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G'day, mate!

Koala Club co-owner Jennifer Demorest plays with her 5-month-old son, Griffin. Read about the club and what it offers parents. — Page 15A

SPORTS

That
winning
feeling

The Mustangs boys' basketball team got back into winning form last week with a victory over Walled Lake Western. The victory didn't come before previous setbacks, however. Read about the team and the ups and downs it faced in WLAA action. — Page 1B

COMING IN MARCH

Northville is about to be Discover-ed all over again.

Discover Northville — the annual community guide packed with information about Northville — is being pieced together, and it needs your help. If you are a member of a non-profit or community organization and would like to have information about your group included in the directory, now is the time to be sending it to the Record. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 14.

Give us whatever information you can about your event, including dates, times, addresses, phone numbers, contact persons and locations. We'll organize it and include it in the book, which will be distributed to Record readers in mid-March.

For more information about Discover Northville, call editor Chris Davis at (248) 349-1700, ext. 114, or e-mail him at cdavis@ht.homecomm.net.

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Businesses cry foul on parking plan

For more information on the city's latest parking plan, see page 6A.

By Pauline Lupercio
STAFF WRITER

With a "good of the group" mentality, city council looked beyond the threat of litigation and recently approved various changes to the downtown parking management plan, including the addition of approximately 20 new long-term parking spaces in the CadyCentre parking deck.

City officials said that the upper and lower decks of CadyCentre will each receive half of the new long-term spots.

Those changes were not good enough for representatives from Century 21 and Singh who said the city was intentionally denying parking to their clients and regulated the role of "office building owner" to second-class. Representatives from both companies cited the necessity of unrestricted parking for their clients. Both also threatened litigation if their clients' needs were not met.

As discussed at the council's Jan. 21 meeting, changes to the six-month old plan were necessary to address various resident and employee concerns brought to council's attention since the plan was implemented. But both Century 21 and Singh representatives not only believed their needs have been ignored, but that the city's stance to continue to include restricted parking in the CadyCentre deck as part of the parking management plan has negatively affect-

"We see the city's position as denying any reasonable use of the CadyCentre deck to CadyCentre and I believe legal action is imminent."

Lawrence Kilgore
general counsel, Singh Development

ed their respective businesses as well.

"At this point we are regarding the city's action as being grossly unfair to the office building owners in downtown Northville, CadyCentre in particular," said Lawrence Kilgore, general counsel representing the owner of the Singh Development Company. "We see the city's position as denying any reasonable use of the CadyCentre deck to CadyCentre and I believe legal action is imminent."

Kilgore also said that the city's action in denying reasonable use of the CadyCentre will impact the value of the building.

"That is probably going to be a central part of our lawsuit," he said.

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Hayes-Lemmerz granted extension to file Ch. 11 plan

By Pauline Lupercio
STAFF WRITER

Court approval was recently granted to Hayes Lemmerz International, Inc., allowing the Northville Township-based company more time to file or advance a plan of reorganization in its Chapter 11 cases.

The Jan. 10 order preserves the Hayes Lemmerz exclusive rights to file a plan of reorganization until April 15 of this year. The company was also granted until June 16 to solicit acceptances of a plan.

Hayes Lemmerz is one of the world's leading global suppliers of automotive and commercial lightweight components including wheels, brakes, powertrain, and other lightweight components. The company has 44 plants and over 11,000 employees worldwide.

According to Hayes' public relations director Manka Diamond, the

Jan. 10 order simply extended the time frame in which no other parties would be allowed to file a competing plan of reorganization.

"It's a positive step which keeps Hayes Lemmerz in control of the process. The company is on track with its time-line and we plan to successfully conclude our Chapter 11 case in an organized manner," said Diamond. "Hayes-Lemmerz is a strong company and we plan to be around for a long time."

Diamond also said that the company obtained the order to simplify the process by avoiding possible distractions that could arise of another party filed a different plan.

"The court's extension of the company's exclusive plan filing and solicitation periods will ensure that the company will not be distracted as it completes its restructuring," said Curt Clawson, chairman and

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A reason to howl

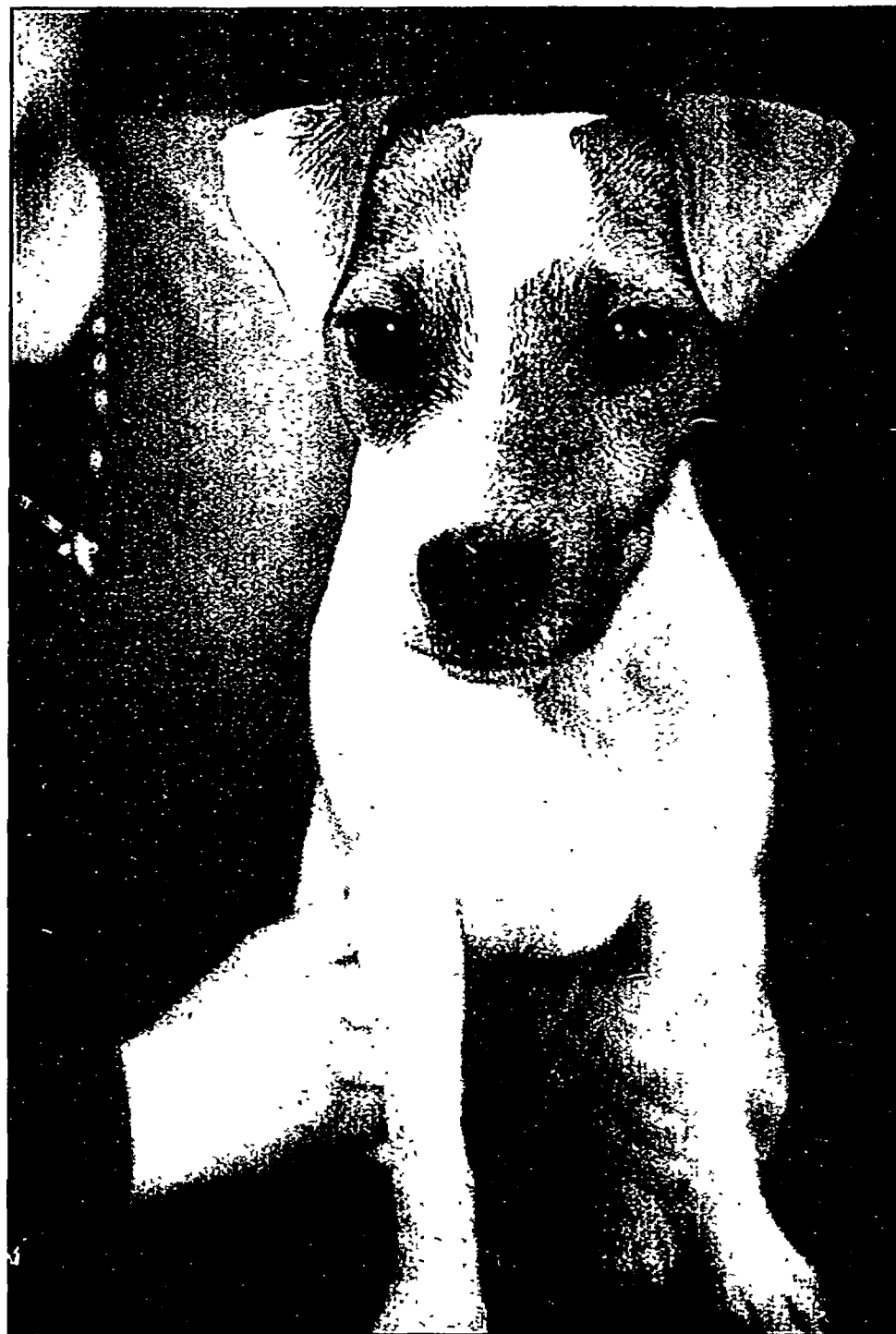


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Dogs like "Ch. Fox Valley Glowing Ember" will have the chance to play with their owners in the near future, as city leaders approved creation of a temporary off-leash dog park on property near the Northville Senior Center on Cady Street.

BOW WOW...WOW!

Interested in taking Fido to the park? That wish will soon be granted with the help of an anonymous donor who has committed to contribute to start up costs for the recently approved temporary dog park site to be located on Cady street behind the senior center.

As outlined during the Dec. 2 city council meeting, the park shall be consistent with the parks and recreation department's "pay for play" philosophy, where participants will be required to provide a fee in order to cover operating costs.

The current proposal allows for 400 annual passes to be issued to the park.

Other rules the city possibly wishes to be enforced include:

- Proof of vaccination required prior to permit purchase;
- Hours reduced from dawn to dusk during summer hours so as to not disturb residents close to the site;
- Enforcement of card swipe mechanism for permit holders to monitor use of park
- Picking up after one's own animals. Violators could possibly have privileges revoked.
- Enforcement of a "hold harmless" agreement. Park users will give up rights to sue the city for damages if injured when using the park.
- Possible self-regulation by dog park committee to protect from overuse of the park;
- Encouragement from city council to use the CadyCentre parking deck — which officials say is never full — in order to avoid parking problems at the senior center.

All rules are subject to future council review before formally accepted, said city manager Gary Word.

■ Dog park wins tempo- rary approval in city

By Pauline Lupercio
STAFF WRITER

After two years of sometimes heated debate, city council finally threw dog park supporters the bone they had been fighting for with the approval of a temporary off-leash recreation area.

The 3-1 decision came after a two-hour public hearing held during the city's regularly scheduled meeting on Jan. 21. As recommended by the parks and recreation commission, the park will be located on a Cady Street site which lies directly behind the senior center.

Per council's decision, supporters have 18 months from the date of the parks opening to let Fido play fetch. Success or failure will be determined by resident concerns brought before

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville First Presbyterian Church has opened its new Christian pre-school. Judy Somershoe, center, director of the pre-school, is surrounded by Luke Leonard, 3, Elizabeth Caulfield, 5, Weston Russell, 16 mos., and Shae, 4, and Joey Borthwick, 2.

Littlest learners get new place to grow

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Local area tots will have a brand new preschool to learn in this fall.

First Presbyterian Church, located in downtown Northville, will open its new Christian Preschool in September 2003. There will be classes for children ages 2-4.

"We are very excited about it," said Judy Somershoe, a Children's Ministry representative at the First Presbyterian Church. "We're just trying to expand the ministry. We're looking to create a Christian environment."

According to Somershoe, the pre-

school will be an extension of the church's ministry to the community.

Registration is currently taking place, with priority for children of church members until Feb. 15. Open enrollment will begin after that.

An Open House for Northville Presbyterian Preschool is planned for Feb. 15 at 10 a.m. for parents to meet the teachers and tour the facility.

According to Somershoe, the new preschool will be housed in the recently built church addition and was constructed with students in mind.

Brand new equipment has been

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Mill Race Matters

Mill Race Village is an eleven-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 1st 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. 30	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Archives Open to the Public	Cady Inn
Feb. 1	10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Juliette Scout Meeting	Cady Inn
Feb. 2	10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Mill Creek Community Church	Church
Feb. 4	9 a.m. - 12 p.m. 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Stone Gang Country Garden Club	Village & Cady Inn Cady Inn
Feb. 5	9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Mill Race Basket Guild Mill Creek Community Church Prayer Service	Cady Inn Church
Feb. 6	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Archives Open to the Public	Cady Inn

The Mill Race Quarterly, a Northville Historical Society Publication, will be mailed soon, if you have not yet joined or renewed your membership with the Historical Society, please contact the office at 248-348-1845 or stop in any week day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to make sure you receive your copy in the mail.

Homeowners, township police swap ideas on crime prevention

By Pauline Lupercio
STAFF WRITER

Safer subdivisions are on the way, or so it was hoped following last week's first Northville Township police / homeowners association meeting.

Approximately 20 presidents and vice-presidents representing various subdivisions throughout the community took part in the discussion with chief of police John Werth and community liaison officer Samantha Bolin.

The purpose of the meeting, said Bolin, was to introduce the chief to the association. Feedback was also received on what residents expected of the department, as well as additional services they wanted to see provided in

the upcoming year.

Apartment complex managers also shared their concerns with the department at a meeting held earlier this month.

"We want to start incorporating these meetings to discuss possible resident concerns so that we can take a proactive response as opposed to a reactive response to crime in Northville township," said Bolin. "Both meetings turned out exceptionally well."

Werth said that he was pleased with the new service provided to township residents and credited Bolin with the program's initial success.

"We attempted this approximately six or seven years ago and two people showed up," he said. "And now we have 20 concerned leaders from their respective associations that

came out to work with the police department."

Werth also stressed the importance of the department's "community policing" philosophy, which he said is based on customer service and taking care of residents in the community.

"The position of community liaison officer is a new position established four months ago and [Bolin] has taken off full team ahead," Werth said. "She is getting great community support and we are looking forward to seeing great working rapport with the community."

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Library Lines

LIBRARY HOURS

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 p.m. to 5 p.m. The library is located at 212 W. Cady Street, near Northville city hall, with parking off Cady St. For detailed information about programs or services, or to request or renew library materials, call (248) 349-3020.

EYEWITNESS TO GETTYSBURG

Travel back in time to the most infamous battle in American history, with Civil War scholar Weldon Petz, as he presents a lecture and slides on Gettysburg. This free program is on Feb. 7 p.m., Advance reservations are recommended.

METRO AREA "EVERYONE'S READING"

Take part in the second annual Metro Detroit area wide reading event, which focuses on the novel "A Lesson Before Dying", by Ernest Gaines. Libraries throughout the area are sponsoring book discussions on this critically acclaimed and very moving title, the story of a young black man waiting on death row, and his mentoring by a local teacher. Northville will be hosting a discussion on March 3 at 7 p.m. This event will culminate with a visit by the author, who will be speaking in Farmington and Birmingham on April 3. Sign up, and get a guide to the novel, at the Information Desk.

VALENTINE CRAFTS FOR KIDS

Children of all ages are invited to make a Valentine for someone special in the library's

meeting room at 4 p.m. on February 12. Children ages 4 and younger should attend with a caregiver. No pre-registration is required for this hour-long program.

BETWEEN THE LINES

Join us every second Monday of the month, for this entertaining book discussion group. On February 10 at 7 p.m. we will be discussing "Warriors Don't Cry", the autobiography of Melba Beals, one of the students who helped desegregate Little Rock's Central High School in 1954.

LITTLE ME STORYTIME

Little ones from 10 months to 2 years of age, along with their caregivers, can enjoy music, beanbag fun, and simple stories on February 13 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Infants and older children are also welcome to attend. There is no registration needed for this monthly event, just come and enjoy!

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 February 26, we will talk about "Wanderer" by Sharon Creech. The program runs from 4:15 to 5 p.m. Sign up and pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Northville District Library Board of Trustees

will be Feb. 27 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.

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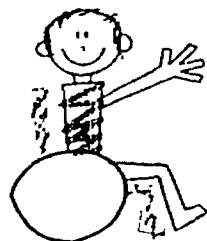
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For seniors, a friend is only a phone away

By Pauline Lupercio
STAFF WRITER

With a phone in hand and a smile in their voices, the Northville Tele-camera team continues to help local seniors stay connected and independent.

Run by the Northville Senior Center, the program was designed to call senior citizens at designated times during the work week between 9 and 11 a.m. Daily phone calls are made to those individuals who are on the Tele-Care list for what the program calls "telephone reassurance."

Sue Koivula, coordinator for the senior center, said the program provides a sense of security for independent seniors and their families. If a senior cannot be reached, program policy dictates a phone call to a family member. Police are contacted to ensure the safety of a senior if family cannot be contacted.

"Strong bonds are built between the callers and the recipients," she said. "We have a great group of ladies making the calls."

A detailed daily log is kept on each call made by the Tele-Care team. The team members know how long each senior has been with the program, who likes to talk about what, and who is on

CARE FOR TELE-CARE?

Seniors interested in registering with the Tele-Care program need only be residents of Northville or Northville Township. Please call (248) 348-1312 between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m., Monday through Friday for more information.

vacation.

Recipes, weather, and just good old-fashioned chit-chat are just parts of the job that 80-year-old Farmington Hills resident Isabelle Cholakian looks forward to during her shifts.

Cholakian, a former Northville resident, has been with the Tele-Care program for 14 years now and says her love for the job has not diminished.

"Personally, I love to talk to people," said Cholakian. "It's wonderful to talk when you know you are helping."

The phone calls are appreciated and depended upon.

"They want someone to talk to," said 67-year-old Northville resident, Shirley Flannigan, who has been with the program for about a year. "Some want to talk a lot and some just enjoy the security of knowing they have been checked on for the day."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville Senior Call coordinator Isabelle Cholakian, left, is joined by Virgina Harrison and Shirley Flannigan, right, who have helped out three and one years respectively.

77-year-old Virginia Harrison, also a Northville resident, has been making phone calls for three-years and said it's one of the best jobs she has ever had.

"I enjoy it so much," said Harrison, a former front desk

receptionist. "It makes me feel good and gives me a reason to get up in the morning."

All three women say the program is a benefit not only to the seniors they call, but for themselves as well. By helping others,

they continue to help themselves.

"It's been a tremendous benefit to me this past year," said Flannigan, referring to her late husband's passing in early 2002. "It's really Tele-Care for the people on both ends of the tele-

phone."

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Social studies goes front and center at Moraine Elementary

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Moraine Elementary families had a few extra lessons in social studies Jan. 23.

Sponsored by the Moraine school improvement team and the Moraine PTA, "Family Social Studies Night," drew a

crowd of about 200, said principal Mary Kay Gallagher.

"I think it was really successful," she said. "It was well attended."

During the event, Gallagher said there were a variety of workshops for parents and students to participate in.

Whether it was building, a

landform, playing geography "Jeopardy," configuring floor puzzles, forming a Lego construction line or having a timeline relay, curious minds were getting a social studies workout.

Gallagher said the third grade students performed skits that taught the Moraine community

about democratic values.

Another workshop, entitled "Starting Your own Business," was facilitated by Community Federal Credit Union, which has become partners with Moraine Elementary.

Social studies activities were available for all students in grades K-5.

After the event, surveys were distributed for program evaluation.

Gallagher said although a family curriculum night event is organized every year, this was the first time a social studies theme was used.

"It really was an opportunity to bring social studies alive and

generate interest and enthusiasm," said Gallagher. "For parents, it was an opportunity to highlight our curriculum."

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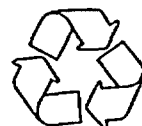
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Northville School Briefs

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The school staff, students and their parents welcome families interested in viewing our child-care, preschool, elementary and middle school programs.

NCS has presented an excellent academic program based upon a Christian worldview for over 25 years.

The school is located at 41355 Six Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 348-9031 or visit www.northvillechristian.org

CAREER DAY AT THE PALACE

On Jan. 20, 24 Meads Mill Middle School students attended the Pistons-Pacers game at the Palace of Auburn Hills to learn more about the careers in the field of professional athletics. This special event, "Career Day at the Palace" was sponsored by a Career Connection mini grant through Northville Public Schools office of Business Partnerships and Physical Education teachers, Laura Melvin and Bryan Masi. The students selected had to write an essay about why they would be interested in a career in the field of professional athletics.

At the Palace, vice-president of multi-media Pete Skorich gave students a behind-the-scenes tour of the broadcast studio and described the game out to the viewing audience.

ALL NIGHT PARTY

Tickets to Northville High School's 2003 Senior All Night Party are on sale through the end of March at a price of \$65. Send your check payable to Linda Temple, 46023 Northvalley, Northville, Mich. 48167. Please write your student's first and last name on the memo line. If you wish to drop off your check at the school, there is a 2003 Senior All Night party box in the office.

Ticket prices for this night of events for graduating seniors will increase to \$75 beginning April 1.

To find out how you can be involved in the NHS Senior Tradition, contact Senior All Night Party organizer, Jeri Johnson, at (248) 349-6294.

to take place Mar. 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.

ST. PAUL'S ROUNDUP

St. Paul's Lutheran School will be hosting a Kindergarten Roundup on Feb. 7 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. or Feb. 10 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The school is located at 201 Elm Street in downtown Northville.

Please contact the school office for more information (248) 349-3146.

GRANTS AWARDED

The Northville Community Foundation began awarding grants in December. First to Civic Concern for the Senior Citizen Prescription Drug Program and then to Meads Mill Middle School for their anti-smoking program. This is the second year Meads Mill has received a grant. Also receiving anti-smoking grants were Hillside Middle School and Our Lady of Victory School.

Northville High School was the recipient of two grants; one for the SADD program and the other for the summer high school band program. The DARE program, St. George Ministries for the developmentally disabled, Civic Concern (for food) and the Northville Arts Commission also received grants.

The Northville Community Foundation was also one of the major sponsors of Northville Nite 2002.

In May, the Foundation will award three scholarships to

deserving Northville community students.

If you would like to donate, contact the foundation at (248) 374-0200.

ART LECTURE SERIES

The 2002-2003 Art Lecture Series featuring Michael Farrell is coming soon.

Farrell is slated to present Charles Russell as part of the 2002-2003 Art Lecture Series on the art of the American West. The lecture is Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Hillside Middle School Forum in Northville.

Farrell is an associate professor of art history, University of Windsor; adjunct curator, Detroit Institute of Arts; and instructor, Art House of Detroit.

Other lectures in the 2002-2003 series include Frederic Remington on March 12 and Native American Art on April 16.

The Northville Arts Commission sponsors this lecture series. All lectures are on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at Hillside Middle School in the Forum. Lectures are \$10 or \$5 for students or \$45 for the series package or \$25 for students.

For more information on this and other art-related community events in Northville, contact (248) 449-9950.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

The Early Childhood Center will begin enrollment for Summer and Fall 2003-2004 Programs. Programs include Kids' Club, Wondergarten, Child Care, Preschool and Parent/Child Classes.

Families with children currently enrolled in ECC Programs will

register Feb. 24 through March 7. Class size is limited.

Registration for "new" families will take place on March 22 at 8:00 a.m. at the Early Childhood Center (Board of Education Building). The entrance and parking for registration will be on the Cady Street side of the building. Informational signs will be posted with the number of available openings by each program. Children will be placed based on availability on a first come, first serve basis beginning at 8 a.m. A \$50 registration fee (check or money order) will be required for registration.

For more information visit: www.northville.k12.mi.us or call (248) 344-8465.

GIRLS EMPOWERED

Northville Youth Assistance is presenting "Girls Empowered" a program designed to encourage healthy living and personal empowerment for girls through workshops on self-defense, friendships and cliques, hip-hop dancing and nutrition.

Northville Youth Assistance is sponsoring the program with a substantial financial subsidy. Participants will be charged \$30. Scholarships are available in the event of hardship. The after-school session for girls in grades 6, 7, and 8 will be Tuesdays Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. in Room 188 at Hillside Middle School.

The sessions for girls in grades 4 and 5 will be Wednesdays Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. in Room 188 at Hillside Middle School.

Registration is limited and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, call

(248) 344-1618.

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."

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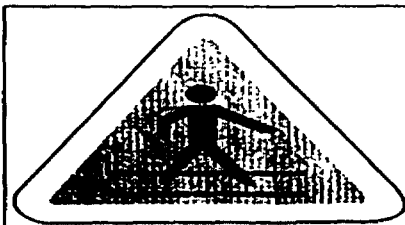
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City dishes out extra \$150K for street work

Work order changes, redesign to blame, officials say

By Pauline Lupercio
STAFF WRITER

Change never comes easy, but in the case of alterations to street improvement plans for the city of Northville, change is coming with a big price tag.

City Council recently approved an increase in fees totaling approximately \$150,000 to Dietrich Bailey and Associates, P.C., relative to services performed for engineering and construction engineering on three street improvement projects.

Funding will be made available by transferring funds to the projects from the city's street, drainage and sidewalk improvement fund with no impact to city operations.

According to information presented in council communications, the engineering firm began work on the Dubaur, Cady, and Hutton street projects in 2002. But successful completion of all projects required substantial changes to the original plans, resulting much higher costs than the city had originally expected.

"In the course of projects, changes are sometimes made requiring modifications of a design and sometimes complete redesign," said director of public works Jim Gallogly. "When this happens, costs go up and it is important to go back to city council to inform them of the increase and ask for approval for it."

In this particular case, the changes had been made and the money spent prior to approval from council.

"It is unfortunate," said Gallogly. "No one likes increases but they were necessary due to changes in the contract."

Gallogly explained that costs skyrocketed for a variety of reasons, including the engineer's rate increases associated with redesigning projects such as Dubaur Street three different times.

Originally considered a "simple project", issues with resident concerns, negotiations with a developer, and difficult topography made it anything but.

DUBAUR STREET:
Original Engineering Fees: \$35,000
Final Cost: \$82,000
Increased Fees Totaling: \$47,000

Originally considered a small, "simple" project, it involved coordination with residents, difficult topography, and negotiations with a developer. The original design addressed resident concerns, the second design was directed after construction bids came in too high, and the third was ordered when negotiations broke down with a Dubaur street developer and it became necessary to reroute the storm sewer.

EAST CADY STREET:
Original Engineering Fees: \$45,000
Final Cost: \$115,000
Increased Fees Totaling: \$70,000

The original plans for the Cady street project were to handle it as one project with improvements planned Cady

from Center on the west and East Main on the east. It was decided to divide the project in order to protect the roadway from activities related to the construction of the New Victorian and First Presbyterian Church. More improvements to Cady followed. Dividing the project into two separate plans resulted in more work for the consultant, resulting in higher fees.

HUTTON STREET:
Original Engineering Fee: \$31,000
Final Cost: \$60,000
Increased Fees Totaling: \$30,000

This project included parking enhancements and the extension of Hutton to East Cady, as well as a new traffic signal at Main and Hutton. Coordination and cooperation with the First Presbyterian Church architect and contractor, and coordination with Wayne County for the traffic signal improvement also resulted in extra effort for the consultant.

"What we had was a simple project that needed to be done three times. When you redesign a project, it takes time, and we pay for that time," said Gallogly. "It's similar with the other projects, we're frustrated that the consultant fees increased so much and in the future we have to have a little better control on that."

Following council direction to strive harder to avoid such unexpected increases in the future, Gallogly said that consultants will also be held more accountable and be required to notify the city of increased costs prior to implementing changes. He will also begin working closer with the city's finance department to ensure that bills until approved by council once they have gone over the contracted amount.

City manager Gary Word said that although the increases were unfortunate, the incident was also a learning experience.

"The council does not like surprises and they should not have to experience them in the future. The question is how we can learn from this," he said.

Word said that the internal controls described by Gallogly will be implemented to prevent future "surprises."

"The important thing is that the projects were important and done right," Word said. "That is what needs to be focused on."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Washtenaw County Chief Judge Donald Shelton recognizes a host of seventh graders for their efforts in adopting a number of families that have contact with the trial court family division. Standing nearest Shelton are Madelyne Bielecki and Joey Costelli.

Meads Mill students thanked for helping out during holidays

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

A large group of seventh grade Meads Mill Middle School students was called heroes Jan. 23 by Judge Donald Shelton.

Shelton, chief judge of the Washtenaw County juvenile court, visited the school to thank students for their efforts in assisting a Washtenaw family experiencing severe need during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

"These kids decided they wanted to make a difference in this family's life," he said.

Shelton then addressed the crowd of assembled students, thanking them for their involvement and for having compassion for a family in need.

"We don't have any problems in comparison to many people in this world," Shelton told the seventh grade students. "I'm honored

that you have allowed me to be in the presence of everyday heroes."

He further encouraged the student body to continue to pursue a spirit of hospitality.

Shelton also presented a plaque to the class for their project efforts.

The assisted family, which included five children living in a motel, now has a more hopeful future, Shelton said.

"The children are now living in stable homes," he said. "They're all in school. Their prospects are a lot brighter now than before because of the things this class did. This is the first time that these children have had someone really care about them that didn't have to."

Under the direction of Meads Mill teacher Barb Hollis, students were able to donate massive amounts of food, household goods, blankets, toys and clothing. A savings account was also established along

with a basketball camp scholarship.

Seventh grade student Erin Caldwell, was among the students who rallied to assist a local family.

"It touched our lives in a very special way we'll probably never forget," said Caldwell. "It feels good because we can share all the good things we have with others who aren't as fortunate as us."

Seventh grader, Sam Sine, agreed.

"I wanted to help them in any way I could," she said.

Hollis said the seventh grade students were eager to help.

"It was so enlightening to see how the kids just grabbed hold of this and ran with it," she said. "It was amazing."

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Community Events

• THIS WEEK •

Get Fit For The New Year free senior fitness seminar / class
DATE: Jan. 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

Blood drive
DATE: Feb. 2
LOCATION: First United Methodist Church of Northville (777 W. Eight Mile)
TIME: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
DETAILS: The American Red Cross reports an exceptionally low supply of blood is currently available. All eligible donors are encouraged to participate.
PHONE: (248) 349-1144

AARP Tax Preparation Assistance
DATE: Starts Feb. 4
LOCATION: Northville Senior Center (215 W. Cady Street)
TIME: 9 a.m. - noon / 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. (by appointment)
DETAILS: Free federal and state tax preparation for elderly persons will be offered by counselors qualified by the Internal Revenue Service.
PHONE: (248) 349-4140

• COMING UP •

Northville Woman's Club meeting
DATE: Feb. 7
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Sylvia Durant will be speaking on "A Better Woman." The event's chairperson will be Mildred

Astbury.
PHONE: (248) 349-3064

Soup bowl silent auction
DATE: Feb. 9
LOCATION: First United Methodist Church of Northville (777 W. Eight Mile)
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
DETAILS: Soup bowls painted by volunteers earlier in the month will be sold by silent auction. Winning bidders will be served homemade soup at 12:30 p.m. All money raised from the auction will benefit homeless charities. (First United Methodist will host the homeless in the spring.)
PHONE: (248) 349-0455

Northville Genealogical Society meeting — German research
DATE: Feb. 9
LOCATION: Northville District Library (212 W. Cady Street)
TIME: 2:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Author Terry Stollsteimer, who has traced his lineage back to the 1500s and author of the book "Washtenaw County, Michigan Relatives," will teach how to access vital records in Germany. A computer class at 1:15 p.m. and a class for newcomers to family research will precede the class at 1:30 p.m.
PHONE: (734) 595-7806

Gardeners of Northville & Novi meeting
DATE: Feb. 10
LOCATION: Novi Library (45245 Ten Mile Road, Novi)
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Southern Michigan DayLily Society president Nikki Schmith will be the event's speaker. The meeting is open to the public.
PHONE: (248) 348-2426

American Association of University Women meeting
DATE: Feb. 11
LOCATION: Northville Senior Center (215 Cady Street)
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: The group will host Dorothy Walker, who will speak

on "The Spirit of the Black American Artist." Membership in the AAUW is open to any person holding a baccalaureate degree or higher. Student membership is available to persons currently enrolled in college.
PHONE: (248) 924-2180

Valentine's Day auction to benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support
DATE: Feb. 14
LOCATION: Blue Willow Auction (8465 Lilley Road, Canton)
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Persons having items to donate — such as antiques or furniture — can call (734) 326-9890 for pickup or delivery information. A portion of the auction's proceeds will benefit adults, teens and children who are grieving after the loss of a loved one. Ladies will receive a free Valentine's Day flower. A free pre-auction buffet will also be provided.
PHONE: (248) 348-0115

Northville Arts Commission art lecture series — Frederic Remington
DATE: Feb. 19
LOCATION: Hillside Middle School (775 N. Center Street)
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Lectures are \$10 for adults or \$5 for students. Call for additional information.
PHONE: (248) 449-9950

Northville Woman's Club meeting — Guest Day
DATE: Feb. 21
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Ruth Mary Atchison, Evelyn Harper and Marge Bolton will be speaking on the history of the club and the memories of past club presidents. The event's chairperson will be Shirley Lipa.
PHONE: (248) 349-3064

City continues tweaking downtown parking plan

By Pauline Lupercio
 STAFF WRITER

"We think the program is working, however, it does require modifications from time to time dependent upon specific circumstances," said city manager Gary Word.

The parking management plan was introduced in June 2002. The parking committee was asked to review the plan, monitor the parking, and review the impact of the program after various resident concerns were brought to the council's attention.

Review of the program revealed several concerns that council addressed, including:

- Reducing the number of designat-

ed 2-hour parking spaces in the lower level of the Cady deck from 23 spaces to 14, as many are often vacant.

- Adding eight orange dot spaces along the west wall of the upper level, next to the Cady Centre entrance, in order to provide unrestricted parking for vehicles with permits.

- Eliminating Saturday enforcement of the parking management plan, specific to the three-hour areas in the city's parking lots.

Council also followed the parking committee's recommendation to shift 10 orange dots from the north end of the parking lot along Dunlap — otherwise referred to as "Lot 2" — to the center portion of the northwest corner of the lot. Although the change will not be immediate, it will address resident

concerns regarding confusion during snowy conditions and provide short-term parking for businesses located along Dunlap.

But until the signage has changed, employees of the downtown business district should continue to follow the plan as currently enforced, Word said. New signage must still be ordered and posted and orange dot changes will not take place until weather permits.

"Changes will be implemented," said chief of police Jim Petres. "But enforcement will continue as posted."

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Firefighters to heat up the love at muscular dystrophy dinner

By Pauline Lupercio
 STAFF WRITER

Northville Township firefighters hope to make cupid proud when they host their first annual benefit for the Muscular Dystrophy Association on Feb. 14.

The department hopes to raise \$5,000 for the charitable organization with the aptly-titled "Red Hot Romantic Evening" dinner.

According to Carol McQueen, district director for the Oakland County MDA, sponsorship is still being sought for the event.

"With 43 different types of neuromuscular diseases that affect newborns and adults, we feel it is an important cause to support," said McQueen.

The association is funded through private donations and private events. Over 1,500 patients in the metro-Detroit area are provided with necessary services such as camps, clinical services, support groups, and wheelchairs.

Dan Dipple, a township firefighter himself, said that firefighters across the country have been involved with the MDA for years.

"We just wanted to do our part," said Dipple. "And we thought that we could put together something nice — like a Valentine's Day dance — that would make it easy for someone to celebrate the holiday with their significant other while contributing to charity at the same time."

A WINNER OF A DINNER

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is a voluntary health agency which assists individuals living with neuromuscular disorders. In conjunction with the Michigan Institute for Neurological Disorders and Children's Hospital, the MDA provides programs and services for over 1,500 Detroit-area patients.

For more information on the Red Hot Romance Evening, a benefit for the MDA on Valentine's Day, please contact Dan Dipple at (248) 735-4607 or Carol McQueen at (248) 354-0950. The event will be held at Italian American Banquet Hall in Livonia from 6 p.m. to midnight. Tickets for the event are \$60.

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The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is coming to Ford Field in Northville on May 17 & 18 for 24 hours of cancer fighting fun, remembrance and celebration. Event planners are currently looking to community volunteers to assist in the planning. If you are interested, please call your American Cancer Society at 248.557.5353.

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Mustang with metal descends into classroom

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Northville Public Schools has welcomed a new member to its high school teaching ranks.

Ann Arbor resident, Cheryl Brooks, has been selected to teach the metals art course at Northville High School. Brooks was hired as a replacement for Nancy Bassitt, who formerly held that position.

The Northville board of education approved the new teacher hire at its Jan. 14 meeting at Old Village School.

Brooks, whose first day of teaching began this week, said she was looking forward to teaching her metalworking abilities at the high school level.

"I just felt it would be a wonderful place to work," said Brooks of her decision to apply to the school district. "I feel like I dropped into heaven as far as a teaching opportunity."

Working with metal has captured Brooks' interest and she said she particularly enjoys seeing the metal pieces that are brought to the Ann Arbor Art Fair.

"I was fascinated by the jewelry artists," she said.

After studying metals, Brooks knew she was hooked.

"I loved it, so I stuck with it," she said.

Even her attire Monday afternoon, attested to her strong inter-

"I feel like I dropped into heaven as far as a teaching opportunity."

Cheryl Brooks

Northville High School metals teacher

est in working with metal. Brooks was donning sterling silver drop earrings she had made herself along with two intricate rings, one on each hand.

"I'm always working on new things," she said.

Brooks received a bachelor of fine arts degree in 2002 from Eastern Michigan University.

After working as a day-care provider for approximately 15 years, Brooks decided to alter her profession. But both, she said, have allowed her the opportunity to instruct children.

"I was just ready for a change," she said. "[But] I always felt like I was a teacher, even then."

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New Northville High School metals art teacher Cheryl Brooks works on a piece of copper in her classroom last Monday afternoon.



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Township Police Briefs:

Larceny in Building: Police were dispatched to the American House assisted living residence on Jan. 21 on a report of stolen money. The 77-year-old victim reported to police that he had left his room to play Bingo and discovered his wallet missing when he returned. A nurse later returned his wallet, stating that she had found it in the hall. The victim said that this is when he realized that \$120.00 was missing from his wallet.

Credit Card Fraud: A 58-year-old township man reported to police on Jan. 24 that unauthorized charges totaling \$635 had been charged to his Discover card. The complainant stated he had not even realized that his credit card was missing until his wife

had attempted to use her credit card with the same account number on Jan. 9. The transaction had been denied due to a stop on the account caused by unusual activity.

The complainant stated he contacted the Discover in regards to the charges. No information is currently available on the incident.

Larceny from Building: A 46-year-old Detroit man was arrested on charges of larceny from a building and assault and battery after attempting to steal a \$50 camera from the township Meijer located on Haggerty on Jan. 24.

The suspect had been observed taking, concealing, and exiting the store without offering payment for the camera. When confronted by loss prevention officers, the suspect threw the camera at the officer and fled on foot.

After running into a posted stop sign, a struggle between the suspect and the loss prevention officer ensued, during which the officer was struck in the mouth. The suspect then told the loss prevention officer, "I'm will kill anyone who comes near me."

Police were dispatched while the suspect was still fleeing on foot and observed him crossing the southbound lanes of Interstate 275. He was followed and apprehended in a grassy area of Eight Mile east of I-275 in Livonia.

The suspect transported to the township department and picked up by Detroit police due to various warrants stemming from other incidents in that jurisdiction. He is scheduled to appear in 35th District Court on Feb. 6.

MDOP: A Northville man contacted police on Jan. 25 stating

that unknown person(s) threw a wooden log at his 1988 Dodge Caravan, shattering the rear driver's side window. According to police reports, the incident occurred between the hours of 9:30 p.m. on Jan. 24 and 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 25 in front of the victim's address. There are no suspects or witnesses at this time.

City Police Briefs:

OUIL: Officers were dispatched to the area of South Main and Seven Mile roads at approximately 10:30 p.m. on Jan. 18 on a report of a possible drunk driver driving a gray Dodge Intrepid being followed by a mini van.

Upon arrival to the area, officers observed both vehicles; the van pulled over to allow the officer to get behind the Intrepid after

which he activated the patrol vehicle's lights. The Intrepid slowed, but continued to drive, making a right onto Hutton street north of East Main where the driver pulled over about three feet from the curb.

After making contact with the 51-year-old Northville woman, officers could detect a strong odor of intoxicants emitting from the vehicle. When asked, the driver said she had only consumed two glasses of wine in a period of two hours while visiting a friend in Ann Arbor. The woman was asked to perform sobriety tasks, after which she was read her PBT rights. Results of 0.204 percent BAC were obtained.

The woman was arrested for driving under the influence and is scheduled to appear in court on Jan. 30.

QUILUBAL: Officers on patrol on North Center near Lake street observed a 1988 Ford "fish-tailing" on Jan. 24 at approximately 2:30 a.m. The vehicle was stopped on Randolph street.

Officers observed a strong odor of intoxicants. The 23-year-old Northville man — who was said to have glassy eyes and a noticeable slur in his speech — stated he had only consumed two beers and then said "And I know everyone tells you that."

While performing the "walk and turn" phase of sobriety testing in a straight tire track in the snow, the subject stumbled and uttered a profanity as he stepped off of the line.

PBT rights were read and results of 0.17 percent BAC were obtained. The subject was arrested and is scheduled to appear in court on Feb. 6.

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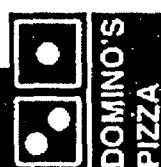
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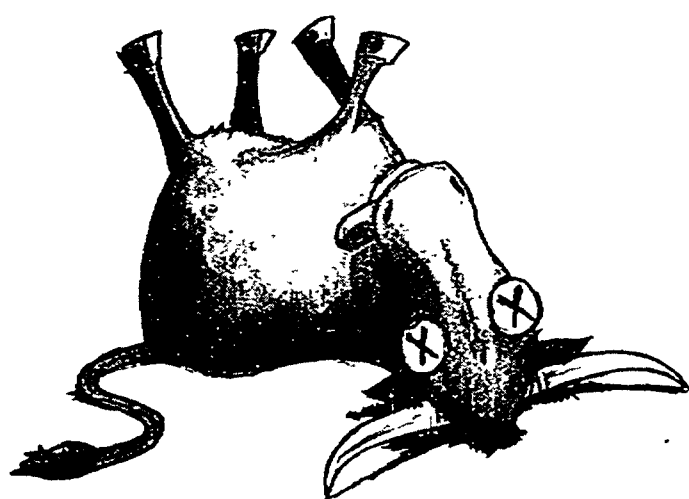
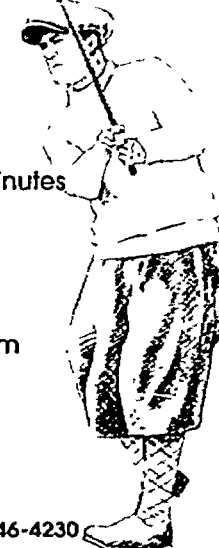
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Weddings

Nicole Marie Shepherd and Ryan Charles Howe were married Sept. 7 at The Hotel Moraine in Highwood, Ill. Rev. David Adams officiated the service.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Howe, Jr. of Northville. He is a 1997 graduate of Northville High School and a graduate of Purdue University. He is employed by Abbott Pharmaceuticals. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Scott of Winthrop Harbor, Ill. and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Shepherd of LaPorte, Ind. She attended Purdue and is also employed by Abbott Pharmaceutical.

Jason Howe served as best man. Groomsmen were David Faust, Connor Bacon, Matthew Ruhun, William Sekerka and Michael Murphy. Emily Rogowski served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Ashley Schaeffer, Jamie Matthews, Jill Cooley, Whitney



Shepherd-Howe

Craig and Krista Howe. Music at the service was provided by Kris Kurzawa and Laura Poczik.

The couple now makes their home in Beach Park, Ill.

Tanya Marie Kurinij and Michael Lloyd Murphy were married July 6 at St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral. Father Paul Bodnarchak officiated the service.

The bride is the daughter of William and Rose Kurinij of Northville. She is graduate of Albion College and a resident of Bloomfield Hills. She is employed by Ford Motor Company. The groom is the son of Jack and Marilyn Murphy of Cincinnati. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University and is also employed by Ford.

Stacie Kurinij served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Maria Brittingham, Katie Murphy, Maureen Murphy, Stacy MacDonald, Shannon McGoun and Tanya Gatti. Tim Murphy served as best man. Groomsmen were Jack Murphy, Mark Murphy,



Kurinij-Murphy

John Kurinij, Reed Shaw, Tim Gilbert and Shivan Sivalingham.

The couple honeymooned in Aruba.

Births

Kyle John Bessonon was born at Huron Valley Hospital in Walled Lake on Aug. 25 to Kari and John Bessonon of Northville. He weighed 5 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 18 1/2 inches at birth.

Kyle is the grandson of Ellen and Jerry Van Noord of Northville, Eva Bessonon of Farmington Hills and the late Earl Bessonon of Farmington Hills. He is the great-grandson of Elaine Van Noord of Zeeland.



Kyle John Bessonon

Engagements



Howe-Murphy

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Howe, Jr. of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Krista Lynne Howe of Stamford, Conn., to Michael Richard Murphy, son of Mrs. Carol Murphy and the late Ronald Murphy.

The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Northville High School and a 1999 graduate of Purdue University. She works as a financial analyst for IBM. The groom-elect is a resident of Stamford, a 1999 graduate of Purdue, and works as manager of new product development for Tiffany's.

A September wedding is planned.



McClintock-Borgia

Douglas and Janet McClintock of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Coleen J. McClintock of Chicago, to Blair Borgia of Chicago.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Northville High School and a 1995 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed as a consulting manager for Accenture. The groom-elect is the son of David and Ardith Borgia. He is a 1990 graduate of Northville High School and a 2001 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is employed as an associate economist by Household.

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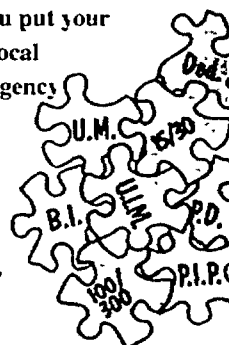


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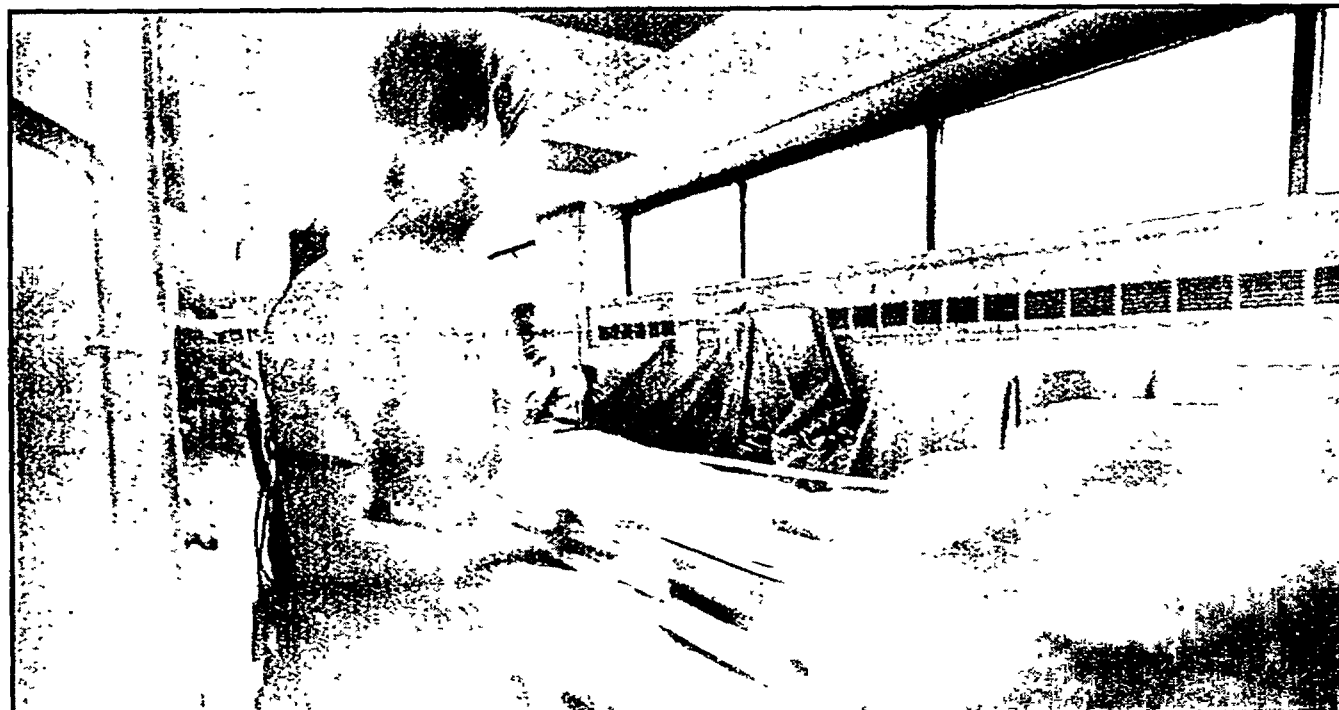
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Spectre of litigation looms over parking

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James Carnago, representative for Century 21 Town and Country, cited the importance of returning to unrestricted parking on the upper level of CadyCentre to council. Carnago also stated that parking problems did not surface until after the implementation of the parking management plan.

"We simply feel that the city is not doing right by Century 21 Town and Country," said Carnago. "If there is need for litigation, there will be litigation."

But with the majority of long-term parking spaces in the downtown closer to the Singh building

than any other business in downtown Northville, downtown development authority Laurie Ward said the turn of events was unexpected.

"I think we are all surprised we had this kind of reaction from what is conceivably the least-impacted business in the downtown," she said.

Ward said that several discussions regarding the issue have already taken place and that no one from Century 21 has applied for a parking permit to date. She also said she didn't understand some of the arguments brought before council.

The argument that office workers have been regulated to second

class citizens contradicted all feedback received on the parking management plan, she said.

According to information gathered by the downtown development authority and the parking management committee, retailers have had the most complaints since the plan was implemented due to long-term parking spots already being taken up by office workers when the retailers arrive to open their stores.

Ward noted that city officials did attempt to extend an "olive branch" in recognizing the issue and recommending to council that the downtown's three main parking areas be treated equally in order to

better serve the downtown customer. Per council approval of the changes, CadyCentre's upper level will eventually consist of a majority of three-hour restricted parking spaces with a small number of long-term orange dot spots.

"Going back to unrestricted parking would not guarantee parking for their employees as anyone would then have access to those parking spaces," she added.

City manager Gary Word said although not perfect, the plan has proven itself effective over the past six months.

"The council, in their collective wisdom, that this is best for the downtown," said Words. "I support

their decision."

According to mayor Chris Johnson, the city will continue to stand behind its parking plan. The program is working as designed, he said, and has asked for sacrifices from lot of people.

"I'm always sorry to see when people have to resort to lawsuits," said Johnson. "It's always interesting that easy parking for one is difficult for another."

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Preschool opens its doors to Northville

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purchased, she said. Somershoe said the preschool program will be flexible and will offer sessions once, twice or three times a week.

These classes will be small with not more than 15 students in each, she said.

Somershoe added that daily play activities will be planned to develop a positive self concept while helping children grow intellectually, physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually.

"We're hoping to get 45 to 60 preschoolers in the first year," she said. "And there's room to expand beyond that."

Somershoe also said the future preschool is in an ideal, centralized location.

"We're very happy to be located in downtown Northville," she said. "We're not that far from the library, the bakery and the police station."

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For more information, call Judy Somershoe of Children's Ministry at (248) 349-0911.

Obituaries

Charles P. "Chuck" De Land

Charles "Chuck" De Land of Northville Township died Jan. 25 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was 61.

Mr. De Land was born March 17, 1941 in Detroit to Harold W. De Land and Mary Ann Stanek. He later married his high school sweetheart, Rosemarie De Land, on July 25, 1964. She survives him.

A resident of Northville for 30 years, Mr. De Land was a heavy truck engineering supervisor for Ford Motor Company. He was a graduate of the University of Detroit and held various engineering and management positions with the heavy truck design, development, vehicle engineering and product planning offices.

Mr. De Land served as chairman of the Northville Township Planning Commission from 1988 to 1992, was a member of the American Association of Planning Officials, president of his neighborhood subdivision association and was the winner of the President's Award as president of the Kiwanis Club of Northville.

In addition to his wife, Mr. De Land is survived by his mother; his children, Charles P. Jr. (Beka) DeLand of Farmington Hills and Charlene (Ron) Bell of Key West, Fla.; and his grandson, Joshua Allen De Land.

A memorial service for Mr. De Land will be held Feb. 1 at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville. Father Ernest Porcari will officiate the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Michigan, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48109.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Casterline Funeral Home of Northville.

Violet L. Tyson

Violet Tyson of Livonia died Jan. 20 at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. She was 89.

Ms. Tyson was born Dec. 2, 1913 in Byesville, Ohio, to Joseph and Mary Bogus. A resident of Livonia for 20 years, Ms. Tyson worked as a hairdresser in Detroit. She was a member of St. Priscilla Church in Livonia.

Ms. Tyson is survived by her child, Valeen V. Corbin of Northville; her niece, Marcella (George) Simmons of Rochester; and her grandchildren, Mark and Seth Corbin. She was preceded in death by three sisters.

Private family services were held. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Midwest Affiliate / Memorial and Tributes Program; Dept. 77-3968, Chicago, Ill. 60678; or the American Lung Association, 18860 W. Ten Mile Road, Southfield, Mich. 48075.

Funeral arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home of Northville.

Vera P. Holman

Vera Holman of Malvern, Pa. died Jan. 21. She was 85.

Ms. Holman was born July 18, 1917 to George and Alora Lewis in Simcoe, Canada. A graduate of Northville High School, Ms. Lewis was a mother to her children and worked part-time in the Northville High School cafeteria.

Ms. Holman is survived by her sons, Gary (Yvonne), Ken and John (Linda); her grandchildren, Kenney and Travis.

A memorial Mass for Ms. Holman was held at St. Joseph Church. Interment will be at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's

Association, Detroit Area Chapter, 17220 W. Twelve Mile Road, Ste. 100, Southfield, Mich. 48076. Funeral arrangements were handled by Resurrection Funeral Home of Clinton Township.

Ross D. Schlachach

Ross Schlachach of Northville died Jan. 23 in Northville. He was 78.

Mr. Schlachach was born Sept. 25, 1924 in Detroit to Samuel L. Schlachach and Mary McCallum. He later married Virginia Schlachach on June 24, 1950. She survives him.

A former Livonia resident, Mr. Schlachach had been a resident of Northville for 11 years. He was a graduate of Redford Union High School and was a retired carpenter for Di-Mar Construction Company. An avid golfer and gardener, Mr. Schlachach loved dogs and often played golf with his own dog, Moses, sitting in the cart with him. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

Mr. Schlachach is survived by his children, Nancy (Jim) MacDonald of Ypsilanti, Sam (Connie) Schlachach of Guerneville, Calif., Roxanne (Paul) Vermeesch of Milford, Iris (John) Lokar of Novi and Joe (Donica) Schlachach of Santa Rosa, Calif.; and nine grandchildren.

A memorial service for Mr. Schlachach was held Jan. 27 at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville, which handled funeral arrangements. Rev. Dave Bevington of Arbor Hospice officiated the service. Interment will be at Oakland Hills Memorial Garden of Novi.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, Mich. 48154.

Chapter 11 plan gets time extension

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chief executive officer of Hayes Lemmerz, in a statement.

Clawson also said that Hayes Lemmerz expected to emerge from Chapter 11 during the first half of 2003 by cutting costs, improving efficiency, and improving customer service.

The company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy petitions in

December 2001 and received approval for a \$200 million debtor-in-possession financing plan on January 29, 2002. Its plan of reorganization to emerge from Chapter 11 was filed in December.

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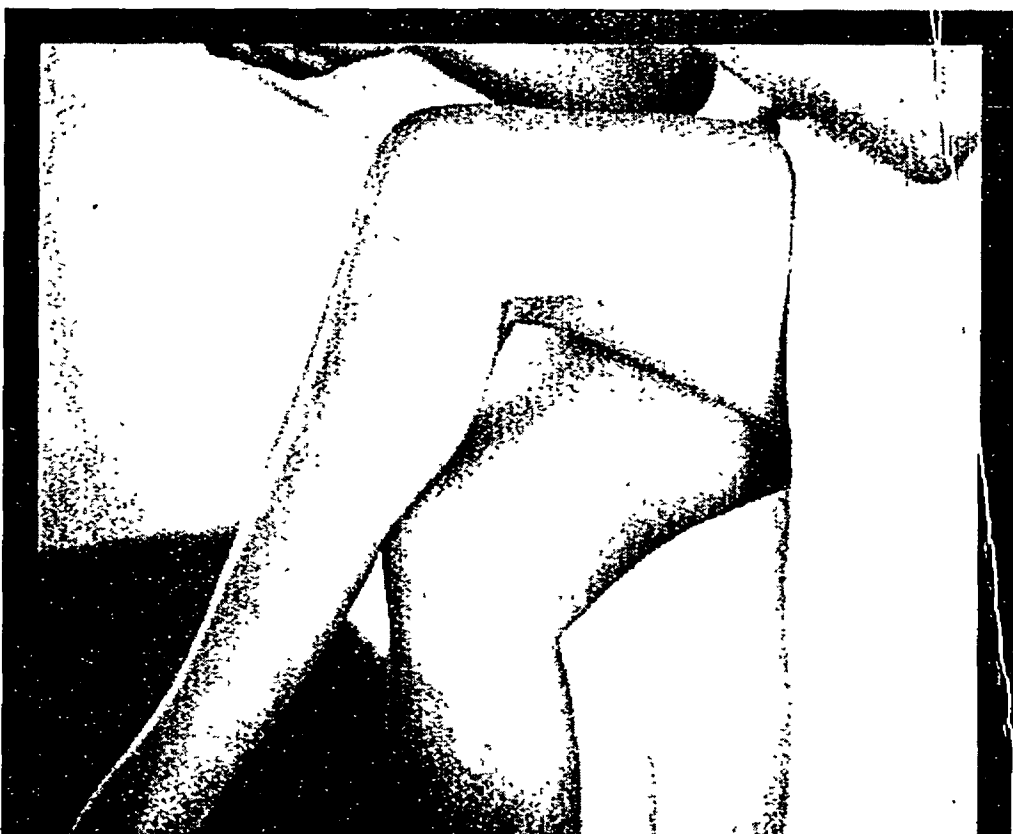
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Parking gripes are for the dogs

At one point Monday evening, Northville city council members gave the green light to allowing a temporary off-leash dog park to be created near the Northville Senior Center. Proponents of the plan wanted a place where their dogs could run free and stretch their legs without the confines of a leash.

And at another point Monday evening, the same city council listened to complaints — which eventually bordered on the threat of legal action — regarding the city's parking plan. Tenants of Century 21 and Singh contested that the policies didn't adequately address the needs of the companies' employees, which would be forced to find other parking spots a greater distance from their offices.

So on one hand, certain people want to walk more. And on the other hand, certain other people want to walk less.

Wheelchair-dependent employees and customers notwithstanding, it's hard to understand exactly how an additional two minutes walking from Point A to Point B is so much to ask. This is especially true when you consider that national research has placed Michigan among the worst five states, in terms of obesity levels. Essentially, the Great Lake State is one of the fattest around. Even in the cold of winter — let alone the relative warmth of the other

eight months of the year — we think just about everyone could benefit from a brisk stroll from parking lot to car.

Complaints will arise, of course, about the frequent shuttling of boxes and heavy packages. In those instances, pulling a car up in front of a store for five or 10 minutes to unload is just par for the course.

Northville's Chamber of Commerce hypes downtown Northville as a place to avoid "getting malled" during the holidays. The implication is that visitors to Northville will have to walk from one store to the next, and do so outdoors. A tall order? In the year 2003, maybe, but one we think is far from unreasonable.

If the dogs of the world find the simple joy in absentmindedly chasing a ball or fetching a Frisbee — for no reason other than to do it — it's hard to understand why humans have such a hard time putting one foot in front of the other with a purpose in mind.

Dogs can hardly wait to go out for a walk. Humans? That appears to be another story altogether.

FOOTNOTE: (We often hear about the need to spend money to build parks in Northville Township and Northville. You know...parks. The places people walk through?)



A beagle / foxhound mix takes a break from sniffing around in the snow. She, like many dogs in Northville, may have the chance to play without being restricted to a leash in the city of Northville's temporary dog park.

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LETTERS

Library employees earn writer's backing

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Susan Rice
Northville

Parents not 'lucky' to receive school service

In regards to Jennifer Norris' [column], "Imagine the horror - a new school," I would like to say that I respect her opinions as she respected mine during my interview for the corresponding article. Her "blood began to boil" when we spoke of the disruption to our children. I received an e-mail tonight from a friend, the mother of one of the brightest and most outgoing first graders I know. When telling her children this evening of the impending move, this little girl cried inconsolably. My blood didn't boil, my heart broke for her.

In reminding us Northville parents that our

children receive quality educations, bus service and "warm food in their tummies," it seemed almost as if she thought we should feel lucky to receive these services. Lucky, no. I pay for them in the form of taxes every single year, bills paid courtesy of my husband who works 11 hour days, six days a week. I invite her to cut out her editorial and place it in an envelope labeled "To be read when I have children in elementary school." I would love to have a mom-to-mom conversation with her at that time to see if she still feels the same way.

Kimberly Elanges
Northville

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OTHER OPINIONS

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Don't tax him, and don't tax me...

The sum total of all human knowledge about the politics of tax policy can readily be discerned in the ditty below:

Don't tax him; don't tax me.
Tax that fellow behind the tree.



Phil Power

As most folks know by now, Michigan has an enormous budget problem. Because of the continued recession, state tax revenues are way down. But the state Constitution forbids deficits, so Gov. Jennifer Granholm last week cut \$150 million in state spending to get just this year's budget back into balance. The problem for the next fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1, is even worse; experts are talking about a shortfall of as much as \$2 billion out of a General Fund budget of around \$9 billion.

It should come, therefore, as no surprise that an outfit calling itself the Red Cedar Coalition (for the river running through the Michigan State University campus) is beginning to beat the drums for a tax increase. The group includes groups that feel threatened by the impending spending cuts, such as teachers unions and other school folks, municipal gov-

ernment people and various advocates for social services, colleges and universities.

The Coalition wants to extend the state sales tax to apply to all manner of things not currently taxed: advertising, personal services like haircuts and manicures, professional services like law and accounting, car repairs and the like. So the proposal can be marketed to the glib public as a "tax cut," the idea is to drop the current sales tax rate of 6 percent to 5 percent but impose the tax on lots of new transactions. It's tough to estimate the increased tax revenue to the state, but most experts think it's substantially more than \$100 million.

Initial reaction to the Coalition's tax proposals was decidedly negative. Granholm led the charge by saying last week that, "Anyone who is proposing a tax increase has to realize that they would be going before a Legislature that's not predisposed to do it and a governor who is not predisposed to do it."

With both houses of the Legislature controlled by Republicans, whose public policy signature issue is to be opposed to tax increases, Granholm may have been admirably understated in her analysis of the idea.

In my view, the Red Cedar folks are both premature and wrong-headed.

Premature because Granholm and the Legislature need some time to develop their own plans. Granholm will deliver her State of the State speech on Feb. 5, at which she intends to lay out her overall strategy for dealing with the state's budget crisis. Moreover, she is facing a March 1 deadline to submit her own detailed budget for legislative consideration.

One of the interesting things about Granholm, a Democrat, is her stated interest in using the budget problem as a spur for far-

reaching rethinking about how state government should work and what services should be delivered and how paid for. She deserves a decent space to develop her taxing and spending plans before people who have a self-interest in hiking tax revenues start piling on.

The Red Cedar proposal is wrong-headed because in taking the easy way out — just increasing taxes — it puts at risk three better ideas on how to balance the budget.

One is simply to cut spending. Frankly, I doubt there is enough fat in a \$9 billion General Fund budget to fund a cut of more than 20 percent, but it's axiomatic that state spending patterns that were set when times were flush will contain a fair amount of stuff that needs cutting.

A second idea, much debated last year and ducked by outgoing Gov. John Engler and the Legislature, would be to postpone the scheduled reduction in the state income tax rate. That might be worth up to \$200 million next fiscal year.

A third idea is to explore the various tax loopholes enacted during the Engler Administration. No one knows exactly how much potential tax revenue is flowing through these loopholes, but I'll bet the newspaper you're reading right now that it's substantial.

Maybe the Red Cedar proposal will turn out to get some traction in Lansing. But let's not start messing with it until all the alternatives have been given a fair hearing.

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@homecomm.net.

The best of times and the other, too

I ask if there are any questions. A hand pops up in the corner of the room.

"What's your favorite part about being an editor?" a fourth grader dressed in his Cub Scout uniform asks.

I've been giving the same tour of the Northville Record office for four years, and my answer hasn't changed. It's doing what I'm doing now — speaking to people and educating them about the newspaper and how it works.



Chris C. Davis

Invariably, the yang follows the ying. Another hand goes up.

"So what's your least favorite part about being an editor?"

If you've been a sponsor of a youth group that's gone on the 45-minute whirlwind tour of 104 West Main, you know the ugly answer already. If you haven't — and if you're over the age of 18 — brace yourself, and don't say I didn't warn you.

Ahem.

My least favorite part of the job is dealing with grownups, which, in a lot of circumstances, is a relative phrase denoting some attained level of maturity...but in many cases is noticeably absent.

Of course, if you've paid a visit to my own 12-by-12 room on the second floor of the old building with the creaky furnace, you're probably thinking I'm a major-league hypocrite. I have, after all, adorned the walls with pictures of Homer Simpson, a giant CMU flag, a dartboard and about a half-dozen Beavis & Butt-head images. Not exactly trademarks of a future Nobel Prize-winner, I'd say.

These, though, are just parts of my personality I can easily set aside, and they've got little to do with how I treat other people when I'm interacting with them. I'll make a friendly wager that there's hardly a person on the planet who hasn't clipped out some particularly funny Gary Larson comic strip and taped it on the wall.

The lack of maturity I'm talking about has to do with behavioral patterns that tell me some people are convinced the world revolves around them, like these fine folks:

- People who call to complain about something they read and then insist on making my age — which, in case you're wondering, is 29 — an issue. Can you imagine the huff these same people would be in if I brought up their age?

- People who felt they were wronged at some point, then are contacted by me years

later for a totally different matter, and act as if whatever had happened, had happened an hour ago. Look — if I burned down your shed or ran over Fluffy The Cat, I'd expect you to be angry and stay angry, but barring that, I just don't understand how people can stew that long. Must be agonizing.

- People who might bump into me at the video store and then begin some lengthy harangue right on the spot. Hey, I'm here to rent a copy of "Lord of the Rings," not discuss a story. But if you insist on chewing me out, would you please do me the courtesy of waiting until we're outside? I don't think the five-year-old standing next to me really wants to listen to your rant.

- (This one happened just this week.) People who e-mail and tell me they're never going to read the Record again for Reason XYZ, then write back a week later complaining that Story ABC was biased. I hardly know what to do on this one...it's like the black hole of logic: so dense, not even brain waves can escape.

I'll be giving another tour of the office to another Cub Scout group this afternoon. Maybe this time I'll just launch a pre-emptive strike and tell the kids in it that they're the best part of my job, and leave it at that.

They don't want to hear about the other stuff, anyway.

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Resolutions can stick — here's how

In the New Year everyone talks about resolutions; people seem to want to change things for the better. Sometimes people focus on what they would like to change about themselves, either behaviors, or attitudes or beliefs. To look at what we want to change about ourselves one of the places which we must look at is our family; we are already recipients of a legacy which we pass on to our children. Families have a way of passing down over the generations themes,



Paul Melrose

roles, rules, and beliefs. One family therapist notes that we continue these patterns because we remain loyal to them. But, what the family has given to us is not always positive. There may be patterns of physical or sexual abuse, of alcoholism, or of such rules as "Children should be seen and not heard." Inquiry into families demonstrates that often these patterns can be traced over three generations. If you are serious about making changes in yourself, and as a byproduct, developing a positive legacy to pass on to your children, there are three things, which you can do.

David Olsen, at our sister Samaritan Counseling Center of the Capital Region, Albany, N.Y., suggests three ideas that I would like to share with you. To make changes in yourself and in the legacy you will leave you must examine the patterns, which you have been given. In contrast to

the attitude of "I want it fixed now," this examination not only takes time, to discover what these patterns are, but because they took several generations to evolve, they will take several generations to modify. You, however, through this examination and changes you implement for yourself, will make a wonderful start.

First, Dr. Olsen suggests, construct a family tree that will illustrate, over three generations, who the people were, how they related to others, and what events impacted their lives. Talking to older relatives will help this exploration. In this way you will uncover family patterns, such as "the good child," or the "little man," the overly responsible one. Learn the rules, which developed about conflict, intimacy, success and what it means, and how adults parent. These rules from the family seep into our marriages unknown. Explore what key triangles you are involved in. As Dr. Olsen says when things get tense in any relationship a third party is brought in. This takes the wind out of the potential conflict. It also suggests that a problem does not get resolved. Such things as talking to children about adult problems, staying late at the office, or drinking too much can be triangles. Try to disengage yourself from them.

Secondly as you gain insight though the above research and exploration start to notice and practice changing those behaviors which are destructive, which cut into the potential of possibilities and relationships. This practice helps everyone to relate more honestly and to realize greater opportunities in terms of what life has to offer.

The third step is to practice these new behaviors around the family from which they became. When you can become more reactive to comments, stresses, and behaviors which evoke destructive thoughts, feelings or behaviors in you then you are becoming a differentiated person, one who

can calmly be him/herself regardless of what is going on; you are able to withstand the subtle pressure to engage in old behaviors.

This change is hard to do. It is hard to be disloyal to these old behaviors. If you do not confront these behaviors in the ways described above then you continue the old patterns. Dr. Olsen says that change comes from exposing yourself to greater levels of anxiety, learning to hold on to who you are and non-reactively forming individuals relationships with family members. A coach, or therapist, may be necessary if the going gets really rough. The hopeful legacy, as well as the new year's resolution about change which you can give yourself, is to learn where you came from and gain insight into what is helpful and unhelpful. When you learn this, you can go home again.

For the New Year, Dr. Olsen suggests, do three things:

- Focus on changing yourself, rather than your partners. For example if you normally withdraw emotionally in the relationship, try to state your feelings more often.

- If you need some assistance look for classes or courses, which are occasionally taught at the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeast Michigan, that will help. Maybe engaging a therapist will be useful.

- 3. Look for a parenting workshop to attend, to enable you to become the best possible parent you can be for your kids.

Whatever gift you give yourself in these areas which will also be a gift for those whom you love.

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All interested citizens are invited to attend and provide views and proposals concerning the 2003-2004 Community Development Block Grant Program. For additional information on the program or the proposed 2003-2004 allocations, please contact Ms. Maureen Osiedki, Northville Township CDBG Coordinator, at 248-348-5800.

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Dog debate ends with temporary park approval

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If deemed successful, the dog park committee will use that time frame to generate the necessary funds to open a permanent site in a location that has not yet been determined. A negative reaction to the park could result in sending Fido home prior to the 18-month trial period has officially ended.

Those opposing the park were invited to speak first by council with a majority of the dissenters stating they were opposed to the park's location and not the park itself.

City resident David Hay cited concerns with both smell and sound. He also questioned why supporters chose the city instead of the township, where more land is available for such a project.

Funding for the temporary site was also questioned by Hay and his wife Anna, saying they believed that money fed into what has been deemed an "extremely temporary" site by city officials is essentially money wasted.

"I don't have a problem with the concept of a dog park. The issue I see is the location of the park," said David Hay, who also

said the location in question was too close in proximity to his residence. "If it's a joint city-township park as has been described, let's look where the land is."

Councilman Kevin Hartshorne, who cast the lone dissenting vote, also said he was in favor of the concept but not the chosen location. He said he believed it was a mistake to start with one temporary site as opposed to waiting for multiple appropriate sites to become available in order to spread out the use of the parks.

"I'm choosing the unpopular vote in order to give those like [Hay] a voice at the table and I will do that as long as a sit here," said Hartshorne.

Objections aside, supporters such as city resident Linda Dzwigalski said that council approval was only the beginning of the project's next phase. Approved for the park but not for financing, Dzwigalski said businesses within the community will be contacted for donations.

"We have a lot of 'next steps' that the dog park committee has to put in place. We need help putting fencing in place and making

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sure that the park fits within Northville standards," she said.

The dog park committee must also finalize rules, such as those for membership to the park, and await approval of those rules from the parks and recreation commission.

Plans are also in place to prepare educational committees to present programs to individuals considering purchasing a permit to ensure the park's success.

"We are definitely ecstatic about the endorsement of city council," said Dzwigalski. "What this represents is the Northville

Township takes 'wait-and-see' approach to park

By Pauline Lupercio
STAFF WRITER

City officials will not be the only ones monitoring the success of the recently approved temporary dog park site. With dog park supporters hoping to win township support, officials say they have taken a "wait and see" approach.

"As strategic planners the township board will be anxious to observe the success of this venture in the city," said township manager Chip Snider. "The success or failure of this dog park will certainly play heavily in future decisions of the township board in determining the viability of a dog park within the township borders."

Snider said that other factors will also play into future decisions regarding a township dog park such as

liability, maintenance, and future financial demands that could bear on township resources. He said he is also curious to see if the park will provide the socialization supporters seem to desire.

Speaking specifically on the future city Cady street site, Snider said he was unsure the park will provide the necessary room needed for a successful — albeit temporary — park.

"Given the size and boundaries of the dog park it may not suit all dog owners with the variety of size and breeds available," Snider said.

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Veterinarians, shop owners urge winter safety with pets

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Don't let their fur fool you.

In freezing temperatures, dogs and cats are highly susceptible to frostbite, which can lead to life-threatening conditions.

Kim Berrie, a veterinarian at the Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic in Northville, said limiting a pet's time outdoors is crucial in extreme weather conditions. She recommended a time span of only 10 to 15 minutes.

In addition, she said pet owners should provide their pets someplace where they can take shelter from the wind, if they are outdoors. In bitter cold temperatures, Berrie said frostbite can happen easily on an animal's ears and extremities.

Berrie also advised paying close attention to your pet's water source.

"Make sure they have access to unfrozen water," she said.

During winter months, Berrie said protective clothing for animals should be considered.

She said if people are taking their dog for a car ride, a coat may be necessary. For walks outdoors, pet coats and protective booties are encouraged.

Booties, Berrie said, shield a pet's paws from ice and other ele-

ments.

"The roads are usually salted and the salt can be really irritating to the pads of their feet," she said.

Berrie also said the winter months may affect your pet's food consumption.

"If they're significantly less active, they can probably decrease their diet by 10-20 percent," she said.

Kristin Clark, lead cashier at Northville's PETSMART, also suggested dressing a pet in sweaters and booties when heading outdoors.

When the temperature drops to extreme levels, a limit of 10 minutes is ideal.

"If they are outdoor pets, make sure they have insulated homes," she said.

In addition, Clark advised exercising your pet indoors whenever possible.

"We have people that shop that bring their pets inside to walk, instead of being outside," she said.

It's also important to make sure pets have a proper ID tag, said Clark.

She also said several products are available to keep a pet warm and comfortable during the winter months.

Electric thermal beds, which range between \$23-\$100 are available to keep your pet warm on chilly nights. PETSMART also carries an entire selection of sweaters.

In addition, a pet safe ice-melter for walkways and patios is available for about \$15 a jug, said Clark.

Heated dog dishes, priced at \$30 and up, will protect a pet's water or food from freezing.

"They work great and they're totally safe," said Clark. "These pet people have it down to a science."

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On Campus

Northville resident John Tatman was recognized as a "Cadet of the Month" at Hargrave Military Academy (Chatham, Va.) for December.



John Tatman

The following Northville residents were among the graduates of the University of Michigan during December 2002 commencement ceremonies: Michael Livanos, Giorgio Veneziano, Jason Wolbers, Jingqiu Mei, Luyuan Chai, Sarah Yagelman, Margarita Valbuena, Todd Emaus, Mark Churella, Stephen Cotterill, Keith Droz, Matthew Kowalski, Melissa Chen, Warren Lin, Katherine Johnson (two degrees), Forrest Hoge and Ibrahim Badiru.

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Tax Tips

Treasury, OMB, IRS launch new free file Web site

The Treasury Department, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) launched a new Web site featuring private-sector partners that will allow most taxpayers to prepare and file their taxes online for free.

A substantial majority of citizens will be eligible to use this service at www.irs.gov or through www.firstgov.gov. In Michigan, every taxpayer can choose to participate.

President Bush proposed free online tax filing last February as one of his E-Government initiatives. Less than one year later, millions of Americans (4.6 million in Michigan) will benefit from free online tax filing services. Treasury, OMB and IRS have made this possible through a public-private partnership with a consortium of tax software companies, the Free File Alliance, LLC.

Free File is an easy, fast and secure way for citizens to file taxes and will also allow Americans to get refunds in half the time. The efficiency of E-file saves taxpayers and the IRS money.

"The launch of this new website is great news for millions of Americans. Free File makes it easy. Now they can save time, money and get their refunds in half the time by filing their taxes online for free," stated Acting Treasury Secretary Kenneth W. Dam.

"Simply paying taxes is challenging enough without the extra costs in time and professional help that too many Americans have endured until now. The advent of free, fast filing for a substantial majority of taxpayers marks a great breakthrough for the President's agenda to make the federal government put the needs of the citizen first," said Director of the OMB Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.

"Free File puts e-file within reach of more taxpayers than ever. They'll soon discover what the 47 million taxpayers who e-filed last year already know. E-file is quicker. E-file is more accurate. E-file is the best way to confirm the IRS received your return, and it's the fastest route to a refund," said IRS Acting Commissioner Robert Wenzel.

"It's very exciting that all Michigan taxpayers can choose to Free File," said IRS Michigan spokesperson Sarah Wreford. "There are only four other states in the country where that is also the case."

Each Free File Alliance member company sets taxpayer eligibility requirements for its own program. These requirements will differ from company to company.

The agreement requires the Alliance, as a whole, to provide free services for at least 60 percent or 78 million of the nation's taxpayers during each filing season. As of January 16, 2003, the industry has exceeded

that requirement. The number may fluctuate throughout the filing season as Alliance membership and offers change. The primary candidates for Free File are those taxpayers who prepare their own taxes and still file paper returns. Last filing season, the IRS received nearly 85 million paper returns and nearly 47 million e-filed returns. In Michigan, 1.7 million taxpayers filed electronically and 2.9 million filed paper returns.

"It's easy to locate the Free File Web site and get started," Wreford said. "Just click on www.irs.gov and follow a few simple steps. This will lead taxpayers on their way to getting their taxes where they want them - done."

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Koala Club co-owners (L-R) Jennifer Demarest with her 5-month-old son Griffin; Lisa Artrip and her daughter Callie, 2 1/2, playing in front of her; Nathan Gore, a Koala member; and Marilyn Nail.

Families can enjoy together time at the Koala Club

By Elizabeth Heer

Out of a desire to slow down and spend a little more time with their own children, a local family has created the perfect business — one that allows parents to step out of the work-a-day world and spend a little quality time with their young ones.

The Koala Club was the brainchild of two sisters and their mother who had the desire to offer something positive to the community. Lisa Artrip of Commerce joined her sister Jennifer Demarest of White Lake, and their mother, Marilyn Nail, also of Commerce, in opening the business a month ago. Koala Club is a result of the trio's "family first" philosophy. "We've always been a close family, and we were looking for a way to spend more time with our own kids," Artrip said. "This business allows us the opportunity to do that — and help other parents spend time with their children as well."

While they had always talked about someday starting a family business that would be positive, upbeat and creative, an idea brewed when the need for a nearby family play facility became obvious to Artrip whenever she would drive her 2-year-old daughter to a play program 25 minutes away from home. The influx of young families in Milford made it the ideal loca-

tion.

"We looked at different options in terms of location, but we kept coming back to Milford," Artrip said.

The family brings their varied backgrounds to the business venture. Artrip comes from an advertising and marketing background, but had started thinking about a career change. Demarest, a teacher and new mother, was considering her back-to-work options. Nail has been a realtor in the area for 11 years, but was starting to wind down her own career.

"We all love children," Nail said, indicating that the concept seemed a perfect fit.

Just walk into the cheerful, colorful club and you know it's designed for instant fun. With fanciful and child-sized toys, furniture, and trimmings, it's an environment primed to stimulate the imagination. "We have lots of play equipment here. There are foam playscapes to crawl through and climb on, wooden playscapes with slides, mats, balls of every size — even a giant one," Nail said.

She pointed out that the huge, colorful parachute, specially made for Koala Club in England, is a big hit with kids of all ages.

"And the bubble machine. All kids love the bubbles floating down," she added. Scooters, rockers, and active play can be

toned down with niches and corners for quiet time. Music will be included in the program as well.

"We will bring out the instruments and teach kids how to play — tambourines, drums, shakers — just basic stuff," Nail said.

A sibling area is designed for parents who may need to bring along a child who is outside of the program age range. It is set up in full view of the play area with a half wall, and is outfitted with books, toys, computer, and G-rated videos.

While Koala Club has all the makings of an upscale nursery school with organized activities, circle time and themes, it throws in a different twist — parents join right in and participate alongside their children. Each program incorporates age appropriate play, music, and fitness for little ones from newborns through age 4. "The programs have been designed to stimulate socialization, cognitive, fine and gross motor skills. It's about helping kids build confidence and self-esteem," said Artrip.

Programs run for 12 weeks with one 45-minute session per week. The Stationary Babies group starts new parents and babies together in getting fit. Moms and babies benefit from baby massage and discussing new mom issues.

"New moms appreciate encouragement and support. It's a

time when mothers can get answers and advice and realize that other parents go through the same things," Demarest said.

The Crawlers group includes stimulating activity sessions designed for the newly mobile. Beginning Walkers work on balance and coordination as well as an introduction to music and peer interaction. Confident Walkers and Runners are encouraged to use their imaginations while furthering their social skills. Pre-sports skills and cooperation are the emphasis in the Mini Kids group play program.

All ages can enjoy their birthdays at Koala Club, reserved for Saturday afternoons. "We serve light refreshments, although if you want to bring in pizza or other food, we'd be happy to serve it," Nail said. Balloons, bubbles and a few special activities followed by playtime make each birthday a no-hassle deal for parents while being entertaining for the kids.

Another benefit is the Koala Romp, an open session for free play and a chance for the kids to just run off some steam. The Koala Romp is offered several times a week.

An active 12-week membership at Koala Club includes free, unlimited Koala Roms, birthday party access, mom's night out, and invitation-only theme parties and events. Koala Club also

DETAILS

Koala Club, a parent-child activity center, is located in the lower level of the Mill Valley Center, at 525 N. Main Street, Suite 180, in downtown Milford. Call (248) 676-9922 for information. Hours are currently Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon with birthday parties beginning at 1 p.m. Call for information on sessions for age groups from newborn through 4 years. Drop-in and special group rates are available.

offers drop-in rates and special discounted group rates.

The gals at the Koala Club are hoping their new venture will meet the needs and desires of the community. They encourage all ideas and suggestions.

"We've been so welcomed into the community, and have had a lot of positive feedback," Demarest said. "Mothers have thanked us for opening, and seem to love this. We really appreciate the warm reception we've received," agreed Nail.

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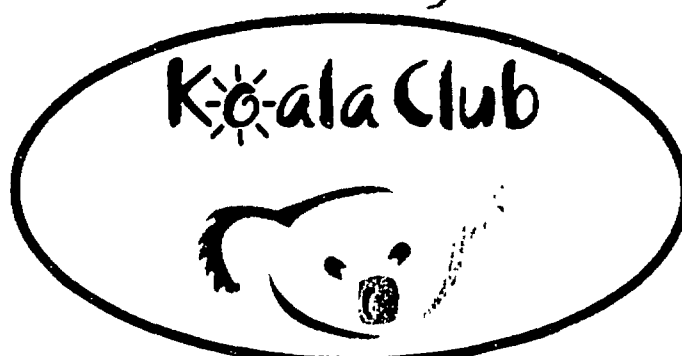
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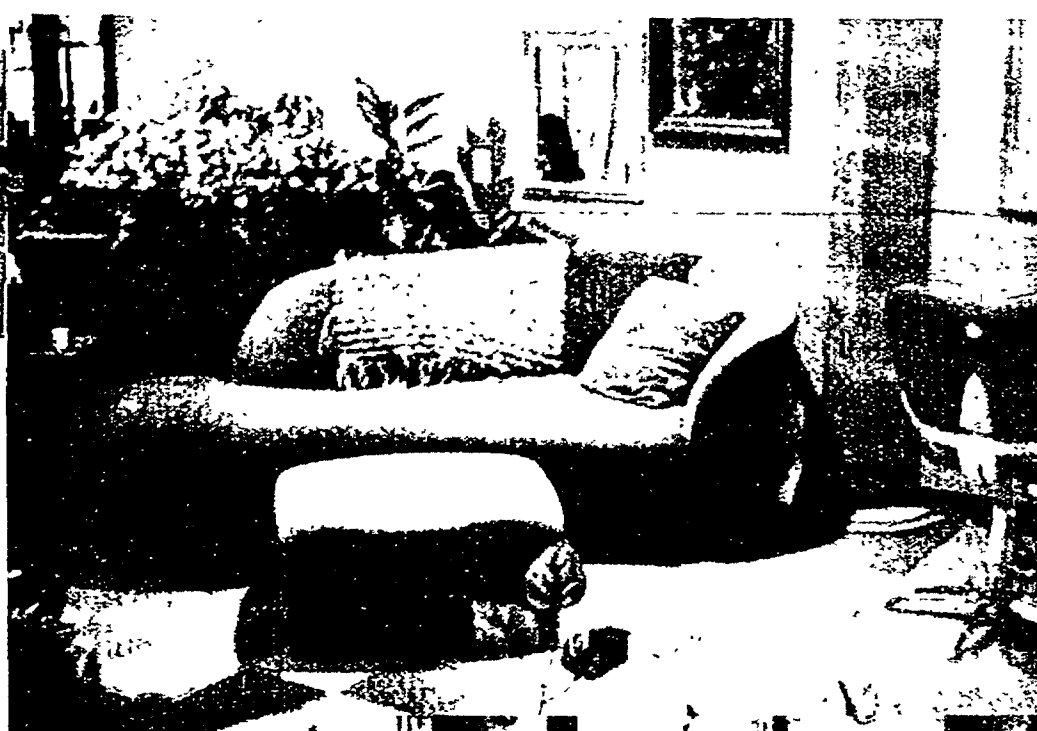
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Back on the saddle

By Tyler Carter
SPECIAL WRITER

After one more recent loss, the Mustangs finally worked their way out of a two-week slump. They look to be back on track for a strong season.

Livonia Stevenson took advantage of a Mustang squad in the midst of their only losing streak of their season. With Stevenson leading for a majority of the game, the Mustangs made a last attempt and were able to tie the game at 45 to send it to overtime in dramatic fashion. Stevenson, however, dominated the overtime period, coming away with a 57-47 victory.

Scott McNeish led the Mustang offense with 14 points. The boards were dominated by Roger Garfield, who came away with 13 rebounds on the night and four blocks.

The Mustangs trailed by five heading into the fourth quarter. They had kept the game within striking distance and finally made their move in the fourth quarter. With a minute remaining on the game clock, Garfield tossed up an alley-oop pass to Jeff Varley, who threw it down with authority, tying the game at 45 apiece. The Mustangs got into foul trouble in overtime, and Stevenson took advantage of their free throw opportunities. At 2-3 in the WLAA, the Mustangs experienced their first losing conference record of the season.

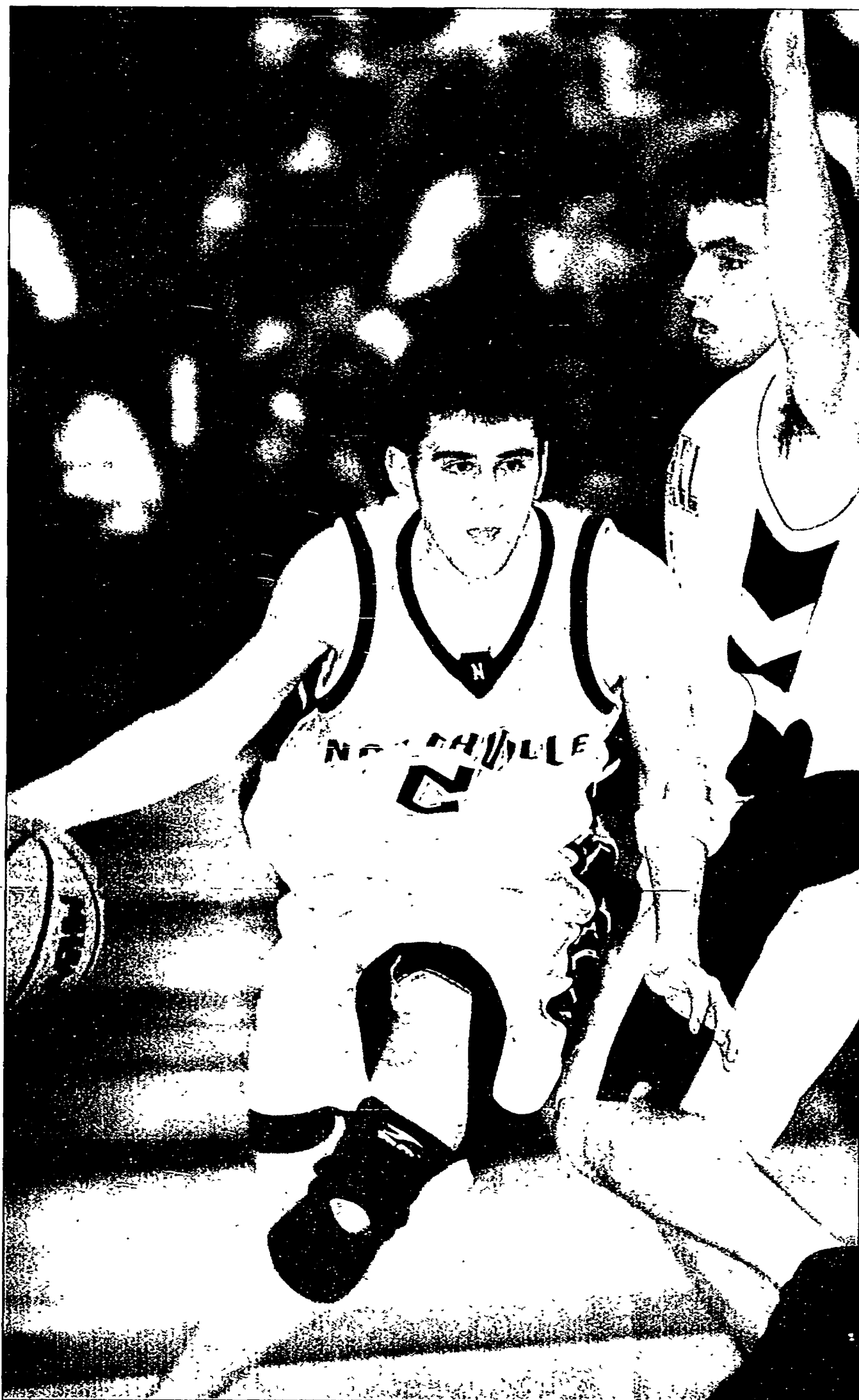
The Mustangs finally got back on track with a victory against the Walled Lake Western Warriors on Friday night. They snapped their four game losing streak with a 52-43 victory. With some better free throw shooting and Adam Konst and McNeish at the top of their game, the Mustangs looked tough to beat.

The Warriors were able to keep the game tied through the first quarter, but after that, the Mustangs were too much. Konst's 22 points followed by McNeish's 16 helped widen the gap for Northville. Garfield contributed with seven rebounds and 10 assists.

Defense and rebounding improved for the Mustangs: one thing coach Darryl Schumacher has been harping on for the last few weeks. Despite the recent four-game skid, the Mustangs are still 3-1 in the division, having lost only to Livonia Franklin, and still have a very promising outlook for playoffs. The victory against the Warriors improved the Mustangs' overall record to 8-4 on the season.

This week, the Mustangs travel to Salem on Tuesday, in what may be sophomore Marcus Davis's return from the disabled list. The Mustangs look to take their second of the season from Canton tomorrow in what promises to be a huge division game. Both games will begin at 7 p.m.

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



Northville's Tim Singleton tries to get around a Livonia Churchill defender in an away game in January.

Photo by John Heider

They have what it takes

This group of gymnasts has what it takes to be one of the best squads in Michigan this year, and they will no doubt prove it as they continue to grow and improve this season.

The Wild 'Stangs gymnastics team, comprised of girls from both Novi and Northville High Schools, are a link in a very strong chain of tradition and greatness in their sport. Many will remember the dominance the Wild 'Stangs had just a few years ago when they brought home the state championship for both communities to look upon and be proud of.



Sam Eggleston

Though this team isn't going to go out and jump all over their competition for a blow-out victory, they have what it takes to take on and beat some of the top teams in the state. Tradition, great coaching and dedication are what drives this talented squad, and it shows each and every time the girls take to the vault, the bars, the beam and the floor routine in front of their friends, family, fans and competition.

Like every athlete, these gymnasts no doubt get a little nervous before an event — and that can make the difference in a performance. As the season carries on and they become more and more acclimated to the excitement and intensity of their competitions, these girls will no doubt continue to grow and grow and become a solid foundation of point-scorers that have the chance to earn the victories necessary to propel them to the top.

Next up on their list of opponents are the girls from John Glenn. This will be another stepping stone for the Wild 'Stangs as they look to top this opponent on their way to building their confidence as well as building up their routines. No doubt, John Glenn will be coming into Northville tonight at 7 p.m. looking to come away with a victory of their own, but being in their own gym and in a familiar surrounding with their fans lining the benches, the Wild 'Stangs will come away victorious.

John Glenn isn't going to fall down and just watch as Northville-Novis dances away with the victory. They are tough, just as every team of competition is at this level — a level that the Wild 'Stangs once helped set the bar for. The team that comes in showing the most talent is going to be the victor — and that all comes down to the eyes of the judges. This could easily prove to be a very graceful and awesome meet for all of the gymnastics fans in attendance.

I'm going to give this one up to the girls from Novi and Northville, as well as the great coaching that pushes them to strive for the best each and every time — coaching that comes from a very calm and collected, though energized, Lindsay Schultz as she prowls about the girls and urges them to step up and be the best they can be.

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Two lumps with that win

Northville icers top South Lyon, but take two losses soon after

By Kita Mason
and Sam Eggleston
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

A victory always proves to be such a great experience — but the Mustangs were quick to find out that it can be spoiled with two consecutive losses as a follow-up.

The Northville Mustangs varsity hockey team started the week off right with a 4-1 victory as they topped the South Lyon Lions January 20.

The Mustangs showed more discipline in this contest compared to weeks past. The players stayed out of the penalty box, and allowed their play to prove their toughness.

South Lyon brought their 9-3 record into Northville's home ice expecting to add another "W" to the total, but the Mustangs had other results in mind. Those plans were anchored on their man in the net. Plans that were backstopped by stellar play in net from Senior Alex Karchon.

Both teams played a wide open, up and down first period which ended in a scoreless tie. Northville had out-shot the Lions 16-9, but couldn't put the puck behind the goalie.

Defenseman Max Lenn changed all that in the opening seconds of the second period. Lenn held the puck in at the blue line, and fired a sneaky wrist shot which threaded its way through traffic in front of the net, and in. It was a text-book example of why coaches always say, "put the puck on the net, you never know what might happen." Assists went to the Riehl brothers, Jimmy and Robby.

Troy Engelland surprised South Lyon, and everyone else in the rink, as he grabbed the puck from the left face-off circle in Northville's end, skated through South Lyon's defense and beat the goalie for a short-handed goal. It was a display of no quit, individual effort. The Lions wouldn't be denied though. They quickly got

the goal back on the same power-play for their only score of the night.

The Mustangs started the third period off with time remaining on a 5-on-4 advantage. Just as South Lyon's penalty expired, Jimmy Riehl, Joe Vitale, and Andy Minielly executed a perfect break-out, catching South Lyon with a 3-on-2 odd-man rush. Riehl and Vitale drew the defenders to the right, and then caught Minielly bearing down on the left wing with a pin-point pass that he redirected into the open side.

Jake Vitale added to the Northville cushion midway through the third, grabbing a loose puck which had trickled out of the scrum in front of the net. Vitale calmly flipped the puck in for the fourth goal.

Then, Northville's Karchon took over in the net.

South Lyon turned the offense up as they saw the time ticking down and a loss looming. They were firing the puck from every-

where — Karchon kept turning it away.

A Northville player took a double minor penalty which had the Mustangs short-handed for the final four minutes of the game. Karchon remained strong though as he made two miraculous point-blank saves at 1:54 and 1:29, denying South Lyon any chance of tying or winning the game or even adding to their goal total. Karchon proved to be Northville's secret weapon.

Things were different for the rest of the week though. The Mustangs never found the spark January 25, falling to Walled Lake Central 5-1.

The only bright point was a deflected goal by Mike Marquardt, assisted by Robby Riehl and Troy Engelland. The rest of the game was flat and uninspiring. Andrew Stewart took the loss for Northville in the nets.

The Mustangs also lost to Livonia Churchill 4-3 January 22. Troy Engelland scored a power-

play goal early in the first period assisted by Jimmy Riehl and Jake Vitale. Churchill tied it up a minute later. Mid-way through the second period, Donny McKinnon put Northville up by one, assisted by Andy Minielly and Rob Ward.

Livonia scored two full-strength goals early in the third, taking the lead for the first time before McKinnon was able to tie the game for Northville at the 4:20 mark. It was great individual hustle as McKinnon knocked the puck off the defender's stick at the blue line, took it in deep and banked a shot off the goalie and into the net.

The Churchill Chargers were just too much for the Mustangs to handle in the first. They took the lead back with under a minute in the game with a full strength goal that broke the hearts of the Northville faithful and the hopes of victory for the Mustangs. David Ely-Bond took the loss in goal for Northville.

Surprise is on their side

By Kita Mason
and Sam Eggleston
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

The element of surprise is always a handy thing to have on your side — just as the Northville Mustangs wrestling team. They've managed to come out and ambush many of their latest opponents with surprising ability and victories that they just couldn't manage last season.

Northville came in fourth out of eight teams which participated in the Portage Central Individual Tournament January 25. With some final round heroics, Northville jumped from sixth to fourth, one half point ahead of Grand Haven.

Josh D'Anna came in first in the 119 pound division. There was no doubt from the start of that championship match that D'Anna was going to win.

Jeff Ponder earned some points for Northville as well, and took a third-place medal at 160 pounds. Ponder's match was 0-0 going into the third round. He got a one-point escape, and a two-point take-down. His opponent then managed a one-point escape, but Ponder hung on for the nail-biting 3-1 victory. The Northville section of the stands erupted with the win.

Marc Mueller continued to improve as he pinned his opponent in the second period to take third place honors at heavy-weight. Mike Carter at 112, Brad Ashby at 135, and Steve Cain at 189 all fought hard for their fourth place medals.

The unsung heroes were the Mustang wrestlers who were out of medal contention, but won their final matches for fifth place. These wrestlers scored the highest possible points in their individual matches, catapulting the team from a sixth to a fourth-place final standing. Adam Blunk, wrestling at 103, shut-out his opponent 7-0. Rick Riegner at 152, Steve Minier at 171, and Ben Mason at 215 all pinned their opponents. Mason's



The Northville Mustangs wrestling team has a strong core of dedicated seniors on their squad. In the front row sits Dave Carrol, while Rick Riegner, Josh D'Anna and Pete Kelley occupy the second row (left to right). The third row sports Dave Quick, Mike Carter and Steve Cain. There in the back, but not left out, are seniors Mike Farina and Marc Mueller.

pin shocked the entire Lansing Sexton team. The Sexton wrestler had 32 pound on Mason, stood five inches taller, but he made a mistake in the second period and Northville's grappler capitalized, turning the bigger wrestler to his back, sprawling across his chest and squeezing his arms together for the pin.

The Portage Central Tournament came just two days after Northville had virtually shut-out Livonia Franklin 59-6. Franklin's six points came as a result of a Northville void at 103. Had Adam Blunk been well enough to wrestle, Franklin would-

n't have recorded a point on the night.

Every Northville wrestler did well against Franklin. Nick Giammarco, wrestling at 125, got his first varsity pin, while Steve Minier at 171, Steve Cain at 215, and Mueller in the heavyweight also earned a pin. Dave Carroll, wrestling at 140, scored a five-point victory with a 16-1 drubbing of his opponent.

Four-point victories were peeled off by Riegner at 152, Ponder at 160 and Mike Carter 112. Three-point victories were gathered by D'Anna at 119, John Manica at 130, Brad Ashby at 135 and Bill

Riegner at 145. Mason accepted a void at 215.

The victory over Livonia Franklin brings Northville's record to 3-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Mustangs' only loss was to Plymouth Salem, a close 38-27 match which went right down to the final two wrestlers.

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The camp will run Feb. 24-26 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Total Baseball. Cost of the camp is \$135 per player with a \$10 discount for a second child. The camp is open to players ages 7-17. Call (248) 668-0166 or via email at totalbaseball-wixom@aol.com. Space is very limited.

Baseball Coaches Clinic

Total Baseball will be sponsoring the Ultimate Baseball Coaches Clinic. Featured speakers will be Von Joshua, a Toronto Bluejays Hitting Instructor; Stephen Jaksa, the Central Michigan University Head Coach; and Lee Bjerke, Michigan Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame.

The clinic will be Feb. 9 from 1-4 p.m. at Total Baseball in Wixom. Call (248) 668-0166 or via email at totalbaseball-wixom@aol.com. Space is very limited.

Coaching positions open

Walled Lake School recently announced the following openings:

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March 6 and the cost is \$325 per player. Each camp will be Tuesday and Thursday from 4-5:30 p.m.

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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 totalbaseballwixom@aol.com, or check out the Web site at www.eteamz.com/totalbaseball.

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Club Hockey

By Jim Stevenson
SPECIAL WRITER

The Northville High School Club Hockey Team has had difficulty at times this season breaking the puck out of its own zone. This problem cost them another game January 20.

Playing against the Ann Arbor Gryphons at Novi Arena, the Mustangs got off to a good start. They applied pressure from the start and kept the Gryphons in their own end. Zach Berry stopped the puck at the blue line. Jim Stevenson picked up the loose puck and got it over to Nick Karebian who fired a wrist shot off the post and into the net for a quick 1-0 lead. Two minutes later though, Ann Arbor got the goal back as Northville had trouble clearing the puck out of their zone.

The Gryphons got two more goals in the second period on momentary lapses by Northville to make it 3-1. The Mustangs worked hard in the third period but couldn't come back and the game ended without further scoring.

The Northville High School Club Hockey Team went up against one of the leading teams in their Little Cesaer's JV League

January 18 at "Viking Arena" in Hazel Park hoping to break a losing streak. They played a strong game for two periods, but lapses in the second period resulted in a loss to a strong Birmingham team.

The Mustangs played one of their best defensive periods of the season to open the game, led by defensemen Grant Baidas, Zach Barry, Mike Bernabei, Andrew Gasparato, and goaltender Robert Davison. The teams skated off after the first period in a scoreless tie. However, Northville had difficulty getting the puck out of their own zone in the second period and gave up four unanswered goals.

The Bulldogs made it 5-0 in the third before the Mustangs finally got on the board. Jim Stevenson picked up the puck at his own blue line and broke down the ice with Kenny Papich as a trailer. Papich fired the puck past the Birmingham goalie to avoid the shutout. The other assist on the play went to Alan Kurs. The game ended without further scoring and a 5-1 victory for Birmingham.

The Northville High School Club Hockey Team played a home and home series against Canton-Salem and despite playing well ended up on the losing end of both

games. The first game of the series in Little Cesaer's JV League action was played January 10 at Arctic Edge in Canton.

The Canton squad scored twice in the first period to take a 2-0 lead. Just 20 seconds into the second period they made it 3-0 and the period ended without any additional scoring. Goalie Nick Folas made some nice saves to keep the Mustangs in the game.

In the third period, Canton-Salem scored another quick goal to extend their lead to four. However, with eight minutes left in the game the home team had two minor penalties and that gave Northville a two man advantage. Richard Grajewski took advantage on the power play as he skated in from the left point and fired a hard wrist shot past the goalie to cut the lead to 4-1. Assisting on the play were Grant Baidas and Mike Sklut. Despite a lot of pressure, the Mustangs were unable to take further advantage of the power play. Canton-Salem came back

with a power play goal of their own to extend their lead to 5-1. Northville closed out the scoring when Mike Sklut scored on a wild scramble in front of the net and the game ended 5-2.

Three nights later, Northville hosted the rematch at Arctic Pond in Plymouth. Most of the game was well fought and characterized by tight checking. However, the Mustangs suffered from some temporary lapses in their own zone and from some poor passes.

The Canton-Salem squad made them pay for these mistakes, despite some fine goaltending from Robert Davison. In the end, Canton-Salem skated away with a 5-0 win in a game that was much closer than the final score indicated.

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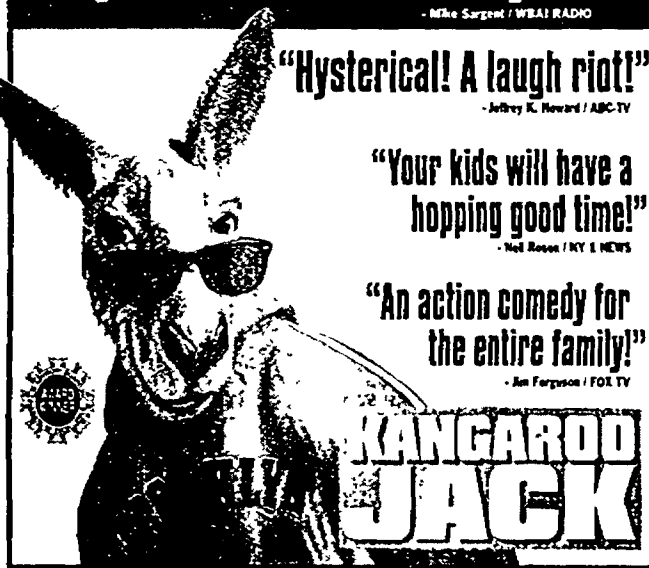
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Northville tankers earn season-best marks

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Two wins and a loss find squad 3-3 on the year

The Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team are definitely not a group of slouches. They are here to show what they are made of — and that's a lot of moxy.

The 'Stangs may have felt the sting of an unfortunate 100-86 loss to the Canton Chiefs January 16, but they fought back with determination and talent to spank Pinckney 116-64 just days later. Against Churchill, the word of the day was domination, as Northville racked up a 123-63 shelling for a win.

"A lot of the younger kids stepped up and swam well," Northville coach Rich Bennetts

said of the Churchill meet. "The older kids all had a full practice that day, but we gave the younger kids some rest so they could step up. They swam really well."

Brad Farris and Weston Laabs were two of the younger swimmers to strut their stuff.

Farris collected a second-place finish in the 100 free with a time of 1:55.33, knocking nearly four seconds off his season best time. He also knocked two seconds off his 100 butterfly for a win with a 1:02.13. Laabs collected a win in the 100 breast with a 1:12.42.

Senior Joe Lunn, taking a full practice and a meet in stride, finished first in the 500 free with a

5:03.48 as he nears the state cut, while winning the 200 IM with a 2:10.43.

Jason Albosta once again won diving, collecting 201.85 points, while John Campbell took second with 189.

"They have been giving us a one-two in diving all year long," Bennetts said of the duo. "We've had first and second in every dual meet this season. We're going to miss them when they're gone, but we'll worry about that later. They're still mine for six weeks."

Junior Harry Moroz showed his determination and his dedication to the sport, taking fifth in the 500 free with a 5:46.

"He's kind of our morale guy," Bennetts said. "He keeps things nice and light-hearted. The guys are always laughing around him. It was nice to see him contribute and he did a real nice job for us."

Against the Pirates, the Mustangs cruised to a victory. The 200 medley relay team of Schwartz, Mike Yutzy, Lunn and Tyler Carter took first with a season-best 1:49.77 while Lunn set a season-best time in the 200 IM with a 2:10.19 for the win. He also won the 100 fly with a 58.54.

Albosta once again won the diving, collecting 196 points, while Yutzy won the 100 breast-

stroke in 1:12.81.

The 200 free relay of Yutzy, Mike Handley, Carter and Billy McIntosh earned season-best marks with a 1:37.93. The 400 free relay also set a season-best with a 3:33.36 with Brad McIntosh, Farris, Billy McIntosh and Lunn taking the victory.

"I turned the screws against the boys and they really knocked off some time off their relays," Bennetts said. "I knew they would get them down there as the season progressed. It just took a little while to find our identity."

An identity they wished they

had against Canton. The Mustangs fell 100-86 against their WLAA rivals.

"We had two close races that could have swung the meet," Bennetts said.

The 100 fly was lost by 9/100ths of a second and the 200 free was lost in 4/100ths of a second.

"They just didn't go our way," Bennetts noted.

Victories came in the diving for Albosta with 193.70 points, as well as in the 100 free as Brad McIntosh finished in 54.33.

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Spikers earn victories with focused play

By Roger Garfield
SPECIAL WRITER

In their second conference game of the season, the Mustangs hosted the Warriors of Walled Lake Central. Northville began the match on the wrong foot. Missing nine first serves in the opening game gave Western the ball with too many scoring opportunities. The Warriors won 15-5.

The second game looked grim at the outset as well. Western led 3-0 early, but then senior Lauren Temple brought the Mustangs back. Northville scored four unanswered points on Temple's serves, and they went on a roll from there. Senior Erica Johnson and junior Laura Prendergast were sparks off the bench for the 'Stangs. Their

powerful and consistent serves helped Northville maintain the lead. They went on to win 15-7.

The final game of the night was the most exciting. The Mustangs jumped out to a 7-0 lead, but Western refused to quit. They crept back, quickly cutting Northville's lead to four. When the score was 12-9 with the 'Stangs on top, coach Rick VanderVeer took a timeout to settle down his troops. Calmly regrouping, Johnson led the Mustang resurgence. Again, her serves gave Northville the extra points they needed for victory. With the score 14-10, junior Nikki Horn sent a thunderous spike over the net and into the ground on Western's side for the win. It was a thrilling end to the Mustangs' first conference triumph.

"We focused a lot more tonight," said VanderVeer. "I was very happy because for the first time this year, our back row was talking and communicating. That's been a problem this year—not talking a lot. I'm very proud of the way they played," he added. "Some girls stepped it up when they were needed."

Woodhaven Invitational

The girls awoke bright and early to duke it out with six talented teams from around the area. They played 12 pool play games, and the Mustangs finished with a satisfying 6-6 record.

"We beat the teams we should have beaten," commented VanderVeer. "We played up to our

potential."

Minus two of their best players, junior Katie Kneisel and sophomore Evonna Karchon, the 'Stangs still managed to defeat Hazel Park in the tournament's Silver Bracket Championship.

"I was very pleased and proud of the fact we were able to get through everything and come away with a trophy," said VanderVeer.

"Everyone was very consistent," he added. "And Erica Johnson had an outstanding day for us."

Canton 2, Northville 1

The Mustangs traveled to conference rival Canton on Monday and came out with lots of intensity. "We started out real well and

played solid," said VanderVeer.

Northville won the first game of the night by combining pinpoint serves and good team passing. Unfortunately, the Mustangs could not hold on to their lead.

All season long, the team has lacked the ability to finish games off. In the second and third games, Northville failed to find the formula that had worked so brilliantly at the beginning. They could not generate enough offensive continuity to keep up with the Chiefs.

"Canton didn't make very many errors in the second and third games," stated VanderVeer. "They had a couple of real strong servers, and they varied their game enough to keep us off balance."

The loss dropped the Mustangs to 1-2 in the WLAA.

Junior Laura Prendergast, who has been a solid player all over the court for the Mustangs this season, is happy with her team's progress.

"I think we were a little weak at the beginning of the season because we are a new team with only three returning varsity players. Now we have started to come together; that's been reflected through our recent wins."

The Mustangs hoped to improve their record in the Western Lakes with a win over Livonia Franklin on Wednesday. On Saturday they will compete in the Schoolcraft Invitational, which, perennially, is one of the biggest tournaments in all of Michigan. Next Monday, they will hit the road and take on the Chargers of Livonia Churchill.

Whalers blank Spitfires

LaRose continues hot scoring streak

The Plymouth Whalers shutout Windsor 5-0 in front of a sellout crowd at Compuware Sports Arena January 22. Chad LaRose scored his league leading 47th and 48th goals of the season and assisted on another and Paul Drew earned his third shutout of the year.

Plymouth cashed in on three of eight power play opportunities to give Windsor their 17th loss of the season. The Whalers improve to 30-8-8-1 and remain in first place in the West Division and are only two points behind Conference leading Kitchener with a game in hand.

The Whalers scored first at 7:31 in the first period by Ryan Ramsay from Chad LaRose and James Wisniewski. Plymouth continued to roll when LaRose put the Whaler's up by two on the power play from Cole Jarrett and Ramsay at 19:05.

In the second Wisniewski scored



quickly on the power play at 51 seconds into the period from Jarrett and Chris Thorburn. Penalties continued to hurt Windsor when LaRose notched his second goal of the game at 13:44 from Ramsay and Jarrett.

The Whalers add one more at 16:47 in the third period when Erik Lundmark scored his first OHL goal from Stewart and LaRose.

Buckley Sent Home

Plymouth Whalers General Manager/Head Coach Mike Vellucci announced defenseman Grant Buckley has been sent home for disciplinary reasons. Buckley joined the Whalers this past November in a trade which sent the Brampton Battalion an 8th round pick.

Buckley has notched two goals and one assist in 30 games played this season. Last season he tallied three goals and nine assists in 51 games played.

Former Whaler Makes NHL Debut

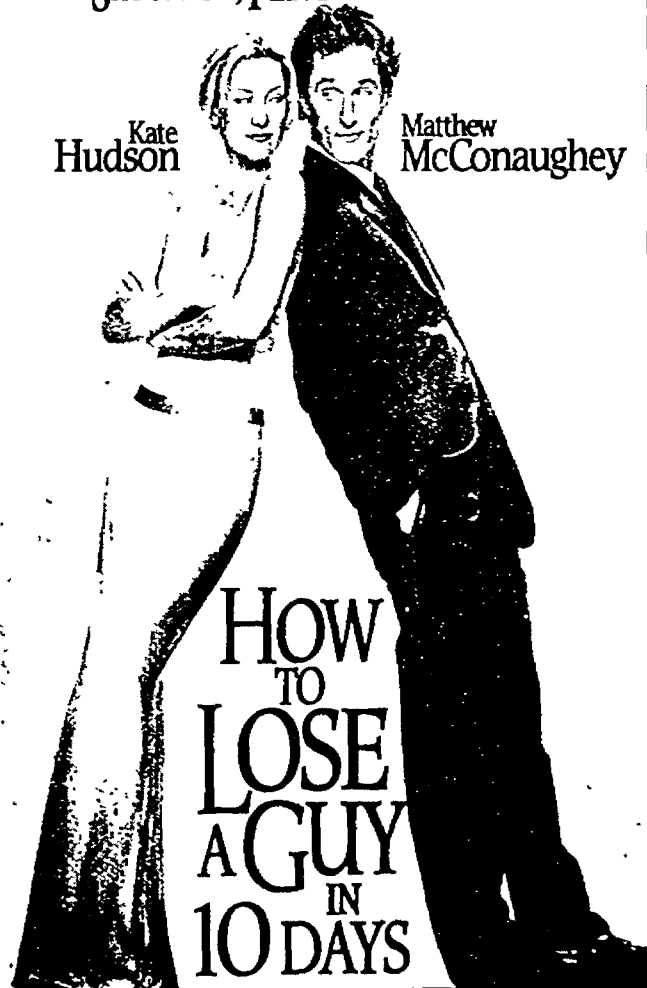
Kris Vernarsky made his NHL debut today when he was called up by the Boston Bruins to play against the Washington Capitals. Vernarsky, who played in Plymouth last season, was traded by Toronto to Boston this past season.

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Friday	Jan. 31	Canton	Away	7 p.m.
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Saturday	Feb. 1	Schoolcraft Invite	Away	9 p.m.
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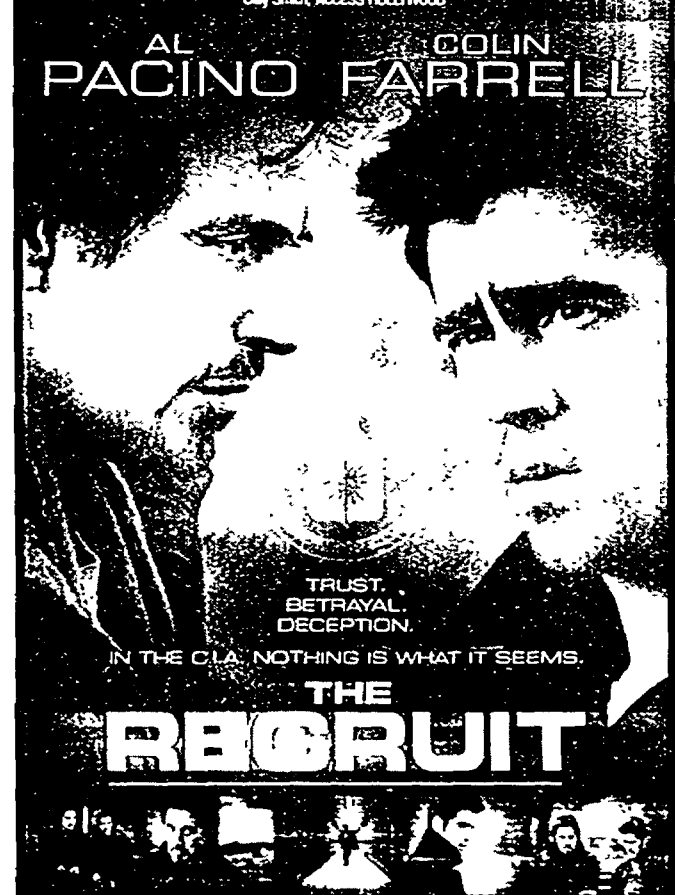
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Thursday, January 30, 2003

Could this become a clone war?

'The Getaway' only looks like 'Grand Theft Auto 3'; differences abound

By Sam Eggleston
ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Man, driving on the wrong side of the street is crazy.

That realization never really struck until my hands were in control of a Honda Accord, ziping through the streets of London at break-neck speeds with nothing more than outrunning the cops going through my mind. They are quick to catch up too, but probably more because of my driving abilities and less of theirs. I always turn into the wrong lane in that bloody country! Smack dab into one of those darn double-decker buses.

No, no — I'm not a wanted criminal in the United Kingdom. Well, not in real life at least. In the game "The Getaway," I've begun to live a double life as an ex-criminal that's pulled back into the dark life thanks to the murder of my wife and the abduction of my son. It seems, at least according to the crime boss who just had me worked over, that if I don't do what they say they'll have my kid floating in the river by sundown.

Lucky for you, there's a chance you can play the same role I've been engrossed in for the past weekend. Stealing cars, blasting your way out of tight situations

and running from the cops. Sound like "Grand Theft Auto III"? This game definitely has a lot of similarities to that one, but the biggest difference is the game controls. In "GTA", I always seemed to get shot in the back and try spinning around to nail my targets. In this stunner, the aim controls, the ability to duck behind boxes and to flatten against a wall help out a ton in a firefight, but the free-aim controls and the automatic targeting help ease the pain of bullet wounds.

Another big difference between these game cousins is the health of your character. I don't know how many times I caught on fire or was hit by a car in "GTA" and just simply got up and walked away. In "The Getaway" you find yourself watching the traffic and avoiding flaming wrecks. They are definitely very, very hazardous for your health and a quick kill.

The graphics are very smooth, and from everything I understand, the city is very, very real. They scoured 40-square-miles of London to get the mapping right, the streets perfect and the cracks in the sidewalks put in the right spot. Unlike "GTA", there aren't load times for traveling through the expansive city — at least not

that I've encountered to this point. Another very realistic part of the game is the real cars, such as Hondas and Audis, as well as your ability to carry weapons. You aren't going to be able to pick up an AK-47 and then tuck it in your belt when you grab a shotgun. Though you can use two handguns at one time, this is a plus for those of us who can't really shoot well.

This game is very, very violent and very full of four-letter words that aren't real sweet for those young ears out there. According to the box the game came in, there are also strong sexual themes to worry about.

Overall, I have to say this game is worth the \$40 a PS2 owner will pay for it. If you're a fan of "GTA", then this game is for you. Great driving, awesome cinematic scenes and professional actors playing the roles — "The Getaway" is one of the best games I've played on the Playstation so far.

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Run away, run away! In "The Getaway," you find yourself running for cover quite a bit.

Screen Beat

By Brian Renner
THE MOVIE INSIDER

Coming to theaters this weekend is the action-packed "Biker Boys," set in a world of underground motorcycle clubs whose members are living on the edge every day. Lawyers and city workers by day, they take to the streets in their leathers to race by night. Laurence Fishburne stars as the undefeated motorcycle racer called Smoke, whose dominance has earned him the title of "King of Cali." But Smoke's dominance is threatened by a young motorcycle racing prodigy called Kid (Derek Luke), who is determined to win his helmet and earn the coveted title. Writer Michael Gougis explains the motorcycle culture, "It is a world that nobody on the outside of it knows about, that nobody outside of it wants to know about. It is completely self-sufficient. It survives on its own and once you're inside, it's just the most amazing social structure—very organized, very rigid, very protective of its members from the outside world." "Biker Boys" is a DarkWorks Pictures release and rated PG-13 for violence, sexual content and language.

"Final Destination 2," the sequel to the hit 2000 supernatural thriller, follows Kimberly Corman (A.J. Cook), who is en route to a weekend getaway with her friends. She watches helplessly as a logging truck spins out of control and loses its deadly payload, setting off a horrifying chain reaction that leaves twisted metal and dead bodies in its wake — including her own. A moment later, Kimberly finds herself still stuck in on-ramp traffic, with a line of commuters she saw die moments before trailing behind her. It was only a vision. But was it also a warning? Producer Craig Perry describes "Final Destination 2" as a thrill ride which steps up the action, fear and comedic elements that made the first film such a popular and lasting hit. "This film builds upon the notion that death is all around us," he says. "Both 'Final Destination' films tap into that universal fear. Death could be in your car or your birthday! The concept is not so otherworldly that it stays on the movie screen. It follows you home." "Final Destination 2" is a New Line Cinema release and rated R for strong violence/grotesque accidents, language, drug content and some nudity.

Comic-based "The Guru" follows a young Indian dance teacher named Ramu Gupta (Jimi Mistry) as he embarks for New York City in pursuit of fame and fortune only to find himself working as a waiter in an Indian restaurant. Through an encounter with Sharona (Heather Graham), a beautiful adult-film star, the shy, inexperienced Ramu is mistaken for a spiritual leader and becomes an overnight celebrity. "The Guru" is a Universal Pictures release and rated R for strong sexual content including dialogue, and for language.

Espionage-thriller "The Recruit" stars Colin Farrell as James Clayton, who is recruited by Walter Burke (Al Pacino) to join the CIA and thus,

joins other recruits at the CIA training facility known as "The Farm." He soon discovers that Burke is a double agent, and Clayton must turn the tables on him before he takes the fall. "The Recruit" is a Touchstone Pictures release and rated PG-13 for violence, sexuality and language.

IN THEATERS NOW

Spooky thriller "Darkness Falls." The film follows Kyle Walsh (Chaney Kley) who returns home to confront his troubled past and save his childhood sweetheart Caitlin (Emma Caulfield) and her younger brother Michael (Lee Cornie) from an unrelenting evil that has plagued the town of Darkness Falls for over one hundred and fifty years. "Darkness Falls" is a Sony Pictures release and rated PG-13 for terror and horror images, and brief language.

Comedy "Super Sucker," filmed in Jackson, MI, follows rival door-to-door vacuum cleaner sales teams. Jeff Daniels, as Fred Barlow, heads up his team of vacuum salesmen misfits. They compete for territory and survival against Barlow's cross-town rival, Winslow Schnaebell (Harve Presnell). Barlow discovers a long lost cleaning attachment and finds non-traditional uses for it, changing the lives of the home cleaning industry forever. "Super Sucker" is a Purple Rose Films limited release to select Midwest theatres and is rated R.

IN THEATERS NEXT WEEK

Action/comedy "Shanghai Knights" (PG-13), romantic comedies "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" (PG-13) and "Deliver Us from Eva" (R).

ON VIDEO AND DVD

Baby-boomer comedy "The Banger Sisters" (PG-13), kids-comedy "The Master of Disguise" (PG), independent romantic comedy "Never Again" (R) and romantic comedy "Serving Sara" (PG-13). British comedy-drama "24 Hour Party People" (R), espionage thriller "The Bourne Identity" (PG-13), war drama "Harrison's Flowers" (PG-13), drama "Mad Love" (R), showbiz satire "SIMONE" (PG-13), witty comedy "Tadpole" (PG-13).

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Food For Thought

Twenty years ago I would have never thought of buying a microwave for my home or business. I still rarely use a microwave, mostly due to lack of habit. Because convenience foods are so popular today and time is so short for cooking, the microwave is becoming a best friend to cooks and culinarians. I have nothing against the microwave. My complaint is about a lot of the fast food that goes into them.

The microwave can be a valuable tool for quick nutritional meals. According to a spokesperson for a large manufacturer, seventy percent of the time microwaves are used to reheat precooked foods, 20 percent for defrosting and only 10 percent for primary cooking functions. It is important for nutrition's sake to use the microwave for these primary functions. Steamed vegetables are incredible, fish excellent and snacks easy. Although I do not advocate cooking meat or poultry in the microwave mostly due to personal preference, there are many other options.

Oatmeal and cream of wheat are easy, fast and there is little clean up. Reheating soups saves pans and time. I portion leftover soup and chili into mugs and everyone helps themselves when hungry. Eggs are simple and quick in the microwave. When bacon is "fried" in the micro, much of the fat is melted away leaving a much leaner product. Melting butter becomes a piece of cake and defrosting liquid easy as setting a dial.

The principle behind microwave cooking is fairly simple, yet very different from conventional oven cooking. Convection ovens, or the ovens we are used to using, heats air for an extended length of time to cook food. The air transfers heat. The air inside a microwave only becomes heated as the food that is being cooked becomes hot. The waves, generated by the oven's magnetron tube, travel through the food at a rate of two and a half billion times per second. This may sound very scientific, and it is, but very simply put, the waves penetrate food at an incredibly high speed and cause the water molecules of the food to move around fast and produce friction, which produces heat and cooking.

The actual microwaves rarely pass more than one and a half inches into the food, the other areas heat first and heat moves towards the center of the food heating it. The metal walls reflect the waves and do not become

hot. Plates become hot from the food not from the microwaves. If there is no moisture, the microwave cannot produce the friction necessary to heat. Foods heat quicker than other cookery methods. This has some drawbacks. Flavor is a chemical process that requires time and temperature to fully develop, neither which is prominent with microwave cooking.

In addition, standard microwave ovens do not brown foods. This is unappealing to most people. We eat with our eyes. If it looks good it will taste good. Foods with high contents of fat, water and sugar

tend to burn easily because they heat so quickly. Cook halfway and stir to prevent burning.

A microwave is much more efficient full of food than almost empty. For warming or cooking, food should be no colder than refrigerator temperature. Put frozen food through a defrost cycle first. When arranging a meal on a plate, put the denser foods on the outer rim and the less dense, such as vegetables in the middle. Keep your micro clean for the most efficient use.

Glass, some plastic and paper (for short cooking times), are acceptable cooking vessels. Foil and metal skewers can be

used effectively but check your manufacturer's guidelines before doing so. Like any other method of cooking, practice makes perfect. The microwave is an indispensable piece of equipment in many households but it is important to remember that speed can't be a substitute for good ingredients and nutritious meals.

Mary Brady is a certified executive chef and co-owner of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in the Novi Town Center. If you have culinary questions or comments for chef Mary Brady, you can contact her via e-mail at djbistro@aol.com.



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What you can't see can hurt you

Heeding fireplace safety tips could save you and your home

By Annette Jaworski
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Nothing takes the chill out of the air like a roaring fire in the fireplace. It's often the focal point of the home and a source of ambiance and beauty.

"I think man's love of fire in the fireplace is something inbred in us since the cavemen days," said chimney sweep and Highland resident, Stan Brunhuber.

While snuggling in front of your fireplace, a house fire is probably the last thing on your mind. But wherever fire is involved, safety precautions are needed. Brunhuber says that most basics of fire safety are just good common sense.

Screens and doors add security

"Homeowners absolutely should use screen or glass doors in front of a fireplace," he said.

These can greatly decrease the chance of fire by preventing sparks from exploding beyond the hearth. Doors are probably the safest since there's no opening at the top, and they're more energy efficient, he pointed out.

Another practical suggestion is to lay a fireproof rug at the foot of the hearth. Not only will a rug prevent the spread of fire if a stray spark escapes from the fire, but it protects your floor surface from burns.

Careful clean-up

Removing ashes tops the list of "housekeeping duties" for fireplaces. Transferring them safely and keeping them in a nonflammable container (not plastic or cardboard) until they cool down is critical. Coals will last a long time, he pointed out.

Be careful where the warm ashes are set — don't leave them in a garage or shed that can catch fire. Setting them

outdoors is a better idea. Once cooled, the ashes make good fertilizer for flowerbeds.

The proper type of accessories like fireproof gloves will ensure that you can tend the fire without getting burned. You'll find most of the essential equipment needed for a fireplace or wood stove from a chimney sweep or fireplace shop.

Back to basics

* Simple fire safety tips also apply. Make sure the fire is extinguished before bedtime and before leaving home. And of course don't leave your fire unattended.

* Maintain a working fire extinguisher, and install smoke detectors.

* Another low-maintenance item to keep on hand if you have a two-story home is a simple rope ladder. The ladder takes up minimal room, but it can be a lifesaver. Plan an escape route for your family at the same time.

* Use common sense when choosing decor for your fireplace mantle. In most cases items won't melt on the mantle if the fireplace is properly installed, although Brunhuber has seen melted candles. Lacy items are not a good idea for the mantle as they could potentially catch sparks.

Ready to burn

Make sure that you burn hard seasoned wood, such as oak, maple, hickory, cherry, beech or ash. Stay away from pine and soft woods, as the wetness can add to the accumulation of creosote — the No. 1 enemy of chimneys.

Third-degree creosote is a hard, black, glazed, enamel-like finish. A heavy build-up is a potential source of fire, because creosote is highly flammable.

"By seasoned, I mean it's been cut,



Photo by KAL GOULD

Stan Brunhuber strongly recommends that homeowners get their fireplaces or wood stoves checked yearly by a certified chimney sweep. Brunhuber is the owner of Stan's Fireplace and Chimney Service.

split and stacked for one year. It's best to keep it protected somewhere away from rain or snow to keep the moisture out," he recommends. "I've seen chimneys where green, wet wood was burned and there was so much build-up there was hardly any hole in the chimney."

Burning smaller, hotter fires that burn more completely and produce less smoke can help deter the accumulation of creosote, according to the Chimney Safety Institute of America. The organization also emphasizes a fire is not a quick and easy trash disposal for items like cardboard boxes or wrapping paper. These paper-like items can spark a chimney fire.

Topping Brunhuber's list of fireplace and wood stove safety is a yearly inspection by a certified chimney sweep. Yes,

there's even a school in Indiana for this specialized skill. In this case, what you can't see can hurt you. An inspection can reveal any potential hazards.

Be careful of critters

One item of inspection for potential problems includes the smoke shelf, located slightly above the hearth. It's a spot where critters, such as birds, raccoons or squirrels like to make nests. You would certainly want to remove them before starting a fire. Installing a chimney cap will help to prevent wildlife from finding its way into your home.

It's important to have the right clearance when the fireplace or stove is installed. Make sure the source of fire is not too close to surrounding walls. Local building codes determine the proper

clearances and hearth dimensions for installing fireplaces and wood stoves. This ensures that any surface nearby is not close enough to catch fire.

Brunhuber finds that in some cases, equipment has been improperly installed. A trained chimney sweep can determine if your fireplace or stove is installed to code. It's a particularly good idea to have this inspection when moving into a new home, even more so if the fireplace has not been operated in awhile.

Stan Brunhuber has been a certified chimney sweep for 20 years and can be contacted at Stan's Fireplace and Chimney Service, (248) 887-2909. For more information about fireplace safety, you can check out the Web site for The Chimney Safety Institute of America at www.csia.org.



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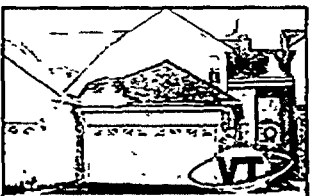
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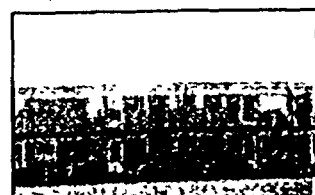
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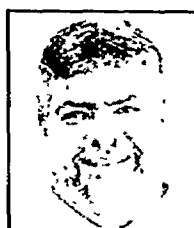
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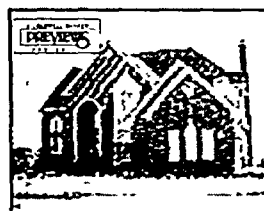
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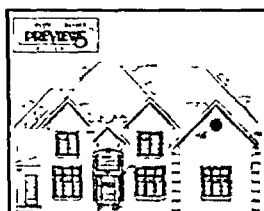


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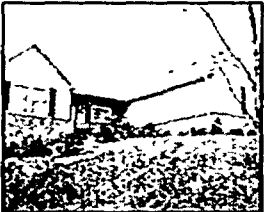
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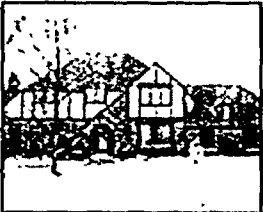
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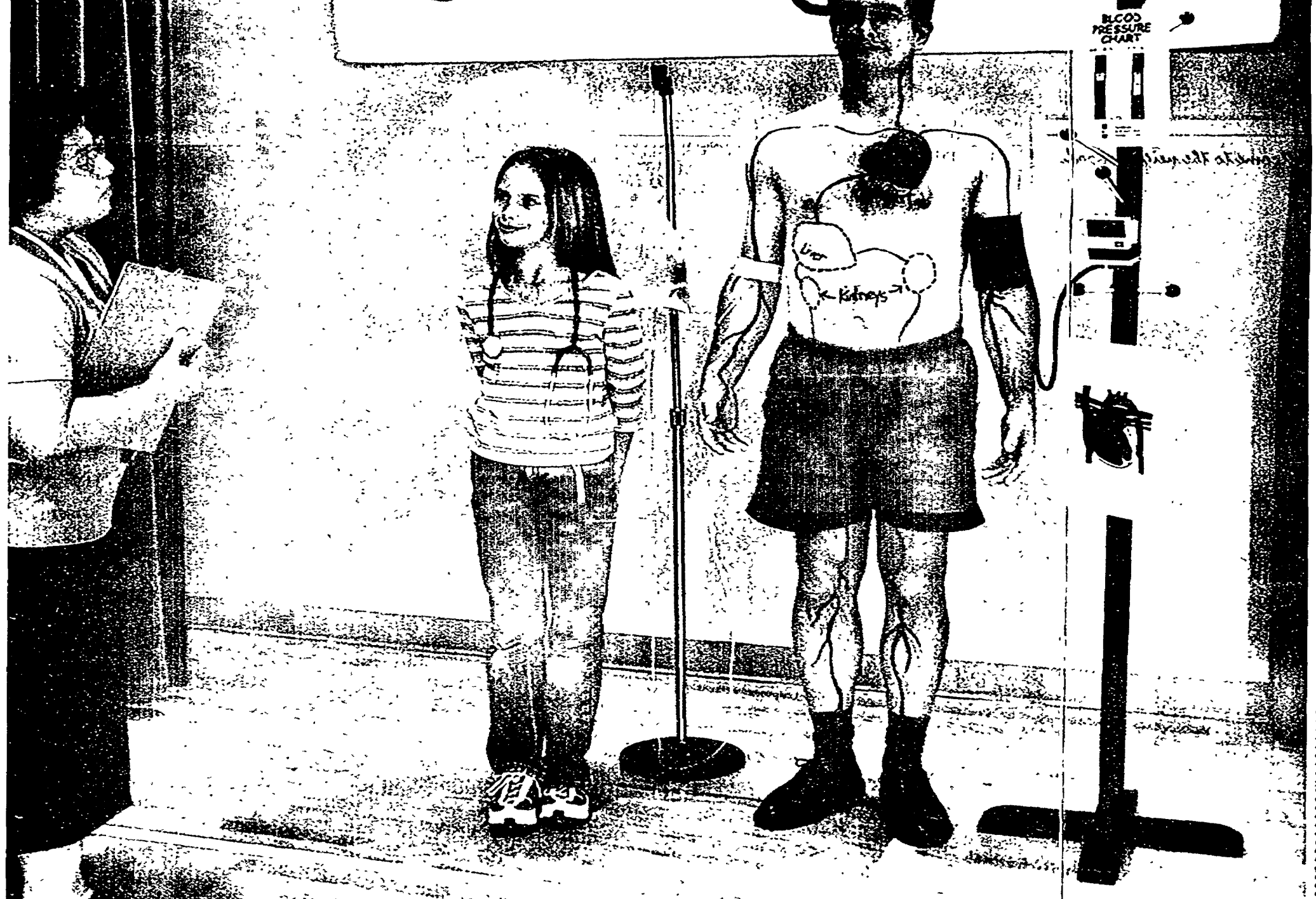
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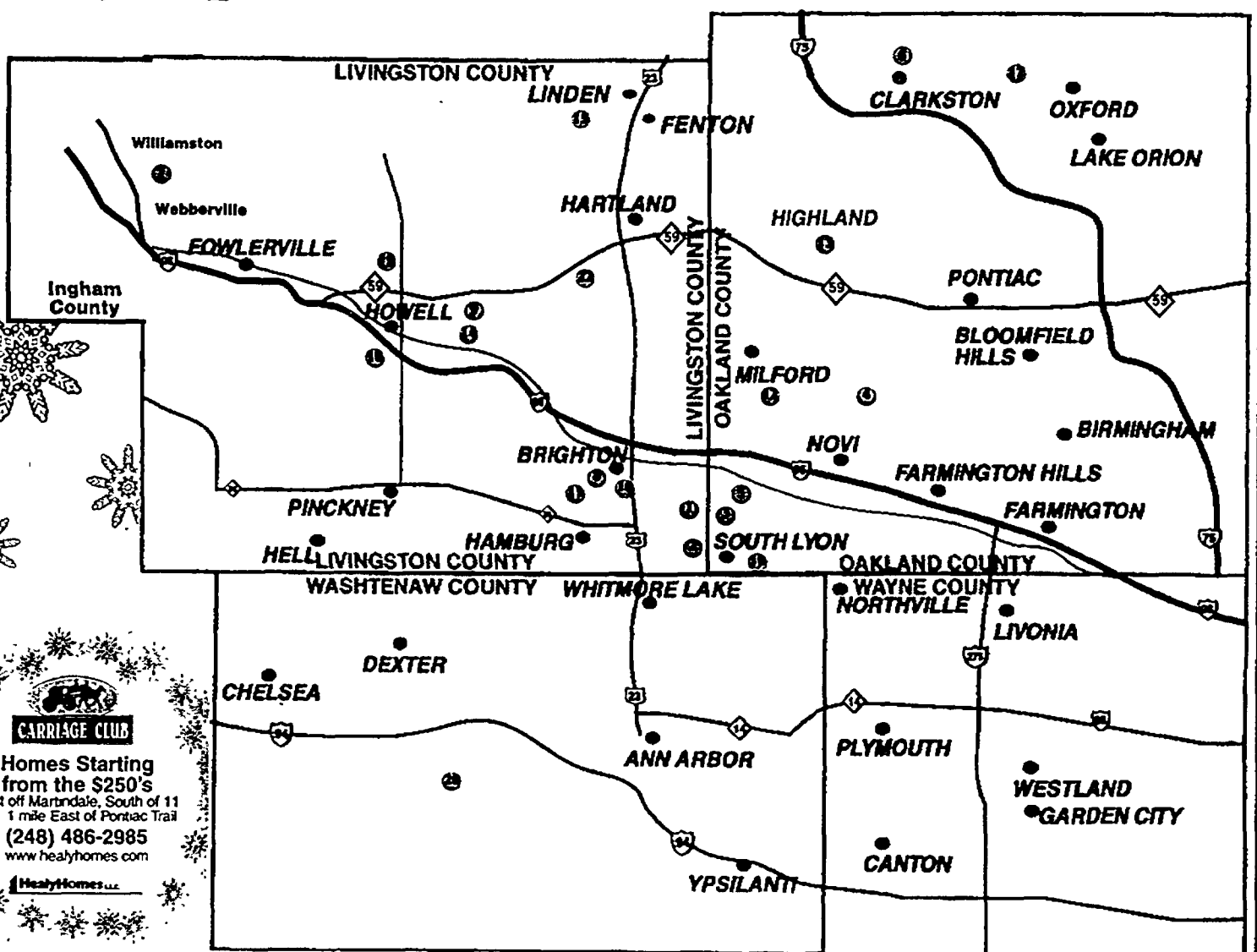
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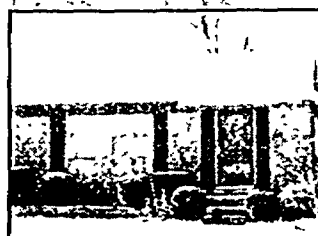
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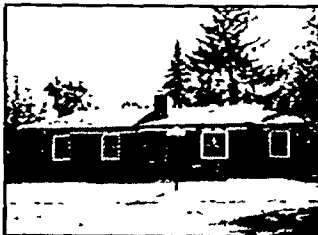
GARDEN CITY - Updated brick Ranch. Three bed, 1 1/2 bath home on a corner lot with living & family room. Finished basement remodeled with storage & a huge family room. Hardwood floors all the way & ceramic baths. Two car garage. All this & a great yard with privacy fence & perennial gardens \$139,999 (71HEL) 248-349-5600



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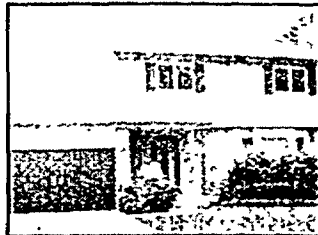
ANN ARBOR - Downtown Ann Arbor/Campus. Four bedroom, 2 bath with a lot of updates, hardwood floors, sky lights, deck porch, ceramic in bath, mechanicals done 1997 & Andersen windows. Large lot near N campus/hospital. Great property for Ann Arbor/Tenants rights \$261,500 (12SUM) 734-455-5600



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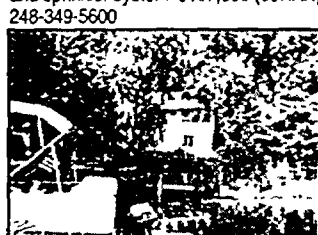


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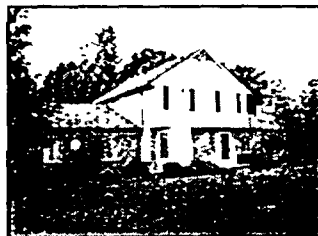
TAYLOR - Sparking brick Ranch! Three bedroom with finished basement. Wet bar and 1/2 bath, 2 car garage. Updates: roof, central air, furnace, hot water heater, windows, kitchen flooring, steel doors, sprinklers in front + master closet. Hardwood floors & 1 year home warranty. Neutral colors \$128,000 (33SYL) 734-455-5600



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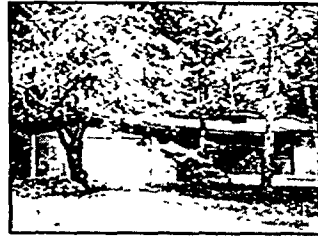
CANTON - Fantastic 1998-built home. All the needed touches are built here. Three bedroom, 3 1/2 bath Colonial with deck, sprinklers, landscaping & an incredible finished basement with full bath & storage. Island counter kitchen open to family room. Beautifully decorated from top to bottom. \$284,900 (09BRO) 248-349-5600



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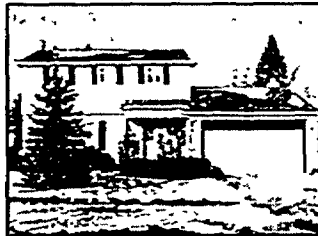
NORTHVILLE - California contemporary! Three bedroom, 2 bath Ranch on beautiful 1 1/4 acre lot. Great room with wood vaulted ceiling, natural fireplace, slate entry, updated kitchen & custom lighting. Master suite with Pargo. Newer windows roof central air & furnace \$279,000 (60ROB) 734-455-5600



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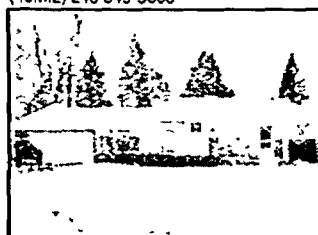
CANTON - Beautiful & neutral 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Condo with additional 19 x 11 loft area. Kitchen offers updated cabinets. Newer carpet throughout, recessed lighting, custom wood blinds and gas fireplace in living room \$199,900 (89HOP) 734-455-5600



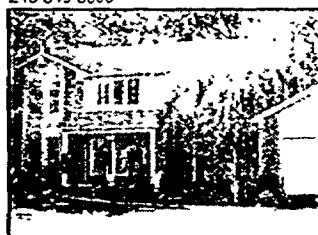
GARDEN CITY - Great Garden City Ranch! Three bedrooms, 1 bath, don't miss this one! Finished basement with second kitchen & knotty pine. Updated kitchen, roof, windows & siding. Coved ceilings, freshly painted with hardwood floors \$139,999 (24POS) 734-455-5600



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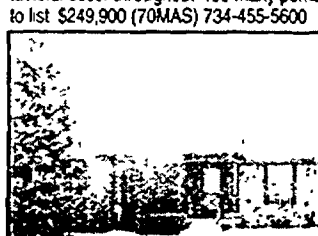
REDFORD - Great starter. Affordable 3 bedroom Bungalow with newer carpet in living room and dining room, full basement, 2 car garage with opener. All appliances stay. Home warranty included. Great potential. Must see! \$97,900 (24KEE) 734-455-5600



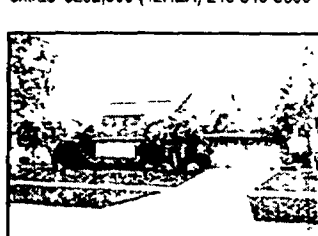
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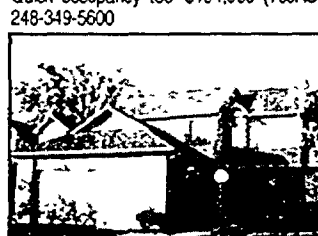
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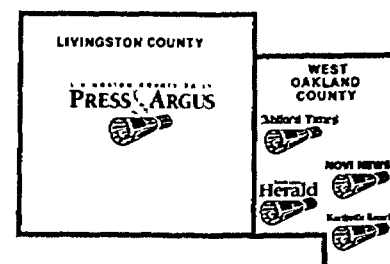
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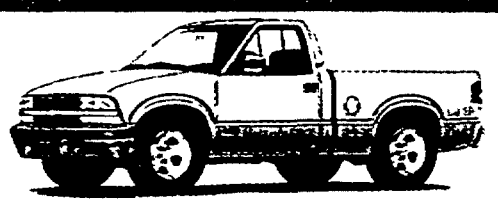
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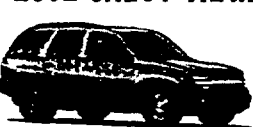
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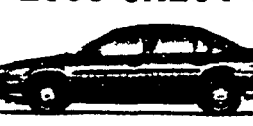
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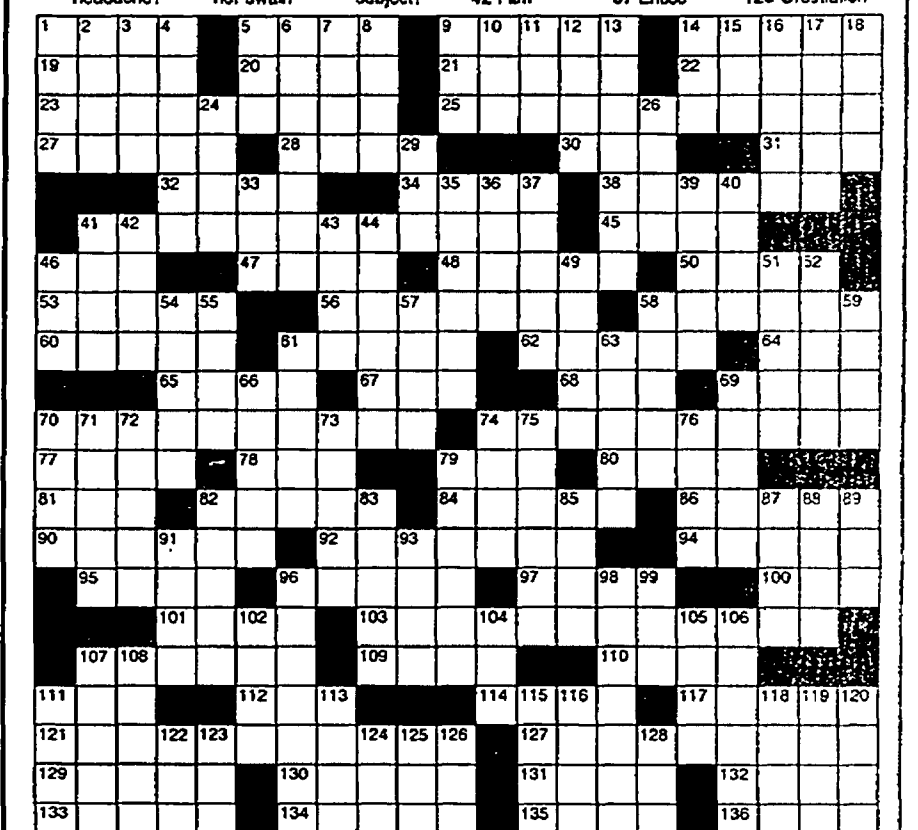
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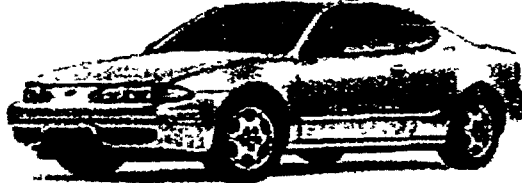
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GMS Lease.....\$134²⁶ Retail Lease.....\$151⁷⁰
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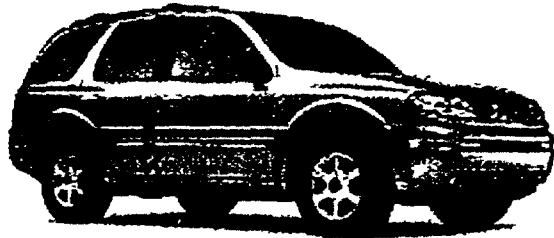
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GMS.....\$15,345⁵³ Retail.....\$16,248²³
GMS Lease.....\$209⁴⁵ Retail Lease.....\$229⁷⁷
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GMS Lease.....\$366³⁴ Retail Lease.....\$399⁵¹
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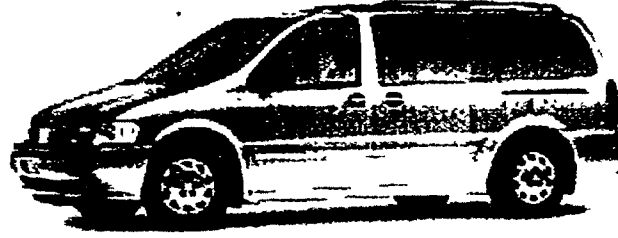
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Power passenger side sliding door, 3.4L V6 engine, three year/36,000 mile bumper-to-bumper warranty, pulse wipers, power windows, power locks, luggage carrier, cruise control. [Stock #03-1087]*

GMS.....\$19,654⁷⁵ Retail.....\$20,789⁹³
GMS Lease.....\$227⁵³ Retail Lease.....\$252⁷⁴
Total Due \$2121.18 Total Due \$2147.90

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GMS.....\$25,299³⁸ Retail.....\$26,641⁹³
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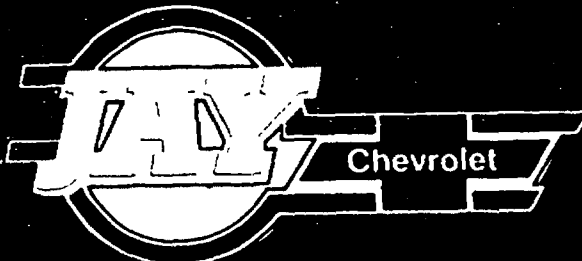
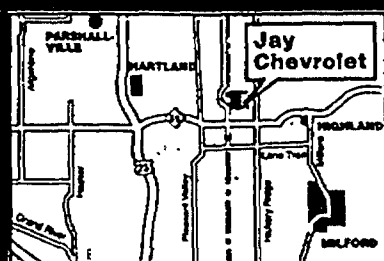
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Now focus for old idea

CRT contact lenses reshape the eyeball to gradually correct vision

By Kristi L. Nelson
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

There's a big difference between the soft contact lenses 31-year-old Leah Watson had worn since she was 16 years old, and the gas-permeable contact lenses she's wearing now. It's like night and day.

For several months now, Watson, of Knoxville, Tenn., has been wearing the rigid contact lenses while she sleeps at night. During the night, they temporarily flatten her cornea, the clear front surface of the eye. Since the cornea's curvature is what causes Watson's nearsightedness, when she wakes with her corneas reshaped, she can take the contacts out and still have 20/20 vision all that day and most of the next — without wearing glasses or soft contact lenses.

Now she's looking forward to being able to see clearly while snorkeling and scuba diving — a new experience, since she couldn't wear contacts in the salt water.

The rigid "reverse-geometry" lens acts as a sort of "retainer," pressing on the cornea to change it to just the right shape to focus light properly on the retina. And like retainers for orthodontic procedures, the lens must be fitted to an individual's eye.

People usually see results after one night of wearing the CRT lens, but achieving near-perfect vision can take many days. Though the effects last more than one day for some, most would need to wear the CRT lens every night.

Because CRT lenses are made from a material that allows more oxygen to reach the eye than do the older lenses, they can be worn even while sleeping, though some people report problems with dryness until they get used to wearing the lenses.

Technically, the CRT lenses can be worn during the day, said Dr. Barry Winston, a Knoxville optometrist, but most people choose instead to wear temporary soft contact lenses until their vision is close to 20/20.

"They would not be a comfortable lens to wear all day," Winston said. "They're not designed for that."

They're also not for everybody. CRT lenses now correct only nearsightedness (myopia) with mild astigmatism, not farsightedness (presbyopia).

Winston is also quick to make the point that CRT changes vision only temporarily, unlike surgical procedures.

But that's not a drawback for everybody. CRT is approved for all ages, including children and teenagers whose vision is still changing. It's a good alternative for people who don't mind wearing corrective lenses some of the time but don't want to fool with glasses or contacts during the day, for those who aren't comfortable with the idea of surgery, or those who are waiting for the surgical technology to improve.

One potential drawback is the cost. CRT usually costs between \$1,000 and \$1,500, which includes a year's worth of lenses and follow-up doctor's visits.

And CRT can be awkward until the wearer becomes accustomed to it. The eyes can feel the rigid lenses, and they must be removed with a suction cup.

All about CRT

What it is: Rigid gas-permeable contact lenses are used to temporarily correct nearsightedness (myopia). The patient wears the lenses overnight while sleeping and removes them upon waking. During the day, nearsightedness is corrected or greatly reduced, which may let the user forgo wearing glasses or contacts during the day.

How it works: The contact lenses apply slight pressure to the center of the cornea, causing it to temporarily flatten. The flattened cornea redirects light onto the back surface of the eye (the retina) at an angle that can compensate for nearsightedness. Since the cornea is elastic, it gradually regains its shape throughout the day (causing nearsightedness to return). Usually, patients must wear the lenses every night to maintain corrected vision.

Who can use it: People with nearsightedness of -6 or less, who don't have inflammation or infection of the eye; disease or injury in or around the eye or eyelids; severe insufficiency of tears (dry eyes); any other medical condition that might interfere with contact lens wear.

On the Web:

www.fda.gov/cdrh/pdt/P870024S043.html
www.paragoncr.com
www.allaboutvision.com



Hallie Pasko visits her mother Beth Deane in her assisted living home at Covenant Village of Colorado in Westminster. Beth has Alzheimer's disease.

late in the day care

By Janet Simons
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Many baby boomers realize their job as parents is nearly done when they put the car keys into their teens' hands. Those same boomers are beginning to realize a new job begins the day they remove the keys from the hands of their aging parents.

But with the right kind of support, adult children who care for frail parents can perform even that difficult task without causing lasting trauma.

As baby boomers and their parents age, more boomers will find themselves in that role. It's estimated that nearly one-third of Americans will be caring for an elderly person in the near future.

The trick, experts say, is to realize you'll need lots of support as you add new responsibilities to a schedule already overburdened by a family, a career and, perhaps, occasionally reading a book or taking a vacation.

"It doesn't matter how well family members do or how much they take on, they almost always feel guilty," said Cheryl Dunaway of the Alzheimer's Association. "They think they could have done it better. They think they should be delivering all the care themselves."

"And the guilt really kicks in when a parent protests about something that needs to be done, like taking away the car keys or sending the parent to a day program. Elderly parents can be a lot like worried 5-year-olds on the first day of kindergarten. The guilt may be so bad that the adult child drops the issue. It's a common impasse."

Hallie Pasko, 53, says she has no interest in martyrdom.

Pasko, who runs an interior-design firm based out of her home in Niwot, Colo., has primary responsibility for her mother, Beth Deane, 84, who was diagnosed with

Tips for family caregivers

- Take charge of your life. Don't let your loved one's illness or disability take center stage.
- Be good to yourself. You're doing a very hard job, and you deserve some quality time just for you.
- Watch yourself for signs of depression. Don't delay getting professional help when you need it.
- Accept offers of help and suggest specific things people can do.
- Educate yourself about your loved one's condition. Information is empowering.
- There's a difference between caring and doing. Be open to technologies and ideas that promote your loved one's independence.
- Trust your instincts. Most of the time they'll lead you in the right direction.
- Grieve for your losses, then allow yourself to dream new dreams.
- Seek support from other caregivers. There's strength in knowing you're not alone.

For more information

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Alzheimer's disease more than two years ago. Pasko takes her mother with her on design consultations. "My clients have been terrific," she said.

She says rigorous scheduling allows her to maintain her career as well as a life that includes a 32-year marriage, two adult sons, rich friendships and teaching the "Savvy Caregiver" class for the Alzheimer's Association.

"The big thing is time management," she

said. "If you let any one part overwhelm you, it will."

Pasko believes education is vital for everyone involved with the care of an aging adult: the caretaking child, the rest of the family and the parent.

"My mother was diagnosed very early in the disease," Pasko said. "Her initial reaction to the diagnosis — for about half an hour — was that she didn't want to talk about it. Then she came out and said, 'I'm a nurse by profession, and I have a disease, and I need to learn everything I can about it.'"

Both mother and daughter agreed early on that Deane would stop driving when she started to get lost or have accidents. After the first time she got lost, Deane gave up the keys.

"If you're uneducated, you don't know what to expect. ... Everyone needs to prepare for the changes it will bring," Pasko said.

Not every family, however, has well-developed communication skills. Caretakers who face resistance and denial may want to consult professionals, said Pamela Erickson, a geriatric-care manager in Denver.

"People don't usually think about doing anything until there's some kind of crisis, and then they become alarmed," said Erickson. "If that's the way it happens in your family, it's a good idea to hire an outside professional who can evaluate the situation and tell family members whether they need to be as alarmed as they are."

Erickson said geriatric-care managers can bring knowledge about community resources and objectivity into a panic situation where grown siblings may be at odds.

All pertinent family members should be included in discussions about care, Erickson said. The agenda may be a long one, including such issues as who should have medical and financial powers of attorney, whether the primary caregiver should be paid, end-of-life plans and who can take over when the primary caregiver needs a break.

Does indoor air make you sick?

By McDowell Crook
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

The next time you walk outside "for a breath of fresh air," think about why it feels so good to take in the afternoon breeze.

People in industrialized nations like the United States spend the majority of their lives indoors — up to 90 percent, according to estimates from the American Lung Association of Alabama.

The problem is, the air inside homes is usually polluted, containing substances such as dust, animal dander, smoke, mold and mildew, all of which can irritate the lungs, said Pam Lewis, director of marketing and advocacy at the lung association.

With the average human breathing close to 29,000 times a day, that's a lot of unhealthy material to inhale, she said.

Because of these pollutants, the air in most homes is three to five times dirtier than the air outside, said Robert Moffitt, spokesman for the lung association.

Indoor air quality becomes poor mainly because homes are being built and sealed so well, Moffitt said. Moffitt emphasized that homes are not the only victims of "sick building syndrome" — buildings in which the air quality is so poor that it causes its occupants to become sick. Many businesses and schools are also hot spots for mold and mildew.

The key to avoiding excessive pollutants is proper ventilation, Moffitt said. But in places that experience long spells of extreme temperatures, people are less willing to open the windows very often. As a result, people end up relying on air units to heat or cool them. And these units usually end up circulating the dirty air rather than venting it out, he said.

Stephen Klossner, president of Advanced Certified Thermography in Afton, Minn., said the most common culprit is moisture, but combustion byproducts such as carbon monoxide and particulates follow closely behind.

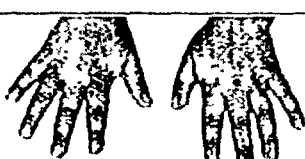
When in a moist environment, mold, mildew, dust mites and pet dander all create biological contaminants that can lead to serious respiratory problems, he said. Dehumidifiers and exhaust fans can usually help control the relative humidity in a house, but those devices must be kept clean, he said.

"Moisture control keeps mold at bay, which produces spores that we breathe in. It also eliminates dust mites," said Moffitt.

Carbon monoxide and nitrogen dioxide, byproducts of leaky appliances, can be controlled by making sure appliances such as stoves are installed correctly and by using ventilators while using them, said Klossner.

Aside from ventilation, the best remedy for air problems is proper filtration, Moffitt said.

"Most people don't understand that the cheap fiberglass filters we buy for our furnaces do nothing to clean the air. They are meant to protect the engine's motor from larger chunks of dust," he said.



When should you wash your hands?

BEFORE YOU ...

- Prepare or eat food
- Treat a cut or wound, or tend to someone who is sick
- Insert or remove contact lenses

AFTER YOU ...

- Go to the bathroom
- Handle uncooked foods, particularly raw meat, poultry or fish
- Change a diaper
- Blow your nose, cough or sneeze
- Handle garbage
- Tend to someone who is sick or injured
- Handle an animal or animal waste

HOW SHOULD YOU WASH YOUR HANDS?

- Use soap and warm running water
- Wash all surfaces thoroughly, including wrists, palms, back of hands, fingers and under fingernails
- Rub hands together for at least 10 or 15 seconds
- When drying, use a clean or disposable towel and pat your skin rather than rubbing to avoid chapping and cracking
- Apply hand lotion after washing to help prevent and soothe dry skin

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TECHNOLOGY

ARE YOU AN E-MAIL SLOB?

Sending a sloppy message, whether at home or at the office, can spell trouble

By Nzing Xiong
The Fresno Bee

Although e-mail has made it simpler for people to communicate, it hasn't necessarily made communication clearer. And there's also the question of what's appropriate to communicate via e-mail.

"E-mail is still a new thing," says Tiffanee Johnson, 22, a psychology student at California State University, Fresno. "There still are no real rules" about when and when not to use e-mail.

Some standards of e-mail etiquette are starting to form, especially in the workplace. However, "We're still evolving," says Sandra E. Lamb, a Denver author and speaker on communications and civility.

"Most of what I do requires instant contact and quick replies," says Jerry Lee, director of communications and programming at KVPT-TV in Fresno. "E-mail (makes it) easier to get hold of somebody than over the phone. It's much cheaper, too."

Lee, who checks his work e-mail at least 20 times a day and his personal e-mails each night, has gotten used to the convenience. "Occasionally, when I come in and the Internet isn't up, it throws me into a tizzy."

Like many conveniences, e-mail has its disadvantages, too. "E-mail lacks that personal touch that you can get when you actually speak to someone," Lee says. "There are instances when e-mail just won't be enough."

For example, when trying to show emotion, the phone is a better tool, he says. "I can come across as angry or happy or concerned with e-mail, but I've often found that I can detail exactly the right amount of emotion with my voice, whereas I am relegated to things like 'LOL' (laughing out loud), which I hate, with e-mail."

"Another time I prefer voice is when I need to impart a degree of urgency to my message. If I am talking to you, you can tell the degree of urgency I have in my voice and I can instantly get an idea of how you are going to respond by the tone of your voice. It's a subtle thing, but I just feel more comfortable using the phone for some types of messages."

One major e-mailing faux pas is inadvertently putting in the wrong e-mail address, which can be embarrassing for all parties involved.

"What happens much more than it should is not checking where it's going," Lamb says of e-mail correspondence. "There are many horror stories of writing a message about a boss and then sending it to the boss. The sender did not check to whom the message was going."

Bradley Rogers, 44, who gathers box-office data for Pollstar, a Fresno-based concert magazine, recalls when he mistakenly addressed a personal e-mail to an entire list of people (called a listserve). "I responded hastily," he says Rogers.

After sending out an apology to the 150 people on the list, he says, "It worked out."

Probably the worst mistake e-mail senders can make is not reading a message for spelling and gram-

mar mistakes, content and inappropriate language. This is especially true in the workplace, where many people, like Lee, say e-mails should be more formal and structured than memos.

"I caution my people to take the time to be professional, take the time to explain your needs and take the time to be courteous," says Lee.

He encourages employees to use the spell-checker, too. "There's no excuse for misspelled words."

Rereading your message before sending also guards against misunderstandings. Sometimes what you meant to express comes across the wrong way.

"You might dismiss something if I said it to you," Lamb says. "But, if you read it in print, you might take offense. When things appear on the screen, the reader loses the benefit of voice and face expressions."

There's another category of e-mail that can cause problems, says Rogers. "You have to be careful

with e-mails in romantic relationships. Things can be misinterpreted. Sometimes I fret because (the woman he's dating) didn't e-mail me back."

Lamb also advises against forwarding or cutting and pasting passages from other people's e-mails into something you're sending without getting the originator's permission. It's a copyright infringement if you don't get that permission, she says. Lamb adds that anything written in an e-mail by someone is his or her original work and subject to an implied copyright privilege.

And some things just aren't appropriate via e-mail, says Lamb. "If it requires a human moment or a human emotion, e-mail is the wrong vehicle," she says. "If the subject matter requires negotiation, e-mail is the wrong vehicle. It's not going to be as effective."

"And, certainly, if you're upset, don't do it with e-mail. Road rage on the cyber highway is not

GAME REVIEWS

★=Poor ★★★★★=Excellent

Minority Report

Platform: Nintendo Gamecube

Genre: Action

Publisher: Activision

ESRB Rating: T for Teen

★★★★

For all its positives, *Minority Report* has such potential to be better, and with a little dedication it could have been without much extra work.

Based on the film starring Tom Cruise, the title character in the game looks nothing like Cruise, and it hurts the crossover value from film to console gaming. In *Nightfire*, the James Bond game, the character looks and acts just like Pierce Brosnan, even if the voice is dubbed. It gives gamers a more realistic feel to the storylines that accompany the game as you move along levels.

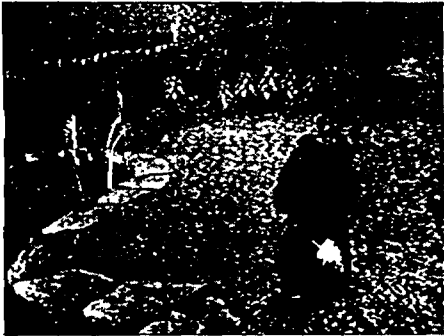
As officer John Anderton, you are out to clear your name after being accused of murder by the Orwellian "PreCrime" unit. There are 40 levels to the game, which vary in length from very short to medium. And no matter the difficulty level you choose, an often frustrating experience is going to be had.

As you progress, you will gain weapons and money with which you can buy upgrades in both weaponry and combat moves on the black market. Frustration sets in when you realize that the black market does not replenish the items; once you buy them, they are gone forever. So spend your money wisely or you are in trouble in later boards.

Enemy characters are diverse, and they are sent to you in packs, making it important that you plan your combat strategies instead of just going at it like crazy; you won't make it.

The environments have a distinct futuristic design and appeal to them, many well resembling the movie's look and feel.

The difference between *Minority Report* being a decent game and a well rounded game lie in main character designs and play ng options. Just a little more effort could have produced a quality title.



Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

Platform: Nintendo Gamecube

Genre: Action

Publisher: Electronic Arts

ESRB Rating: E for Everyone

★★★★

A game that sticks closely to the source material (the multimillion dollar movie), *Harry Potter* delivers a great game for children and advance gamers alike with the friendly wizard at Hogwarts.

On the Gamecube console, Potter gets the nod based on its smooth flow and terrific graphics that take advantage of all that Gamecube can handle. This is apparent most in the Quidditch matches, where you would expect frame aspect problems or skipping. But there is none here, and it adds to the playfulness of this game.

With a collection of spells and helpful friends, you play as Mr. Potter, trying to clear your name as everyone else suspects you as the culprit in a schoolwide mystery. Most of the tasks you must perform are easy and present occasional challenges, but it is the interior details of the school's grand rooms and campus that are most impressive. As a side mission, it is your challenge to gain points for your house and win the annual House Cup.

For those who have seen the film, the flow of the game will come as somewhat of a bore at times because you know what is upcoming in the story. But no matter, gamers young and old can pick up the controller and have all smiles while experiencing the adventures of Harry Potter.

NCAA 2K3 College Basketball

Platform: Nintendo Gamecube

Genre: Sports

Publisher: Sega Sports

ESRB Rating: E for Everyone

★★★

When coaches say defense wins championships, the folks at Sega Sports were listening and made it a reality with *NCAA 2K3*.

And not just that, but programmers still have a problem producing basketball games, both on the college and NBA level, that capture realistic offensive settings. Most scoring once again hinges on dunks and grabbing offensive rebounds left and right.

On the offensive end, 2K3 fails most in giving the player a sense of confidence and control when running an offensive set. Open three-pointers and layups are constantly missed, which ruins and flow or creation of momentum when playing.

Defensively, the game is tight. Tight as Spandex. Creating turnovers is not necessarily easy, but disrupting your opponent's rhythm is not all that difficult. Given all of this, you get the overall sense that momentum is hard to achieve, and this is true. Victories are acquired without any sense that you've done something special, or created great scoring opportunities. Things just happen, and without giving the player a little something to enjoy, video games like this one come across as flat.

By Chris Campbell
Sports Howard News Service

Cable not enough? Web site shows TV from all over the world

By Tom Gearhart
Toledo Blade

TV4all.com opens a whole new world for Internet users — new, but alas, sometimes very confusing.

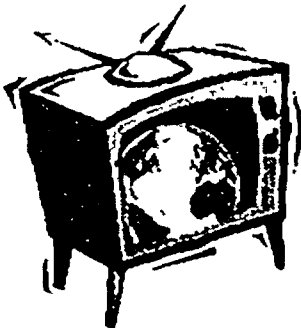
According to the Web site, visitors have access to a database of 593 television stations that broadcast on the Internet from around the world, offering live and recorded TV programs. The site also carries a good number of radio stations, driving the number of Webcast outlets to 3,000.

The streaming video feeds mean that, although a high-

speed connection to the Internet is ideal, computer users with a slower dial-up connection will also be able to browse the site without having to wait eons for downloads. What is needed, however, is Real Player, Windows Media Player or QuickTime, and preferably all three (which themselves can be downloaded free).

The range of countries represented at TV4all.com is vast — Bosnia, Japan, China, Algeria, Bolivia, United Arab Emirates, Russia, Norway, Mexico,

and Iran are just a smattering. Surfers can watch the BBC world news, Vatican televi-



sion, NASA TV and the Arab station Al Jazeera, which emanates from Qatar. There's a ton of U.S. stations to pick from, including lots of religious programming.

Trouble is, not all the stations broadcast live 24 hours a day, and even then the connections can be spotty or worse — depending on the time of day, the connections may not work at all.

Another problem: If you speak only English, you won't be able to understand what's written or being said on most of the foreign stations, although some of them

— Vatican TV is a good example — offer translations in English and other languages.

Still, there's enough here to satisfy most visitors: music, photographs, mini-movies, cartoons, newscasts, and lots of strange, colorful graphics. Go to a Turkish TV station and you may find yourself watching a mildly saucy film, while Jamaica serves up reggae music, Cuban TV presents live concerts and travelogues, and Canada boasts "raw video" — that is, unedited video — of recent news events.

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TECHNOLOGY

WIRELESS AT HOME NETWORKS

Multicomputer families
get networks

By Jonathan B. Cox
Raleigh News & Observer

Computer networks, once found only in the workplace, are moving into kitchens, living rooms and bedrooms across the nation.

They're helping families more easily manage data, share a single Internet connection and make better use of printers and other devices they own.

According to In-Stat/MDR, a market research firm in Scottsdale, Ariz., about 9.5 million North American households are networked today.

By 2006, that number will grow to 27.6 million, nearly tripling in four years. In 1999, 2.6 million households had networks.

Although most consumers rely on some tangle of wires to achieve network nirvana, homeowners increasingly are turning to wireless technology to link their computers. The Yankee Group, a Boston-based research firm, says that in a recent survey 14 percent of consumers who have networks used wireless systems, which are getting simpler and cheaper, up from 2 percent last year.

High-speed Internet access is largely responsible for stoking the networking trend. More consumers are signing up with cable-television and telephone companies to get broadband links that let them download Web sites faster and get higher-quality video and audio on their desktops.

Those connections, an average \$40 to \$50 per month, are more expensive than dial-up, and buyers want to take full advantage. Because 22 percent of U.S. households already have more than one computer, networking is a logical step, analysts said.

"It's not that people are like, 'Ooh, I want a home network,'" said Schellie Olthoff, program manager with IDC in Mountain View, Calif. "With that broadband access, you want to be able to share that across multiple PCs."

Unlike cable TV or phone service, it's not possible to have high-speed Internet access piped to more than one outlet for free.

Because of the equipment required, customers must either pay \$40 to \$50 a month for each connection into the home, or install a network.

The cost of networking varies by technology, but prices are falling and are down as much as half for some gear since last year, analysts said. On average, consumers can expect to pay about \$200 to get started with a wireless system. The more computers to be networked, the more costly the setup.

By far, the most popular way to achieve home connectivity is with ethernet cable. The Yankee Group says that 69 percent of people who have networks use ethernet cable.

It provides faster speeds than most options but requires consumers to run new wires through their homes, which can be time-consuming.

"I don't know how many people who care about the style of their home want wires running along their baseboard," said Kathie M. Hackler, chief analyst with Gartner Dataquest's telecommunications group.

Other options work over phone and power lines. They're among the easiest to set up using special adapters. The phone system, however, is limited to rooms where jacks exist.

Location is less of a problem with the power-line system because most rooms have electrical outlets. But it's newer and still has kinks, analysts said.

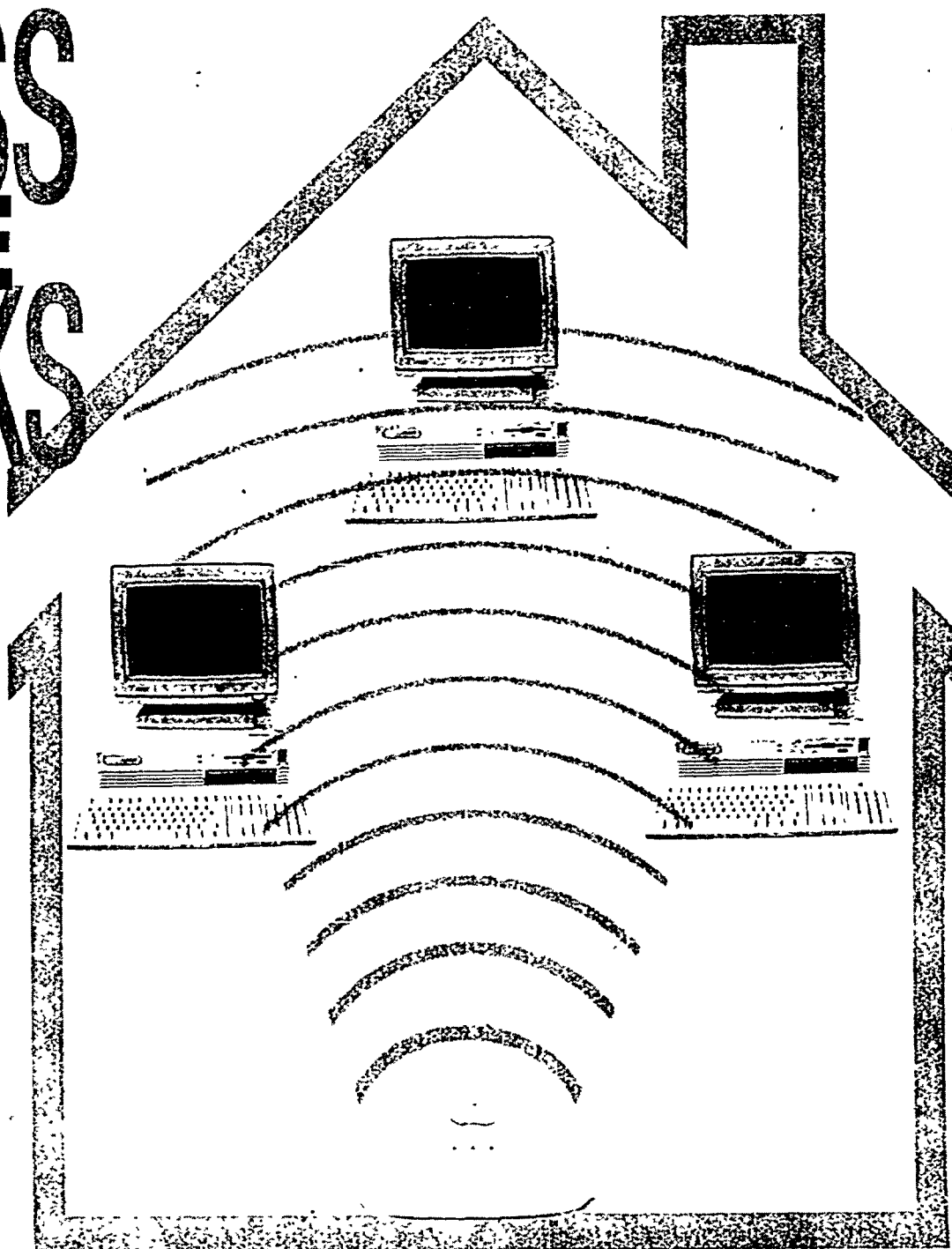


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Wireless is beginning to boom because it combines the best aspects of the other technologies. It requires no new wires, lacks location restrictions and is becoming simple to set up.

It used to be more expensive than other technologies, but prices in the past year have fallen dramatically, making it cost-competitive.

A wireless computer network is based on the same premise as a cordless telephone.

An Internet link or other gear is plugged into a base station, and each computer has a receiver installed to communicate with it. Users can transmit data for up to 1,000 feet, depending on location, interference and other factors.

Wireless is not without shortcomings. Anybody within range of a base station can receive the signal, raising a security concern.

If the system isn't set up properly, they also could access the network — meaning, at the least, that they could slow the Internet connection, and at worst they could read computer files.

Because the airwaves used to make the system work are unregulated, interference similar to static on a radio also may occur and degrade service quality.

And until now, it hasn't been easy for average consumers to figure out how to install the gear, much less work through any problems.

That's because home networking has its own lingo, and makers have put users through a maze of jargon-laced manuals. Wireless has suffered the most in this regard, analysts said.

system. Firewall protection is important, especially when using "always on" Internet connections provided by cable and DSL modems.

LAN: Local Area Network. It is a network of computers that operates over short distances. A home network is a LAN.

802.11: The technical rules for wireless networks as set by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. There are three different versions: 802.11b, the most common; 802.11a, which uses a different slice of the

airwaves and can transmit data faster; and 802.11g, coming late this year or in 2003, which is faster than 802.11b. Analysts say 802.11b, which is cheaper, is fine for most home uses.

WIFI: Another name for 802.11b.

WIRELESS ACCESS POINT: Allows users to wirelessly connect devices. Instead of running cable all over the house to reach the router, you install a wireless access point to communicate with computers, printers and other

devices. The access point then connects into the router with a cable.

NETWORK CARD: The gear that lets a computer join a network. It is the place where the network connection is made.

ETHERNET CABLE: Also called Cat5. It is wiring used to create a network when a consumer chooses not to go with wireless, telephone or power technology.

— Sources: CEA, Consumer Reports

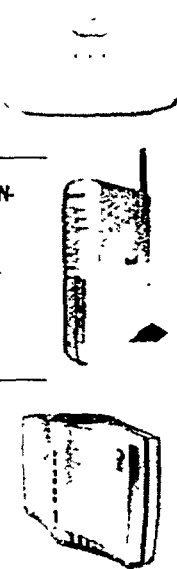
WIRELESS HOME SYSTEMS

The price for a wireless network varies, depending on how many computers are to be connected; on average, it's about \$200 to get started.

APPLE AIRPORT
DATA RATE: 11 megabits per second
RANGE: 150 feet
PRICE: \$299
REQUIREMENTS: Mac OS 9.0.4 or later or Mac OS X version 10.1 or later
www.apple.com/airport/

MICROSOFT WIRELESS BASE STATION MINI-500
DATA RATE: 11 MB per second
RANGE: Between 160 feet and 1,500 feet
PRICE: \$149.99
REQUIREMENTS: Must use Windows
www.microsoft.com

INTEL PRO/WIRELESS 5000 LAN DUAL ACCESS POINT
DATA RATE: 54 MB per second
RANGE: Up to 1,000 feet
PRICE: \$649
www.intel.com



KNOWING THE NETWORK LINGO

Here are some terms you might encounter while shopping for home networking gear:

ROUTER: Basically, a traffic cop. It has slots for computers, modems and print servers. It lets the devices talk to each other and the Internet and helps keep out computer hackers. Experts say this is a key part of any network.

FIREWALL: Programs that work with the router to protect computers from hacker and virus attacks. It examines data and decides whether to forward it into the home computer

High-tech billboards tune in to drivers' tastes

By Robert Salladay
San Francisco Chronicle

The billboard is listening.

Electronic billboards in the San Francisco area and in Sacramento are being equipped to profile commuters as they whiz by — and then instantly personalize freeway ads based on the wealth and habits of those drivers.

For example, if the freeway were packed with country music listeners, the billboards might make a pitch for casinos. If National Public Radio were on, the billboards could change to ads for a high-quality car or a gourmet grocery.

The billboards — in Palo Alto, Daly City and Fremont — will pick up which radio stations are being played and then instantly access a vast databank of information about the people who typically listen to those stations. The electronic ads will then change to fit listener profiles.

It's the latest way for businesses to target consumers without wasting money on scattershot appeals. Many auto dealerships

already use a similar system to identify the stations people are listening to as they pull into a car lot — and then place ads on those stations.

"You know what this is about? Accountability," said Tom Langeland, president of the Sacramento firm Alaris Media Network, which owns the 10 video screen billboards in California. "People are struggling, the world is becoming a more competitive place and advertising dollars have been a huge, misplaced factor. Advertisers don't know where their money is going."

The electronic billboards are located off Interstate 280 at Serramonte Shopping Center and off Interstate 880 at Southland Mall near Fremont.

Another sign will be on Highway 101 in Palo Alto. Billboards in Sacramento, nearby Roseville and Los Angeles also will use the technology.

The system uses a "consumer monitoring system" developed by Mobiltrak of Chandler, Ariz., to pick up radio waves "leaked" from the antennas of up to 90 percent of all cars passing by and pinpoint the stations being played.

Each station has a typical listener profile derived from detailed consumer surveys.

The system will assess the most popular radio station during a given hour and target the ads to those drivers.

"I can tell you how much money they spent on fast food in the last week. I can tell you where they are shopping," said Phyllis Neill, chief operating officer of Mobiltrak. "I can tell you what percentage of them were married and shop at PetSmart and made more than \$100,000 a year and potentially could come to Office Max in the next six months."

Neill envisions a system of Mobiltrak-equipped billboards along, say, a six-mile stretch of freeway.

The first billboard's receiver would collect data on a block of cars and send it to the billboards farther on, which would then switch to the appropriate ads.

"We have only just begun to scratch the surface of what the technology can do," Neill said.

Hollywood already is installing similar technology in movie theater ads — electronic "posters" that interact with customers to show moving digital images.



★=Poor

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LOTR:

The Two Towers

Platform: Gamecube

Publisher: Electronic Arts

Genre: Action/Adventure

★★★

Rating: T for Teen

With details and character movements that rival most any action title, *The Two Towers* delivers one of the most all-around enjoyable gaming experiences there is, no matter the platform you choose to play it on.

If the game were only longer

Yes, it's one true drawback is that any experienced gamer can defeat the entire game in about six hours or less. Where Electronic Arts hopes to gain buyers is with the game's strong replay value and all the unlockable material and bonuses that can be earned.

The Two Towers is actually a blend of the first two "Lord of the Rings" films, with the game's boards based on several of the films' action sequences.

You play as one of the three major characters: Aragorn the ranger, Gimli the dwarf or Legolas the elven archer. The game's characters are all voiced by their movie actors, which adds a strong taste of realism to the game, which is also accompanied by the films' soundtrack.

As you progress through the levels you gain experience points, which can be used to purchase combat techniques or weapon upgrades. These are invaluable to moving along the game, so an emphasis is certainly placed on killing orcs and other enemies creatively and not just simple slash and hack.

Though players will defeat the game quickly, the replay value is high if you are interested in winning with other characters or unlocking extras such as interviews with the films' stars and its director, Peter Jackson.

Though *The Two Towers* provides some of the most detailed and stunning visual games of the last year, its short gaming play may make it more of a renter than a buyer.



James

Cameron's Dark Angel

Platform: Microsoft Xbox

Publisher: Sierra

★

Genre: Action

Rating: T for Teen

When you start off designing a game based around a genetically enhanced supermodel clad in black leather, your job shouldn't be that hard.

All you have to do is make the game play well and give it a decent story. That's it. Somebody should have told Sierra this, because they laid an egg with *Dark Angel*.

Based on James Cameron's FOX show of the same name, you play as Max, the aforementioned supermodel, and your job is to defeat an evil corporation.

A solid premise, but the fun stops there. Literally. Instead of riveting action and intriguing challenges, you'll spend the next 10 levels punching and kicking bad guys. No cool guns, exploding bridges or other spectacles; just lots of punching and kicking. *Daniel-San* had less predictable adventures.

Even though the levels are rendered well, the lack of challenges ushers in boredom quickly. Here's how the game works: Enter a new board, fight guys or sneak past them, get a keycard, exit the level, wait for next board to load, repeat.

Even good graphics and actual voices from the show aren't enough to rescue this one. Going the same route as its television-based namesake (off the air after two seasons), this game is one to avoid.

— Chris Campbell and Kelly Martin, Scripps Howard News Service



Photos by Lexey Swall / Scripps Howard News Service

From CUBA with love

'Memories of a Cuban Kitchen' author pays homage to Havana cuisine

By Linda Gordon
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

When "Memories of a Cuban Kitchen" (Macmillan; \$19.95) was originally published in 1992, top newspapers across the country sang its praises. The New York Times called the book "deeply affecting, written from the heart."

The Washington Times anointed it best foreign cookbook of the year.

And not surprisingly — given Miami-Dade's 57 percent Hispanic population — Miami Herald food writers penned a two-page love letter, combining interviews with the author, photos and several recipes.

Fifteen printings later, the accolades still pour in. Only now they primarily come via phone or mail.

These are the ones that perhaps mean the most to Mary Urrutia Randalman, who pays homage to the Cuban cooking of her youth in pre-Castro Havana by mixing favorite recipes with family lore and fond memories.

"People call me, crying," the Moorings resident said. "And I get letters, sometimes heart-wrenching letters, from women thanking me. Sometimes they've lost their mothers and have none of their mother's recipes, but they find what they want in my book."

Randalman was initially surprised by public reaction. "I didn't know it at the time but I really struck a chord with people who lost their country. It's a niche book that tells a universal story," she said. "Any immigrant has this tale to tell."

That tale is the classic story of starting life over again in a new land — adjusting to strange customs, conquering language barriers and succeeding in the face of adversity. And Randalman tells her story well, augmenting early recollections with extensive family interviews.

Like most of us, those remembrances include the foods of childhood. "The smell of leña (wood) is what I remember most from childhood visits to my relatives' farms," she recalled. "Every day, the massive wood-fired stoves would be stoked and pots placed upon their burners. The food was seasonal, earthy and, with its wood-infused aroma, ultimately haunting."

She also describes the lavish spreads of farm-fresh food she enjoyed at her uncle's 1,500-acre tobacco ranch, elegant repasts at the Havana Yacht Club (which she calls "my favorite playground") and the every day meals served in her comfortable household.

"Memories of a Cuban Kitchen" includes more than 200 of those classic recipes — although Randalman sometimes switches ingredients to suit contemporary tastes, such as using olive oil or vegetable oil in place of lard.

As the interior designer and author tells it in person and in the book, she was 10 when her family left Cuba on the S.S. Florida. Like others making the exodus at that time, their lives changed forever.

Suddenly, all the trappings of an affluent upbringing were gone.

On arrival in Miami, the author said, "It seemed like a delightful vacation and quite temporary, until I entered my new school and reality set in."

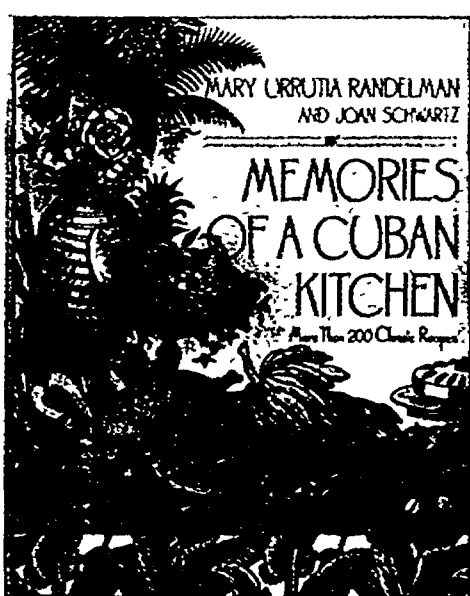
A rough-and-tumble public school was a shock for a child accustomed to elite boarding schools. But Randalman and her siblings faced another big challenge: They became latchkey children when their mother went to work as a saleswoman at Burdines department store.

"When we arrived home (from school that first day), we found a note announcing that she would have to work late, along with a box of Uncle Ben's rice and Mom's directions, in Spanish, for preparing it. Now we were the cooks!"

The kids adjusted, however, even showing flair in the kitchen. And after brief experimentation creating pancake suppers and macaroni-and-cheese casseroles with packaged mixes, they returned wholeheartedly to their beloved Cuban dishes.

"We all made it over the hump," Randalman said. "As children in prosperous, postwar Cuba, we had inhabited a very special world," Randalman wrote in the book's introduction.

"We had lived a joyous, hopeful and privileged life, but there was a price to be paid for our privilege ... Had I remained in Cuba longer than the first 10 years of my life, no doubt I would have had a political point of view, but I left with a child's perceptions and memories, and I treasure them."



Shrimp, Papaya and Avocado Salad

4 Servings

Dressing:

3/4 cup pure Spanish olive oil

1/4 cup fresh lemon juice

Salt to taste

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1/4 teaspoon ground cumin

1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh parsley

Salad:

Salad greens for lining platter, optional

1 pound shelled and deveined medium shrimp cooked over medium-high heat in boiling, salted water barely to cover until pink, 3 minutes, and drained well

1 large ripe papaya, peeled, seeded and thinly sliced

1 large, ripe Florida avocado or 2 smaller Haas avocados, peeled, pitted and thinly sliced

1/2 cup red onion, finely chopped

Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

In a small bowl, whisk together all dressing ingredients, cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

On a large platter lined with salad greens, arrange the shrimp in the center and the avocado and papaya along the sides. Sprinkle with the onion, salt and pepper, drizzle the dressing over and serve.

Mango Fool

6 Servings

2 large, ripe mangoes, peeled and cubed

1/2 cup sugar or to taste

2 cups heavy cream

Fresh berries and mint leaves for garnish

In a blender or food processor fitted with a steel blade, puree the mangoes. Transfer to a large bowl, mix in sugar and set aside.

In a large bowl, using an electric mixer, beat cream to soft peaks. Fold cream into the mango puree, pour into a deep bowl or individual dessert glasses, cover and chill at least 2 hours or until set. Garnish with fresh berries of your choice.

Cuban Sandwich

2 Sandwiches

1 loaf Cuban or Italian bread

2 tablespoons mayonnaise

2 small dill pickles, thinly sliced lengthwise

2 slices Swiss cheese

4 ounces sliced roast pork

4 ounces boiled or baked ham

1 tablespoon butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Trim ends off the loaf and slice bread in half lengthwise. Spread both cut surfaces with mayonnaise, layer one half with pickle slices, cheese, pork and ham, cover with the second slice of bread; cut down the middle into two sandwiches.

Place sandwiches on a lightly oiled baking sheet and brush the tops with butter. Place a heavy cast-iron skillet over both sandwiches to weigh them down, and bake until crisp and hot, about 20 minutes. Makes 2 sandwiches.

Mustard's assertive cousin, the horseradish

By Karola Saekel
SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Horseradish, in many cooks' minds today, is that pungent roast beef condiment found in jars at supermarkets.

But there is also that none-too-handsome thick root sold in specialty produce markets and some of the more food-forward markets. And that's the real horseradish, a member of the mustard family that has a vibrancy processed products just can't match.

A native of Eastern Europe, it's a plant that can grow up to 4 feet tall and has a long tap root — the part most commonly used — and serrated leaves that, when young, can spice up a salad. Used since antiquity, horseradish is one of the five bitter herbs on the seder plate for Passover.

SEASON: Available most of the year.

HOW TO SELECT: Whole roots typically are 8 to 12 inches long, though you can sometimes find cut-up chunks. Whichever, the roots should be firm like a fresh carrot and should not have started to sprout. Horseradish does have irregular skin, but it should not be deeply pitted, which, among other things, makes it hard to peel.

PRICE: We found horseradish recently from \$1.29 to \$2.98 a pound.

USES: Horseradish needs to be peeled and finely grated. A little goes a long way, so you usually won't use a whole root at once. Store leftovers, wrapped in plastic, in the refrigerator for up to two weeks.

Bottled horseradish is generally put up in vinegar (white horseradish) or beet juice (red horseradish), and you can give it the same treatment at home for a condiment to be served with roast beef, boiled beef, corned beef, fresh or smoked tongue and many cold meats such as leftover roast poultry.

Horseradish has an affinity for its cousin, mustard, and cream is often added to tone down the pungency. Try a dressing of approximately two parts grated horseradish, one part Dijon-style mustard and one part cream, creme fraiche or sour cream, with salt and a touch of vinegar or lemon juice to taste. This is a perfect topping for roasted red beets (hot or cold) or a turkey, roast beef or meat loaf sandwich.

The grated root is also excellent for zipping up creamed sauces — especially for fish — but add it just before serving because the volatile oils that account for its taste will dissipate in cooking.

Fine Living: Chocolate 101

From basic ingredients like tropical cacao beans, vanilla and sugar, candy companies and dessert chefs around the world create the delicious, seductive substance known as chocolate.

Depending on the exact ingredients or cooking process, chocolate can be created in countless forms and flavors to satisfy the tastes and cravings of chocoholics of every persuasion.

So what are some of the most popular varieties of chocolate, and how do they differ from one another?

Jacques Torres is one of the world's foremost chocolate experts. A French native who now lives in New York, Torres is an internationally celebrated pastry chef who has won countless awards and honors for his culinary artistry. Torres is also a frequent media guest, and entertains and informs dessert lovers with his own television series and his various cookbooks. Fans of his pastries and confections can now buy products directly from his state-of-the-art chocolate factory and shop.



Here Torres gives us an introduction to several basic kinds of chocolate:

■ Dark chocolate. According to Torres, dark chocolate, which is noticeably less sweet than other forms of chocolate, starts with a bitter paste of ground beans called cocoa liquor (not to be confused with an alcoholic drink).

Cocoa butter is added to make the chocolate more fluid, and then sugar and real vanilla to add sweetness and flavor. Cheaper chocolate will contain vanillin rather than the pure form.

■ Milk chocolate. If milk powder is then added, the resulting product will be milk chocolate, which is the most popular kind of eating chocolate in the world. The vast majority of chocolate bars and treats are made with milk chocolate.

■ White chocolate. If you take milk chocolate and remove all the cocoa liquor, you get white chocolate, which is sweet and rich and has a dairy taste that is much farther removed from the original beans.

Torres also has these tips on chocolate storage:

■ Cool but not cold. Chocolate is a lot like butter, Torres says. You want to keep it cool so that it doesn't get too soft or begin to melt, but you don't want to store it in the refrigerator, either. Taking chocolate out of the fridge will lead to condensation, which dries out the chocolate and reduces the quality. Keep your chocolate in a cool, dark place without a lot of humidity.

■ Odor absorption. Chocolate contains sugar and fat, both of which have a tendency to absorb smells and odors from things around them. So if your "cool, dark place" happens to be a cabinet that also holds onions, your chocolate will not keep its original delicious flavor.

■ Shelf life. Keep track of how long you store your chocolates. Torres estimates that filled chocolates will stay good for about one month, while chocolate without filling can last for up to a year if stored properly.

To learn more

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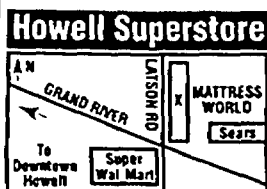
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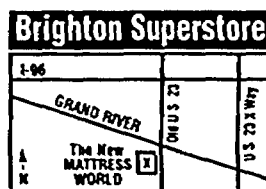
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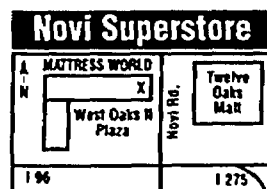
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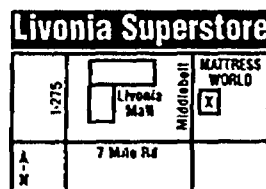
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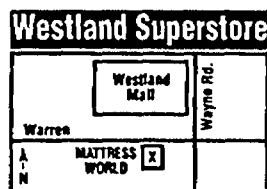
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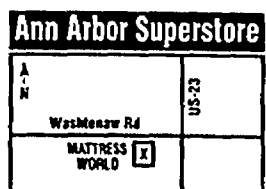
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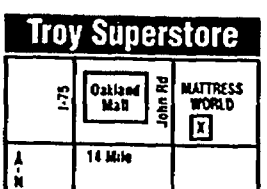
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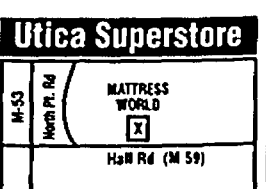
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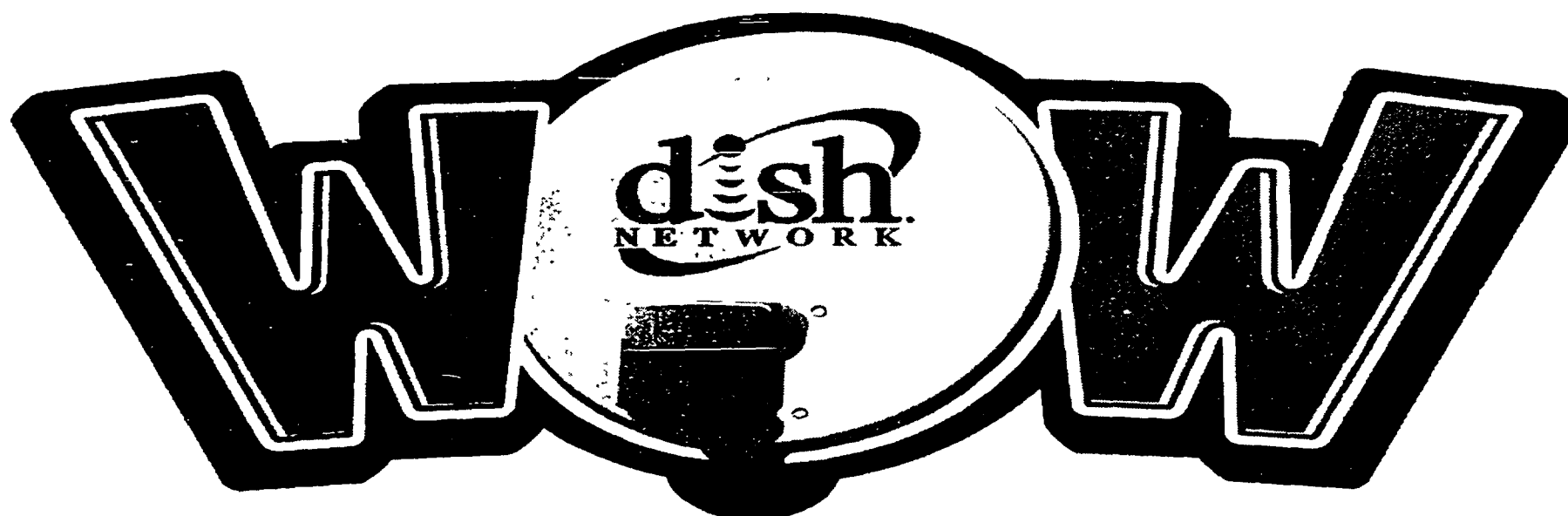


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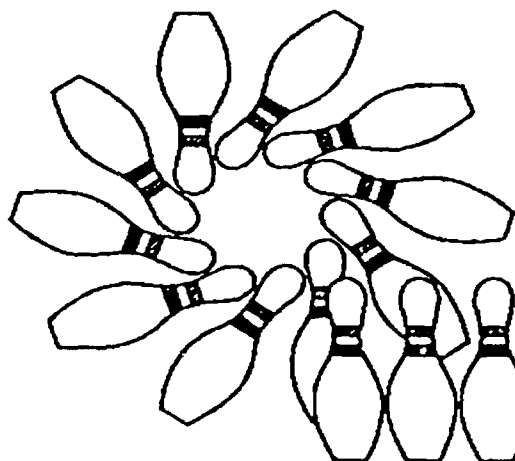
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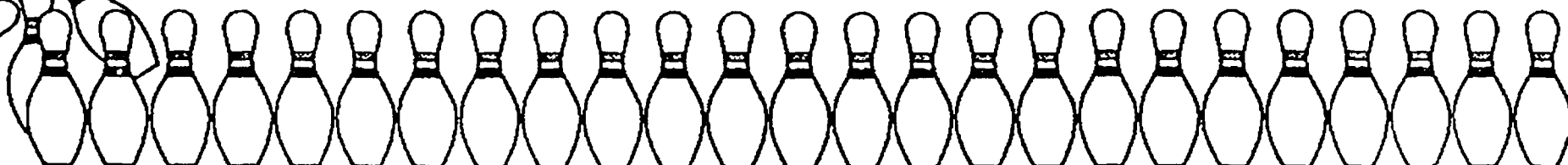
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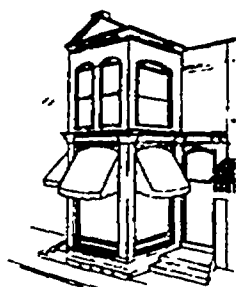

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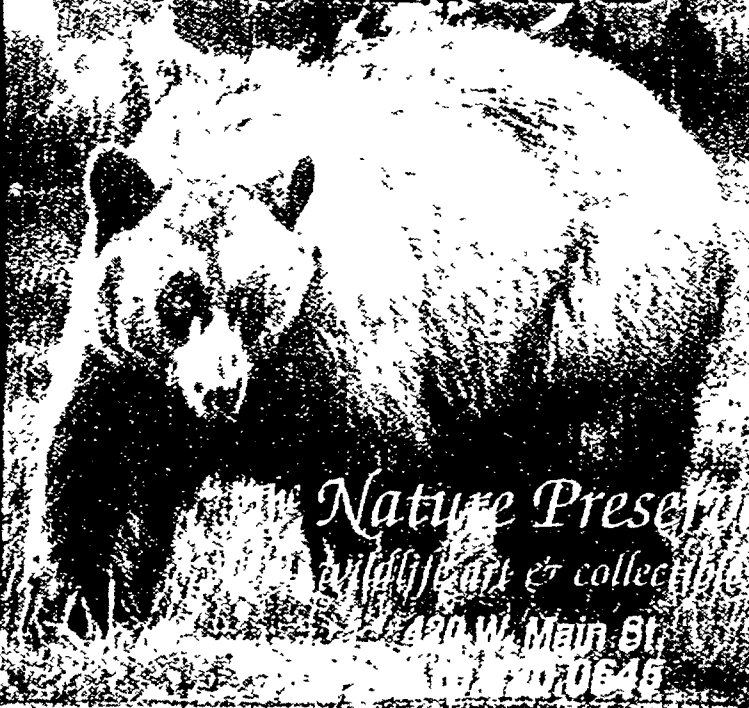
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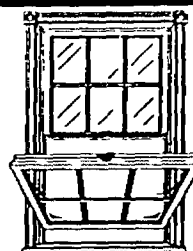
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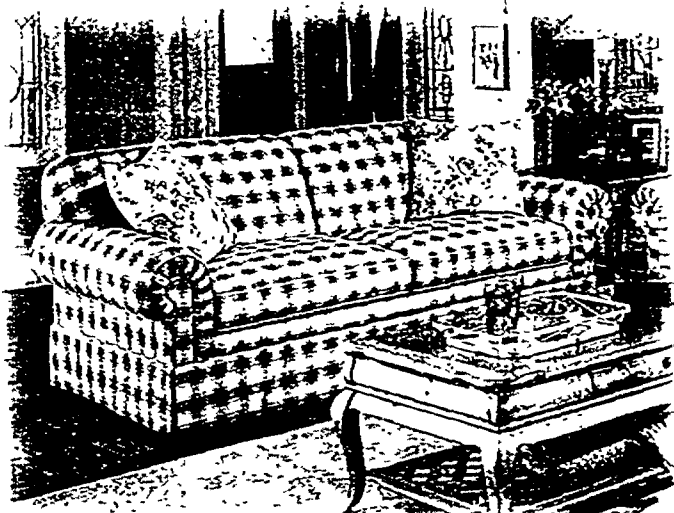
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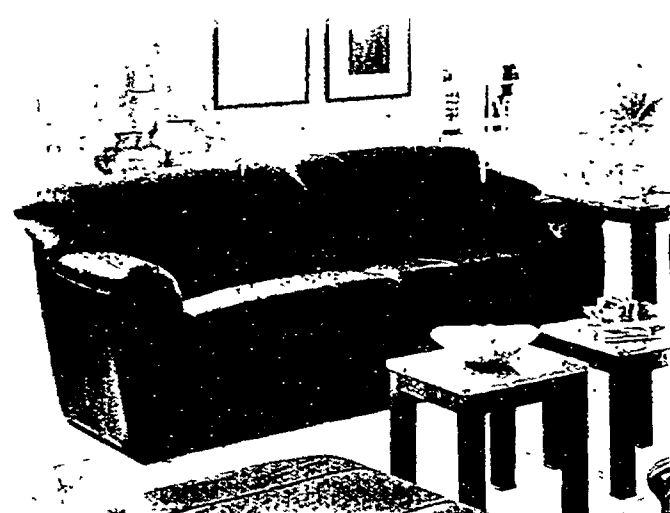
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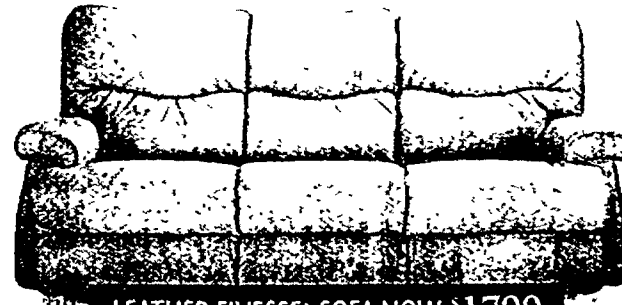
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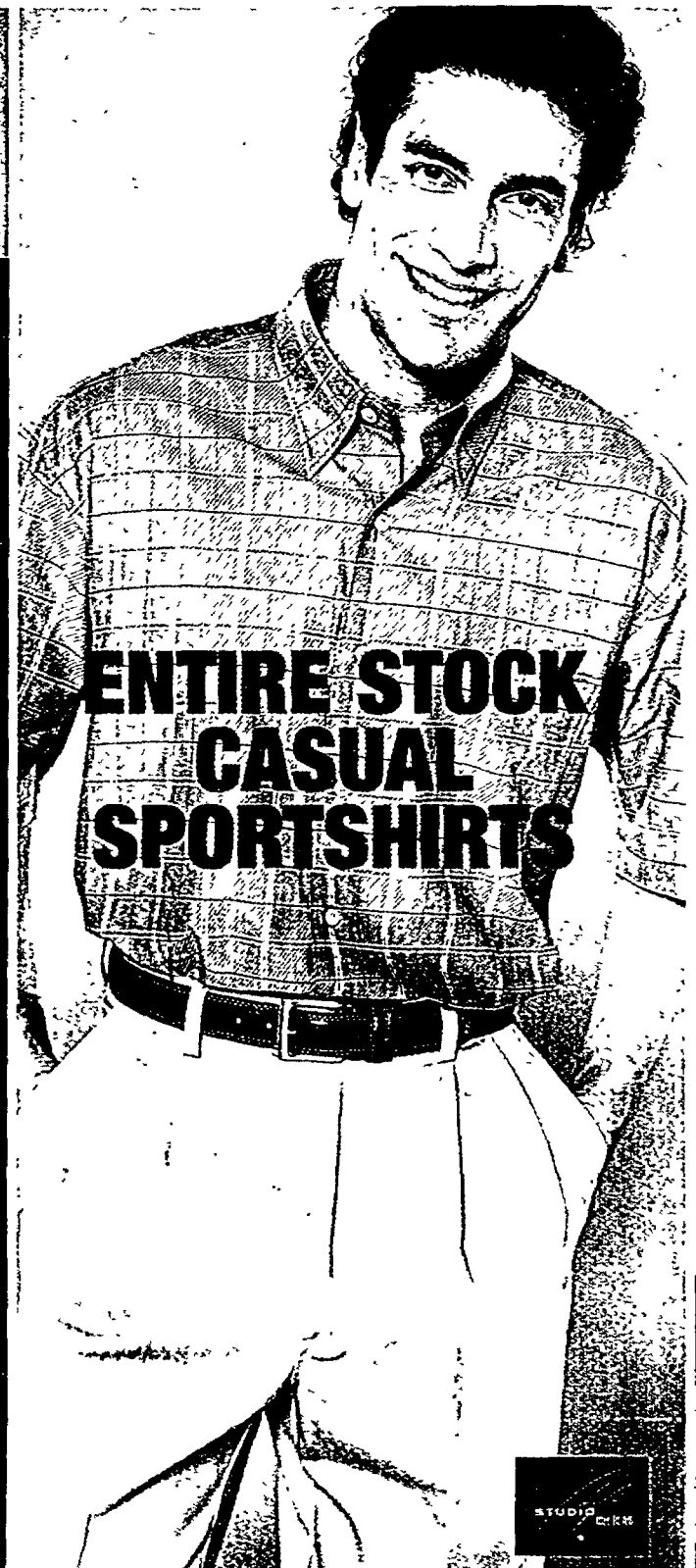
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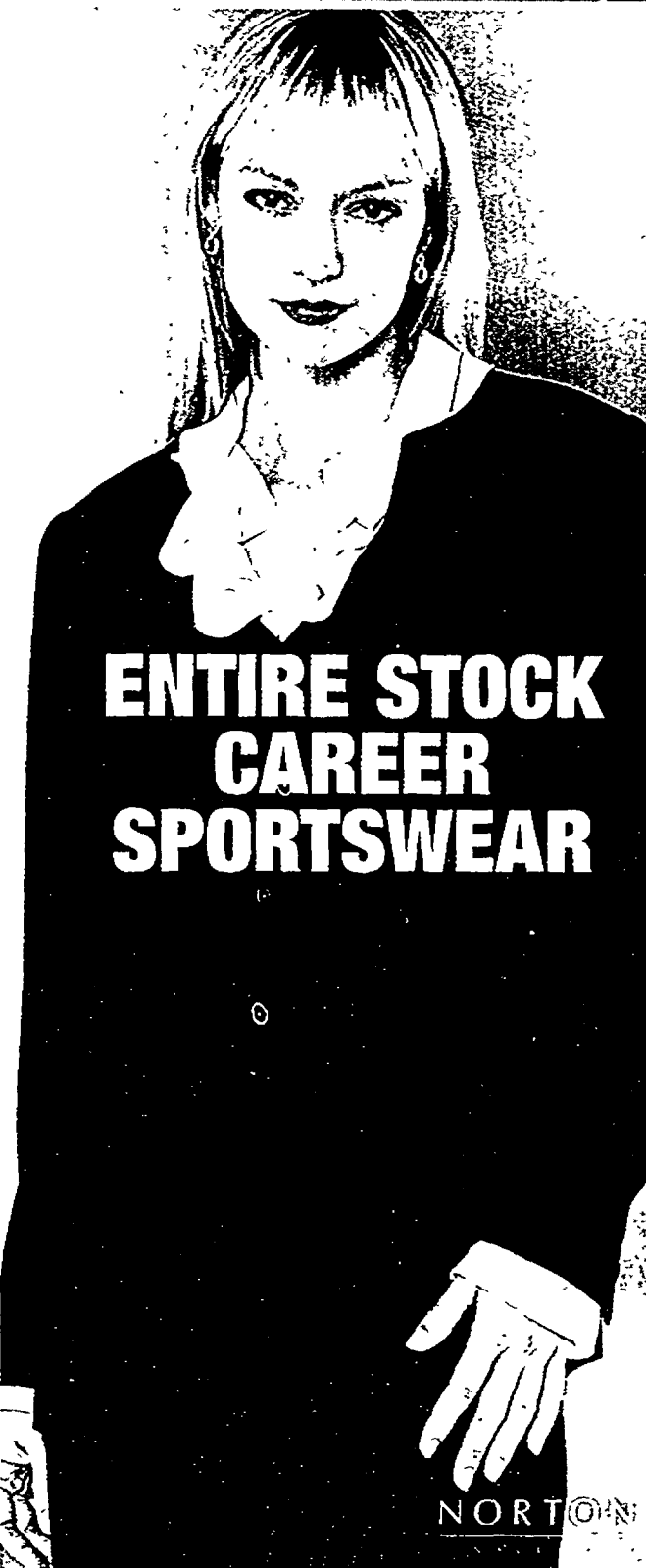
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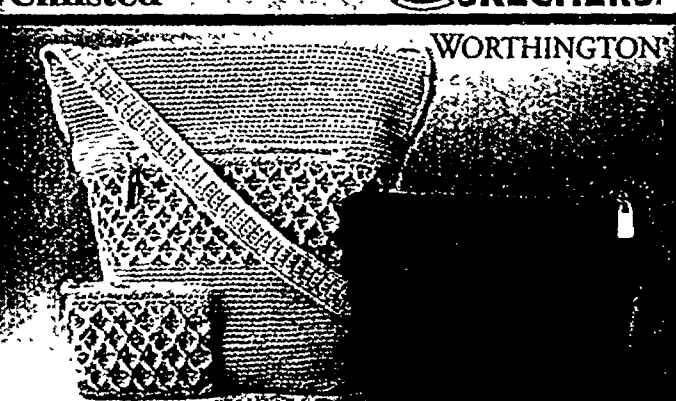
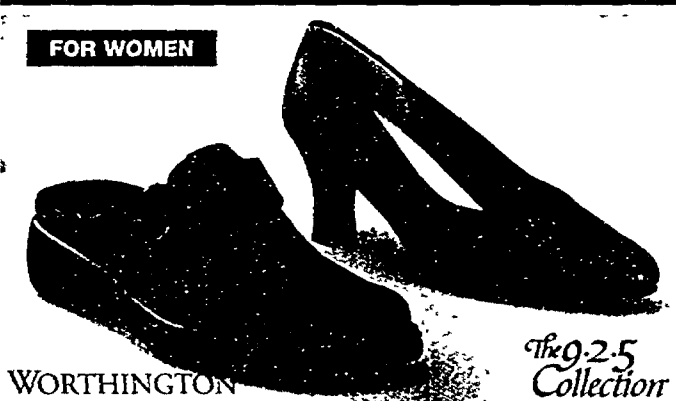


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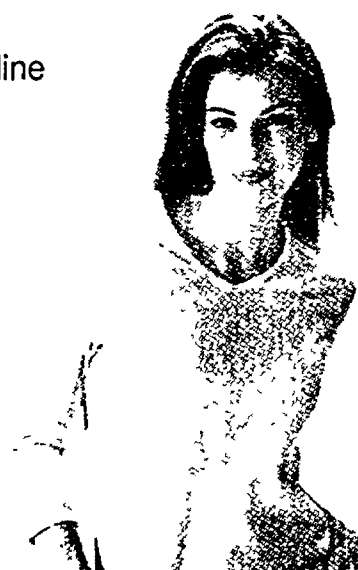
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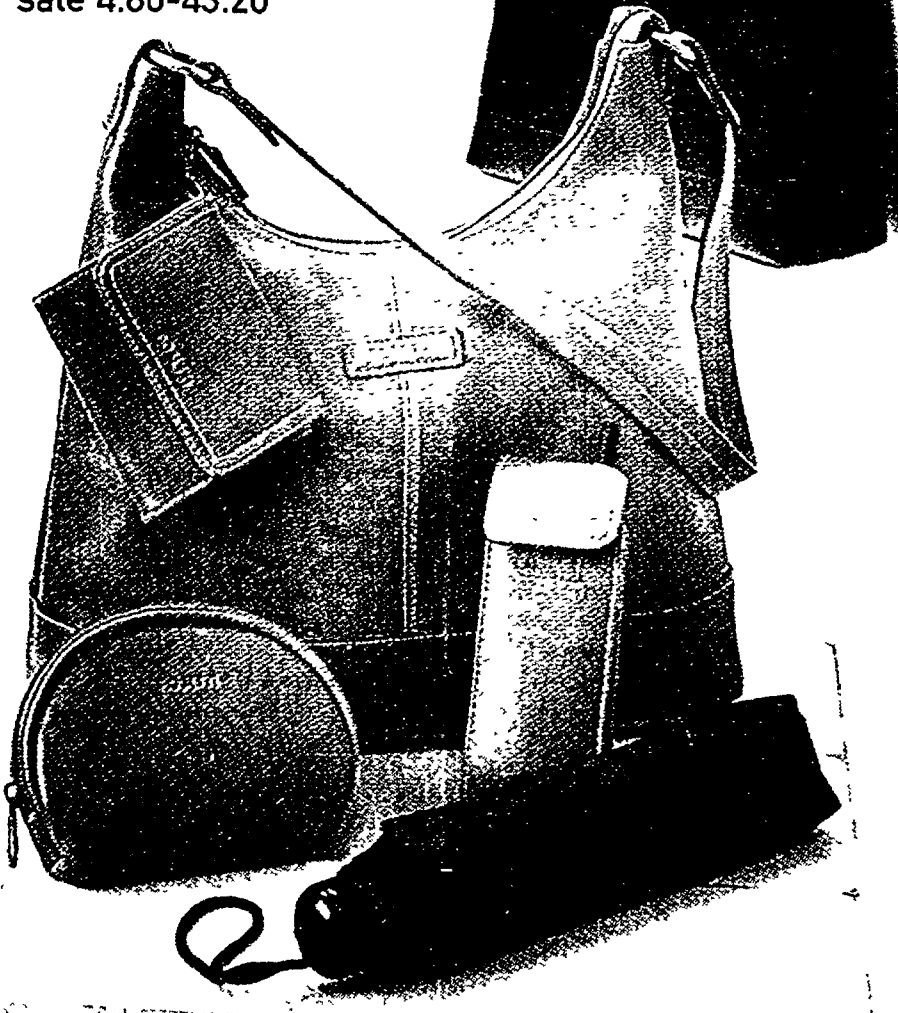
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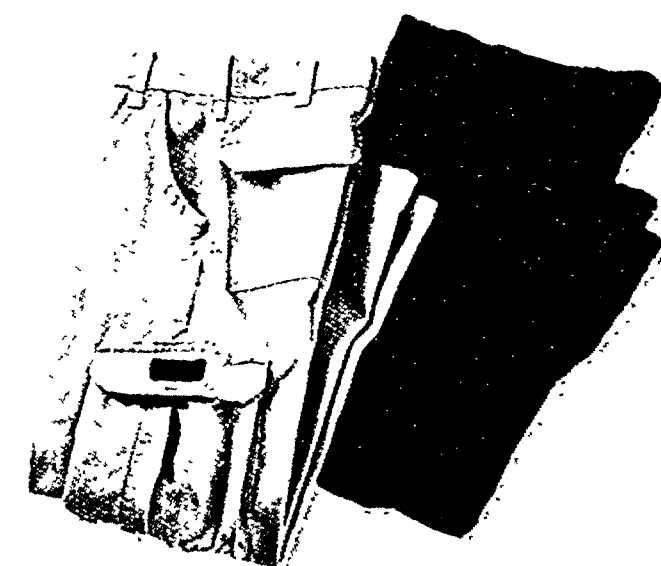
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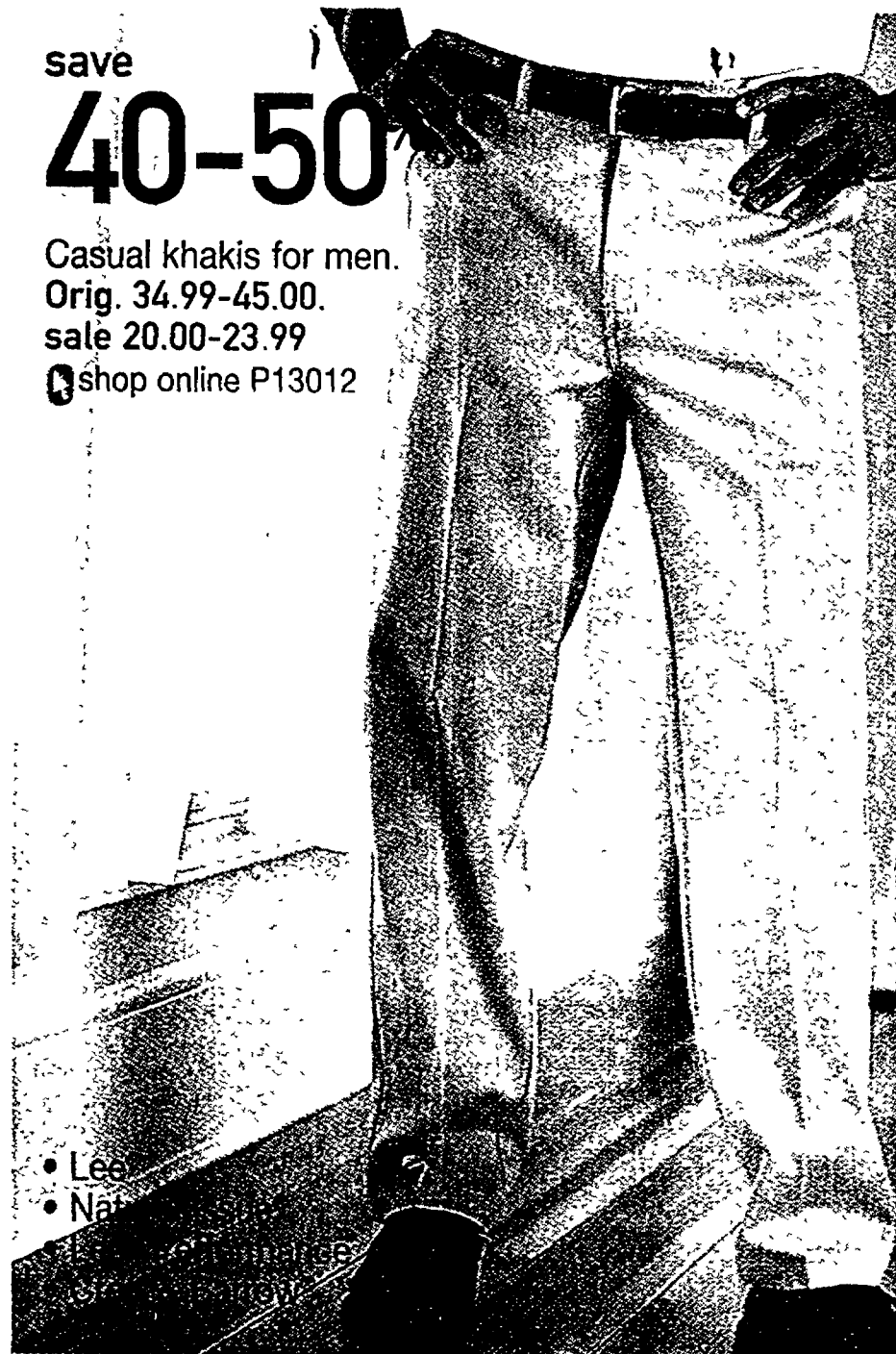


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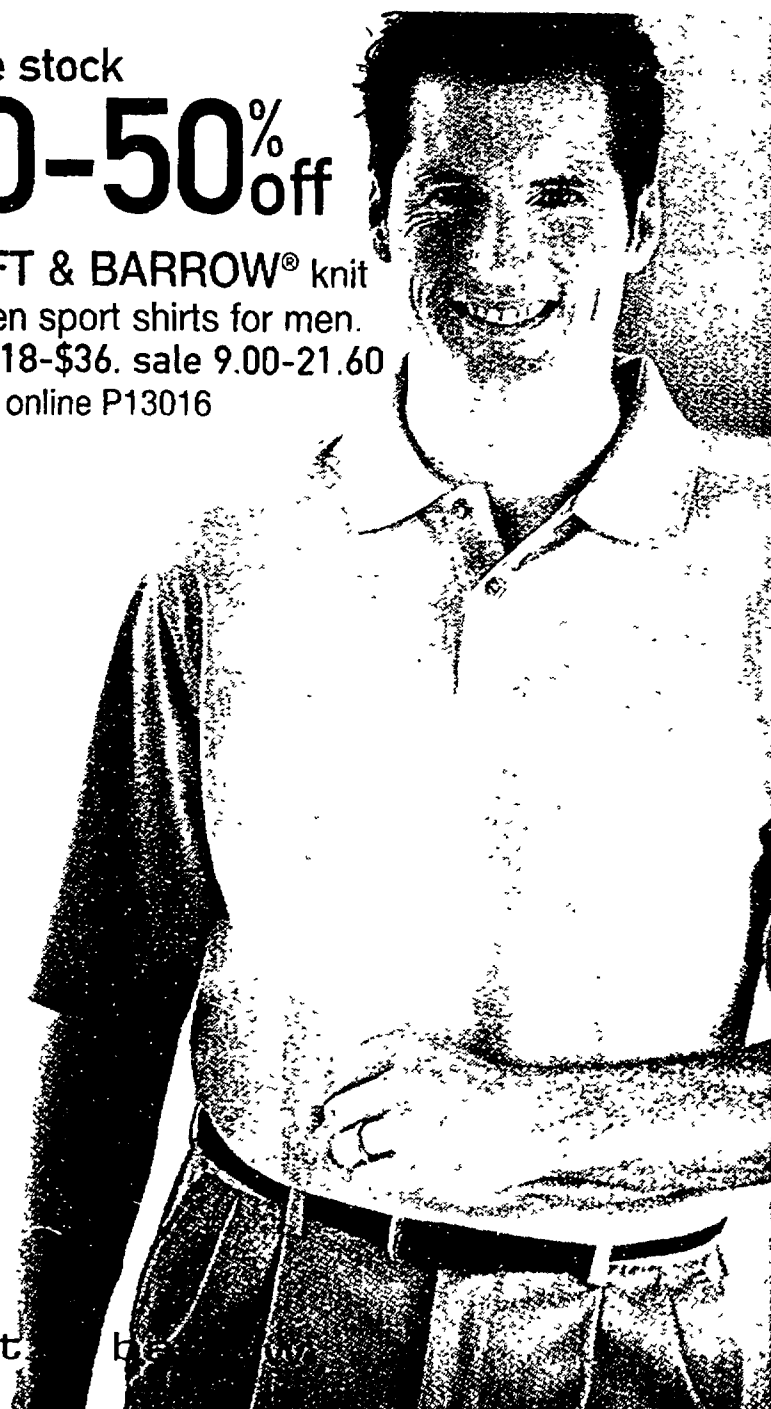
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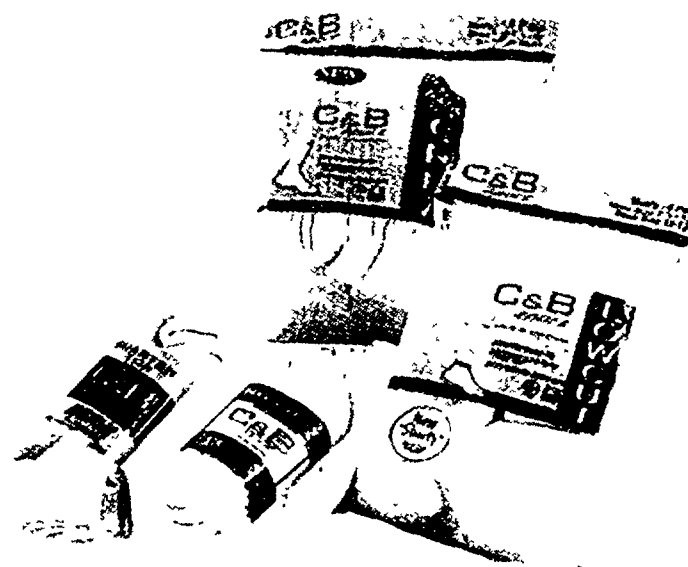
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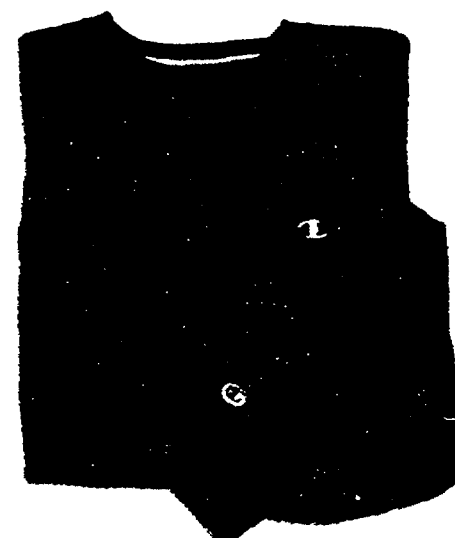
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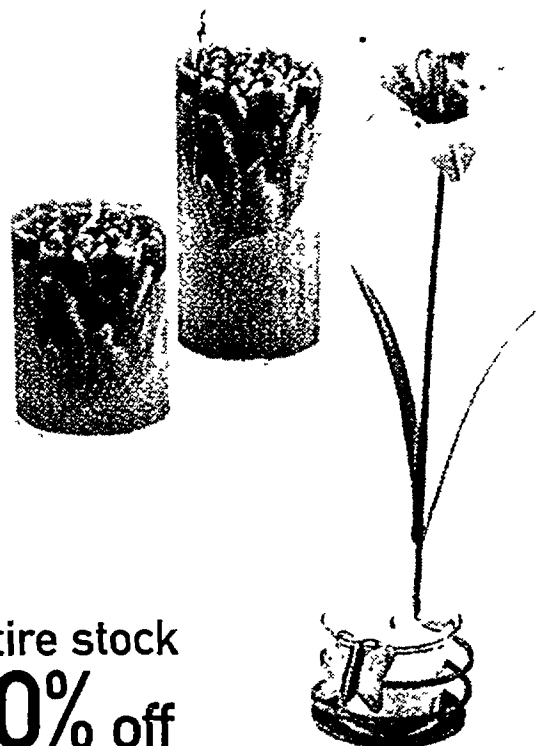
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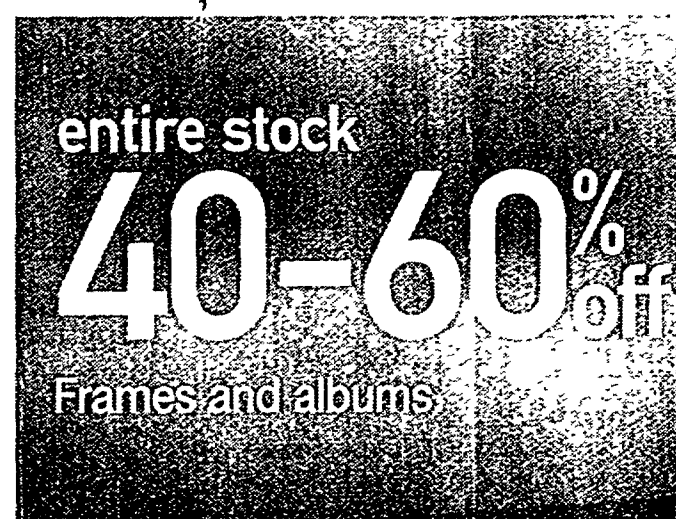
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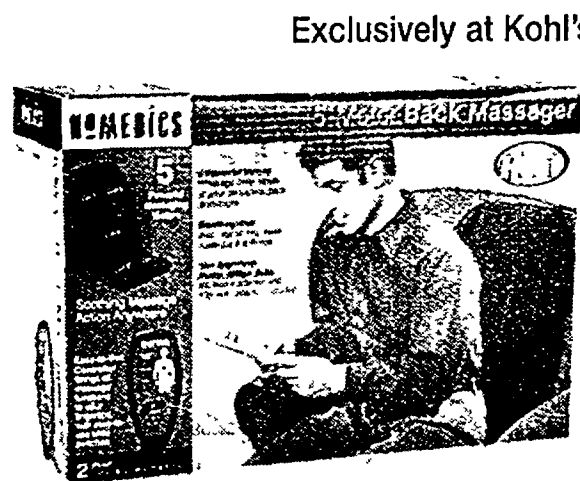
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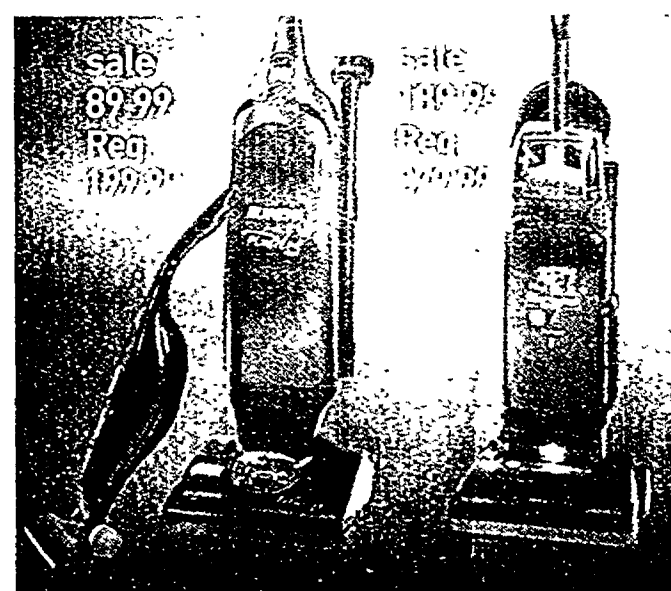
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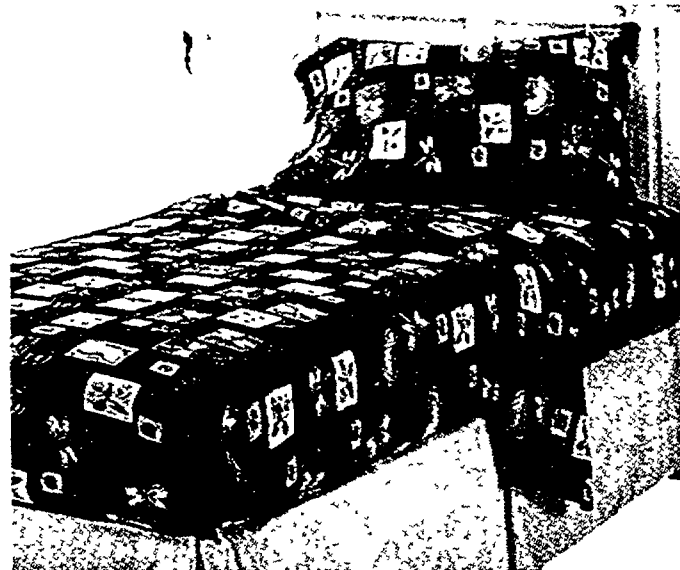
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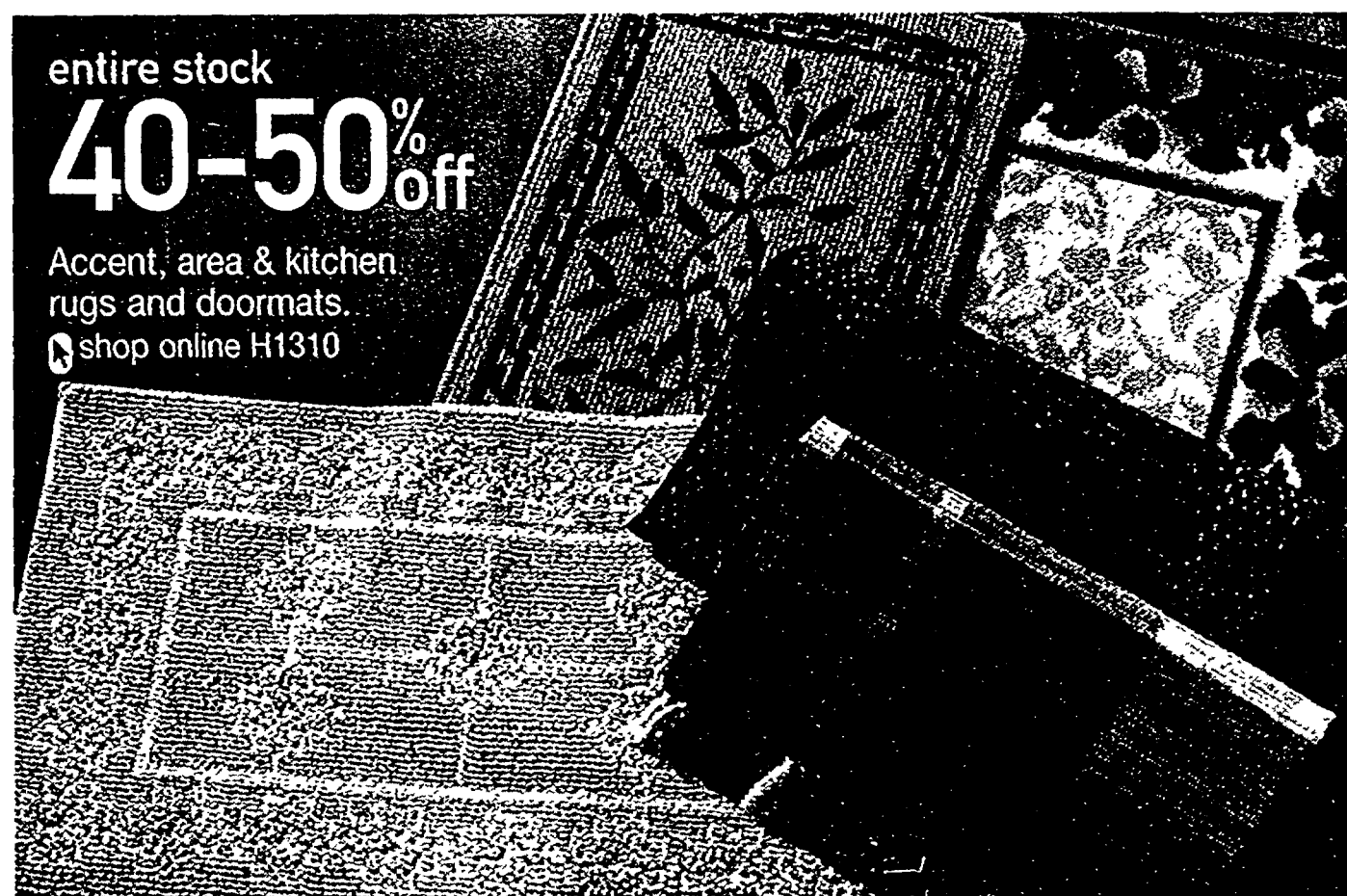
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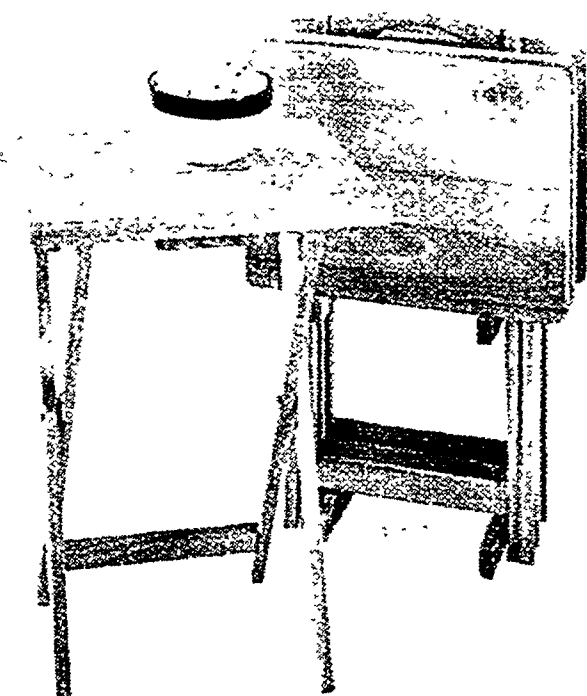


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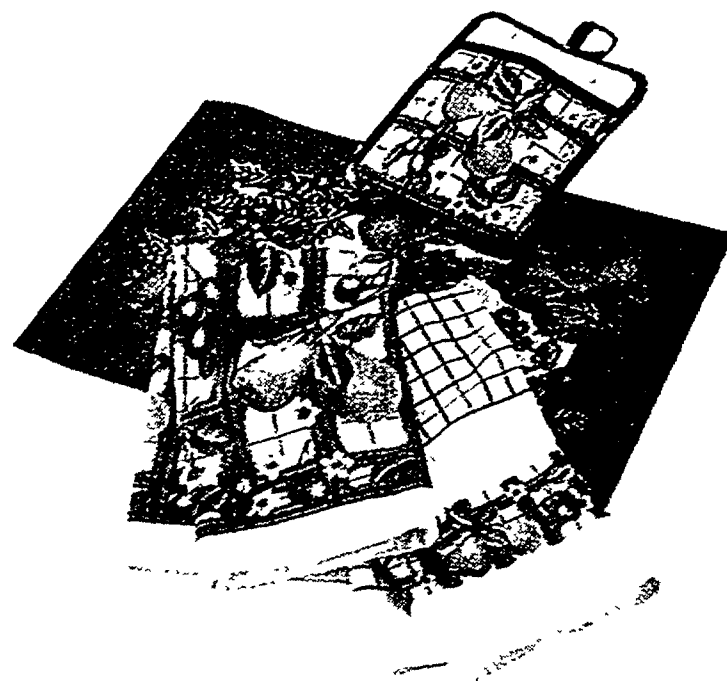
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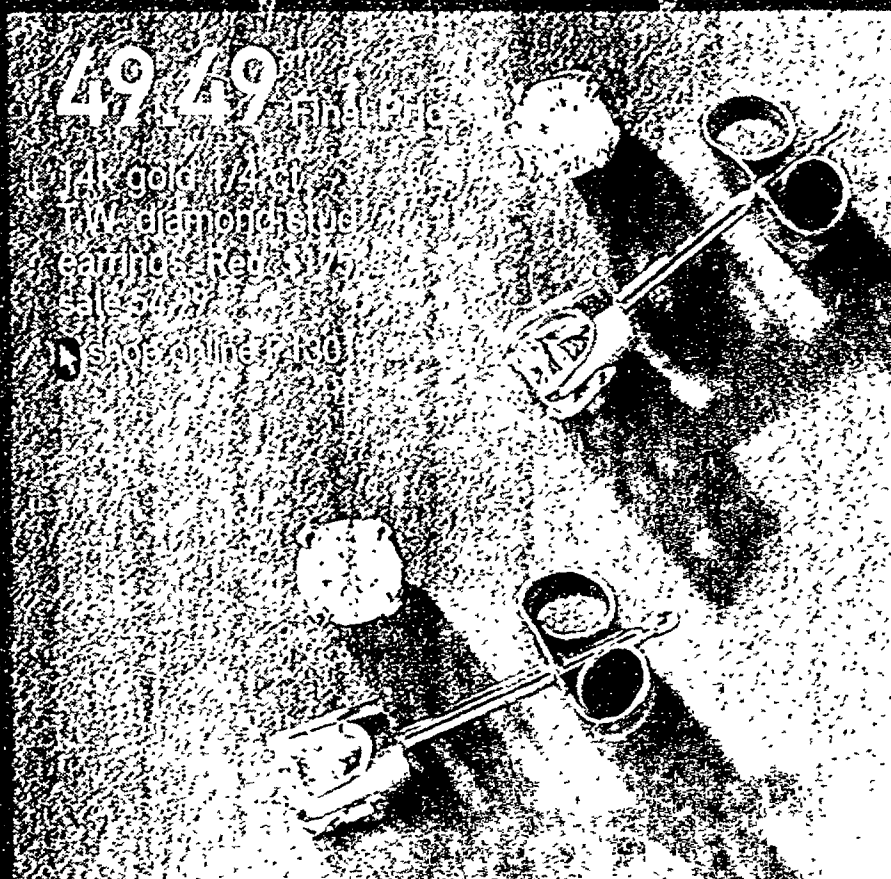
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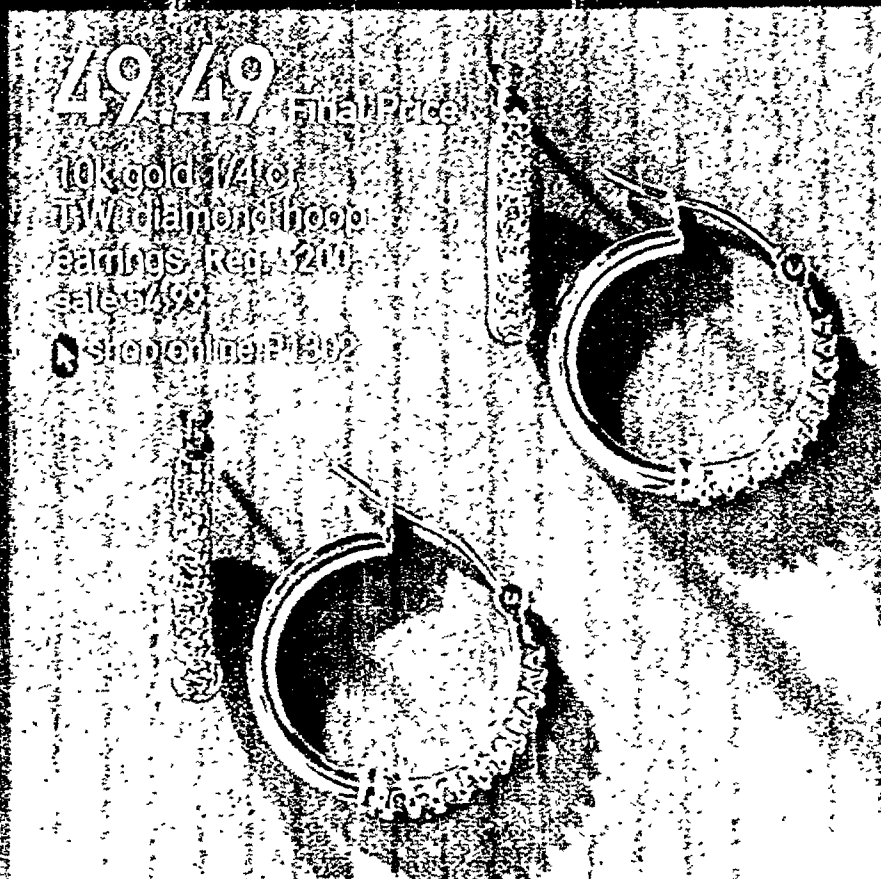


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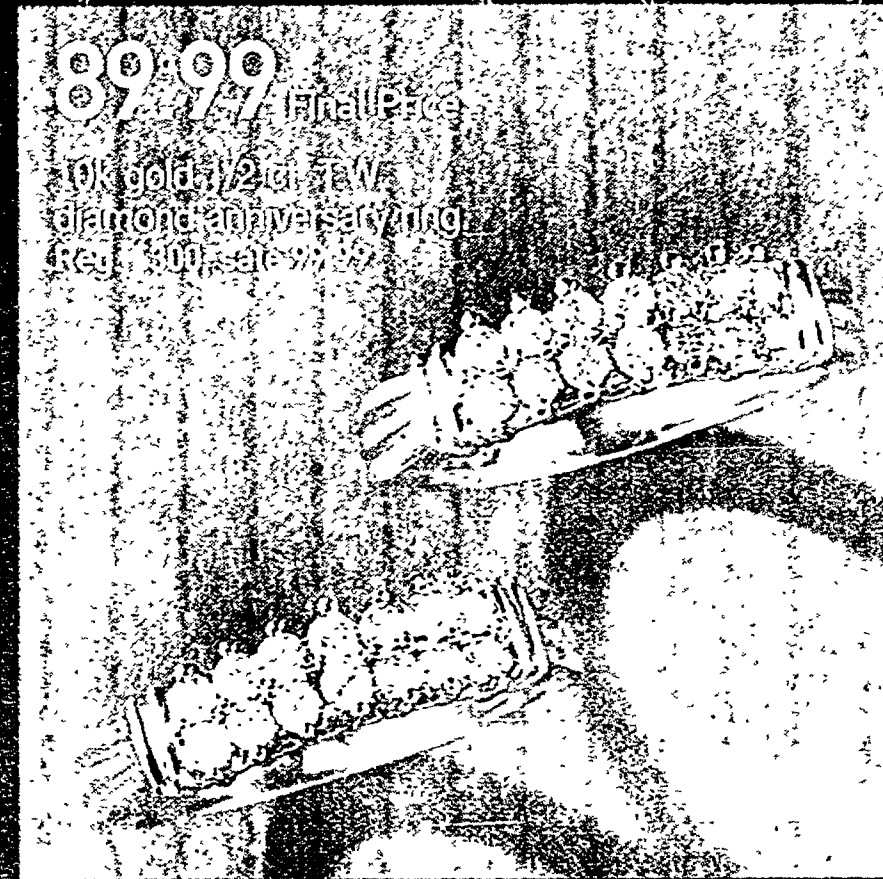
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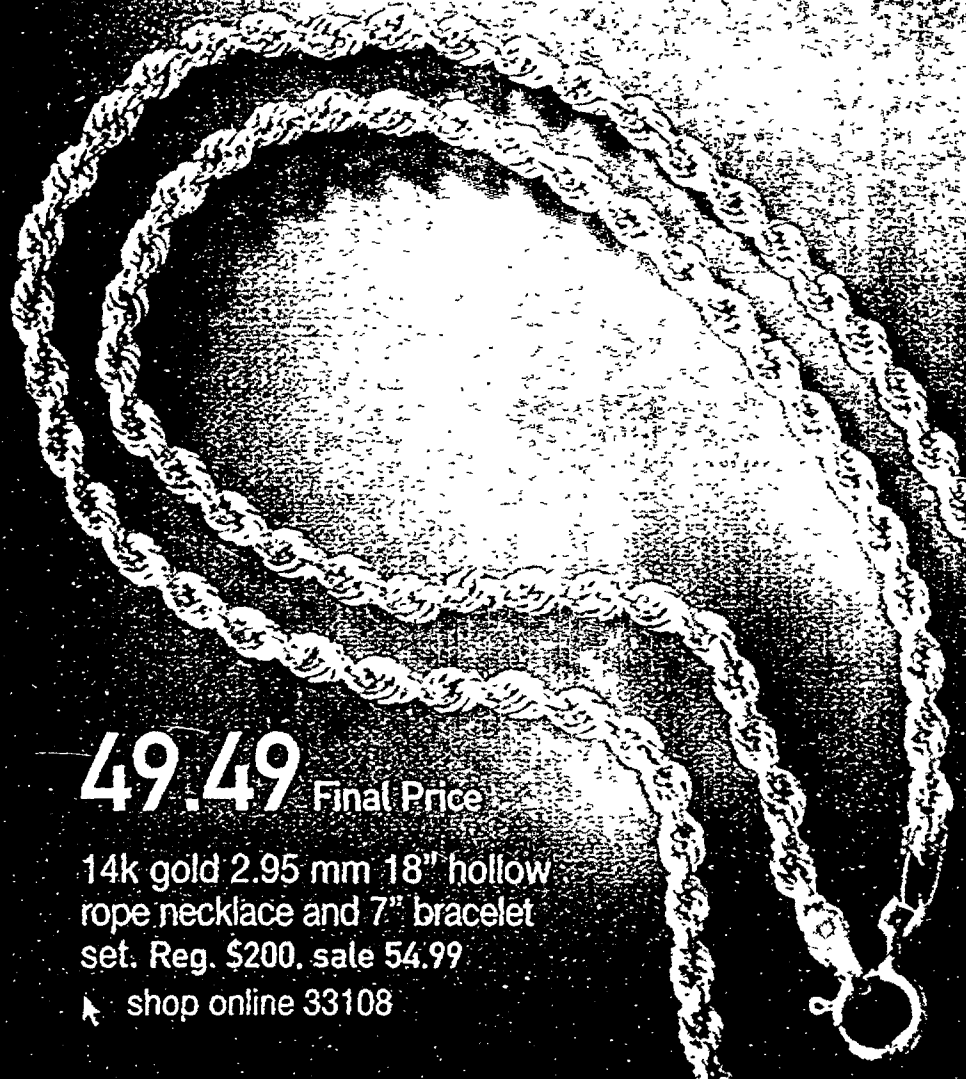


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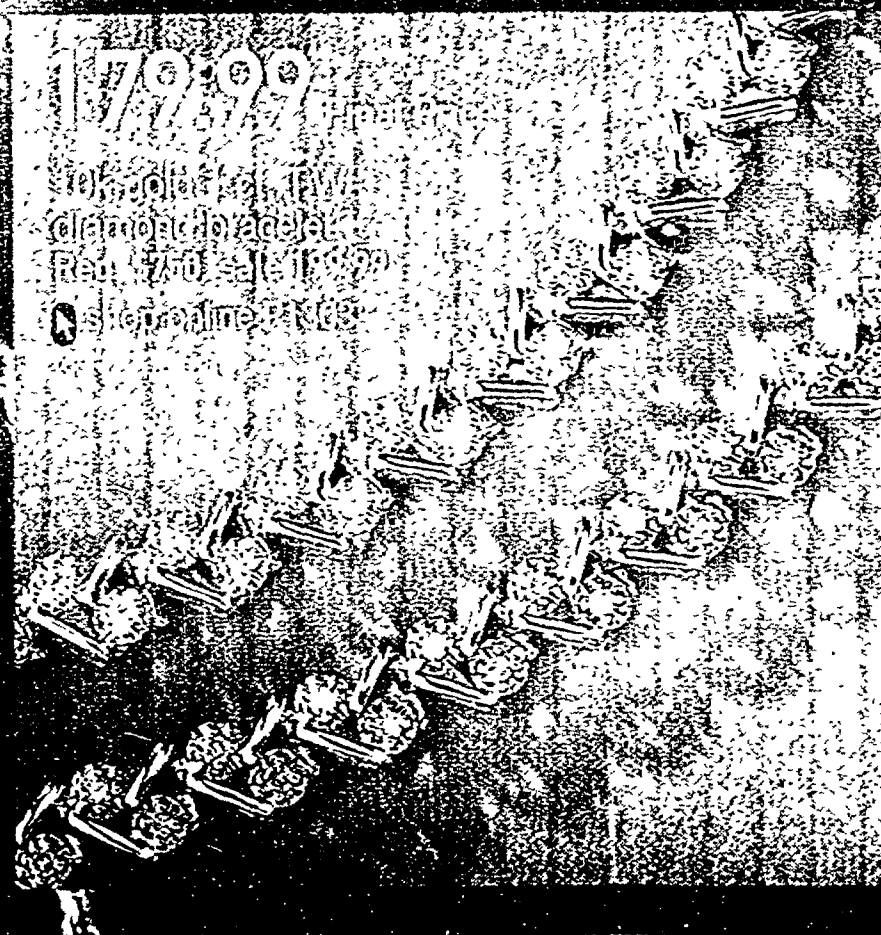
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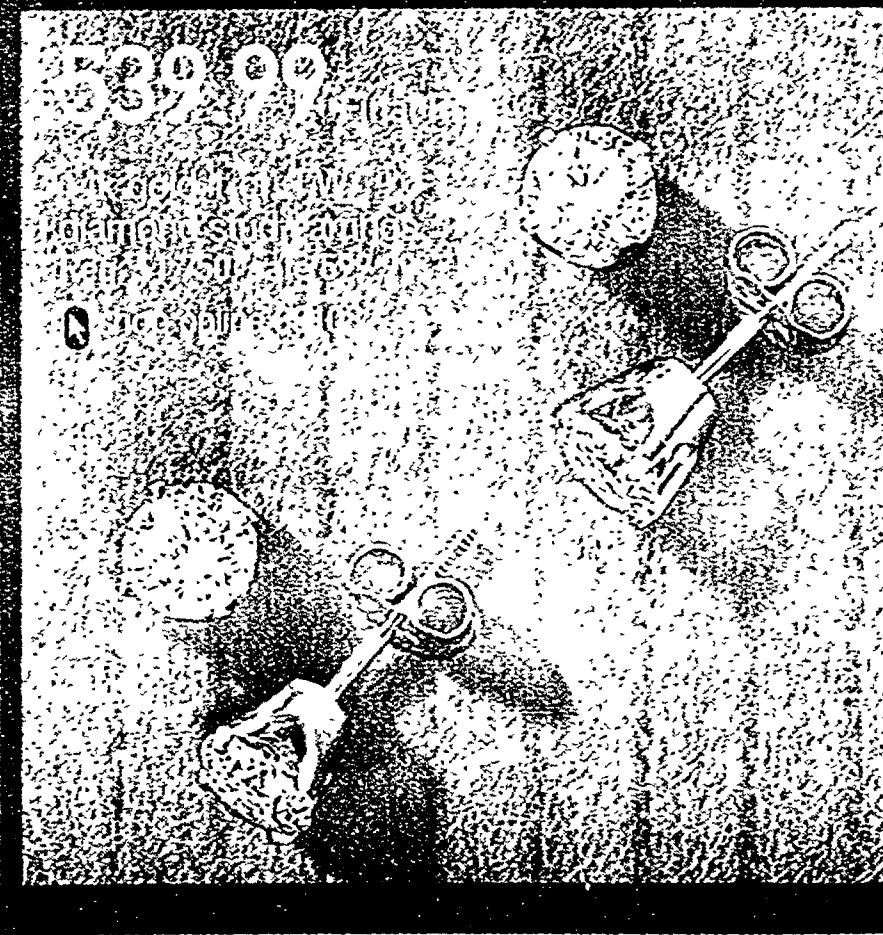
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Ask American Profile

Q What is Nia Peeples doing since Walker, Texas Ranger went off the air? Is she married? Any children? She is a super actress.

—Jay S., New Mexico

She's been working on a television pilot and has a movie that came out in November, *Half Past Dead* with Steven Seagal. The can-you-believe-she's-41-years-old actress and singer is married to stuntman Lauro Chartrand and has two children. Peeples' journey into show business started when her father was looking for an activity the family could enjoy together. Peeples' mom had been a Polynesian dancer, so the family spent Sundays learning the dances. Before long, Peeples' father realized he had a talented crew at home, and Peeples, her two sisters, and mom began performing for conventions and charity events. Throughout high school, Peeples sang and also excelled academically. She went to UCLA on a scholarship but left early to pursue her career. Her breakthrough



Holly Dunn is "Getting it Dunn."

One of those appearances was on the *Late Show With David Letterman*. Letterman was so impressed with Romano that he offered the standup comic a development deal with his production company, from which Romano's hit comedy was born on CBS. He recently won an Emmy for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy Series and has written a book, *Everything and a Kite*, which is based on his comedy. A native of Forest Hills, N.Y., he lives with his family in Los Angeles.

Q Is Holly Dunn still performing? I know she's a member of the Grand Ole Opry. I haven't seen her in a while.

—Polly D., Mississippi

After moving to Santa Fe, N.M., in 2001, Holly Dunn has returned to Nashville, Tenn., and is touring for the first time since 1996. She performed in Switzerland this past fall and in Montana in December. Dunn, 45, also is working on songs for a new album. She first moved to Nashville after graduating from Abilene Christian University with a degree in public relations and advertising. She signed with MTM records in 1985 and burst onto the country music scene in 1986 with *Daddy's Hands*, a song she wrote as a Father's Day gift. She went on to write and produce her first three albums, which contained six hit singles, including two No. 1 songs. When MTM folded, Dunn's success continued at Warner Bros. Records. And Dunn has seen a different side of the record business. In 1997, she became a disc jockey at W-4 Country in Detroit, hosting a morning show. She returned to Nashville the next year and hosted *Holly Dunn's Nashville Minute*. From 1998 to 2000, Dunn was a regular host for TNN's *Opry Backstage*. She was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry in 1989. Dunn's last album was *Leave One Bridge Standing* in 1997. ☆

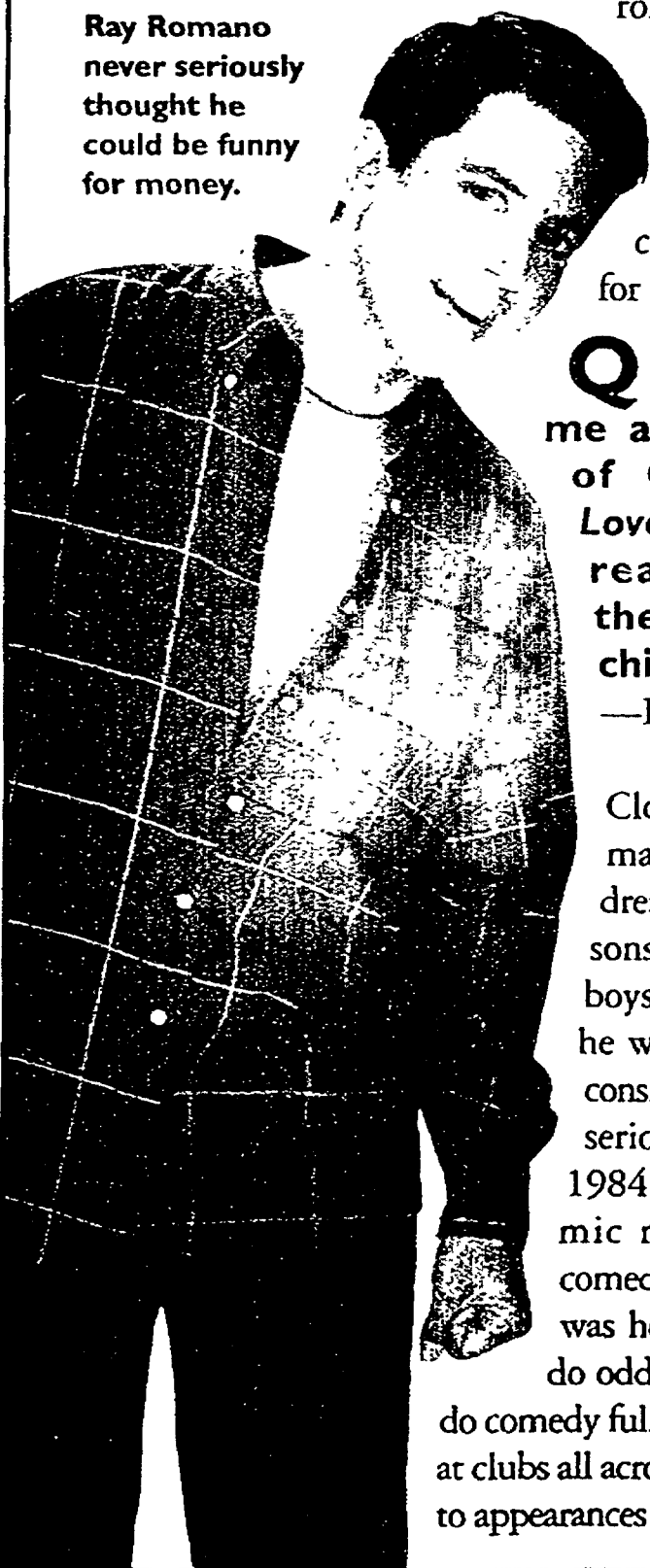
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Q What can you tell me about Ray Romano of CBS's Everybody Loves Raymond? Is he really married and the father of three children?

—Paul M., Missouri

Close. Ray Romano, 44, is married and has four children—a daughter and three sons. And yes, he has twin boys. Romano always knew he was funny, but he never considered a career in comedy seriously. Then one night in 1984, he performed at open mic night at a New York comedy club. He did well and was hooked. He continued to do odd jobs before deciding to do comedy full time. Romano appeared at clubs all across the country, which led to appearances on late night talk shows.

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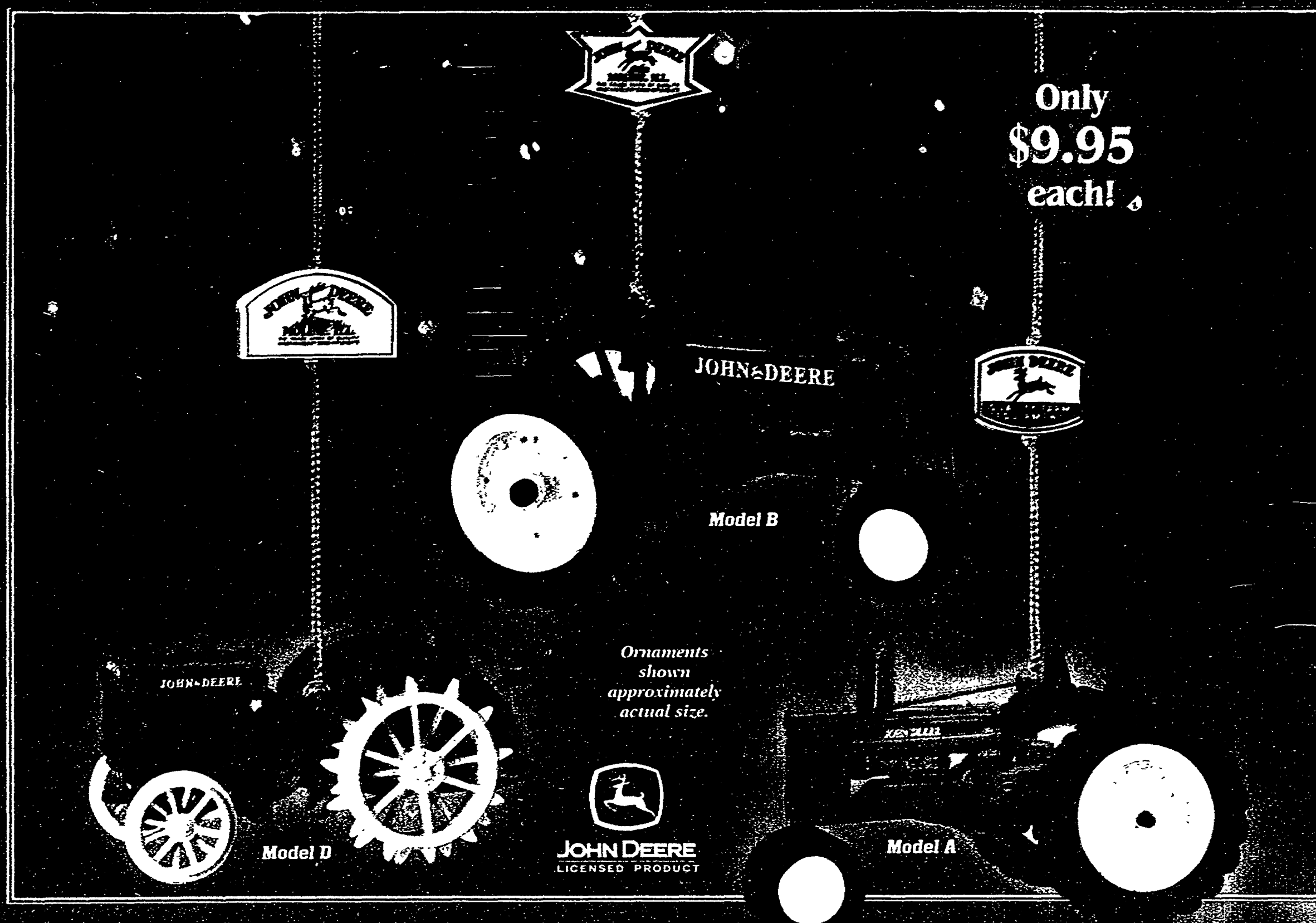
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Carving History

David Goodlett has created hundreds of woodcarvings over the last 40 years or so, but when Butch Walker, director of the Oakville Indian Park and Museum in Lawrence County, Ala., asked him to carve a 12-foot statue of the Cherokee legend Sequoya, Goodlett wasn't sure. The retired agriculture consultant worried that the project might be bigger than he could handle.

Goodlett is known throughout Alabama art circles for his American Indian creations and as one of the founders of the state's first woodcarving educational programs. But at that time, the largest piece he had worked was only 22 inches tall, so he suggested that he create a totem pole for the museum.



David Goodlett teaches the fundamentals of woodcarving to local Boy Scouts.

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"But Butch insisted on doing Sequoya," Goodlett recalls. "He said, 'The Cherokee never had totem poles, but everyone recognizes Sequoya.' So I went ahead and started it."

Choosing a native white-oak trunk, Goodlett spent nearly two years carving the detailed likeness of the only man in the world to single-handedly develop an alphabet for a spoken language—that of the Cherokee Indians. The larger-than-life figure now dominates the small museum commemorating the area's Cherokee history.

"It's a marvelous piece," Walker says. "David is a great, great woodcarver."

The artist in Goodlett probably was born in 1958, he says, when he first opened his pocketknife and tried his hand at a relief carving.

"We didn't have television and that sort of thing for entertainment," he recalls. "I had a little time on my hands, so I gave this a try."

His first carving was a primitive relief showing horses pulling a carriage with four men aboard. His second work was set in the American Revolution and depicted a cannon and soldiers, carved from a stump he'd recovered from the nearby woods. And as he continued to work the wood, his efforts paid off in ever more beautiful pieces of relief art.

Although born in Moulton, Ala., (pop. 3,260)—where he now lives on the family farm that's been occupied since 1859 by a Goodlett—the lanky woodcarver spent the most formative years of his artistic career while he and his wife, Peggy, lived in Montgomery, Ala. It was there that he and friends helped establish Alabama's first woodcarving school in 1986.

Goodlett now keeps busy conducting demonstrations and showing his carvings at festivals and to school groups throughout his native Lawrence County, and he regularly teaches the rudiments of woodcarving to a local Boy Scout troop.

Recently, Goodlett has been earmarking favorite pieces from his collection for his seven grandchildren, ensuring that, one day, they each get a special "Goodlett legacy."

"I've done animals, Indians, pioneers, and just about every traditional kind of carving you can think of," Goodlett says. "My oldest granddaughter, Alex Richey, who lives in Anchorage, Alaska, has asked if she can have my carving of a pilgrim."

The pilgrim is nearly 2-feet-tall and is festooned with such details as a floppy-brimmed hat, square-buckled boots that come up to his knees, and a muzzle-loading musket.

"That was her favorite, and it's certainly one of mine," he says. "It'll give her something to enjoy up there in Alaska. And it'll remind her of me and her grandmother down here in Alabama." ☆

Dennis O'Connor writes from his home in Kentucky.

Did You Know...

ILLINOIS—Headquartered in Oak Brook (pop. 8,702), Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization, with 1.4 million members in 189 countries.

INDIANA—Rensselaer (pop. 5,294) is named after James Van Rensselaer, who arrived from New York in 1839 and established the town of Newton, which later adopted the name of its founder.

IOWA—Actor, comedian, and writer Tom Arnold was born June 3, 1959, in Ottumwa (pop. 24,998).

KANSAS—In 1997, residents of Bern (pop. 204) spent four months doing 20,000 loads of laundry testing a new washing machine to save water and energy. For their efforts, townspeople last September earned a free trip to the nation's capital where they received special recognition from the U.S. Department of Energy.

MICHIGAN—Michigan's oldest courthouse now houses the 1839 Courthouse Museum in Berrien Springs (pop. 1,862).

MINNESOTA—Covering 288,800 acres, Red Lake in Beltrami County is the state's largest lake.

MISSOURI—Fort Leonard Wood in south-central Missouri has launched the military careers of more than 3 million soldiers since it was established as a basic training center in 1940.

NEBRASKA—Thurston County is home to two of the state's six federally recognized American Indian tribes—the Omaha and the Winnebago.

NORTH DAKOTA—The state is the site of 17 authorized border-crossing points to Canada and four U.S. Border Patrol stations.

OHIO—In 1886, Charles Martin Hall, a graduate of Oberlin College in Oberlin (pop. 8,195), passed an electric current through aluminum ore, discovering an inexpensive way to produce aluminum. In 1888, he helped found the Pittsburgh Reduction Co.—later named the Aluminum Company of America—and served as its vice president.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Winner (pop. 3,137) was so named because it was the "winner" in a competition to establish a town along railroad right-of-way as track for the Chicago and Northwestern rail line was being laid westward in 1909.

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by MARTI ATTOUN
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The Spirit of Nicodemus

Birthday banners proclaiming "Happy 90th" stretch like wallpaper border around Ora Switzer's kitchen and living room, where they've remained for nearly 10 years. "I saved this spot over the door for my 100th," says Switzer, who reaches that big day on Feb. 24 and is the oldest resident in Nicodemus, Kan., a three-square-block town of just 27 people.

Such endurance is the hallmark of the last remaining western town founded by African-Americans. Nicodemus, some 42 miles northwest of Hays (pop. 20,013), was designated a National Historic Site in 1996 because of its role in African-American frontier history.

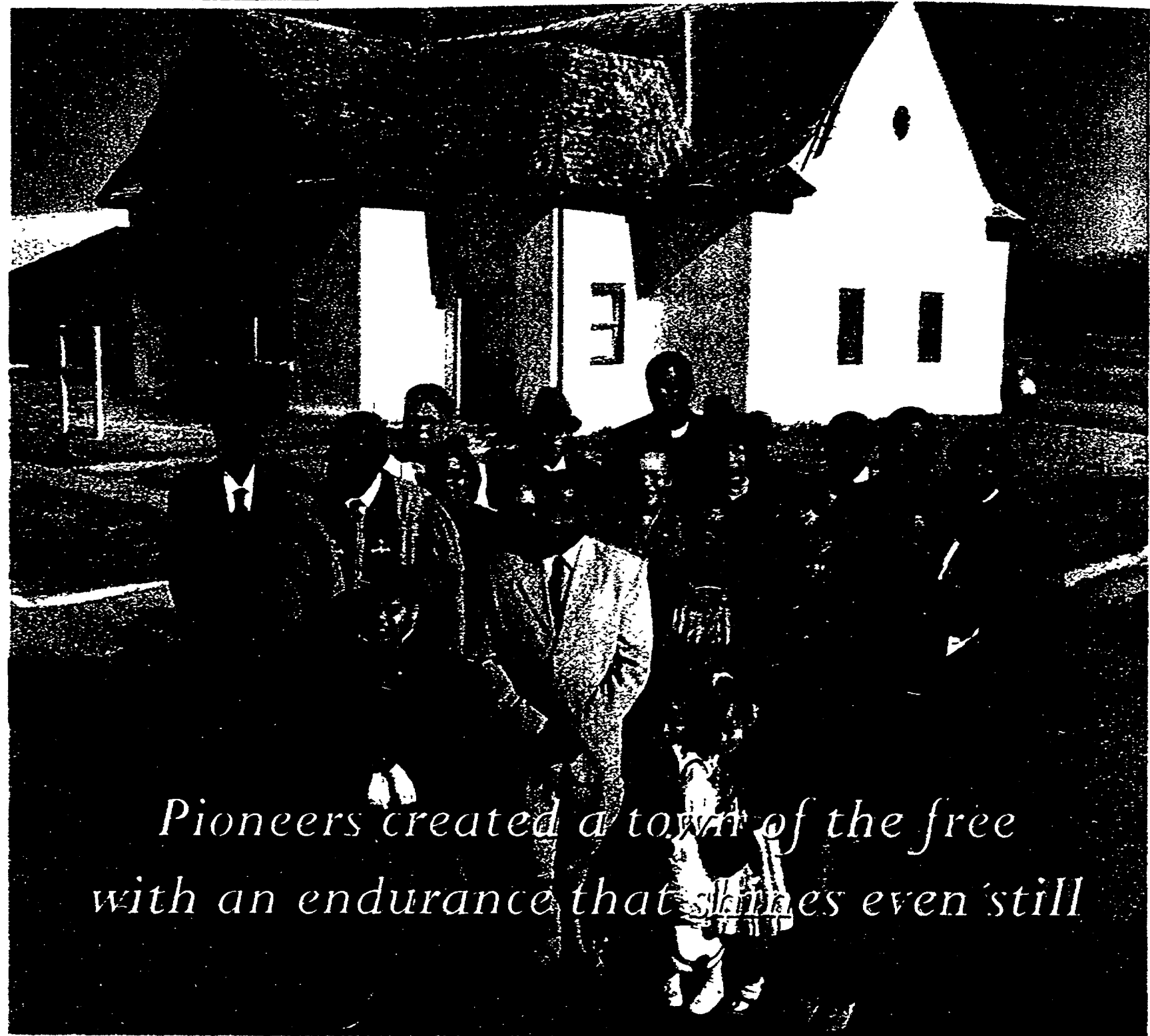
Switzer and most of Nicodemus' other residents are descendants of 350 freed slaves who journeyed from Kentucky after the Civil War to establish the town of Nicodemus in 1877. Promised free land and self-government, the pioneers came with a handful of belongings and hearts full of dreams and hopes.

W.R. Hill, a white land developer, and the Rev. W.H. Smith, an African-American Kentucky minister, organized the Nicodemus Town Co., named for the ballad *Wake Nicodemus!* by abolitionist Henry Clay Work, and platted the town along the Solomon River. At Kentucky church meetings, they recruited colonists with romanticized tales of Kansas—the Promised Land.

Nicodemus' first residents traveled by rail to the end of the tracks in Ellis, Kan., (pop. 1,873) then walked or rode horseback or in wagons the last 50 miles. When the settlers arrived at the townsite, they discovered the truth of the Promised Land had been stretched as far as the unending prairie.

"It was so barren, you could see for up to 10 miles in one direction," says Angela Bates-Tompkins, a native and founder of the Nicodemus Historical Society. "The land was so stark they called it the Great American Desert."

Strubby buffalo grass grew on the high plains of northwestern



*Pioneers created a town of the free
with an endurance that shines even still*

Members of the historic First Baptist Church, built in 1907, gather after Sunday's services in Nicodemus.

Kansas, but few trees other than a smattering of cottonwoods and elms grew along the Solomon River. "My grandmother came here in 1877, and they got busy and built a dugout where she had her first baby, Mother's brother," Switzer says.

Those first years, the Nicodemus colonists, like scores of other prairie settlers who homesteaded treeless landscapes, lived in those dugouts—holes built into hillsides or the ground, typically measuring about 14 feet by 15 feet.

The pioneers turned the sod by hand with hoes and spades and planted corn and wheat. They burned corncobs, dried cow chips, and sunflower stalks for fuel. Some built sod houses by stacking sod "bricks" 2 feet thick for walls.

"A lot knew each other from the plantations, and their spirit of survival was strong," Bates-Tompkins says. "Their isolation bound them together. It builds strong character living in a rural environment."

Nicodemus is typical of dozens of towns settled by Exodusters, the name given to the 15,000 former slaves who made an exodus from the South into Kansas during the Reconstruction period after the Civil War.

The town prospered and by the mid-1880s could boast two newspapers,

three general stores, three churches, a number of small hotels, an ice cream parlor, literary society, a bank, and livery stables. To continue flourishing, however, Nicodemus needed a railroad.

Despite town boosters petitioning rail officials, the Union Pacific Railroad veered four miles south, creating the town of Bogue (pop. 179) from a railroad construction camp in 1888. "Several (wooden-frame) businesses in Nicodemus just literally picked up and moved (by mule) to Bogue," Bates-Tompkins says.

Remarkably, Nicodemus clung to life despite the railroad bypass, severe dust storms of the 1930s, and the Great Depression. Today, it remains the only surviving all-African-American frontier town west of the Mississippi, says Reggie Murray, park ranger for the Nicodemus National Historic Site, a unit of the National Park System. At 39, he's the youngest resident and the only one not related to the town's settlers.

"This is all family," Murray says. "If Miss Ora isn't feeling well, then Miss Ernestine looks after her and cooks for her and vice versa."

Except for Murray and Gil Alexander, 44, who farms for a living, Nicodemus has become a close-knit retirement community of those who have left farming, the railroad, or jobs in nearby towns.

Good memories

Standing in the middle of Washington Street in front of Town Hall, it's possible to see most of the 160-

Ora Switzer turns 100 next month.





Buffalo grass and open prairie greeted the first settlers.

acre town with its modest houses scattered among the five historic buildings that make up the historic site. Within a three-block area are the 1907 First Baptist Church, organized in 1877 in a dugout on this site; the 1885 African Methodist Episcopal Church; the 1878 St. Francis Hotel; the 1918 Nicodemus School District No. 1; and the 1939 Nicodemus Township Hall. The park service is headquartered in Township Hall, built from native limestone as a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project.

Most days, the prairie town is quiet except for three resident dogs, and an occasional car, but on the last weekend in July, 600 or so descendants and friends arrive from all over the United States for the Emancipation Celebration.

"That first year, the settlers were just busy surviving the winter," Murray says, "but they've held the Emancipation Celebration every year since." Originally, the celebration marked the emancipation of slaves from the West Indies but has evolved into a huge homecoming and family reunion with lots of hugging and story sharing.

"We have a parade with little kids on tractors, floats, the Buffalo soldiers, and saddle clubs," says resident Alvina Alexander, 73. Festivities include a fashion show, church services, games, and food.

"Homecoming is a big time because these old memories are instilled into the younger kids," says Kim Thomas, 51, of nearby Stockton (pop. 1,558). "Everyone comes back. My grandkids from Philadelphia look forward to coming."

Thomas' grandparents, Ola and Henry Wilson, were early settlers, and family members donated their house as headquarters for the Nicodemus Historical Society. Ola Wilson was town historian, and her manual typewriter is among the society's treasures.

"I have good childhood memories," Thomas says. "I remember quilting with Grandma each Wednesday afternoon at the mission society meeting at the old Baptist Church." She recalls Saturday night dances at the American Legion, fishing trips in a horse-drawn wagon, and sleeping on wintry nights under so many layers of heavy quilts that she couldn't roll over.



A busy Main Street in 1885. The railroad bypassed the town three years later, but Nicodemus never gave up.

A homecoming staple is Ernestine Van Duvall's barbecued ribs. Van Duvall, 83, and the community's second-oldest resident, started working at Julia's Café in Nicodemus when she was 9. One of her favorite jobs, she recalls, was cutting newspapers into fancy doilies to line the candy and dessert cases. Even then, she knew she wanted to own her own café.

Like many Nicodemus residents, Van Duvall moved away to find work. In the 1960s, she operated Ernestine's Barbecue in Pasadena, Calif., where her niece, Bates-Tompkins, helped cook and serve after school and during summers.

When Van Duvall retired, she moved home to Nicodemus and operated Ernestine's Barbecue from 1975 until hanging up her apron in 1985.

Last May, Bates-Tompkins picked up those apron strings of history and opened Ernestine's Barbecue in nearby Bogue where a building was available. Van Duvall bakes all the fruit cobblers and often entertains on piano.

Old black-and-white photos on the café walls chronicle the history of Ernestine's Barbecue. Bates-Tompkins uses all her aunt's locally favorite recipes, such as baked beans spiced with cinnamon and potato salad with sweet pickle relish.

"If it weren't for Angela, Nicodemus would be a zero," says Alvina Alexander as she watches her energetic cousin bustle from the kitchen with another platter of ribs. "She has such determination."

The weekend café is just one more way that Bates-Tompkins shows her nonstop devotion to sharing and saving the history of Nicodemus. When she returned home in 1990 after living and working

in Washington, D.C., and Denver, the educator began researching African-American frontier towns and Nicodemus, in particular, and found that they barely were a footnote in history.

"I'd find maybe one paragraph in textbooks," she says. "We weren't written into the history books, but we're part of the settling of the frontier. Blacks participated in the Western expansion as black sheriffs, cowboys, and stagecoach drivers ... and that's what Nicodemus represents."

Not only did she campaign to get the town listed as a national landmark, but she founded the Nicodemus Historical Society and publishes its newsletter. She also publishes a free town newspaper, the *Nicodemus Western Cyclone II*, with current news and reprints of actual pages from the 1886 *Western Cyclone*.

Her husband, Barrie Tompkins, is a full-time farrier, and the couple operates the Nicodemus Livery Co., giving wagon tours of Nicodemus and the Solomon Valley. When busloads of schoolchildren arrive for tours, Bates-Tompkins greets them and tells the story of her great-great-grandfather, John Samuels, and the other former slaves who came looking for the Promised Land, found hardship, but didn't give up. They stayed and helped settle the West.

"People often ask me why I'm living here," Bates-Tompkins says of the little town in the middle of a prairie that stretches in every direction as big as freedom.

"This is home. We have a real community here with values and history. In Nicodemus, we know who we are." ✨

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The name given to the 15,000 former slaves who made an exodus from the South into Kansas during the Reconstruction period after the Civil War.

by ALICE ROSS
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A Prayer for the Painted Church



The entire congregation pitched in to restore the painted church to its former glory.

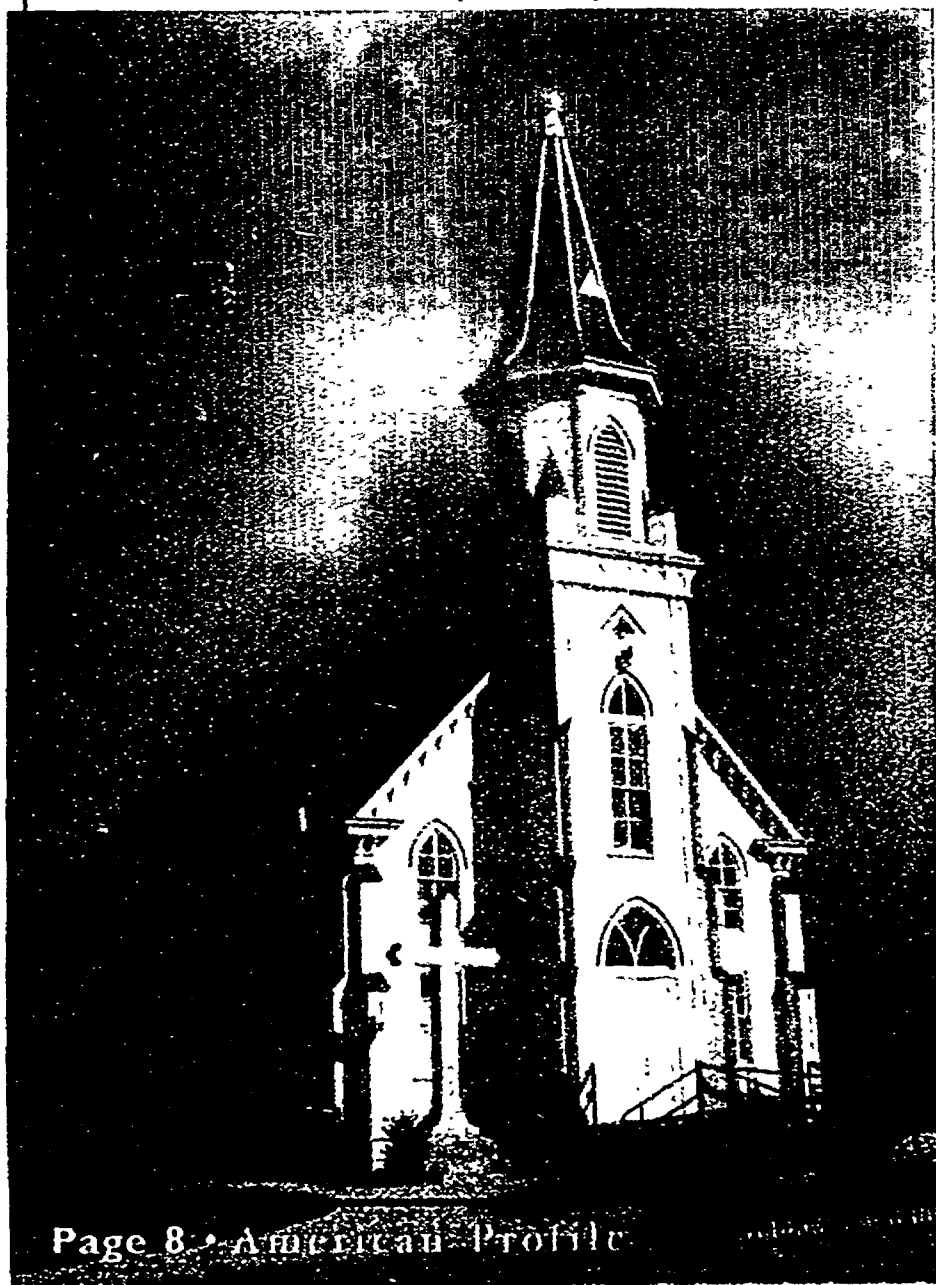
The once beautifully painted 1912 church that Ed Janecka had been attending since childhood was in serious decline 20 years ago.

"It was starting to leak and didn't look its best," Janecka recalls, so he approached church leaders about restoring Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, and they said, "Go ahead. Do anything you want."

Okay, now what? He sat in the back of the church and said a prayer for the project that was now squarely in his lap.

"Basically, I said, 'Give me some help here,'" he remembers. The church, built in 1912 by the Czech ancestors of Janecka and others in Dubina, Texas, (pop. 200) had once been intricately painted inside with colorful angels, oak leaves, vines, frescoes, and stenciling.

The outside looks like any country church.



All of this was later painted over, but as a young altar boy, Janecka had seen faint traces of the original paintings when sunlight hit the church walls just right.

"I knew it was there," he says.

His prayer that year was quickly answered when the entire congregation decided to pitch in and restore the church to its former glory. About eight months later, the work was done.

"My great-great-grandfather was one of the founders of the community. Our ancestors brought their faith and heritage with them, and this is a vital part of it. I wanted to bring it back the way it was," he says.

Other parishioners felt the same, most of them descended from the original settlers of Dubina. The Czech immigrants had arrived on a cold, sleeting November day in 1856 and huddled under a grove of oaks (a "dub" in Czechoslovak) as shelter for the night while the men built a fire for warmth. It was the first Czech settlement in Texas.

"People kept one another alive and awake that night," says Cathy Chaloupka, who joined the church after moving back from Houston and discovering that one of her ancestors was an original Dubina founder. She'd seen the church as a child but hadn't seen it renovated.

"It was instant attraction. You know you belong, you feel it in your heart as soon as you walk in on Sunday morning," she says.

Once again, angels peer down from the ceiling and colorful frescoes and stencils decorate archways as they did prior to being painted over in 1952.

"We had pictures of how it was originally painted," Janecka explains. "We'd set up scaffolding after

church, do a little paint removing. It was like an archeological find—a hand here, a leaf there. We cleaned it, put the angels back the way they were," he says.

About 50 to 70 volunteers, mostly parish members, took part in the restoration. They uncovered an area of stencils, made copies, took pictures of the colors, covered the angels, and then had a professional painter spray-paint the whole church. Then the parishioners came in and repainted the stencils where they were originally.



An angel peers down from above.

The Dubina church is one of more than 20 painted churches in Texas, all of which—from the outside—look like any country church built around the turn of the last century. Inside, however, a visitor is met with a joyous profusion of color, with nearly every surface graced with elaborate murals, foliage, flowers, and stenciling. These paintings, along with Czech and German inscriptions on many walls, are echoes from the homeland of a people trying to preserve its culture and faith in a new, rough country.

Most of these churches are listed on the National

Register of Historic Places today, and the parishioners at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church in Dubina hope their turn will come this year. Meanwhile, the congregation of 170 or so can come together for worship every Sunday morning knowing that a community, working together, can answer a prayer. ☆

Alice Ross is a frequent contributor to American Profile.

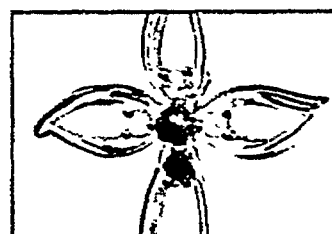


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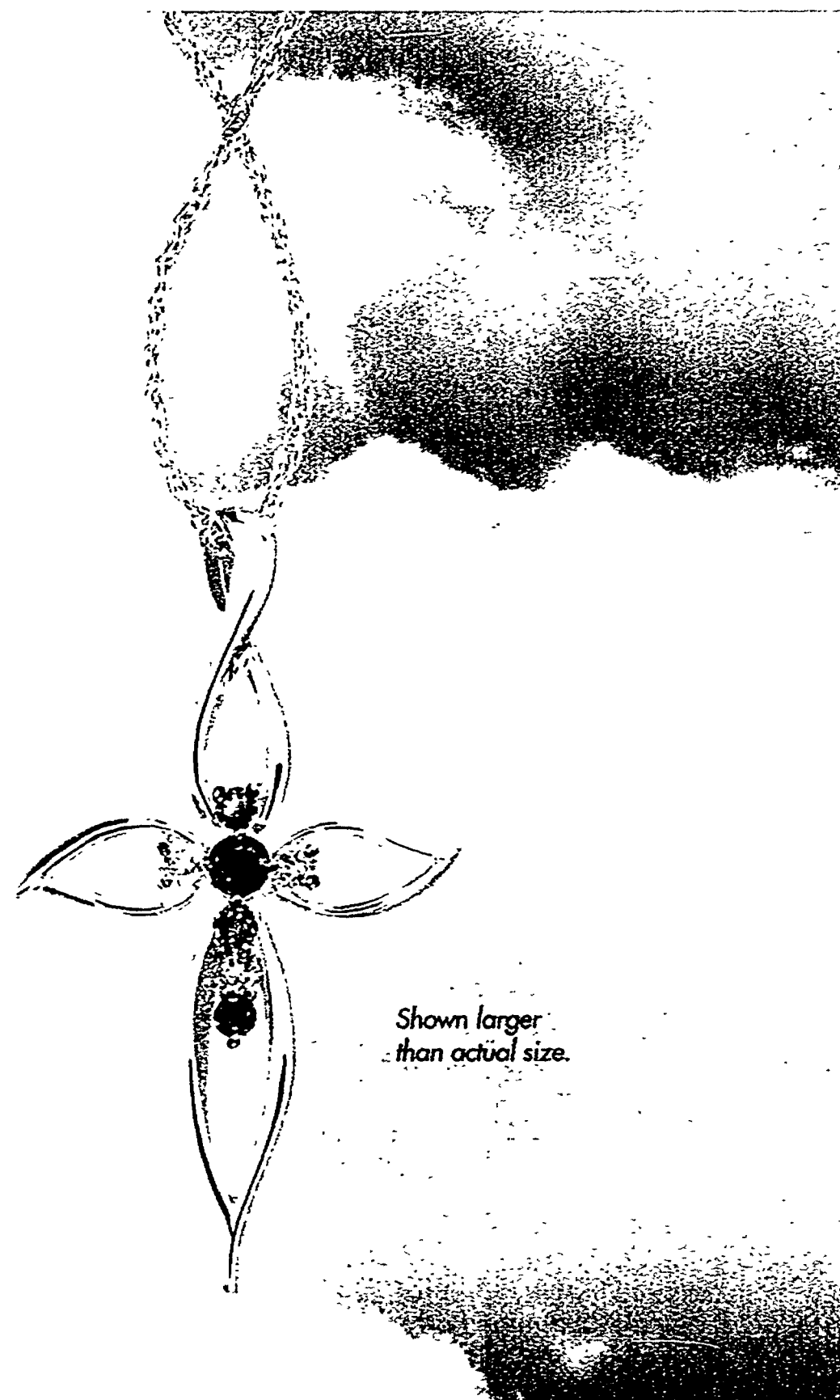
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- Use nonslip mats in the bathtub and on shower floors.
- Improve lighting inside the home, especially near stairs, hallways, and the front door and make sure the light switches are easy to turn on and off. Seniors require brighter lights to see well. Lamp shades or frosted bulbs can reduce glare.
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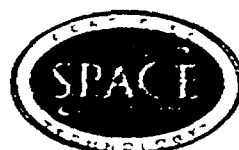
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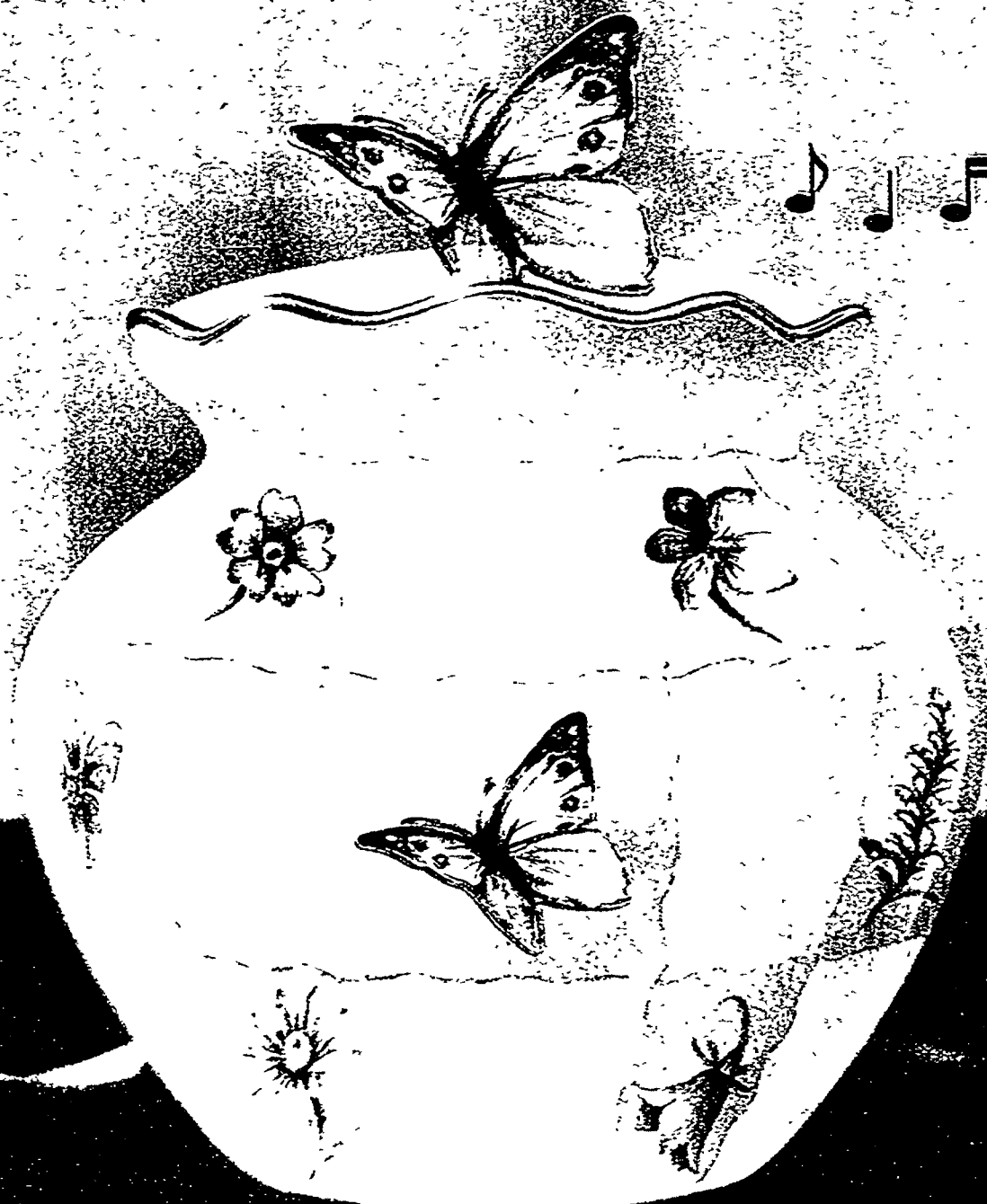
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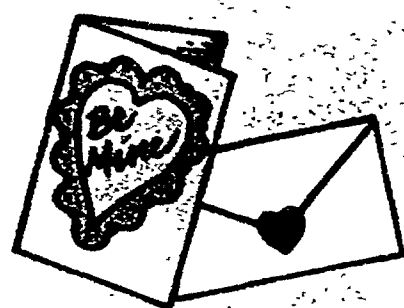
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INDIANA

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IOWA

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MISSOURI

Midwinter Bluegrass Festival—Hannibal, Feb. 14-15. The Tri-State Bluegrass Association sponsors this 25th annual event featuring six bluegrass bands at the Hannibal Inn. (573) 853-4344.

NEBRASKA

The History of Valentine's Day—Madison, Feb. 3-28. View an exhibit of antique Valentine's Day greeting cards and other expressions of love, plus a bridal gown display, at the Madison County Historical Society Museum. (402) 454-3733.

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Winter Blues Fest—Fargo, Feb. 8. Canned Hear, Eddie Shaw & The Wolfgang, and Reverend Raven & The Chain Smokin' Altar Boys are among five bands scheduled to perform during this third annual festival at Playmakers Pavilion. (218) 287-7775.

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Ice Festival—Medina, Feb. 14-17. View more than 100 ice sculptures, take a horse-drawn carriage ride, and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate during this celebration on the historic Medina County Courthouse square. (330) 723-8773.

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Senior Citizens with Money in the Bank Should Read This Before It's Too Late

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If you or your spouse suddenly become ill and require extended nursing home care...NO ONE will help you with the nursing home bills. Medicare won't and neither will your health insurance. By law you are responsible for the nursing home bills yourself. Only after you have used up virtually all of your money, will Medicaid step in. That's because Medicaid, like Welfare, only aids the poor. By some estimates, the average couple's life savings can be wiped out after only 13 weeks of nursing home care.

Rich people don't have to worry because they can afford super-expensive special nursing home insurance, while the poor are taken care of by Medicaid.

Now that just doesn't seem fair to working people with a lifetime of hard-earned savings. The system they have supported with tax dollars, seems to have forgotten them. Savings intended to provide security in retirement, or help for children, can quickly go up in smoke.

The fact is, if you don't know how to protect your assets, here's what can happen to you. By law, before Medicaid will pay nursing home bills, you may have to spend all your countable assets except \$2000 (or as low as \$1500 in some states). Countable assets mean not only money in checking and savings accounts...but also any funds in CD's, IRA's, Savings Bonds, Mutual Funds, stocks, whole life insurance, annuities and other types of investments, as well as most trust assets.

They can also take a vacation home or a second car. In addition, (except for a small personal spending allowance and a health insurance payment allowance) your entire Social Security or pension check can be taken to cover nursing home expenses. What's more, if you are single or widowed, you can even lose your house.

According to the federal law called the Spousal Impoverishment Act, if one spouse requires extended nursing home care, the healthy spouse can be forced to surrender HALF of their combined countable assets. And if you have a sizeable estate, they can legally take MORE THAN HALF.

Is there anything you can do to stop this nightmare from happening to you? Yes. You are protected by law and can use several legal techniques to place your countable (or vulnerable) assets into the uncountable (or protected) category. The problem is, most people are not aware of their legal rights. Unfortunately, most people think Medicare will take care of them, so they unknowingly leave their assets vulnerable and in jeopardy.

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No-Sweat Way for Seniors to Shape Up

All You Need Is a Chair – And the Air You Breathe

BY C.J. FISCHER

Jill Johnson knows what it's like to be fat. She was chubby as a child, hefty-sized as a teen, very plump in her school teacher days and jumbo as a new mom.

The former 200-pounder had been searching for years for a weight-loss program that would work, until a health crisis forced her to create her own. Jill was facing back surgery due to her weight, and – after months of research – she developed a remarkably simple 15-minute-a-day fitness system of deep-breathing exercises.

"To my amazement, I lost 45 pounds in six months without giving up the foods I loved but by merely increasing my oxygen intake," said Jill, 45, who maintains a slenderific 125-pound figure.

Jill's program follows a simple fact of life that allows anyone to lose weight. Simply put: Breathing in high doses of oxygen kick-starts your body cells into burning more of the food you eat – and even stored fat – for energy. But most people, especially heavy people, don't breathe in enough air.

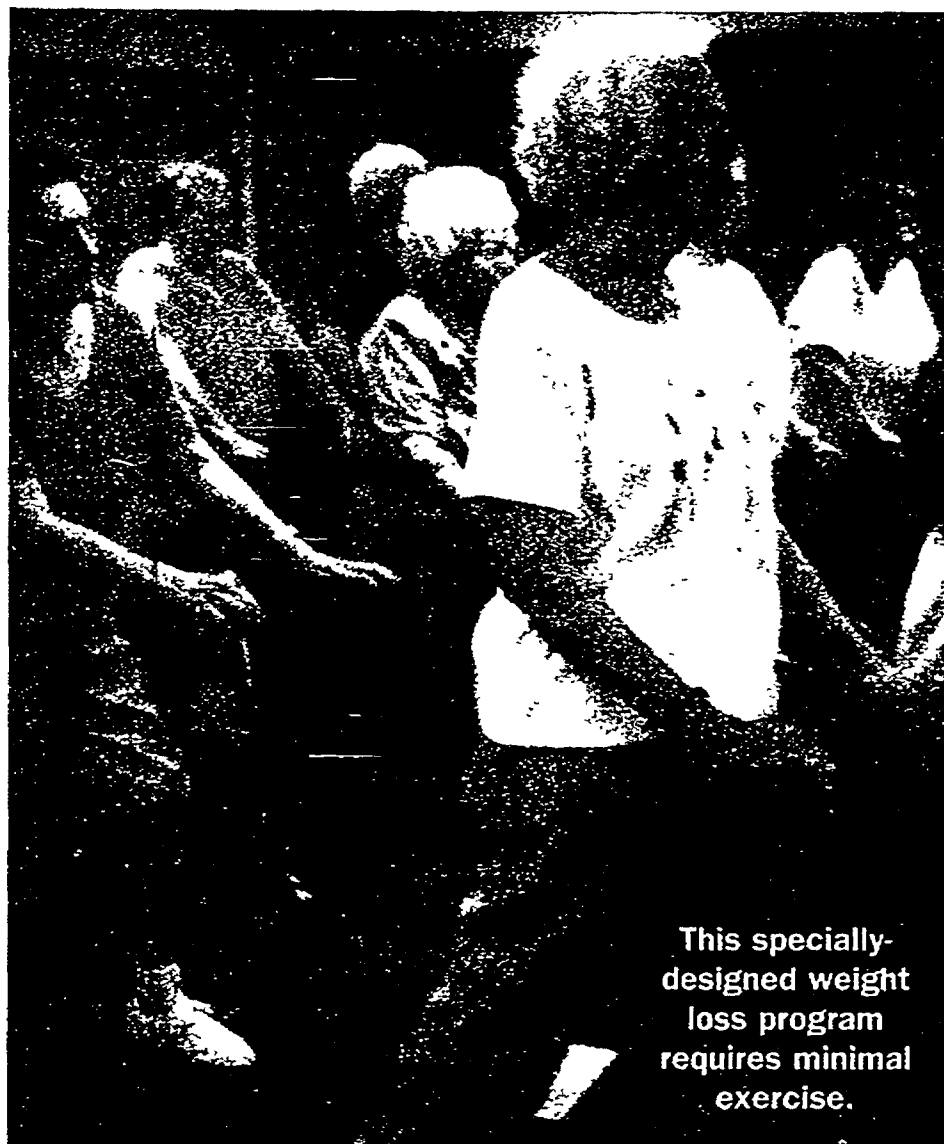
"Although our lungs can hold two gallons of oxygen, most of us breathe in only two pints," said Jill, whose system lets your lungs fill with fat-burning oxygen.

Her system – named "Oxycise!" – was hailed by experts as a breath of fresh air in a world of body-jolting exercise routines and diets fads.

In 1998, Jill turned to a cable TV shopping channel to market her "Oxycise!" system in the form of two videotapes, an illustrated book and an audiotape. The response was overwhelming. More than 500,000 orders poured in as

overweight or out of shape people learned that they could lose pounds, increase their energy and STILL eat the foods they like.

Now Jill has created a new two-videocassette package, "Oxycise! Easy Does It," especially for seniors and for all those who have a hard time bending. With "Oxycise! Easy Does It," no one is ever too old to shape up.



This specially-designed weight loss program requires minimal exercise.

Take Bill S., who's 81. Bill crows that the rewards of the "Oxycise!" system "have been terrific." Not only has his energy increased, he boasts that his body looks so good, "I would not be reluctant to pose nude alongside many of the average 35- to 50-year-old men."

That would come as no surprise to the residents of Colonnades at On Top of the World, a Florida retirement community. Not only did inches melt away from their tummies and hips – thanks to "Oxycise!" many of them report they are sleeping better or are experiencing improved blood pressure and cholesterol levels. A

diabetic now takes less insulin. A woman plagued by foot cramps is cramp-free. People who were experiencing breathing problems find they are breathing better.

"I was amazed," said Teri Havener, Colonnades at On Top of the World's fitness director, who started the seniors on the "Oxycise!" system at their request and monitored their progress. Teri admits

"Testers found that Jill's painless 15-minute program burned 140% more calories than the same time spent on a stationary bicycle."

that at first she was skeptical that a system so simple could work. But when the seniors in her class reported increased energy, felt healthier and sported measurably slimmer figures, she not only became a believer – she now uses "Oxycise!" herself.

With "Oxycise! Easy Does It" you don't have to follow a sugar-free, low-fat or low-carbohydrate diet, take pills or drink shakes. And you don't have to jump up and down to disco music. All you have to do is gentle deep-breathing and toning exercises in the comfort of your own home. And you don't need fancy or expensive exercise equipment – all you need is a chair and the air you breathe, which is free.

In the first "Oxycise! Easy Does It" video, Jill teaches the deep breathing routines and the simple stretching and body-squeezing exercises done in combination with them. The second video takes you through the 15-minute daily workout that helped Colonnades at On Top of the World seniors increase their energy, lose inches and feel healthier.

At 74, Lila Babbidge lost inches off her stomach and thighs in just a few weeks. "I look wonderful," gushes Lila. Her husband was so proud, he took pictures of Lila in a two-piece bathing suit and hung them on the wall.

Jill's program is praised by participants and healthcare professionals alike. Says Dr. Robert W. Rigg, Jr., M.D. from Canoga Park, CA, "I have seen the positive and permanent results from "Oxycise!" and definitely recommend it for anyone who desires to lose extra

weight in an effective and safe manner.

What's more, a recent exercise-science study at a nationally-known university has given the "Oxycise!" system a scientific thumbs-up. Testers found that Jill's painless 15-minute program burned up 140 percent more calories than the same time spent grunting

away on a stationary bicycle.

Incredibly, Debbie Stancil, 48, who was so heavy she was virtually trapped in her recliner, lost a mind-boggling 157 pounds the "Oxycise!" way. "I feel like a new person and like I have been let out of prison," writes Debbie.

So, what are you waiting for? With the "Oxycise!" system you have everything to gain but unwanted weight.

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Snapper Tropical

This recipe reminds my husband and me of the tropics every time we make it. We use red snapper, but salmon or any white fish can be used. ☆

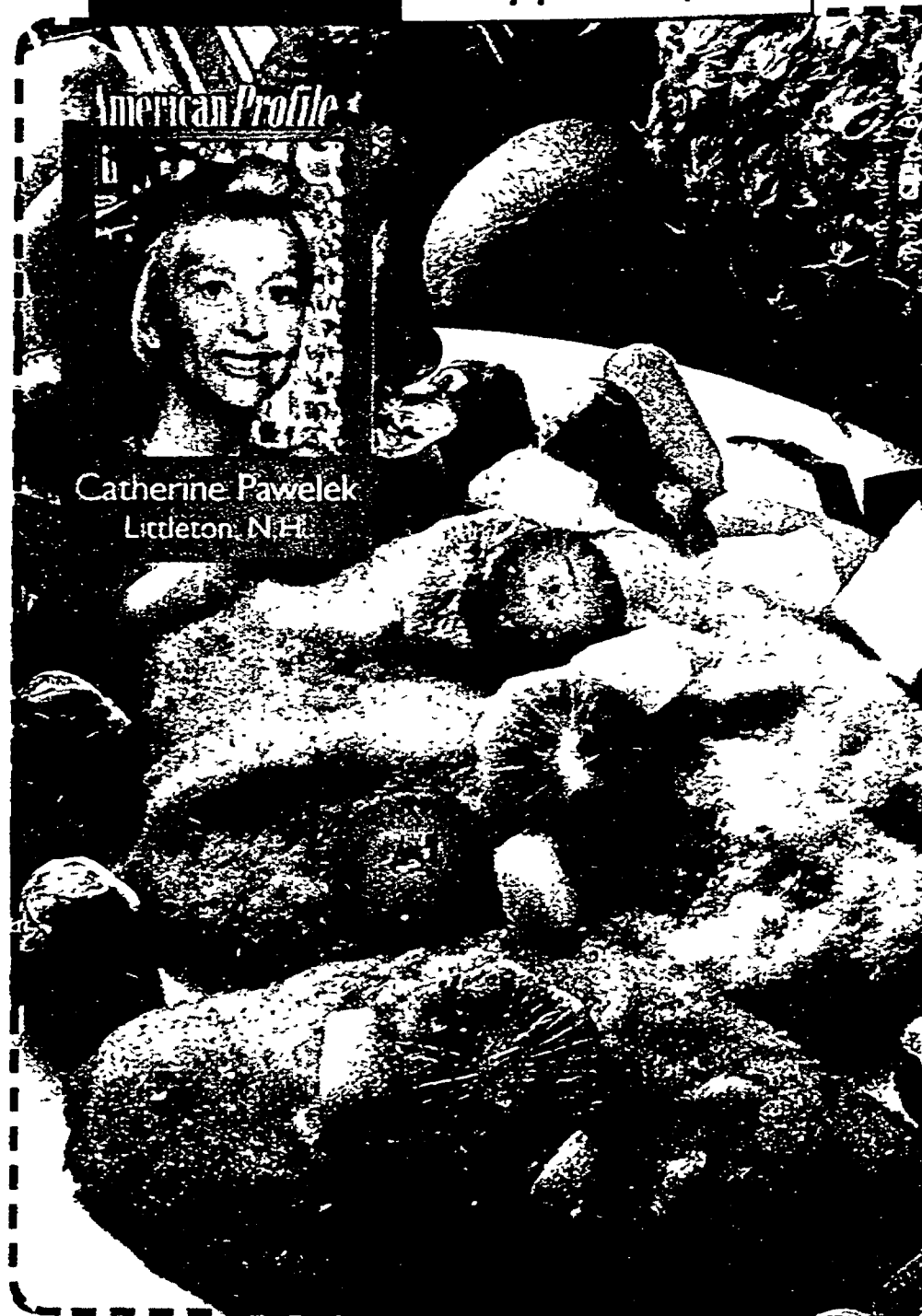
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RECIPE: Snapper Tropical



- 4 red snapper filets (8 ounces each)
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup fish stock (or unsalted chicken broth)
- 1/2 cup sherry wine
- 4 fresh chopped basil leaves
- 1/4 cup concentrated orange juice
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 cups diced fresh fruit (banana, orange, or strawberries)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup frozen raspberries, thawed
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Heat vegetable oil in an ovenproof pan. Dredge snapper in flour and shake off excess. Sauté both sides of snapper in oil until lightly brown. Discard oil. Deglaze pan with fish stock and sherry wine, cooking for 2 to 3 minutes. Add basil, orange juice, and butter to thicken the sauce. Add fresh fruit, salt, and pepper. Place in oven for 4 to 5 minutes. When serving, spoon fruit sauce over snapper and drizzle raspberry sauce on top. To make raspberry sauce, combine raspberries, sugar, and lemon juice in a saucepan and cook until thickened (about 6 to 8 minutes). Strain sauce through a sieve. Cool in refrigerator.

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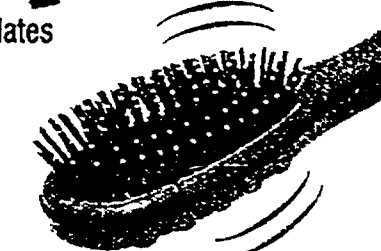
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