn in on New Year's Day by Judge Dammon Keith on the steps of the State Capitol building in Lansing. Behind Granholm is her son Jack held by her husband Dan Mulhern (out of picture).

THE CHERRY FILE

BORN: May 5, 1951
RESIDENCE: Genesee County
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Michigan in 1973 and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Michigan — Flint in 1984.
PERSONAL: Married to Pamela M. Faris. They have a daughter, Meghan, and a son, Dan. The family has an active interest in springer spaniels and Cherry is a member of the Eastern Michigan Springer Spaniel Association.

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Jennifer Granholm raises her arms in celebration after taking the oath of office for Governor of the State of Michigan on the first day of January 2003. Behind her, left to right, is former Michigan Governor James Blanchard, Lieutenant Gov. John Cherry, Senator Debbie Stabenow and 'First Man', Dan Mulhern.

If you can sit it out or dance, I hope you dance."

That was the message Michigan's new governor, Jennifer M. Granholm, relayed to thousands of residents during her inaugural address in Lansing Jan. 1.

Granholm, the 47th state governor and first female to hold the title was sworn in on the steps of the Capitol building in downtown Lansing.

Blustery winds and frigid January temperatures couldn't keep many of Granholm's backers — and even a few non-supporters — from participating in the inaugural festivities.

"It's a great day," said Granholm. "Certainly the theme today is celebrating Michigan's family."

And that sense of family and community spirit includes the local residents of Northville, Granholm's hometown.

"Northville is an entirely wholesome and wonderful place to raise a family," said Granholm. "We want Michigan to be a state that is the best place in the country in which to raise a family and that's what the theme of this inauguration is about."

"That's who John Cherry and I are, and Northville is a great foundation for that message."

The inaugural activities commenced with an interfaith service at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing. The early morning service was followed by members of university boards, judges of the Court of Appeals and Justices of the Supreme Court. Oaths were also administered to Attorney General Mike Cox, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, and Cherry, who was sworn in as lieutenant governor.

U.S. Judge Damon Keith administered the oath of office to Granholm. She previously clerked for Keith in 1987.

Along with Michigan's new dignitaries, Granholm's husband, Dan Mulhern, also has a new title. He has become Michigan's first "First Man."

Music at the swearing-in ceremony was provided by the Michigan National Guard Band. Multiple cannon blasts signaled the end of the outdoor ceremony.

Afterward, a brief processional down Michigan Avenue ensued. At the neighboring Lansing Center, the newly sworn-in state leaders delivered their inaugural speeches, following musical per-

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Brace for winter, auto mechanics caution

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

When hibernating through a Michigan winter or moving to Florida isn't feasible, local automotive professionals have a few ideas on making sure your vehicle is prepared for bitter temperatures and icy conditions.

Fred Radloff, manager of Ultimate Image Auto Spa in Northville, advises washing a vehicle periodically in order to remove road salt from it.

A wax finish, he said, is also advised.

"It's always nice to have a coat of wax on it for the winter months," he said. "It's like a coating. It keeps the salt from penetrating the paint."

Radloff also said all fluids in the vehicle should be checked and filled for optimum performance.

The battery, brakes, wiper blades and lights should also be in good working order. Ensuring the tire pressure is within the recommended range is also advised.

But routine care, Radloff said, is the best defense against transportation tragedies this winter.

"Periodic maintenance is the main thing," he said. "Any neglect and you're going to run into problems. General maintenance is the main ingredient to keep the car

going."

In addition, ensuring the oil is changed regularly is a must.

An oil change every 3,000 miles is recommended.

April Rice, administrative assistant at Northville's Davis Auto Care, also had a few tips for safe travel this season.

"The number one most important thing for people to do is follow the maintenance schedule from the car owner's manual," said Rice. "You would not believe how many people neglect that."

Rice said a majority of vehicle break-downs are the result of improper maintenance.

"It's quite a high percentage," she said.

Where the rubber hits the road, officials said, is another critical point in making sure your vehicle is ready for winter.

"The second most important in the winter time is have tires looked at," said Rice.

Worn or "bald" tires will provide poor performance in slippery or icy conditions.

Another potential transportation tripwire, Rice said, is the condition of the rubber belts and hoses.

Rubber components, she said, can break down and become brittle, particularly when faced with extreme heat and cold.

A bit of caution and preventative maintenance now is likely to save time and money later on, said Rice.

"When a breakdown occurs, it's never a convenient time," she said. "Making the time to schedule the routine maintenance will be less of a hassle in the long run."

In addition, Rice said keeping the gas tank at least half full will also be beneficial to your vehicle.

"Condensation in this type of weather can get into the fuel tank which can lead to performance problems," she said.

Also, carrying extra windshield washer cleaner is encouraged.

And what if your car breaks down?

In the event of a future break down, local auto professionals have a few tips for area residents on staying safe and prepared.

"Usually, the best thing to have is a cell phone," said Rice.

Radloff agreed.

"If they break down, they might want to have blankets, some water in the car for emergencies, a bag of cat litter and a flare or two," he said.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Ed Robertson of Northville's Davis' Auto Care replaces the rusted-out oil pan on a pickup truck two weeks ago. Automobiles can suffer many rust and corrosion problems from salt placed on the roads in winter.

Northville School Briefs

FREEDOM CELEBRATION JAN. 10

On Jan. 10, Doug Scheer is slated to present the fundamental beliefs that unite all Americans at Silver Springs Elementary School. This celebration of American freedom includes the Bill of Rights, the Constitution and our core democratic values. This activity is funded in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council.

The performance is to be given to students in grades 3, 4 and 5.

LEGO COMPETITION

At the state tournament, Amerman Elementary students finished 24th out of the 64 best elementary and middle school teams in Michigan and Ontario. The state competition was hosted at the Novi Expo Center.

Prior to that contest, students at Amerman Elementary earned two trophies at the regional FIRST Lego League Robotics Challenge, which qualified them to compete at the state level.

ROBOT EXHIBITION JAN. 11

Amerman Elementary School is hosting a "Robotics Celebration" on Jan. 11 from 10 a.m. until noon in the multi-purpose room. Students will be explaining the purpose of their robot and demonstrating its use.

JANUARY: SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition Month and provides a time to honor the

work of school board members and their commitment to public education. The theme of this year's celebration is "They're Counting on You: Leadership for Learning."

School Board Recognition Month is celebrated by 560 local and 57 Intermediate School Districts in Michigan, as 4,200 elected school board members are honored by their schools and communities for their dedication to school governance.

In the Northville Public School District, school board members must develop policies and make tough decisions on complex education and social issues, which impact the entire community. The bear responsibility for an operating budget of \$50 million, 5,805 students, over 900 employees and 12

buildings.

The men and women serving the Northville Public School district and their years of service are:

- Judy Handley, president — 5½ years
- Judith Wollack, vice-president — 2½ years
- Gregory Pelc, secretary — 3½ years
- Jerry Ruple, treasurer — 3½ years
- Joan Wadsworth, trustee — 9½ years

- Karen Paciorek, trustee — 6 months
- Ken Roth, trustee — 6 months

dren, is the author of "You're a Better Parent Than You Think" and "Back to the Family."

TEEN RAISING, HAIR RAISING

The Northville Council of PTAs is presenting "Teen Raising, Hair Raising," by Ray Guarendi Jan. 14 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Northville High School auditorium. Admission is free. Guarendi, a father of 10 chil-

H.M.S. CARNIVAL/AUCTION FEB. 28

The Hillside Carnival is slated to take place Feb. 28 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. The Silent Auction is continuing and will be a substantial portion of the Carnival. All proceeds will be used to provide academic enrichment opportunities for students.

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Education

BOARD MEMBERS HONORED: During the month of January, members of the Northville Board of Education were recognized for their dedication and service to Northville's schools. Board members included president Martha Nield, vice-president Tom Gudritz, secretary Judith Wollack, treasurer Jerry Rupley, trustee Gregory Pelc, trustee Judy Handley and trustee Joan Wadsworth.

COLLIGAN NAMED PRINCIPAL: On Jan. 10, Dennis Colligan was named the principal of Northville High School. Prior to being selected for this position, he was appointed as the school's interim principal in 2001.

Colligan has served Northville Public Schools since 1974. During his nearly 30 years with the district, he has taught at the middle school and high school levels, coached basketball and football, served as the Athletic Director and was also an assistant principal of Northville High School.

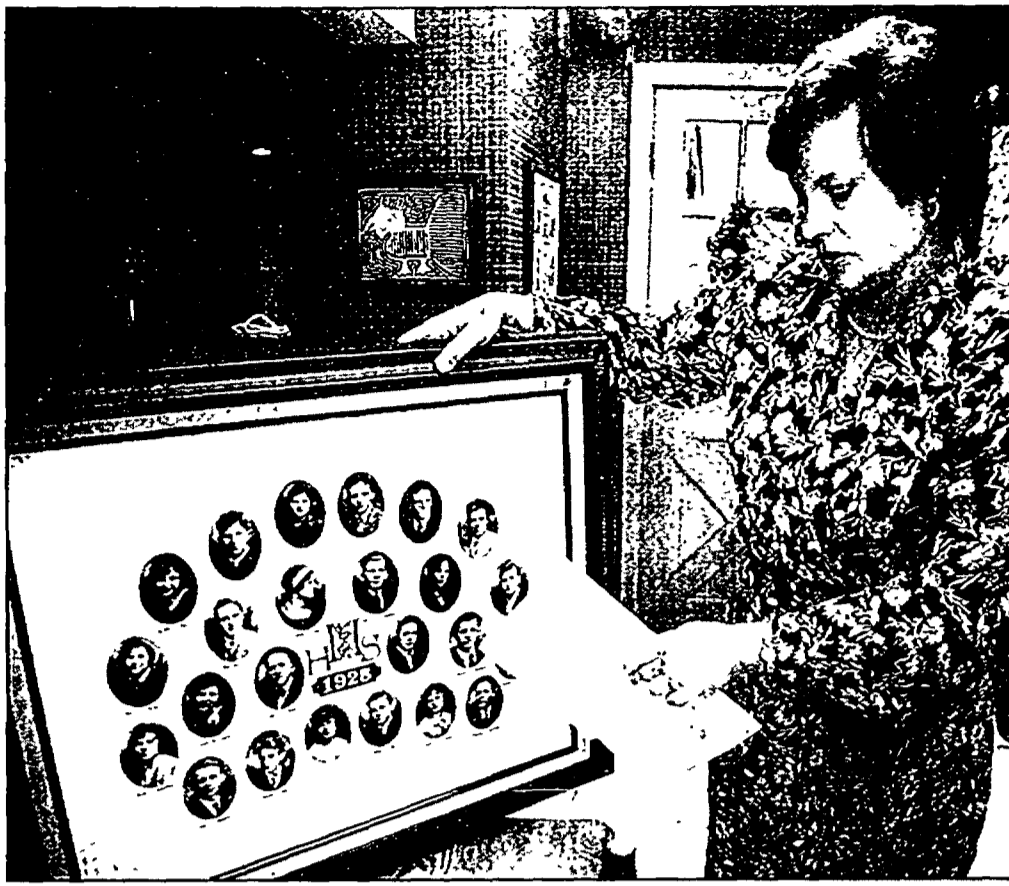
MOLD FOUND AT MEADS MILL: After learning of an environmental issue at Meads Mill Middle School in early February, Northville school officials sprang into action to initiate the cleanup of a black mold sample found above the ceiling.

School officials became aware of the problem after an environmental survey of the building was conducted. Inspectors discovered black mold (*stachybotrys*) on a roof drain and on the topside of a ceiling tile located in the library.

Cleanup arrangements were immediately made and the mold was removed a few days later.

START TIMES QUESTIONED: In mid-February, Northville Public Schools hosted a town hall meeting at Northville High School to publicly discuss a delayed start time for the district's schools. Community members were invited to share their opinions on possibly rescheduling the starting and dismissal time for students.

At the meeting, Northville schools superintendent, Leonard Rezmierski, said the district was not altering their current method, but rather was looking for input and suggestions from parents and students.



Martha Nield and others looked to complete their collection of framing and displaying in Northville High a class photo of each of the school's decades of pupils. Here she takes a look at the class of 1928.

file photo by JOHN HEIDER

"No recommendation has been given to the board on switching anything," said Rezmierski. "We are doing this because we need to have involvement from all the stakeholders. No firm answer is in place."

S&P ANALYSIS DISPUTED: In late February, a report conducted by the Standard & Poor's School Evaluation Services left Northville school officials feeling pleased overall, but district representatives said factual errors were found within the examination.

The district disputed the report's findings on the costs for operations and maintenance expenditures and special education enrollment figures.

"[For] the operation and maintenance expenses, they confused and combined the monies that Northville has spent for special ed center programs and K-12 pro-

grams," said Northville Board of Education president Martha Nield. She also said the Standard & Poor's tally of special education was erroneous.

"They said we had none," said Nield. "The state average of special ed students is 12.5 and our current average is 6.47."

NIELD, GUDRITZ ANNOUNCE DEPARTURE: Northville Board of Education president Martha Nield and vice-president Tom Gudritz announced during the Feb. 26 Board of Education meeting that they would not be seeking re-election to the school board. Both individuals had served on the board since 1994.

BIG BLUE VISITS H.M.S.: Three representatives from IBM visited Hillside Middle School in mid-March, offering students in grades six and eight information

on pursuing the field of engineering as a potential career.

Presenters from IBM described the various types of engineering fields that are available and also organized hands-on laboratory team activities for the students.

ROBOTICS SCORES 3RD PLACE: After venturing to Eastern Michigan University for the Great Lakes Regional Competition, the robotics team from Northville High School walked away with a third place finish overall.

The competition — which was sponsored by the group for the Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) — took place March 21-23 in Ypsilanti.

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY: Northville's Cooke School students hosted their second annual Diversity Day on April 10

— a day set aside to help familiarize themselves with various cultures around the world.

"We had our first Diversity Day last year and we're making it an annual event," said Marilyn Bachorik, principal of Cooke School. "All of the classrooms and different areas in the school are decorated in different ways to represent different cultures."

BYE-BYE, BIRDIE: The stage at Northville High School came alive with the sights and sounds of the 2002 spring musical, Bye-bye, Birdie in late April. Play director, Jay Hillard said students auditioned for roles in late January and had been rehearsing since the beginning of February.

NHS senior, Deirdre Schwiring said, "It's kind of sad because we're all seniors, so it's our last musical. We're putting all we have into it to make it the best one yet."

SILENT SCREAM: On April 23, the "Queen of the Silent Scream" came to Hillside Middle School. The one-act, mystery/comedy play was set in the 1920s and was approximately 30 minutes in length.

Additional performances took place the week of April 22. The students also performed the play during the school's annual Senior Citizen Prom.

Stage crew member, Stephen Johnson, said, "Everything pieced together like a puzzle—one piece at a time."

RIDGE WOOD NAMED: In late April, the name for the district's sixth elementary school was selected as the result of a contest, which was won by students in Sarah Madill's fourth grade classroom at Winchester Elementary. The students submitted the name of Ridge Wood Elementary School, which was later approved by a selection committee and the Northville Board of Education.

For their winning suggestion, students were awarded a T-shirt featuring the new school name and picture of the building. The students also won a field trip to any location in the Detroit metropolitan area. In addition, the class received \$200 to purchase classroom materials or teaching supplies.

DEMRAY JOINS DISTRICT: In early May, Northville Public Schools welcomed Farmington resident, Malinda Demray, to its teaching ranks.

Demray joined the district as a school psychologist. Her duties commenced on May 6 and she is based at Cooke and Old Village school.

MOCK DUI ACCIDENT STAGED: On May 7, Northville Township fire and police officials teamed with Northville High School to stage a mock car crash to ensure students understood the consequences of drunk driving prior to celebrating prom.

NHS students, Ross Abraham, Rachel Santer, Heather Moeble and Ryan Switalski participated in the single car accident, which resulted in one student being placed in a body bag.

"This is very impacting on the student body," said NHS principal, Dennis Colligan. "It's a real life reenactment of what could happen as a result of drinking and driving. It's something where it shows a fatality accident. There is a death, along with two other severe injuries. It's so real."

WINCHESTER ADDS ON: Winchester Elementary hosted a schoolwide groundbreaking ceremony for its new addition in late May.

Nancy Raynes, principal of Winchester Elementary, said students were closely involved in the ceremony.

"Certainly it's meaningful for this age group to be participants," she said. "They're part of that historic event and I believe will recall the beginning and anticipate the building project."

Raynes said representatives from the Northville board of education and the administrative council were slated to attend the event along with representatives from the architect engineering firm, Fanning-Howey and the construction firm, Etikin-Skanska.

ENTERING RETIREMENT: Twelve Northville Public School employees bid adieu to the district as they began their retirement in June.

Personnel director Katie Doerr Parker said the retirees have col-

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collectively devoted almost 310 years of service to the district. The district positions they held, she said, ranged across the board from custodians, food service workers, teachers and building administrators.

The district retirees for this year include Kathleen Balat, teacher assistant at Silver Springs Elementary; Laurena James, para-professional at Cooke School; Charles Alexander, custodial leader at Moraine Elementary; Annabelle Scott, cafeteria assistant at Northville High School; Pat Groner, kitchen coordinator at Meads Mill Middle School; Tom Johnson, administrative assistant to the superintendent; Jeff Radwanski, principal of Hillside Middle School; Debbie Heist, a teacher at Silver Springs Elementary; Bonnie Knight, a teacher at Amerman Elementary; Pat Kuvhaus, a teacher at Winchester Elementary; Janet Rigney, a teacher at Silver Springs Elementary and Kathleen Stutterheim, a teacher at Meads Mill Middle School.

"They have really given a great deal," said Doerr Parker. "Whether they're feeding the children, keeping the building safe and clean, teaching the students, assisting in caring for the students or over-seeing the total building, they have all contributed significantly to this wonderful district. We're certainly wishing them well."

CHOOSING A CANDIDATE: After learning that Northville Board of Education president Martha Nield and vice-president Tom Gudritz would not be seeking re-election to the board, four area candidates filed petitions to run for two vacant school board seats. The candidates included Novi residents Maria Foley and Karen Paciorek and Northville residents Kenneth Roth and Richard Desira. The school board election for these candidates was June 10.

25 YEARS OF SERVICE: The following Northville Public Schools employees were honored during the June 10 Board of Education meeting for having at least 25 years of service to the district.

Cooke School—Jan Stanwick, Kathy Sigler, Vicki Honeycutt, Mark Redford, Helen Williams, Carmen Kennedy, Francine Beatty, Gloria Ollar, Lynne Thompson-Heebner, Celeste Smallwood, Allen Pyke, Marlene Lynch, Anne O'Donnell, Don Matheson, Art Lennox, Leon Doolin, Mary Steiner, Kathleen Aubuchon-Ruth and Pat Alexander.

Old Village School—Janille Sears, Karen Konopaski, Loree Gallagher, Lela Lutz, Barbara Johnson, Rhonda Hargrave, Karen Biddinger, Martha Lahiff, Elizabeth Jingozian, Jan

Peammon, Sharon Ellis, Jan Band, Susan Oleson, Katharine McEvoy and Dave Bartlett

Winchester—Kathryn Devendorf, Andrea Iwanicki, Patricia Kuvhaus, Mary Mende and Sue Tonkovich.

Moraine—Verna Birk and Cheryl Rosinski

Amerman—Jerce Akin, Joanne Colligan, Bonnie Knight, Jett Lightfoot, Patricia Oliverio, Tom Pallas, Gail Raben and Ann Tomlinson.

Silver Springs—Ken Pawlowski, Debra Heist, Janet Rigney and Diane Vanston.

Thornton Creek—Pat Collins, Mary Culik, Kathy Lick, Wolyniak, Judy Higbee, Chris Modrack and Jan Wolyniak.

Meads Mill—Ray Balutowicz, Norm Hannewald, Barbara Hollis, Catherine Lenz, William Lenz, Steve McDonald, Sharon Pernia, Larry Rowland, Roslyn Steiman, Rosemary Stover, Robert Stover, Kathleen Stutterheim and Stephen Sutherland.

Hillside—Charles Hayes, Harry Rosinski and Dwight Seigreen.

Northville High School—Dennis Colligan, James Conzelman, Pat Conzelman, Doug Dent, Richard Deskovitz, Gary Emerson, Ed Gabrys, Maureen Gorschak, Cynthia Henderson, Brenda Irish, Kurt Kinde, Ron Meteyer, Paul Osborn, Elaine Prestel, Mary Pryce, Michael Rumbell, Darrel Schumacher, Emily Serafama-schot, Rosemary Sheppard and James Urban

Central Office—Jan Henderson and Leonard Rezmierski

Custodial—Charles Anderson, Charlie Alexander, Michael Sieting, Michael Francis, Yvonne Johnson and Lauren Ewbank

Maintenance—Fred Schwind, Ron Angove, Les Menyhart and Steve Holman.

Food Service—Patricia Groner, Carol Witt and Elizabeth Health.

WELCOME ROTH AND PACIOREK: The Northville Board of Education election results were formally announced by school board president Martha Nield during a board meeting at Old Village School June 10.

Karen Paciorek, a Novi resident, received 864 votes and Kenneth Roth, a Northville resident, received 786 votes.

Roth and Paciorek contended against two other board candidates, Maria Foley and Richard Desira. Foley and Desira received 163 and 189 votes, respectively.

"I want to make very informed decisions on whatever issue comes up," said Paciorek. "I know I can't begin to replace Martha and Tom's contribution to the board but I will work hard, study the issues and do my best. I'd like to thank everybody that worked so hard for me. I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and work."

WALRO WINS: As a result of a student's essay, a Meads Mill Middle School teacher was selected as an "Educator of the Year" by Teen Ink magazine.

Cheryl Walro, an eighth grade math instructor at Meads Mill, was awarded \$250 and a plaque for her achievement. She was recognized at the June 10 board of education meeting, which was hosted at Old Village School.

Walro was nominated for the award by one of her students, Tim Ford.

Ford submitted a lengthy essay which detailed his learning experiences with Walro and described the impact he believed she had on students and the community. Walro said Ford was recognized during a school Honors Convocation ceremony for his winning essay.

"It was one of many awards he received that day," she said.

TRIO EARN H.M.S. AWARD: Two Hillside Middle School students and a Hillside parent were the first recipients of the newly-created "Jeff Radwanski Leadership and Community Service Award" in mid-June.

The award, which is said to become annual, was presented to two eighth grade students, Joey Mitts and Bobby Johnson. In addition, school officials said the award was presented to a parent, Margaret Slovisky.

HIGH MARKS: During the June 25 Northville board of education meeting, the results of the annual performance evaluation of the school superintendent Leonard Rezmierski and the Northville school district were publicly announced.

"I think the board's evaluation was a very positive evaluation of the district," said board member Tom Gudritz. "We had some real challenges with the number of goals that had to be worked on. We had seven new administrators hired and appointed. It made for a very challenging year. I think overall, the board's evaluation was the district had done a very good job this year. The board's number one responsibility is to hire and evaluate the performance of the district and the superintendent of schools."

Northville superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said, "I feel fortunate. This was a good evaluation. I think we're working together on multiple fronts to move more student learning options forward. In this business, that's it for us. Our whole business, if you will, is the education of children. All our efforts have to

go towards that goal."

ART FOR NYA: The Northville Youth Assistance office received four pieces of new artwork on June 26 due to the efforts of several Northville High School students.

Sue Campbell, a spokesperson for Northville Youth Assistance, said the organization received the donation from a Northville High School art club. The pieces of artwork will be displayed within the Northville Youth Assistance office, which is housed within Hillside Middle School.

The participating students generated their artwork under the direction of Marla Schram, an art therapist in charge of the art club. "It's a great addition to our office," said Campbell. "It adds so much warmth. They're permanent fixtures in our office."

BREAKING GROUND: Ridge Wood Elementary began its journey to existence in mid-July as school officials, community members and building crews sank shovels into the earth, launching the new school's groundbreaking ceremony.

The event took place at the school site, located at 49775 Six Mile Road. The sixth elementary school for the district is slated to be completed in August 2003 and is expected to aid Northville Public Schools in accommodating student enrollment growth.

Speakers at the new school's groundbreaking ceremony included Judy Handley, school board president; Leonard Rezmierski, Northville schools superintendent; George Kacan, executive director principal with the architectural firm Fanning & Howey and Thomas Landry, president of the construction management firm Etikin Skanska.

Landry said, "We look forward to being quick, being good and being gone. The groundbreaking and the dedication are the two fun parts. The hard work is in between."

SWITCHING PLACES: School board members shifted their appointed stations in preparation for a new year of service at the July 16 Board of Education meeting.

Judy Handley was elected to the position of president. Judith Wollack was appointed vice-president. Gregory Pele was named secretary and Jerry Rupley remains treasurer for the school board.

Trustees include Joan Wadsworth, Karen Paciorek and Ken Roth.

Education

POTERALA PICKED: At the July 16 Northville Board of Education meeting, school board officials unanimously approved Mike Poterala to be appointed as a trustee to the Northville Public Schools' Education Foundation.

He replaced Jean Hansen, who served the foundation the last two years and the last year as president, said school officials.

Poterala said he is eager for the opportunity to serve as the newest trustee member of the Education Foundation.

"I'm eager to jump in and help," said Poterala. "I look forward to being as helpful as I can be."

MILLAGE OK'D: Area voters said "yes" to a special education millage in early August.

The millage proposal is designed to aid Wayne County students enrolled in special education programs. According to officials, the Wayne County Special Education Millage Election, or Proposal K, will increase funding for mandated special education programs and services for severely impaired students in Wayne County by 1.5 mills of real property taxes beginning in 2002.

Cooke School principal, Marilyn Bachorik, said, "I think it will have a good impact for the general education programs for Wayne County school districts because our special education will now be fully funded and we won't have to take money from general ed funds."

TOXIC SOIL AT MORaine: Soil containing high levels of two toxic substances — arsenic and trichloroethene — was discovered at Moraine Elementary in late August as a result of the ongoing excavation work at the school.

Northville Public School officials said the contaminated soil has been removed and the site poses no threat to students.

Assistant superintendent David Bolitho said suspicious-looking soil was discovered during the excavation process for the forthcoming building addition.

"We found it during the excavation for the foundation," he said. "When [workers] were excavating the inconsistent soil, they found what they believed to be a chemical that didn't belong there."

Bolitho said the polluted soil did not have the same structure or consistency as the rest of the dirt in the area.

TEACHERS! ALL ABOARD: In late August, Northville Public Schools hired 34 new teachers to fill various positions within the district's buildings.

"I think they'll be an outstanding addition to our district," said Katie Doerr Parker, director of human resources for Northville Public Schools. "There's a very nice balance of new teachers and teachers who've had some experience."

New teachers to Northville Public Schools this year include Clinton Alexander, Susan Balash, Kristine Bilbie, Traci Carulli, Julie Colter, Mary Beth Connolly, Tim Connolly, Scott Corless, Isaac Cottrell, Melissa Faxon, Heather Furlow, James Gentz, Melinda Gentz, Ulla Gmelin, Ronalee Henderhan, Shannon Heron, Luma Jarjis, Kristin Kreiss, Lise Lenahan, Kayla Linton, Brian Long, Alissa Lowman, Lori Manoogian, Kristi Maurer, Nicklaus Nugent, Debra Pares, Stacie Patten, Christine Poinsett, Lola Ramey, Laura Rummel, Shannon Samulski, Joyce Sandie, Cheryl Sepich and Paul Sklut.

NEW JOB FOR KEENER: At the Aug. 27 Northville Board of Education meeting, school board members approved Kerry Keener to the position of administrative intern at Thornton Creek Elementary School.

According to school officials, the administrative internship will be in effect for a one year period and was created to assist Thornton Creek Elementary principal, Cheryl Johnson, in the daily operation of the school building. The elementary school currently has over 650 students enrolled.

CAPRARO LAUDED: In late August, Hillside Middle School teacher Heidi Capraro was selected as a Michigan state-level finalist for this year's Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching.

According to officials, Capraro was one of three teachers of science — one at the elementary

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level and two at the middle/secondary level — selected to represent Michigan.

"It's quite an award just to get ready for," said Capraro, who was awarded a \$750 grant from the National Science Foundation for becoming a state finalist. "I was thrilled."

STARTING LATER?: The Northville Public Schools' late start committee presented a plan to members of the school board in late August outlining their future agenda, designed to arm residents and school officials with the pros and cons of changing school starting times.

The committee formed a stakeholder awareness plan, or timeline, and plans to seek input from the community through a variety of mediums, including two town hall meetings and surveys.

"We want to give the community a progress report on the committee's progress and we want to get their opinions, their feelings," said assistant superintendent David Bolitho. "I think the one issue that has to be appropriately dealt with is making certain the community is informed of pros and cons of the late start for the high school."

Committee members planned to distribute information at school open houses, PTA meetings and faculty meetings. Organizing town hall meetings and conducting surveys also graced the agenda.

"We have people who want to implement this tomorrow, some who are kind of the fence right now...and there are people on the committee who are definitely opposed to the late start concept," said Bolitho. "But the committee all agreed to implement the timeline [as] the stakeholder awareness plan."

A final decision on the issue is planned to be made in early 2003.

ROTARY RAVES FOR NEDAM: Third grade Amerman Elementary school teacher, Khris Nedam, was presented with the Paul Harris Fellow award by the Northville Rotary organization at the First Presbyterian Church Sept. 3.

"It's an honor," said Nedam, who is also the U.S. director for the Kids 4 Afghan Kids project. She said the award is largely due to her continued efforts the overseas program.

"It's exciting to have the Rotary pick up on this," she said. "They had asked me to come in and give an update on the school project and

then surprised me with the award. It was wonderful. It was quite a surprise."

STREETS, SUBDIVISIONS AND SCHOOLS: In early September Northville school officials have ironed out a timeline to create a future attendance boundary alteration.

At the Sept. 10 Northville Board of Education meeting, school board members supported the proposed process, which was designed to seek input from community members and parents, help alleviate capacity concerns and allow room for future growth.

"The change is necessary," said assistant superintendent, David Bolitho. "We're currently overcrowded in all five of the elementary schools. When we open Ridge Wood, we will need to redistribute the K-5 grade grouping." "This process has worked very well in the past. The key is not to overpopulate the new elementary. We've got to leave room for growth."

WEIGHTED GRADES? WAIT AND SEE: In late September, members of the Northville Board of Education gave the green light and specific instructions for a subcommittee to study the concept of implementing a weighted grades system for the district.

The board-approved charge given to the Weighted Grades Subcommittee is geared "to study the impact of changing the high school grading system by analyzing current research and practice and by communicating with stakeholders."

Preliminary recommendations are slated to be made to the school board by March 2003. A final recommendation is expected to take place by May 2003.

Board trustee Joan Wadsworth said, "What we want to do is look at the whole issue of weighted grades, take a look at the experience of other districts, take a look at the research, understand more about college admissions and then try and think about what's best for the kids in Northville."

"If we've got a tough decision to make, let's all learn as much as we can before we make the decision."

MERIT AT NHS: Six Northville High School students were named semi-finalists in the 2003 Merit Scholarship competition in September. Those students include Scott Bennett, Carrie Dobson,

Melissa Doyle, Timothy Higgins, Richard Wang and Leah Worbs.

Six Northville High School students were also recognized as "commended students" in the 2003 Merit Program. Those students include Daniel Hoffman, Keith Hudolin, Darren Poltorak, Ashley Potchynok, Julia Powell and Christine Slater.

"These students have performed extremely well through out school," said Northville High School principal Dennis Colligan. "It's paid off now in their performance. It's a nice payoff at the end. It speaks well that 12 students are recognized nationally."

HOMEcomings HOORAY: In late September, Northville High School celebrated its annual Homecoming with a flurry of activities, including an all-school assembly, a parade, football game and a dance.

"It was the most exciting weekend I ever had," said Northville High School senior, Sara Adkins, who was selected and crowned Homecoming Queen during the pep rally. Her classmate, John Campbell, was named Homecoming King.

Joining Adkins and Campbell on the court, Heide Taylor and Michael Blasius represented the freshman class. Mac Stilec and Stephanie Sherman were chosen as court members for the sophomore class. The junior representatives included Katie Kudyba and Matt Tanski. Members of the senior court included Diane Cavicchioli, Nicole Cauzillo, Erica Johnson, Kimberly Kirk, Lexi Mimikos, Bethany Sprader, Madison Boehler, Matt Cornelius, Greg Johnson, Lufeng Liu, Joe Lunn and Steve Masterson.

BEEMER FAREWELL PARTY: Old Village School staff and students prepared unique festivities in early October to honor and recognize the retirement of John Beemer, a farmer within Maybury State Park.

"Farmer Beemer is a wonderful man," said Old Village principal, Art Fischer. "I can't say enough about him. He's been involved with the Old Village students for 18 or 20 years. He has done so many wonderful things as far as working with the kids."

During the event, Beemer was thanked for the weekly farm chores that he designed specially for students; unique teaching units he performed, such as hatching chickens and milk production, and providing hayrides.

Fischer further described Beemer as being a "wonderful example of making a community a living classroom."

CRASH INJURES 2: On Oct. 22, two female students from Northville High School were involved in a car accident, resulting in serious injuries to both students. The collision occurred in front of Northville High School at approximately 2:30 p.m.

According to Northville township Chief of Police, John Werth, the accident occurred when the 17-year-old students attempted to make a left-hand turn out of the center parking lot of the high school onto east-bound Six Mile road. At that point, the Ford Contour they were driving was struck broadside by a Ford F250 traveling westbound on Six Mile, ejecting the student driver from her vehicle.

The driver of the Contour was taken to the University of Michigan Hospital. The passenger was taken to Saint Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti. The driver of the of the pickup truck was not injured.

DINING WITH FIREFIGHTERS: In late October, four Northville students were whisked to lunch at MacKinnon's restaurant on Main Street by a fire truck as a result of a fire safety program organized by the Northville City Fire Department.

Fire officials said students were asked to draw a diagram of their home, indicating escape routes from each of the rooms. Four students' entries were randomly selected for the grand prize luncheon. The winning recipients, Peter Halash and Joe McKeegan, who attend Our Lady of Victory in Northville, and Amerman Elementary students Zackary Donatiello and Kirsten Bayles, were

selected from a wide pool of students who submitted drawings of their home and routes of escape.

PEACE PACK PROJECT: In an effort to earn their Silver Award, several Northville area Girl Scout members organized a service project geared to benefit orphans living halfway around the world.

During October, eight Girl Scouts from Troop No. 994 set a goal of filling 100 backpacks with toiletries, clothing and shoes. The troop plans to send the supplies to children living in the southern Philippines.

Troop leader Debbie Eichholtz said the troop is working collaboratively with the USA Girl Scouts Overseas in Manila to provide Peace Packs to the children. She said distribution of the Peace Packs will be facilitated through the Girl Scouts of the Philippines-Western Mindanao Region. Hospitals, orphanages and social service centers identified as assisting children in need will be recipients of the aid.

NORTHVILLE'S IDOL?: In late October, Northville High School senior Brandon Roberts, fared well as a potential contestant for the television show "American Idol," moving through several rounds of highly competitive auditions.

Roberts ventured to Detroit and vied against thousands of individuals, each seeking an avenue to musical spotlight and public acclaim.

"Around 4,000 people tried out," he said.

Although Roberts was not ultimately selected for the television show, he will not likely forget the experience.

"It seemed really fun," he said. "It's something I love to do. I love

singing."

LAWSUIT STILL ALIVE: In early November, it was announced that the lawsuit between the Northville school district and the residents of the Woods of Edenderry subdivision is moving before the Michigan Supreme Court.

The school district was sued by Woods of Edenderry residents who were questioning whether the school district had the right to build Northville High School with its designated plan, or whether the district was restricted by township zoning ordinances.

Lower courts founded for the school district twice, but that decision is facing arguments again.

The Michigan Court of Appeals concluded that "the statute is constitutional and that its plain language exempts school construction projects from local land use regulations, including zoning and site plan reviews."

However, the lower courts' decisions may not hold as it the case is contested before the Michigan Supreme Court.

"I believe that the court of appeals misinterpreted the relevant statute as being much broader as I believe the legislature intended," said Susan Friedlaender, an Oakland County attorney representing the Northville homeowners.

"Obviously, this is not just about Northville Public Schools. It's about all the public schools in the state and all local governments in the state. It's really a case about the respective jurisdiction between the school district and the local municipality with respect to land use. That's the big picture."

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Her big day: Granholm takes oath of office

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performances by the Central Middle School choir and Grammy Award-winning singer Aretha Franklin, who performed the national anthem.

A message of Michigan unity and prompts for public service were the main staples in Granholm's formal address.

"I stand before you as living proof that the door is open to every single one of you in this room," she said. "Any one of us can get elected and everyone of us can elect to serve this Michigan family."

"As a family, I know that you will engage with me in setting our priorities, in deciding what is most vital for the public good. I am prepared to make the tough decisions, yet the house stands strong when the family thinks, talks, argues, resolves and ultimately works together."

She also praised those who helped pave the way for her new position as governor.

"As I walk through this door that 44 men have passed through before me — over 167 years of this state's history — must stop and honor all those who made it possible for me to even reach this door," said Granholm. "I give thanks for my parents and my incredible family, my utterly selfless husband Dan, my great teachers, the activists, workers and citizens who cared and who voted. I pay homage to the brave women and to the just men who blazed the trail to this door."

Granholm's inaugural address further encouraged serving the community and reminded younger generations of their potential.

"If 10 million of us asked what we could do for Michigan, what wonders would our reality hold tomorrow?" she said. "Within the course of every day lie a thousand opportunities to give your life meaning through service to country and community. Answer the call for a new Michigan patriotism. For a local school that lacks the paint or power to fix the front door. For a child who has never been read to. For a senior who has no one to care whether she rises from bed and puts on her clothes. Answer the call, citizen patriots, answer it for your own soul that is made to care, to serve

and to belong."

"I am particularly asking our young people to lead the way. You, my young friends, hold in your hands the power to change the world...I invite you to participate in the bending of history in some purposeful way."

Attorney General Mike Cox also addressed the massive crowd at the Lansing Center, describing his family and law background and detailing his vision for the future of Michigan's children.

"I have to tell you that I am honored and I am humbled to be here with you today," said Cox. "It's time for all of us in our state to start giving to these children. We must all stand up for them. We must all stand up and protect them. And as your attorney general, I will protect these children."

"As attorney general, I am the governor's lawyer, but as attorney general, I will also be the children's lawyer. With your help and with the help of all of Michigan we can make a better life for all of these children and I ask you to join with me on this...As long as I'm attorney general, those who do harm to Michigan will be a bitter adversary."

Newly elected Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, also shared her gratitude toward Michigan's citizens and voiced her desire to serve the state.

"I wouldn't be here today without the support of my family and those who worked so hard to make this day possible," said Land. "I follow in the footsteps of Candice Miller who brought the office of Secretary of State into the 21st century. And I'm very grateful for that example."

"Today we are here to usher in a new generation of leadership. We have fresh ideas and a commitment to lay aside our differences and provide good, clean, honest government for the people of Michigan."

To accomplish her goals, Land laid out the following agenda:

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Just-sworn-in Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm waves from the back of a convertible New Year's Day as she and her husband Dan Mulhern head to an indoor celebration at the Lansing Center.

and employees.

"I am ready to lead," said Land. "We are ready to serve and I will honor the sacred trust that you have placed in me and serve you well."

Following Land's speech, Lt. Governor John Cherry stepped forward and voiced his dedication to Michigan residents.

"The governor and I share a simple goal for the next several years—to make Michigan the best place in the country to raise a family," said Cherry. "Today, we ask for your help in accomplishing this goal. We face many challenges in the coming year. But, to

us, every challenge is an opportunity."

"This first year or two will be difficult. Tough sledding, as they say in the Upper Peninsula. We have enormous fiscal challenges that will cause us to hit the pause button on some of the plans and programs we promised. We must deal with the state budget first, and then get to work on our initiatives to protect our families and educate our children."

Although Granholm's inaugural speech made no mention of the pending budget concerns, she addressed the issue during a press conference earlier that day.

"Clearly, the first thing that will be on the plate will be the enormous budget deficit," Granholm said. "We've already begun discussions about how we will be tackling that with the cabinet level officials that I've appointed. But today, we are focusing on hope and on promise and on the future and hopefully once we get by this year [and] this budget crisis, we'll really be able to do some spectacular things."

When asked about her resolutions for 2003, Granholm said, "This new year we have about 250 resolutions that we have put

forward in our plan for securing Michigan's future. So those resolutions will be mine as well as the members of this administration."

But on a lighter note, the new Michigan governor said, "The normal New Year's resolution that I have is giving up French fries."

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Presbyterian church offers divorce recovery workshop

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Northville's First Presbyterian Church is offering a 7-week divorce recovery workshop for area residents and is designed to help those experiencing the effects of divorce cope and move forward.

"It's a real outreach," said Jim Russell, associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church.

He said the workshop — which is open to anyone to attend — is geared for people thinking of divorce, in the process of divorcing, are already divorced or separated to heal and grow.

Divorce recovery workshop sessions will take place on Thursday evenings beginning tonight through Feb. 20. Class time is 7 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. The group is slated to meet in the forum room on the lower level of the church.

Russell said the 7-week workshop will fea-

ture several guest speakers who will address various topics related to divorce.

The sessions will provide an opportunity for people to network and interact with others facing similar situations.

"It's support for one another," said Russell. "We try to stress to people we are whole people in the eyes of God."

During the second week, a discussion on the stages of grief will be led by Dick Todd, a Northville resident and psychologist.

Other speakers during the course of workshop will include Dave Jerome, a Northville attorney, who is slated to discuss legal rights in divorce process.

W. Kent Clise, senior pastor at First Presbyterian Church, is scheduled to guide participants through the process of forgiveness.

Clinical psychologist, Sharon Bergman, is also slated to speak on children's issues.

In addition, a panel will be available to discuss the passage of divorce.

A \$35 fee for the course includes the book, "Growing Through Divorce" by Jim Smokey. Scholarships are available by calling the church and asking for Jim Russell.

Being able to share experiences and communicate with those who have faced similar circumstances can be a valuable tool in divorce recovery, said Russell.

"They're not in this situation by themselves," he said. "The important thing is that they be here."

"They can come in anytime. No one is turned away."

For more information on the Divorce Recovery Workshop at the First Presbyterian Church, contact Jim Russell at (248) 349-0911.

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Library Lines

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

WINTER KIDS CLUB
Kids in the first and second grades are invited to join us for this six-week series of after-school programs, featuring stories and fun activities! All programs are on Thursdays, from 4:15 to 5 p.m., from Jan. 23 through Feb. 27. Registration begins Jan. 2 in person or by phone.

WINTER STORYTIMES FOR 4s, 5s, AND KINDERGARTENERS!

Children who are in 4, 5 or in kindergarten, and comfortable attending without a caregiver present are invited to join this special six week series of 45 minute storytimes. Each program features stories and creative activities, so children should also be able to use scissors, glue, etc. Please select from one of the following sessions: Mondays at 4 p.m., from Feb. 10 through March 17; Tuesdays at 10 a.m. from Feb. 11 through March 18; or Tuesdays at 2 p.m. from Feb. 11 through March 18. Registration begins January 21 in person or by phone.

SUPER SOCK PUPPETS
Children of all ages are invited to bring a clean sock and create a "no sew" sock puppet in the library's meeting room on Jan. 14 at 4 p.m. Children ages 4 and younger should attend with a caregiver. No pre-registration is required for this hour-long program.

LITTLE ME CLUB STORY-TIME

Little ones, from 10 months to 2 years old, along with their parents or caregivers, can enjoy music, beanbag fun, and simple stories on Jan. 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. This special activity geared to the very young is offered each month, and no registration is required. Infants and older children are also welcome to attend.

AND MISCONCEPTIONS
Hypnotherapist Elizabeth Barker will demonstrate self-hypnosis and stress reduction techniques on Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. Please register at the Information Desk.

DISPLAY CASE AVAILABLE

Want to publicize your organization or a special event? Showcase a special collection? The library has two glass display cases, available to organizations and individuals in Northville. Display cases are booked on a monthly basis. The largest one is located near the library's entrance, and a smaller kiosk style one is located in the area near the fireplace. For more information, contact the library.

BETWEEN THE LINES

Join this lively monthly book discussion group, which meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. On Jan. 13, they will be discussing "The Lucky Gourd Shop," by Joanna C. Cole, a fictional tale of an adoptive mother of three Korean children and her search for information about their past.

JUNIOR BOOKS CHAT AND CHOW

Kids in the fourth grade and up are invited to this fun monthly book discussion group, with treats provided. At the next meeting on Jan. 29, we will talk about "Redwall" by Brian Jacques. The program runs from 4:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sign up and pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk.

HALF-PRICE SALE ON USED BOOKS!

Throughout January, the Friends will be offering used books at half-price in The Book Cellar room on the lower level. Open every Sunday starting Jan. 5 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., the Book Cellar offers a variety of books and other formats, and is operated by the Friends volunteers. Hardcover will cost 50 cents and paperbacks only 25 cents.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Northville District Library Board of Trustees will be Jan. 23 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.

HYPNOTISM: MYTHS

Mill Race Matters

Mill Race Village is an 11-acre collection of 19th century buildings along the Mill pond operated by the Northville Historical Society. The Village is open dawn to dusk seven days a week and is located on the west side of Griswold north of Main Street in downtown Northville. The office, located at the Cady Inn, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Archives are open on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment. The st Sunday in June through the 3rd Sunday in October the buildings are open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. with docents (hosts)/hostesses in each to share the history of that building. For detailed information about special programs or renting the facilities call the office at (248) 348-1845.

Jan. 9	9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 3:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Archives Open to the Public Brownie Scout Meeting	Cady Inn Cady Inn
Jan. 10	9:15 a.m. - 11 a.m.	SUM Scout Meeting	Cady Inn
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Jan. 12	10 a.m. - 12 p.m. 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Mill Creek Community Church Venture Scout Crew #8	Church Cady Inn
Jan. 13	4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Brownie Scout Meeting Lion's Club	Cady Inn Cady Inn
Jan. 14	9 a.m. - 12 p.m. 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Stone Gang Country Garden Club	Village & Cady Inn Cady Inn
Jan. 15	7 p.m. - 9 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Archives open to the public Northville Historical Society Annual Meeting	Cady Inn Cady Inn

ANNUAL MEETING

The Northville Historical Society will hold their annual membership meeting/pot luck dinner on Thursday, January 16, 2003 at the Cady Inn beginning at 6:30 p.m. All members are invited to attend and asked to bring a dish to pass. Meat and drinks will be provided. You can RSVP to the office. John Bluth, author of Stinson Aircraft Company will be the guest speaker. He will be talking about the Stinson factory that was located in Northville. The Society will be selling his book and he will be available for autographs.


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Fitness is in season at women-only center

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Northville has a brand new exercise facility and it's ready to help area residents tone and enhance their bodies. But sorry, men, this one is just for the ladies.

It Figures — which opened in early December — features nine different fitness machines, a trampoliner, and a few extras designed to pamper and boost a physique.

According to business co-owners Michele Schiftar and Sharrill Beesley, each of the machines are geared to exercise two body parts, resulting in a more efficient workout. The women explained each machine is a "station" and a flat platform on the floor located between each machine is also a station. During a workout, each station is used for 30 seconds and then the participant moves to the next one. The platforms may be used for step aerobics, stretching and more.

The entire exercise regiment takes about half an hour.

"We're very much like a personal trainer," said Schiftar. "We want results."

She said the owners work with

the clients in order to establish a personal routine.

Greater fitness, the owners said, results in higher energy levels, confidence and weight loss.

It Figures, which provides exercise regimens to women of all ages, can help females reach their fitness goals. And making a commitment is the first step.

Schiftar, a mother of five-year-old triplets and marathon runner, said she knows exactly what it means to try to find the time in a busy schedule for exercise.

"We want women to achieve their fitness goals," she said.

Senior and student packages are available.

It Figures also features Aqua Massage, a unique machine that relaxes and massages your body with contained volumes of water. Users of the machines can remain fully clothed and don't get wet.

"It's great for people who don't like to get undressed," said Schiftar.

A dry heat sauna is also available to provide therapeutic benefits for such ailments as arthritis and circulatory problems.

It Figures provides a non-intimi-

dating atmosphere for boutique-style fitness, said Schiftar.

She said the new business fills a niche in the area and is housed in an ideal, growing locale.

It Figures is located in the Highland Lakes Shopping Complex at 43133 Seven Mile Road.

"It's the gateway for Northville," said Schiftar. "Northville doesn't have a center like this. There was a need. This is why we came here. We want to be part of the renovation. Northville's real good for small business and it's real good to be a part of that."

Schiftar and Beesley said area residents have welcomed the new business to the community.

"We've had a great response," said Schiftar. "We want them all to have a good time. Exercise is a lifestyle. It's not a quick fix."

"We like doing this. You have more strength and self-esteem. If we can help women get that, that's what we want."

Hours for It Figures are 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.



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Michele Schiftar, left, and Sharrill Beesley go over some of the work out routine at their

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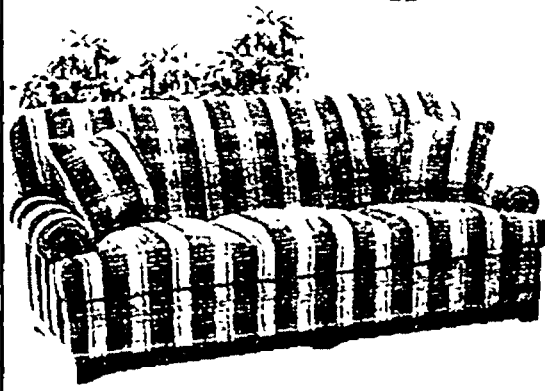


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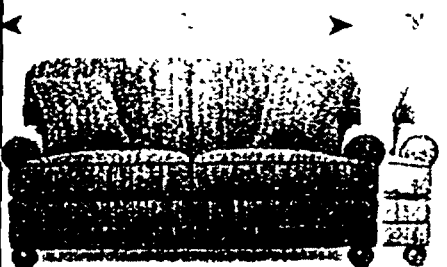
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They DARED to learn with police

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday evening, over 50 Northville students are expected to graduate from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program at Meads Mill Middle School.

The event will commence at 7 p.m.

Northville Township DARE officer Larry Demeter said the student graduates attend Moraine Elementary, Silver Springs Elementary or Meads Mill Middle School.

Demeter said the students have volunteered to participate in the DARE program and attended the sessions either before or after school. All the participants have completed the necessary course requirements.

As part of the DARE program, students attend an estimated 15-week program, write an essay and make a personal commitment to stay drug and violence free.

But it didn't end there.

Demeter said students learn much more than just the drawbacks of using illegal substances.

"It's not all about drugs," he said. "It's all about making good decisions and thinking about the consequences for those decisions."

Parents, relatives and friends are invited to attend the evening graduation. Refreshments will be provided.

Demeter said during the event, several essay winners from each of the three schools will read their essay aloud to the audience.

Two essay winners were selected from Meads Mill Middle School, four from Silver Springs Elementary and four from Moraine Elementary.

Along with a certificate for completing the course, students will receive other prizes such as a water bottle, stickers, pencils, etc.

Demeter said being a part of the student DARE program has been a positive experience.

"It's a lot of fun," he said. "You get to know the kids pretty good."

"I just hope that they make good informed decisions [and] think about the consequences of their decisions."

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Students' days made brighter with gift

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Cooke School families experienced a brighter holiday season due to the efforts of a few local residents.

Misty McNeal, store manager at the Exxon Mobil station at Eight Mile and Taft Road, was asked by Cooke School faculty to sponsor families of handicapped students.

Ready to lending a helping hand, McNeal gained approval for the project and asked loyal

customers if they would offer their assistance.

The response, she said, was overwhelming.

McNeal said customers brought in \$100 gift cards from Target, \$400 worth of food and even cash to donate.

The food was divided into boxes which soon became overflowing.

"I was just the voice," said McNeal. "The customers did all the work."

Being able to assist those in need brought a big smile to

McNeal's face.

"It made me very happy," she said. "It granted my Christmas wish. To be able to do something like that was a very gifting reward."

McNeal said the participating customers immediately volunteered and gave generously.

"They're very loving kind people and didn't hesitate one bit," she said. "I was just so excited. This all happened within a few days. We did seven families just like that. It looked like the Costco warehouse in my backroom,

there was so much food."

"It was special. It was true gift for me to be able to do that. It was a honor. The customers were so giving."

Northville resident Becky Spinale was among the individuals who offered their assistance.

"My heart just opened up and I just wanted to help," said Spinale. "We're pretty lucky to be able to do what we do and have what we have. But for the grace of God goes you or I."

Spinale said she adopted two families at Cooke School.

"If there's a need or a cause in the community, there really is help around the corner," she said. "I think we're in that type of community."

Spinale also commended McNeal for her efforts to initiate the project.

"She's got a heart of gold," Spinale said.

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They're helping to keep roadways clean

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

This spring, ladies belonging to the Women of the Northville Moose Chapter No. 2226 will literally be hitting the streets toting bright orange vests, garbage bags and plenty of community spirit.

About three times a year, the Women of the Northville Moose Chapter are slated to participate in Wayne County's "Adopt-a-Road" program. The group has adopted Northville Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads.

In 2002, group members were cleaning near the roads, picking up debris and litter and the tradition is expected to continue, participants said.

Carmen McSweeney, recorder for the Women of the Northville Moose Chapter #2226, said, "Wayne County gave us the orange vests to wear. People think we are parole violators or something. They yell out the windows. We just laugh."

"We're just trying to do some community service work to promote ourselves and let people know what we're all about. It's all

about community service and giving back to the community."

McSweeney said she was glad to be a participant in the Adopt-a-Road program and is anticipating the next expedition. She said she was involved in the clean up effort last summer and again in September.

"We'll start again in the spring," she said. "One of the members made sticks to help pick up the trash. We wore gloves so we didn't have to touch anything. We had a good time doing it. We all get along get so well, so it was kind of fun. We just have a good time doing it."

Debra Williams, a chairperson with the Women of the Northville Moose, shared a similar opinion.

"I thought it was quite enjoyable," she said. "The day we went [last summer] was just scalding out. There were a lot of people that were beeping and honking. We were just busy picking it all up. It was pretty hot out there. We just whipped along and picked up everything we could. I really enjoy being a Woman of the Moose because I like the involvement. I try to be at every event



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Women of the Northville Moose Chapter No. 2226 donate their time to clean up a stretch of Northville Road between Six and Seven Mile roads.

there is."

Helping the community is a large incentive for Williams.

"Northville is such a beautiful town, we need to keep it clean," she said. "It was enjoyable knowing we were doing it all for good. We're all really close. We're good

friends."

Wanda Reid, secretary/treasurer for the chapter, was also among the road clean-up participants.

"We clean three times a year," said Reid. "It's fun. We just go out and clean it up and afterward we come back and have a lunch or

something. It wasn't that dirty or anything. We try to do what we can for the community."

Sandra Heite, senior regent for the organization, said the women's chapter is brand new and has been in existence since February 2002.

Heite said the schedule for 2003 road cleanings along Northville Road has not been issued yet.

Participants, she said, pick up litter such as bottles, cans and wrappers.

"We don't pick up roadkill," said Heite.

The next clean up session is possibly slated to take place in April 2003.

Heite said being involved in the Adopt-a-Road program was a memorable opportunity.

"It was a good feeling," she said. "We've done quite a bit."

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Charity group pitches in during holidays to aid families

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Two families were able to enjoy a merrier holiday due to the benevolent efforts of a local women's organization.

The Women of the Northville Moose Chapter No. 2226 adopted two area families in need and sup-

plied with them a holiday feast and Christmas gifts.

According to Sandra Heite, senior regent of the organization, the families were recommended to the Moose Chapter through Northville Civic Concern.

Among the items presented to the families were Christmas gifts, canned goods, gift certificates for

food and certificates for a restaurant dinner and a movie.

One family was also sponsored by the Women of the Northville Moose Chapter No. 2226 in Thanksgiving.

Heite said the women's chapter is brand new and has been in existence since February.

"Part of what the organization is all about is helping the needy," said

Heite. "We do a lot of fundraisers that people aren't even aware of. It just kind of fell into place that we would adopt a couple families to take care of at the holidays."

In late December, the Women of the Northville Moose also distributed Christmas gifts to Whitehall Nursing Home in Novi. All of the 80 residents received a personalized

gift donated by the Women of the Moose.

"We wanted to do our part this year," said Heite.

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That the Supervisor has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in said district as the benefit to such parcels bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in said district.

FURTHER, that the Township Board will meet at the Township Civic Center located at 41600 W. Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan on: Thursday, January 16, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment role and hearing any objections thereto. Said role may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment role is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

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Why be happy? Just look at '03

Amid all the uncertainty and tension looming on the horizon in this new year, there's still plenty to look forward to. Month by month, we thought of 12 good things about life in Northville and Northville Township, which (we hope) will help reduce the sting of a high-anxiety 2003:

JANUARY: The stillness of winter is broken only by the annual repeat of the words of Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., who asked all Americans to work toward a world where we are not judged by the color of our skin, but by the content of our character. And regardless of our ethnicity, we all gather around the televisions on Jan. 26 and pull for our favorite non-Lions football team on Super Bowl Sunday.

FEBRUARY: Nevermind what the groundhog says...grab the sled or the skis and head outside to beat cabin fever. When you're done for the day, have a mug of hot cocoa and make your way to one of Northville's many restaurants for something warm to eat. And don't forget to tell that special someone how much you care on Feb. 14, either.

MARCH: By now, it's easy to see the days are getting longer. Not only that, but everyone becomes Irish for a day and has a helping of corned beef, cabbage and potato soup. And even if the thermometer doesn't show it, March 21 is the first day of spring. Cold weather-haters have reason to be optimistic.

APRIL: The rain is chilly, yes...but it's rain, and unlike snow, it doesn't need to be shoveled. Besides — Northville merchants have their stores crammed with spring and summer merchandise. The practical jokesters of the world have carte blanche to pull on over on their friends, and the leftover candy canes of Christmas play second fiddle to the chocolate bunnies of Easter.

MAY: Finally, the cold of winter has gasped its last, and the snow shovel and rock salt are traded for a garden shovel and topsoil. Moms get their due, and the veterans of America are given theirs, as well. With the tulips pushing through the ground and robins returning to the Great Lake State, it's a great time to grab the golf clubs and get in an early nine holes at one of Northville's courses.

JUNE: Flip your tassels — it's graduation time. For those who've spent the last 12 year working their way through a mountain of math tests, essays, chemistry experiments gone wrong and cramming to memo-

rize the Preamble to the Constitution, middle of the month marks the end of one era, and the beginning of another. (Oh, yeah...happy Father's Day to the dads of the world who helped with those drives to swim practice and flash cards.)

JULY: Summer's halftime show rolls through town decked out in red, white and blue. The fireworks, hot dogs, ice cream and baseball games of mid-summer keep people busy and in a good mood. (Lest we forget...inland lake beaches are only a short drive from here, and the windswept shorelines of a Great Lake are less than one gas tank away.)

AUGUST: Okay — so maybe heading back to school isn't the greatest thing from a student's perspective, but it's also a chance to reunite with friends and classmates. Of course, the early part of the month is a fine chance for picnics in Hines Park and late-night drives around town with the top rolled down and the stars beaming in.

SEPTEMBER: For three whole days, downtown Northville will be a sea of activity, alive with the Northville Victorian Festival. Thousands of Northville and Northville Township residents, as well as friends, relatives, and visitors from other communities will gather to take in one last gasp of warmth and to celebrate Northville's Victorian heritage.

OCTOBER: By now, the splendor of autumn color will be at its fullest. Parmenter's Cider Mill will be pumping out doughnuts faster than you can say "A dozen and a gallon, please." And the Mustangs will have a chance to get their revenge on the grid-iron against those nasty Wildcats in the annual Baseline Jug game.

NOVEMBER: The Northville Chamber of Commerce will name its Citizen of the Year this month. It's often a humbling experience for the person chosen, but for us, listening to the accomplishments of those given the nod lets us know individuals are capable of doing some truly wonderful things to help out.

DECEMBER: Who couldn't feel happier with colored lights taking away the darkness of short days and cold nights? Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza...whatever you call it, it's a time of year for celebration and feeling the warmth of friends and family.

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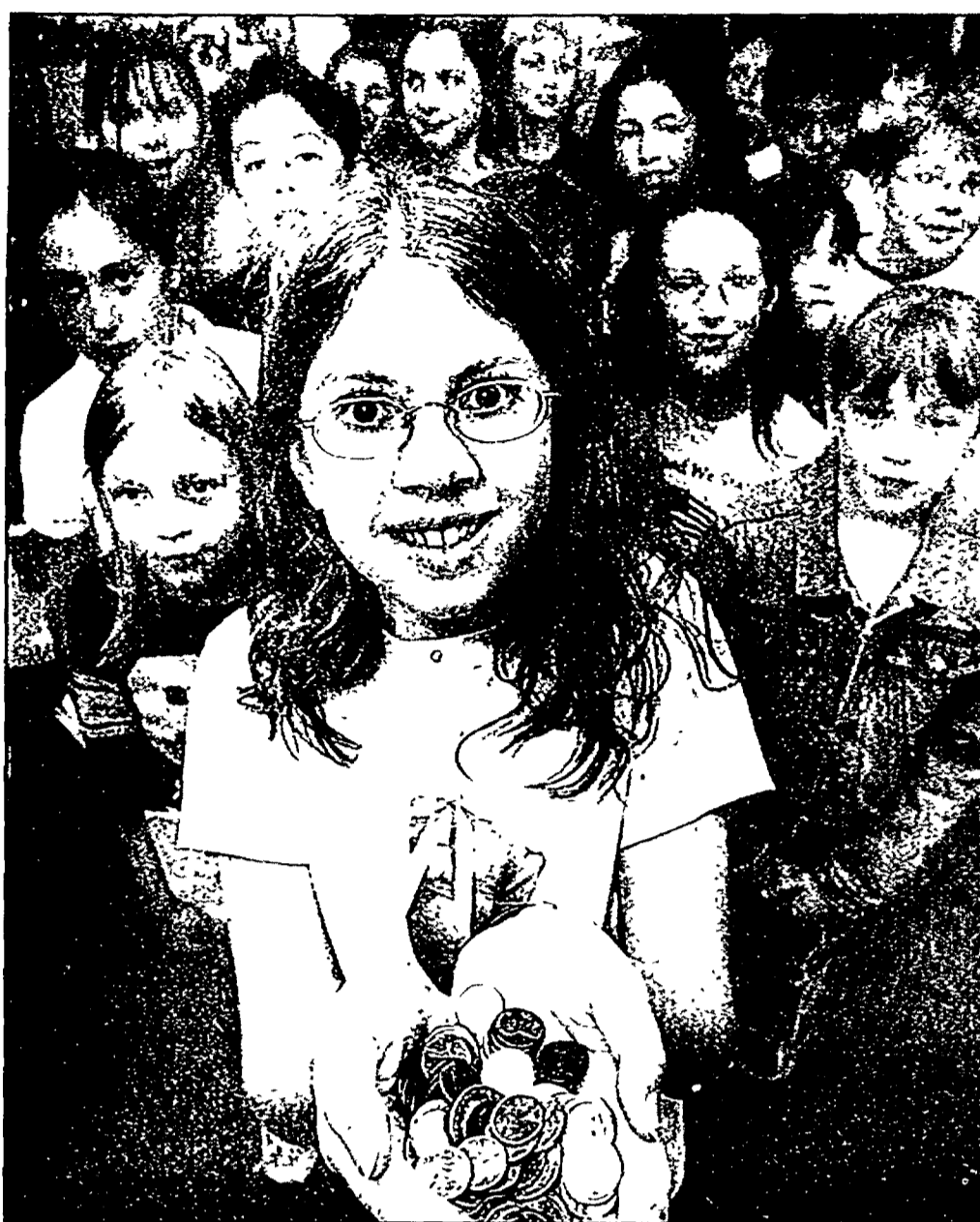


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Silver Springs Elementary School Student Council President Elizabeth Keenan holds some of the change she and other councilmembers (rear) raised for Pennies for Patients.

My in-box overfloweth with junk

A look inside an editor's e-mail in-box...

Spam — that mucky garbage that wastes space and clogs up valuable Internet traffic space — has apparently got it in for me. I've got my share of allies, enemies, and readers who just want to send a few musings in my direction. Even so, put them together, and they couldn't begin to battle the PILES of crap that porno peddlers and credit bureaus push on me each and every day.



Chris C. Davis

First, some basic stats. I plopped down in front of my workstation at precisely 9:10 a.m. It's been about 16 hours since I last checked my e-mail box, at which time I left the thing clean of any junk mail. Now, a sunrise later, I am greeted with the notification that I have 45 unread messages. Taking a quick glance at the subject lines of the items awaiting my perusal, I see exactly one item worth more than a second of my time. Here's a sampling of what isn't worth my time.

Someone named "The Wiz" asks me, "If you do a good job and work hard, you may get a job with a better company someday. How about some love music? Today's pick strait (sic) to you from the WIZ at

GEEWIZ.info. The WIZ says...The light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off due to budget cuts." Hey, Wizzo, riddle me this: just what the heck are you trying to sell? If you're going to shove garbage at me, at least let me know what it is.

Another person, who's listed as G.T. Zook of Kansas, wrote a testimonial in an e-mail pitch trying to get me to buy insurance. "Shopping for insurance was a delight at Insurecom.com. We saved money on our auto insurance. We also cut our cost on home and health insurance as well. Thank you for such a valuable consumer insurance service." Zookster — is it just me, or does the biggest threat in Kansas commuting come from the threat of a head-on collision with a herd of cattle?

Here's another jewel...this one from some clown named "Frugal Joe." "Order a Cobra Gas Scooter today, for guaranteed delivery before Christmas. The Cobra travels at 25+ miles per hour, and is propelled by a powerful 41.5cc engine. Great for on and off road. No driver's license is required. Full parts warranty. Click below for more information!" Delivery guaranteed before Christmas, huh. Joe? I assume you mean Christmas 2003, since you sent me the offer on Dec. 31, 2002.

Tom Mason is in razor bliss, since he's offering me "Rechargeable Power Shaver = FREE! Rechargeable Power Shaver = FREE!" He took the liberty of repeating that message a whopping 11 times, just in case I missed it after the first time I read it.

More than one huckster attempts a legal CYA maneuver by placing this little proviso or a form thereof at the tail end of the message: "Your privacy is extremely important to us. You requested to receive this mailing, by registering at SavingsEngine.com or by sub-

scribing through one of our marketing partners. As a leader in email marketing, we are committed to delivering a highly rewarding experience, with offers that include bargains, entertainment, and money-making ideas. However, if you wish to unsubscribe, click here or link to <http://www.savingsengine.com/unsubscribe.asp?emid=6276&email=CDAVIS@HT.HOMECOMM.NET>. Third-party offers contained in this email are the sole responsibility of the offer originator." In other words, it's my fault I'm on the list (a list I never subscribed to, by the way) and if I want to get off the list, I need to send the company a message telling them so. How kind.

So now I begin the morning rite of DELETing all the drivel these Internet dorks decide to shove in my direction. Just as I do, I get one more offer thrown in my face: "Once a day, all day, all night effective treatment for overactive bladder." Gee — thanks for thinking of me, Ruth. But what I really need is treatment for overactive e-mail account.

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So now I begin the morning rite of DELETing all the drivel these Internet dorks decide to shove in my direction.

Trust me — trust is important

How often it is we say we want to trust someone or something and feel that we can't or won't. To trust someone is not always. I hear, as simple as one would want it to be.

What is so absolutely essential for a relationship seems so hard to achieve, even difficult to grasp at times. While the desire to trust another and to believe in a trusting environment and life are strong, trust comes into conflict with forces or experiences which make one wonder if trust is possible or even worth



Paul Melrose

it. The expectation to trust another person is important in one's family, with one's partner, in business. Trust is central to the human experience. At the heart of the process of growing from infancy into adulthood and into later adulthood there is a time early in one's life when basic trust, a point in life written about by Erik Erikson, is important. From the point of birth the infant comes to trust that the basic needs of

feeding and the basic necessity of care in terms of diaper changing and holding and comforting will happen. These events will occur in such a way to build in the infant a psychological and emotional sense to trust that these are basic parts of life. They occur and become familiar. In this way trust is built into the fabric of life; one will build on these early experiences to learn to trust more and in greater ways.

If there is severe disruption to this natural process of development, if there is severe deficit or limitation in the predictability of changing and feeding, or of nurturing, one will soon conclude that the world is not a safe, dependable place; the seeds of learning to distrust can be sown with enough repetitive patters of pain, hurt, or deprivation. No one has a pain free life experience; no matter how dependable or caring even the most nurturing and loving caregivers will not always behave in an exact way to reinforce a totally trusting experience. So each one has within the possibilities of distrust of oneself as being good enough to hold the attention of the caregiver; that kind of anxiety can sometimes be at the root of jealousy or fear of loss of a relationship. But trust is not only experienced in the individual experience; it is part of the family or group. Sometimes when the individual experience of trust is not as complete as it might be the system of the family, of the community, or particularly of one's faith works to support what trust is present or to support a growing trust. Trust which gets passed on through the

generations creates the holding environment which is necessary to help persons either to work through individual anxieties or issues of mistrust or misplaced trusts in relationships.

When one wrestles with issues of trust it can be because events in one's life set off danger signals. In a couple relationship there could be an act of infidelity; that kind of event can cause mistrust between the two partners. It can also raise the question of both individuals as to how strong trust is in themselves. In the one who feels betrayed there may be a sense of anxiety that could prove I am not enough of a good person that this other would want to be with me. So one is lacking in trust of one's self. In the one who committed the act of betrayal the issue of trust can be formulated in a sense that I cannot trust my primary relationship and my part in it so I will look elsewhere.

Not to experience trust or to have questions about trust are not just questions of feeling, or day to day experience. These questions can point to important issues with which one wrestles at one's core. Take care to pay attention to the concern of trust; it influences not only your individual life but also the life you live in relationship.

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OTHER OPINIONS

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Thursday, January 9, 2002

This doesn't settle with me

During the holiday break, I've had the time to mull over the events of the past year or two.

Upon reflection, it seems clear the most broadly consequential were the corporate, accounting, banking, brokerage and insider trading scandals that led to the collapse of the stock market and the sharp drop in the net worth of countless millions of households.



Phil Power

The total loss to investors since 2000 has been something like \$7 trillion, which is a number so large and so abstract as

to lose meaning for me.

More telling are the countless personal stories of financial loss and confidence in the future, stories that literally every reader of this column can recite in sad detail. People who had retired with the (false) security of a fat investment portfolio who discovered they had to go back to work just to maintain their standard of living. Workers who saw their 401(k) account drop to a "201(k)" or worse. Young families who had made a down payment on their first house who discovered they had lost the asset base to qualify for their loan.

And so, you might reasonably ask, what has happened to the perpetrators of this scandal?

Not much. Sure, Ken Lay and Andrew Fastow at Enron are facing well-publicized criminal charges, as are a few high-profile folks at Global Crossing, Tyco, WorldComm, ImClone, Adelphia and so forth.

But what has happened to the big shots on Wall Street — the brokers, the bankers, the lawyers, the analysts — the ones who were so complicit in laying the foundation and abetting the biggest financial scandal since the 1920's?

For example, it's now been conclusively proven the big Wall Street firms leaned on their "independent" research analysts to produce optimistic reports on the same firms whose stock they were underwriting. We've even seen the texts of confidential e-mails from analysts describing as "rubbish" the very stock they were touting to the public. Enron's lawyers were up to their well-scrubbed armpits in penning (lucrative) opinion letters that said the shenanigans with off-balance sheet partnerships were OK, while brokers were executing big sell orders from executives who saw their companies going down the tubes and wanted out before the public caught on.

What about those guys? Anybody going to the slam? Nope. A couple of analysts, now retired with their multi-million dollar profits, have been banned from dealing with the stock market. How sad. Anybody getting fined personally? Not that I've heard. Any firm paying restitution to the stockholders who trusted their analysts' advice and wound up with nothing? Perish the thought.

Last week, to the mixed sounds of trumpets of publicity and sighs of relief, the regulators announced a "final settlement" with the folks on Wall Street. The firms involved, without admitting or denying any wrongdoing, would collec-

tively pay about \$1 billion in fines to finish inquiries into their conflicts of interest in research. They would also pony up \$500 million to finance independent stock research operations that would be given to their clients along with their own stock reports.

According to the New York Times, settlement negotiations had been going on since October. They were complicated; involved were Eliot Spitzer, the New York attorney general, the SEC, the New York Stock Exchange, the National Association of Securities Dealers, and the big Wall Street firms. Evidently, the big sticking point was just how divvy up the \$1 billion fine between the firms involved — proof positive that avarice remains the primary driver on Wall Street.

You don't hear of that \$1 billion going to the folks who got bilked by the Street over the past couple of years, do you? And please note that the key phrase in the deal with the regulators was "final settlement," which effectively prevents class action lawsuits by the countless investors who got the shaft.

The great thing about Wall Street — the banks, the brokerage houses, the lawyers, the analysts, the CPA's — is that they're all in it incestuously together. "We first" has been the Wall Street slogan for many years, and if the public gets screwed that's just too bad. The Wall Street insiders will always win against the ordinary Main Street rubes. And what we just saw in the "final settlement" is nothing more than the latest proof point.

Phil Power is the Chairman of the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppower@hocomm.net.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED TO CREATE A TEMPORARY DOG PARK

Notice is hereby given that the Northville City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 21, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain public input on a proposal to create a temporary Off Leash Recreation Area (Dog Park) on city owned property behind the Senior Center/Scout and Recreation Building located at 215 W. Crady Street.

TRACI SINCOCK,
PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

INVITATION FOR BIDS CITY OF NORTHVILLE

Sealed bids will be received in the City of Northville Council Chambers, City Hall, and 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 until 3:00 p.m. local time on January 22, 2003 for the City's 2003 Sewer Cleaning and Inspection Program.

Specifications for the cleaning of approximately 35,000 lineal feet of 8" through 15" sanitary sewer, and video inspection of approximately 16,000 lineal feet of 8 and 10" sanitary sewer along with contract documents can be obtained by contacting the Northville Department of Public Works at (248) 449-9930.

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

JAMES P. GALLOGLY,
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

DIANNE MASSA
CITY CLERK

(01-09-03 NR HT00032407)

INVITATION FOR BIDS CITY OF NORTHVILLE

Sealed bids will be received in the City of Northville Council Chambers, City Hall, and 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 until 2:00 p.m. local time on January 22, 2003 for the City's 2003 Tree and Stump Removal Program.

Specifications for the removal of approximately 100 street trees ranging in sizes from 8" to 30" along with contract documents can be obtained by contacting the Northville Department of Public Works at (248) 449-9930.

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

JAMES P. GALLOGLY,
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

DIANNE MASSA
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(1-9-03 NR 32411)

INVITATION FOR BIDS CITY OF NORTHVILLE

Sealed bids will be received in the City of Northville Council Chambers, City Hall, and 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 until 2:30 p.m. local time on January 22, 2003 for the City's 2003 Tree Planting Program.

Specifications for the planting of approximately 100 street trees of various species in the 2" to 2 1/2" size along with associated contract documents can be obtained by contacting the Northville Department of Public Works at (248) 449-9930.

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

JAMES P. GALLOGLY,
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

DIANNE MASSA
CITY CLERK

(1-9-03 NR 32410)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Furniture Procurement for a Township Hall
Furniture Procurement for a Fire Station
Proposals are due by 10:00 AM on January 24, 2003
Proposals are to be returned to the Township Clerk's Office located at:
41600 W. Six Mile Road, Northville Township, MI 48167
Bills will be opened in the Clerk's Office at
10:00 AM on January 24, 2003
Copies of the RFP paperwork may be obtained by contacting:
Mr. Paul Rvetto of Plante & Moran CRESA, LLC at
248-223-3252
There will be a contractor's Pre-Bid meeting at 10:00 AM on
January 10, 2003 at the Township Hall
41600 W. Six Mile Road
Northville Township, MI 48167

SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

(1-9-03 NR 32203)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE: January 28, 2003
TIME: 7:15 p.m.
PLACE: Northville Township Civic Center
41600 Six Mile Road
Northville MI 48167

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Northville will conduct a Public Hearing Tuesday, January 28, 2003 at 7:15 p.m., at the Northville Township Civic Center, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan regarding a request for a special land use permit. The special land use permit request is for a proposed drive-thru oil change facility and a drive thru restaurant located on 5 Mile Road, east of Haggerty Road, west of Northville Car Wash.

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments and questions. Written comments regarding the proposal will be received by the Township Planning Commission 41600 West Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.

LISA ANDERSON,
CHAIR

(01-9/23-03 NR 32567)

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Obituaries

William George Williams

William G. Williams of Keystone Heights, Fla., died Dec. 27 at his home. He was 89.

Mr. Williams was born in Taylor, Pa. He relocated to Florida from Northville in 1997. Mr. Williams was a retired plant superintendent for Davis Tool & Die Company. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Northville for 34 years.

Mr. Williams is survived by his wife, Clara Williams of Melrose, Fla.; his children, Janice King of Melrose, Donna Lynn Houghton of Keystone Heights and Thomas E. Williams of Los Altos, Calif.; his brother, John Williams of Redford; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Morning Funeral Home of Melrose.

Ruth M. Loomis

Ruth Loomis of Farmington Hills died Dec. 27 at American House. She was 89.

Ms. Loomis was born Sept. 10, 1913 in Alpena to the late Henry and Augusta Egge Bloom. A medical transcriber who worked with several Northville-area physicians prior to her retirement, Ms. Loomis was preceded in death by her husband, Charles K. Loomis, Jr.

Ms. Loomis is survived by her children, Charles (Sandi) Loomis of Pinckney and Karen Mullin of Detroit; her brother, Howard Bloom of Plymouth; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Ms. Loomis was held Dec. 30 at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville, which handled funeral arrangements. Father Steven J. Kelly officiated the service. Interment was at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Martin's Episcopal Church.

Robert E. Whyman

Robert Whyman, a former Northville resident, died Dec. 29 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was 65.

Mr. Whyman was born July 8, 1937 in Lincoln, Neb., to the late Marvin and Roberta Stevenson Whyman, who survives him. A retired salesman for an automobile supplier, Mr. Whyman was preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret Whyman. He was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers and the Wally Byam Caravan Club International. He was a graduate of Eastern Michigan University.

In addition to his mother, Mr. Whyman is survived by his wife, Rosalie Whyman of Plymouth; his children, Deborah Whyman of Canton, David (Suzanne) Whyman of Rochester Hills and Daniel Whyman of Farmington Hills; and 13 grandchildren.

A memorial service for Mr. Whyman was held Jan. 3 at First United Methodist Church of Northville. Revs. John Hice and Arthur Spafford officiated the service. Interment was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville. Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Diabetes Association.

Judith M. Manarina

Judith Manarina died Dec. 27 at Providence Hospital-Southfield. She was 53.

Ms. Manarina was born June 4, 1949 in Cincinnati to the late Richard and Margaret Cobb Buschur. Ms. Manarina was a teacher at Winchester Elementary School in Northville for 13 years. She held degrees from the University of Miami (Ohio) and Xavier University.

Ms. Manarina is survived by her husband, William L. Manarina of Northville; her daughters, Adrienne and Michelle

Manarina of Northville; her siblings, Carolyn Bouffoux of New Carlisle, Ohio, Dorothy Glancy of Milford, Ohio, Edna Dyson of Enid, Okla., Janed Borcherting of Noblesville, Ind., Richard Buschur of Dexter, Minn., Daniel Buschur of Marathon, Ohio, William Buschur of Howell and James Buschur of Greenville, S.C.

A memorial service for Ms. Manarina was held Dec. 30 at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Revs. W. Kent Clise and James P. Russell officiated the service.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville. Memorial contributions may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Edward W. Eberhart

Edward Eberhart of Northville died Jan. 1 at his home. He was 84.

Mr. Eberhart was born July 12, 1918 in Battle Creek to George Eberhart and Eva Cole. He later married Ruby Eberhart in 1947. She survives him.

A 45-year resident of Northville, Mr. Eberhart was an artist, inventor, and enjoyed ballroom dancing. He worked at the Ford Wixom Assembly plant and was a Seventh Day Adventist.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Eberhart is survived by his children, David (Theresa) Eberhart of Harrison Township, Jonathan (Gayleen) Eberhart of Clare and Carol Eberhart of South Lyon; his siblings, Donald (Thelma) Eberhart of Ceresco and Delores (Neil) Slocum of Midland; his grandchildren, Chris, John (Anita) Joe, Traci, Jim, Josh, Julie and Julian; and his great-grandchildren, John and Austin. He was preceded in death by five other siblings.

A memorial service for Mr. Eberhart will be held at a later date. Funeral arrangements were handled by Casterline Funeral Home of Northville.

Esther E. Hann Lepore

Esther E. Hann Lepore of Novi died Jan. 2. She was 93.

Ms. Hann Lepore was born Sept. 11, 1909 in Wayne. A homemaker, Ms. Hann Lepore came to the Novi community in 2001 from Plymouth. Previous to that, she had been a resident of Punta Gorda, Fla. Ms. Hann Lepore enjoyed traveling.

Ms. Hann Lepore is survived by her grandchildren, Curtis (Ruth) Hann of Northville, Craig Hann of Plymouth and Amanda (Timothy) Shelton of Bloomfield Hills; her great-grandchildren, Tanner Hann, Marin Hann and Charlotte Hann; and her daughter-in-law, Patricia Blackburn of Pontiac. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Wilhelm Hann and Donato Lepore; and her son, William Hann.

A funeral service for Ms. Hann Lepore was held Jan. 4 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth, which handled funeral arrangements. Rev. H. Dalton Myers officiated the service. Interment was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the giver's choosing.

Wilma "Billie" Faubel

Wilma Faubel of Northville died Dec. 26 in Plymouth. She was 79.

Ms. Faubel was born Dec. 30, 1922 in Bargfeld, Germany to Wilhelm Gnosa and Dorothea Schultze. A manicurist and cosmetologist for 59 years, Ms. Faubel worked at salons in Detroit and Bloomfield Hills. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville's choir, the Edelweiss German Club and the Novi Senior Club.

Ms. Faubel is survived by her sister, Alma (Donald) Coir of Novi; her nieces and nephews, Kathryn (Doug) Weier of New York, Ronald (Sandra) Coir of Highland, Mark (Marlene) Coir of Bloomfield Hills and Doris Hambacher

of Chicago.

A memorial service for Ms. Faubel will be held Jan. 11 at 1:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian, Revs. Kent Clise and James Russell will officiate. Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Northville, Music Department, 200 E. Main Street, Northville, Mich. 48167; the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute, 300 W. 10th Ave., B-12-4-459, Columbus, Ohio, 43210; or to the charity of the giver's choosing.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Casterline Funeral Home of Northville.

Daniel M. Carbery

Daniel Carbery died Dec. 27 at Angela Hospice in Livonia. He was 73.

Mr. Carbery was born April 11, 1929 in Detroit to the late Arthur and Dorothy Appler Carbery. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Carbery worked as a machine operator for a tool and die company. He served with the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Mr. Carbery is survived by his wife, Carole A. Carbery of Northville; his children, Laura (Joseph) Ziegler of Detroit, Gerald Carbery of Walled Lake, Dawn (Harold) Campbell of Northville, Kathryn (William) Campbell of South Lyon and Darryl (Bernice) Carbery of Novi; his sister, Arlene Geanette of Detroit; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mr. Carbery was preceded in death by his son, Victor Carbery.

A funeral service for Mr. Carbery was held Jan. 4 at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville, which handled funeral arrangements. Rev. George W. Hutchinson, Sr. officiated. Interment was in Fort Custer in Augusta on Jan. 6, with full military honors.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Foundation or Angela Hospice.

Engagements

Joe and Cindy Murphy of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison Murphy, to Joe Dietrich, son of Bob and Margarete Dietrich of Stevens Point, Wis.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Northville High School and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The groom-elect is a 2002 graduate of U-W Madison.

A Jan. 17, 2004 wedding is planned.



Murphy-Dietrich



Lapham-Gilliland

Jim and Kathy Lapham of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacy L. Lapham, to David Gilliland, Jr., son of David and Patricia Gilliland of New Boston.

The bride-elect is a 1993 graduate of Kent State University and works for Masco Corporation in Taylor. The groom-elect is employed for Performance Contracting, Inc.



Radzialowski-Kaczmarek



Radzialowski-Exton

Norbert and Carole Radzialowski of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Beth Ann Radzialowski of Lake Forest, Calif., to Eric Charles Exton, son of Karen Exton of San Jose, Calif.

The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Madonna University and is employed as a sales and distribution analyst for the Lincoln-Mercury division of Ford Motor Company in Irvine, Calif. The groom-elect is a resident of Aliso Viejo, Calif. He is a graduate of Stanislaus University (Turlock, Calif.) and is the vice-president of sales and compliance for Phase One Environmental Consulting Firm of Tustin, Calif.

An April 5 wedding is planned.

On Campus

Northville residents Jennifer Marie McPeake and Michael Dean Adams were among the graduates of Cleary College during December 2002 commencement exercises.

<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 9 Mile & Meadowbrook Wisconsin Ev Lutheran Synod Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 8:45am Worship 10:00am Thomas E. Schroeder, Pastor - 349-0565</p>	<p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 200 E. Main St. at Huron - (248) 349-0911 Worship & Church School - 9:30 & 11:00am Childcare Available at All Services Youth Logic Prog. Wed. 4:15 Gr. 1-5, 5:00-6:00 Singles Place Meet. Thurs. 7:30am Rev. W. Kent Clise, Senior Pastor Rev. James P. Russell, Associate Pastor</p>
<p>NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY 41355 St. Mile Road - Northville (248) 348-9030 Sunday School 9:30 & 10:45 am Sunday Worship 9 am, 10:45 am Pastor Otis T. Buchan, Sr. Pastor Northville Christian School Preschool & K-8 (248) 348-9031 • www.northville.christian.org</p>	<p>OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH 770 Thayer Northville WEEKEND LITURGIES Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Sunday, 7:30, 9, 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Church 349-2621, School 349-3610 Religious Education 349-2559</p>
<p>MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 21355 Meadowbrook Rd. Novi at 8 1/2 Mile Morning Worship 10 a.m. Church School 10 a.m. 248-348-7757 Minister: Rev. Dr. E. Neil Hunt Minister of Music: Patrick Kuhl</p>	<p>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSOURI SYNOD High & Elm Streets, Northville T. Lubeck, Pastor Church 349-3140 - School 349-3146 Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Contemporary Service at 11:00 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.</p>
<p>CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL 10 Mile between Taff & Beck, Novi Phone 349-1175 Sunday 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Sunday 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Sunday School & Nursery</p>	<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 349-1144 8 Mile & Taff Roads Worship Services 8:00am 9:15am 11:00am Rev. John Hice Rev. Jennifer Babby</p>
<p>FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, 248-349-2345 1/2 mile west of Novi Rd. Dr. Richard J. Henderson, Pastor Rev. Anne Scheibler, Associate Pastor Worship & Church School 9:00 & 10:30 am Sunday</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NOVI 45301 11 Mile at Taff Rd Daycare Infant-5 yrs. including pre-school Day School K-12, Home School K-12 Sun School 9:45 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Dr. Gary Ether, Pastor 349-3477 • 349-4241</p>
<p>ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI 46325 10 Mile Rd Novi, MI 48374 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:30 & 11:30 a.m. Reverend James P. Grant, Pastor Parish Office 347-7778</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 217 N. Wing 348-1020 Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Wed. Youth Meetings 7:00 p.m. Boys Brigade 7 p.m., Pioneer Girls 7 p.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.</p>
<p>CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY 24506 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375 Worship Sat. 5pm, Sun. 7:30 p.m. 8:45 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm Holy Days, 9 am, 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm Fr. John G. Buda, Pastor Fr. Paul Bollen, Associate Pastor Parish Office 349-8847</p>	<p>OAK POINTE CHURCH Northville High School on 6 Mile Sunday 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Casual contemporary live band (248) 615-7050</p>
<p>WORLDWIDE HARVEST CHURCH "A Place to Grow" Pastor Keith J. McAr Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 AM, The Sovereign Inn, Wixom, MI (I-96 and Wixom Rd east) More Info: (248) 919-8829 E-mail: Reception@harvest.org Web: www.206.com</p>	<p>CHURCH OF TODAY WEST (Unity) New Location: Meadowbrook Elementary School - Novi (South of 13 Mile on Meadowbrook Road) (248) 449-8900 Services at 10 AM Minister Barbara Clevenger</p>
<p>WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Dr. James N. McGuire, Senior Pastor 40000 St. Mile Road - Northville MI 48374 7400 Services 8:30 10:00 11:30 am Sunday School & Nursery Provided Contemporary Services 8:45 & 10:15 a.m. Sunday Evening Services 7:00 p.m. Live Service Broadcast WMLC 560AM 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>CHURCH DIRECTORY For information regarding rates for church listings call The Northville Record or Novi News (248) 349-1700</p>

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Tax Tips

Charitable donations can lower tax bills, and simple steps can help

The Internal Revenue Service reminds taxpayers that they may be able to use their gifts to tax-exempt charitable and religious groups to reduce their taxes.

"Taxpayers also need to keep in mind some simple steps to make sure they get appropriate benefits for their donations. In particular, there are some important guidelines for donating used cars and other property, such as stocks and bonds," said Michigan IRS spokeswoman Sarah Wreford.

"We want people to be focused on helping worthy groups rather than worrying about tax issues," she added. "A few simple steps can help avoid tax headaches."

The tax benefit for charitable contributions is only available for taxpayers who itemize deductions - about one-third of all filers. Those who take a standard deduction receive no additional tax benefit for their contributions.

In 1999, the last year for which complete data is available, about 35.5 million taxpayers made deductible charitable contributions totaling nearly \$125.8 billion. Of these gifts, nearly \$88.3 billion were cash donations.

"Only contributions actually made during the tax year are deductible. For example, if you pledged \$500 in September but paid the charity only \$200 by Dec. 31, your 2002 deduction would be \$200," Wreford said. "You include credit card charges and payments by check in the year they are given to the charity, even though you may not pay the credit card bill or have your bank account debited until the next year."

Donations of stock or other property are usually valued at the fair market value of the property. For stocks and bonds with an active market, the fair market value is the average price between highest and lowest selling price on the valuation date.

Figuring the value of other personal property can be more complicated. For example, determining the value of a donated used car requires weighing several factors. Some car donation program operators have mistakenly suggested that donors can take the full value listed in an established used car-pricing guide as a deduction.

Wreford said that the tax law, however, allows a deduction for only the fair market value of the car. Fair market value takes into account not only the year, the model and the mileage of the car, but also the local market and the vehicle's condition. As a result, the fair market value of the taxpayer's car may be substantially different than the average price listed in an established used car guide.

"I also want to remind taxpayers to keep appropriate records to substantiate the value of their gifts," said Wreford. "For example, for any single gift of \$250 or more, a taxpayer must have a written acknowledgement from the charity by the earlier of the date the person files the tax return or the filing deadline, including extensions. A person donating property valued at more than \$5,000 must obtain a qualified written appraisal."

Taxpayers can find help regarding the donations they make in IRS Publication 526, "Charitable Contributions."

A second reference, IRS Publication 561, "Determining the Value of Donated Property," answers many of the questions that donors have when they make non-cash contributions.

Both publications are available at the IRS Web site, www.irs.gov, or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM



Photo by HAL GOULD

The professionals at Brenda W. Smith, CPA and Associates, PC, assist small businesses and individuals, keep abreast of tax issues while helping them plan for their future. Left to right are Mary Nolff, Amy Haselhuhn, Brenda Smith, Rita Dillingham and Kari Arnold.

It's a wise decision by all accounts

Knowing how to manage the fiscal aspect of your business can often ensure its financial success. However, paying a visit to a certified public accountant is not always first on the list of things to do when starting your own business.

"It's one of the biggest fears of the small business owner," says Brenda W. Smith, certified public accountant. "Many never see an accountant in the beginning because they're afraid it will cost too much, when actually they may make mistakes in their first year that will cost them more than if they had set up an initial consulting arrangement."

Smith, who owns Brenda W. Smith, CPA and Associates, PC, in New Hudson, meets with potential clients for a no-cost, no-obligation, hour-long consultation.

"It's a good opportunity for the client to interview us to see if there is a good personality fit," she said. "It's very important that they can communicate comfortably with their accounting professional."

If the client is a startup, Smith answers questions about what type of business entity will work best in their individual situation, how to keep records, what taxes will be required, etc. If the business is already in operation, she will look over prior returns or financial statements and answer questions about management, computerized accounting systems and future planning.

The office prides itself on its friendly atmosphere and professional attitude. Balancing technology with tradition, the firm provides full accounting services concentrating in small business consulting.

"I love small business," Smith said. "It's what I love to do. We're a small business ourselves so we appreciate and understand the struggles that business owners go through."

Brenda W. Smith, CPA and

"Our fit is small to medium business. We do as much or as little for a client as they need. One of our goals is to educate our clients and, therefore, make them better business owners."

Brenda W. Smith

owner, Brenda W. Smith, CPA and Associates, PC

Associates, PC, offers services for accounting and taxes, which include bookkeeping, quarterly payroll taxes, financial statement preparation, business and personal tax preparation, and IRS problem resolution. The firm's goal is to keep its clients in compliance with all government regulations and obligations for tax returns along with tax filings from the different entities - state, local, sales tax, and personal property tax among others.

"There are a lot of different kinds of taxes that a small business needs to be aware of, keep up with, and pay," Smith said. "That's one area where our experience shows - we excel at keeping people in compliance with taxes."

Selection, set-up and training for computerized accounting systems is another area of expertise for Brenda W. Smith, CPA and Associates. The firm is a certified installer and trainer for QuickBooks.

"We deal primarily with QuickBooks and Peachtree accounting software products but work with other software as well," Smith said. "We can help our clients convert from keeping manual books to a computerized system or help them improve their existing computer system. This will provide the business owner with the right information and reports needed to better manage the business."

Times have changed, and

today's computer technology goes hand-in-hand with accounting in today's world. As computer technology has progressed so has accounting technology.

"Bookkeeping is labor-intensive," Smith said. "If someone is still doing their books manually they're doing a lot of writing and adding and they are not getting the benefit of instant information. Computer accounting software alleviates much of the manual work, and, once implemented, can save time and increase accuracy tremendously."

Smith recommends that small businesses use some kind of computer accounting software from the beginning - before the business gets too big.

"It's easier to learn when working on a smaller scale," she said.

Smith began in the public accounting field in 1985, working for a small firm in Southfield. It's where she developed her fondness for working with small business.

"I discovered I really enjoyed working one-on-one with the small business owner," she said.

"They have the greatest need, and it can often be cost-prohibitive for them to work with a large accounting firm because of the infrastructure. If they're spending every dollar they have for compliance services just to meet their government tax filing requirements then there are no available funds left for planning or for management." A smaller professional

firm, she said, can be more cost effective for the small business client.

She branched out on her own in 1993, setting up offices in the lower level of her home where the business operated until moving to its current New Hudson location at 56711 Grand River Avenue in 1999. The office is in close proximity to I-96 and US-23 - convenient for most of Smith's clients who generally are located within a 30-mile radius.

"We have clients from as far away as Madison Heights, but for the most part our clients come from South Lyon, Milford, Novi, Northville, Howell, Brighton and Hartland," she said. "I want to stay in this Western Oakland and Livingston County area."

In addition to Smith, two full-time accountants (soon to be CPAs), a bookkeeper, and an administrative assistant round out the staff for most of the year. An additional administrative person is brought onboard to assist during tax season.

The friendly, personable staff can assist clients with a bevy of questions. Smith said there are times when a client may need to resolve a problem but doesn't know where to turn.

"We can usually put them in touch with the right person, even if it is not us," she said. "We help people with all sorts of issues. We're a touchstone for all those other services because we do so

many things and have seen so many different situations; we can often help direct them toward solutions."

Brenda W. Smith, CPA and Associates, PC, can handle a variety of accounting situations because of its depth of experienced staff. The firm has over 60 years of combined experience in bookkeeping, accounting and taxation. They provide the experience to keep businesses in compliance with all government regulations and obligations and beyond that can help guide emerging businesses toward more growth by planning for the future and managing the business owner's retirement planning.

Although the firm's specialty is small business it is quite capable of handling larger clients.

"We can handle a lot of situations," Smith said. "People tend to match their accounting firm with the size of their business. Our fit is small to medium business. We do as much or as little for a client as they need. One of our goals is to educate our clients and, therefore, make them better business owners."

"I believe that my clients - whether they're signing a tax return or giving a financial statement to a bank - need to understand where the numbers came from and what they mean. We can help them to improve their bottom line through education."

BRENDA W. SMITH

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Rebroadcast of public forum — state school superintendent Tom Watkins
DATE: Jan. 9, 14, 16, 21
LOCATION: Broadcast on Comcast Channel 18
TIME: 6 p.m. (Jan. 9, 14, 21); 9 p.m. (Jan. 16)
DETAILS: Watkins, a Northville resident, appeared at Northville High School on Oct. 21 and spoke to those in attendance about education in Michigan. The event was sponsored by the Legislative Action Network.
PHONE: (248) 596-9067

Gardeners of Northville & Novi / Tree identification seminar
DATE: Jan. 13
LOCATION: Northville District Library (212 W. Cady Street)
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Tollgate Farm manager Roy Prentice will discuss tree identification. The public is welcome to attend.
PHONE: (248) 348-1946

Tax law change presentation
DATE: Jan. 14
LOCATION: Northville Senior Center (215 Cady Street)
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Certified financial planner Joe Giordano will discuss various strategies to invest for long-term retirement security, including new tax law changes

affecting retirement and other plans.
PHONE: (248) 349-6432

Get Fit For The New Year free senior fitness seminar / class
DATE: Jan. 17, 31
LOCATION: Northville Senior Center (215 W. Cady Street)
TIME: 10 a.m.
DETAILS: A 20-minute lecture on the benefits of work will be combined with a 20-minute strength and toning workout, designed for senior citizens of all fitness levels. The sessions can be done standing or sitting and are free of charge to seniors.
PHONE: (248) 449-7634

Single Place divorce recovery workshop
DATE: Thursdays, from Jan. 9 - Feb. 20
LOCATION: Forum Room, First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)
TIME: 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
DETAILS: The many and varied elements of divorce recovery, ranging from legal matters to emotional ramifications, will be discussed. A \$35 fee will cover the cost of the book, "Growing Through Divorce." Guest speakers representing a variety of backgrounds will be on hand to offer their expertise on divorce and what it means.

PHONE: (248) 349-0911
Northville Genealogical Society presentation — "Dear Ones At Home: The Letters of Helen Marie Noye Hoyt, Civil War Nurse"
DATE: Jan. 12
LOCATION: Northville District Library (212 W. Cady Street)
TIME: 2:30 p.m.
DETAILS: The presentation will be hosted by Ellen Oliver Smith, who has transcribed 50 letters that a Civil War nurse wrote home to her family in Buffalo, N.Y. during her service in Annapolis, Md. A computer class on the "family quest and ancestry view" will be held at 1:15 p.m., and a beginners class for persons new to genealogical research will take place at 1:30 p.m.
PHONE: (734) 595-7806

Northville Arts Commission Winter Concert Series — Plymouth Symphony
DATE: Jan. 12
LOCATION: Northville High School (45700 Six Mile Road)
TIME: 3 p.m.
DETAILS: The ensemble, under the direction of Man Washburn, will perform baroque music, including the Brandenburg Concerto No. 1 by Bach. Tickets are \$10 and \$7 for students. Seasonal tickets to all concerts (Jan. 26, Feb. 9, Feb. 23) are

available for \$30.
PHONE: (248) 449-9950
Auditions for "The Emperor's New Clothes"
DATE: Jan. 12
LOCATION: Marquis Theatre (135 E. Main Street)
TIME: 6 p.m.
DETAILS: Participants must be between ages 8 and 15, prepare a song in their own vocal range and bring their own sheet music. An accompanist will be provided. Performers must also read a two-minute poem, which need not be memorized.
PHONE: (248) 349-8110

Northville Arts Commission Michael Farrell Lecture Series
DATE: Jan. 15
LOCATION: Hillside Middle School (775 N. Center Street)
TIME: 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
DETAILS: The works of Frederick Remington, Charles Russell, Albert Bierstadt and others associated with the westward expansion of the U.S. will be discussed. Farrell is an associate professor at the University of Windsor. Tickets are \$5 and \$10 for students. Seasonal tickets for all lectures (Feb. 19, March 12, April 16) are \$45 and \$25 for students.
PHONE: (248) 449-9950

• COMING UP •

Northville Woman's Club Meeting
DATE: Jan. 17
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
DETAILS: A representative from AAA-Michigan will be speaking on "The Older, Wiser Driver." The event's chairperson is Rigmor Cuolohan.
PHONE: (248) 349-3064

Wedding Planning 101
DATE: Jan. 18
LOCATION: Old Church Square Banquet Facility (145 N. Center Street)
TIME: 12:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Representatives from several wedding-related businesses will be on hand to answer questions about wedding planning and organization. Admission is \$10 per person. Advance registration is required.
PHONE: (248) 668-9273

Cereal Bowl benefit bowling outing for New Hope Center for Grief Support
DATE: Jan. 19
LOCATION: Novi Bowl (21700 Novi Road)
TIME: 3 p.m.
DETAILS: The outing, which supports Northville's New Hope Center for Grief Support's KIDZ program, includes shoe rental, two games of bowling and food.

The KIDZ program helps grieving children through play, art, roleplaying and other creative outlets. Registration is \$25 for adults. Children pay their age in dollars.
PHONE: (248) 348-0115


Blood drive
DATE: Jan. 20
LOCATION: First Baptist Church of Northville (217 N. Wing Street)
TIME: 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.
DETAILS: Blood is urgently needed during the post-holiday months. Shortages become especially prominent in the midst of winter. Appointments may be made in advance.
PHONE: (248) 348-1020

Finance-political writer speaking presentation — Hugh Sidney / Time Magazine
DATE: Jan. 21
LOCATION: Edward Jones (1039 Novi Road, Northville)
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Edward Jones investment representative Chris Willerer will host the free presentation, which will focus on answering questions regarding the financial market outlooks in 2003. Advance registration is required, but future broadcasts of the event at Edward Jones offices may be forthcoming.
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UNDEFEATED!

Cagers climb to 6-0 on the season as they beat Chiefs

By Tyler Carter
SPECIAL WRITER

Starting the season off undefeated sure is pretty, just ask the Northville Mustangs basketball team as they float by you on cloud nine.

Northville won the Dexter Dreadnaught Winter Basketball Tournament held at Dexter High School December 27-28. The first game of the tournament found the Northville Mustangs defeating

Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 75-52. With

Basketball

the score 8-8 after trading baskets early in the game, Northville took control midway through the first quarter. They consistently beat Bishop Foley's press to score easy baskets.

On the second day of competition, they beat Jackson Lumen Christi, 65-58 in the championship game. After trailing throughout the game, Northville finally took the lead in the fourth quarter on a 3-pointer from the corner by Roger Garfield. The Mustangs increased their defensive intensity in the second half and wore down the Titans. Their secondary interior passing led to easy baskets. Once Northville took the lead, they were able to run the clock and force Lumen Christi to foul. Adam Konst made 7 of 8 free throws down the stretch to seal the victory.

Coming out with sheer determination January 3, Northville faced division rival Canton opponent in their first WLAAC Conference game. The Mustangs battled for a close 65-61 victory to make their overall record a perfect 6-0. This was the biggest game of the season for the Mustangs thus far.

Both teams came out of the gates shooting, and at the end of the first half the Chiefs led 34-31. Konst hustled all night and made several big plays. A four point play by Konst early in the game helped give Northville momentum. Konst came away with a season high twenty two points on the night.

Coach Darrel Schumacher commented, "Adam was in the right place at the right time and had some key steals for us."

These key steals included two underneath the basket when the Chiefs were attempting to get the ball down the court.

As Mustang fans have grown accustomed to seeing, Scott McNeish gave a top notch performance, picking up five steals and racking up quick points down low. Several of these points came on crisp feeds from Garfield. Garfield also scored nine points of his own, including a pivotal three pointer late in the game.

With the score knotted at 48 in the fourth quarter, the Mustangs made their move. After a 6-0 scoring run, Northville found themselves with some room to breathe. With the lead, the Mustangs slowed the ball down and enjoyed long, controlled possessions. Despite Northville's leading rebound man, Garfield, fouling out with 3:45 left to play, the Mustangs were able to hold on to their lead. Canton resorted to making quick fouls with a minute and half left on the game clock, but were unable to overcome the deficit and fell to the Mustangs 65-61.

Schumacher said that his team played decent defense on



The Northville Mustangs stayed undefeated as they blasted their way to victory over the Plymouth Canton Chiefs in a WLAAC contest January 3.

Friday night, but need to work on their rebounding in the future. The Mustangs will be put to the test in Tuesday's bat-

tle at Churchill and again when they travel to John Glenn on Friday.

Tyler Carter is an intern for the Northville Record and the Novi News. Comments can be directed to the sports depart-

ment at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104. Stan Garfield contributed statistics to this story.

Photo by TYLER CARTER

Guest Column

Respect
the sports
and those
who playBy Kita Mason
SPECIAL WRITER

Like many parents with kids in sports, I have had the joy of sitting on the sidelines/in the stands, for many years, watching various levels of my children's athletic competition. In the last couple of years, I've been allowed a wonderful opportunity to write my observations of NHS competition for the Northville Record. This is an honor for me. Northville High School is an outstanding institution, with dedicated administrators, teachers, coaches, and most of all, athletes.

I love sports. I am in awe of the dominion young men and women demonstrate over their own bodies in order to compete at the High School Varsity level. Some of these kids will go on to compete at the collegiate level. For most, the High School Varsity Team is the end of a road that started with baggy uniforms, early morning practices in cold rinks, oversized helmets that slipped down over their eyes, grass stains, skinned knees, toothless grins, tears, and juice boxes at the end of a game. I loved the beginning of this journey, and I love the final steps on this path.

As a "special writer" for the Record, I've kept my comments to observations of what happens on the ice, mat, or field. I have another observation that I'd like to comment on today, the parents in the stands.

It is part of the fun to hoot and holler in support of your team or player, it's embarrassing when hooting and hollering turns into unrestrained insults hurled at the referees, the opposing players, or the parents on the other side. This behavior is even uglier when younger brothers and sisters, mimicking their parents, shout similar epithets.

At a recent out of town tournament, most Northville fans cringed as the few screamed their patented insults at the referees, made comments about the host State and community, and even called into question the opposing team's commitment to religious values.

This behavior is wrong, and needs to stop. Wherever we go with the team, we represent Northville High School and our community. We don't need to respond when an opposing fan goads us. We as parents must model the sportsmanship that we want our children to emulate. It takes tremendous discipline to be a successful athlete. It doesn't take much discipline to be a supportive fan.

Is it so hard to conceptualize that there are parents on the other side who love their children and want them to win as badly as we do? Do we truly believe that every referee wants Northville to lose?

In this New Year, let's enjoy the competition and effort, celebrate the victories, encourage, and cheer. But most of all, let us resolve to be gracious in victory as well as defeat. It will be our gift to our children, our community, and to Northville High School.

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Rough start for volleyball season

By Roger Garfield
SPECIAL WRITER

So far, 2003 has proven to be a tough year for these Mustangs.

The Northville varsity volleyball team competed in the Salem Invitational on January 4 against four other teams. It was a round robin tournament in which scoring was kept by the rally system. Rally scoring gives each team a point on a score whether it's their serve or not. The format is not standard in high school volleyball; it is used sparingly in tournaments and preseason games.

The Mustangs failed to win a game in the tournament.

"We had moments of brilliance where people stepped up," said head coach Rick VanderVeer. "But we couldn't get a consistency in our play. We weren't consistent most of the day."

Northville played against two teams from Salem, a team from Trenton, and a team from Milford.

The Mustangs' best game of the day came against Milford. A close contest throughout, Northville led 24-23 down the stretch. They could not hold on,

however, and Milford took the game by the score of 27-25.

"Milford has a solid, strong team with a lot of seniors," commented VanderVeer. "We made a couple of mental errors, but that was a big highlight for our team."

Milford went on to win the tournament.

The Mustangs have had a tough preseason; they have also been playing many of the state's strongest teams.

"This was a pretty strong tournament for just five teams," stated VanderVeer. In December, the Mustangs played in the Carleton

Airport Tournament. The champion was Fraser High School, Michigan's elite team.

Despite Northville's inability to win thus far, the team remains optimistic.

Senior captain Erica Johnson, who has been a strong server this season, knows her team is better than they have shown.

"We have the potential, we truly do. It just takes a matter of confidence in ourselves and each other."

VanderVeer has been getting good production out of his seniors. Kristen Moran has been

blocking well, and captain Lauren Temple has been phenomenal. Her jump serves have stymied opponents. Juniors Nikki Horn and Katie Kneisel have also been strong contributors for the team. Kneisel, a captain, is the team's best blocker. VanderVeer, hoping to get better production out of her, will be moving her around more in his rotation.

The Mustangs have a tournament this Saturday, January 11, at Madonna University. VanderVeer will be making some key adjustments in his offensive alignment and getting different types of for-

mations. He thinks this will improve his team's performance and bring home some victories.

Northville enters league play on January 15th against John Glenn.

"Once league play starts," said VanderVeer, "the kids will show their true colors."

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Whalers are in first place

Former Kitchener Ranger Ryan Ramsay burned his former mates for two goals as the Whalers tallied a 4-2 win December 30 in front of 3,329 fans at Compuware Sports Arena. The victory moves Plymouth into a tie for first place with the Rangers with 54 points and stretches the Whalers unbeaten streak to a franchise best 18-games. Plymouth is now 24-6-5-1 while Kitchener drops to 25-8-3-1.

Power plays were key in the first period as all four goals came from special teams. Kitchener took the early lead with a power play goal from Peter Kanko at 2:31 in the period. But the Whalers answered when former Ranger Ryan Ramsay broke in and scored a short-handed goal after Tim Sestito forced a turnover in Kitchener's end.

Ramsay went back to work, but this time while on the power play and it paid off when he scored at 13:47. Karl Stewart and Cole Jarrett assisted. The Rangers power play continued to roll when they tied it up on an Andre Benoit power play goal at 19:00.

The Whalers scored the first even strength goal of the game in the second when a David Liffiton shot deflected off a Ranger defender and between the legs of Kitchener goalie Scott Dickie at 16:06.

Plymouth shut the door in the third when Sean Thompson banged home a goal at 13:36. John Mitchell and Tim Sestito assisted on the goal. The Rangers pulled their goalie with just under two-minutes left for the extra-attacker, but the Whalers stood tall to pre-

serve the win.

The Plymouth Whalers battled from behind twice January 4 to force a 2-2 tie with the visiting Guelph Storm. Karl Stewart tied the game up while on the power play at 15:13 of the second period and goalie Jeff Weber turned away 20 shots to preserve the tie.

The Whalers are now 24-7-6-1 on the year and Guelph is 15-16-7-1.

Guelph took the early lead with a goal in the first period. The Storm won a face-off in the Whalers end and Niko Tuomi let a shot go from the point which Plymouth goalie Jeff Weber never saw. Brett Trudell earned the lone assist on the goal which came at 3:46.

The Whalers tied it up in the second when Chad LaRose broke in and placed a perfect shot just under the cross-bar at 8:17. John Mitchell and Martin Cizek assisted on the goal. But the Storm answered back with a goal just 37 seconds later when Ryan Callahan blasted a shot into the top corner of the net to put the Storm back on top 2-1.

Plymouth used its number top-ranked power play to tie the game up once again at 15:13. Karl Stewart tallied the power play goal with assists from Cole Jarrett and Ryan Ramsay to end the period tie at 2-2.

Guelph held a 7-3 shots advantage in the third, but Weber made some key saves to force overtime. In the extra period it was Plymouth dominating with a 6-3 shot advantage, but the Whalers could not score the game winner.

Schedule

HOCKEY		
11 Salem	Home	6
18 Canton	Home	6
20 S.Lyon	Home	6

SWIMMING		
16 Canton	Away	7
21 Pinckney	Away	6:30

WRESTLING		
11 S.Lyon	Away	9*
16 Salem	Home	6:30
18 Brighton	Away	8:30*

BASKETBALL		
14 Novi	Home	7
17 Franklin	Away	7
21 Stevenson	Home	7

VOLLEYBALL		
15 John Glenn	Away	7
22 WLW	Home	7
25 Woodhaven	Away	8

GYMNASTICS		
16 WLC	Away	7
18 Hartland	Away	8*
23 Brighton	Home	7

Editor's note: All dates are January. * indicates start time is in the a.m.



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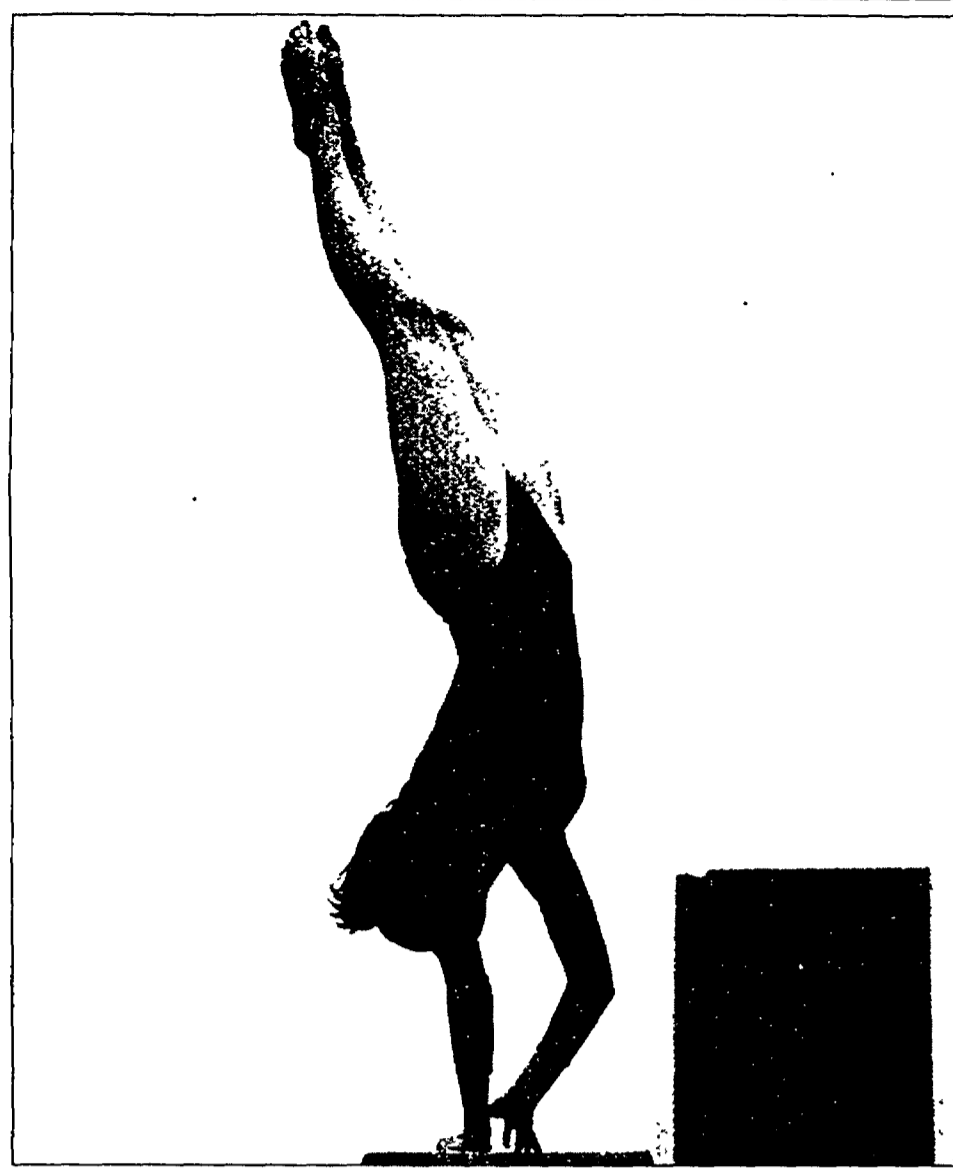


Photo by SAM EGGLESTON

Poetry in Motion

Gymnastics is one of the most eye-appealing sports in high school, combining smooth routines with gracious movements. Here, at the Northville/Novi intersquad scrimmage, the Wild 'Stangs were able to show their fans what it is they'll be seeing in 2003...top-notch gymnastics.

Sports are a great life-lesson classroom for us

Sometimes I'm just amazed at the sheer number of sports played at the surrounding high schools in this area. Everything from rugby to football, from tennis to golf and from bowling to equestrian — that just blows my mind.

I'm from this little tiny chunk of the Upper Peninsula where a class-D school pulls kids from two different counties, with the furthest bus-stops being probably about 60 or so miles from one another, if not further. In a bus, it took me one and a half hours to get to school, and it took me 30 minutes on a good day when I drove.



Sam Eggleston

We had sports like basketball and football, track and cross country and even a golf team — but never, ever would we have imagined being able to strap on the skates for some hockey, or to go skiing for our school. Wrestling, equestrian, bowling, baseball, softball, pom pon, rugby, lacrosse and soccer weren't even offered at my school. Volleyball didn't become a program there until after I graduated in 1998. So, you can see why I get so awed at times over the sheer variety of sports around these parts.

Not that I can blame the schools for wanting to offer sports to so many different athletes with such a wide selection to choose from. Heck, it's just another classroom where students are taught some very valuable lessons about life. In fact, everything I needed to know about making it in the world I learned from the sports I played.

Team-work: Now where would any of us be if it weren't for working as a team? Yeah, now and again you have to plow a new path by yourself, but for all of us a majority of our life is spent working with others to make it operate smoothly. Be it a husband or wife, a child or parent, we've worked as a team to build our lives the way we want to live it while trying to shape the lives of our children to help them out the door and into a successful start — though that doesn't always work! But, there's always team-work. It's there, it's constant and it's something we should all be happy we have.

Life isn't always fair: I lost every game my senior year in

football and lost all but two games in basketball that year. Our team worked hard, gave it what we could but we just couldn't top our opponents. Of course, that's usually what happens when your football team fields 13 players by the end of the season, and your foes have 35. Did we deserve at least a single win? Probably. We were very, very close numerous times and even lost a game on a blown call by the referee — but that's how life goes. Sometimes we deserve to succeed and we fail instead. Sometimes we deserve to fail and we succeed. It's that old adage that always rings true — life's not always fair.

Respect your elders: Never, ever would I talk back to my coaches in fear that I'd be benched or be forced to run "monster" laps (all the way around the fence line instead of just the quarter-mile track). I respected them because they earned it. They played those games long before I did, and they succeeded at them. They coached successful seasons before I came along. I always knew from the teachings of my parents that your elders were to be respected, but I don't think it really sunk in until I under the watchful eye of a dedicated coaching staff.

You have to work at success: It's quite simple — you don't start out at the top of the ladder. This was a lesson I feel that I've learned and that folks such as my older brother never did — and I played sports. He has this way of thinking that he's going to be a success every time he does something and if it doesn't work out it's because he failed. Truth is, a lot of the time when you strike out to do something you're going to come up a little short. Carl "Buck" Nystrom, an old coach from up our way, used to say that every play is designed to go for a touchdown. My coach always looked at it a different way. He said that it should take 10 plays to score a touchdown, with each one getting you a first down as you go. What would be the fun of sports if you just won instead of playing to win?

There are plenty of other life lessons I've learned through my years of playing or being associated with sports, but, as you can see, I'm out of room in this week's column! Hope many of you can relate to the teachings of sports, and I'm sure many of you have the life lessons taught through athletics still reverberating in your everyday life.

Sports Shorts

Youth Free Throw Contest

All boys and girls ages 10-14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2003 Knights of Columbus free throw championship. The local competition for Council 11811 will be held Sunday, Jan. 19 from 2-5 p.m. at Holy Family Church Gym in Novi. The church is located at 24505 Meadowbrook Road, one-quarter mile north of 10 Mile Road.

For more information or to obtain an entry form, contact Ted Mech at (248) 478-1132.

Jeff Jones Pitching and Hitting Camp

Total Baseball will be offering a hitting and pitching camp hosted by Jeff Jones with special appearances by Detroit Tigers catcher Brandon Inge. This camp features over 25 different instructors, including Jeff Jones — a 26-year professional baseball veteran with the last 15 years being spent as the Detroit Tigers pitching coach. Also to teach will be Jason Beverlin, a pitcher for the Cleveland Indians, and Larry Feola, a professional player for Detroit and New York.

The pitching camps run Jan. 11-Feb. 2 on Saturdays from 11

a.m. - 1 p.m. and Sundays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.

Hitting camps will be Saturdays from 12:30-2:30 p.m. and Sundays from 2-4 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Camp fees are \$195 each or \$350 for both. For more information, call (248) 668-0166 or e-mail totalballwixom@aol.com, or check out the Web site at www.eteamz.com/totalbaseball.

AAU Basketball tryouts

The Western Wayne Wildcats 2003 Northville AAU Girls Basketball team will be holding tryouts for the upcoming season. The dates and ages are as follows:

11-year-olds: Jan. 14, 4:30-6 p.m. at Hillside Middle School; Jan. 17, 6:30-8 p.m. at Northville Community Center.

12-13-year-olds: Jan. 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Hillside Middle School; Jan. 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Hillside Middle School.

14-16-year-olds: Jan. 7, 7-8:30 p.m. at Northville High School; Jan. 8, 7-8:30 p.m. at Hillside Middle School.

If you have any questions regarding the Western Wayne Wildcats AAU Basketball teams, call Kim Fiscus at (248) 380-

9496 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Softball/Baseball Private Lessons and Training

Total Baseball will help players, ages 6-18, improve their game. Instructors include Oakland University coaching staff, Big 10/MAC All-Conference softball/baseball players, the Toledo Mudhens manager, former professional players and college/HS coaches. Pitching, hitting and fielding are the lessons available and are by appointment only. The fees for the lessons start at \$35 per 1/2 hour or five private lessons for \$160.

For more information, call (248) 668-0166 or e-mail totalballwixom@aol.com, or check out the Web site at www.eteamz.com/totalbaseball.

Baseball/Softball Hitting Leagues

Total Baseball's Indoor Hitting Leagues will have four players per team to hit off batting machines in a point-awarded, one-hour game. Awards will be given to the champions and to the best hitter.

The league will run Jan. 4-Feb.

8. For boys baseball and girls softball, the leagues will run as follows: 13 and under, Saturdays from 9-11 a.m.; high school players, Sundays from 6-9 p.m.

The cost of the league is \$35 per individual/\$120 per team with four players on a team. Games will be held at Total Baseball, located at 30990 Wixom Road in Wixom.

For more information or to register, call (248) 668-0166.

Rec Basketball Registrations

The Northville Parks and Recreation department is accepting final registrations for its Winter Youth Basketball Season. Several openings remain in the 6th-8th grade girls, 8th-9th grade boys and 10th-12th grade boys leagues. A waiting list has been initiated for the 9th-12th grade girls league. If enough girls register for the league waiting list, an additional team will be formed.

All leagues will play a 10-game schedule, primarily on Saturdays beginning January 18 and ending March 22. Teams will practice one or two times per week beginning Jan. 6 through March 17.

Remember when?

NORTHVILLE RECORD FILE PHOTO CHRIS BOYD

Not on the gridiron anymore

The date was August 25, 1988, and this strapping young lad was gearing up to coach another high school football season. You see that look in his eyes? That's the desire to coach, and it's something that he does very, very well. Nowadays though, his time with the clipboard is spent in the comfort of a heated gymnasium and away from the elements as he coaches our Northville Mustangs to victory time and time again on the hardwood floors. Of course, all of us recognize coach Darrel Schumacher, who hasn't pulled out all his hair from the stresses of the job...yet. Great job through the years, Coach, and we're sure you'll keep up the good work for years to come!



Grapplers show their true abilities

By Kita Mason
SPECIAL WRITER

Northville came in 6th out of the 16 schools which participated in the Wyandotte Invitational January 4. This, even though, the Mustangs were only wrestling 12 out of the 14 possible weight classes.

"We were generating no points at 140 and 171," said Coach Joel Smith. "We could have been 4th if either of those weights had wrestled and placed."

Before the tournament, Smith had talked about his belief that the Mustangs were going to take some people by surprise.

"Nobody else here has wrestled the likes of Davison or Traverse City Central, and only Plymouth Salem has faced Catholic Central," he said. "Because of who we've wrestled, and the resulting losses, we couldn't get many kids seeded (ranked high enough by W/L record to take on the poorer wrestlers first). I know that we're going to upset some high seeds."

In fact, only Adam Blunk at the 103 pound weight class and Josh D'Anna at 125 were seeded out of the entire Northville team for the two-loss elimination tournament format.

And upset they did. The unseeded Mustangs who won in the first round all upset a wrestler who was expecting a cake walk. Mark Mueller, HWT and Jeff Ponder, 160 upset number three seeds. Mueller had a dominating 8-1 victory on points, and Ponder, a win by disqualification when the three seed threw an illegal elbow into his nose.

Rick Riegner at 152, Ben Mason at 189 and Steve Cain at 215 pinned

their first round opponents. These first round wins entitled Riegner, Mason, and Cain to face the one seeds, and eventual weight class winners, in the second round.

Adam Blunk had a first round bye, and automatically had to face the two seed in the second round. They all lost, and had to move down to wrestling for fifth or sixth place. Mueller, Ponder, and D'Anna beat their second round opponents, and would proceed to wrestle for first through fourth.

Blunk, Riegner, Mason, and Cain all pinned their opponents in the quarter-final round. Riegner and Mason continued the pinnings in the semi-final round, Blunk had another bye and Cain was eliminated. D'Anna, Ponder, and Mueller lost in the semi-finals and finals and all ended up taking fourth place medals.

Blunk, Riegner, and Mason finished the tournament with one more win, each taking a fifth place. Riegner and Mason had to wrestle five times to get their medals. Fighting for fifth became as important as fighting for first. Neither wrestler was going to settle for a final round loss. Riegner's match went to sudden death overtime — the first take-down wins. Mason's match was tied going into the final 10 seconds — the next take-down wins. These Mustangs proved that Northville was a team to be reckoned with as they both pulled out victories.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL

You watch the intensity. You watch the determination. You watch the dedication, and you can imagine how unstoppable, senior captain,

Steve Cain would be if he'd started wrestling as a freshman. There is no quit in this young man, there's only effort and raw strength.

Cain picked up three points for Northville in the 53-13 Varsity loss against Catholic Central December 28. He picked up another three points for Northville during the second round victory against CC.

Amazingly, Cain is wrestling in the 215 weight category. He's getting these victories giving up 25 pounds to every opponent — and he's only a second year wrestler, which under normal circumstances qualifies him as a novice, a team captain and an inspiration to all who are paying attention.

John Mannica (130) accounted for four of the 13 Mustang points with a high energy 19-7 victory. Mannica came out with fire in his eyes, and never slowed down. Brad Ashby (135) added 3 points with one of his usual nail-biters. Ashby can win when he steps on the mat, sometimes he just keeps fans in suspense for the whole six minutes. Northville's final three points were nabbed by Josh D'Anna (125) with a 4-0 victory.

The Shamrock points came from a void at 119, pins at 103, 112, 140, 145, 171, and HWT, a three point win at 189, and four point wins at 152 and 160.

Northville had two medalers at the Salem JV tournament December 27. Bill Riegner took 1st place in the 152 lbs weight class, and Mike Farina took 2nd place at 119 lbs. Riegner's 12 points plus a bye through the four rounds had him contending for MVP of the tournament.

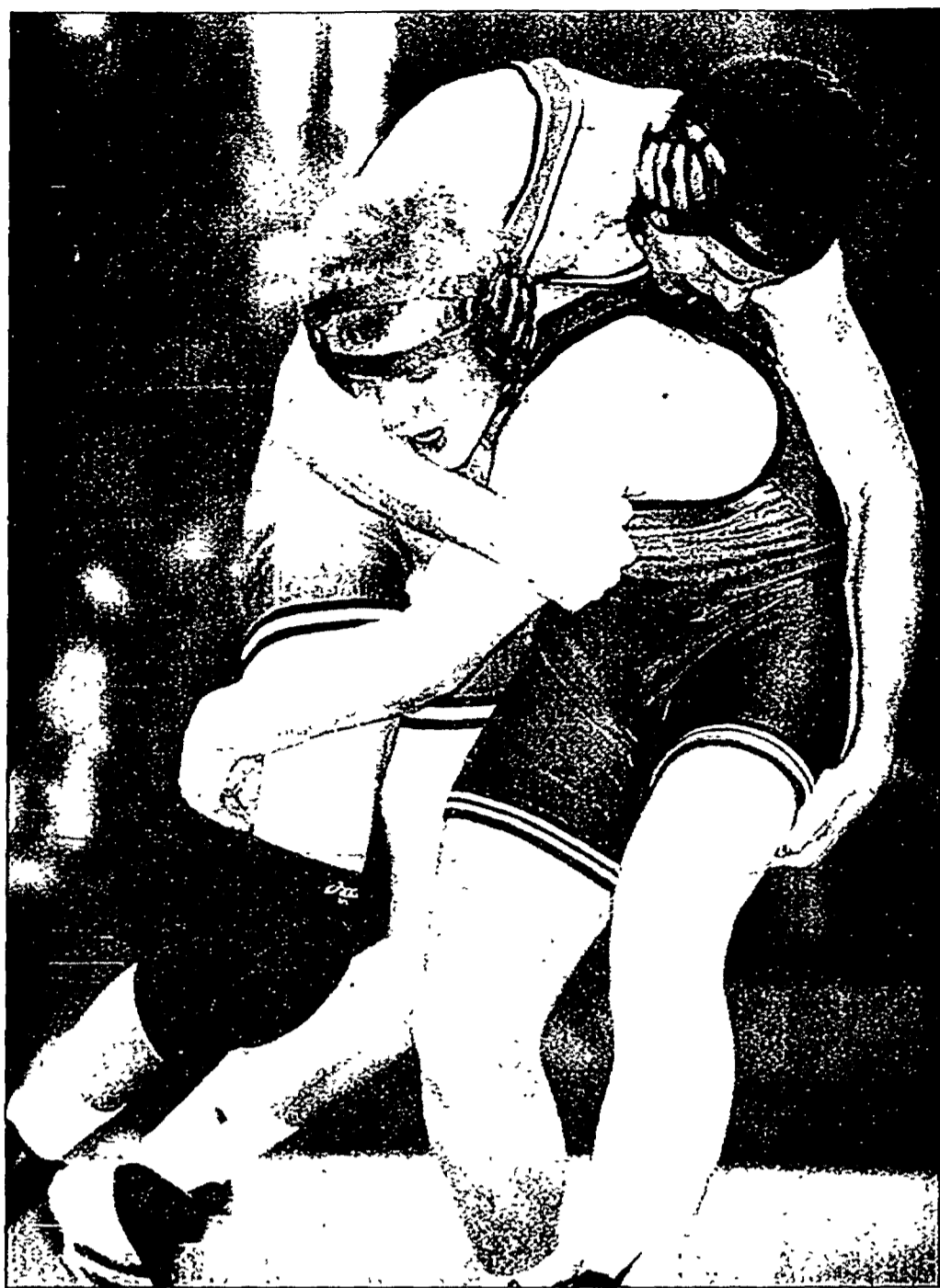


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi's Jason Ballantyne lifts Northville's Brad Ashby off the mat during their 140-pound weight-class wrestling match at Novi High.

Oh, how sweet it is! Mustangs win Ohio tourney

By Kita Mason
SPECIAL WRITER

Now that the Mustangs know what it feels like to be champs, there's no telling how far they'll go this season.

The Northville High School Varsity Hockey team traveled south of the border to participate in the Ohio Classic Tournament December 20-22 and there was only one word that came to mind at the end of the weekend, domination! The Mustangs went undefeated through the weekend, sweeping the trophy home to Michigan.

Northville won the championship 5-3 over the Toledo St. Francis Knights December 22. The Knights put up a valiant effort, but the Mustang stampede was more than they could contain.

The Knights scored the first goal mid way through the first period. Northville responded with a textbook powerplay goal, point to point, Bobby Salerno to Joe Vitale, across to an open Mike Fill, into the net.

St. Francis scored to open the second period but once again the Mustangs tied it again when Jimmy Riehl cherry picked a perfect outlet pass from Salerno and went in alone on the Knights' goalie. Then the flood gates opened. Vitale tapped in a rebound off a Salerno slapshot. The 4th Mustang goal, and ultimate game winner, was a tremendous individual effort by Mickey Mason. Mason raced to hold the puck in at the center of the Knights' blue line, keeping the play alive, skated into traffic between the circles, and flipped a backhand shot into the net. Mason's goal was assisted by fellow defenseman, Mike Marquardt and Andy Mimielly.

The Mustangs scored to open the third period as Jake Vitale picked up a loose puck in front of the net and slammed it home. Assists went to Mimielly and Joe Vitale. The St. Francis Knights weren't about to be denied though, and scored their third goal midway through the third — but in the end that was all they could muster. Northville skated away with the 5-3 victory, and the tournament championship. David Ely-Bond got the win in the Northville nets.

Northville displayed a very balanced attack with 17 players involved in the scoring. The top goal scorers for the tournament were Jake Vitale with five, and Joe Vitale and Robby Riehl, both with four. The MVP honors would have to go to playmaker, Jimmy Riehl with eight assists and two goals for 10 points on the weekend. Joe Vitale was a close second, adding five assists to his four goals for nine points total.

Northville "mercied" the Sylvania Southview Cougars the day prior on their way to the championship game, after the score reached 11-1. Joe Vitale opened the score-fest roofing a drop pass from Mike Monticciolo. The second assist went to Jimmy Riehl. A minute later, Nick Reuter shot a rocket from the left wing that the Cougar goalie only heard whistle by. Reuter's goal was set up by some precision passing between Max Lenn and Andy Mimielly. Two minutes later, Mason dropped a pass back to Salerno in the high slot, Salerno unleashed a slap shot, and Jake Vitale snapped the rebound right into the twine. Just like that,

the score was 3-0 in Northville's favor.

Northville scored five more goals in the second period as Donny McKinnon put in a powerplay tally from his favorite spot at the top of the right circle, assisted by Mike Fill and Mimielly. Joe Vitale set up Reuter's second goal of the night with a soft pass from right to left finding Nick alone in front of an empty net. The second assist went to Troy Engelland. Mason ripped a blast from the blue line that ping-ponged from Riehl to Riehl with Robby tapping the puck in at the far post. Graham Appleford and Fill set up McKinnon's second goal of the night. The second period ended with Monticciolo finishing a Riehl/Riehl passing play. Mustang goalie, David Ely-Bond denied any Cougar attempts through the first two periods.

The Mustang goals kept building in the third with Fill snaking his way through traffic and lifting a backhand in close on the Southview goalie. Southview's only goal was scored when a Mustang defenseman tripped over the blueline, allowing

the Cougar skater to come in alone on Ely-Bond. Jimmy Riehl got it right back, snapping in a rebound off Joe Vitale's point shot Reuter had the second helper.

Northville's final goal came on a powerplay late in the third, Jake Vitale from Kellen Smetana and Kris Kojian. The game was called by the refs when the score reached a 10 goal spread.

Earlier that morning, Northville faced a much bigger and a much tougher team from Sylvania Northview. The score was closer, but the outcome was the same as the Mustangs pulled out a 5-4 victory.

Robby Riehl found himself in the right place at the right time when the Wildcat goalie mishandled the puck behind his own net. Riehl seized the opportunity and wrapped the puck into the empty net. Northville answered with a hard slap shot from the high slot that blew between the goalie's legs.

Northville took advantage of a 5 on 3 powerplay, scoring on a blast by the open man from the top of the left circle. And then on the 5 on 4 subsequent advantage, the Wildcats

scored again on a sneaky off-speed shot from the left circle that skimmed along the ice and fooled Mustang goalie, Andrew Stewart. Senior goalie, Alex Karchon replaced Stewart in net. The change was enough to fire up the Mustangs and make them claw their way back into the game.

Bobby Salerno pounded home a powerplay goal at the 3 minute mark, assisted by Andy Mimielly and Robby Riehl. One minute later, Riehl took advantage of another Wildcat goalie mistake and backhanded the puck in to tie the score. At the end of the second period the Sylvania Northview Wildcats had outshot the Mustangs 24-15.

Northview took the lead early in the third when a bad bounce put the puck right on a Wildcat attacker's stick in front of the net. The Mustangs had to dig deep to overcome a long 5 on 3 powerplay awarded right after the Wildcats goal. Karchon was spectacular for Northville, and the skaters showed

tremendous discipline holding their triangle formation in front of the goaltender, limiting the Northville path to the net. Northville tied the game with a powerplay at five minutes on a slap shot by Jake Vitale, set up by Max Lenn. Vitale scored the game winner, assisted by Reuter and Engelland, at 2:58 slipping through three Wildcats and jamming the puck home.

The night of December found the Mustangs as they finished their sweep of the Red Division, beating the Centerville Elks 7-3. Karchon and Stewart shared the net minding duties for Northville in the victory.

The game featured two Mustang unassisted, shorthanded goals by Joe Vitale and Troy Engelland. Two Mustang powerplay goals by Bobby Salerno and Vitale, and three even strength goals by Riehl, Salerno, and Mike Monticciolo. Playmaker Jimmy Riehl had four assists in the game.

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The best of the best of Mustang athletics from last year

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FALL

NEXT LEVEL ATHLETE — Brandon Langston. Who is that? Well, for a football fan, Langston's name is one that echoes about this area and every time it is mentioned, it's done so with respect. Langston showed why that was as he took the ball 12 times in the fourth quarter for the Lakers and racked up 149 yards, including a 79-yard scamper that put the game at 51-7 (final score was 51-14) against the Northern Michigan University Wildcats in a GLIAC contest.

CONFERENCE

CHAMPS!: The Northville Mustangs boys' cross country team deserved to be celebrating as they showed that you don't necessarily have to be the favorite to be the best. The Mustang harriers, coached by Chris Cronin, raced to a first-place finish to capture the Western Lakes Activities Association title in both the varsity and junior varsity races Oct. 18.

"In my 10 years of coaching, this was the greatest team effort I have ever witnessed," Cronin said. "That's what it takes to be champions, and we had that today."

The Mustangs followed senior Clark Paciorek and Tim Dalton to their second WLAA boys' cross country title in school history as Paciorek led the way with a fifth-place finish in 16 minutes, 39 seconds. Dalton was right on his tail, finishing sixth with a time of 16:51 to earn All-Conference honors by virtue of their places in the race.

"Clark has been a rock all year and today was no exception," Cronin said.

Not to be outdone, Mike Gabrys took 11th with a time of 17:06 and Joe Lunn was 12th with a time of 17:08 to earn second-team All-Conference honors.

SOCCKER FALLS TO PESKY SPARTANS: It was wet, it was cold and it was a game that the Northville Mustangs soccer team thought they could have won.

The Mustangs, coached by Henry Klimes, fell to the all-too-familiar Livonia Stevenson Spartans 1-0 in the 2002 District 6, Division I championship.

"There's no such thing as a bad win in the playoffs," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "But I have to say that we beat a very good team today. I wish we could have been more solid and say we were more dominant, but in reality we beat a very good team and got through one of the toughest districts in the state."

The game, which was hosted on a very slippery North Farmington field, found the ever-scoring Nik Djokic scoring his 20th goal of the year off a free kick. The goal, which came as the ball hit the ground and spit to the right of stellar Northville goalie Steven Besk, came in the fifth minute of the contest after teammate Jon Spray was brought down in the box.

The goal ended up being all Stevenson needed to hold off the Mustangs, even though the 'Stangs surged in the second half of the contest in hopes of putting in the tying goal.

Their one best chance came with just minutes remaining in the contest as senior Mike Hagedorn received the ball and took a kick with the Spartan goalie caught out of position. The ball, aided by the constant wind that battered the field, floated high and over the cross bar of the goal. Hagedorn turned, fell to his knees and gazed at the wet grass immediately after he kicked the ball.

One of the reasons Northville managed to keep the game at 1-0 was the play of Besk in goal, as he made several key saves to hold off a very aggressive Spartan squad.

The Mustangs, who trailed 1-0 heading into the half, came back a new team as the game resumed. They mounted a fierce offensive charge with senior Pat Kelleher and sophomore James Hannah in the lead.

"Hannah can create and so can Kelleher out of the mid-field," Richters said. "We were prepared for those two, but in the second half it seemed they were sharper than we were. They were winning 50-50 balls.

They had better balance and they were quicker. Those tactics gave them energy and the momentum was going their way."

The Spartan goalie, Mike Maciotek, had a good game in between the posts as well, preserving the shutout and the title for the Stevenson kickers.

In a season that found the Mustangs collecting plenty of honors, including a Division championship, they find themselves graduating 11 seniors off a very talented squad.

Kelleher, a team captain, along with Rob Czarnieki and Hagedorn are just a couple of seniors that will be missed. Justin Ferriman, Nick Schoendorf, Alfonso Acevedo, Ben Sherman, Joe Gallagher, Andy Fielhauer, Avis Dorsey and Alex Richard will also be graduating from this squad.

THIRD DOUBLES TROUBLE: It was a sweet trip to Midland for the Northville Mustangs girls' tennis team — especially for two Mustangs in particular.

Jen Harkness and Amanda Darish took the trip to the Michigan Athletic Association state tennis finals hoping to make some noise — instead they took second place behind a very strong Ann Arbor Pioneer team.

"They should be extremely proud of what they accomplished," Northville coach Sandy Woolfall said. "It takes a lot of talent and teamwork to get that far in the state finals."

The Mustangs were able to gain a berth into the states after tying for second place in their regional with Ann Arbor Huron, while Ann Arbor Pioneer took first.

The Northville girls captured their conference title this year as well, losing only one match all season as they pounded their way to the top on the building blocks of hard work and impressive abilities.

GALLOPING MUSTANGS: The Northville Mustangs girls' cross country team can safely say they are the best of the best in the Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division.

In a season that has pretty much proven such already, the Mustangs silenced all those who doubted them with a victory in the WLAA Western Division Cross Country meet October 11.

"This was one of our team goals this season," Mustang coach Nancy Smith said of the division victory.

The biggest competitor in the WLAA division meet for the Mustangs was no doubt Churchill, which took second with 33 points compared to Northville's 27.

The Chargers took an early lead from the start, but the Mustangs were able to separate their pack with a well-planned strategy.

Leading the way for the Mustangs was Liz Hrivnak, who was first with a time of 19 minutes, 16 seconds. Right behind her was senior Heather Moehle in fifth place with a 19:50. Katy Miller took sixth with a 19:57 while Andrea Moehle was seventh with a 19:58. Devon Rupley took the eighth-place position with a time of 20:05 while Molly Gavin was 10th with a 20:24 and Kate McClymont was 14th with a 20:39.

SEASON HALTS FOR LINKSTERS: The state tournament was so close the Northville Mustangs golf team could just taste it — unfortunately, a few bad holes kept them from taking the trip this season.

The Northville linksters shot a couple of tough rounds and came up short, but they were able to make a dent in the conference tournament with a second-place finish.

"It was a very tough regional this year," Coach Tom Shaw said. "The teams that made it to the state tournament were Canton, Catholic Central and South Lyon. We struggled a little bit and had some bad breaks."

Ryan Gideon and Jim Gates shot 83s on the day while Ryan Hunt collected an 80 and Brandon VanHeyde shot an 81. Dave Oljace led his squad with a 8 on the day.

The end in the regional tournament signals the end of the 2002 season for the Northville Mustangs — and the end of the high school careers of Dave Oljace and Alex Karchon.



Photo by John Heider

Mustang Lisa Bowen, right, and another teammate try to get a handle on a loose ball in a home game last Tuesday against Walled Lake Central. Northville lost the game which was close in score to the final seconds.

"We are going to miss them both," Shaw said. "Alex made the team and we weren't sure what to expect from him. He played a lot of JV matches for us this year and was a solid contributor in those matches."

"Dave was one of our captains. He had one of, if not the lowest average on the team. He was always good for 30 something every time he came in."

CAGERS HEAT UP AS SEASON ENDS: Heading into the District Tournament, the Mustangs knew they had to do something to light a fire in their play — and they did exactly that.

Taking on three tough Western Lakes Activities Association squads, the Mustangs were able to notch two wins and nearly upset another team in the process.

Wayne Memorial was the first team to fall to the surging Mustangs, taking the brunt of a 31-28 loss. Next up was Livonia Franklin, a squad that beat the 'Stangs earlier this year. Not being so lucky this time, the Patriots were stampeded 45-29 on senior night. And then there was Western.

"They got up on us 11-2 out of the gate," Northville coach Pete Wright said of his squad's oh-so-close 52-49 loss to the Warriors. "But we fought back and had it tied at halftime."

Heading into the locker rooms, the Mustangs had managed to come back from a nine-point deficit to tie the game at 24-24. In the third, they were outscored 13-11 by the Warriors, but made quite the comeback in the fourth to take the lead.

"We actually had 1:40 left to play and we were up by four," Wright said. "We had a couple of turnovers and they got the ball quickly and all of a sudden the game was tied."

Wright said down the stretch, the Warriors managed to pull out the victory, but he was more impressed with the way his team played.

"We stuck together and it really shows our improvement," he said. "The first time we played, Western beat us by 19. This time, we gave them all they wanted."

Senior guard Nicole Cauzillo was on fire that night, sinking

six three-point field goals to break a school record as she poured in 23 points on the night. Dominique Desira has nine in the losing effort.

The Mustangs had better luck in their previous two games. Their third win of the season came against the Wayne Zebras. The Northville cagers were able to pull out a tough 31-28 WLAA victory as Evonna Karchon put in nine points on the night, followed by Andrea Watts with eight.

"We went down there and played pretty good," Wright said. "Every win helps give us more and more confidence."

AND THEN THERE WERE FOUR: Now that's simply impressive.

The Northville Mustangs had only four swimmers hitting the pool in the state finals held at Eastern Michigan University last weekend, but that wasn't going to stop them from having the times of their careers.

Seniors Jenny Carr, Erin Schubert and Shannon Hogan along with freshman Sarah Carr swam their way to a ninth-place finish in the states with both of their relay competitions placing as well as Hogan taking two impressive finishes in the 50 and 100 free.

"I am ecstatic," Hogan said of her first-place 50-yard freestyle finish in a time of 23.48. "It was just so exciting. I honestly think that was the best day of my life."

It was just amazing and it was a wonderful thing. It might have been the best meet I have ever had."

Hogan wasn't finished with that for her individual performances as she managed to take fourth in the 100 free with her time of 51.62.

"Shannon swam amazing, like she always does," Schubert said. "I thought all of us did well. It was a great meet."

The Mustangs, all four of them, took fourth in the 200 freestyle with a great time of 1:38.85 before packing together for an impressive run of 1:50.88 for their ninth-place 200 medley relay finish.

"We had our best times ever," Jenny Carr said. "It was a big surprise for us in the 200 freestyle relay. We wanted to swim our best and we did."

Not only did the Mustangs set their personal best times with the swims, but all four of the events also set school records. And, for all of those sitting down out there, they did even more than that. The 200 free relay time was good enough for an automatic All-American mark while the 200 medley swim was an All-American consideration mark. Hogan also notched automatic All-American times with both of her individual swims as well as making the cut for the Senior Nationals.

"The Senior Nationals are pretty much the highest level (of competition) before the Olympics," Hogan said. "I was just as excited about my time as I was about winning."

Though all three seniors had made the trip to compete in the state finals before, this was Sarah Carr's first, hopefully of many, treks to the finals.

"It was pretty exciting, getting to go with three seniors," Carr said. "I thought it was a lot of fun."

HOGAN HEADED TO VIRGINIA:

It must be strange being one of the one percent across the country. That's right, only one-percent of high school athletes in the United States continue on to be a Division I college competitor — and Shannon Hogan is one of the elite.

The Northville senior has been on the college radar for sometime, but it just took the right place that fit her style and her goals before she signed on that dotted line. And the winner is — the University of Virginia Cavaliers.

"I think when I went on the trip to Virginia that is was the place I was the most comfortable with," Hogan said. "I just fell in love with the team, got along with the coaches and just felt that it was a great program."

Though the Cavaliers aren't the top-dogs in the country, Hogan said she believed that they were a good fit for her.

"They are an up and coming team in the top-10 and I think they are going places," she said. "I wanted to be a part of that. Not to mention, the academics there are phenomenal. It's the top public school in the coun-

try."

Ranked 16th in the nation in best colleges in the United States by the U.S. News as recently as September, Virginia is the top public school on the coveted list and one of only three in the top 25.

Founded in 1819 by Thomas Jefferson, the University of Virginia has always been a top-shelf academic school as well as a rising star in college athletics.

"The most important thing was that the school was academically phenomenal," Hogan said. "All of the schools I visited had great academics, but I felt Virginia had the best."

TOUGH GRID SEASON COMES TO AN END:

The Northville Mustangs and the Novi Wildcats knew going into this game that it was going to be their biggest contest of the year.

For the Mustangs, they had the chance to prove to their doubters that they had what it takes to beat a quality program. For the Wildcats, it meant being playoff bound.

The 'Cats managed to walk away the victors in this contest, winning 46-26 as they put points on the board just about every way possible.

"They've been running their program since they were in middle school or something," Northville senior Tim Higgins said. "They are a very good team, and we went out there and gave them everything we had."

And that they did. At one point in the contest, the Wildcats led 39-6 and looked as though they were about to score again. With the arm of junior Mark Sorensen leading the way, the Mustangs found the end-zone with Higgins on the receiving end.

"He is a very talented player," Novi coach Tab Kellepourey said. "A couple points, our pass defense broke down and they were able to score. It's something we will have to work on, but nothing that isn't correctable."

And it wasn't that the Novi Wildcats were just falling short in the second half — they found themselves on the wrong end of

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a scoring streak with a variety of players getting in the game.

"It's great for the kids," Kelleypourey said about getting everyone into the game. "They really enjoy playing in a game, especially a game like this. When every kid gets on the field to play against their arch-rival, it makes it a lot easier for everyone in practice the following week."

And though the Mustangs fell in the contest, there were still some bright spots. Higgins set the All-Time Receiving Touchdown Record at Northville High School with his stellar senior season that earned him All-Conference honors at wide receiver.

SPRING

GOLF WINS REGION:

There isn't much more that a team can do in a week. The Northville Mustangs girls' golf team not only notched a birth into the state finals tournament with a first-place finish in the Regional, they also secured a co-championship alongside of Churchill just a day later.

The 'Stangs, led by coach Trish Murray, captured first in their Region as they blew away the competition with a team-low, school-record breaking score of 331. Their nearest competitor, Ann Arbor Pioneer, shot a 352 for second while Saline shot a 356 for third.

"I said before that if we shot a 350 we would probably be doing pretty good," Murray said with a laugh. "We ended up getting 331. Not too shabby."

Not too shabby at all. Neither was the play of Regional medalist Kate MacDonald, who shot a 72 (37, 35) to take the top spot for the day.

"Then she went and backed it up by shooting an 80 the next day," Murray said. "It's not like she was a fluke or anything. Kate is working harder than anybody that has ever come through this program."

Besides the ever-impressive play by MacDonald, teammates Layne Scherer, Shannon Lewicki and Therese Juthage turned some heads as well.

SOCCER LOSES WLAA TITLE GAME:

The Mustangs managed to stay undefeated until the final game of their regular season — the game that would decide who was and who wasn't the Western Lakes Activities Association champions.

The Mustangs led in every category except where it counted the most — the score. Their

title tilt against Livonia Stevenson found the Northville squad falling 1-0.

"We dominated in every respect," Northville coach Ron Meteyer said. "We dominated everything except the score."

The Mustangs just couldn't make the shots fall when they took them, even after having 14 shots on goal throughout the entire game. Stevenson, on the other hand, netted the goal with only three shots at the net.

"With less than five minutes left, they had a break away," Meteyer said. "Our goalie came out, hesitated, and tried to back up on the Stevenson girl and she was able to touch it around her."

Northville's goalie made a diving attempt at the ball, but it wall too little too late as the Spartans earned the goal and went on to win the game.

"We beat them four times running, including just nine days ago," Meteyer said. "They were able to win the big one, the league championship. We are the Western (division) champ and they are the Lakes champ. The two of us played it out and they won."

The Mustangs were not able to capitalize on some very promising opportunities. With 21 minutes left in the contest, the Mustangs were awarded a penalty kick after senior Maggie Ossola was taken down in the box. Ossola tried for the kick, going for the upper, left corner of the goal, but she was stonewalled.

MACDONALD A STATE MEDALIST:

What a way to end an impressive high school golf career — as the medalist of the Michigan High School Athletic Association State Finals tournament.

Kate MacDonald did just that as she shot a 75, 72 in the tournament that the Mustangs were able to finish fourth in as a collective team.

"When all was said and done, she won the shooting match," Northville coach Trish Murray said. "She showed that four years of hard work can really pay off."

Besides MacDonald, the Mustangs looked to Layne Scherer, Shannon Lewicki, Andrea Fillipps and Therese Juthage to make their mark as well.

Scherer shot an 86, 91 on the day while Lewicki collected a 91, 89. Juthage was fourth for the Mustangs as she hit a 92, 90 in the tournament while Fillipps recorded a 100, 94 over two days.

"Our goal was to make the top five after we made the cut and we did better than that," Murray said. "To be in the posi-

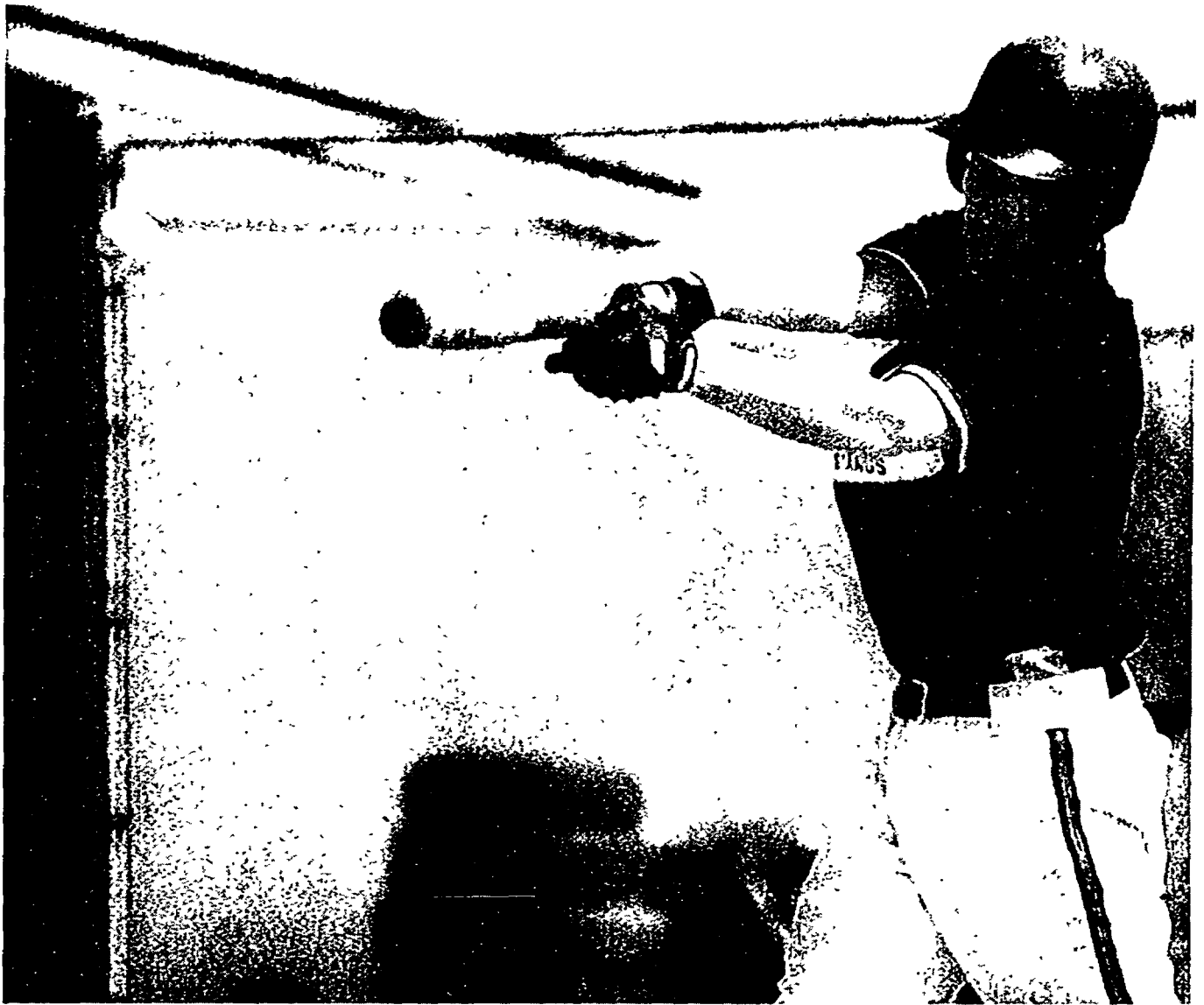


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Northville's Joe Zumstein reached out and smacked a base hit on this at-bat against Western's Mike Pisha.

tion of only down two strokes from the leader heading into the second day, we've never been in that position. We always want to play our best, but this year we were running with the big dogs. I told the girls they had to play hard, because they were no sitting on the porch when you want to run with the big dogs."

Of the four seniors graduating this year — MacDonald, Lauren Farris, Stephanie O'Neill and Lauren Longton — watching MacDonald go will be the hardest on Murray.

"It was sad to watch her come up on that last hole and put in her last put," Murray said. "Then I realized that she wasn't mine anymore. The coach from Grand Valley (State University) came and walked with Kate. I kidded around with her at the beginning and said that Kate was still mine for a couple of more holes."

BASEBALL IS DISTRICT CHAMPS:

Now, that's enough to make any coach smile. The Northville Mustangs baseball team sure made

Mickey Newman break into a smile as they took their bats and made good use of them, beating Novi in the District Playoffs 11-10 before edging a very tough South Lyon Squad 12-10 to earn the District Title.

"It was one of the better games I have ever been involved in," Newman said of the Novi tilt. "Neither team wanted to lose. Both teams played extremely hard and it was back and forth the whole game."

The Mustangs fell behind right from the first pitch as the Wildcats earned three runs in the first period, scoring all of them with two outs against them. The 'Stangs wouldn't let this one slip away that easy, especially after taking two regular season losses to their cross-town rivals.

Senior Robbie Harmer started off the first inning on the Mustang offensive, blasting a double to score a run before Matt Sebastian stepped up to the plate and connected on a ground-out that scored another. "We chipped away at it,"

Newman said.

Chipped away and took the lead, actually. The Mustangs were able to put two more scores on the board as Ben Abbott crossed the plate on a double by Tyler Carter as the Northville squad took a 4-3 lead. The third inning found the 'Stangs scoring another run off a Scott McNeish single that scored Harmer for the 5-3 advantage.

"Novi just kept coming back though," Newman said. "There were two outs and Tyler got a little wild (on the mound) and walked the eight, nine and one hitters."

SOCCER WINS DISTRICT TITLE:

The Mustang girls soccer team had to fight their way to the title game by getting through Canton and Salem, but once all was said and done it was definitely worth it.

The Mustangs met up with the Novi Wildcats in their second contest of the year, and the Mustangs were able to come away with the 3-1 victory over

their cross-town rivals to win the District title and advance to face a very tough Stevenson squad.

"Novi is much improved over the first time we played them," Northville coach Ron Meteyer said. "We played them in the second week of the season and beat them and then we beat them to end their season."

The Mustangs fell behind in the first minutes of the game as the Wildcats notched a score with 24 minutes, 51 seconds left in the first half. Maureen Pawlak took the ball on a pass from their left side and put a hard shot past Northville goaltender Stacey Taylor to notch the score.

The Mustangs were not a team to be kept down though and they came back right away. Junior Nicole Cauzillo blasted through the defense and approached the Novi goalie before being tripped and awarded a penalty box. Cauzillo took the shot, which she didn't get a good kick on, and managed to

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score the goal. "It was a slow roller," Meteyer said. "The goalie thought left and Nicole went right. If she had went the other way, the goalie could have crawled to it. That's how slow it was rolling." The Mustangs, who were tied up 1-1 at the end of the first half, came out quick to carve their second score of the contest. Cauzillo won the ball on the Mustang left and sent the ball behind a defender and to stellar soccer senior Lindsay Dunmead, who took a hard shot which bounced off the back of a Novi defender's leg and into the goal.

DOUBLE TROUBLE: One might begin to wonder what would happen if the Northville Mustangs girls' track and field team was awarded with good conditions for running in.

The Mustangs managed their way through yet another cold and miserable track and field day as Devon Rupley and Heather Moehle earned spots in the Lower Peninsula Track finals May 16 after blasting Livonia Franklin in the final dual meet of the season 84-53 May 14.

"Northville walked away with some impressive showings despite the cold conditions again," Northville coach Nancy Smith said. "We had two regional champions at the meet. Devon Rupley won the 800 in a season best time of 2:19. Heather Moehle also was a regional champion, capturing the two mile in 11:34."

The Mustangs were close in other events as well. The 3200 meter relay team of Moehle, Katy Miller, Lisa Bowen and Rupley ran an impressive time of 9:57, just missing the extra qualifier for the state meet by 1.1 seconds.

"This is the best I have seen these girls run this season," Smith said. "They gave it all in a very competitive field."

The time of 9:57 shatters the Northville High School record, which was previously 10:05.

Rupley went on to win the 800-meter run in 2:19, her season best, and also qualified for the state meet in the 400 meter dash with a 59.2, placing third in the event.

"Devon ran some amazing races today," Smith said. "She truly dominated on the track in two of the hardest races."

Moehle's two mile time of 11:34 earned her a trip to Rockford as well.

"Heather looked great today, she led from the start of the race," Smith said. "She went out strong and finished strong, a good 10 meters ahead of Rachel Bauman of Brighton. She upheld as Regional champion, which she won last year."

Moehle set the school record in the two mile last year with a time

of 11:41 and broke it yet again this time.

Both Moehle and Rupley will go to Rockford June 1 to compete in the LP State Finals.

Another Mustang who showed what Northville athletics stands for is Emily Ott. The senior suffered a severe sprain May 14 against Franklin but came out to compete in the Regional anyway.

"She showed her determination and courage by attempting to high jump at the meet," Smith said.

"Emily came to the meet on crutches and attempted to high jump, despite the severe pain she was in. This is one athlete that gave her all, we're very proud and (yet we are) saddened that this happened to such an amazingly talented athlete."

The Mustangs finished up their regular season Tuesday (after the Northville Record went to print) at the Conference meet.

The Mustangs ended their regular season in style as they waltzed past the Franklin Patriots in a Western Lakes Activities Association contest May 14. The victory put the Mustangs at 4-1 in the WLAA and 5-1 overall.

Ott won the high jump with a leap of 5-foot-0 while Genevieve Belangero was third with 4-10.

The long jump found Maggie Ossola winning with a 15-1 jump while Amber Selle notched a third-place finish with a leap of 14-1. Katie Hanley continued the Mustang domination of the field events with a third in the pole vault at 7-0 while Erica Johnson took second in the shot put with a 30-9 throw.

On the track side of the meet, the 3200-meter relay team of Bowen, Kelly Hardenbergh, Shannon Hogan and Katie Miller won with a time of 10:45.

Ott won the 100 hurdles, but paid in dividends as she sprained her ankle over the last hurdle.

"This was a devastating injury for Emily and a real heart-breaker for the team," Smith said. "Emily has worked so hard this season and for her to get injured is a real loss for the team."

KNIGHTS FAIL TO MAKE STATES: For the first time in the club team's five years of existence, the Northville-Novu Knights failed to make the state championship tournament — but, hey, there is always next year.

The Knights, who are made up of Novi and Northville players, fell to St. Joseph's 8-0 in the semifinal round of the Eastern Division playoffs May 11 after stomping Livonia 20-0 the game prior. The Knights were also able to trounce Berkley 56-3 May 8.

"We were kind of set back there," Knights coach Ron Cornell said of the St. Joseph's contest. "St. Joe's was much more faster and more disciplined than the first



Northville's Scott McNeish, left, gets up to block the shot of Livonia Franklin's Tyrone Matthews.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

time we played them, when we barely beat them."

St. Joseph's was able to score a penalty kick early in the contest before taking advantage of a broken play and getting the ball on the ground in the try zone for the score and the 10-0 victory.

"We pretty much dominated the game for the first 10 or 15 minutes," Cornell said. "We just couldn't put the ball in."

One of the things that the St. Joseph's team was doing so well was kicking the ball out of their zone.

"Their fly half had an exceptional foot," Cornell said. "If we would pin them or if we gave up a turnover they would kick it out or they would kick it deep enough that the fullback and the wingers had difficult fielding it."

It was much like a one-step forward, two-steps back dance for the Knights. When they would get the ball, they would march it 15 meters up the field before giving it up. Then the St. Joe's squad would kick it away again, sometimes 50 meters back the way the Knights had just come.

TENNIS FALLS IN REGIONAL, TAKES SECOND IN WLAA: The Northville Mustangs tennis team notched a second-place finish in the Western Lakes Activities Association before getting bumped from the Regional by some very talented programs.

The Mustangs, led by coach Doug Button, took second place in the WLAA behind an incredibly tough North Farmington team and also secured the Western Division title with their play this year. The team continued on into the Regional where they were ousted by some of the best competition in the state, including Ann Arbor Huron and Ann Arbor Pioneer.

"I don't mind having one of the Ann Arbor schools in the Regional," Button said. "With one everyone might stand a chance to win, but with both it really doesn't matter what we bring."

Huron and Pioneer walked away with the top two spots with Saline finishing third and Northville fourth in the Regional tournament.

"John Lee really had an outstanding performance in four singles," Button said. "He upset the kid from Ann Arbor Huron in the semi-finals and made the finals where he ended up losing to the kid from Ann Arbor Pioneer."

Adam O'Donnell made it to the semi-finals in three singles, but bowed out against his Huron opponent while the three doubles

team of Matt Lewicki and Chris Irvine also made it to the semis where they lost in three sets.

The conference meet found North Farmington earning the victory while the Mustangs took a second place. The one doubles team of Nathan Mehill and Jackson Knoll won their flight as did Lewicki and Irvine in three doubles.

O'Donnell made a good run at his flight, finally falling in the finals to Dan Carlson of North Farmington. Lee also made it to the finals in the fourth singles flight, but couldn't compete due to severe cramping.

SOFTBALL SEES MARKED IMPROVEMENTS: The Northville softball team notched two victories over the weekend to boost morale as well as to make a statement on how far they have come this season as they took second place in the Novi Invitational Softball Tournament May 18.

The Mustangs, coached by Kelly DeWitt, went into the contest looking to show marked improvement from the beginning of the year and did just that. They fell to Farmington in the opening game 5-3 before topping Farmington Hills Harrison 5-4 in the second game. The third game found the Mustangs earning a victory over cross-town rival Novi 10-6 before falling in the title game to Farmington 12-2.

"We really played aggressive softball," DeWitt said of the tournament. "We are only two pitchers deep and it was a long tournament for them, but our defense really minimized on the errors. I was really happy to see a couple of wins."

The Mustangs once again followed the lead of their only two pitcher, Carrie Banner, a sophomore, and Jane Kruszewski, a freshman, but also found a new leadership springing onto the offensive end of the ball game.

Amy Prentiss stepped up in the tournament and gathered 10 hits in four games for the Mustangs to lead the to the two victories. Prentiss, the team catcher, notched four RBIs in the tournament as well.

"She really hit the ball," DeWitt said. "She stepped up for us and I was really happy with her and her performance."

Senior Ashley Kniceley also connected more than once through the tournament, showing that the Mustangs do have more than just a couple of bats on their team.

BOYS SEND FIVE TO STATES: The Northville boy's track team will be sending five athletes to the state competition on June 1. The Mustangs qualified for both the 3200-meter relay team and in the high jump.

"I wasn't really surprised," Northville track coach Bill Cornelius said. "We expected good things."

The team also competed in the conference meet May 21. The team finished eighth out of the twelve teams that were at the event. The Mustangs performed well and placed in four events.

Tim Dalton ran his best time of the year and took first place in the 800-meter run. He ran it in 1:57.8 which was an improvement for him. Freshman Alan Shanoski took second place in the high jump.

Rob Cameron also did well and took third in the 300-meter hurdles. The 3200-meter relay team of Pat Kelleher, Tim Dalton, Rob Steiner, and Brad Stoner (who replaced the sick Clark Paciorek) took third place in the meet to also help Northville.

"They ran up to my expectations," Cornelius said.

A very impressive showing by a Northville athlete who did not quite place was that of Mike Gabrys. Gabrys ran the 1600-meter and 3200-meter events in 4:31 and 10:22 respectively. Those times boasted a an 11 second improvement in the 1600-meter and a whopping 22 second slice of his previous 3200-meter time.

"I was especially pleased with Mike Gabrys," Cornelius said.

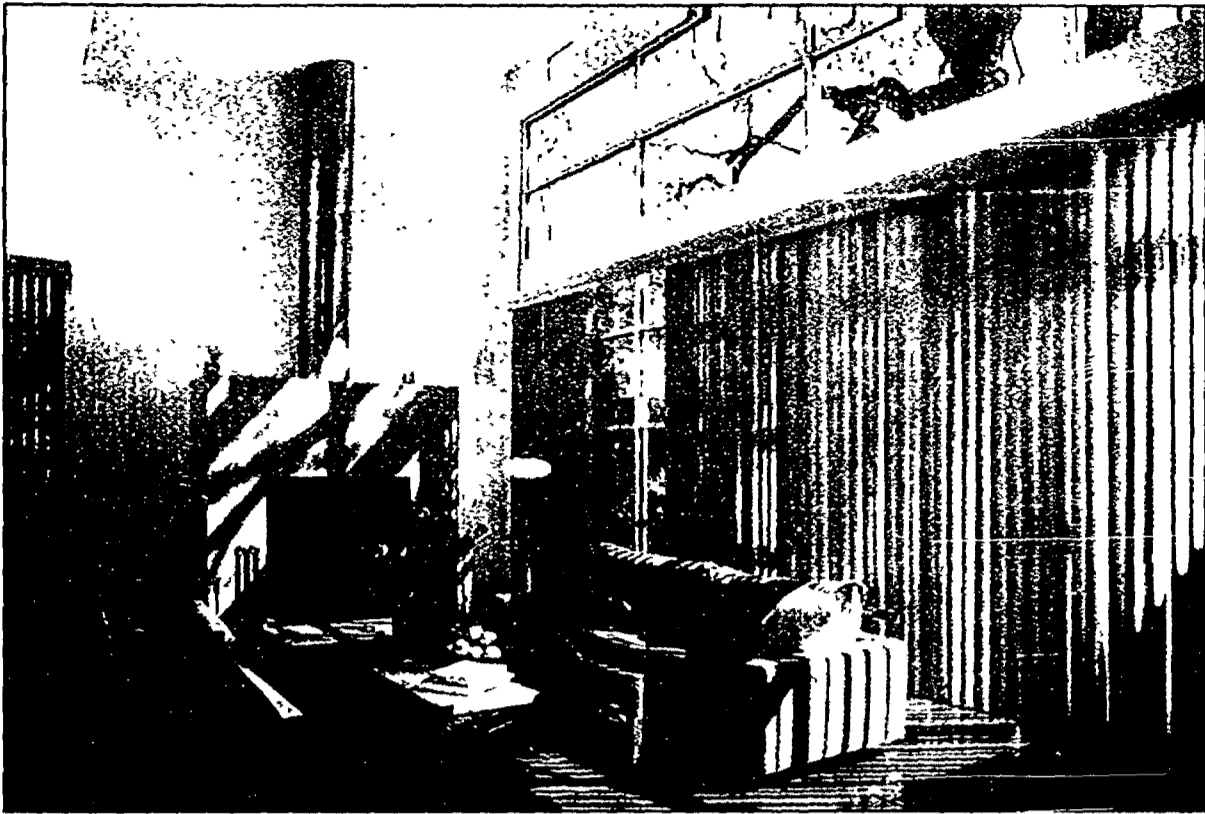
In the conference, the team finished 2-4 in dual meets and closed out the season with this eighth place finish in the conference meet.

Five athletes will be continuing on, however. At the regional meet Kelleher, Dalton, Steiner, Paciorek and Shanoski all qualified to go onto the state finals meet at Rockford High School.



Photo by John Heider

Heather Moehle runs part of the 4x800 meter race in a home meet in April.



Custom shades make light work of privacy problems in a contemporary living room.

A simple way to get rid of scale insects

Q: I have several indoor plants and I just realized that they have thousands of scale insects on them. I don't want to spray some of the nasty chemicals in the house but I want to save the plants. Is there something not as toxic that will work?

A: You have come to the right place. Actually, the right place is Brooklyn Botanic Gardens in New York. They use this recipe for scale in their conservatories where the public visits. This recipe will also work on mealy bugs. Mix together one tablespoon of insecticidal soap, one tablespoon of corn oil in a gallon of water. Put it in a spray container and spray the plant to the point of runoff. Do under the leaves and the stems, too. Most six-legged critters are located there and not dancing on the top of the leaves. This makes an oil spray called a superior oil spray. It coats their little bodies and they suffocate. Makes you feel much better, doesn't it? Spray the plant when it is out of direct sun. Repeat once a week for a month to make sure that you don't miss anybody or eggs don't hatch and re-infest the plants. If you aren't familiar with scale insects, you might not even realize that you are looking at a life form that is damaging. Scales can look like little brown army helmets or white ovals or like white oyster shells. Right after they hatch, they have legs. They look like tiny sowbugs or pill bugs. Once they find a nice place on the stem or leaves, they attach to suck the juices out of the plant. Their legs disappear and they develop a shield over themselves. Now, they look like a bud or a bump on a log. Try getting a bezelion little vampires attached to your plant and you can guess the outcome. Just remember corn oil only, and dishwashing detergent, not soap.

Home Grown

Gretchen Voyle



Wall-to-wall glass presents problem

By Rose Bennett Gilbert
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Q: Ours is a '50s contemporary plain white plaster walls, marble floors, wall-to-wall glass in the living/dining room — which are giving me enough of a problem to write for your help. The windows go all the way up to the ceiling although there's a wide dividing sill between the upper (fixed) panes and the sliders below that go out on the terrace.

My question comes in two parts:

1. Do I have to cover the upper panes?
2. What to put on the bottom part so we can still go out on the patio?

A: My two-part answer:

1. No. Bare windows are perfect complements to '50s contemporary, unless you need privacy and/or light control. Both problems might well be handled by professionally installed window

films that filter light, glare and prying eyes (check out one option at www.vista-films.com).

2. For the bottom line, you have a number of solutions that will work easily into the most contemporary ambience. Consider, for example, a series of simple white linen draperies that draw apart at intervals across your wide window, allowing access to the sliding doors and patio.

A second option here: Your local window-coverings expert can show you a collection of "alternative" window dressings (meaning, alternatives to standard curtains and draperies), including the vertical blinds in the photo we show here. Not the old, clanging metal verticals you may associate with a former office space, however. The manufacturer, Hunter Douglas, even has a tastier name for the ilk: "Serenet SoftFold Shadings."

Like all verticals, they march side-to-side all across the window,

awaiting your command at the twist of a control wand. At first glance, these "Shadings" may look like multifold draperies, but they rotate in unison to reveal as much of the light and view as you like. Or pull a cord and stack them all up out of the way against the window frame.

Hunter Douglas offers the blinds in a choice of fabrics, such as linen, lace, taffeta, damask and crepe-looks. You also get to choose the right degree of light-filter ability, from opaque to translucent.

Q: My husband has entirely too many opinions on what we buy and how we decorate the house! My girlfriends keep telling me how lucky I am that he even takes an interest, but I hate the arguments we always get in when we shop. Am I the only woman who has to battle over things like velvet vs. linen and green vs. blue? A: Funny you should ask, just

when the fabric industry survey has released the findings of a survey on American home furnishings shoppers.

According to the Harris Interactive survey (commissioned by Solutia Inc.'s Wear-Dated upholstery fabric), more men than women were out there buying upholstered furniture last year (37 percent men to 31 percent women). Your husband obviously shares his interest with lots of other males, perhaps to their wives' regret. However — and you'll love this part — the survey also found that men have more difficulty agreeing on an upholstery purchase than women.

Your best chance for a unanimous vote: Pick a solid color or a simple pattern. Both sexes say they prefer the uncomplicated over more adventuresome looks when it comes to buying upholstered furniture for their home.

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Time to replant orchard

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GARDEN TIP

Pruning fruit trees

Fruit trees bear best when the fruit is on young shoots. Keeping old growth at bay, then, is the goal of fruit tree pruning.

Q: We just moved to a country property that has several old trees, including an old orchard. Several of the trees, including most of the orchard's apples, have large hollow trunks. Is there a product we can use to fill the holes, so the trees won't split in half or fall over?

A: Most likely, these trees have already lived for a long time with the rotten cores. It was once believed that if the decaying areas were scraped out, sprayed with fungicides and insecticides and then filled, that the tree's life would be prolonged. That may still be true on trees that are freshly damaged, but on old tree wounds, the decay goes into the wood much deeper than the eye can see or that chemicals can treat.

All of the remedies that might be applied to these trees will only be short-term solutions that will only slightly delay the time and need to remove the trees. Start looking ahead to their replacements. Plant the new young trees in locations that will allow them to grow for several years before you remove the old trees.

How long the trees will last is anyone's guess. They may still be around and bearing fruit five or 10 years from now. The length of time can be extended by careful pruning, fertilizing, watering and watching them for any signs of disease or insects. The length of time could end tomorrow with an ice storm like the East Coast recently received or by just a strong gust of wind from a thunderstorm.

In an arborist's eyes, a tree with a hollow trunk is a hazard tree. Each tree's needs would have to be assessed individually. Some of them might need cables installed from one side of the tree to the other to act as reinforcement. Some might need cables anchored in the ground to keep them from falling in dangerous directions. If any of the hollowed-out trees or hollow branches could fall on structures or activity areas frequented by people, they should be removed.

On the other hand, if any of the trees are out in the woods, away from normal human activities, then maybe they can be left alone for their potential use as shelter for wildlife. Many species of mammals and birds use hollow limbs and trunks for shelter.

Q: We planted an American cranberry bush viburnum to attract and feed the birds. It bloomed well this spring and is covered with red berries now. The birds are ignoring the fruit completely. They sit in the bush and then

fly over to the bird feeder. Is there something wrong with the fruit or did we get the wrong variety?

A: Birds are sometimes finicky. They may have a wide variety of foods to eat in your neighborhood and are waiting for the fruit to finish ripening. Some berries seem to taste better after they have been softened by a few freezes.

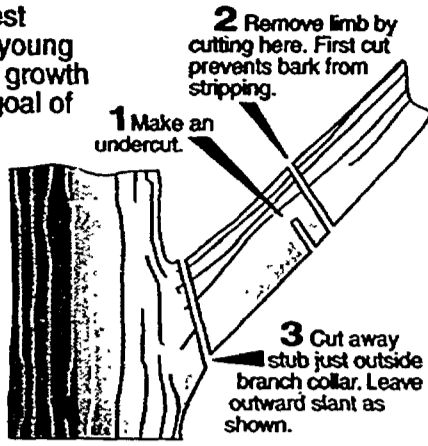
Birds do eat a variety of foods in any given day. They are not just going to fill up on seeds in the bird feeder or fruit on a specific plant. They are probably eating some of the fruit on the shrub, just not enough to make a visible difference for you to see.

Q: I want to provide my local birds with a little more shelter over the winter. I heard that I can leave my Christmas tree outside for their use.

A: I leave my Christmas tree out in the back yard every year. I stick it in a spot behind the garage that doesn't have any evergreen trees or shrubs. The birds do sit in it when the winds are strong and the snow is blowing. It doesn't have to be propped up to look like a normal tree. It can be left lying sideways on the ground. It may need to be pinned down so it doesn't blow around.

Some cities have services to pick up the trees to grind them up for mulch or to use for some other conservation purpose. If they will not pick up the tree in the spring after it is no longer needed by your birds, it may be better to have it picked up after Christmas.

— E-mail questions to Jeff Rugg at jrugg@pondsupplies.com.



■ Fruit trees can be pruned any time, except for right at harvest. Best: Prune while blooming to see which limbs are bearing, and to give the tree all summer to heal over the cuts.

■ Always prune with the goal of shaping the tree to a desired form — usually a low spread to facilitate easy fruit picking.

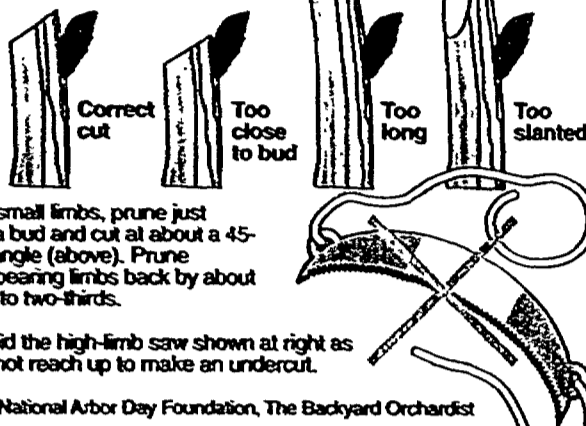
■ On an older tree that has become overgrown, prune larger limbs as shown at right.

■ On small limbs, prune just beyond a bud and cut at about a 45-degree angle (above). Prune existing bearing limbs back by about one-half to two-thirds.

■ Avoid the high-limb saw shown at right as you cannot reach up to make an undercut.

SOURCE: National Arbor Day Foundation, The Backyard Orchardist

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Canterbury has special look, features

By Scott McAlexander
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The many rooflines, the varied styles of windows and the three chimneys provide the Canterbury (D2411) with a special look from all sides. The large garage is on the left side, facing the side. Brickwork cornices and fence arches enhances the face of the home. A courtyard leads to the covered entry of this beautifully styled home, containing 3,623 square feet.

French doors invite one into a large spacious room. The dining room is on the left of the entry, sweeping circular stairs are on the right side, and a 17-foot-high vaulted great room is directly to the rear. The master suite occupies the entire right side of the Canterbury. A sitting room with a fireplace is a special area for relaxing, reading and shaking the worries of the day. The main suite has a 10-foot-4-inch ceiling with an entertainment center of the left side.

The rear of the suite has a large master bath with a spa, "his and her" sinks, a vanity and a shower. Off the bathroom is long walk-in closet lighted by a skylight.

The great room has its own wet bar, fireplace and entertainment center, all running down the right side of the room. Separating this spacious

room from the living room is another set of French doors. A secondary set of stairs to the second floor is in this area, as well as the stairs to the unfinished 2,603-square-foot basement.

The living room also has its own fireplace with windows on both sides. To the left is the nook alcove, surrounded by numerous windows for a light, open look. The corner kitchen has an island containing an eating bar and a sink. The opposite wall has a built-in desk, space for the refrigerator, cabinets. Between the stairs and kitchen, facing the living room is a large walk-in pantry. Dividing the kitchen from the openness of the dining area are yet another set of French doors. Also in this area is a half bath.

The second floor has three bedrooms, each with a private bath. All of the bedrooms have 9-foot ceilings, walk-in closets, and a built-in desk. Two of the bathrooms have a shower and one has a tub.

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Wall-to-wall glass presents problem






















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Q: Our dining room is dark and gloomy. There's only one long, skinny window (what do you call that kind?), so all the light we get, day or night, comes in from the kitchen or the chandelier over the table. We put a dimmer switch on the chandelier, so I can turn it to bright, but it makes me feel we're in a fast-food place. Please, suggestions.

A: I just love the look of table and floor lamps in a dining room. A pair of handsomely shaded lamps on either end of the buffet will brighten every mealtime, I promise. Ditto for a strategically placed floor lamp. Who says they have to stand by a chair only? Certainly not designer Susan Zises Green of the American Society of Interior Designers, who used a pair of oversized (6 1/2-foot) floor lamps in the

dramatic dining room I admired on a recent Architectural Digest house tour that benefited New York's Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club. — Rose Bennett Gilbert is the co-author of "Hampton Style" and associate editor of Country Decorating Ideas. Please send your questions to her at Copley News Service, P.O. Box 120190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190, or online at coplexsd@coplexnews.com

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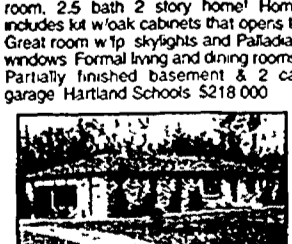
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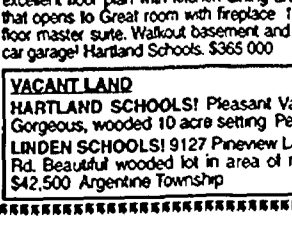
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Northville- Three bedroom Northville schools condo with over 2200 sq ft features oak kitchen, formal dining, den, great room and finished lower level. \$299,900

Northville- Two bedroom end-unit condo in popular Country Club Village features large white kitchen, great room, den, spacious master suite and second bedroom with private bath. \$289,900

Plymouth- Better than new! Three bedroom detached condo in popular neighborhood features maple and corian kitchen, great room, den, main floor master suite. loft, daylight lower level. \$379,900

Northville- Perfection! Two bedroom townhouse with finished lower level filled with upgrades and still shows like new. Must see! \$294,900

Northville- Stunning two story condo with two bedrooms, great room and den, finished daylight lower level, spacious white kitchen, side-entry garage, the best of everything! \$304,900

Northville- End-unit townhouse with sweeping golf course and pond views features many extras, finished lower level, gorgeous! \$314,900

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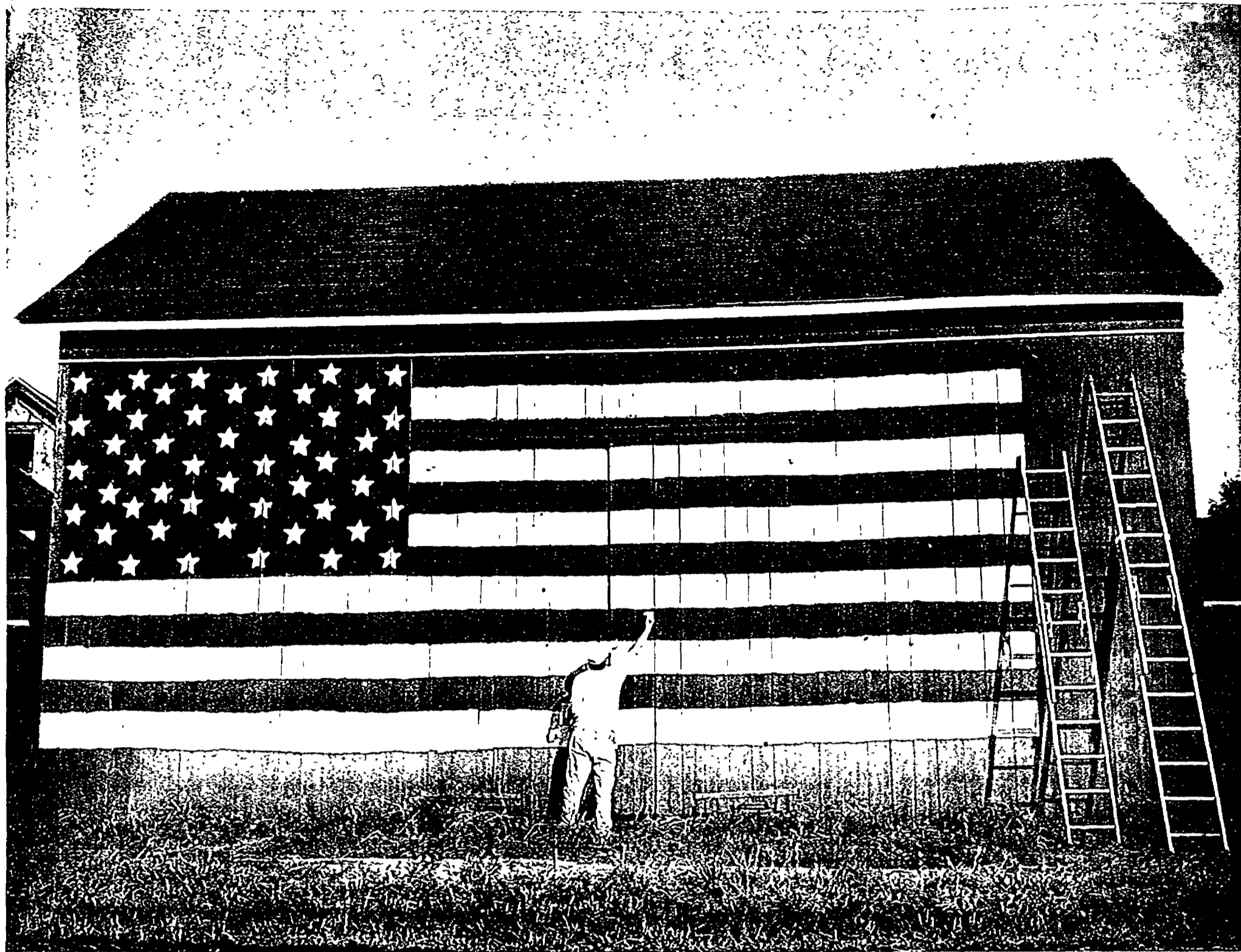
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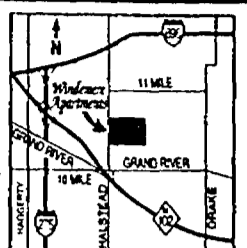
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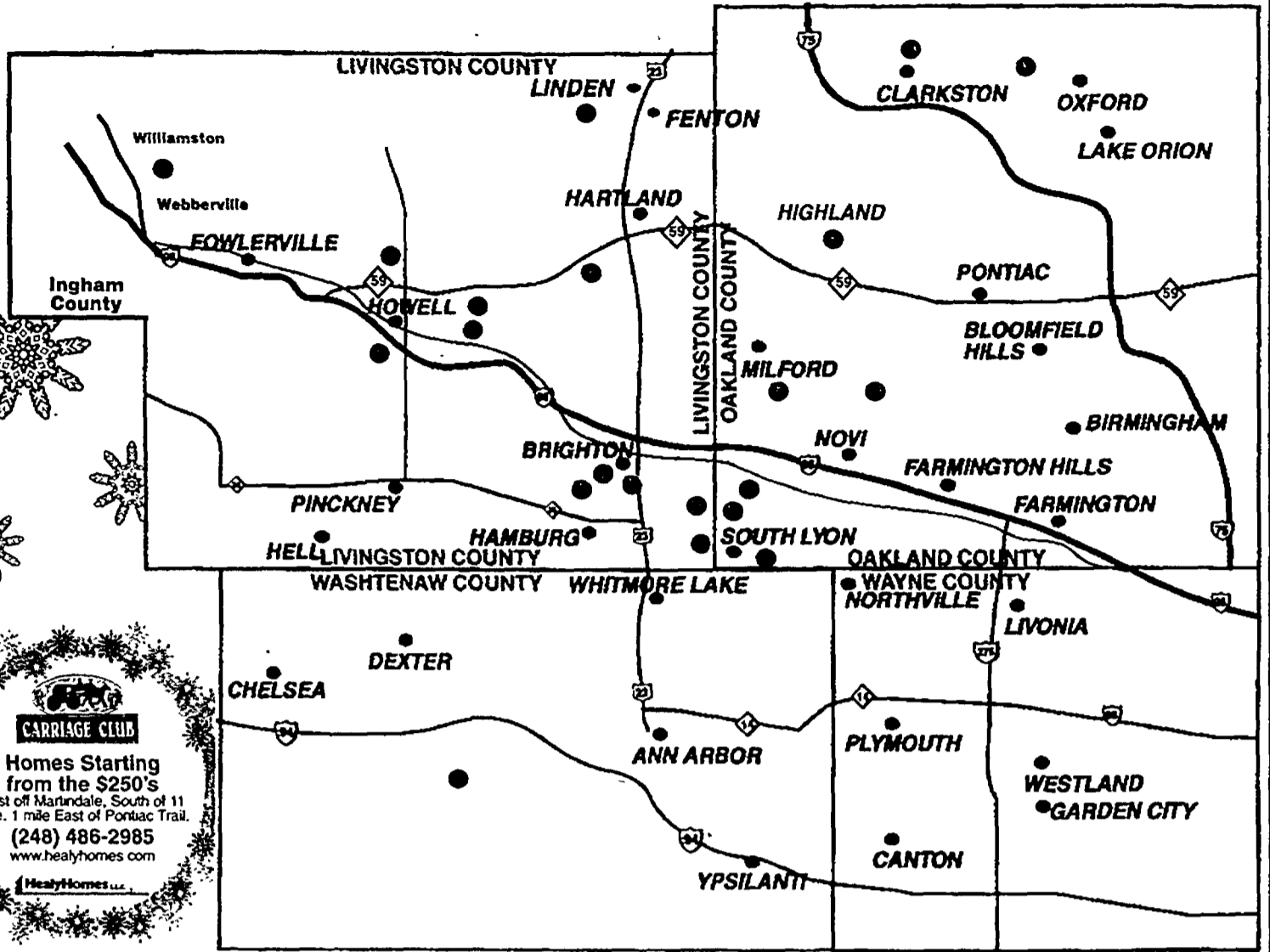
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BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$59,900
Waterfront immaculate condo located within an adult community 50+ co-op. New ceramic tile, new counters, new carpeting throughout, beautifully decorated, balcony overlooking lake, basement. Association fee includes hot water, heat, trash pick-up, and snow removal. (22099638)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$109,900
Doll house! Neat and clean ready to move-in. New carpet in living room. Spacious oak kitchen, range and refrigerator included. 10x12' shed for extra storage. Great value. (22090325)



REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS \$115,900
Great 3 bedroom starter home. Brick with 2 car garage with opener, partially finished basement, new paint, new bath, appliances negotiable. Great location! Great price for an all brick home. Motivated sellers! (22112092)



CRESTWOOD SCHOOLS \$148,900
All brick ranch featuring 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, many new updates including windows, furnace, central air, flooring, bathrooms, covered patio w/new awning, finished basement w/1/2 bath. Home warranty included. A must see! New AC & furnace. (22068985)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$148,900
Very affordable 3 bedroom home in a desirable sub close to everything. Updates include new roofs, skylights, kitchen cupboards refurbished. New bathroom, carpet, and vinyl flooring. Detached garage/workshop. Fenced yard, and a newly paved driveway. (22098602)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$109,900
Huge master bedroom, living room, family room, & dining room. 3 BR, 2 BA all on a nice size lot in the city of Howell. City water, city sewer. Central air, 1st floor laundry, new roof, & new cement driveway. Backyard lot completely fenced w/dog tunnel behind garage. (22103350)



CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOLS \$159,900
Great starter or investment opportunity! Documents date this property back to the 1800's. Many updates include roof, carpet, & fresh paint. 3+ city lots. 2 car garage on parallel fenced lot. Unique Michigan basement. New gutters. 2 BR, 1 bath. 906 sq ft. (22099221)



GRAND BLANC SCHOOLS \$169,900
Great family home on a park like setting. Updates include central air, furnace, well, carpet, deck, fenced yard. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 car attached garage, and more. (22111554)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$179,900
Well insulated home on a very secluded wooded setting w/pond on 3.17 acres. Near shopping mall & expressway access. Many mature trees. 1st floor laundry, master bedroom, 2 full baths, 24x32 heated pole barn. 12x10 utility shed. Most appliances. Home warranty. (22060469)



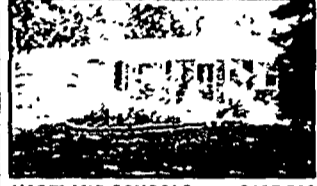
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HOWELL SCHOOLS \$184,990
Great 4 bedroom home in a nice family sub. 1.5 baths, 1,516 sq ft., built in 1995. 2 car garage with 220 volt ready for workshop. (22065526)



ANN ARBOR SCHOOLS \$174,900
Great family oriented home with huge wrap around porch, 4 bedrooms, new flooring to be installed. One year home warranty 30 seconds to Arbor Land and expressway, etc. Basement, shed, fenced yard, and more. (22075457)



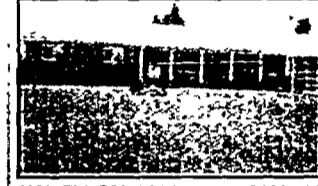
HARTLAND SCHOOLS \$187,500
Spotless 4 bedroom home w/take access to Handy and Maxfield Lakes. Beautiful secluded backyard w/mature pines and mountain ash trees. Large living room w/natural fireplace, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, family room w/comfortable window seat. (22062374)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$187,500
Better than new construction! Super sharp 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial in Howell area. Large deck connected to front porch by walkway. This home is in move-in condition! Tastefully decorated & well maintained. 1st floor laundry room & 1/2 bath. Excellent value. (22069656)



HURON VALLEY SCHOOLS \$188,900
Affordable 1.8 acre horse property in Millard Twp. Fully fenced w/3 paddocks & 20x40 2-story stall barn. Chicken brooder house w/pen. Cute 3 bedroom ranch w/lots of potential. Needs some work. Close to miles of trails in Proud Lake Park & Kensington. Easy freeway access. (22081612)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$189,900
Check this out! Spacious ranch located in a country sub just 3 miles north of Howell. Features include 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, living room, family room w/FP, convenient kitchen, formal dining room, deck, party finished basement, 1st floor laundry & a 2.5 car garage. Home warranty. (22069422)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$193,500
A very nice end unit w/feldstone fireplace w/upgraded ceramic in kitchen, foyer, and baths. Sunny family room, all appliances included, immediate occupancy. This one is worth seeing. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,575 sq ft. (22097578)



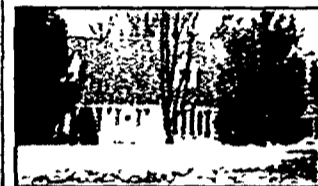
HOWELL SCHOOLS \$194,900
Fantastic 3 bedroom ranch, 2.5 baths, dramatic great room, vaulted ceilings, deluxe oak kitchen, built-ins, fabulous finished lower level, wet bar, ceramic tile, 26' custom deck, sprinklers, central air, city water, and sewer! (22110391)



HURON VALLEY SCHOOLS \$199,900
Sit on your deck or 4 seasons porch of your 2 BR home & watch the beautiful sunsets over quiet all sports Woodruff Lake w/16' of frontage, double lot, & mature trees. New roof, new well, 2 car az garage. Beautiful perennial gardens & green house. Part. fenced yard. Room for expansion or future walkout. (22104654)



STOCKBRIDGE SCHOOLS \$199,900
Excellent floor plan in this 1,608 sq ft., 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2-story home w/a walkout basement. 2 car attached garage, 3 acres, 6' whirlpool tub and shower, great room w/natural fireplace, 1st floor laundry, and more. (22107966)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$204,900
Plenty of room for everyone in the family. 4 large bedrooms, 2 full baths, huge kitchen located on a beautiful 3/4 acre lot w/large mature trees. Close to schools and easy access to expressway. Pinckney recreation & lakes nearby. (22110197)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$219,900
Totally refurbished farm house style home, done in 1999. Full covered wrap-around porch, view of Rush Lake across the street. Featuring 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, fenced yard, hardwood floors, oak kitchen, oak trim throughout. Large spacious open floor plan. Lots more. (22088345)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$224,900
2,300 sq ft., 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 1.5 story Colonial. Lakelands Golf & Country Club Community. Private wooded backyard w/views of a natural area. Extra large rooms, all brick natural fireplace, formal dining room, & only 4 miles to US-23. Immediate occupancy. (22097105)



HARTLAND SCHOOLS \$227,500
Pretty 1/2 acre wooded lakefront property w/a 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial. Features include views of the lake from the living room, kitchen, dining room, and the large deck. Natural fireplace w/raised hearth, crown moldings, unfinished basement, 2 car attached garage, & more. (22069306)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$235,000
Great family home located in a very private subdivision with trees. Enjoy your circle drive & extensive decking along with 4 bedrooms, extra large master suite, 2,300 sq ft., & 3 full baths, living room & large family rm w/natural fireplace. (22034827)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$244,900
Ranch home, custom built, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, country sub setting w/larger lot, in-ground sprinklers, master suite w/Jacuzzi & walk in closet w/dressing area. 1st floor laundry, beautiful landscaping. A dream home being passed on to you! (22089021)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$249,900
Picture perfect ranch on 3 country acres. Great room w/vaulted ceilings. Open floor plan. Quality throughout. Pleasing ceramic baths, 6 panel doors, downall to custom decking, day light windows in basement, central air, security system, sod, sprinklers. (22100560)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$249,900
Great location on a hill. This model home has never been smoked in. Custom paint, mirrors throughout, large eat-in kitchen w/woodnail to 20x22' Unilock paver, raised patio. Finished bsmt, wood Andersen windows, custom window treatments. 2-story LR w/gas log FP. Large rms, 3 BR, 2.5 BA. (22105614)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$258,900
Dramatic new construction, fantastic new development. This sharp 4 bedroom home features a 2-story foyer, great room w/fireplace, extensive hardwood and ceramic, deluxe kitchen, nook, formal dining room, fabulous master suite and more. (22039508)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$263,563
Well maintained lakefront home. Vaulted wood ceiling with scenic views of water. Brick fireplace. Garage is insulated & finished. Unilock & private location at the end of the street, surrounded by water. Home warranty 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 1,500 sq ft., ranch. (22111351)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$264,900
Fabulous new Colonial! 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, fireplace in family room, hardwood floors, ceramic baths, formal living room and dining room. Deluxe kitchen, great new sub. City water, sewer, sidewalks & more. Super lot overlooking park. (22110802)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$264,900
Hard-to-find secluded wooded setting in Mystic Lake Sub. 2,900 sq ft., 3 bedrooms, and a den. 2 fireplaces, 3 beautiful decorated, finished lower level. Home warranty. (22079997)



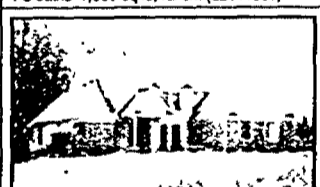
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Beautiful Colonial in a fantastic park-like setting! Formal LR & DR, FR, fireplace. Deluxe oak kitchen, large master suite, glamour bath, oak floors, ceramic baths, 6 panel doors, downall to custom decking, day light windows in basement, central air, security system, sod, sprinklers. (22100560)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$279,900
Custom built raised ranch situated on 11+ acres. Enjoy the views from the lower level porch or the upper level full sized deck. 26' construction, 5 BR, 3 full BA, 30'x40' pole barn w/200 AMP service & full RV hookup for out of town visitors. Close to state land & public access to Indian Lake. (22105616)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$287,900
New construction Cape Cod w/dramatic roof lines. Small 13 home subdivision on a paved road. All lots 1/2 to 3/4 acres. 1.5 miles to I-96 ext 133 (outlet mall). 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, city sewer and water, 3 car side entry garage. (22111276)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$289,900
Very sharp Contemporary only 4-years-old located in a super neighborhood. Featuring 1st floor master bedroom suite with Jacuzzi finished walkout basement w/patio, great room, & formal dining room. Kitchen to die for breakfast room, extra large laundry/dry room & so much more. (22059855)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$329,000
Totally redone 2,900 sq ft., 1 1/2 story home on 5 gorgeous wooded secluded acres. 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, finished walkout basement, pole barn, gazebo, great room with stone fireplace, private master suite, & SO much more. (22025446)



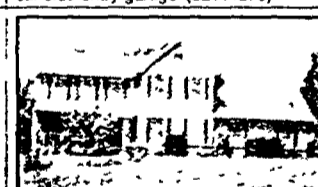
HARTLAND SCHOOLS \$329,900
Custom built w/country French decor. Features include 4 BR, 2.5 BA, extensive hwd floors, open kit w/center island, leaded glass cabinet, oak trim on counter tops. Custom window treatments in living area. Nat. FP w/marble surround. Walkout bsmt w/daylight windows, & high ceiling. (22062315)



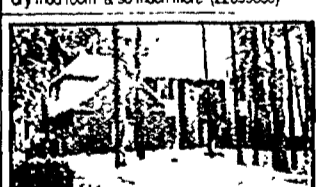
HOWELL SCHOOLS \$337,900
Picture 1.5 story home featuring 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, great room w/fireplace, open w/10' ceilings and transoms. Den or formal dining, hardwood floors in kitchen, entry and nook, all located on 1 acre. (21094187)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$339,000
40 acre farm w/outbuildings subject to township approval. More land available. Currently licensed as hunting preserve. 1,321 sq ft. home, 2 bedrooms, 1st floor laundry, dining room, living room, and a 2 car attached garage. (22080927)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$355,000
Traditional styling, well cared for Colonial located in Brighton. Let the covered porch greet you & enter in a home filled w/extras. Lots of hardwood floors, 1st floor laundry, 4 very large BR, walkout bsmt is ready to be finished. 3 car garage, warm living FR, great kitchen area, & private yard. (22073469)



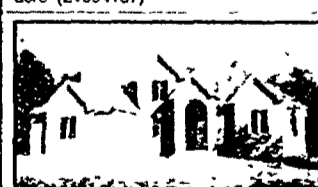
PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$364,900
Inviting & spacious family home on scenic pine treed site in a golf community. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, fireplace in living and family rooms, finished lower level. Wood floors, deck, central air. Located near schools & recreation amenities. (22111360)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$379,900
Vacation year round!! 70' of waterfront on all sports Ore Lake. Spotless ranch has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, den, large laundry room, spacious great room, 20'X30' garage, and fabulous views. (22105066)



WHITMORE LAKE SCHOOLS \$399,000
Located less than 1 mile off US-23 between Ann Arbor/Brighton, 4,600 sq ft., All brick contemporary w/gated access on 3.22 acres of woods. Built in swimming pool. (22013561)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$429,900
Platted sub with pines and scenic views. Conran countertops, Andersen windows, Conran car, deck, first floor Master suite with separate sitting room, and a Jacuzzi. Daylight windows in basement. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. (22068100)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$439,333
4 BR, 3.5 baths, main floor wheelchair access, circular drive, walk in closets, Jacuzzi tub in master bedroom, finished walkout w/wet bar, 60x30' hay barn with new roof & foundation (built in 1800's). Double oven, sub zero refrigerator, garbage disposal, hardwood & ceramic floors. (22095588)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$447,000
Craftsmanship, beauty & luxury are your priorities then this prestigious 4 BR, 3,100 sq ft. Colonial could be your dream home. Enjoy the splendor of an open floor plan w/oak & ceramic throughout. Master BR w/FP adjoining master bath w/Jacuzzi tub. 3 acre lot & walkout basement. (22081735)



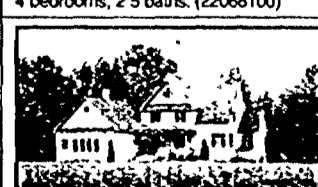
LAKE FENTON SCHOOLS \$449,900
Shows like a new build! Quality throughout. Andersen windows, oak flooring & cabinets, FP, CA, full bsmt, master suite w/balcony 1st floor laundry, 2 car attached garage, 2-bered deck & brick pavers to all sports Lake Fenton. Waterfront, sandy beach. One year home warranty. (22111356)



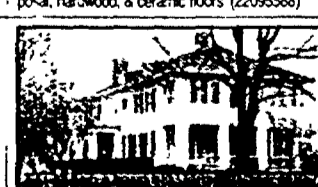
HARTLAND SCHOOLS \$459,900
Hillsborough Estates. New premier neighborhood. Elegant detailing in this 1.5 story design featuring 1st floor master, dual fireplace, great room and hearth room, daylight windows in lower level, granite marble, 3 car garage, central air, landscaped w/sprinklers. (22061811)



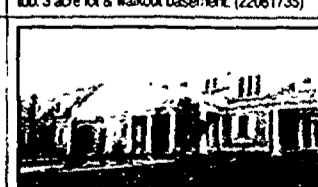
BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$494,900
Gorgeous views over the fairways of Oak Pointe. Newer 1 1/2 story 1st floor master, guest & Jack/Jill suites up, finally appointed, high ceilings, central air, fireplace, wood floors, Conran counters, beach, tennis, golf, and boat memberships. (22068471)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$490,000-\$550,000
Very private custom home on 20 acres or 10 acres. 4 BR, 3.5 BA, bonus rm, unfinished not included in sq ft., 3,246 sq ft., extensive trim, windows, lighting package, awesome kitchen w/marble DR, 1st flr master suite w/all amenities. Great home. Home warranty. (22093638, 22093627)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$1,200,000
Yesterday revisited w/stately details throughout. Howl lrs, formal LR, & DR. Gathering/hearth kitchen w/granite island & Butler pantry. 6,900 sq ft., 6 BR, 4 BA, 2 lavs. Grounds w/pool, carriage house gar., tennis, patios, waterfall pond, & a summer string ra. Breakfast anyone? (22099812)

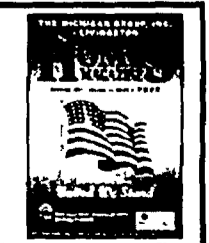


PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$1,739,900
Location includes over 2,000' of water front plus golf course & equestrian center. Luxury master suite w/ sauna, fireplace, huge walk-in shower, walk in closet, double Jacuzzi tub, & private master deck. 20 acres, FR w/wet bar, study including FP, FP in LR, over 4,000 sq ft. in decking. (22063465)

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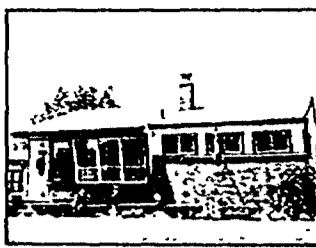
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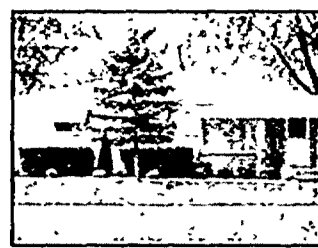
GARDEN CITY - Updates! Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Tr-Level. Totally updated kitchen with newer cabinets & Pergo floors. Updated bath. Newer roof, central air & hardwood floors. Family room with fireplace. Basement & Garage \$138,500 (88ARC) 734-455-5600



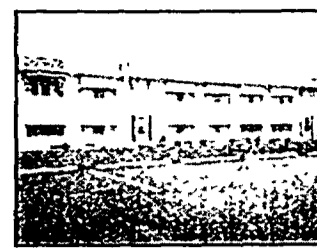
DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Move right in! Charming 3 bedroom brick/aluminum Ranch offers finished basement, 2 car garage plus newer roof, central air, furnace and storm doors \$149,900 (38HAS) 734-455-5600



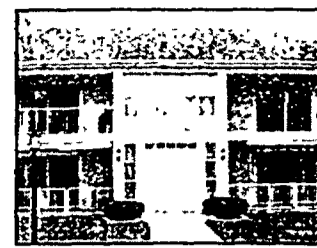
DEARBORN - Great starter home. Three bedroom, 1 bath brick Ranch. Covered ceilings, hardwood floors in living room and bedrooms + basement. Close to Oakwood hospital and expressways \$104,000 (00SOU) 734-455-5600



REDFORD - Wonderful Ranch. Don't miss this new offering! Brick with aluminum trim, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, large oak kitchen, finished rec room, central air & huge 2-bere deck. 2 car garage, neutral decor & private fenced & treed lot \$139,900 (24SAN) 248-349-5600



SOUTH LYON - Affordable retirement! Lower 2 bedroom Ranch co-op in 55+ community on Lake Angeles \$200 monthly fee includes taxes, insurance, heat, water, garbage pick up, lawn care & snow removal. Entry level unit. \$59,900 (40SPA) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Beautiful Condo. All you have to do is move in your personal belongings. Remodeled kitchen, both baths & laundry room. Newer furnace & air conditioning. Newer windows. All appliances stay + washer & dryer. Car port, pool & grounds maintenance \$129,000 (28ANN) 248-349-5600



WESTLAND - Westlands' finest! Three bedroom, 1 bath brick Ranch with newer roof & furnace, brand new Wallside windows, new doorwall, heated Florida room & remodeled bath with ceramic tub surround. Nicely landscaped \$130,000 (70AVO) 734-455-5600



GARDEN CITY - Check it out. Large master bedroom in this 3 bedroom Ranch with 2 car garage, hardwood floors, great closet space + updated bath, ceramic tile, roof & gutter, fireplace in family room. \$134,900 (04LAT) 734-455-5600



BRIGHTON - Nestled in the woods! Three bedrooms, 2 baths. On 1.2 acres, Winans Lake access! Raised Ranch, living room with fireplace, newer carpet, dining room with sky light & wooded views. Kitchen with newer cabinets and floors. Newer septic and furnace \$253,000 (91TEA) 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE - Stunning plantabon-style Cape Cod. Four bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home with granite counter tops, hardwood flooring, custom screened porch, extensive stone walk ways, landscaping & extensive decking. First floor master suite. Many built-ins. Major upgraded amenities \$691,000 (67FOX) 248-349-5600



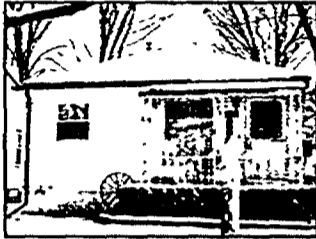
SOUTHFIELD - Wonderful home on approximately 2.4 acres. Four bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Bungalow on wooded, private setting. Hardwood floors, plaster walls, fireplace in living room. Freshly painted throughout. Family room, living room with Garage & work shop. This home has a lot of character. \$132,900 (00SHI) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Premium court location. This 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Ranch has all the bells & whistles. Totally updated kitchen with oak cabinets. Fresh & tasteful decor throughout. Family room, living room with fireplace, basement, 2 car heated garage & more. Approximately .64 acre wooded lot. \$239,900 (11MAS) 248-349-5600



REDFORD - Sparkling Ranch! Three bedrooms, finished basement, heated Florida room & attached garage. Updates roof, furnace, central air, windows, glass block in basement, large fenced yard. Updated kitchen. Great size living room and dining room \$159,900 (80BRA) 734-455-5600



REDFORD - Charming starter. Nice 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home with 13x9 Florida room, major updates done. Roof, siding, copper plumbing, windows, furnace & hot water heater. Cur'e covered porch, fenced yard & 1 car garage. Come take a look! \$106,000 (79NOR) 734-455-5600



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REDFORD - Super clean Ranch! Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath must see! Central air, newer bath, kitchen, windows, basement with glass block windows, newer garage door with opener, newer decor, all appliances stay & home protection plan \$119,900 (65BRA) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Updates abound. Four bedroom, 2 bath Colonial with recent addition (02), laundry room & spacious family room with cathedral ceilings & built-in bookshelves. Other updates include 2 baths, kitchen, library with ceramic tile & deck. \$319,900 (60PAL) 734-455-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Stunning 3 bedroom brick Ranch on treed lot. Two baths, family room with fireplace, completely updated light maple kitchen with modern appliances. Finished rec room, central air, attached 2 car garage, deck with hot tub, sprinkler system. Loaded. \$177,900 (39ONT) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Country lot & more. This spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath Ranch has finished basement, fireplace, updated windows, shingles, freshly painted & carpeted throughout. Livonia schools. All this on an approximately .38 acre lot \$199,900 (03LIV) 248-349-5600



SOUTH LYON - Ready to retire? Is a golf course in your back yard in your plan? End unit 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath Tanglewood Condo is loaded with quality. Upgrades: hardwood floors, maple cabinets, finished walk-out with bedroom & bathroom, family room & hobby room \$445,000 (42SW) 248-349-5600



GARDEN CITY - Move right in. This spacious North Garden City Ranch has 3 bedrooms, 1 + 2 half baths, family room with fireplace, basement, dining room & more. All appliances are included. Come take a look. \$159,900 (11BRI) 248-349-5600



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Views galore! Four bedroom, 3 1/2 bath Colonial. Gorgeous lot with spacious walk-out. Two-tier professional deck, dual staircases with bridge overlooking great room & nature preserve. Formal dining room. Master with fireplace \$975,000 (46BRI) 734-455-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Brick Ranch in Farmington. Great location, close to everything. Three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, full basement, 2 car oversized garage, fenced yard. Andersen windows, newer roof, furnace, siding & central air. Family room, living room, combo. Farmington schools \$179,900 (65PUR) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN - Classic elegance! Backing to a private wooded setting. This is a 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Town home with a private court yard entrance. Living room with marble fireplace, formal dining room opens to large deck. Kitchen with Coran & cherry cabinets. Master suite \$334,900 (23TIM) 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE - Prestigious Northville Condo. Three bedroom, 3 1/2 bath & finished walk-out lower level with kitchen facilities. Large master bedroom suite with alcove & loft. All appliances stay plus washer and dryer. Downstairs, patio and balcony. Central air and 1 car garage \$324,900 (44EAS) 248-349-5600



NOVI - Benchmark of quality. Four bed 3 1/2 bath Cape Cod with 3 fireplaces, family, dining & great room, kitchen with granite nook. Kohler fixtures. Baldwin hardware. Heated towel bar. Central vac & second floor laundry. Speaker system & Andersen clad windows. 40-year shingles & hard plank exterior. \$799,900 (49INV) 248-349-5600



GREEN OAK - Executive Colonial with view of lake on extra-large deck, plus hot tub. Four bedrooms, 3 baths with island kitchen and first floor laundry. Library has closet & adjacent bath, could be in-law suite. Soaring ceiling in family room with natural fireplace \$336,000 (88TAR) 248-349-5600



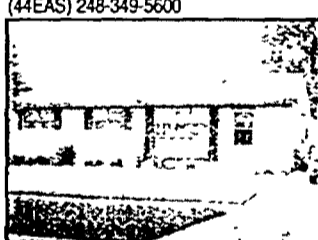
SUPERIOR - Exceptional Colonial! Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Recently renovated! Entry level with large eat-in kitchen area and a lot of cabinets & counters. Formal dining room, oversized family room, 2 bedrooms & library. Two bedroom apartment in upper level. Outside entry \$284,000 (90CHE) 734-455-5600



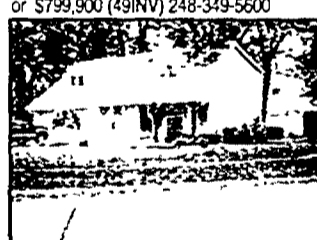
NORTHVILLE - California contemporary! Three bedroom, 2 bath Ranch on beautiful 1.4 acre lot. Great room with wood vaulted ceiling, natural fireplace, slate entry, updated kitchen & custom lighting. Master suite with Pergo. Newer windows, roof, central air and furnace \$279,000 (60RDB) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Spacious living. Charming 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Ranch sitting on 1/2 acre lot with a 3-bere deck & cherry kitchen. Ready to move into \$164,900 (70WAY) 734-455-5600



WESTLAND - Sharp Westland Ranch. Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home features family room with fireplace, hardwood floors, updated kitchen with oak cabinets and 2 car garage. Large fenced yard & full basement under family room \$154,900 (36AVO) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Burton Hollow Cape Cod. Quiet cul-de-sac setting for this charming 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Cape Cod. Hardwood floors under most carpets. Walking distance to swim club and Cass elementary school. Appliances included \$304,900 (95FAI) 248-349-5600



NOVI - Walled Lake - lakefront home. Wow! Stop! Look! Buy! This home is priced to sell. Move-in ready doll house on Walled Lake is ready for your entertaining. Private lake lot with sea wall and dock. Bring your fishing rods & sun screen \$259,900 (05EAS) 248-349-5600



WOODHAVEN - Wonderful Cape Cod. Charming 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath Cape Cod with 2 car attached garage, library, part finished basement. Large kitchen with breakfast bar. Dining room leads to 1 of 2 decks. Master bedroom with full bath & walk-in closet. \$245,000 (76CRE) 734-455-5600



REDFORD - Well maintained! Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath brick Bungalow with 24x15 master suite with 1 1/2 bath. Finished basement with bar, glass block windows & band work shop. Newer roof, entry doors, vinyl windows. Carpet and central air with dehumidifier. New porch \$142,500 (12SEM) 734-455-5600



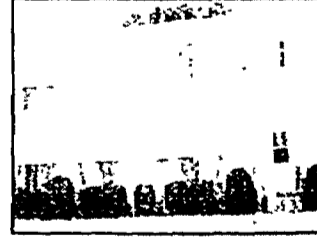
DEARBORN - A place to call home. Nice 3 bedroom Dearborn Bungalow offers fireplace in living room, covered ceilings, finished basement with full bath & bar plus newer furnace and central air \$144,999 (45WOO) 734-455-5600



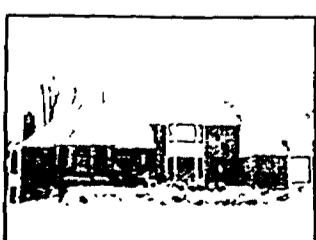
WEST BLOOMFIELD - Pride of ownership! Original owners have taken loving care of this 4 bedroom Colonial with country kitchen & many updates. Lovely landscaping with walking paths to parks. Large tiled mud room & foyer. Painted inside and out. Extra windows added \$289,000 (72GRE) 248-349-5600



SOUTH LYON - Welcome home to this well-maintained 3 bedroom Ranch. Lower level includes kitchen and 2 bedrooms - completely updated & freshly painted. Door wall off kitchen leads to spacious never deck. Large fenced yard. A must see \$188,000 (42OXF) 248-349-5600



SOUTH LYON - Lake Angela Co-Op. A \$200 monthly fee includes taxes, insurance, heat, water and all maintenance. Newer kitchen. Great new Private basement. Move-in condition \$59,990 (94SAN) 248-349-5600



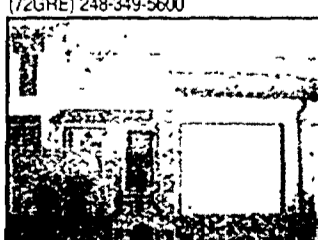
MILFORD - Builders' home. Custom built 4 bedroom, 2 full and 2 half baths with 3 car attached garage, finished walk-out basement, 2 master suites & gourmet kitchen with appliances \$579,900 (01DEE) 734-455-5600



FLAT ROCK - Great opportunity! Roof & central air '02, some windows & furnace '01, vinyl siding '00. Large foyer with bay window. Bath remodeled. Home still needs some work but the majors are done \$114,900 (26SEN) 734-455-5600



REDFORD - Don't miss this one! Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, huge Ranch with 2 car attached garage with attic. Wet plaster with covered ceilings, gigantic country kitchen, rec room with fireplace, 1/2 acre lot, newer windows & central air \$187,900 (68RYL) 734-455-5600



ROCHESTER HILLS - Open floor plan Condo. Updated kitchen, newer furnace & air conditioning, deck overlooking treed yard. Replacement windows, corner brick fireplace & finished basement. Breakfast nook, dishwasher & microwave new in 2000. Close to school \$159,900 (09WIL) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE - Walk to downtown from this updated 3 bedroom home with beautiful hardwood floors, living room, dining room, updated kitchen with maple cabinets, family room with natural fireplace, basement & 2 car garage. 1 year home warranty \$234,900 (13ELY) 248-349-5600



GREEN OAK - Picturesque wooded lot. Approximately 1 acre with 4 spacious bedrooms. 3 1/2 baths & custom throughout. Private deck off master suite. Two story great room with fireplace. Finished walk-out basement! Extensive landscaping with lighting \$449,900 (01SIL) 248-349-5600

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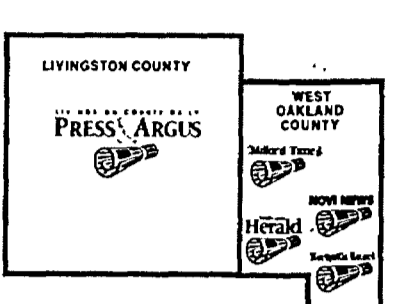
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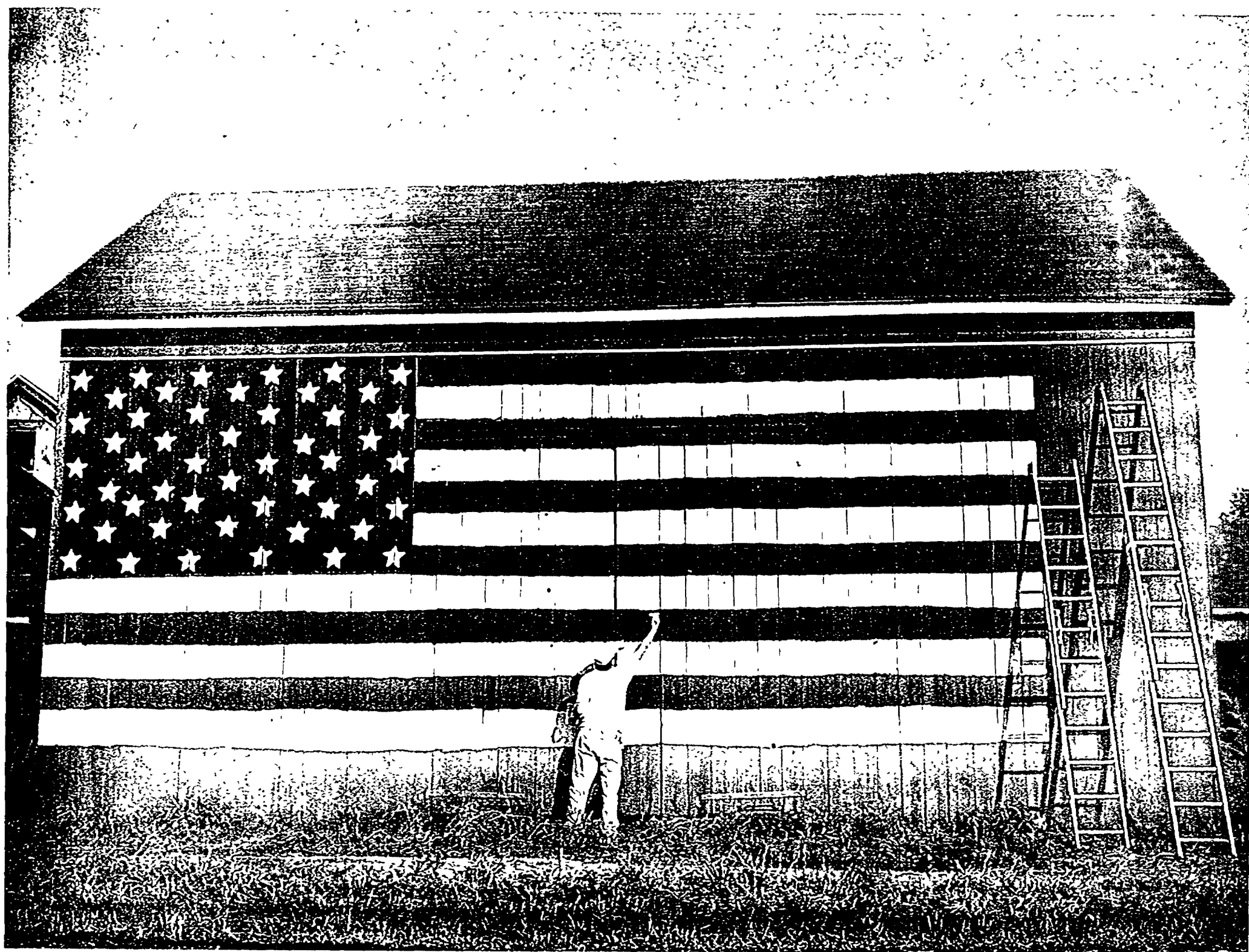
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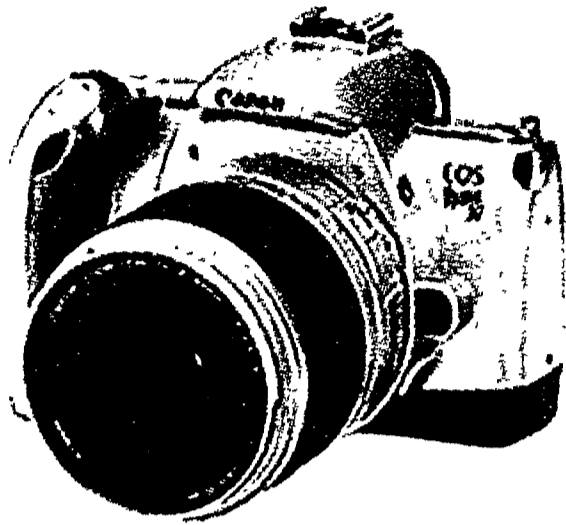
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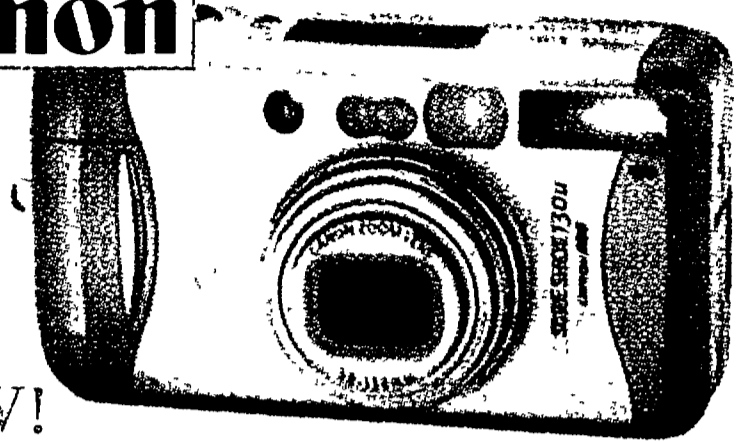


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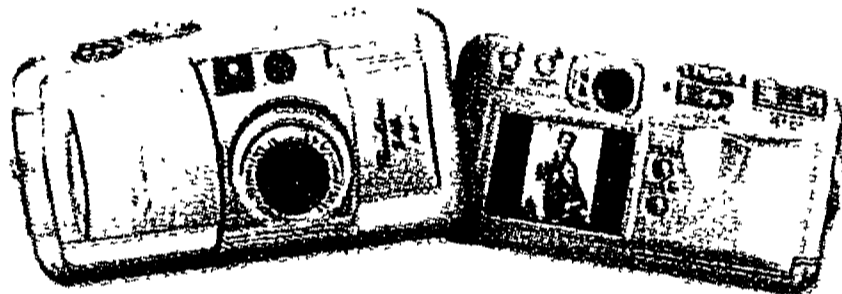
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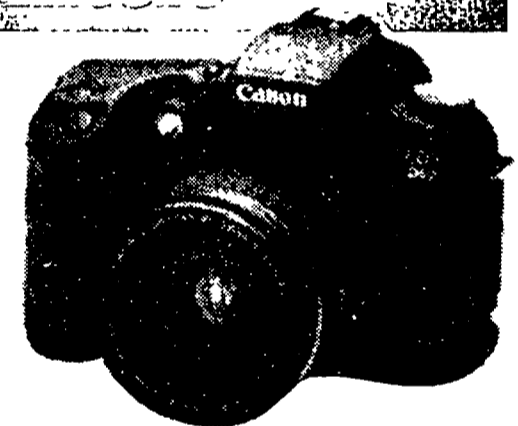
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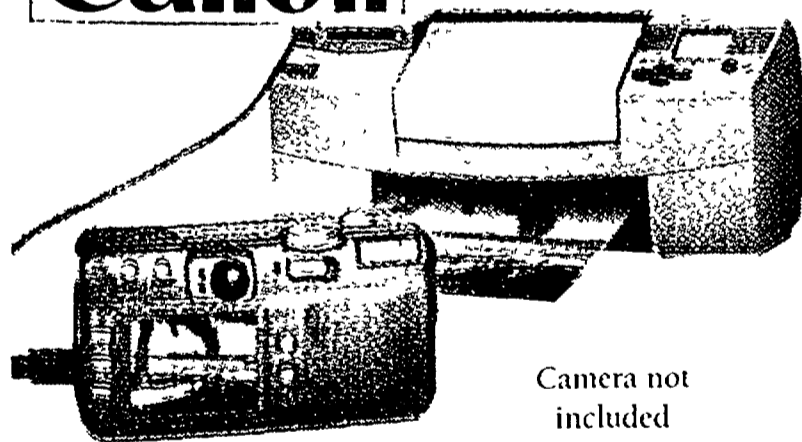
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Schedule of Events

Wednesday, January 15

■ Festival opens with display of over 100 individual block sculptures placed in front of participating businesses throughout downtown Plymouth.

■ Major multi-block displays are under construction, demonstrating the different sculpture sizes and styles of ice carving that will take place live, before visitors, from the beginning to the conclusion of the festival.

■ The Farmer Jack "Fantasyland," "Frozen Cinema" and the Don Massey Cadillac Light Show begins.

■ "The 100th Birthday of the Teddy Bear" and "Home For The Holidays" exhibits at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 115 S. Main from 1 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

■ Register for Crystal Diamond Setters 10th-anniversary Giveaway at 467 Forest Avenue.

Thursday, January 16

■ Award presentation to the winners of the Plymouth Observer Middle School Art Students Ice Sculpture design contest at 4 p.m. in Kellogg Park.

■ Johnson Controls Celebrity Carving Competition at 5:30 p.m. in The Gathering. A professional ice carver will assist all celebrities.

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Friday, January 17

■ Visteon Three-Hour Amateur Individual Competition at the Central Parking Structure from 5-8 p.m.

■ Visteon Individual Professional Competition in Kellogg Park from 5-9 p.m.

■ "Ice Odyssey 2003" Annual Dinner Dance and Auction, Northville Hills Golf Course, 7 p.m.-11 p.m., with music by Latin Jazz artists Saoco.

■ Register for Crystal Diamond Setters 10th-anniversary Giveaway at 467 Forest Avenue.

Saturday, January 18

■ Individual High School Competition sponsored by Community Federal Credit Union and Blackwell Ford at the Central Parking Structure from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

■ Visteon 8-Hour Two-man Professional Team Competition in Kellogg Park from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

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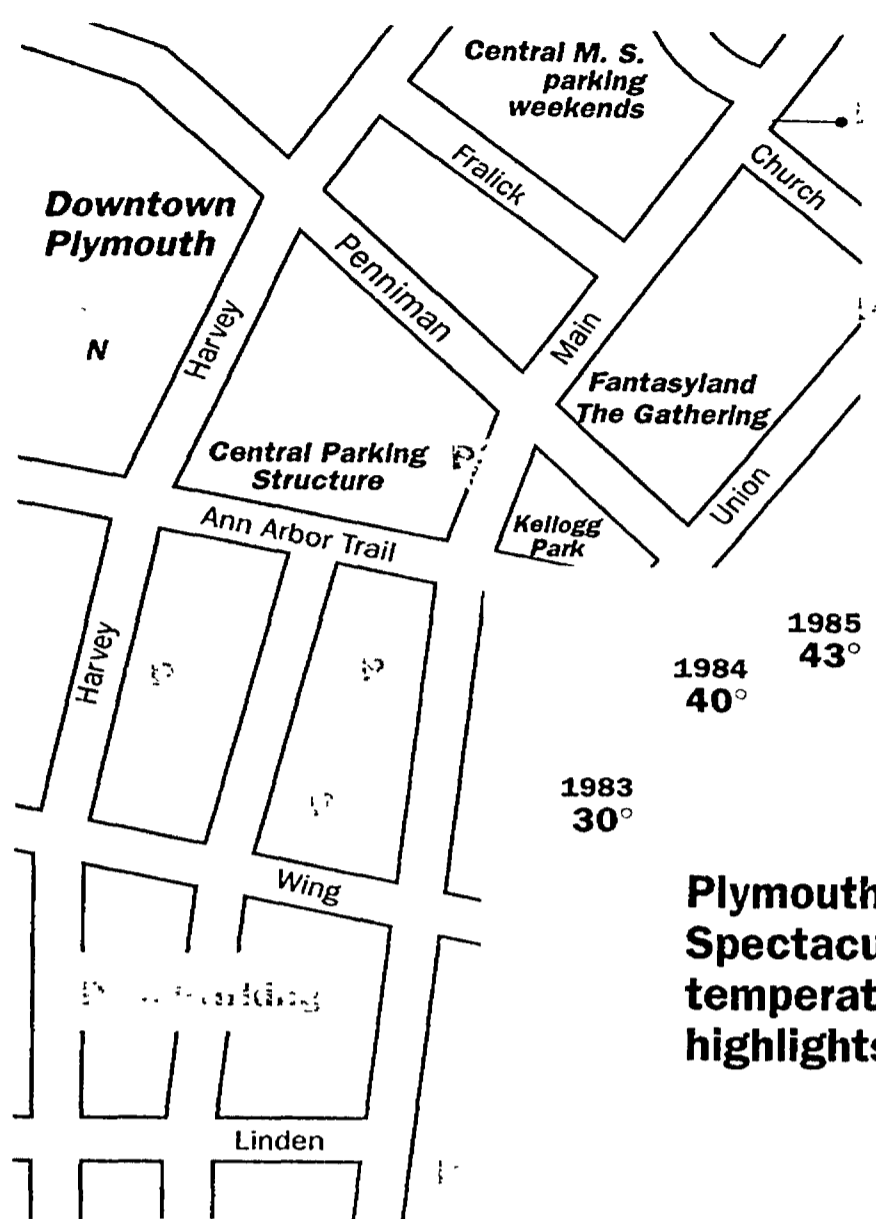
Sunday, January 19

■ Two-Man College and High School Team Competitions sponsored by Community Federal Credit Union and Blackwell Ford in Kellogg Park from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

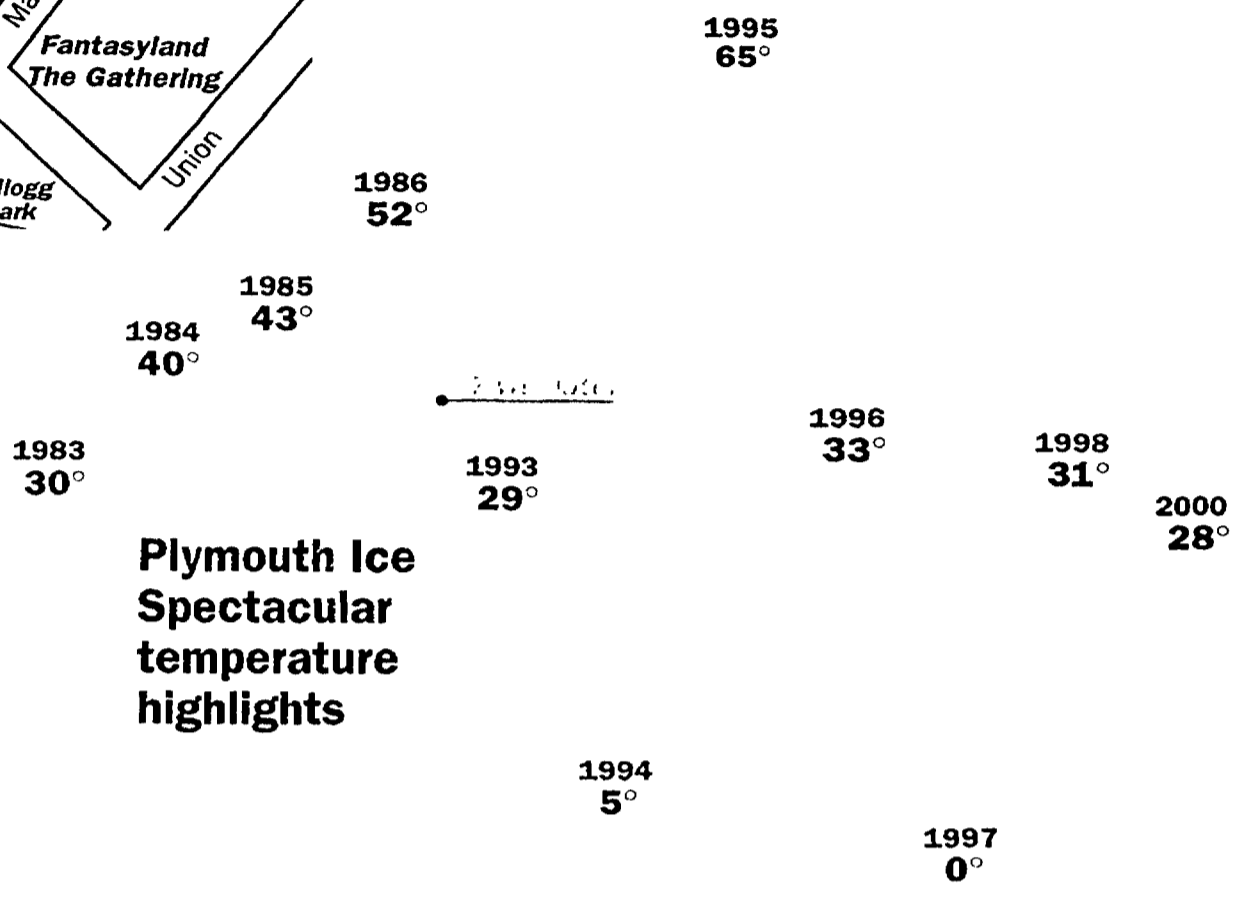
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Monday, January 20

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The 2003 Plymouth Ice Spectacular will again feature more than 200 new and spectacular ice carvings created by students, professors, amateurs and professional ice carvers from Japan, Canada, and across the United States.

The Farmer Jack Fantasyland for children will be a tribute to the cinema with ice carvings depicting characters or scenes from the motion picture industry, and will be entitled "Frozen Cinema." Open to the public 24 hours a day, the fantastic ice sculptures are lighted during the evening hours to add a thrilling dimension to the dazzling, one-of-a-kind creations.

The work of Tajana Raukar, one of the hottest new ice carvers in the world and also a resident and business owner in Plymouth, will be featured in a number of displays. She also will defend her title in the professional



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It's not all done with chain saws, with some of the work on carvings having to be done in fine detail.

team and individual competitions. Raukar began competing at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular as a student ice carver with Schoolcraft Community College and has seen her career skyrocket to the top of the ice-carving world.

Raukar was invited to the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics, and has also been invited to the upcoming world championships. She has also been invited to carve in Belgium, and has carved in Fairbanks, Alaska,

where she crafted from a single large block, cut from a glacier. These events are usually reserved for older, more experienced carvers, and the fact that Raukar has moved up the list of invitees so quickly just shows her

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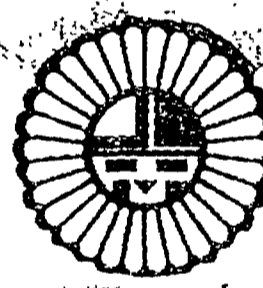
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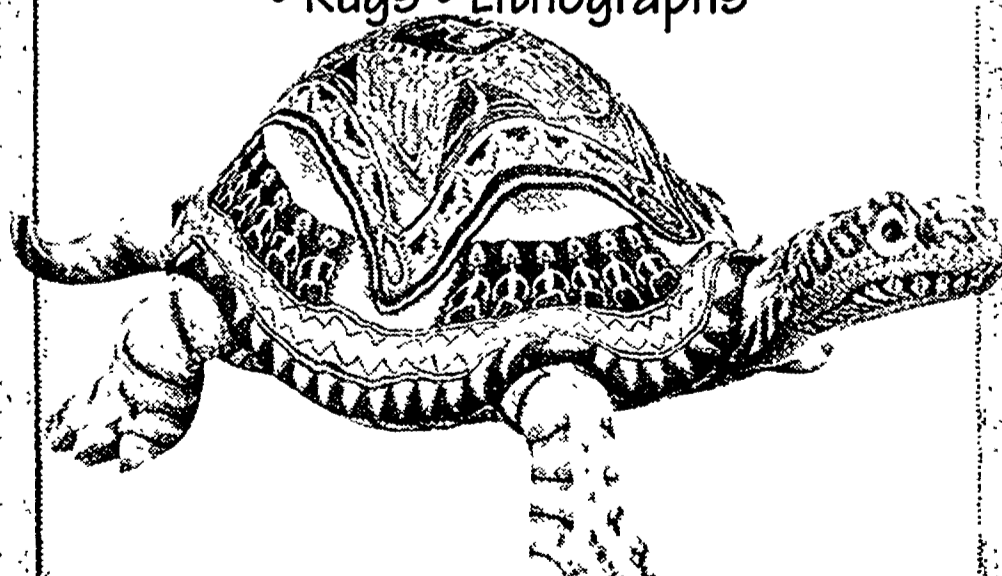
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Dinner-dance, auction returns to festival slate

BY BRAD KADRICH
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The 2003 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular gets a little taste of salsa when the board of directors hosts the second Ice Spectacular Dinner Dance Friday, Jan. 17.

"Ice Odyssey 2003," the festival's annual dinner-dance and auction, takes place from 7-11 p.m. at Northville Hills Golf Course, with music by Latin Jazz artists Saoco.

The dinner-dance makes its return after a one-year absence. The board decided not to have the dance during the 2002 festival, in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

"Because of 9/11 and how general fund-raising was going, we didn't want the extra burden of that," said Mike Watts of Watts-Up, Inc., the company organizing the festival. "It didn't seem it was the right thing to do, even though it was months after."

This year, though, the dance-auction is back, but with a twist. Rather than being the usual sit-down meal, dinner will be served from various stations, between which diners must roam to get their meals.

"It's not your typical meal set-up," Watts said. "We wanted to make sure people got the chance to mingle."

THE BAND

Entertainment the first year was provided by a dance orchestra that specialized in swing, R&B and rock-and-roll. This year's music comes from the Latin jazz band "Saoco," whose repertoire consists of original compositions and the band's own arrangements of popular Salsa, Cuban and other Caribbean dance tunes.

The band says its style "enhances a compelling (but not complicated) rhythm section with sophisticated vocal arrangements and acrobatic brass licks."

The 10-member band features



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The Latin jazz band Saoco will provide entertainment at the dinner-dance.

Jason Loisel, the son of board president Ron Loisel, on the congas. The band was a 2002 nominee for "Best World Music Group" in the 2002 MetroTimes Detroit Music Awards; has more than 180 combined years of professional experience; and has played venues such as the Holland Area Arts Council annual gala, the Sky Club in Royal Oak, the Muskegon Summer Festival, and benefits for the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, the Peoria (Ill.) Art Museum and the 911 NYC Fire Fighters Relief fund.

"They've got a great reputation," said Ron Edwards, one of the chairs of the dinner-dance. "I haven't heard them, but from what I've heard from other people, they're great."

The board of directors is hoping the dinner-dance can help the festival make some money. After breaking even in 2001, officials are hoping the dance will net at least \$7,000, which would be about 5 percent of the festival's budget, according to Edwards.

DINNER TIME

The menu will include four stations:

- Carving station — Featuring steamship of beef.
- Pasta and salad station — With three assorted pastas topped with marinara, alfredo and pesto sauces.
- Chicken entrees station — Chicken piccante, a California vegetables medley, garlic mashed potatoes and salmon and shrimp.
- Sweets station — Maybe the most popular, featuring cookies, brownies and assorted mini pastries.

Black tie is optional for the dinner, for which tickets cost \$100 apiece. Northville Hills Golf Club is located at 15565 Bay Hill Drive in Northville. Tickets are available at Papa Ramano's, Hands On Leather and Engraving Connection, or by calling Edwards (734-420-9070), Ron Loisel (734-459-9970) or Watts (734-459-6969).

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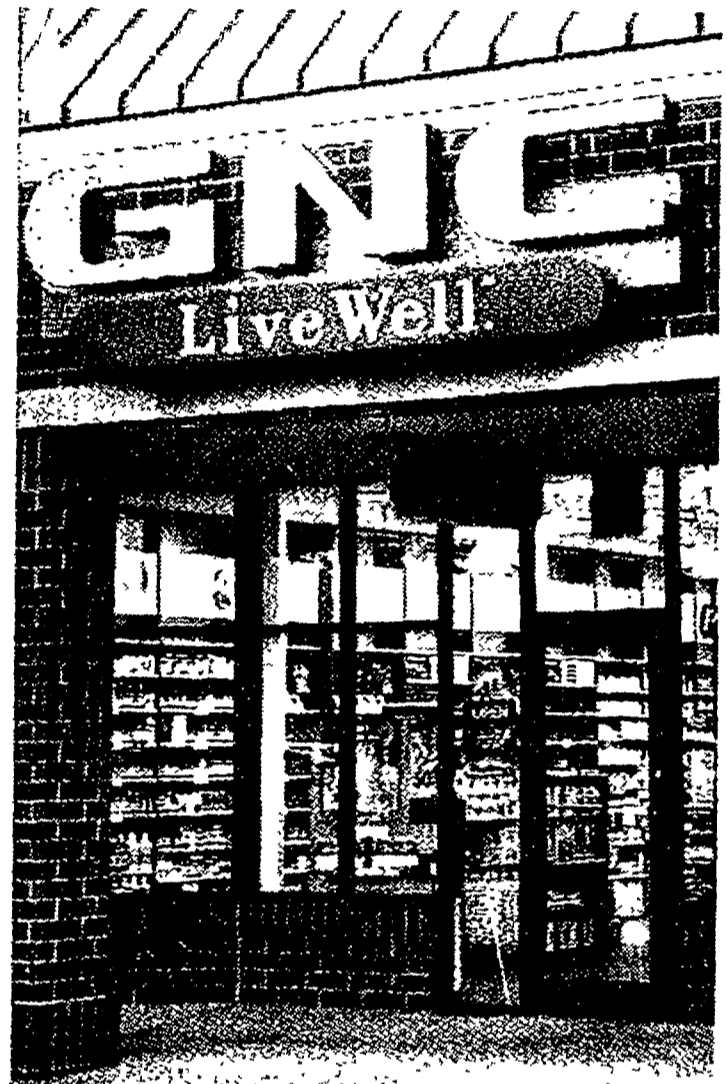
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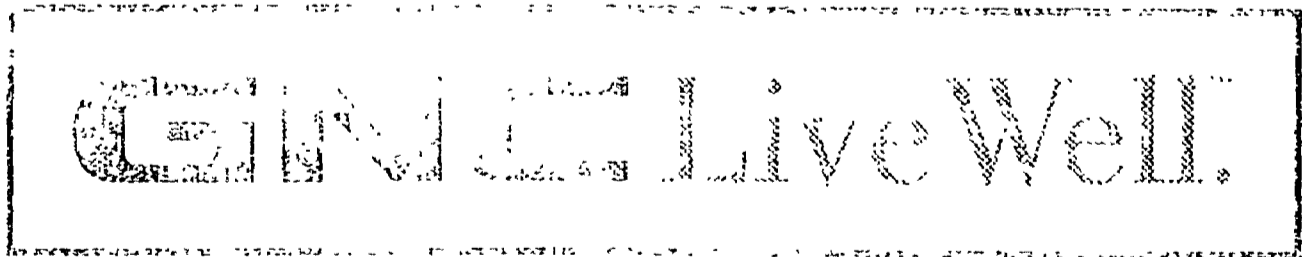
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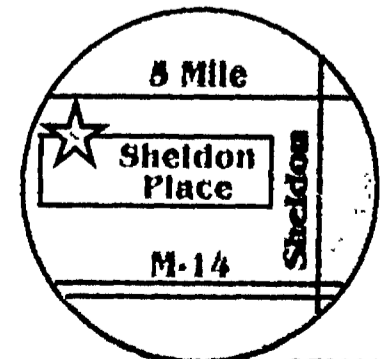
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Master Chef Franklin currently works for Nestle USA. He resides in wonderful Englewood,

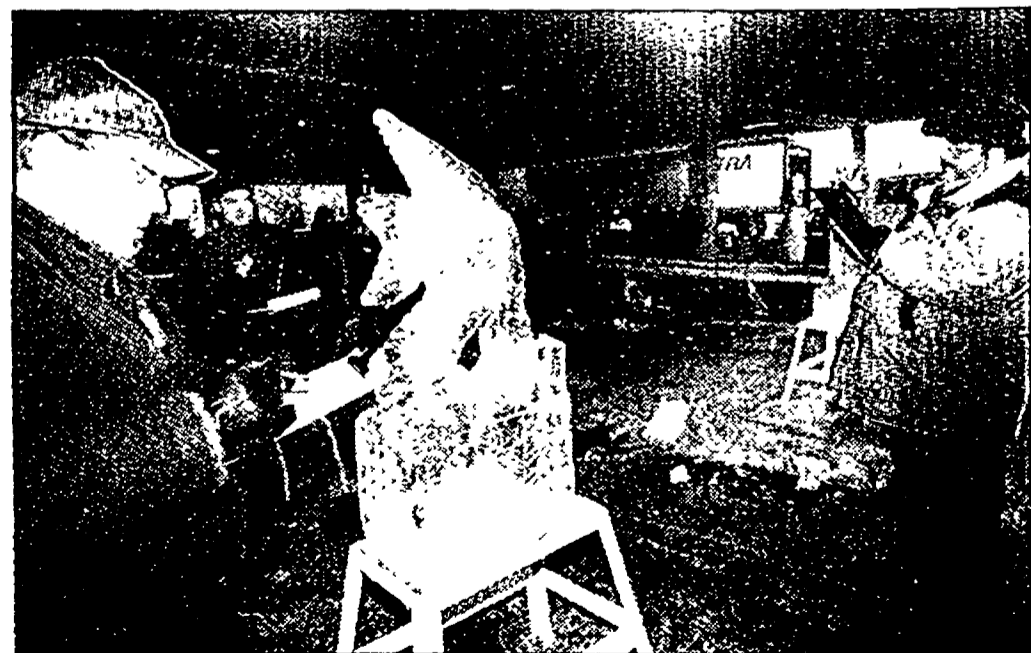
Colorado with his wife Katy. He has two great kids and two beautiful grandchildren.

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He is a former national secretary and treasurer of ACF, a current member of the American Academy of Chefs and The Order of the Golden Toque, and a founding member and past president of ACF Mid-Hudson Culinary Association. In 1999 he was named national ACF Chef of the Year, the crowning achievement of a career that began in his brother's bakery more than 50 years ago.

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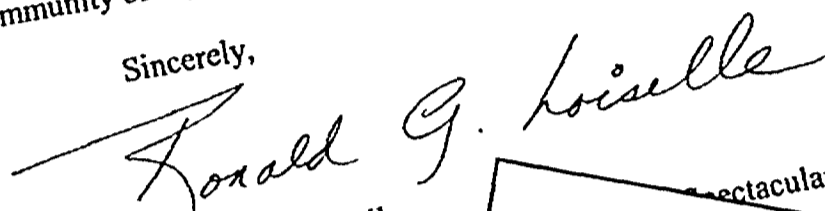
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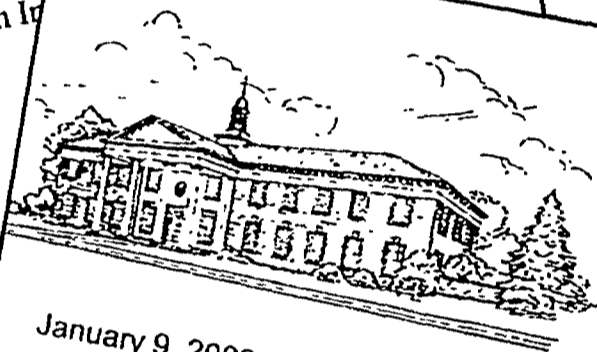
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January 9, 2003

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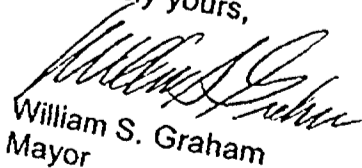
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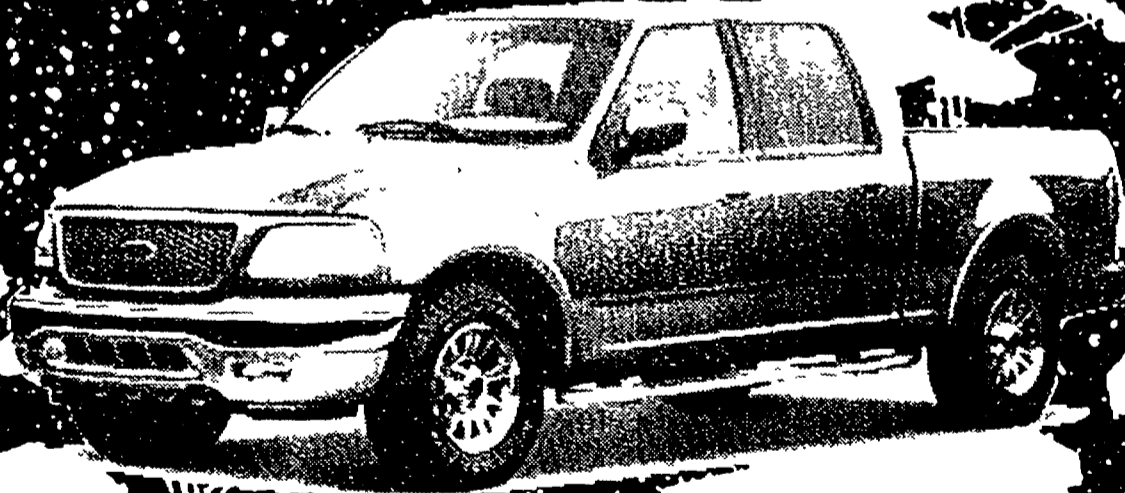
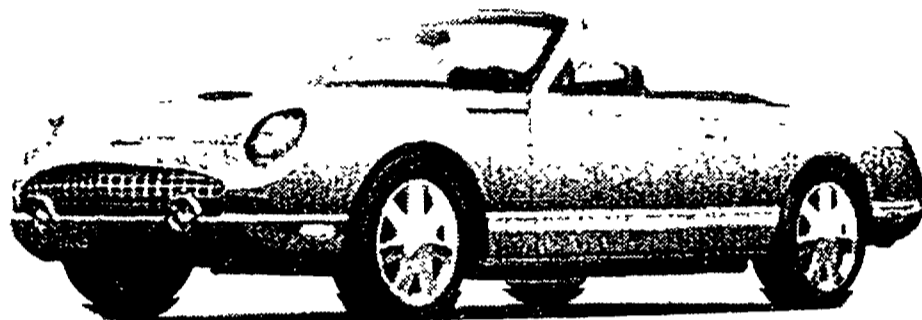
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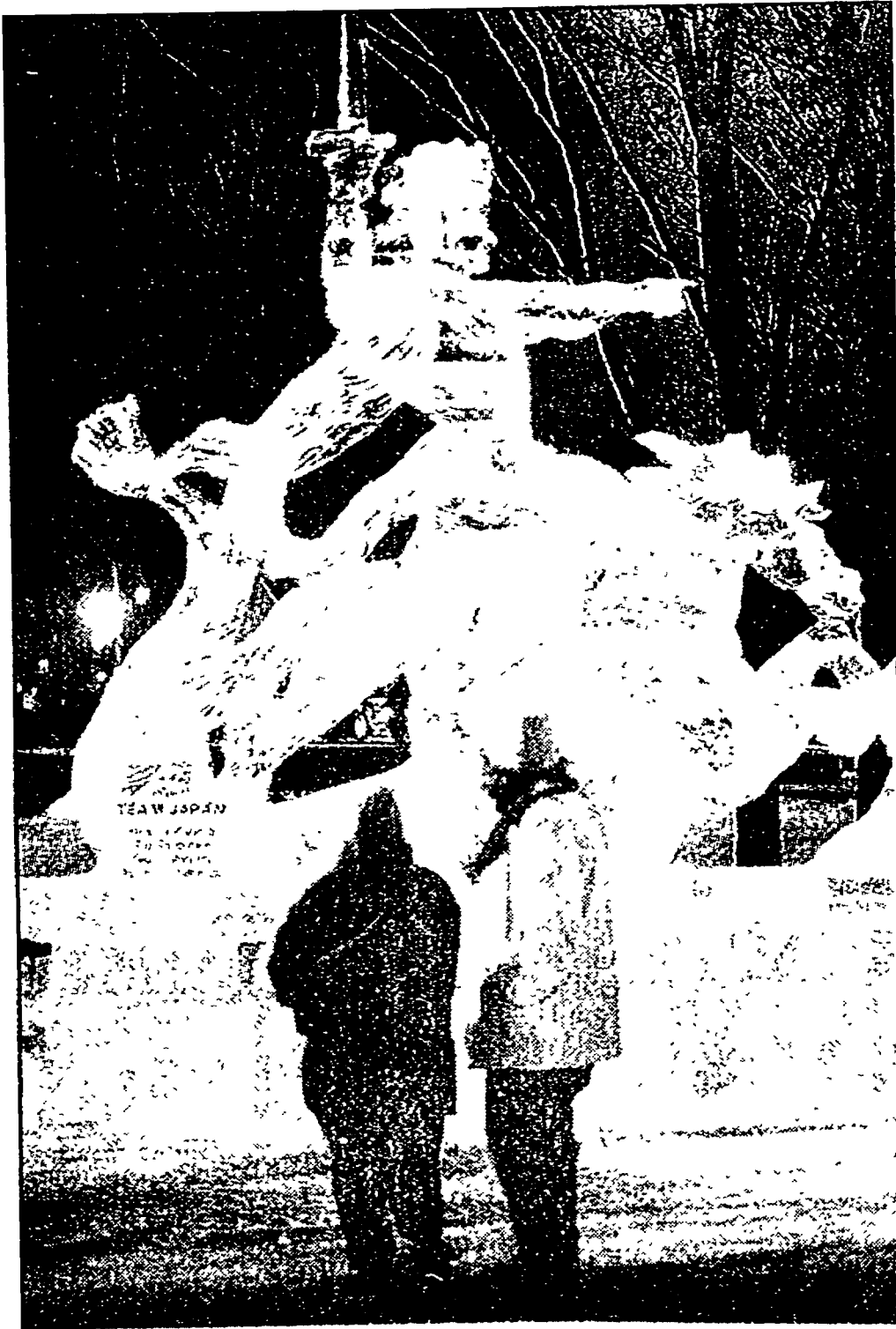
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great talent and competitive spirit.

The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, as part of its 20th-anniversary celebration, will present a special pre-festival event in conjunction with the 2003 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. The program is entitled "The Big Freeze" and features a number of programs and activities focusing on ice. A special ice carving exhibition from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. will be presented by World Champion Ice Sculptor, Ted Wakar of Frozen Images.

Another addition to the Plymouth Ice Spectacular lineup of special events is a black tie optional dinner dance and raffle at the new Northville Hills Golf Course.



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The team from Japan is responsible for some of the largest, more ornate sculptures every year at the ice festival.

The music will be provided by the fabulous 10 piece Latin Jazz group Saoco, and will feature a unique dinner style, which will include various food stations for each course of the meal. Tickets are \$100 and proceeds will benefit the nonprofit Plymouth International Ice Sculpture, Inc.

Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling Ron Loiselle, Loiselle and Associates at (34) 459-9970 or



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Sometimes, the carvings at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular turn out to be horses of a different color.

Watts Up, Inc. at (734) 459-6969.

The 2003 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular will again feature a professional team of world-class carvers from Japan who will showcase the style of carving popular in their country. Competitions are sanctioned by the prestigious American Culinary Federation.

In addition to the carvers who visit Plymouth each year, the Board of Directors is also pleased to recognize the many high school and community college students who participate and are an integral part of the Plymouth Ice Spectacular experience.

The 2003 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular features the largest contingent of student carving exhibitions and competitions in America and, with the help and assistance of the participating schools and their instructors, Plymouth is known as the birthplace of modern ice carving in the United States.

The student competitions and learning experiences distinguish the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. Recognized as a premier winter event, the festival represents a rare opportunity for student ice carvers to work alongside the world's leading professionals. All work performed by the students is supervised, and is used as an instructional experience.

The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. The event is made possible through the generosity of many businesses, corporations, and individual sponsors.

Ice festival a showcase for the art of sculpting

French chefs began the art of ice sculpting more than 200 years ago. The first art sculptures were basic designs used as functional food holders to keep food cold during service time for elaborate buffets. Russians learned the art from French chefs at the turn of the eighteenth century.

The first well-documented ice palace was built as a setting for a monstrous joke. On the frozen river, Neva, in the winter of 1739-40, a shivering bride and groom spent their wedding night in a building of ice. The palace was designed by an architect commissioned by the Empress Ann Ivanova.

The Empress built the palace to express her jealousy for an old lover who had run off with a peas-

ant girl. This was her way of punishing the couple by making them spend their honeymoon night in an ice castle. The palace was complete with ice cannons that actually fired and a bedroom with a vanity, dresser with mirror, table, chairs and a canopy bed all made from ice.

The Japanese chefs picked up the art of ice sculpting from the French chefs in the last 30 years. Just recently the Japanese have been considered the masters of the art form. In Japan, ice sculpting is a full time profession, the sculptors carve wood in the summer and ice in the winter. In America, ice sculpting is a relatively young art form helping to revive the dying craft as part of the

culinary profession.

In the last 20 years, the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular has been the reason for this art form being rediscovered in Michigan. Carvers from all over the world come to sculpt in

one of the largest and best ice carving events in the country. Over the last 20 years the event has attracted over 12,500,000 people to the quaint Western Wayne community.

JUDGES

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He started his official training at Food and Maritimes Vocational High School in New York, NY. Chef Masi operated several bakeries with his family until he decided it was time to move on. He returned to his alma mater as an instructor and in 1965 began teaching at the CIA, where he was the col-

lege's senior professor. He has had the opportunity to teach in every state in the union over the course of his career.

As a chef who has been an ACF member and an instructor at CIA for 35 years, Chef Masi has special insight into creating a long and fulfilling career.

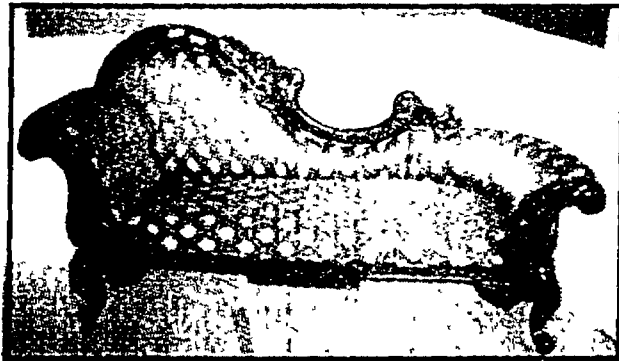
One of the reasons I was happy to accept was to become more of a mentor to other chefs," he said.

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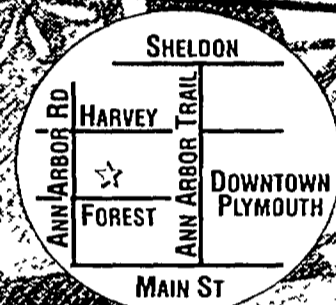
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It's not just the sculptures that get cold and icy during carving competitions at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

Cold, overcast weather makes carvers smile

Unlike most Michigan inhabitants, ice carvers usually wish for cold, overcast weather with no wind.

But not too cold. If the temperature gets much below 10 degrees, the ice becomes brittle and difficult to carve.

If it gets too warm, carvers find it difficult to fuse two pieces of ice together. The ice itself gets a cloudy look as the crystals within separate, and fine detail tends to wash out as melting occurs.

The sun can also be a problem, even if the air temperature is ideal. Canton resident and master carver Ted Wakar said the effect is "almost like sunburn."

Ice carvings can also suffer from an excess of wind, which tends to dehydrate the sculpture, Wakar said.

As for temperatures, Wakas prefers anything in the 20s. Oakland Community College Chef Dan Rowson

said he's a "25-degree guy." and Tajana Raukar of Plymouth prefers 10-20 degrees.

"The ice starts to get a little touchy' around freezing," said Kevin Dickerson of Home City Ice, the company that supplies the 300-pound blocks of ice from which the carvings are made. "The ideal temperature is the mid-20s. We could use a nice cold-weather show without a thaw."

Of course, the way the weather was in early to mid-December, there's no telling what will happen. But if you see a lot of happy carvers in Kellogg Park during the festival, it will probably be at least in part because the temperature is 20 degrees, there's a solid overcast and the wind is light.

Just the way they like it.

Local 'to-do' now brings international appeal

The Plymouth International Ice Festival Spectacular started out as a little, local to-do more than 20 years ago.

Now it attracts master ice carvers from Michigan and abroad, and hundreds of thousands of visitors into downtown Plymouth.

Festival founder Scott Lorenz of Plymouth said he was inspired to organize the festival after watching a *60 Minutes* segment about a similar festival in Sapporo, Japan.

"It was a very inspirational television program," Lorenz said. "I thought, 'If they can do it, so can we.'"

With a little help from supportive father Ralph Lorenz, then-city Manager Hank Grapper and current city manager Paul Sincock, the first festival was staged in 1982 and drew a few thousand visitors into Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

Sincock said it has been rewarding watching the little festival grow up.

"It's certainly grown from a little weekend event in Kellogg Park to a major international ice carving event," Sincock said. "It was one of the first ice carving events in North America. Plymouth has achieved a lot of notoriety because of the event."

At the festival's beginning, Japan was known for having the world's best ice carvers.

Since then, however, local ice carvers, such as Canton resident Ted Wakar, have helped make a name for American ice carvers. Wakar has won awards locally

and abroad for his carving prowess.

Schoolcraft College and Henry Ford Community College both teach the art of ice carving to culinary arts students, who regularly participate in the Plymouth Ice Festival. Some students receive college credit for participating in the festival.

The culinary arts students have helped elevate ice sculpting from a dying art to a thriving one, according to Mike Watts of Watts Up Inc., who has been festival organizer and promoter the last 10 years. Even local high school students have participated in ice carving.

Attracting visitors into downtown Plymouth during a typically slow time of year was one reason for starting the festival, according to Watts.

"It basically started as a promotion to get people into town," Watts said. "Now Plymouth is known all over the world for its ice festival."

The key to the festival's success, according to Watts, is location, location, location.

"We've seen other people try to duplicate our festival and no other place works as well as Plymouth," Watts said.

Another key to the festival's success is weather. When temperatures are subzero, it's perfect for maintaining the ice sculptures, but tends to keep away the visitors. When the weather is unseasonably warm and sunny, it causes the ice sculptures to melt but draws more visitors

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into town.

While a painter uses a palette and canvas, ice sculptors use implements of destruction. In the festival's beginning, ice sculptors used hand saws and chisels, and sketched their designs on the ice blocks with ice picks before carving.

Nowadays, carvers use power tools such as chain saws, specialized chisels that cost up to \$250 each and specially treated paper stencils to help them carve out designs. Irons and blow torches are used to help melt the ice.

Not only do the technological improvements make the designs more intricate, but they help save time for the carvers, too. Time is a precious commodity when carving in subfreezing temperatures in ice warehouses, according to Watts.

The latest advancement is computerized routers that can be used to draw precise, computer-drafted designs directly onto ice. This technique is used primarily for designs such as logos.

But most festival visitors just love gazing at the sculptures lining the sidewalks of Kellogg Park and downtown Plymouth, and don't realize the work and preparation that go into the elaborate ice carvings.

Watts said the ice festival's appeal is similar to that of an amusement park. "It's like going to Disneyland only all the rides are new every year," he said.

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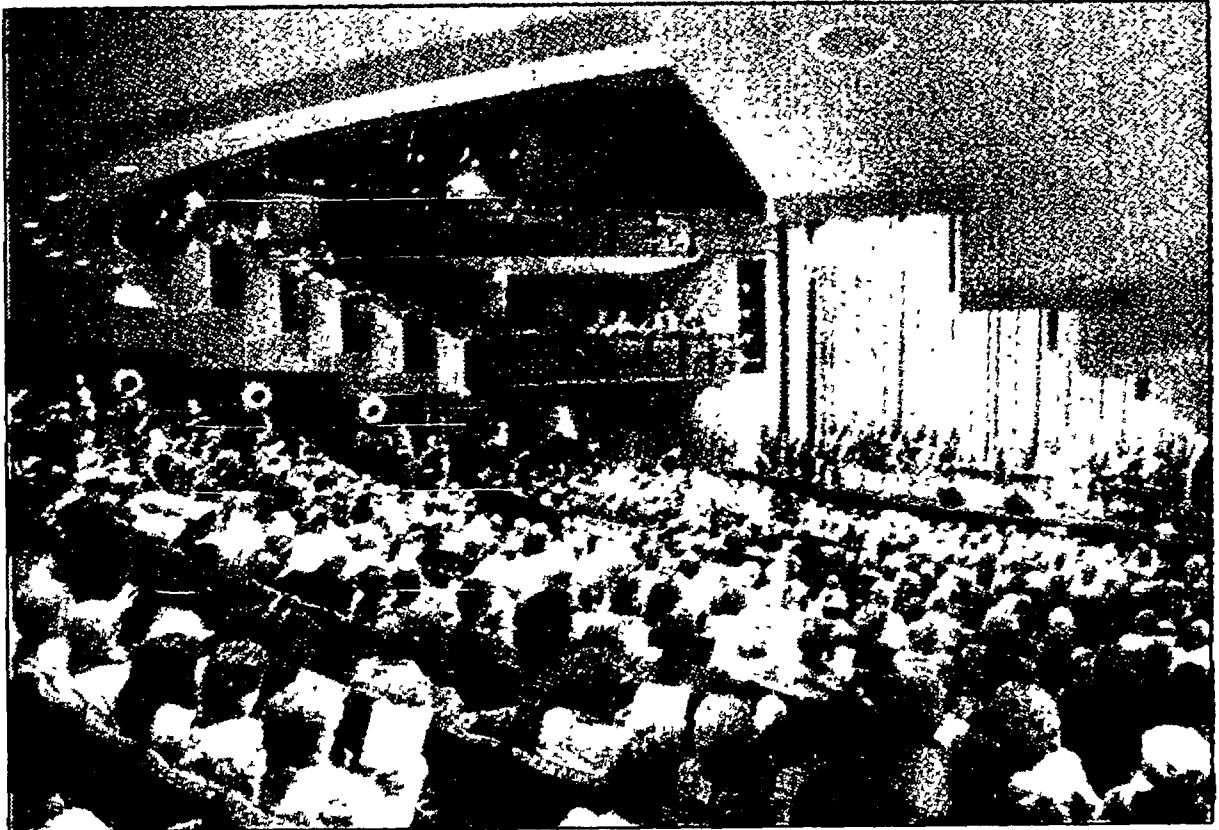
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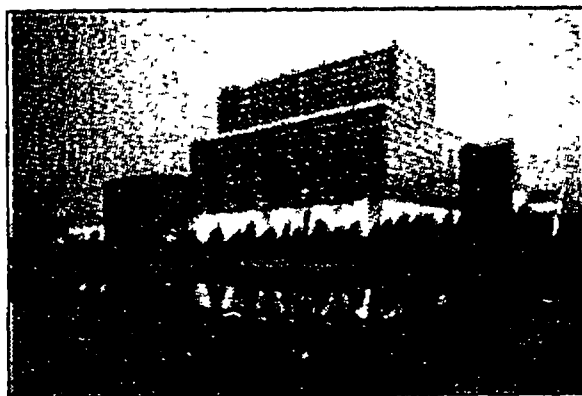
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Ice festival on better financial footing

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The 21st annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, scheduled for Jan. 15-20, is much better financially than it was at this time last year.

"We're looking way better than we were a year ago," said an upbeat Ron Loiselle, president of Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Inc. "If the merchants get behind us and buy ice sculptures for the front of their businesses, we should be OK."

Loiselle said they have commitments for nearly \$130,000 of the \$155,000 it takes to put on the ice spectacular. Another \$10,000-\$20,000 from merchant support can get them to the top.

While last year's event came dangerously close to being canceled because of the lack of donations resulting from the Sept. 11 attacks, the annual ice show was even closer to extinction about 10 years ago.

"It was nearly canceled because no one had money to support it, but several community members got involved and pulled it all together," said Loiselle. That someone was Don Massey, who Loiselle remembers giving \$50,000 to save the day. "We've done a lot of refining in putting the event together to make sure we can be successful," he said.

Farmer Jack Supermarkets, which sponsors Fantasyland in The Gathering, is the

biggest contributor at \$30,000. Among the other supporters are Standard Federal and Don Massey, each donating \$5,000.

"The quality of the carvings are incredible, compared to the past," Loiselle recalled. "I remember when someone carved a line in the middle of a block of ice, rounded the corners, and that was supposed to be a refrigerator. Now, with better tools, the carvings are very detailed."

Ice Spectacular organizer Mike Watts, of Watts-Up, Inc., is attempting to start another tradition and fundraiser for the Ice Spectacular.

"We had a dinner-dance two years ago, but it didn't seem appropriate to put on last year because of Sept. 11 and the fund-raising that was going on for the victims of the terrorist attacks, which, of course, was more urgent," Watts said. "We'll try it again this year at Northville Hills Country Club. We hope it will become an annual event for the Ice Spectacular."

Watts said the event will be co-chaired by Loiselle and Ron Edwards of Plymouth Township, will cost \$100 per person, and include a silent auction with about a dozen items, including golf at four Plymouth-area courses.

Dancing will be to the tune of Saoco, a Latin-jazz band, of which Loiselle's son is a member.

As for the ice sculptures, Watts promises that "even though it's the same time and the same place, everything is new, there won't be any of the same carvings as a year ago."

Fantasyland's theme will be "Frozen Cinema," a tribute to the American film industry. While Watts won't reveal the exact carvings, he said "don't be surprised to see Harry Potter or King Kong, as well as a few other surprises."

Five carvers from Japan, one more than in the past, will make their annual pilgrimage to Plymouth to show off their expertise and vie in carving competitions. There also will be high school and community college students, who are learning the art of carving, challenging for prizes in competition sanctioned by the American Culinary Association.

Carvers will be using their technique and tools on blocks of ice that weigh 350 pounds each. "That's why you don't see a lot of young ice carvers," said Watts with a chuckle.

The Ice Spectacular has already ordered nearly 1,000 blocks of ice at a cost of nearly \$21,000 for this year's event.

Watts said he's already ordered the perfect weather. "We're looking for the mid-30s during the day and the teens in the evening. If not, we'll certainly deal with it."

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Tools make the trade for ice carvers

Ice carvers use several tools for their work, ranging from chain saws and ice picks for the rough stuff to die grinders and steam irons for the details.

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The steam iron comes into play when scratches must be taken out of flat surfaces.

Many of an ice carver's tools can only be bought from Japanese companies, and chisels can cost up to \$500 apiece. It's not unusual for a professional ice carver to have \$10,000 invested in his tools and equipment.

There are so many power tools and lights in use when the carvers swing into action that a dozen small generators and three commercial generators are needed to provide power and light.



The 2003 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Board includes, from left, Jon Gary, Ron Loiselle, Pat Pulkownik, Nancy Ball, Sandra Watts and Jim Grutza. Not pictured are Donna Grech, Ron Muir, Ron Edwards, Rex Tubbs and Mike Watts.

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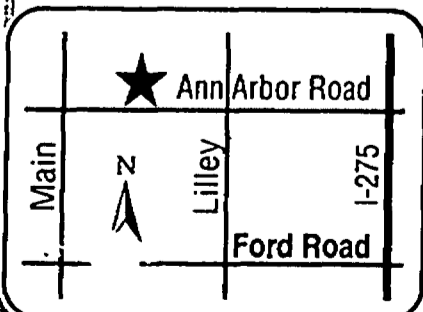
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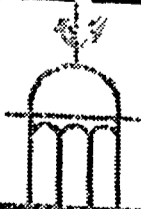
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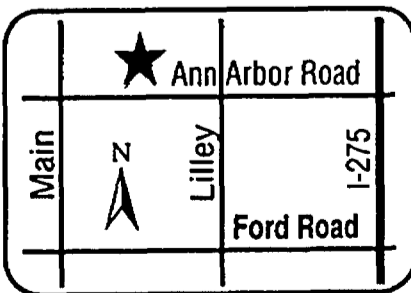
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Festival full of memories for writers

BY JEFF COUNTS
STAFF WRITER

There were Elvis sightings in more than a Kalamazoo Burger King.

During the mid-1990s, two Plymouth Observer staff members, staff writer Kevin Brown and photographer Bill Bresler, brought "The King" to life in an icy form in Kellogg Park during the annual ice festivals.

It may have been an odd reincarnation for a Mississippi boy, but hey, it's America and who cares if we take a southerner and cast him in ice? Grits would have been more appropriate, or maybe fried peanut butter-and-banana sandwiches, a white trash delicacy and one of the King's favorites.

The genesis of Elvis in ice came out of the fertile mind of Bresler and Brown. Both had been covering the festival for years and decided to cross the journalistic line of non-involvement and start carving.

But what would be a proper subject? Almost everything had been done. It was a post-modern dilemma. The answer was "retro." And Elvis came to mind. For Brown, it was an obvious choice. Reporting was Kevin's day job; at night he was a country-and-western musician playing with several bands in the Detroit and Ann Arbor areas.

So, Brown and Bresler decided to tackle the King. The first year they opted for the subtle Elvis' guitar, which, to the delight of Bresler, ended up on footage filmed by CNN.

"They showed our sculpture and ignored the ones carved by Japanese carvers who had come all the way to

Plymouth. We were pretty proud of it," Bresler said.

After that effort came a year of planning for the next artistic project. The pair had confidence now and were ready to tackle a full figure of Elvis, lock, stock and ducktail hair-do.

But a controversy raged between the two amateur carvers. Should it be the early Elvis with thin hips or the later, bloated version in a jump suit used to cover a couple extra pounds accumulated by eating those fried peanut butter-and-banana sandwiches?

About that time, the U.S. Post Office was engaged in a similar debate. Would the commemorative Elvis stamp bear the image of a thin, vital, sexy ex-truck driver from Tupelo, or the entertainer from Vegas who carried around 10 pounds of rhinestones on his clothing?

The Bresler-Brown team eventually opted for a more svelte Elvis - one with the raw, hungry power in his voice that only a kid from rural Mississippi can have.

That year, the Observer team had help from a professional carver who was there to assist in doing a full-figure sculpture.

"He was supposed to help us, but we wanted to do it ourselves, so we sent him over to the Box Bar to have a bourbon and we did it ourselves," Bresler said.

The following year, Elvis' stage run in Kellogg Park ended, but the boys kept up the rock 'n' roll theme with a carving of Jerry Garcia's hand, the one that had the middle finger missing due to a childhood accident.

According to Bresler, the Grateful Dead musician lost

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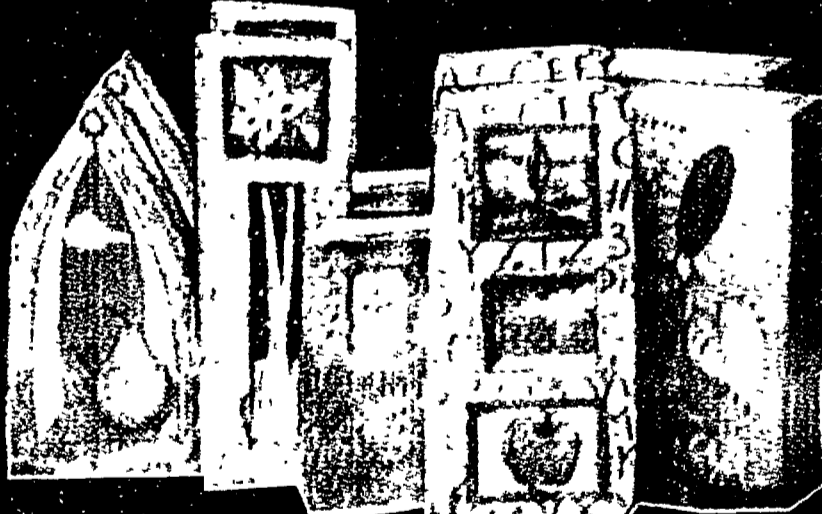
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Answers to popular Ice Festival questions

How and why did the event begin?

Scott Lorenz, the son of the owner of the Plymouth Mayflower Hotel, came up with the idea after visiting a similar event in Japan. The event was established to fill a void in the post holiday retail slow-down. Hotel, restaurant and retail business takes a nosedive immediately after a very hectic holiday season. The concept was to create an event so unique it would draw large numbers of people to Plymouth (750,000 in 1999) in the hope that they would also shop and eat. Needless to say, with an average annual attendance of over 500,000, and a total attendance of over 10 million people, the event has exceeded even the wildest expectations of the creators.

How did the art of ice carving start?

As the story goes, once upon a time a czarina in Russia was enamored with a local man who was in love with a woman from his village. As was the custom of the day the man went to the czarina to get her permission to wed the woman he loved. The czarina was not pleased by the request, and decided to show her displeasure by agreeing to let the couple wed only if they would spend their wedding night in a castle made of ice. She was sure this would cool their passion for each other, and/or ruin their wedding night. Much to her surprise love won out and the couple agreed to her condition. The czarina had her army cut blocks of ice from Lake Bicall, and build a house of ice complete with furnishings including tables, chairs and a bed for the newlyweds. The couple were married, spent their wedding night in the house of ice, and lived happily ever after. However, word spread about the strange house of ice, and eventually people from all over Russia and Europe visited the site to gaze at the first ice castle. It was so popular it was recreated as a tourist attraction for many years to come.

How did the art of ice carving spread?

Hearing about the unusual use of ice from countrymen who had traveled to Russia to see the famous ice castle, a French chef developed the idea of carving serving bowls of ice to keep perishable foods from spoiling and to decorate the table of the king. This idea may have been a necessity, because at the time, spoiled food or illness from a dinner could cost the chef

his head in a guillotine. The French carried the art with them to the Orient, and today the Japanese are the finest and most prolific carvers in the world.

Who carves the ice statues at the Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular?

The professional chef carvers, amateur carvers and student carvers all compete in the team and individual carving competitions. Thousands of dollars in prizes and scholarships are awarded annually at the Plymouth Ice Spectacular. The event is sanctioned by the American Culinary Federation, and ranks equally with their annual national championship competition.

Who presents the event?

The Plymouth Ice Spectacular is owned and operated by the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Incorporated, a non-profit (501(c)3) corporation, administered by a volunteer Board of Directors.

Who funds the event?

The event is funded by donations, corporate sponsorships and various fund-raisers. All the money collected goes to the presentation of the event. The City of Plymouth makes a donation to the event, but the Ice Spectacular is a totally self-liquidating effort completely independent of the governmental process.

How much does it cost to present the event?

In excess of \$200,000 in hard dollars, and services are needed each year to maintain the high caliber of the event.

Who benefits from the event?

The entire business community of Plymouth benefits from the presentation of the Ice Spectacular. This event has become the single busiest retail and restaurant week of the year. Many businesses in the community rely heavily on the business it generates to

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I encourage you to take a walking tour to view the ice sculptures. Be sure to warm up afterwards with a hot beverage and a meal or some snacks at one of the many fine eating establishments in the area.

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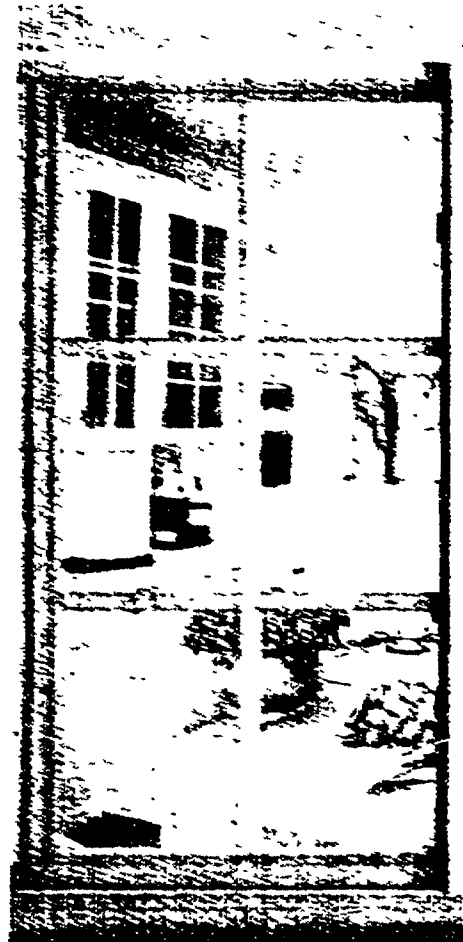
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make ends meet in the two to three slow months that follow the holiday season. The event also creates numerous jobs for young people in the community, and most importantly garners an estimated \$750,000 annually in local, regional, national, and international publicity for the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, and all the surrounding communities in Western Wayne County.

Most importantly the culinary art students at the metropolitan area community colleges and trade high schools who need to acquire ice carving skills to enhance their education, greatly benefit from the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. They have an opportunity to carve in one of the most prestigious events in the country, and the money that is donated to their club is used to purchase blocks of ice for them to practice on and the expensive tools necessary to do the job correctly. Lastly, the students who compete in the competitions benefit from the experience and the instruction that is given to them by the educators and professional carvers before, during, and after each event.

Who comes to the event?

Parents, grandparents, teenagers and children of all ages. Families from all over the metro-Detroit community, from around the State of Michigan, and from across the country. The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular is world renown as one of the finest and most entertaining free family winter events available.

Special highlights?

The most visited exhibit at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular is the Farmer Jack "Fantasyland" for children. This year's theme is "Frozen Cinema," and will feature various carvings of characters or scenes from your favorite movies. The "Fantasyland" is also sponsored by National City Bank.

In addition, the event will again run for 24 hours a day with special effect lighting sponsored by Don Massey Cadillac, adding color and lift to the statues at night.

There will be numerous competitions throughout the weekend: a two-man team, 10-block 20-hour event, college

teams, high school, college, amateur, and professional individual competitions. Winners will receive gifts, prizes, medals and cash awards in excess of \$10,000. These competitions will take place in Kellogg Park and the Central Parking Structure. The Community Federal Credit Union and Visteon are title sponsors of the competitions.

How can I help?

If you are interested in assisting in a "Spectacular" way it would be through a donation. The Ice Spectacular would also benefit greatly if you would help spread the word throughout the community that this event is self-perpetuating and that funds are needed to keep it going. This event is not a cash drain on the governmental infrastructure, rather it is a cash positive generator that brings jobs and money into the community.

Additional information?

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— Information courtesy Watts-Up, Inc.

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the finger when it was chopped off by his brother at the age of 12. It was one of the major factors behind his unique style of guitar playing.

"That was the year Garcia died, but I don't think a lot of people got it," Bresler said.

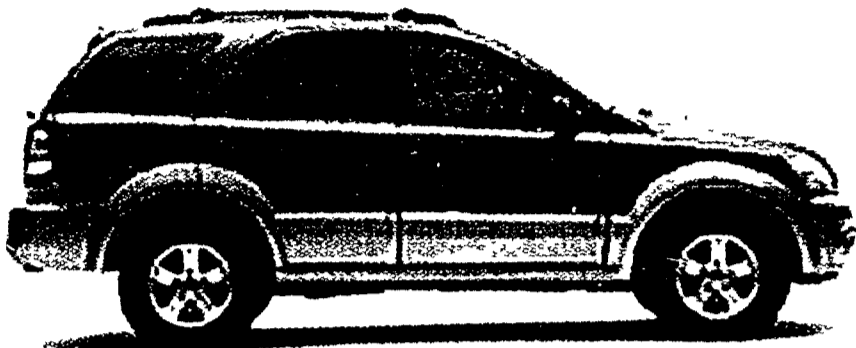
But to true artists like Brown and Bresler, the rewards aren't always in the public appreciation of your art form - the rewards are in the knowledge you've created something that challenges the minds of festival-goers.

Both are now "retired" from carving and following pursuits in other communities, but both fondly remember their days as rock 'n roll ice artists.

Jeff Counts is a former editor of the Plymouth Observer who is now semi-retired and spends much of his time in the eastern Upper Peninsula where there's plenty of ice and snow. He doesn't carve it, and thinks the only use for ice is to pour bourbon over.

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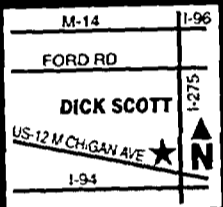
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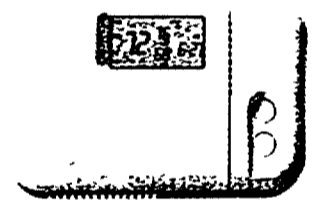
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The 'age-old' problem

Doctors who believe aging is a "treatable condition" use medicine to turn back the clock

By Mary Powers
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

For years facial plastic surgeon Dr. Phillip Langsdon heard his patients long wistfully for a fountain of youth. "I'd say, 'I wish there was something. If I ever find it, I'll let you know,'" he recalled.

Then he hit 40 and his eyes, knees, waistline and energy level started reminding him that time was passing. Suddenly he was ready to join his patients in their search for an elixir of youth.

Now with his 50th birthday looming, Langsdon is expanding his Germantown, Tenn., practice to include anti-aging medicine as well as facial plastic surgery.

The Langsdon Clinic of Facial Plastic Surgery and Anti-Aging Medicine is built on his belief that "aging is a treatable condition. Patients can have a positive impact on aging." Several dozen patients have already turned to Langsdon for advice about slowing the aging process.

Langsdon isn't alone in his interest. "It is the medicine of the future," said Dr. Jennifer Childers, a Memphis dermatologist who more than four years ago expanded her practice to include nutrition, anti-aging and integrative medicine.

Mainstream health providers stress a healthful diet, regular exercise and a positive attitude as powerful tools for avoiding disease and maintaining health.

Providers who have waded into the murkier waters outside that mainstream recommend a variety of nutritional supplements, replacement hormones and even more exotic remedies.

"The best odds of feeling young the longest are in healthful living and it is most of the stuff we learned in kindergarten," said Dr. Jim Bailey, a University of Tennessee Health Science Center associate professor of preventive medicine. Exercise and a healthful diet rich in complex carbohydrates and lean meats "is the best investment anyone can make in longevity."

But others, like Langsdon and Childers,

believe nutritional supplements, particularly vitamins known as antioxidants, are also important. Anti-oxidants like vitamins E, C and beta carotene help sop up the damaging byproducts created when the body turns oxy-

New wrinkle-fighting creams earn praise from experts

Estrogen creams, psoriasis medications and even growth factors derived from human tissue are among the substances that dermatologists are now recommending to their patients in the never-ending search for a younger-looking face.

Some have data to show they work, and others are "promising," according to doctors who gathered last fall at a conference on treatments that can rejuvenate the face and skin with little recovery time.

The simplest and most widely used therapies are skin creams, and consumers already spend millions of dollars each year on topical treatments they hope will make their skin appear younger and smoother.

Yet until recently, only one product — Retin-A — had amassed enough solid scientific evidence to earn Food and Drug Administration approval as a treatment for wrinkles, fine lines and sun damage.

Now it appears the product may have competition. In October the FDA approved Allergan's Tazorac (tazarotene), an acne and psoriasis drug, as an anti-wrinkle treatment.

Both products use a derivative of Vitamin A and act as a mild superficial peel, speeding up the replacement of surface skin cells.

Another product gaining popularity is estrogen cream. Currently available by prescription, it's approved by the FDA to combat vaginal dryness.

Some dermatologists have prescribed estrogen cream "off label" for years because they believe it helps facial skin retain moisture and elasticity, and Dr. Neil Sadick, a dermatologist from Cornell University, said interest in its use for skin is growing.

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gen into energy. Those byproducts are implicated in aging.

Langsdon also believes that supplemental hormones, including human growth hormone, are vital. He said some patients might also benefit from supplemental sex hormones, primarily testosterone.

"No one at this point can say that we can stop the aging process. What we can say is that it reverses frailty," by building muscle, strengthening bone, decreasing body fat and restoring a sense of well-being, he said.

Absolute bunk, according to Dr. Jay Cohen, a Memphis endocrinologist and fellow in the American College of Endocrinology.

Human growth hormone (HGH) won Food and Drug Administration approval in 1996 to treat adults who, because of illness or injury, are HGH deficient. It also has approval for use in certain AIDS patients.

Cohen said supplemental human growth hormone also leaves patients at increased risk of diabetes, high blood pressure and atherosclerosis, the narrowing of arteries associated with a greater risk of heart attack and stroke. "You don't feel any different," he added.

Langsdon, who uses the hormones, said he agrees that patients should be monitored closely but added that critics simply aren't familiar with the research. "I can feel how much good it has done for me," he noted.

Treatment is expensive. Langsdon estimated the monthly injections, and only injections are proven to work, cost about \$400 each month.

Childers stresses nutrition to enhance the patient's own hormone production as well as nutritional supplements like vitamins C and E.

She said many American doctors don't realize there is sound evidence that certain supplements, particularly antioxidants, are effective.

"If you do a poll, most doctors take supplements themselves, but only 20 to 30 percent recommend them to patients," Childers said. "They feel like there is probably some good there (in supplements), but they don't know what to recommend and they don't have the time to learn."

Zit zapping

Adolescents have a bag of tricks for dealing with troublesome blemishes

By Olivia Clarke
ARIZONA DAILY STAR

When eighth-grader Maggie Schaffer attacks a random pimple, she hunkers down for the night with a cotton swab taped to her face.

Punal Amin, an 18-year-old University of Arizona sophomore, follows a regime. She first puts ice on the pimple and then uses Clearasil.

"I do the squeeze technique," said Jon Chang, a 20-year-old University of Arizona senior. "I cake on cream. It can work within a day because it dries it up."

Like esteemed chefs combining ingredients, teens mix everyday goods to create acne cure-alls. While doctors often say they don't work, some swear by these concoctions.

Eye drops, mashed avocados, toothpaste, ice, mounds of benzoyl peroxide cream or baking soda are among the treatments used.

When Schaffer first discovers a pimple, she sometimes applies toothpaste to dry it out. For blackheads, she will dab on benzoyl peroxide and then tape a cotton swab to her face for several hours or overnight.

"I read about (toothpaste) in a magazine," Schaffer said. "It has an extreme drying effect. I don't really get acne. I have small ones all the time."

Some people have shelves of creams, coverup, pads and cleaning systems as they look for anything that will conquer or hide their pimple. But with all the choices, many pimple-fighters use some type of benzoyl peroxide cream — probably the most effective over-the-counter remedy out there.

"I put about 50 different creams on it," said 18-year-old Marissa Watson, a University of Arizona freshman. "I heard you can cut up an avocado and mush it on your face."

The war against acne is also an international issue. The Email Projects Home Page, www.otan.us/webfarm/emailproject/acne.htm, created to encourage people to collaborate worldwide, includes acne folk remedies.

On the site, an Australian suggests lemon and a Canadian touts vanilla extract. Someone from South Africa details a recipe involving cucumber paste and someone from India recommends milky juice from an unripe papaya.

As creative as they sound, none of these household items works, said Dr. Norman Levine, a University of Arizona professor and chief of dermatology.

"I can't tell you why people do crazy things," Levine said. "My view is that those things don't help. There is no good evidence that any of those folk recipes have any bearing on acne."

MYTH OR MEDICINE?



TOOTH PASTE: For an inflamed pimple, dab toothpaste on it and leave it overnight. It will dry up the pimple.



AVOCADO: The enzymes found in avocados are said to clean out pores. Smash the avocado until it's a smooth cream and smear it on your face. Wash it off after five minutes.



EYE DROPS: A few drops, usually of Visine, can reduce the redness of an inflamed zit. The effect is temporary.



ICE: Take an ice cube wrapped in Saran Wrap and place it on your skin where you feel a pimple about to form. Hold it there for a few minutes.

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RV industry seeing boom in sales

Economy may be down, but recreation vehicle sales are going strong

By Jack Katzeck
RIVERSIDE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

Economists have been saying the country is in a recession. But you wouldn't know it by looking at RV sales.

According to the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association, shipments to RV dealers were up 17 percent through August compared to the same seven months in 2001. In August alone, shipments were 22.6 percent higher than a year earlier, and the association predicts that in 2003 the industry could get back to its 1999 peak.

Factors that have complicated an economic recovery, such as corporate malfeasance and

RVs Provide Tax Breaks

If you're in the market for a second home, you might be interested to know that if you finance a motor home, it could qualify for a tax deduction.

Bob Rogers, manager of consumer marketing for Fleetwood Industries Inc.'s RV group, said roughly 70 percent of all buyers of Class-A motor homes, the largest and most costly models, finance their purchases.

If the vehicle has a kitchen and a bathroom, it qualifies as a home for tax purposes, but there are a few other caveats, said Joseph Walloch, an accountant based in San Bernardino, Calif.

The tax obligation on a motor home or a boat "can be treated as a second home and qualify as home interest," Walloch said. "But it has to be owned and occupied like a second home."

According to the IRS, owners must live in their RV for at least 14 days a year for it to qualify as a second home.

A new Class-A motor home, defined as a vehicle with the engine on one chassis — similar to a bus — costs about \$60,000 at the low end and as much as \$500,000 for one loaded with amenities.

Towable travel trailers cost as much as \$20,000. A folding trailer that expands into a rolling shelter is about \$5,000.

Larry Huttel, chairman of Airstream, a division of Thor Industries Inc., said the lower-priced motor homes are selling well this year. "It's a little like consumers buying clothing," Huttel said. "They're buying, but more at Wal-Mart than Nordstrom."

Clement and Lisa Ferguson of Los Angeles traded in their smaller trailer for a 24-foot Fleetwood model at the Mike Thompson's RV Superstore in Colton, Calif.

"I think there are a lot more people not taking those flights who want to see the country here," said Clement Ferguson, 53, a trucking supervisor for Los Angeles Unified School District. "There are no restrictions like there are for overseas travel."

One would-be buyer saw some of his equity disintegrate almost two years ago during California's electricity crisis.

Henry Ponce of Hemet, Calif., a retired Southern California Edison substation manager, said he lost about \$150,000 when the parent company's stock foundered.

"I still want to buy one of these," said Ponce, 59, looking over a model at the RV Expo. "With these, you can deduct it as a second home, but on a car, you can't."

Ponce said he's looking for a job to augment his retirement, but he wants an RV in the driveway even if the job falls through.

"If you go across country, then you never have to pay for hotels and food. It's like your money follows you on your vacation," Ponce said. "Yeah, there's a recession, but there's still money out there. And people still want to play with their toys."



Photo by Silvia Flores / Riverside Press-Enterprise
Sales consultant Lee Lindsey, left, shows Marta Harney, 55, and Richard Harney, 63, how to use the climate controls in their new motorhome.



Photo by Joe Howell / Scripps Howard News Service
Yow Auto Classics is selling vehicles on consignment that range from \$5,000 to \$185,000. With the economy in a slump, some investors may be putting money into antique cars, which are almost guaranteed to appreciate, rather than a risky stock market.

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Many investors say that in tough economic times like this, the best investment one can make is in classic automobiles

By Cynthia Yeldell
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

With the instability of the stock market on the minds of many investors, some are turning to hard assets, like antique cars, to ride out the tough times.

According to some would-be investors, the four-wheel classics are a lot safer than the market and can turn a profit quickly.

Charlie McClain, manager of Yow Auto Classics in Knoxville, Tenn., is one dealer who is benefiting from the spur in auto trading.

Since the showroom opened in May, McClain has sold seven cars — a healthy number, he said, since buyers often have to use their own money rather than bank financing.

"A lot of people are putting money into cars because classics seldom lose value," McClain said. "As the economy comes back, we will see a lot more bought and sold."

B.T. Kelly of Knoxville, a member of Knoxville's Volunteer Street Rod Association and owner of a 1934 Ford, said during hard economic times people have always put money into antique vehicles.

Many are retirees looking for somewhere to place their money, Kelly said, like a man from Ohio who gave him \$32,000 for a 1928 Ford he bought for \$20,000 two years earlier.

Kelly has also turned down an offer of \$50,000 for his 1934 Ford, in which he has invested \$35,000.

"I feel the money is there and I can get it out anytime," Kelly said. "I haven't got to wait for the market to go up or down."

Kelly said antiques — cars that have their original parts — aren't as valuable as street rods, cars manufactured before 1949 that have been mechanically modified to run at highway speeds to mirror modern cars. He considers both to be

good investments, however.

Jerry Headrick, a Knoxville owner of a black 1934 Ford complete with a new tape deck and flashing purple lights, said he has money in stocks and cars, and he also sells real estate on the side.

Although real estate is the better investment, in Headrick's opinion, investing in older cars is similar because neither land nor antiques are being produced anymore.

"They (antique cars) appreciate like a house," Headrick said.

Claude Yow, owner of Yow's Auto Classics in Knoxville, said he opened the shop because he wanted to provide a central location for people who buy and sell.

"Most are looking for a specific car," he said.

"It may be a car they had when they were young or it may be their first car."

Most people looking to buy vehicles at car shows bring briefcases filled with \$100 bills, Headrick said. Both Kelly and he said they wouldn't accept payment any other way.

Chris Shelton, associate editor of Street Rodder magazine, said street rods can be expensive and investors need to know the ins and outs of the business to

make a profit.

For every person who has made a little bit of money, there are hundreds who have lost, he said.

Most street rods start in the \$20,000 range, Shelton said, but they can run as high as \$200,000 to \$400,000. He described the industry as "upscale" and said most buyers are 40 to 60 years old, with a lot of disposable income.

Shelton predicts the next few years will bring a lot of growth in the market for cars manufactured in the 1950s and '60s. These cars start around \$10,000 and are affordable and more practical for younger buyers who want to jump into the arena.

"A kid can find a 1961 Pontiac and drive it every day as he or she modifies it," Shelton said. "You are not going to see people driving 1932 Fords down the street. If I was going to invest, this is what I would invest in. It's going to be a growing market."

Shops that specialize in restoration and parts also benefit from the antique car hobby.

Headrick said if car enthusiasts aren't careful, they can end up putting more money into a car than they could ever get out of it.

But he and most of the other 52 members of the Knoxville association said they aren't in it for the money but for the "wow" they get when showing their cars to spectators.

Unlike many others who take up the hobby, members of the association drive their cars on a regular basis.

They jokingly refer to street rods that have been restored for the purpose of competition — not driving — as "trailer queens," because they spend so much time being hauled on a trailer from one show to another.

"I do this so I can get out there and have fun," said Headrick, who has put more than 6,000 miles on his showpiece. "I just insure the hell out of it and go on."

"A lot of people are putting money into cars because classics seldom lose value. As the economy comes back, we will see a lot more bought and sold."

Charlie McClain,

Manager of Yow Auto Classics in Knoxville, Tenn.

Carmaker customizes his career from the wheels up

By Cynthia Yeldell
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Anyone who wants one of Bobby Alloway's custom-made hot rods has to get his seal of approval, shell out about \$100,000 and wait two years.

The nationally known carmaker doesn't build hot rods such as his signature Speedstars for just anybody.

"It has to be the right person, and I have to like the car," Alloway said. "Building the kind of cars we build. I am going to be married to you for a year."

Car fanatics are willing to pay the price of a house for one of Alloway's cars because of their unique look and the name they've earned at car shows around the country.

Several times a year, Alloway ships his prize-winning cars to various competitions in order to maintain his image, build his clientele and attempt to win honors in the process.

"I have a lot on the line," he said. "Who wants a loser to build them a car?"

Working in a small shop on a wooded lot in Louisville, Tenn., Alloway and the five full-time employees of Alloway's Hot Rod Shop build chassis

and modify existing cars. They also make custom vehicles, starting with an idea and building from the ground up.

They collect parts from dealers across the country and work from a sketch of a car that's either an Alloway creation or an alteration of an existing car tailored to the desires of the buyer.

The shop builds a prototype of the car, then sends that sample to Rat's Glass in Friendsville, Tenn., where the bodies are built. Alloway and staff build the chassis and add all of the remaining parts to custom vehicles.

Each car takes about a year to construct; the shop builds five cars each year and has a two-year waiting list.

"It's not the quantity of the cars, but it's the quality," he said. "We take pride in everything we do."

Every car we build, we think it's ours."

The main challenge of keeping his business successful is maintaining his reputation as one of the best in the industry and continuing to change his designs.

Although his cars have been used in national ads such as custom-wheel manufacturer American Auto Racing's and are featured frequently on the covers of magazines such as Street Rodder, Alloway said the industry changes constantly as new people enter the market.

The least-expensive custom-built street rod at Alloway's starts around \$70,000, but "the sky is the limit," and some cars, like a 1932 Ford built for a customer in St. Louis, cost

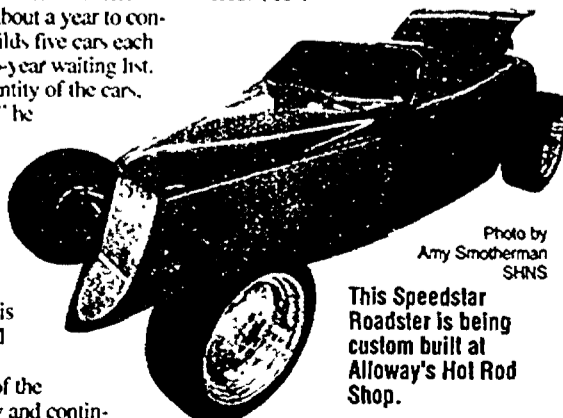


Photo by Amy Smotherman SHNS
This Speedstar Roadster is being custom built at Alloway's Hot Rod Shop.



Photo courtesy VespaUSA

Classic Vespa scooters making a comeback

By Janet Zimmerman
RIVERSIDE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

Middle-aged salesman Jay Fagnano paused before an alabaster-colored Vespa, his fingers caressing the brown leather seat, his mind racing back to his college days.

He remembered cruising his college campus on one of the Italian scooters — a dark-blue, late-'60s model.

"I thought I was so cool. I just wanted to get girls," said Fagnano, 44.

His biggest regret is selling it. "I was out of my mind, I just want my Vespa back."

Now's his chance. Old is new again, retro is fashionable. And the Vespa, made chic by 1950s celebrities, is making a comeback.

Vespa isn't selling a product so much as a lifestyle. Fun and cosmopolitan, it's the vision of Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck zipping through the streets of Rome on a Vespa in "Roman Holiday." Or maybe the fashionable Mods setting up against the Rockers in The Who's "Quadraphenia."

More recently Vespas appeared in "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me" and are favored by such stars as Sandra Bullock, Jay Leno and Steven Spielberg.

"My middle-age crisis is not a Porsche or a blonde. I just want a Vespa," said Fagnano, a husband and father who excitedly fired up a \$3,980 model on a showroom floor. (A smaller-engine model sells for \$2,980.)

When he finally gets his scooter, it will be the reward for losing 50 pounds. He's got 25 to go. "Nobody wants to see a fat guy on a Vespa," Fagnano said.

Vespa isn't the only scooter around, though it might just have the most recognizable name. Scooter sales, including the Italian brand Aprilia, have jumped nationwide from 12,000 in 1996 to 50,000 last year, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council.

The Piaggio company introduced the Vespa in 1946 as the answer to Italy's war-torn roads. Like other European two-wheelers, it had a polluting two-stroke engine that blended oil and gasoline.

By the early 1980s, strict emission standards prohibited the import of most scooters to the United States.

In 2000, Piaggio introduced a retooled version of the Vespa, with a 150-cubic-centimeter, four-stroke engine. The body style resembles the classics of the 1950s, which now sell for up to \$10,000.

Customers range from college students to baby boomers. The scooters are also popular among parents who see them as a cheap alternative to cars for their teenagers.

Allen Lusk, 28, owner of Crooks Skateboard Shop in Riverside, Calif., owns three vintage Vespas — a 1968, 1979 and 1980.

Lusk first fell in love with the scooters when he was about 12.

"Our paper boy had a Vespa," he said. "He wore a cool jacket with ska patches and I thought, 'Man, this guy is so cool.'"

Keeping a tax calendar

As a Certified Public Accountant, Steve Martini has good insight into what will save you time and money — both with your accountant and the IRS.

He suggests keeping a calendar for your tax purposes. It's a wonderful tool that will assist your accountant in preparing the most complete

and accurate return possible. An accurate calendar can also come in handy if the IRS decides it wants to take a closer look at your returns.

Here are some pointers for keeping a tax calendar:

■ Track expense details. Keep track of the expenses you incur while traveling; don't forget about entertainment expenses. Include details. Ask yourself these questions: Who were you with? What was the purpose of the trip? How much did you spend? Where did you spend it?

■ Organize with a personal digital assistant. Organizing has been made even easier these days. Some PDAs allow you to keep track of your day-to-day activities, including your expenses. The big bonus here is your ability to save details that your accountant will require should the IRS scrutinize the expense.

■ Back up on your computer. PDAs allow you to back up information and save it to a disc. It's easier to retain information this way rather than keeping an extensive library of paper calendars.

■ Keep your calendar up to date. Keeping your calendar up-to-date will make your accounting process at the end of the year easier and less expensive.



Going online for pointers on recovering old furniture

By Holly Ocasio Rizzo
SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Some old sofas and chairs look like teething toys for small rodents. Others are performance-art pieces created by cats. Still others — well, you don't know where they've been.

A friend swore she could redo any seating in an hour with a length of fabric and a hot-glue gun. I prefer a more traditional, professional appearance. To learn how to do it, I tapped the Web.

The challenge: Learning do-it-yourself professional-looking reupholstering.

The Web site: www.upholster.com —Upholster! Magazine Online from Vista Upholstery Enterprises, El Verano, Calif.

Purpose: The site sells supplies, books and tools but also includes reupholstery instructions, a discussion board, links to suppliers and upholstery-related classified ads.

The setup: From the home page, click the square button to get where you want to go. (The buttons are upholstered in red and yellow plaid, just like eye-popping furniture you might find stashed in a basement or an attic.)

Ease of navigation: If you can click a mouse, you can get around this site — making connection is that direct. However, some interior pages tend to be jumbled with links and scans. A turquoise color bar stopped me cold on one page; on a subsequent visit, I discovered more information below the bar.

The site hides the search function for its discussion board under Suppliers. All the links I tried worked, though.

What you'll find: It isn't pretty. The pages rely heavily on colored type for interest, even on pages full of scans of book covers. Each page looks a little different; the plaid theme of the home page isn't carried through to all the other pages.

Some pages are incredibly long; keep scrolling. The effect is somewhat disjointed. But if upholstery people were techies, would we trust them?

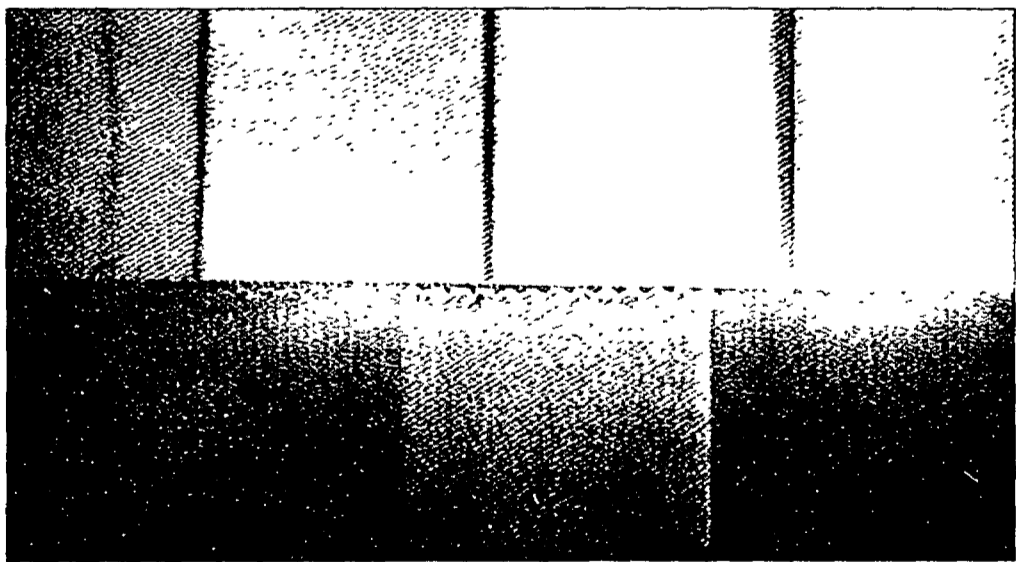
A sample: "See how wide the fabric is that you'll be working with, usually about 54 inches for upholstery-weight material. Sometimes you'll want to leave the selvage edge on, if it doesn't bind up the material, to get better cuts (i. e. make the fabric go further). Next, measure the chair for the outside pieces, up and down measurement first (or in the case of the seat front to back) Be careful to measure from the widest points. We won't be using any patterns on this chair. Remember the last guy that recovered the job trimmed off the excess material, so leave enough to get a grip."

The best part: The instructions include two possible fabric layouts, something I didn't find on other sites — and I prowled dozens of sites. The layouts helped me visualize how to cut down on wasted fabric, which could break your heart at \$20 a yard.

Thumbs-down: The photos on the instruction pages are too small to see what's going on in them. How I wished I could click on the photos to enlarge them!

Surprise: The how-to page offers an unusual yardage chart. It's visual, showing line drawings of chairs and sofas. Pick the style and choose the length of the piece, and the chart tells how many yards of fabric will be required. For example, an executive-style office chair will take 3 1/2 yards.

Related sites
www.fabricworkshop.com. Fabric Workshop. Upholster a Slip Seat offers easy-to-follow instructions for re-covering chairs on which the only upholstery is the seat. The introduction lists necessary tools. Photos provide tips that aren't in the text. This site and others describe this project as perfect for beginners learning to tack fabric.
www.mochasofa.ca (click on Home & Garden and How to ...): MochaSofa. The big attraction in this short article, "Reupholster furniture," is the tool list. It also offers tips on fabric selection but includes no instructions. (This is a Canadian site, so adjust the estimated startup budget accordingly.)



DENIM dreams

The highly durable fabric moves from clothes into homes

By Leigh Anne Monitor
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

It's as American as the Fonz. This time, it's in home decor. Don't expect denim home products to go away come springtime, or any time soon for casual crazed decorators.

The look is durable and comfortable. If used correctly, it can brighten a room. The key is to know the rules of denim, which can get tricky in modern homes, furniture covering experts say.

Denim curtains in the den? Denim slip covers on the kids' couch?

Denim duvet on the bed in the guest bedroom?

Denim pillows in the upstairs media room?

"It should connect with the casual statement you're making in your house," said Gary Hughes, president of Greenbrier Furniture Inc., in Vestavia Hills.

"If you've got a traditional home it probably isn't going to be consistent with the theme."

"It definitely has its niche and outside that niche, it gets a little clumsy."

One reason denim meshes into casual settings is because it's easy to clean, said Julia Gily, manager of Calico Corners, a home fabric and furniture store in Hoover, Ala. Denim demand has been on the rise in the past six months, she said.

"It's just a great fabric, and it holds up well," Gily said.

The look blends easily into several rooms: a child's room, especially a boy's, a media room or a casual den. Lake houses are a great place to feature denim, too, experts say.

For this laid-back look, pair denim with flannel plaids, Hughes said.

A few nuances: Curtains work fine in this durable fabric, but only in a lightweight version, Hughes said.

And, denim — just like on teenagers — is becoming more washed and faded on furniture, like "jeans about a year or two old," Hughes said.

Hughes ordered two denim furniture pieces for his store from the recent High Point International Home Furnishings Market in High Point, N.C.: a lightweight denim slip cover (\$1,000) and a dressier upholstered sofa (about \$2,000).

Those objects won't arrive in the store until late winter or early spring. Some furniture creators at High Point even showcased denim in Americana themes, Hughes said.

Already, national chain furniture companies are selling plenty of different styles of denim covers and furniture.

The Westport Furniture Collection at Pottery Barn features blue denim slipcovers (\$300 for an ottoman to \$1,400 for a three-piece sectional).



Bill Petre/Scripps Howard News Service

Denim is available in many colors (as shown in the photo — bottom left) as well as prints but is a traditional fabric that will complement any home environment. Along with its durability, denim is easy to clean and can be used to upholster any chair.

Toys "R" Us offers a denim sofa in dark blue by P.J. Kids (\$130).

Denim twill sofa slipcover in khaki or charcoal gray include arm ties (\$149) online at www.comforthouse.com.

Eddie Bauer created its own dark blue denim Universal Sofa Slipcover (\$275-\$295).

Five or six years ago, denim furniture coverings were popular; colors then included reds, yellows, greens and other colors. But today's denim is more true blue, Hughes said.

Some of Gily's denim gets a bit fancy, with paisley designs.

"We are selling even wing chairs with denim for dens or bedrooms," Gily said.

Denim furnishings shine when trimmed with feathers or corded tassels, said Loretta Lesley, manager of Hancock Fabrics in Avondale, Ala. The fabric is selling well there with do-it-yourselfers and designers alike, she said.

It retails for \$1.88 to \$18 a yard at Hancock Fabrics. Denim can ease its way into more formal rooms — but carefully, designers say. A different popular furniture look helps it: toile.

Denim can be dressed up a bit with figurine-focused toile patterns, making it acceptable in great rooms and sun rooms, Gily said.

"The blue fabric looks good with that," Gily said. "You can turn it into a country French look, or keep (it) casual, comfortable."

"You can make it as rugged or as elegant as you like," Lesley added.

'Cadillac of sewing machines' runs Windows, has a modem and plays CDs

By Ron DeLacy
MODESTO (CALIF) BEE

Here's a sewing machine that will run forwards, backwards and 14 directions in between. It'll run Microsoft Windows. It'll run an Internet connection. It'll run its own modem and CD-ROM drive. And if you want to own it, it'll run upwards of \$6,000.

That's more than most people expect to cough up for a sewing machine. But local retailers of the new Bernina artista 200e (the "e" is for embroidery) say they're sewing up sales even before the machine's official release next month.

"We're die-hard Bernina enthusiasts here," said Kristin Cooper, manager of the Country Cloth Shop in Angels Camp, Calif. "This is the

Cadillac of sewing machines."

Computerized home sewing machines aren't new, but Bernina claims to have taken the idea a few giant stitches forward. The 200e is the world's first and only sewing and embroidery system powered by Microsoft Windows, the first offering a direct connection to the Internet and the first with its own CD-ROM drive and an eye-level color monitor.

According to Martin Favre, president of Bernina of America, the 200e "is the

first authentic sewing computer."

What can you do with a sewing computer? You can sew, for one thing, even if you don't know how. The computer knows how. It threads the needle no matter how horrible your vision is. You touch the screen to pick one of the system's 857 different stitches, and select which direction you want it sewn.

bring the Bernina Creative Consultant and video tutorials to the screen to find proper settings for various materials and applications.

You import embroidery motifs from built-in libraries, CDs, computer cards or the Internet. You want it bigger? You tell the machine to make it bigger, or smaller. You want to go fast? The machine's embroidery speed averages 600 stitches a minute.

Ginger Duffy, owner of Country Cloth Shop, said the new machine simply makes it easier to accommodate creativity. "The sewing world has changed," said Duffy, who has been sewing for about 50 years.

She used to make her own clothes to save money. Now she makes them for the heck of it. "People today don't sew to save money," she said. "People today sew for entertainment and creativity."



The Bernina Artista 200e

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FOOD

Successful dinner parties depend on more than fine food

By Holly Ocasio Rizzo
SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

I used to think the quality of the food was the most important part of a dinner party. Then I read that it was the quality of the guests — good guests, great dinner.

Lately I've read that it's neither the food nor the guests but the ambience that counts — that without top-drawer ambience from the moment the door opens, not even a violin quartet could save a sorry little five-course soiree.

At a certain age — say, 20 — you realize that dinner parties require higher standards, including plates, napkins and cutlery.

Still further down the road, the dinner-party table acquires flowers and linens. Now, it's about to acquire elegance. For fresh ideas on creating the perfect ambience, I visit the Web.

The Old Farmers Almanac
www.almanac.com/cooks/table.html

Here's a road map to setting the table with enough silverware to pull in radio waves from Russia. It shows how to line up all the pieces properly and tells us that, if the dinner's formal, leave off the coffee cup and saucer until dessert.

Set in Your Way Tablescapes
www.carmelvalleycalifornia.com/tablescapes.html

Photographs set the imagination racing: Drape beads along the table, use shiny contrasts against dark linens, try shiny linens, tie a knot in that tablecloth, randomly sprinkle flowers on the cloth, use a low centerpiece with a few tall candles.

Tablecloth Designs
www.tableclothdesigns.com/fabrics/index.htm

This custom table-linen maker, based in Olathe, Kan., shows fabric swatches on its site.

Home & Garden Television
www.hgtv.com/hgtv/dc_fabrics_tabletop/article/0,1793,HGTV_3392_1370188,00.html

If you observe Kwanzaa, it's not always easy to know how to dress the table. Here are instructions for beaded candle pots, leather napkin rings, a string-trimmed tablecloth and bean-covered ornaments.

New York Institute of Photography
www.nyip.com/tips/topic_thanks-giving99.html

Tips for amateur photographers on capturing the spirit of the occasion — and remembering it fondly.



When to salt

Knowing when to add seasoning is significant. Salt draws moisture from foods, which can work for or against you.

For example, when sweating vegetables — slow-cooking them with fat over low heat until they are juicy — salting at the beginning draws out the vegetable natural juices. When grilling vegetables, however, it is best not to salt until the end; otherwise, the salt causes the vegetable to steam and stick to the grill.

Pastry bag piping tips

Before filling a pastry bag, place the tip in the bag, twist the narrow end of the bag off above the tip and stuff it into the tip. This plugs the opening so the batter or icing won't leak out.

When filling the bag, hold it open by folding the open back over your hand into a collar.

Fill the bag, unfold the collar and twist it shut. Cradle the bag in the palm of your hand, holding the twisted end shut.

When piping, apply pressure from the back of the bag so that whatever is being piped only has one way to go — out the tip.

Hold the tip about an inch above the surface that is being decorated and let the icing, batter or whatever is being piped fall easily from the tip of the bag.

Flat leaf parsley

To quickly strip the leaves from a bunch of flat-leaf parsley, hold the bunch by the stems, angle a cook's knife at a 45-degree angle and shave the leaves off in three or four clean strokes.

The leaves can be chopped, added to salads whole or used as fresh garnish. Save stems for adding to stocks, stews and sauces.



Tom Wallace / Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune

By Rick Nelson

MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

all tea leaves trace back to the *Camellia sinensis*, an evergreen shrub indigenous to China. The Chinese, who first used tea for medicinal purposes and in ceremonial rituals several thousand years ago, began consuming it for pleasure by about the sixth century. The Japanese took to tea by eighth century, and the British began their love affair with tea in the 17th century.

Tea is now grown all over the world, including India, Sri Lanka and Africa.

There are hundreds of varieties, with different species yielding varying flavors, colors and aromas; soils, climate conditions and altitudes also account for variations.

The best teas are from the smallest new-growth leaves and unopened leaf buds, which are harvested by hand. Flavor comes from essential oils, unlocked and brought to the surface by drying the leaves in the air or in the sun and then rolling them.

Processing methods create distinctive characteristics. Black teas come from leaves that have been fermented before being heated and dried.

Green teas are produced from leaves that are steamed and dried but not fermented. Partially fermented leaves produce oolong teas.

Herbal teas, also known as tisanes, technically aren't teas — they contain nothing from the *Camellia sinensis* — but rather blends of herbs, spices, flowers and other fragrant ingredients from many plant sources.

Like wines, tea variations are nearly infinite. Three examples:

■ Earl Grey is a blend of black teas — the combination depends upon the recipe — flavored with oil of bergamot, an essence extracted from the peel of a small acidic orange.

■ Lapsang Souchong is a black tea made with leaves smoked over slow-burning pine logs.

■ Jasmine tea is made by repeatedly rubbing jasmine petals into unfermented or semi-fermented green tea leaves.

Tea has long been hailed for its preventative and restorative powers.

Black and green teas are both high in antioxidants that many researchers believe help prevent cancer and heart disease, and their antibacterial powers are said to combat cavities and gum disease.

Herbal teas have a centuries-old medicinal reputation. Chamomile, for example, has a reputation as an upset-stomach settler.

Black, green and oolong teas are also excellent sources of Vitamin C.

It's also a caffeine source. Pound for pound, tea has more caffeine than coffee, but a pound of tea produces about 300 cups, while a pound of coffee yields about 80 cups.

Still, a cup of black tea has about half the caffeine of a cup of coffee, and green tea is on par with decaffeinated coffee. Oolong falls in between, and herbals are generally caffeine-free.

all about tea

Tips for hot tea

Great tea is just a few moments away. Start by choosing a ceramic, clay or cast-iron teapot (avoid aluminum or uncoated metal) that is just the size of the amount of tea you desire. Preheat the teapot by filling it with either very hot tap water or boiling water. Cover until ready to brew tea.

Fill a separate pot with 1 cup fresh cold-spring water or filtered water (do not use distilled water) per cup of tea you are brewing. Bring water to a vigorous boil. Remove water from heat and let it sit for 1 minute. (Like coffee, most tea is best made with water that is slightly below boiling temperature; green teas should be made with water heated to a temperature between 170 and 190 degrees).

Empty teapot of warm water, then add tea leaves. For black tea, use 1 level teaspoon loose tea per cup, 1-1/2 teaspoons for oolong and 2 teaspoons for green tea.

Pour in hot water, cover pot and steep: black teas for 4 to 5 minutes, oolongs for 3 to 4 minutes and green teas for 1 to 2 minutes. Tea brews best when steeped loose; tea bags, tea balls and even inset infusers (baskets designed to fit inside teapots) restrict water flow, resulting in weaker-tasting tea.

Uncover teapot, stir tea to extract more flavor from leaves, then pour tea through a strainer into cups. Keep teapot warm by covering it with a cozy or wrapping the teapot in a thick kitchen towel.

Cookbooks serve needs of families starved for both time and variety

By Marty Meitus

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Tina Ujlaki, executive editor of Food & Wine Magazine, graduate of La Varenne cooking school, has the same problem as the rest of us: What do you feed the family every day?

"I have two children, 10 and 14, I work long hours, I get home at 7:15 and we try to sit down at 8, but sometimes it's 8:30. ... I look in the refrigerator and say, 'What can I cobble together?'"

Know the feeling? Help is on the way. Food & Wine has reissued a series of four beautifully illustrated cookbooks. Called "Food & Wine Magazine's Quick From Scratch," the cookbooks have recipes that never appeared in the magazine.

Ujlaki defines the term quick from scratch as "freshly made recipes that don't rely on a whole lot of packaged goods, accessible ingredients, easy dinners for a busy weeknight." The recipes take from 15 minutes to an hour.

Each of the books — "Soups & Salads," "Italian; Herbs & Spices" and "One-Dish Meals" — has pantry lists so that you're not running to the grocery every day. In addition, "One-Dish Meals" gives you a formula — starch plus protein plus vegetables plus enhancers equals the final dish — so that you can make a dish based on what you have on hand. Starch choices might include bread, couscous, legumes, pasta, polenta, potatoes and rice. Protein choices include cheese, eggs, meat, nuts, poultry, seafood and tofu.

The bottom line is that cooking instead of eating takeout all the time adds a certain quality to family life. "No matter what I make," she says, "we're happier than just ordering in. I think there's some kind of intangible miracle that home-cooked food represents."

CHICKEN AND SMOKED-SAUSAGE GUMBO

(Serves 4)

- 3 tablespoons cooking oil
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 ribs celery, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 10-ounce package frozen sliced okra
- 1 bay leaf
- 1-1/2 teaspoons dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh-ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne
- 1-3/4 cups canned crushed tomatoes in thick puree (one 15-ounce can)
- 1 quart canned low-sodium chicken broth or home-made stock
- 1/2 pound smoked sausage, halved lengthwise and cut crosswise into 1/4-inch slices
- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 3/4-inch pieces
- 3/4 cup long-grain rice

In a large stainless-steel pot, heat the oil over moderate heat.

Whisk in the flour and cook, whisking, until starting to brown, about 4 minutes. Reduce heat to medium low.

Stir in onion, celery and bell pepper, cook until softened, about 7 minutes.

Add the okra, bay leaf, thyme, oregano, salt, black pepper, cayenne and tomatoes. Cover and cook for 5 minutes.

Stir in the broth and the smoked sausage. Bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Add the chicken and cook until cooked through. Remove the bay leaf.

Bring a medium pot of salted water to a boil. Stir in the rice and boil until just done, 10 to 12 minutes. Drain. Put a mound of rice in the center of each bowl. Ladle the gumbo around the rice.

TORTILLA SOUP

(Serves 4)

- 6 tablespoons cooking oil
- 8 6-inch corn tortillas, halved and cut crosswise into 1/2-inch strips
- 1 onion, chopped
- 4 large cloves garlic, smashed
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne
- 1-1/2 quarts canned low-sodium chicken broth or homemade stock
- 3 cups canned crushed tomatoes in thick puree (one 28-ounce can)
- 2 bay leaves
- 2-1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 cup lightly packed cilantro leaves and 3 tablespoons chopped cilantro (optional)
- 1-3/4 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 avocado, cut into 1/2-inch dice
- 1/4 pound Cheddar, grated
- Lime wedges, for servings

In a large heavy pot, heat the oil over moderately high heat. Add half the tortilla strips and cook, stirring, until pale golden, about 1 minute.

Remove with a slotted spoon and drain on paper towels. Repeat with the remaining tortilla strips.

Reduce the heat to moderately low. Add the onion, garlic and spices; cook, stirring, for 5 minutes.

Add the broth, tomatoes, bay leaves, salt, cilantro leaves, if using, and a third of the tortilla strips. Bring to a simmer. Cook, uncovered, for 30 minutes; remove the bay leaves.

In a blender, puree the soup in batches; pour it back into the pot. Add the chicken, bring the soup back to a simmer and cook until chicken is cooked through. Stir in the avocado.

To serve, put the remaining tortilla strips in bowls, top with the cheese and pour in the soup.

Sprinkle with the chopped cilantro, if using, and serve with the lime wedges.

Source: Food & Wine Magazine's Quick From Scratch One-Dish Meal

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Y about Your Health

OFF TO A GOOD START

This newsletter comes to your home filled with information about the latest medical services and classes at St. Mary Mercy Hospital that will get you off to a good start this New Year.

Women won't want to miss our Women and Heart Disease conference on February 22, and men will want to take advantage of our Men's Health Fair and Prostate Screening on March 1. If losing weight is on your list of New Year's resolutions, note that our Weight Management Program recently received a Gold Award for Excellence.

At St. Mary Mercy, we're growing rapidly and expanding services to meet this demand. Some of our newest services include a new Cancer Center, a fast CT scanner to detect heart attack risk, and renewed focus on customer service.

Come discover what's new at St. Mary Mercy for you and your family.



David Spivey
President and CEO

To Eat or Not to Eat?

In Search of the Truth About Eggs

Eggs once were viewed as part and parcel of a healthy breakfast. Then, they fell out of favor among many nutrition experts. But now, eggs have staged a comeback—or have they? Given the conflicting statements, confusion is understandable. So how do you unscramble this information and figure out *eggs-actly* what role eggs should play in your diet?

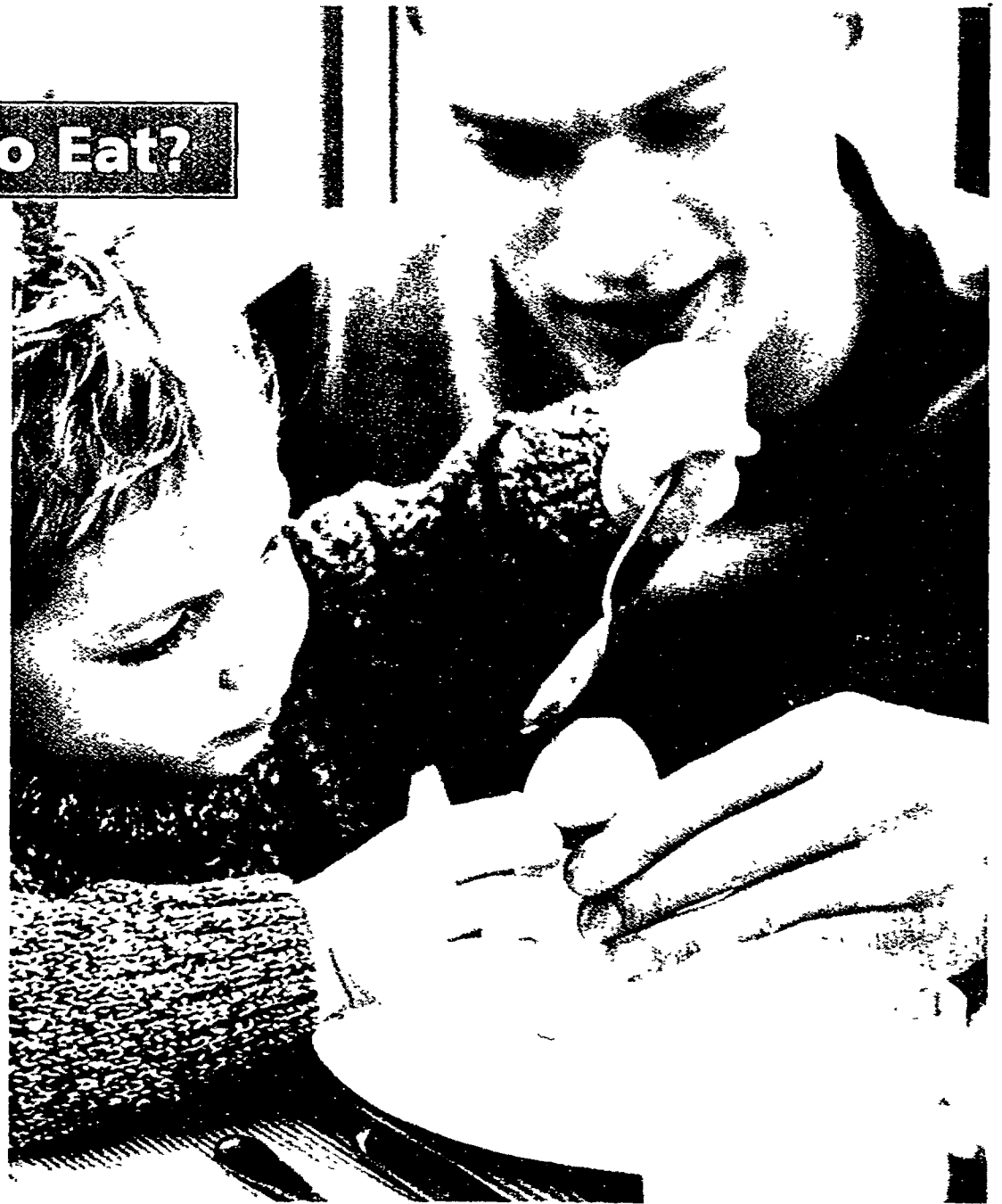
CRACKING THE CHOLESTEROL-HEART DISEASE CONNECTION

Much has been made of the link between high-cholesterol foods, such as eggs and heart disease. But recent research shows that dietary cholesterol has little influence on heart disease risk. And there's no firm evidence that eating eggs will make you more likely to develop heart disease.

It's saturated fat—found in such foods as red meat, butter, and cheese—that poses the real danger. Saturated fat raises the level of LDL—or “bad”—cholesterol in your blood, and this can lead to heart disease. One egg has little saturated fat—about 2 grams—and it's all in the yolk.

THE MANY SUNNY SIDES OF EGGS

It's safe to say that eggs deliver a powerful nutritional punch. They're packed with



protein and many essential vitamins and minerals. Eggs also contain antioxidants that may help prevent cataracts and other eye diseases.

Eggs can play a role in your diet—as long as you avoid *egg-cess*. Eating one a day is unlikely to raise your risk for heart disease if you're in good health. If you want more than one egg a day, limit yourself to egg whites. *

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Comprehensive Cancer Care Close to Home

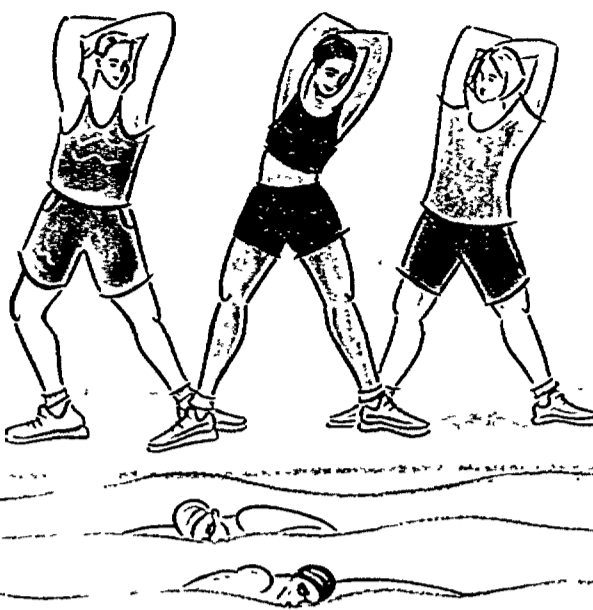
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New Tests Detect Heart Risks

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Patients Get Their Z-Z-Zs

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ABOUT FITNESS

◆ Are all exercise machines created equal? Maybe not. Researchers found that adults could burn 200 calories on a **ski simulator** or **treadmill** in about half the time as on a **stationary bike**.

Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise

◆ Exercise helps neck and shoulder pain caused by **chronic headaches**. Gently lean your head all the way back. Hold for five seconds. Or stand about two feet out from a corner with your hands on the walls. Lean forward until you feel **stretching** across your shoulders and chest. Hold up to 20 seconds. Do each exercise five times, three times a day.

Consultant

◆ For people with **intermittent claudication**, walking can be painful. But ironically, walking seems to **help** the condition. In one study, patients walked for at least 30 minutes, nine times a week. After six months, most patients could walk farther, faster, and with less pain.

Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise

Arthritis Pain? Many Routes to Relief Await!

If you have arthritis, you may already be well acquainted with the challenge of managing the pain associated with the disease. But are you also familiar with the array of techniques for easing your discomfort? Experts have found that some fairly simple measures can help you win the better quality of life you deserve.

Arthritis pain rears its ugly head when damaged or diseased joints and tissues become stiff, swollen, and irritated. Several factors—such as muscle strain, fatigue, and stress—can then aggravate the problem. So treating pain on several fronts makes sense. Consider these strategies:

- Get eight to 10 hours of sleep a night, if possible. And don't hesitate to pamper yourself. Take things slowly and rest when the pain is worse than usual.
- Maintain a healthy weight. Extra pounds can put pressure on the joints—especially the knees and hips.
- Change positions often when standing or sitting.
- Make fitness part of your routine. Exercise can strengthen muscles and protect your joints. Swimming, walking, and bicycling may be smart choices. Your doctor can help you find the right form of exercise for your condition.
- Use heat to soothe a sore joint. Take a hot shower first thing in the morning. Or place a heating pad on the painful area for about 15 minutes. To make your own, put dry beans in a sock



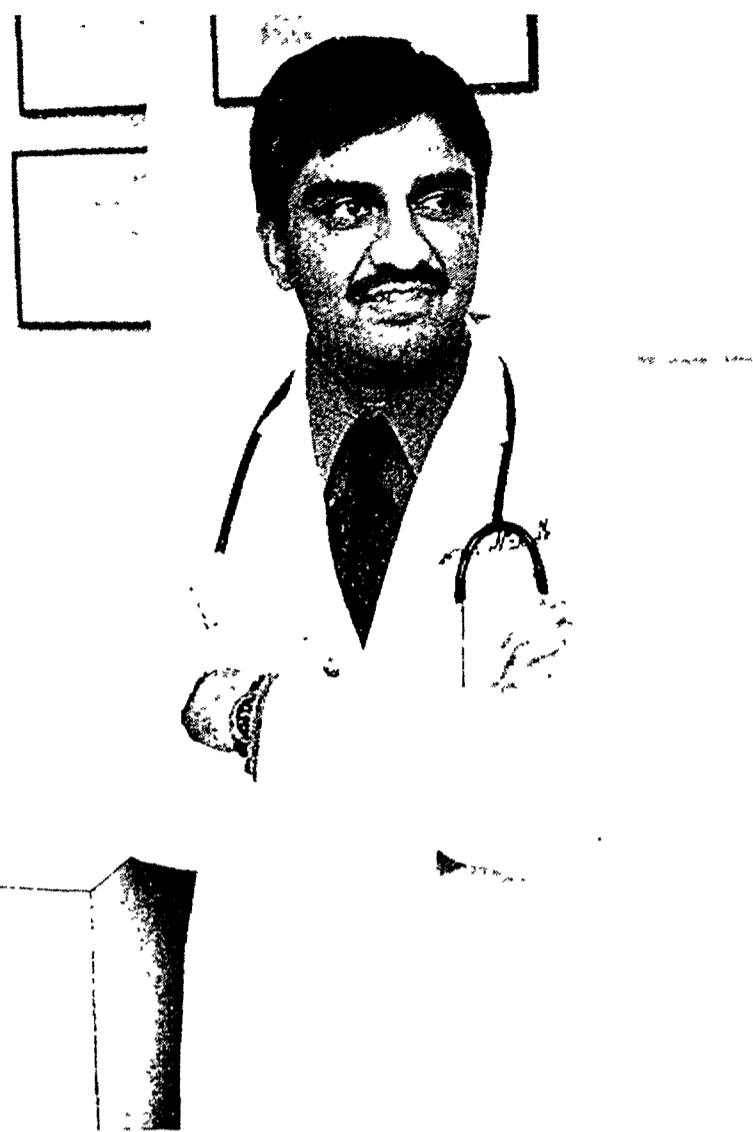
and knot the top. Place it in the microwave for a few minutes.

■ Apply cold packs to reduce swelling. Wrap an ice pack or bag of frozen peas in a towel and place on the sore area for about 15 minutes.

■ Talk to your doctor, physical therapist, or trainer about relaxation therapy. Experts have found that relaxation techniques—performed on a regular basis—can help reduce arthritis pain by easing muscle tension. *

Be sure to take prescribed arthritis medications regularly. Report side effects to your doctor. And keep a diary of pain sensations and situations that affect your pain. This record can help your doctor find the best treatment for you.

Full Continuum of Cancer Services



Cancer Services Medical Director, Harmesh Naik, MD, medical oncologist, oversees the recently accredited cancer program at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

It is becoming increasingly important to provide convenient cancer treatment for patients in the surrounding community. St. Mary Mercy Hospital has recognized this need with its new Cancer Center, which opened in December 2002. "Our goal is to meet the challenges that cancer brings to families, providing exceptional care and treatment in a convenient setting for patients," says David Spivey, President and CEO.

The new center provides easy access for outpatient cancer services, education and resources, and more. Special exam rooms allow patients to experience one-stop service, and a complete resource center is available with educational materials and Internet access for patients, families, and caregivers. This is the first phase in a long-range plan to build a full-service, comprehensive Cancer Center.

Currently, the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Cancer Program offers a full continuum of cancer care services, ranging from prevention and screening to treatment of local or advanced malignancies using a multidisciplinary

nary team approach. The staff of physicians, nurses, and other health care professionals is dedicated to providing the community with comprehensive, compassionate services in cancer prevention, detection, diagnosis, treatment, and support.

Comprehensive services include, but are not limited to, diagnostic services, medical oncology, chemotherapy, hormone therapy, biotherapy, and second opinion service. A full spectrum of radiation services and surgical oncology also are offered, including the latest surgical techniques for a variety of advanced cancers.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is the only community hospital in Wayne County accredited by the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons (ACOS). "The cancer program at St. Mary Mercy provides our community with a multitude of cancer services, including diagnosis, and treatment options, such as chemotherapy, brachytherapy, stereotactic breast biopsy, mammography, and radiation oncology," says Harmesh Naik, MD, medical oncologist. Cancer support groups and education are also provided to patients and families.

For more information on St. Mary Mercy Cancer Services, or to make a donation, contact Sarah Gilbert, director of cancer services, at **734-655-8598**. For information on cancer screening for early detection, education, and support, contact Community Outreach at **734-655-8940**.

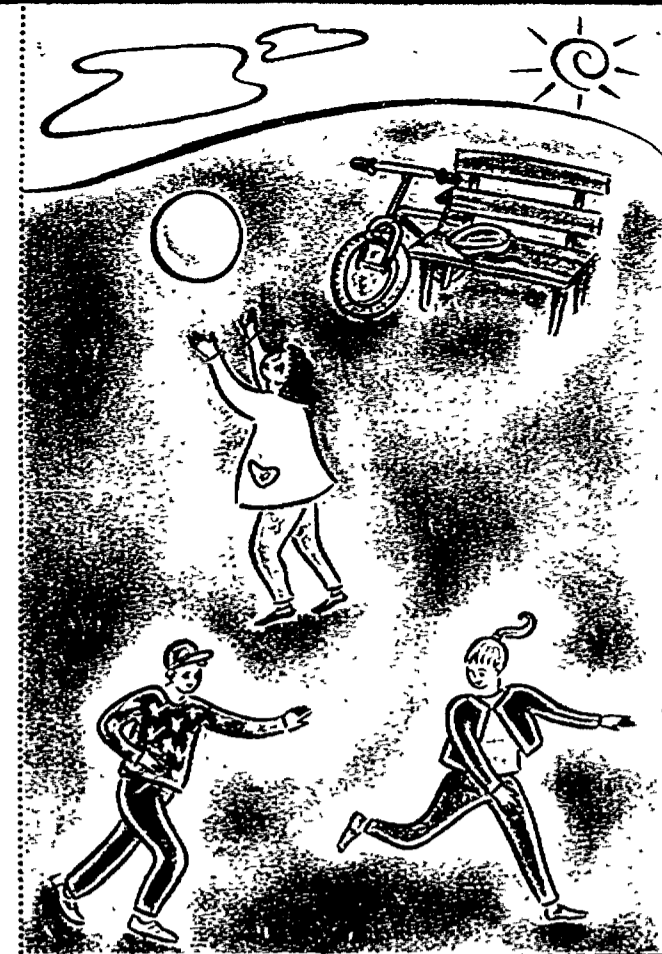
PROSTATE SCREENING AND MEN'S HEALTH FAIR

*Saturday, March 1
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

Program will include blood tests for prostate-specific antigen (PSA), total cholesterol, and HDL; prostate exam by a physician, and blood pressure check.

A \$10 donation is optional. Proceeds will benefit St. Mary Mercy Hospital's new Cancer Center.

Call St. Mary Mercy Hospital at **734-655-8963** to register for a screening, or for more information.



ABOUT CHILDREN

◆ Over-the-counter (OTC) cough and cold medicines can help relieve symptoms of upper respiratory infections. But these drugs don't work well in children. And they can cause dangerous side effects. Give an OTC medicine only with a doctor's OK. And stop using it if it doesn't help within two days.
American Family Physician

◆ Having an X-ray can be scary for a child—and difficult, since the child must remain still. Parents can help by praising their child for following the technician's instructions. If you're asked to help cradle your child, be sure you're given protective clothing to shield you from any radiation.
Radiologic Technology

◆ Children are usually safest in a vehicle's backseat. But in compact extended-cab pickups, there's no safe place for children. Researchers found that children in these vehicles have nearly three times the risk of injury. If possible, use another vehicle when driving with children.
Journal of the American Medical Association



Online Health Info: Know Where to Go

One study found that health information on the web is generally accurate. But sometimes, the information is incomplete. Experts say high-quality health sites are:

- trustworthy. The best sites are run by government health agencies, professional medical societies, and well-known health organizations.
- objective. The goal of the site should not be to sell a product.
- no substitute for a visit to your doctor—no matter how good the site is.

Help for Seasonal Affective Disorder

For many people, the shorter days of winter bring a recurring cycle of depression known as Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). Sufferers may sleep and eat more than usual, feel irritable, and experience a paralyzing heaviness in their arms and legs. The depression often ends when spring comes.

If you think you have SAD, talk with your doctor. These tips also may help:

- Open blinds or curtains each day to let in natural light.
- Get regular exercise—outdoors, ideally.

lotions, or shampoos containing salicylic acid.

- Talk to your doctor about taking vitamin D capsules.

If psoriasis remains a problem, prescription treatments may be needed.

Contact Lenses, Hard Water Don't Mix

All contact lens wearers have a higher risk of Acanthamoeba keratitis (AK), a serious infection that can cause vision loss. But, according to a recent study, those living in households with hard water have three times the risk as other contact lens wearers.

Careful handling of your lenses may help protect your eyes. For example, never use tap water to rinse lenses or fill the lens storage case. And remember to follow your eye doctor's instructions for disinfecting your lenses.

Protect Your Teeth During Cancer Therapy

Chemotherapies used to treat cancer can cause dental problems. These include a dry mouth, a sore mouth and gums, and infection.

To protect your mouth, brush with an extra-soft toothbrush. Avoid mouthwashes containing alcohol. Instead, rinse twice or more daily with a cup of warm water containing $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon baking soda and $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon of salt. Other useful suggestions: Drink lots of water, chew gum, and suck on ice chips. Check daily for changes, such as sores or bleeding gums. See your dentist if these problems develop.

Help for Psoriasis Sufferers

Millions of people suffer from psoriasis, a painful condition characterized by itchy patches of silvery-scaled skin. These occur most often on the elbows, knees, lower back, and scalp.

For many people, these tips may offer relief:

- Take a warm-water bath every day.
- Apply a heavy moisturizing cream just after bathing. Reapply two or three times a day.
- Use over-the-counter creams,



Calendar of Events

ST. MARY MERCY HOSPITAL

Programs •

• Support Groups • Events

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers community programs, classes, support groups, and events to help you learn more about good health for you and your family. Unless otherwise noted, please call the number listed in each heading for more information or to register. You can also access these on our website at www.stmarymercy.org.

For a physician on staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, call 1-888-464-WELL.

GENERAL COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT GROUPS

Call 734-655-8940 or 1-800-494-1650 (out-of-area only)

Basic Life Support—Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (BLS-CPR)

■ **BLS-Heartsaver**—Class for laypersons who need BLS certification. Includes CPR, rescue breathing and choking. Written exam and course completion card. (fee)

Tues., Jan. 14 (Pediatric), Wed., Jan. 15 (Adult), Tues., Mar. 18 (Pediatric) and Wed., Mar. 19 (Adult), 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Classroom 10

■ **BLS-Friends and Family**—Includes infant and child CPR and choking safety information, rescue techniques for children up to age 8 and infants in a breathing or cardiac emergency; includes injury preven-

tion for the layperson. (FREE)

Sat., Feb. 15, 8 a.m. to Noon (class is two hours), Auditorium (Adult), Classroom 1 and 2 (Pediatric)

■ **BLS-Healthcare Provider**—For those who provide healthcare to patients. Written exam and Healthcare Provider Card. Instruction includes adult, infant and child, CPR, AED and choking. (fee)

Tues., Apr. 22 and Wed., Apr. 23, 6 to 10 p.m., Classroom 10

Blood Pressure Measurement (NO CHARGE)

St. Mary Mercy Hospital—Community Outreach Dept. (lower level)

1st Monday of the month, 1 to 3 p.m.

Wonderland Mall—Center of Mall near Info Desk

Plymouth and Middlebelt Rds., Livonia

2nd Monday of the month, 8 to 10 a.m.

Laurel Park Place Mall—near

Concierge Desk

Newburgh and Six Mile, Livonia

4th Monday of the month, 8 to 10 a.m.

Northville Senior Center

215 W. Cady, near Sheldon Rd./Main St.

4th Monday of the month, Noon to 2 p.m.

Diabetes Consultation (Individual)

Learn skills to improve blood sugar control and change your lifestyle from a Certified Diabetes Educator. By appointment. (*fee)

Diabetes Education Classes

Self-care and control of diabetes for persons 18 and older, including lifestyle changes, diet, foot care, blood testing, medication, complications, exercise,

coping and resources. (*fee)

** Medicare and other insurance companies may cover the cost of education classes and consultation.*

Diabetes Management Classes

Registration required. (Classroom 10)

January

1st Class—Jan. 6 and 9, 12:30 to 3 p.m., Jan. 13 and 16, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

2nd Class—Jan. 7 and 14, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Jan. 21 and 28, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

February

1st Class—Feb. 4 and 6, 9:30 a.m. to Noon, Feb. 11 and 13, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

2nd Class—Feb. 18 and 25, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Mar. 4 and 11, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

March

1st Class—Mar. 17 and 20, 12:30 to 3 p.m., Mar. 24 and 27, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

April

1st Class—Apr. 7 and 8, 9:30 a.m. to Noon, Apr. 14 and 17, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

2nd Class—Apr. 1 and 8, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Apr. 15 and 22, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Durable Power of Attorney

Information to make medical treatment choices is available upon admission or by request.

Walk In Immunization Clinic—Infant and Child

Routine childhood vaccines and Hepatitis B offered to infants and children up to 18 years of age. Parent or legal guardian must be present. (fee)

*Feb. 20, 5:30 to 8 p.m., Auditorium
Apr. 23, 5:30 to 8 p.m., Classroom 10
June 18, 5:30 to 8 p.m., Classroom 10*

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Nutrition Counseling (Individual)

Individual dietary program for your personal health needs. By appointment. (fee)

Parish Nurse Program

Assists churches, synagogues and mosques develop a holistic, faith-based health and wellness ministry within their faith community.

Safe Sitter Class

Teaches boys and girls ages 11 to 13 how to handle emergencies when caring for young children. Learn basic life-saving techniques, safety precautions, calling for help and tips on basic childcare. (fee)

Senior Health Connection

Join other adults age 55 and over for special events, discounts on health education classes, and lectures on health topics for mature adults.

Project Healthy Living

Offers low-cost and no-cost community health screenings, facilitates early detection of cardiovascular disease and cancer, educates community about health risks.

*Laurel Park Mall, Apr. 28 and 29,
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.*

AARP 55 Alive Mature Driving Course

Apr. 8 and 9, 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., fee goes to AARP, registration required by Mar. 28.

Arthritis Self Help Course

Learn about arthritis and its effects, medications, dealing with depression, nutrition, methods of applications, problem solving and more.

Mar. 5, 12, 19, 1 to 3 p.m., fee goes to Arthritis Foundation-MI, registration required by Feb. 21.

Prostate Screening and Men's Health Fair
Sat., Mar. 1, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Includes blood test for Prostate Specific Antigen, Total Cholesterol and HDL, prostate exam by a physician and blood pressure check. \$10 donation to new St. Mary Mercy Cancer Center optional. Call **734-655-8963** to register for a screening.

Facing the Challenges of Alzheimer's Disease

Feb. 6 and 13, 7 to 9 p.m., registration required by Jan. 31.

Spring Senior Fitness Balance Classes

Improve balance, body awareness, strength, visual control, breathing and memory. Relaxing pace. Registration required, classes fill quickly. (fee)

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Week 1—Mar. 18, 20

Week 2—Mar. 25, 27

Week 3—Apr. 1, 3

Week 4—Apr. 8, 10

Week 5—Apr. 15, 17

Week 6—Apr. 22, 24

Week 7—Apr. 29, May 1

Week 8—May 6, 8

Heart Safe Livonia

Heart Safe is a task force to facilitate the implementation of a community-wide public access defibrillation program in Livonia. Automated external defibrillators (AEDs) help lay rescuers save lives. To participate, contact Ginger Ramsey at St. Mary Mercy Hospital **734-655-8947**.

Smoke Free Living (Smoking Cessation)

Covers the effects of smoking, what to expect when you quit, coping techniques, and strategies on staying smoke-free. A series of four sessions. (fee)

Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Stressed for Success—Stress Management

Learn to decrease and manage the stress in your life. (fee)

Weight Management (Health Management Resources-HMR)

A medically supervised weight management program with weekly classes and support. Must attend an orientation before enrolling in the program. Open enrollment starts January 30. Call for more information **734-655-1783**. (fee)

Orientation Dates (Classroom 11):

Jan. 7, 4 to 5 p.m.

Jan. 15, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 21, Noon to 1 p.m.

Jan. 29, 4 to 5 p.m.

Feb. 4, Noon to 1 p.m.

Feb. 12, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 18, 4 to 5 p.m.

Feb. 26, Noon to 1 p.m.

Mar. 4, 4 to 5 p.m.

Mar. 12, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Mar. 18, 4 to 5 p.m.

Mar. 26, Noon to 1 p.m.

Apr. 2, 4 to 5 p.m.

Apr. 9, 4 to 5 p.m.

Apr. 15, 4 to 5 p.m.

Apr. 23, Noon to 1 p.m.

Apr. 29, 4 to 5 p.m.

Wellness in the Workplace

A Wellness Program tailored to meet the needs of your business or organization.

SUPPORT GROUPS— COMMUNITY

(NO CHARGE)

Cancer Support Group— "Focus on Living"

Helps cancer patients and families come together to cope with cancer diagnosis and treatment. Cosponsored by the American Cancer Society. Meets monthly.

First Wed., 7 to 8:30 p.m., Auditorium

Diabetes Support Group

For adults with diabetes and their family members. Meets monthly.

Second Wed., 7 to 8:30 p.m., Auditorium

Grief Support Group

For those impacted by the loss of a loved one or family member. Meets monthly. Call Angela Hospice, **734-464-7810**

*2nd and 4th Tues., 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.,
Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh,
Livonia*

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group

Discussion and support for MS patients and families. Meets weekly. Call Livonia Family YMCA, **734-261-2161**.

*Fri., 6 p.m., Livonia Family YMCA,
14255 Stark Road, Livonia*

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Overeaters Anonymous

Support and discussion for compulsive overeaters. Meets weekly.

Sun. 7 to 8:30 p.m., Classroom 1

Ostomy Support Group

Information on ostomy surgery, colostomy, urostomy, ileostomy, or continent ostomy procedure. Call 313-533-1020 for information.

Scleroderma Support Group

Discussion and support for scleroderma patients and families. Meets

monthly. Call 248-349-2899 for information.

Third Thurs. 7 to

8:30 p.m., Classroom 1

"Us Too" Prostate Cancer Support Group

Discussion and support on social, economic, emotional and health problems related to prostate cancer. Meets monthly. Call 734-432-1913.

Fourth Tues., 7 to 8:30 p.m., Classroom 2

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT GROUPS

Call 734-655-2944 or 1-800-494-0277 (out of area only)

Chemical Dependency Program

Group, individual and family counseling for alcoholism, drug addiction and related emotional problems.

Intensive Outpatient Substance Abuse Program

A continuum of care on an outpatient basis for the alcohol or chemically-dependent person.

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Classes

Classes focus on the problems associated with addictions, mental illness and effective treatment.

Second Mon. of each month, 6:30 to 8 p.m., preregistration required.

■ **The Complications and Treatment of Bipolar Disorder**—Informational discussion followed by a brief video on Bipolar.

Jan. 13, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Presented by Dan Deary, MSW, CSW, ACSW and Jeanine Saba, RNC.

■ **Broe Rehabilitation Services, Inc.**—

An educational overview of Traumatic Brain Injury, client services offered and psychological and substance abuse programs.

Feb. 10, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Presented by Timothy Broe, PhD, CRC, LPC, CVE, CCM, CDMS, Ann E. Greco, BS and Len McCulloch, MA, Ltd. LP NCP.

■ **Recovery, Inc.**—Demonstrations of the Recovery, Inc. method, to help people manage their nervous symptoms and fears.

Mar. 10, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

■ **Leisure Awareness: How to Create Balance in Your Life**—Join us for a discussion on exploring leisure activities while building a healthy and balanced lifestyle.

Apr. 14, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Presented by Michele Siroky, BS, OTR and GERALYN JACKSON, BS, OTR.

SUPPORT GROUPS— BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:

(NO CHARGE)

Al-Anon

Open to family members and friends of alcoholics. Meets weekly.

Mon. 8:30 to 10 p.m., Cafeteria

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

Open to anyone with an alcohol dependency. Meets weekly.

Mon. 8:30 to 10 p.m., Auditorium

Gamblers Anonymous (GA)

Open to anyone with a gambling dependency. Meets weekly.

Mon. 7:30 to 9 p.m., Classroom 4

Mental Health Day Treatment Alumni Group

First and third Thurs. of each month, 5 to 6 p.m., Pavilion A

Mental Health Support Group

For adult family members and friends of

mental health patients. Meets weekly.

Thurs., 6 to 7 p.m., 5th Floor Group Room

REHAB AND SPEECH PROGRAMS

Call 734-655-2955 or 1-800-494-0422 (out of area only)

Back School

A licensed physical therapist discusses common back injuries, posture and body mechanics. (no charge)

First Wed. of each month, Noon to 1 p.m.

Children's Speech Program (C.L.A.S.S.)

For children with a diagnosis of speech language impairment and a current Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Supplements services provided in the school system. Offered four times a year.

WOMEN'S AND FAMILY HEALTH PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT GROUPS

Call 734-655-1100 or 1-800-494-1615 (out of area only)

Breastfeeding Program

Individual consultations with a Certified Lactation Consultant are available by appointment only, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Marian Women's Center. Breast pump rentals available by appointment. (Fee for outpatient lactation services.) Call 734-655-1158.

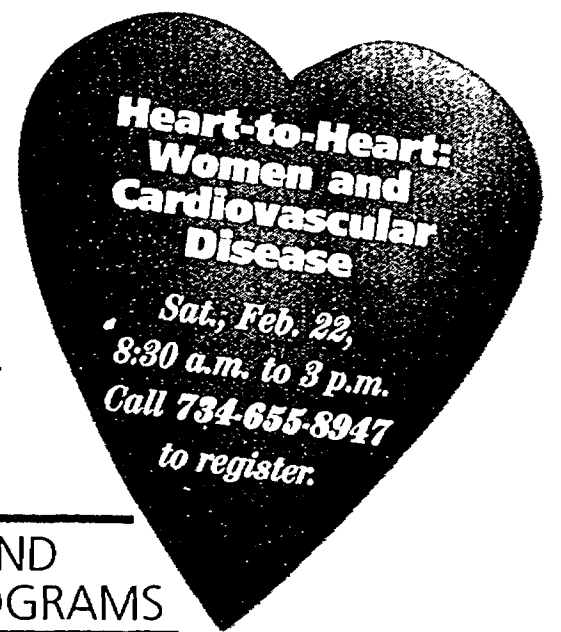
Breastfeeding Class

Certified Lactation Consultants explain the benefits of breast milk, getting a good start in the hospital, and how to continue breastfeeding at home and work. (fee)

Jan. 23, Feb. 27, Mar. 27, Apr. 24, Thurs. 7 to 9 p.m. Classroom 2

Childbirth Education

Classes for expectant mothers and partners
continued on reverse side



Understanding and Treatment

(at Mercy Auditorium)

and light breakfast

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Center 734-655-

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Yoga Lecture

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*Thurs., Jan. 30,
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(St. Mary Mercy
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Call 734-655-2923

*Tuesdays, Apr. 1 to May 13
Wednesdays, Apr. 30 to June 18
Thursdays, May 1 to June 5*

**Childbirth Education Saturday
Workshop**

One day class for expectant mothers
and partners using the Lamaze method.
Pre-registration is required. (fee)

*Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Jan. 25,
Feb. 8, Mar. 15, Apr. 12, Apr. 26,
Classrooms 1 and 2*

**Childbirth Education Saturday
Weekend Program**

*Three-day class held on successive Satur-
days, 9 a.m. to Noon, Mar. 22, Mar. 29 and
Apr. 5, Classrooms 1 and 2*

Foster Parenting Classes

Specialized parenting classes for foster
parents. Call 313-396-0262.

Couple's Massage Therapy Class

Enhance awareness and connection

using the Lamaze
method, including
relaxation and
breathing techniques.
Preregistration is
required. (fee)

*Six weekly sessions,
7 to 9 p.m., Classroom 1
Thursdays, Jan. 2 to
Feb. 6*

*Tuesdays, Jan. 7
to Feb. 11*

*Mondays, Jan. 27
to Mar. 3*

*Wednesdays, Jan. 29
to Mar. 5*

*Tuesdays, Feb. 18
to Mar. 25*

*Mondays, Mar. 10
to Apr. 14*

*Wednesdays, Mar. 12
to Apr. 16*

*Mondays, Apr. 28 to
June 30*

with your partner by learning to provide
nurturing and therapeutic massage.
Enrollment limited to six couples. (fee)

Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m., Feb. 11 to Mar. 18

**Infant Care Classes: "Getting to
Know Your Newborn" and "Caring
for the Sick Infant"**

Focuses on the care of your new infant,
including feeding, bathing, sleeping, caring
for the sick infant with a focus on infant
safety (childproofing your home), immuniza-
tions and signs of illness. (fee)

*Thursdays 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Jan. 9,
Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Classroom 1*

Infant Massage Therapy Class

Develop bonding attachments between you
and your baby that will last for years.
Infants must be between the ages of 30
days to six months and physician approval
is required. Taught by a certified infant
massage therapist. (fee)

*Wednesdays, Feb. 5 to Feb. 26
(four-week class), 10 to 11 a.m.*

*Wednesdays, Mar. 26 to Apr. 16
(four-week class), 10 to 11 a.m.*

*Saturdays, Mar. 15 and Mar. 22
(two-week class), 10 to 11:30 a.m.*

Massage Therapy

Experience the many benefits of a thera-
peutic massage. Call 734-655-1145. (fee)

Natural Family Planning

Using the Billings Ovulation Method,
the series of four classes teaches
couples how to determine
times of fertility and infertili-
ty. Registration required.
Call 248-926-9909. (fee)

Sibling Tour

Helps expectant parents
and their children with
sibling rivalry, signs of jeal-
ousy and steps to take to

minimize these behaviors. (Fee per family)

*Saturdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Jan. 11,
Feb. 15, Mar. 1, Apr. 5, Classroom 2*

Yoga Class

*Hatha Yoga: Tuesdays, 5:15 to 6:30 p.m.
Six-week classes, starting Jan. 7. Ongoing.
Call 734-655-1145.*

**SUPPORT GROUPS
FOR WOMEN**

(NO CHARGE)

Breast Cancer Support Group

A self-help and education group addressing
topics of concern for women with breast
cancer.

*Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 8,
7 to 9 p.m., Classroom 2*

Menopause Support Group

Women share feelings and concerns confi-
dentially about menopause, mid-life issues
and health-related matters.

*Feb. 5, Mar. 5, Apr. 2, 7 to 9 p.m.,
Classroom 2*

**Mother-Baby Postpartum
Support Group**

A Certified Lactation Consultant discusses
the postpartum period of adjustment.

*Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 8, 10 to
11:30 a.m., Classroom 1*

Tours of Birthing Center

Learn about the Miracle
of Life Birthing Center
at St. Mary Mercy
Hospital. The
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center is one of
the area's finest
childbirth facili-
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vate rooms. Tours
by appointment only.

**"LADIES
NIGHT OUT"**

Wed., Feb. 5, 6 to 9 p.m.

Bone Density Screening, Massage,
Vendors and Guest Speaker, Meredith
Salhaney, M.S. 7 p.m. Lecture, "Don't
Be a Victim." Learn to spot the signs
of a dangerous situation and keep
yourself safe. Registration required,
734-655-1182 or toll free
1-888-494-1617.

Cardiac Services

New Tests Can Detect Heart Risks

Your mother suffered a heart attack. Your grandparents both had cardiac disease. Should you be concerned about your risk for a heart attack? Of course, family history plays a role in your potential to develop heart disease. But now, thanks to the latest diagnostic technology, there's something you can do about it.

Heart Attack Risk Test

At St. Mary Mercy Hospital, the latest fast CT scanner allows patients to discover their potential risk of heart attack through a quick new test called calcium scoring. "This test gives St. Mary Mercy's doctors one more tool in our fight against heart disease," says Gregg Glowacz, director, radiology.

St. Mary Mercy is one of the few hospitals in the area to offer this new, leading-edge technology. The exam gives patients a "calcium score," which is a measurement of calcified plaque in their coronary arteries. Taking into account other factors such as age, family history, and cholesterol levels, the score can alert the patient and their doctor to the potential for heart disease.

EP Study

Another new diagnostic service available at St. Mary Mercy to help detect abnormal arrhythmias is the electrophysiology (EP) study. The EP study pinpoints the exact area where the abnormal electrical activity is located, so the best treatment option can be chosen.



Chung Kim, MD, radiologist, with the new fast CT scanner for quick, painless detection of heart disease risk.



Syam Zampani, MD, chief of cardiology and member of Michigan Heart, PC, in the Cardiac Catheterization Lab at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Implantable Defibrillators

As a treatment option, St. Mary Mercy now offers patients implantable cardioverter defibrillators (ICDs), pacemaker-like devices that are implanted under the skin. ICDs control abnormally fast heart rates by monitoring the heart and automatically delivering an electric shock if they detect ventricular tachycardia.

Cardiac Catheterization

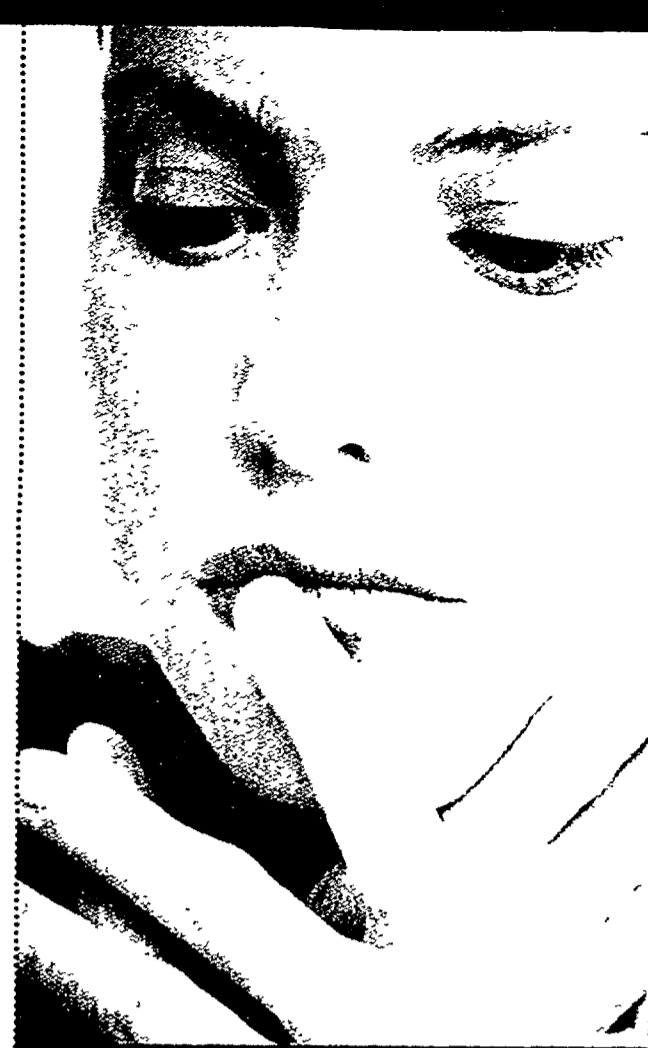
Other cardiac tests at St. Mary Mercy include diagnostic cardiac catheterization, permanent pacemaker implantation, DC cardioversion, and tilt-table testing. In addition, stress testing, echocardiograms, Holter monitoring, and other services are available to help keep your heart healthy.

So, if you have a family heart disease history, now's the time to get a heart checkup. For a cardiologist on staff at St. Mary Mercy, call **1-888-464-WELL**. For more information on Cardiac Services, call **734-655-2885**.

HEART-TO-HEART:

Women and Cardiovascular Disease
Saturday, February 22—8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital
Call **734-655-8947** to register.



Can You Learn to **STOP NIBBLING** Your Nails?

Believe it or not, you can nail your nibbling habit—and the sooner, the better. Experts have linked nail-biting to a host of disorders, including swollen gums, tooth loss, jaw problems, facial pain, infections, and headaches.

Here are a few key ways to break the habit. You also can try these techniques with youngsters. Just remember to praise them for their efforts:

- ◆ Trim rough, ragged nails and file them smooth. Broken nails can be very tempting to nibble.
- ◆ Buy a bitter-tasting resin that you dab on nails and surrounding skin. Applying nail polish also may tame the urge to gnaw.
- ◆ Learn to do something else when you feel the urge to chew. For example, make fists for a minute or so. But be careful not to swap one bad habit for another. Biting a pencil or sucking on a toothpick can lead to mouth injury, too!

Ulcers: Causes and Cures for a Hard-to-Stomach Problem

MANAGING STRESS— THE KEY TO KEEPING ULCER PAIN AT BAY

For years, it was believed that stress caused ulcers. While this theory is no longer widely accepted, it's not entirely wrong. Stress can worsen an ulcer you already have.

If you have an ulcer—and you've been tense—talk to your doctor about reducing stress. Regular exercise, plenty of sleep, and relaxation techniques may help.

You may have noticed that dull, burning pain in your stomach before. But what is it? Is it just the usual stomachache—or something more serious, like an ulcer?

DESPITE THEORIES, A BUG OFTEN TO BLAME

An ulcer is a sore located in the lining of your stomach or the top of your small intestine. Over the years, people have embraced various myths that attempt to explain how ulcers form. But experts now agree that a bacterium called *H. pylori* causes almost 90% of ulcers.

Other causes of ulcers include:

- having a family history of ulcers

- long-term use of certain medications, especially pain relievers and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
- excessive alcohol use
- smoking.

SPOTTING THE SYMPTOMS: A CRUCIAL FIRST STEP

Some people with ulcers have no symptoms.

But others may complain of:

- stomach pain before or after eating, or during the night
- noticeable weight loss or gain
- nausea or vomiting
- a feeling of fullness or bloating
- blood in the stool.

If you have any or all of these ulcer symptoms, be sure to let your doctor know. Left untreated, ulcers can lead to serious complications. These include bleeding, blockage of the digestive tract, or a rupture in the wall of your stomach. And researchers have found that *H. pylori* is a strong risk factor for stomach cancer.

TREATMENT KEY TO COMFORT

If you learn that your ulcer is caused by *H. pylori*, your doctor may prescribe antibiotics and drugs to reduce stomach acid or protect the stomach lining.

In other cases, treatment depends on the cause of your ulcer. For example, you may need to avoid anti-inflammatory drugs and certain pain relievers or take antacids to heal your ulcer.

You also may have to change your lifestyle. For example, you may need to:

- give up smoking
- avoid alcoholic beverages, coffee, and tea
- resist eating spicy foods
- make meals smaller and more frequent. *

H. pylori can spread through person-to-person contact. Remember to wash your hands thoroughly before eating and after using the bathroom. This way, you'll reduce your chances of infecting yourself—or someone else.



St. Mary Mercy Hospital Sleep Disorders Unit Patients Finally Get Their Z-Z-Zs

Imagine waking up with a brand new outlook on life. This is how sleep disorder patients say they feel after having their first restful night's sleep in months... or even years.

An estimated 57 million people in the United States have trouble falling asleep at night or suffer from some type of sleep disorder. If you believe you are one of them, St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Sleep Disorders Unit can help you find the cure you need.

Patients usually spend the night in the hospital's sleep lab, where experienced technicians monitor and record brain waves, respirations, leg movements, heart rhythms, and oxygen levels. Board-certified physicians, who recommend treatment options, interpret the results from the studies.

Some of the most common sleep disorders are insomnia, narcolepsy, sleep apnea, and restless legs syndrome. These disorders may also cause loss of memory, depression and anxiety, disorientation, mood changes,

morning headaches, excessive daytime sleepiness, irritability, and inability to concentrate on tasks.

Once sleep disorders have been diagnosed, most can be treated with continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP), or a mask that covers the nose and forces air to open the patient's airways. Other treatments include weight loss, medication, surgery, and behavioral therapy.

For more information on St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Sleep Disorder Services, call 734-655-3992.



ABOUT NUTRITION

◆ Snack bars for people with diabetes can help control blood sugar. But different bars have different effects. To reduce blood-sugar spikes during the day, choose snack bars that include maltodextrin. At bedtime, eat a snack bar containing uncooked cornstarch to prevent low blood sugar during the night.

Clinical Diabetes

◆ Whole-grain oat cereals may help control high blood pressure. In one study, 73% of patients cut their blood pressure medication dose in half after 12 weeks on a high-oats diet. The study group ate about 2 cups of whole-grain oat cereals every day.

Journal of Family Practice

◆ Your body needs the beta-carotene in carrots to make vitamin A. This vitamin is essential for healthy eyes, bones, and skin. But different cooking methods affect how much beta-carotene the body absorbs. In a recent study, researchers found that adult volunteers absorbed more from pureed carrots than from boiled-mashed carrots.

Journal of Nutrition

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM WINS GOLD

Health Management Resources (HMR®) awarded St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Weight Management Program with the Gold Standard of Achievement for excellence in performance and superior patient care. This award distinguishes the program from hundreds of clinics nationwide. The program offers a comprehensive approach

to weight loss, including in-depth lifestyle education, personal coaching, and medically supervised treatment.

There are many classes available to accommodate your schedule. See enclosed calendar of events for upcoming orientation dates. Call 734-655-1783 for more information or to register.

Visit our website! www.stmarymercy.org

Karate: A Fun New Take on the Aerobic Workout

KEEPING WOMEN HEALTHY

Designed to meet the health needs of today's busy women, St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Marian Women's Center provides a convenient, caring environment. Through diagnostic testing, such as mammography, bone densitometry, and breast biopsy, ultrasound, education programs, a resource library, therapeutic massage, and more, the center offers multiple opportunities for women to take charge of their health.

A facility where you can schedule a few services on the same day, the Marian Center offers women a comfortable and convenient choice for health care. For more information, call the center at 734-655-1100 or 1-800-494-1615.

ST. MARY MERCY HOSPITAL MISSION STATEMENT

We serve together in Trinity Health, in the spirit of the Gospel, to heal body, mind, and spirit, to improve the health of our communities, and to steward the resources entrusted to us.

Punch! Kick! Block! Strike! From the looks of it, karate training may seem more like a form of high-action self-defense than a way to better health.

But experts say the techniques and body movements practiced in the martial arts—such as karate—offer a vigorous workout with important health benefits. These include controlling weight and keeping your muscles, bones, and heart healthy.

IDEAL FOR BODY—AND MIND

In a recent study, researchers found that karate training increased muscle strength and bone mineral density. Stronger muscles and denser bones are important because studies show they can help reduce your risk of osteoporosis.

Another study found that people who took part in a 70-minute karate training session increased their



heart rate to the level recommended for cardiorespiratory fitness. And the energy spent helped them burn excess fat and lose weight.

Karate can also provide a chance to develop your inner self—including discipline, concentration, patience, and self-confidence.

A FEW WORDS OF CAUTION

Experts caution that sports played at a high speed or involving forceful contact—such as soccer, football, or

karate—can raise the risk of injury. Injuries from karate training can include minor cuts and bruises, sprains, fractures, and concussions. But safety equipment—such as mouth guards and protective padding—can help you avoid getting hurt.

Karate may not be a wise exercise choice if you have epilepsy, an enlarged liver, or only one kidney. It's best to check with your doctor to see if karate is right for you. *

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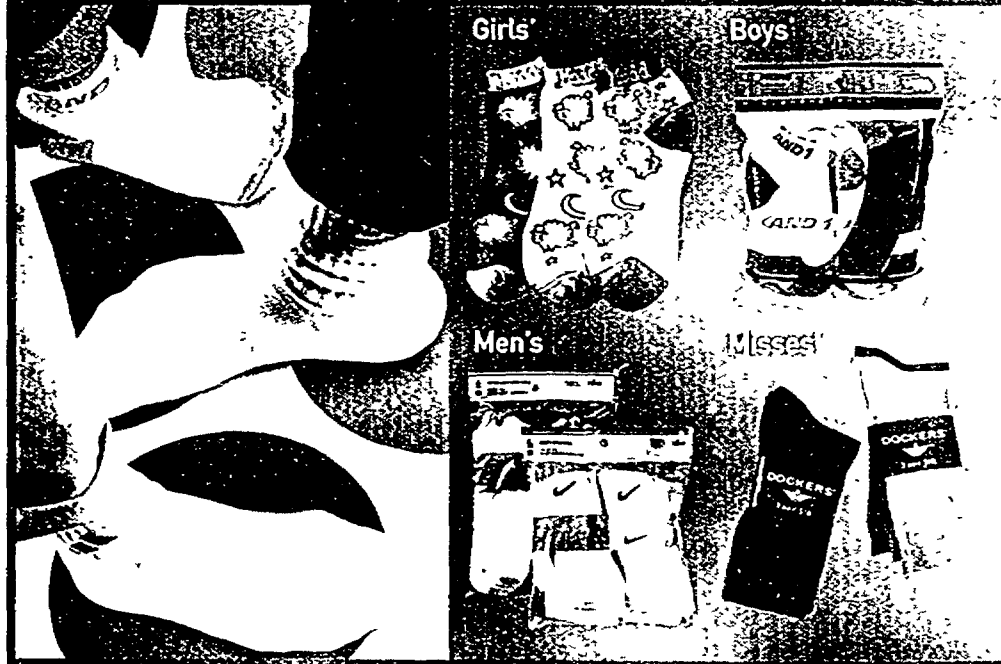


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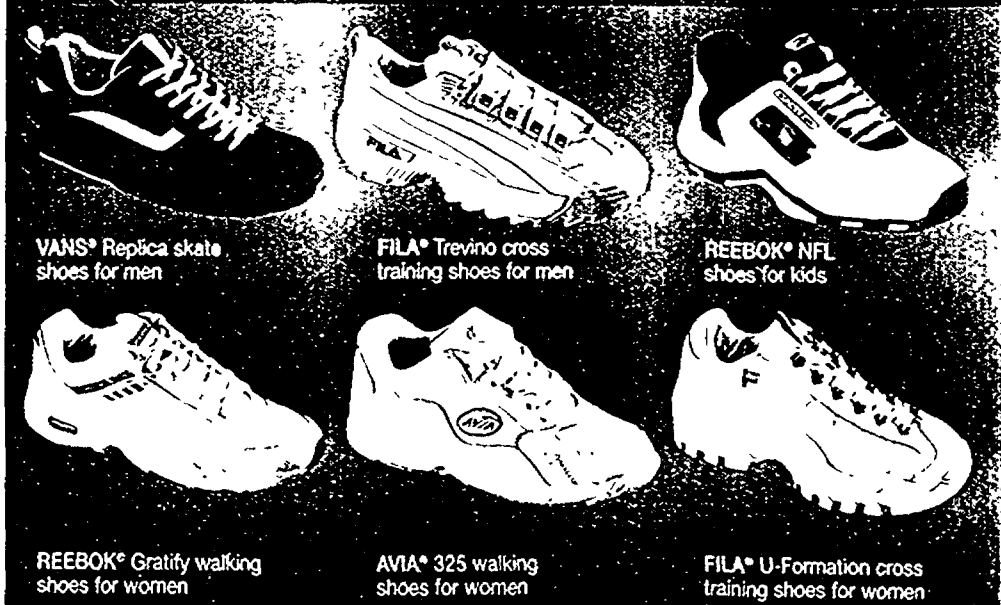


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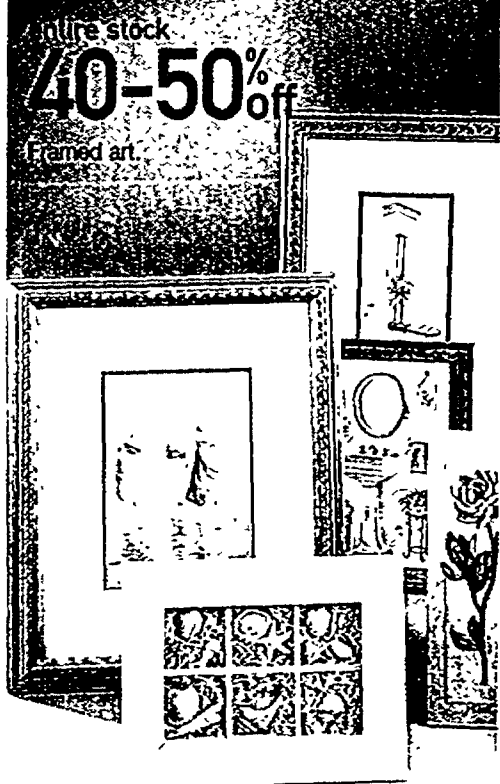
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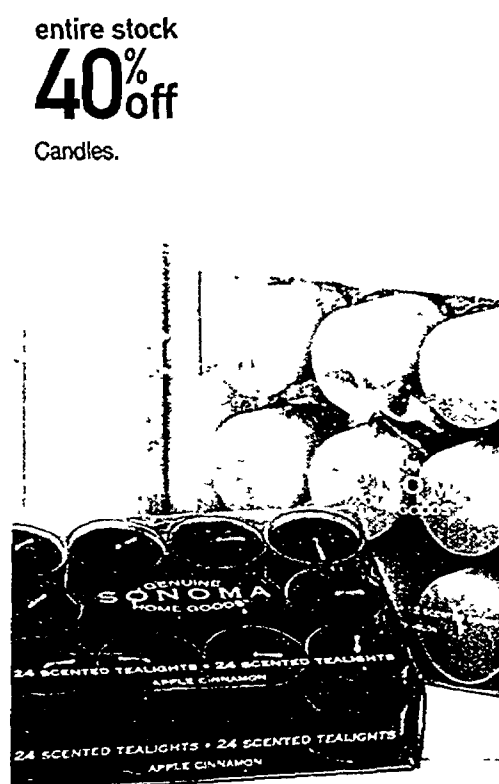
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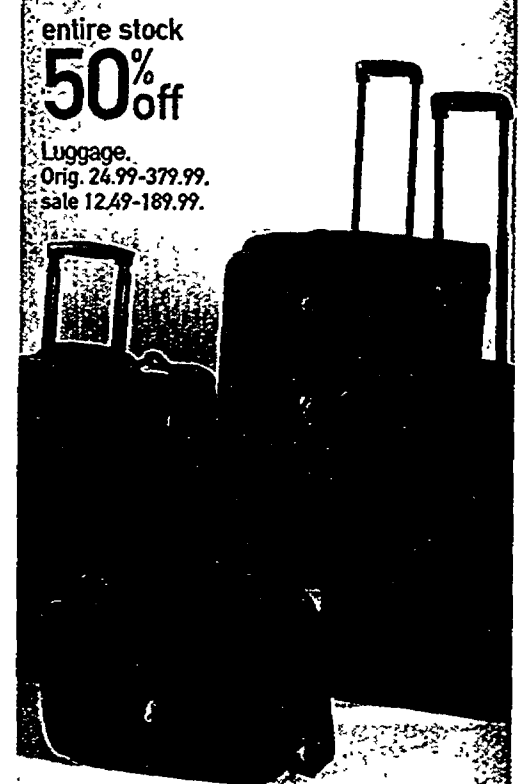
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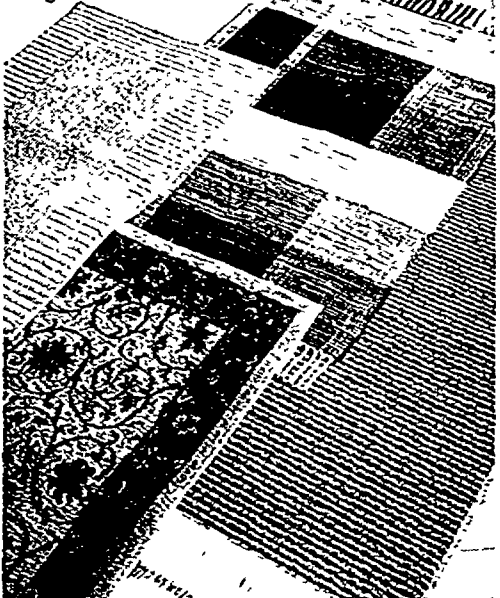
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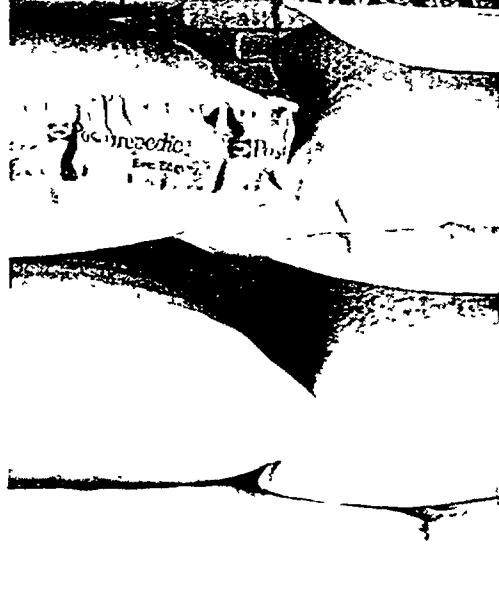
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from C&B Sport.

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from Haggar®, Croft & Barrow® and Arrow.

Sport Shirts

from Croft & Barrow® and Arrow.

Denim, Corduroy and Khakis

from Levi's® and Sonoma.

Dress & Casual Boots

from Dockers®, Lee®, and Sonoma.

Athletic Shoes

from New Balance®, Reebok®, adidas® and more.

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from SO... and Energie®.

Dresses & Pantsuits

from Ronni Nicole, Teddi®, Positive Attitude® and Miss Erika.

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from I.e.i.®, SO..., Mudd®, Dockers® and Villager.

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Sleepwear & Robes

from Carter's® & OshKosh B'Gosh®.

Fall & Winter Sweaters

from SO..., Sonoma, Mudd® and Unionbay®.

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from Nike®, Mudd®, adidas® and Sonoma Sport™.

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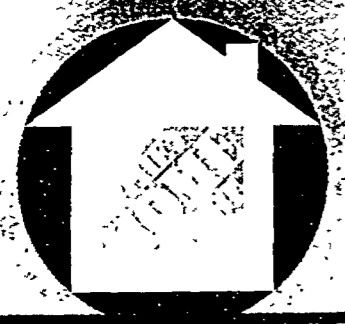
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\$2.55 sq. ft. installed

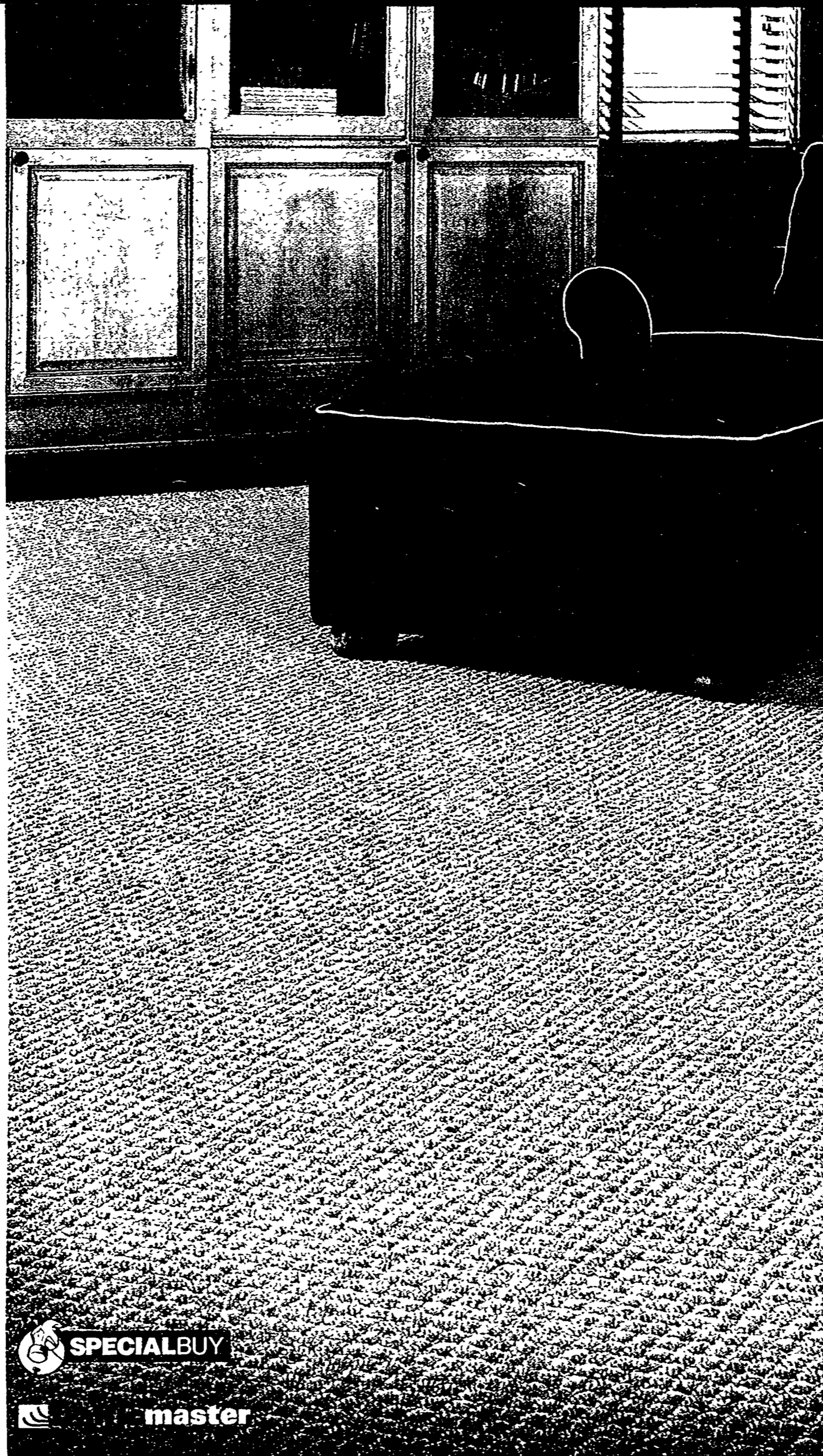
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SPECIALBUY
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**Opening Night
Loop Berber**

- 7-year stain warranty
- 7-year wear warranty
- Available in 9 colors
- 63.4 oz. face weight
- Installed with pad
- Special order (100353)

\$222 sq. ft. installed

\$19.98 sq. yd. installed



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Command Performance Texture **\$277** sq. ft. installed

- 10-year stain warranty
- 15-year wear warranty
- Available in 15 colors
- 91 oz. face weight
- Installed with pad
- Special order (688180)

\$24.93 sq. yd. installed



SPECIALBUY
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Front Row Texture **\$199** sq. ft. installed

- 10-year stain warranty
- 10-year quality assurance warranty
- Available in 12 colors
- 38 oz. face weight
- Installed with pad
- Special order (100353)

\$17.91 sq. yd. installed



\$299

**SteamVAC™
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Vacuum
Cleaner**

- 12 AMP motor
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**Shell Harbor
Patterned Loop Berber**

- 7-year stain warranty
- 10-year wear warranty
- Available in 8 colors
- 28 oz. face weight
- Installed with pad
- Special order (289640)

\$1.88 sq. ft. installed

\$16.92 sq. yd. installed



Golden Pond Texture

- 7-year stain and soil warranty
- 10-year wear warranty
- Available in 28 colors
- 25.2 oz. face weight
- Installed with pad
- Special order (758388)

\$1.99 sq. ft. installed

\$17.91 sq. yd. installed



La Jolla Texture

- 7-year stain warranty
- 5-year wear warranty
- Available in 28 colors
- 36.1 oz. face weight
- Installed with pad
- Special order (100353)

\$2.11 sq. ft. installed

\$18.99 sq. yd. installed



Hope Frieze

- 7-year stain warranty
- 10-year wear warranty
- Available in 36 colors
- 55 oz. face weight
- Installed with pad
- Special order (688180)

\$3.11 sq. ft. installed

\$27.99 sq. yd. installed



Forsyth Textured Saxony

- 7-year stain and soil warranty
- 5-year wear warranty
- Available in 25 colors
- 61.3 oz. face weight
- Installed with pad
- Special order (1152644)

\$2.77 sq. ft. installed

WAS... \$3.22 sq. ft. installed

\$24.93 sq. yd. installed

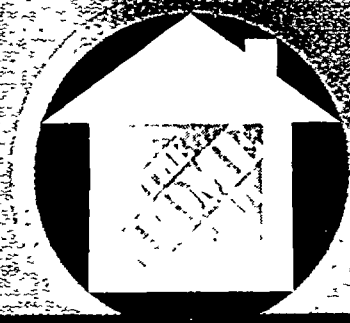


Ultimate Choice Frieze

- 7-year stain and soil warranty
- 10-year wear warranty
- Available in 28 colors
- 50 oz. face weight
- Installed with pad
- Special order (258090)

\$3.55 sq. ft. installed

\$31.95 sq. yd. installed



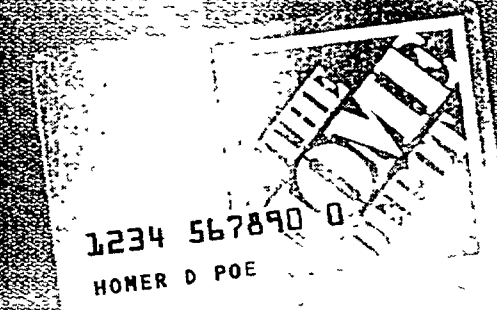
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Carpet Installed For You

Basic Installation Includes:

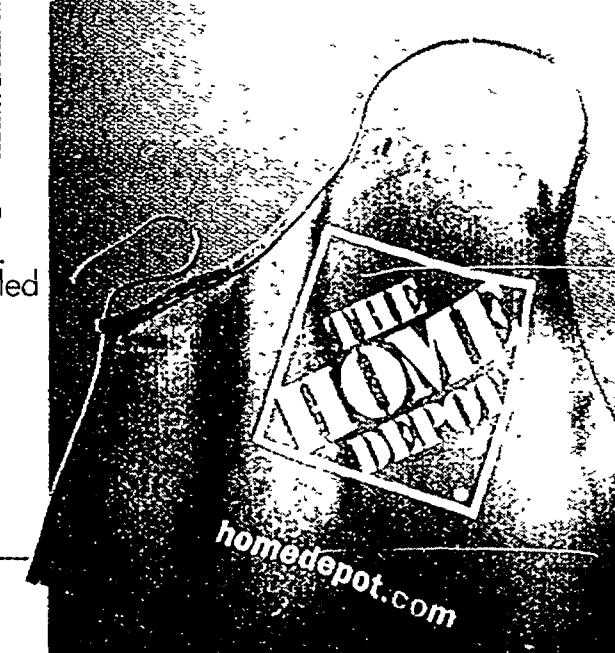
- Measure and inspect customer job site.
- Deliver new carpet and pad (up to 30 miles from store).
- Installation of new carpet and pad.
- Final clean-up including vacuuming.
- Metal transitions.

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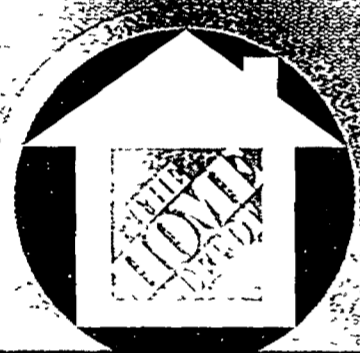


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Hampton Laminate

- The look of real wood, the ease of a laminate
- Simple, glueless installation
- Available in 2 colors
- Case covers 20.77 sq. ft.
- 25-year warranty (156558)

\$2.47
sq. ft.

\$5.27 sq. ft. installed



Legacy Engineered Wood

- Attached backing for greater sound absorption
- Easy to install; no glue no mess
- Available in Red Oak Natural and Toast Oak colors
- Case covers 15.93 sq. ft.
- 25-year warranty (321976)

\$3.98
sq. ft.

\$6.78 sq. ft. installed

Laminate Flooring



Pergo® Prodigy Laminate Plank

- Detailed grain texture looks and feels like real wood
- Attached premium underlayment
- Case covers 18.45 sq. ft.
- 25-year triple plus warranty (497780) (497852)

\$3.97
sq. ft.

\$6.77 sq. ft. installed

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HARRIS TARKETT
WOOD FLOORS

Vanguard® Hardwood

- Top Tight™ pre-glued tongue and groove system for easy installation
- Real hardwood beauty, with tap together convenience
- Case covers 14.75 sq ft
- 25-year finish warranty (325781)

\$3.98
sq. ft.

\$7.48 sq. ft. installed

Wood Flooring



Bruce.

Prefinished Oak Plank \$3.95
sq. ft.

- Interlocking tongue and groove construction
- Available in 2 colors
- Case covers 20 sq. ft. (553233)

\$7.45 sq. ft. installed



UNIVERSAL

Hardwood Parquet

- 12"x12"
- No-wax, pre-sealed urethane finish
- Case covers 10 sq ft. (202819)

99¢
sq. ft.

\$9.90 case

Wood Flooring



Bruce.

Clifton Rustic Oak Plank \$4.88
sq. ft.

- Distressed, antique look
- Extra-wide 5" plank
- 25-year finish warranty
- Special order (280712)

\$8.38 sq. ft. installed

Wood Flooring



Bruce.

Natural Reflections® Oak Strip Solid Wood \$4.07
sq. ft.

- Case covers 40 sq. ft.
- 25-year finish warranty
- Special order (280712)

\$7.57 sq. ft. installed



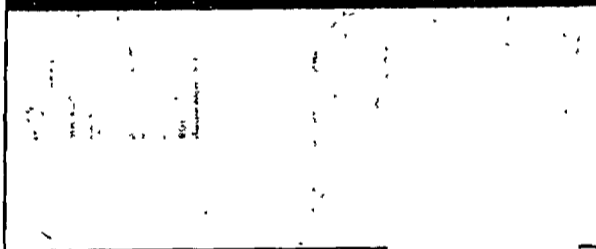
Oak Blocked Laminate

- Easy to install no glue, no clamps, no cleanup
- Available in 4 colors
- Case covers 19.69 sq. ft.
- 25-year triple plus warranty (673807)

\$2.97
sq. ft.

\$5.77 sq. ft. installed

Laminate Flooring



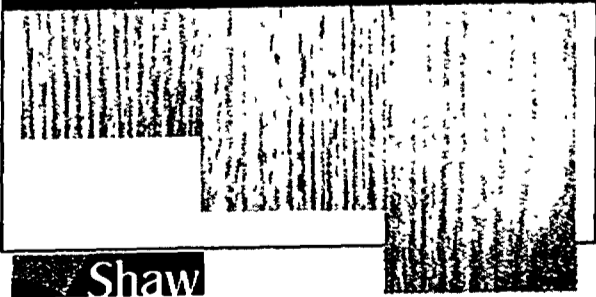
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PREFERRED

Hampton Walnut Laminate

- Lifetime warranty
- Case covers 20.67 sq. ft.
- Special order **\$7.39** sq. ft. installed (559442)

\$3.99
sq. ft.

Laminate Flooring



Shaw
Laminates

Perpetual Strip Laminate

- Quick and easy SimpleLock glueless installation
- Case covers 21.16 sq. ft.
- 15-year residential limited warranty (175454)

\$2.48
sq. ft.

\$5.28 sq. ft. installed

Laminate Flooring

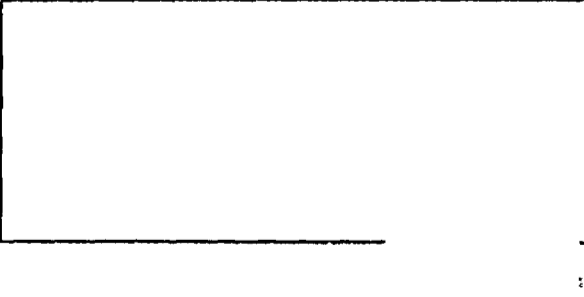


MOHAWK Heritage Laminate

- Duraloc™ glueless installation
- Case covers 18.8 sq. ft.
- 20-year moisture and performance lifetime structural warranties
- Special order **\$6.29** sq. ft. installed (466352)

\$3.49
sq. ft.

Laminate Flooring



Natural Maple Laminate Plank

- Easy to clean, wet-mop safe
- Case covers 21.6 sq. ft.
- Lifetime warranty
- Special order (466200)

\$3.69
sq. ft.

\$7.09 sq. ft. installed

Oriental Weavers
Of America

\$1.69

5'5" x 7'7" Cameo Rose Area Rug
(786012)

1'11" x 7'7" \$69.00
(497782)

1'11" x 3'4" \$39.00
(496170)

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(756253)

1'11" x 7'7" \$69.00
(769298)

1'11" x 3'4" \$39.00
(769293)

BEAULIEU
of AMERICA

\$79

5'2" x 7'6" Raina Sheepskin Area Rug
(447797)

1'10" x 7'6" \$29.00
(447589)

1'10" x 3'3" \$13.99
(447147)

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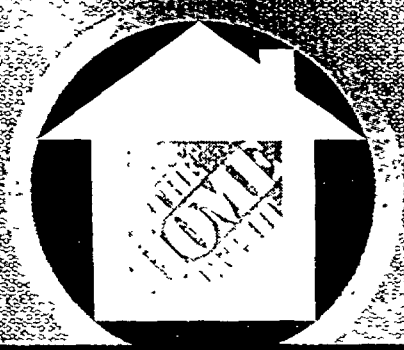
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5'x8' Helena Tan Area Rug
(452522)

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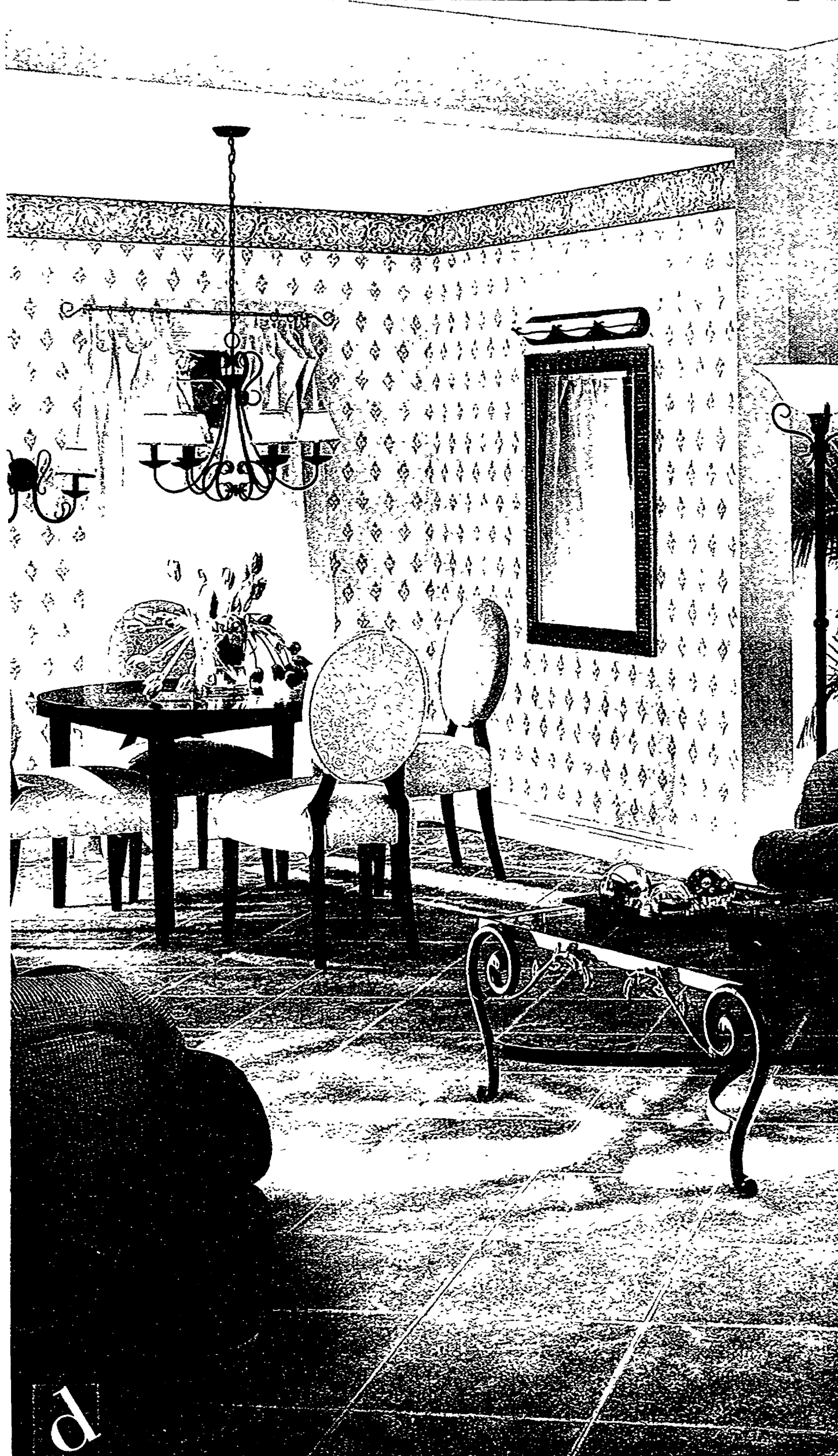
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Ceramic Tile Installed For You

Basic Installation includes:

- Measure and inspect customer job site.
- Deliver new tile (up to 30 miles from store).
- Installation of tile.
- Clean-up job site.
- Carpet re-tack.
- Under cutting door jambs.
- Minimum floor prep.

See store associate to arrange installation.



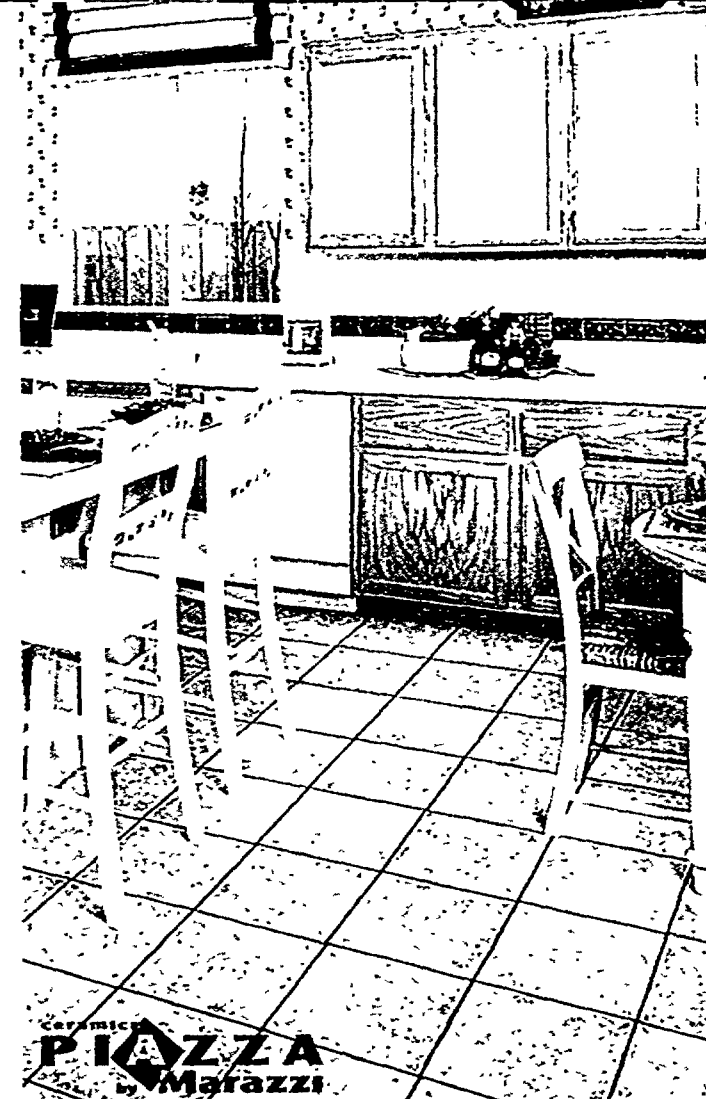
12"x12" Mendocino Gold/Brown

- Ceramic tile
- Case covers 11 sq. ft.
- The rustic look of lightly weathered stone (639846) (640490)

\$1.59

sq. ft.

\$7.19 sq. ft. installed



PIAZZA Marazzi

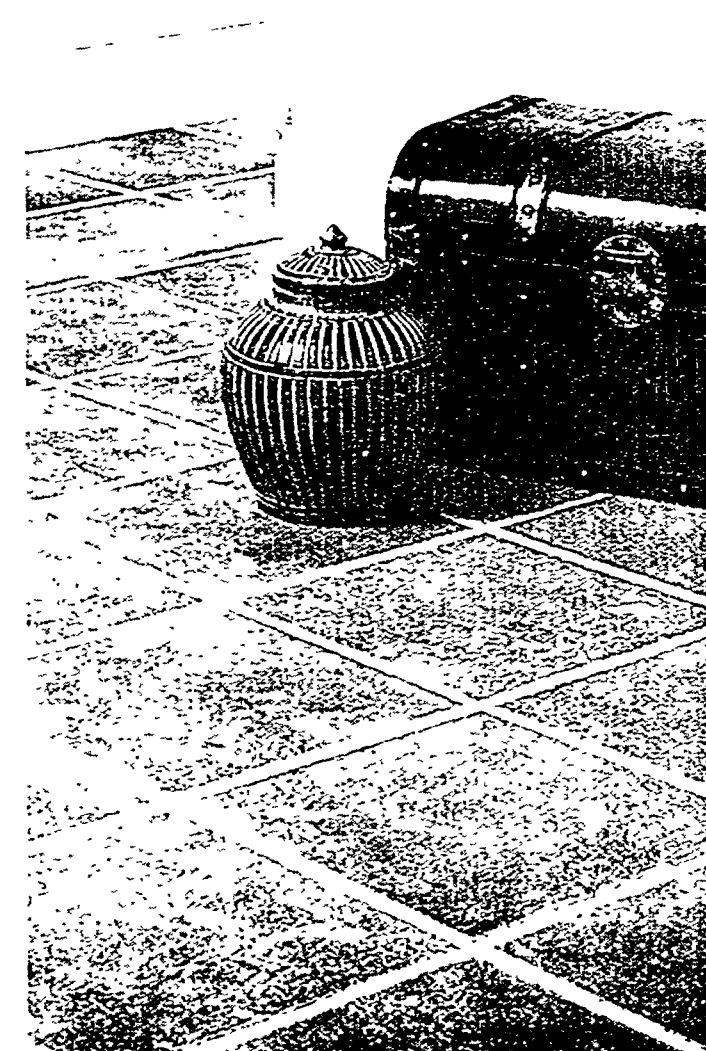
12"x12" Explorer Gemini

- Ceramic tile
- Case covers 15 sq. ft.
- Classic looks with contemporary style (817838) (817839)

\$1.89

sq. ft.

\$7.49 sq. ft. installed



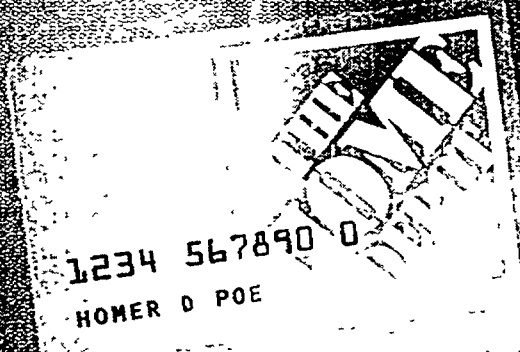
12"x12" Carolina Clay

- Ceramic tile
- Case covers 14 sq. ft.
- Rustic, natural look
- A stylish addition to any room in your home (129382) (129502)

\$1.78

sq. ft.

\$7.38 sq. ft. installed



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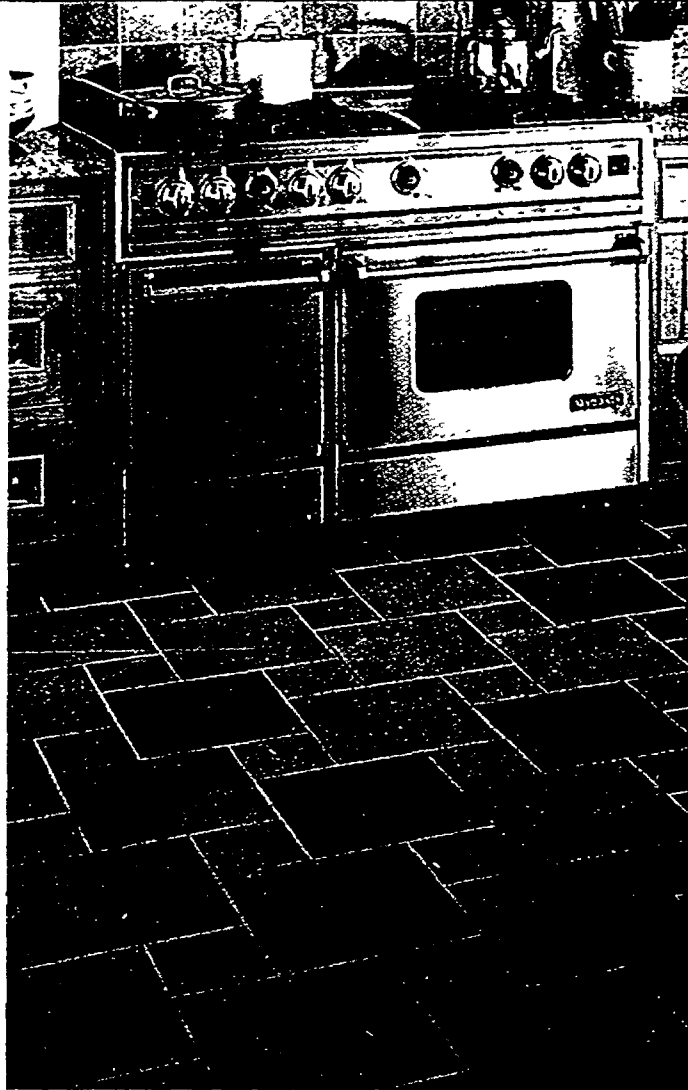
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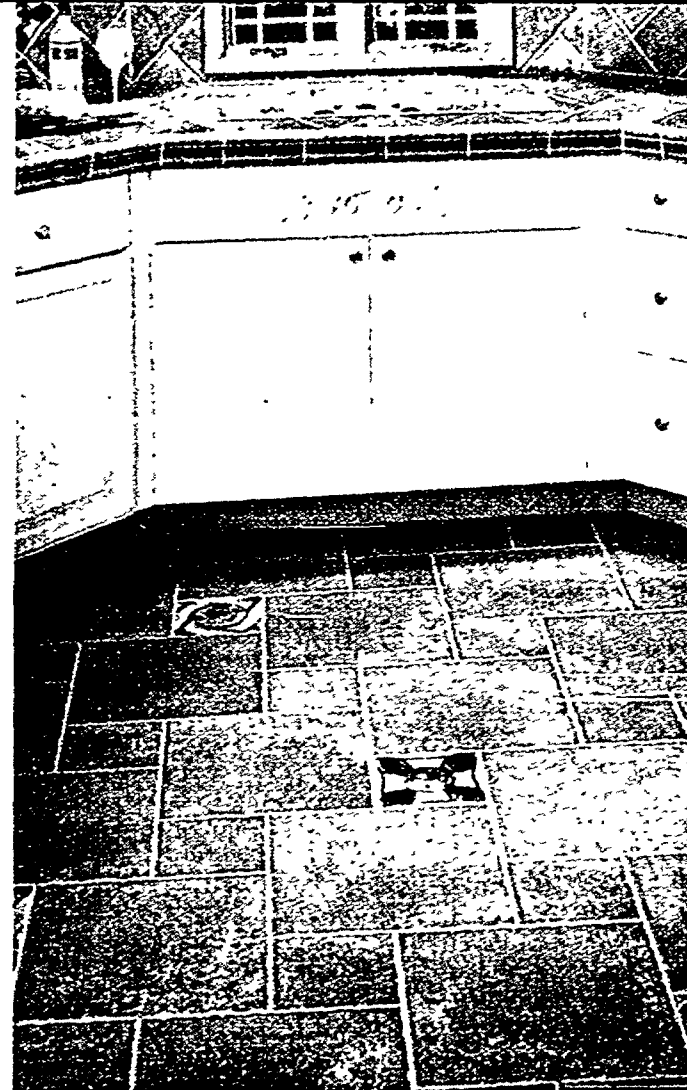
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12"x12" Terra Antica **\$365**
sq. ft.

- Porcelain tile
- Case covers 14.53 sq. ft.
- Available in 4 colors
- Coordinating sizes and decos available
- Special order (514691)

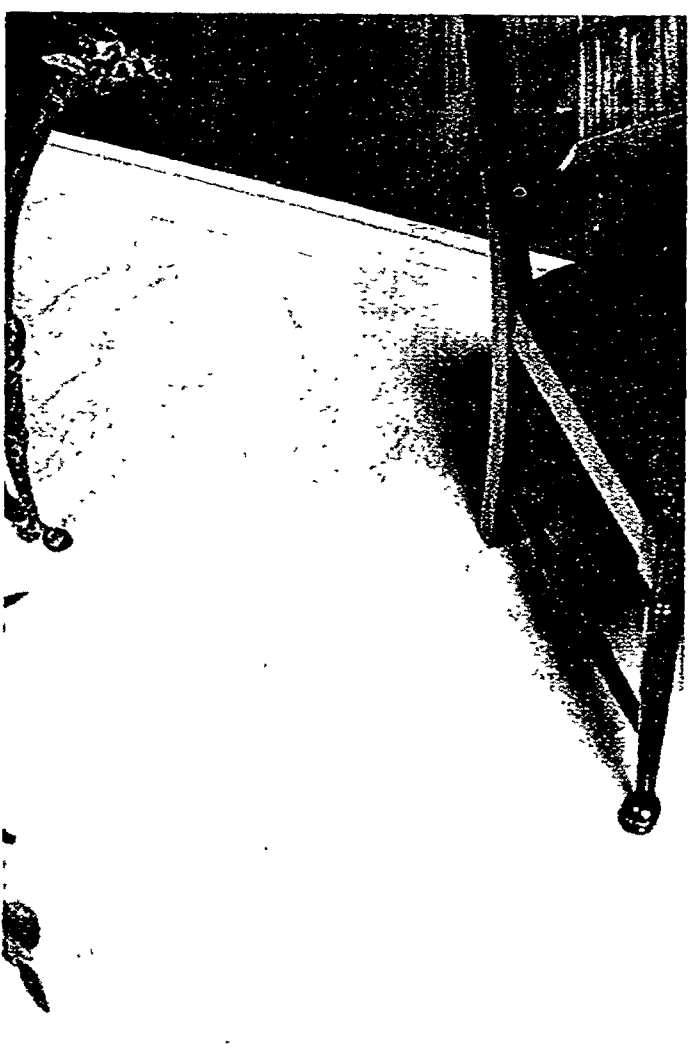
\$11.50 sq. ft. installed



13"x13" Aurora **\$299**
sq. ft.

- Ceramic floor tile
- Case covers 14 sq. ft.
- Available in 3 colors
- Coordinating borders, accents and wall tiles available
- Special order (384058)

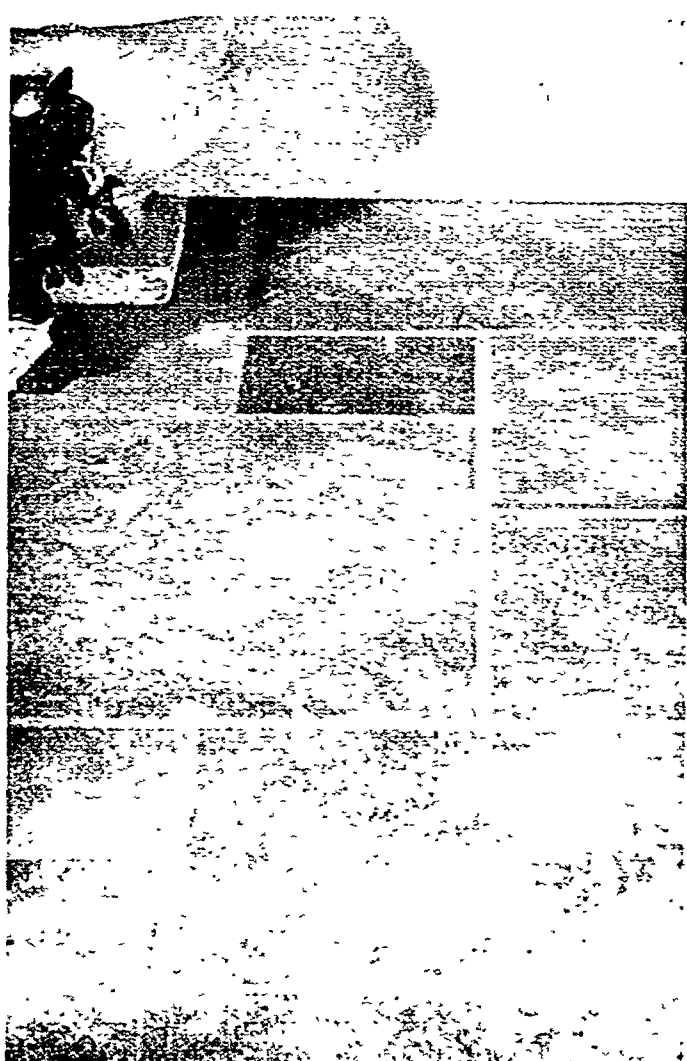
\$8.59 sq. ft. installed



12"x12" Notte Classic Beige Marble **\$697**
sq. ft.

- Marble tile
- High-polish finish
- Ideal for floors, walls or countertops
- Classic style and appeal will look great in your home
- Special order (245137)

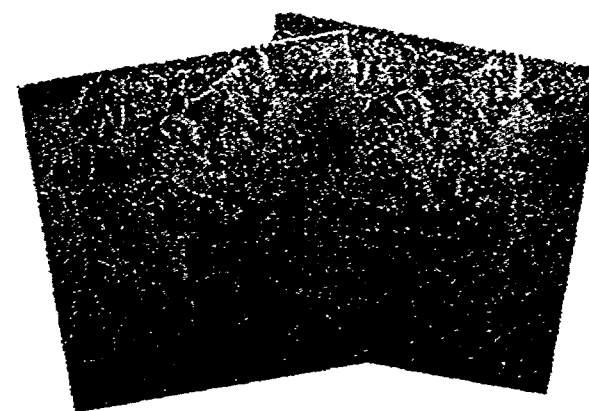
\$14.82 sq. ft. installed



16"x16" Roman Tumbled Travertine **\$889**
sq. ft.

- Tumbled travertine tile
- Case covers 8.90 sq. ft.
- The look of an ancient Italian floor surface
- (Formerly known as Old Stone Tumbled)
- Special order (245137)

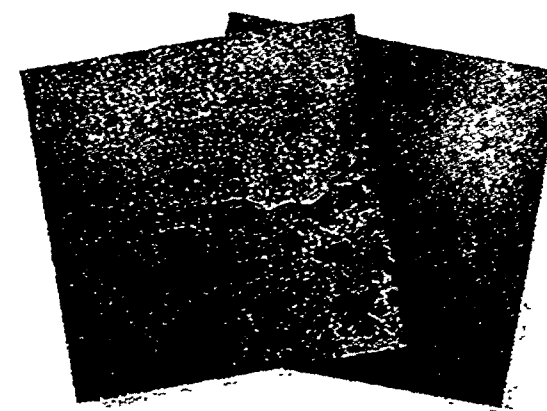
\$16.74 sq. ft. installed



12"x12" Shadow Stone **\$211**
sq. ft.

- Porcelain tile
- Case covers 12.59 sq. ft.
- Natural contours create a shadowing effect
- Special order (514691)

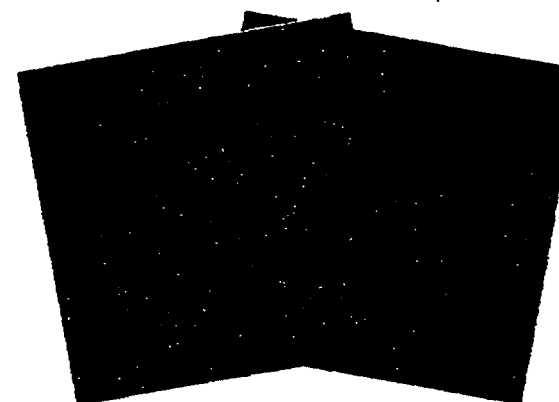
\$9.96 sq. ft. installed



13"x13" Titan **\$325**
sq. ft.

- Ceramic floor tile
- Case covers 14 sq. ft.
- Available in 5 colors
- Coordinating sizes and matching decos available
- Special order (384058)

\$8.85 sq. ft. installed



12"x12" Absolute Black Granite **\$898**
sq. ft.

- Granite tile
- Great for indoor/outdoor use
- Ideal for heavy traffic areas
- Perfect for floors, walls and counters
- Special order (245137)

\$16.83 sq. ft. installed

12"x12" Empire Gold **\$922**
sq. ft.

- Granite tile
- Case covers 10 sq. ft.
- A naturally elegant addition to any home
- (Formerly known as Empress Gold)
- Special order (245137)

\$17.07 sq. ft. installed

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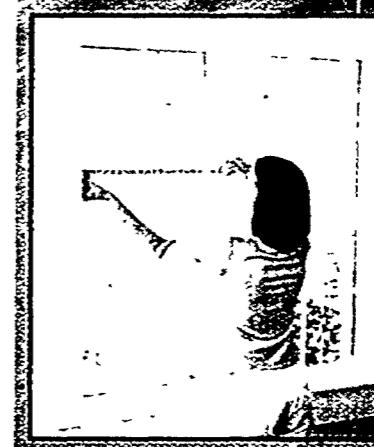
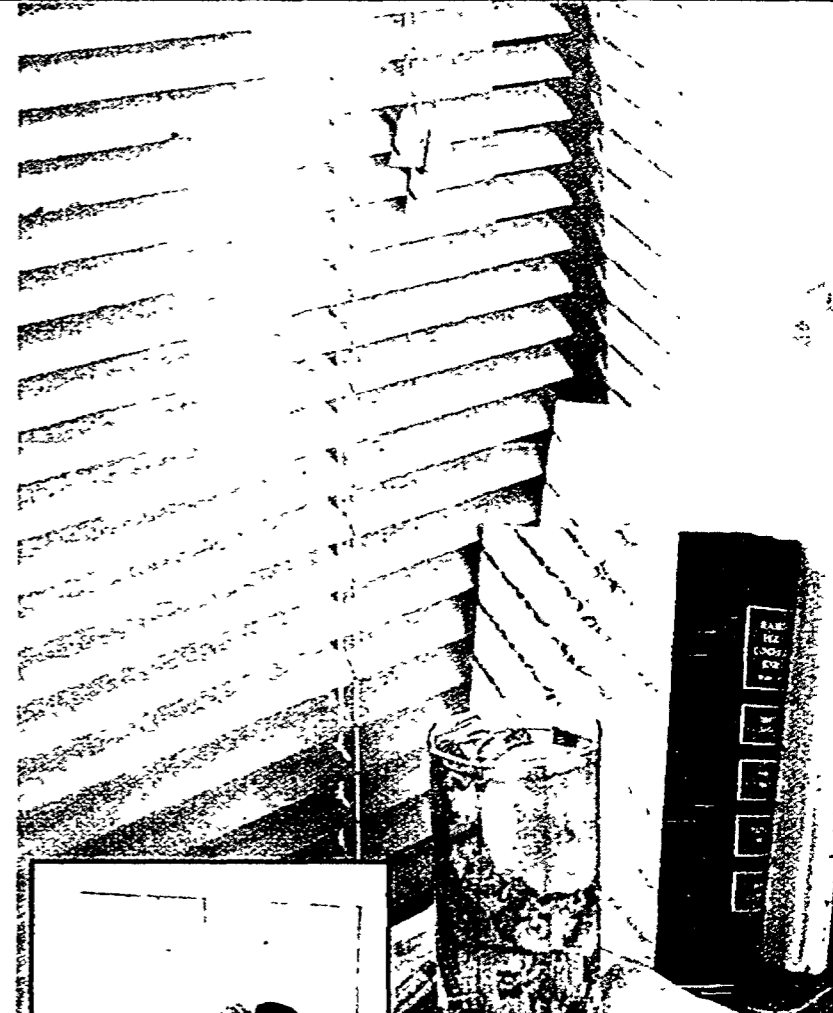
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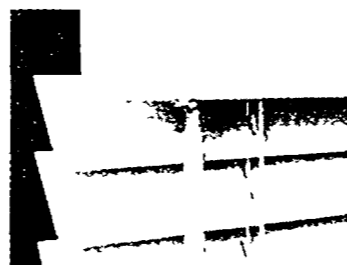
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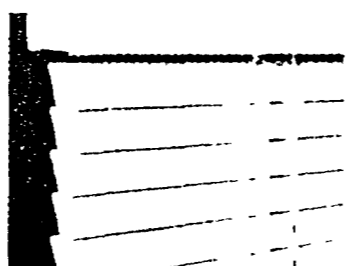
Select from our in-stock blinds. Wide selection of sizes available.



2" Fauxwood™ Blinds

- Matching decorator valance included
- Select the size you need, or it can be (custom cut to your width in minutes)
- 5 year limited warranty

	23"	27"	31"	35"
64" Length	\$19.97 (122555)	\$23.97 (122587)	\$26.97 (122686)	\$30.97 (122770)



1" Vinylplus™ Blinds

- Premium steel headrail and bottom rail
- Integrated valance
- Select the size you need, or it can be (custom cut to your width in minutes)

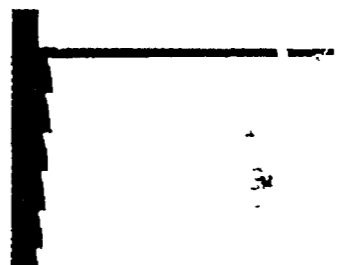
	23"	27"	35"	51"
72" Length	\$10.96 (143285)	\$11.96 (725992)	\$15.96 (731537)	\$24.95 (143317)



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- Perfect solution for patio doors or any window application
- Select the size you need, or it can be (custom cut to your length in minutes)

3 1/2"x78"	3 1/2"x84"
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1" Vinyl Mini Blinds

- Classic 1" vinyl blinds provide your windows with a finished, stylish look
- Light filtering for privacy and light control

	27"	31"	35"	39"
64" Length	\$5.72 (403148)	\$5.97 (403180)	\$6.96 (403229)	\$8.64 (400033)



Vertical In-stock Blinds

- Headrail is reversible for left of right stacking with control wand. No cords or chains
- Matching decorator valance included

	78"	78"	104"	104"
84" Length	\$29.96 Smooth (705625)	\$49.90 Embossed (280774)	\$59.90 Smooth (705642)	\$68.98 Embossed (280800)



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- Select your privacy level-room darkening for high level of privacy and light control
- Select the size you need, or it can be (custom cut to your width in minutes)

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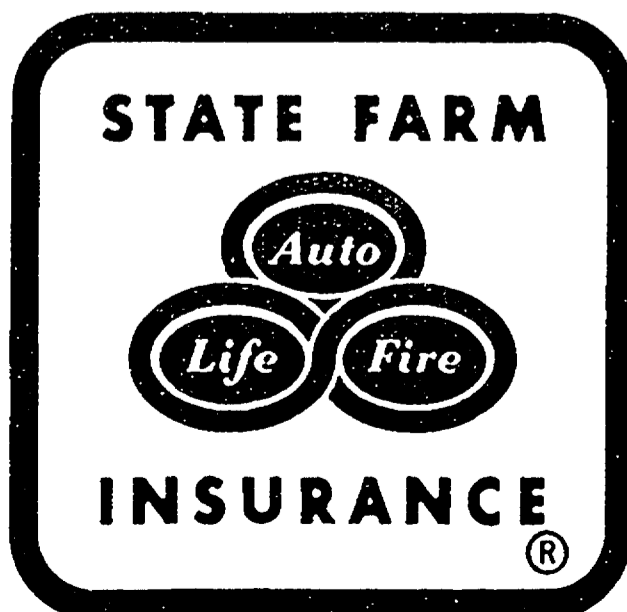
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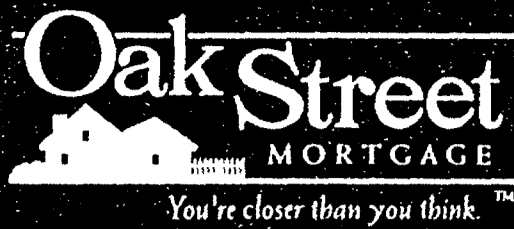
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They found a career at the flea market.

most respected musical teachers. Later, Ma attended Harvard University. He has won 14 Grammy Awards. His Silk Road Project came out of his interest in how music, art, and culture traveled along the Silk Road, a vast network of trade routes that went from China into Turkey, Greece, and Italy. Through concerts, festivals, and educational programs, the Silk Road Project delves into the cultural history of the route, supports collaboration between artists in the East and West, and re-examines the roots of classical music. Ma and his wife have two children.

Q I love the interaction between Ralph and Terry Kovel on HGTV's *Flea Market Finds*. Can you tell me more about them and how they got started in the antique business?

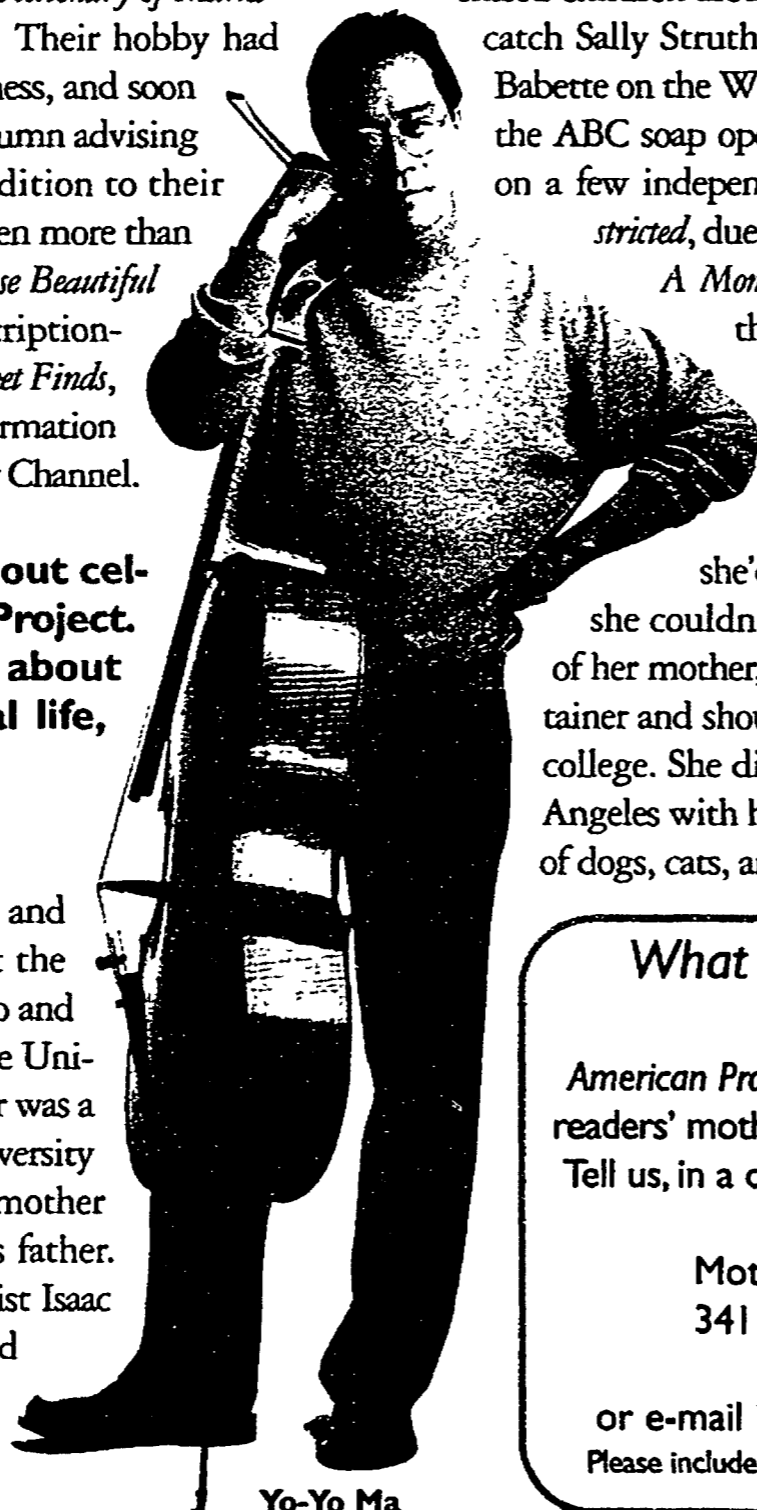
—Sharon D., North Carolina

It all began when the couple were furnishing their first apartment on a budget and picked up some porcelain at various house sales and flea markets. Curious about the markings on the bottom of their pieces, they started doing some research and found most of the reference books geared toward people who were already experts. Finding those books of little use, Ralph Kovel began his own list of marks and their makers. Eventually, the list grew into a book, *Kovel's Dictionary of Marks—Pottery & Porcelain*, published in 1953. Their hobby had bloomed into both a passion and a business, and soon the Kovels were writing a newspaper column advising other fledgling antique-seekers. In addition to their weekly newspaper column, they've written more than 75 books, have a regular column in *House Beautiful* magazine, and put out their own subscription-only newsletter. Before joining *Flea Market Finds*, they had shows offering advice and information about antiques on PBS and the Discovery Channel.

Q We have been reading about cellist Yo-Yo Ma and his Silk Road Project. Could you please enlighten us about this talented man, his personal life, and career?

—Marsha S., New Mexico

The 47-year-old Ma was born in Paris and began studying cello with his father at the tender age of 4. Ma played both the cello and the piano at his first public concert at the University of Paris when he was 5. His father was a violinist and a professor at Nanjing University in China before moving to Paris. His mother was a singer and former student of his father. When Ma was 6 years old, famed violinist Isaac Stern heard about his incredible talent and guided the child prodigy, helping the family when they moved to New York, where Ma studied under some of the



Yo-Yo Ma

Q What has become of Sally Struthers from the old Archie Bunker show, *All in the Family*?

—Jim D., Illinois

The two-time Emmy winner is working in both television and movies and still serves as an ambassador for Save the Children, the organization that works to improve the lives of disenfranchised children around the world. On television, you can catch Sally Struthers in her recurring role as neighbor Bette on the WB's *Gilmore Girls*. She also appeared on the ABC soap opera *General Hospital*. Struthers worked on a few independent movies recently, including *Constricted*, due out later this year; *Out of the Black*; and *A Month of Sundays*. Born in Portland, Ore., the 54-year-old actress grew up thinking she'd be a doctor, like her father. But in high school biology class, she couldn't bring herself to dissect a frog or a cow's eye and realized that she'd never be able to cut a human body if she couldn't do that. Sally then took the advice of her mother, who told her she was a natural entertainer and should look into acting when she went to college. She did, and that was that. She lives in Los Angeles with her daughter, Samantha, and house full of dogs, cats, and houseguests. ☆

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Hometown Hero

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Thrills and Chills of Skijoring

For most people, downhill ski racing or trick horseback riding would be thrill enough, but Ryan Lakovitch combines the two. He is one of a growing number of people hooked on skijoring, a daredevil competition in which skiers are pulled through an obstacle course by a horse at up to 40 mph.

It sounds like the ultimate extreme sport, but for Lakovitch, a rider from Jackson, Wyo., (pop 8,647) who won the sport's national championship in 2000 with his partner, skier Cody Smith, there's more to skijoring than sheer adrenaline. It's also about teamwork, cooperation, and skill of the horse, rider, and skier.

"I definitely love the combination of horsemanship and skiing," says the 27-year-old, who grew up riding and skiing in Jackson. "There are so many factors that come into play in making a championship run and a championship team. That's what keeps me interested in it."

Skijoring was created by Scandinavian hunters who hitched themselves to reindeer to travel across long expanses of snow, but recreational skijoring caught on in this country in the 1930s in Steamboat Springs, Colo., and Red Lodge, Mont., where ranchers were looking for fun during the long, snowy winters. Today, many Midwestern and Northeastern skijorers ski behind dogs in an aerobic amalgamation of dog-sledding and cross-country skiing, while others use snowmobiles for a steady ride.

But Western-style skijoring is a more intense brand of competition, with skiers in full alpine gear clinging to tow ropes for dear life.

Some races are on a straight track about 900 feet long, where the skier zig-zags behind the horse like a slalom water-skier, passing through gates, flying over jumps, and picking off small aluminum rings for points, racing for the best time. Others use an oval track, where the horse sprints around the center and the skier must maneuver through gates and over jumps without spinning out of control.

"The hard part is when you get up to 40 miles per hour," says Smith, who spends summers racing motorcycles for fun. "Everything's coming at you so fast, it gets pretty crazy."

Lakovitch, Smith, and the other members of the Jackson skijoring team have helped shape the sport, says Dave Schilz, president of the North American Skijoring Association, which sanctions races in Idaho,

Montana, Colorado, and Wyoming. Schilz says the team has done that by training often and making it more competitive.

"They had their horses in better shape, they practiced together, and they were in tune together," Schilz says.

Winning earned them prize money—each race can be worth \$1,000 to \$3,000, plus sponsorships from local businesses that help defray the cost of horses and gear.

But the teammates say they got into skijoring for the fun. Lakovitch first encountered the sport about eight years ago at Jackson's Cowboy Ski Challenge; Smith was downhill ski racing in Jackson Hole when he was approached by a fellow skier who thought he'd enjoy the sport.

The team has cut back slightly on its race schedule. Nonetheless, Lakovitch still spends several hours each morning exercising his horses before heading off to work directing planes on the ground for American Airlines. And the 23-year-old Smith, who now lives in Spokane, Wash., spends many weekends traveling 10 hours or more to meet up with Lakovitch or other riders at races.

It's the thrill of the sport that keeps the team going through all the hard work. And it's the same thrill that is getting more and more people involved, giving Lakovitch and others the hope it may someday become an Olympic sport.

"When you go out and run a great race," Lakovitch says, "and your horse is running good, and your skier is running good ... it certainly pays off." ✨

Hannah Wolfson is a freelance writer in Orange City, Iowa.



Skijoring is an intricate partnership between skier, horse, and rider—at up to 40 mph.

Ryan Lakovitch (right) and skier Buck Parker take a break between runs.



Did You Know...

ILLINOIS—During the Civil War, residents of southern Illinois—a region long known as Little Egypt—presented a horse named “Egypt” to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant.

INDIANA—Chartered in 1783, Clarksville, (pop. 21,400) which bills itself the “Oldest American Town in the Northwest Territory,” originally was part of a 150,000-acre land grant to Gen. George Rogers Clark and his men for their service during the Revolutionary War.

IOWA—The state’s record low temperature of minus 47 degrees was recorded Feb. 3, 1996, in Elkader (pop. 1,465).

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MINNESOTA—American Indian activist Winona LaDuke, who lives on the White Earth Indian Reservation, was Ralph Nader’s vice presidential running mate on the Green Party ticket in the 1996 and 2000 presidential elections.

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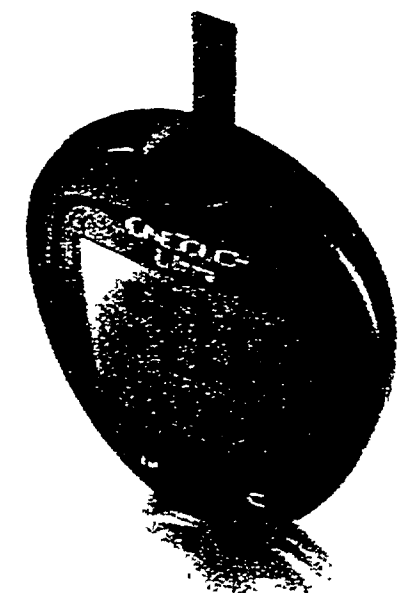
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Foods to Fight Cancer

Mindi Steinberg keeps a bowl of red grapes on the kitchen counter for snacking and is a whiz with a juicer, whipping up a daily dose of cancer-fighting fruits and vegetables.



"If I don't eat anything else, I'll get my vegetables for the day with the juice," says Steinberg of Suffern, N.Y. "I feel good about what I do for myself."

Steinberg is arming herself against cancer, even though she doesn't have any risk factors. "I want to make sure I don't get any," she says.

Simply eating certain foods can play a powerful role in preventing a wide range of disease, including cancer, doctors agree.

"As a doctor, patients tell me the same thing all the time—they can't radically change their entire lifestyle," says Dr. Mitchell Gaynor, director of medical oncology at Weill Cornell Medical Center in New York City and co-author of *Dr. Gaynor's Cancer Prevention Program*. "You don't have to. You just have to educate yourself. There are a number of lifestyle factors that can make a difference."

Choosing particular foods to boost your body's ability to fend off cancer cells is one of those ways, Gaynor says.

If you're looking to cut your cancer risk, you'll want to stock up on these. Most contain high levels of antioxidants—compounds that protect DNA from the damaging effects of oxygen molecules called free radicals.

"If you leave iron out in oxygen, it rusts," explains Carolyn Katzin, author of three books, including *The Cancer Nutrition Center Handbook*. "We don't rust, but we need the protection of antioxidants from free radicals."

Broccoli: Enzymes throughout the body break down potentially toxic substances in food and the environment. Broccoli is high in a substance called sulforaphane that kick-starts those enzymes, says Rachel Beller, director of nutritional oncology at the John Wayne Cancer Institute in Santa Monica, Calif. It has been shown to help prevent breast and colon cancer, she says.



Broccoli is a "big staple" at Kee Flynn's house. An artist in Pacific Palisades, Calif., she adopted a preventive diet after being diagnosed with hepatitis C, which puts her at risk for liver cancer.

If broccoli isn't to your liking, try cauliflower, cabbage, bok choy, mustard greens, or Brussels sprouts. They're all part of the same family of cruciferous vegetables.

Broccoli seed sprouts have 100 times the sulforaphane as broccoli, Beller says. It's a little bitter, she says, but "if you put it in a sandwich, you'll be fine."

Tomatoes: Ever wonder what gives tomatoes their rich, red color? It's a pigment called lycopene. A rich source of antioxidants, lycopenes are associated with reduced risk in prostate, breast, lung, cervical, digestive tract, endometrial, and pancreatic cancer.

In a large-scale study with 47,000 subjects, men who ate 10 servings of tomato-based foods a week cut their risk of prostate cancer by 45 percent, according to the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*.

Tomatoes are the one food that is better for you processed, in tomato sauce, paste, juice, and even ketchup. Eaten raw, the lycopenes are bound up in the fibers of the tomato, Gaynor says. Cooking helps release them for better absorption in the body.

Garlic: While you're loading up on tomato sauce, don't forget the garlic. Greek physician Hippocrates identified garlic as a good way to protect against solid tumors more than 2,000 years ago, Katzin says. It boosts the immune system, detoxifies cancer-causing carcinogens, and has cancer-fighting enzymes.

For the best benefit, peel fresh garlic and let it sit for 15 minutes before you use it, allowing it to release those enzymes, Beller says.

Olive oil: In Greece and Italy, the amount of olive oil used is 10 times that used by Americans, and breast cancer is 70 percent less than in the United States, Gaynor says.

The critical element appears to be a chemical called squalene. Not only does it bolster the immune system to help fend off disease, it also inhibits tumor growth. Olive oil loses its preventive benefits when it's heated for cooking, he says, but it's great for salads.

Red grapes: Just under the skin of crunchy red grapes is an important antioxidant called resveratrol. It's also active in unsweetened red grape juice and red wine.



Berries: Most are thought of as a fun dessert, but berries are powerful enemies to cancer cells. Strawberries are rich in ellagic acid, a potent killer of cancer cells, Katzin says. (Pomegranates also are full of ellagic acid.)

Blueberries are one of the richest sources of natural antioxidants; they're also high in anti-inflammatory salicylates. Inflammation appears to be associated with early stages of cancer growth.

Deep, cold-water fish: Fish is a great low-fat source of protein. Mackerel, halibut, cod, salmon, tuna, haddock, and sardines contain an oil called omega-3 fatty acid. The fish need it to stay warm in deep water; in people, it helps ward off cancer. Several studies have found a relationship between fish and fish oil and reduced rates of breast, colorectal, and prostate cancer, Gaynor says.

If you're not a big fish eater, flaxseed also is a good source of omega-3 fatty acid, Beller says. You can sprinkle ground, vacuum-packed flaxseed on cereal, in applesauce, or on cottage cheese. She recommends one to two flat tablespoons a day. Besides the anti-cancer benefits, she says, "you get shiny hair out of it and nice skin, too."

Bran: Experts at the John Wayne Cancer Institute recommend 30 to 35 grams of fiber a day, but because you would need to eat 10 apples or bananas a day to get that much fiber, Beller recommends a very high-fiber breakfast cereal, such as Fiber One, All Bran Extra Fiber, or Bran Buds.

Fiber swallows the carcinogens that sit in the intestines and then seep into the colon and the blood. If you're adding this much fiber to your diet, Beller recommends drinking eight to 10 cups of water or decaffeinated beverages a day "or it will sit in your stomach like cement."

Carrots: Carrots are loaded with carotenoids, the pigment that gives them their color. All carotenoids are related to vitamin A, the most important vitamin for the immune system, Gaynor says. Several studies have indicated carotenoids reduce the risk of lung, stomach, cervical, and breast cancer.

Katzin suggests a juice of carrots and watercress for a carotene-rich drink. Other good sources of carotenoids include sweet potatoes, pumpkin, winter squash, cantaloupe, broccoli, spinach, and Brussels sprouts.

Green tea: There's nothing quite like a relaxing cup of tea. Drink green tea and you'll also get a healthy dose of polyphenols, including ECGC, an antioxidant that's 200 times more powerful than Vitamin C, Beller says. It also contains catechins, a chemical that keeps tumors from growing blood vessels.

Gaynor recommends drinking two to three cups a day. Add some fresh mint leaves for added flavor. "That helps with digestion and adds a fantastic aroma and taste," he says.

Herbs: You can bump the flavor—and the cancer-fighting factor—of many foods by adding herbs, such as oregano, rosemary, sage, basil, and parsley. Rosemary is a powerful tumor inhibitor, Gaynor says, citing several studies that show compounds in rosemary helped reduce skin, breast, and colon tumors in rat studies.

Oregano has 30 times more antioxidant activity than potatoes, and a tablespoon of fresh oregano has the same antioxidants as a medium-sized apple, Beller says.

The extra effort required to shop for and prepare a cancer-preventive diet is worth it, Flynn says. Indeed, she finds it empowering and says she feels "terrific."

"It makes you feel like you can do something for yourself," she says. "I don't think it's hard to do at all. It just becomes a part of your life."

Steinberg, mother of four and a staunch believer in Gaynor's cancer-prevention diet, has unlimited energy, she says. "I do more in a day that most people do in a week," she says. "I'm like the Energizer Bunny. I definitely feel the difference." ☆

Pat Curry is a Georgia-based freelance writer.

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Eggplant Casserole

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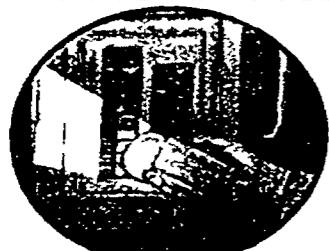
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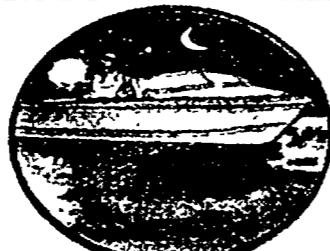
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By Jana Lynn

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Trind is Europe's leading nail care product for women who want beautiful nails without the expense and inconvenience of acrylics.

Trind is so effective that it has earned "pharmaceutical" status in Switzerland. This allows Swiss doctors to prescribe Trind Natural Nail- Repair for their patients with nail problems.

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From Our Mailbag



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Kingsland, Georgia



"I never want to be without your Trind Natural Nail- Repair again! I used it even though I didn't really believe it could make a difference in my splitting fingernails. Ashamed of them, I'd keep my hands as hidden as I could when with friends.

"In just a few weeks I am really happily wearing pretty rings on my lovely nails—my very own!!"

Jackie Klinsky
Watsonville, California



"After exhausting so many products and methods to help my splitting, peeling and non-growing nails, I felt I had nothing to lose and decided to try the product. I'm so glad I did! Believe me, it works!"

"My husband had two split nails that would not grow out and he too, decided to try TRIND. Now he adds his voice to mine, 'It really works'! I'm amazed at the condition and growth of my nails. It's unbelievable!"

Nikki & Addison Fritts
Delray Beach, Florida



"I have always had trouble with my nails splitting and peeling. But with your Nail- Repair the difference in them is amazing.

"Over time I have tried everything trying to get my nails to grow. This is the first thing I have ever used that actually did what it said it would."

Wanda L. Shults
Okemah, Oklahoma

"I just can't stop looking at my beautiful nails!!"

"I have NEVER in my life been able to grow, sustain and maintain such healthy, strong and LONG nails! They were paper-thin after having acrylics removed and the regularly recommended products did not help me at all!"

"I am a TV host of my own show called 'Vee on Venice' and needless to say I need to look my very best from head to toe for my many viewers.

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Vee V. Garry
Venice, Florida, Channel 36

"Please send me four nail kits. I bought one and loved it so much that I wanted my mom and mother-in-law and two friends to have this excellent product! To tell the truth, I bought it fully expecting an over-priced gimmick that did not work! It works and I love it. It's so quick and easy."

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Mindy Coulter
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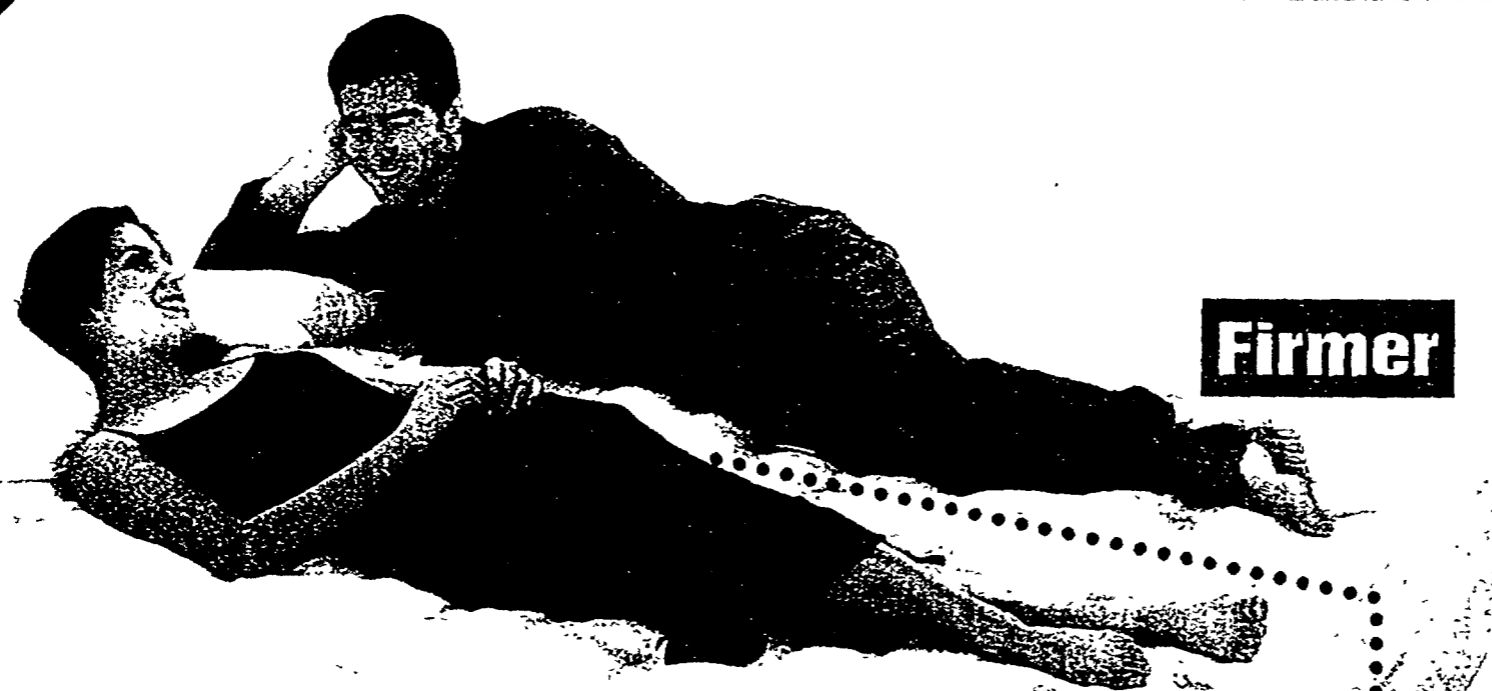
"I stopped using acrylics but my nails looked terrible, so for two years I sat on my hands to hide my nails whenever I went out."

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Home

by **MARY HANCE**

Homemade Cleaners

To clean your house without cleaning out your wallet, try using a few basic ingredients that you probably have on hand already.

For a disinfectant spray that costs just pennies, mix a quarter cup of chlorine bleach with a little less than two cups of water in a spray bottle. You can make an effective glass cleaner by mixing 1/3 cup each of ammonia, rubbing alcohol, and water.

Soapy ammonia is the best all-purpose cleaner, says *Consumer Reports' How to Clean and Care for Practically Anything*. "Soapy ammonia is a versatile cleaning agent," *Consumer Reports* states. "It can be used in place of a commercial all-purpose cleaner for everyday kitchen and bathroom cleaning."

The *Tightwad Gazette* recommends mixing a half cup of ammonia, a third cup of vinegar, and two tablespoons of baking soda into a gallon of water for an all-purpose cleaner.

To spot-clean carpet, use club soda to remove dirt spots. Pour enough to soak and then pat dry with a rag. If you have food or pet stains, try white vinegar. Rub it in until it is wet and then use a dry rag to get it as dry as possible.

You can make a good stain pretreater by mixing equal parts of ammonia, liquid dishwasher detergent, and tap water. Store in an empty dishwashing liquid bottle. ✨

Mary Hance writes a newspaper column on saving money.

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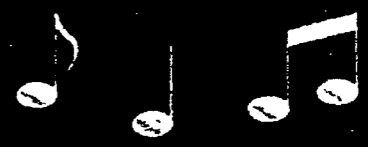
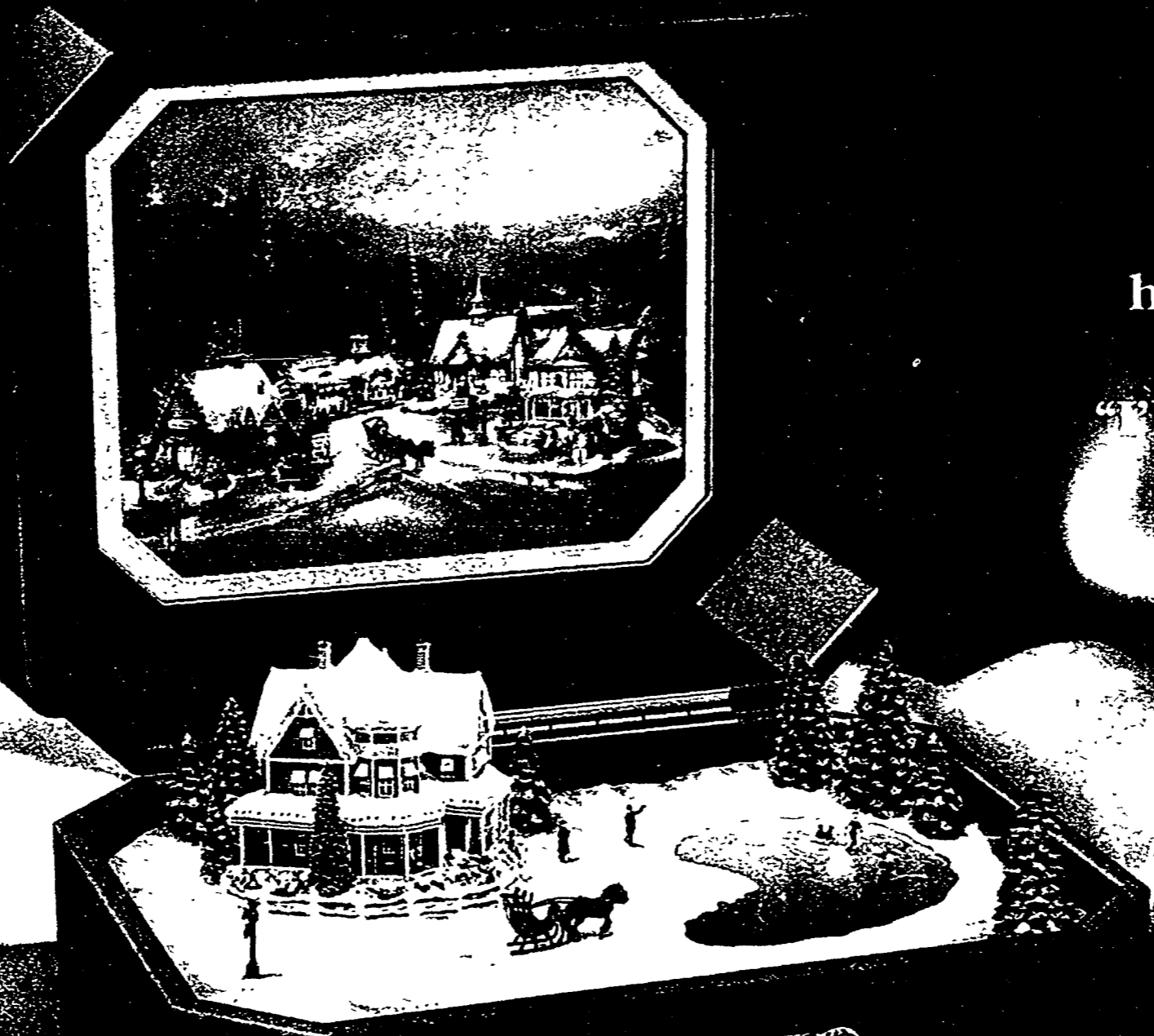
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Winter Carnival Antique Show—Huntingburg, Jan. 18-19. Antique dealers from across the Midwest display furniture, glassware, toys, and collectibles at Reflections Convention Center. (812) 683-5699.

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KANSAS

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Winter Days—West Fargo, Jan. 17-25. Features a children's carnival, beauty pageant, chili cook-off, golf tournament, fireworks, and winter fun at Veterans Memorial Arena and Elmwood Park. (701) 282-6507.

OHIO

Winter Hike—Logan, Jan. 18. Enjoy winter's splendor during this 38th annual six-mile trek from Old Man's Cave to Ash Cave at Hocking Hills State Park. A shuttle bus returns hikers to Old Man's Cave. (740) 385-6842.

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Hometown Spotlight

by PATTI MAGUIRE
ARMSTRONG

Brick by Brick

More than a century ago, rich soil and sunny skies beckoned homesteaders to the northern Great Plains. Though the tall-grass prairie promised fertile farmland, it lacked a basic element for building homes—trees.

While sod homes initially provided shelter for many families, the discovery of clay soon gave birth to brick manufacturing plants across North Dakota.

Today, only one brick manufacturer remains, linking past to present. Hebron Brick Co. in Hebron uses 65,000 tons of clay a year to produce nearly 30 million bricks and sells them to building contractors across the United States and Canada.

"If it wasn't for the Hebron Brick Co., there would not be a Hebron," says Ken Rehling, who has worked at the company for 35 years.

Over the last century, the brick-making industry has helped sustain the town, providing jobs and income during lean times on local grain farms and cattle ranches.

Most of the buildings on Hebron's Main Street are made of brick. Some of the structures date to 1905, attesting to the practicality and durability of brick as a building material. The Northern Pacific railroad depot and many early homes were



Hebron Brick Co. workers sort, stack, and pallet the finished product for shipment.

constructed of locally produced brick, as was a recent addition to St. Ann's Catholic Church, first established as a parish in 1906 and constructed of brick in 1950.

The town's first brick plant—Hebron Fire and Pressed Brick Co.—opened in 1904, a few years after European immigrants discovered clay in the nearby hills. The clay was extremely smooth, with an almost soapy-like feel, making it ideal for bricks. The early brick makers hand mixed the clay with water, then cut and fired the finished rectangles in a large kiln.

Today, depending on how long and how hot the bricks are fired, 16 different colors and five textures can result, says Plant Manager Brian Jennings. Modern coatings can produce 15 more colors.

In the early days, horses and wagons hauled the clay to the factory. By 1914, the job was done by locomotives and rails, and today trucks and loaders supply Hebron Brick with 65,000 tons of clay each year.

Fire destroyed much of the plant in 1926 but did not deter its owners. The company president obtained new machinery and equipment, and the plant was operating profitably again by 1929 and through the Great Depression.

Jennings attributes the company's survival to its willingness to change with the times. In 1999, the company opened a new \$10 million plant, complete with computers and robotic machinery. The Hebron Brick plant employs 50 people and remains the largest employer in the town of 803 residents.

"They are our major economic force, but they also support the town by coming through with donations and sponsoring activities," says Cathy Spangelo, who, along with husband Bob, owns Spangelo Funeral Home in Hebron.



St. Ann's Catholic Church, circa 1950.

Hebron, like many small towns in North Dakota, lost population in recent decades as a result of smaller families, farm mechanization, and the decline of family farms. The town's population peaked at 1,412 in 1950.

Still, the century-old brick industry remains a solid foundation for the town, and clay reserves in the nearby hills are sufficient to supply Hebron Brick Co. into the next century.

"I've lived my whole life here and I like it," says Bob Nagel, who retired in 1999 after 40 years as a forklift operator at Hebron Brick and raised three children in Hebron. "If it wasn't for the brick factory, Hebron would be a ghost town." ✨

Patti Maguire Armstrong is a freelance writer in Bismarck, N.D.

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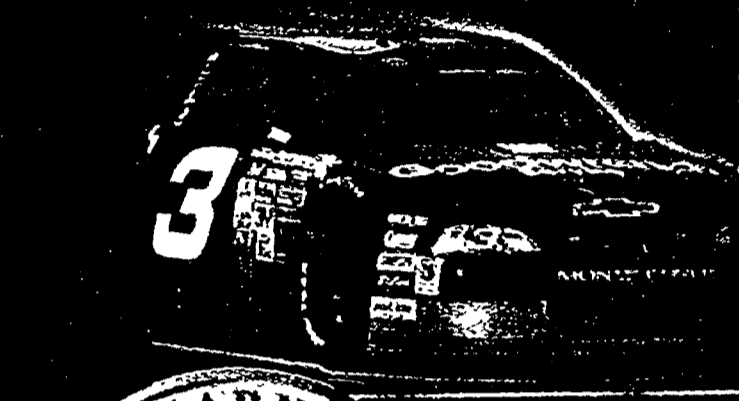
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