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This old house

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Escaped DUI suspect found again

■ Cops: Shomo spotted at area party store

By Pauline Lupercio
STAFF WRITER

Northville police had said it would just be "a matter of picking him up" after Glenn Shomo skipped out on sentencing at 35th District Court on Jan. 30.

And thanks to the help of Good Times Party Store employees, that premonition was proven true.

Shomo, a 34-year-old Detroit resident, had been scheduled for

sentencing in Judge John E. MacDonald's 35th District Court room after pleading guilty to driving while under the influence and attempting to resist and obstruct a police officer on Jan. 27. But instead, Shomo simply walked out the courthouse and into a criminal bench warrant for his arrest.

It was when Shomo chose to walk into Good Times Party Store that the warrant caught up with him.

Officers were dispatched to the Seven Mile store on the afternoon of Feb. 8, after employees and managers realized Shomo was in their store.

"It was my understanding that the employees had recognized [Shomo] from the article printed in the *Northville Record* on Feb. 6," said Detective Sergeant David Fendeleit. "They soon realized

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Student left behind on bus

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

An Amerman Elementary kindergarten student escaped injury late last month after being left alone on a school bus for approximately 35 minutes. Temperatures hovered around 11 degrees.

Chris Gearn, administrative assistant for operations for Northville Public Schools, said the student fell asleep and was left on the bus the morning of Jan. 23 after the relief driver failed to

check the bus after dropping off students at the school.

A relief driver, Gearn said, is not assigned a regular run, but fills in for regular drivers as needed.

The driver returned the bus to the transportation department and left to get to a doctor's appointment, he said.

Gearn called leaving a child on a school bus a "grievous breach of policy."

"It shouldn't happen, ever," he

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

State Fire Marshal investigator John Byrne takes photos inside Cooke School Monday afternoon at the scene of its early-morning fire that canceled classes for the day.

Hangtime



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville varsity cheerleaders perform a stunt during a break in action during a home game in early February.

District begins cleanup in Cooke classroom fire

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

A fire at Cooke School late Sunday night resulted in the destruction of a classroom within the building.

"The room is a complete loss," said David Bolitho, assistant superintendent of Northville Public Schools. Smoke damage was noted in some of the other rooms.

At press time, the cause of the fire was unknown.

"An investigation will happen sometime this morning," Bolitho said Monday.

He said the Northville City fire department was contacted after a police officer, Sgt. Dustin Krueger,

noticed the building's fire strobe lights flashing and checked the building. School officials were then notified.

The blaze took place in Room 15 within Cooke School.

On Monday afternoon, the state fire marshal, John Byrne, arrived to do an investigation.

Bolitho said the marshal's assessment would help determine the cause of the blaze.

"We'll be able to have a better idea of what happened," he said.

Cooke School was closed Monday and Tuesday

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OLV's Palmer named *Record's* first Featured Teacher of '03

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Northville teacher Nancy Palmer learned she had a big reason to smile this month.

Palmer, a fourth grade instructor at Our Lady of Victory in Northville, was selected as the "Feature Teacher" in a new *Northville Record* contest recognizing excellence in Northville educators.

When Palmer was informed this week of her achievement, her reaction was one of both humility and gratitude.

"I'm so thrilled with it," she said. "It's a wonderful honor."

Palmer, who has been teaching for more than 35 years, is no stranger to the classroom and the



daily labors of teaching and mentoring young minds. She has spent the last decade of her career at Our Lady of Victory.

Palmer called teaching "a lifelong profession."

"Anyone who is a teacher has to love what they're doing," she said. "I've enjoyed all the children. They renew me every day."

"They're amazing little crea-

tures. They really are."

Prior to her service at Our Lady of Victory, Palmer taught abroad in Asia and Europe.

Although her teaching locations have been scattered across the globe, Palmer said she cherishes her current post.

"God saved the best assignment until last," she said. "I love it here."

Her professional colleagues echoed the sentiments that were expressed in her submitted nomination.

A portion of Palmer's winning nomination written by OLV parent, Debbie Jodoin, stated, "During our lifetime, we may come across someone that we will



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Our Lady of Victory School teacher Nancy Palmer lets her students talk about why they think she's been nominated as the *Record's* "Feature Teacher."

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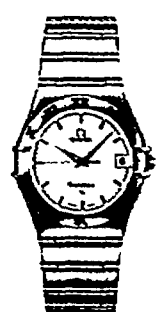


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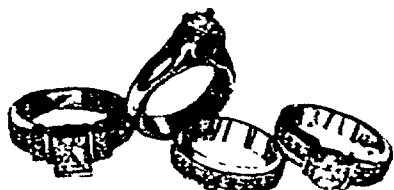
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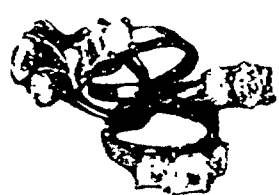
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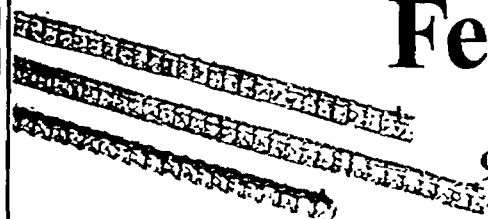
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Despite chill of winter, city's water system holds

By Pauline Lupercio
STAFF WRITER

With cold winds and sometimes frigid temperatures, officials said that the city's water system is handling things just fine.

Director of public works Jim Gallogly said that although some breaks have been reported and since repaired, no unusual activity has been reported.

"Usual", said Gallogly, is typically 15 to 20 water main breaks that occur yearly between Thanksgiving and the end of February.

"We have heard a lot of nightmare stories from Detroit with water main breaks but (Northville) held up pretty good," he said. "We have had a couple breaks but considering the cold spell we have been going through, I consider ourselves pretty lucky."

The city is currently investigating an excess of water going into a storm water manhole on Cady Street. Gallogly said that a leak detection company has been contacted to determine if there is a break and its actual location in order to avoid digging unnecessarily on one of the city's newest roads.

"Sometimes it is hard to find these breaks because the ground is frozen not enabling the water to come straight up. The water will find the path of least resistance which may be several feet — perhaps up to 30 feet — from where it actually breaks," said Gallogly. "That is probably the most difficult part of water main breaks in the winter-actually finding where the break is."

Water main breaks occur as a result of temperature changes that also affect the temperature of the water in the mains themselves. The

changes cause the material of the water main to contract and break. Another factor is frost that seeps into the ground, shifting the water mains, causing them to snap.

And with a system that still has parts dating back to the 1800's, Northville's system is extremely susceptible to such breaks. But the age of a system does not determine its worth, Gallogly said.

"You can't say that after a line is 60 years old that it is no longer good," he said. "What we do is keep track of breaks. We are incrementally replacing our small, older lines with our water budget to increase firefighting ability and water quality in our community."

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DARE gets \$500 boost courtesy of Foundation

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Northville Township's DARE program became \$500 richer last week.

The funds were presented to Northville Township DARE officer Larry Demeter and township officials through a grant offered by Northville Community Foundation representatives.

Shari Peters, executive director of the foundation, said DARE's function within the community warrants their support.

"One of our things is that [we] hope kids never even get started with drugs or smoking," said Peters. "I know what Officer Demeter does is fantastic. He does an outstanding job."

This is the second year that the Northville Community Foundation has issued the DARE



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville Community Foundation's Mike Gruley and Shari Peters, left, give \$500 for local DARE educational efforts to Northville Township Police Department representatives Larry Demeter and John Werth and are joined by Sue Hillebrand, Northville Township Clerk.

program a grant.

"DARE is always high on our list when it comes to grants," she said.

Peters and board member, Mike Gruley, presented the check to Demeter who was joined by Northville Township police chief John Werth and township clerk Sue Hillebrand.

Demeter said the grant will be used for various DARE learning materials.

Werth said he considers the DARE program an asset for local

students and lauded the foundation's level of support.

"It's a quality program that we offer to the community," he said. "I think it's an outstanding contribution to our DARE program. Anything that benefits children is a positive thing for our community."

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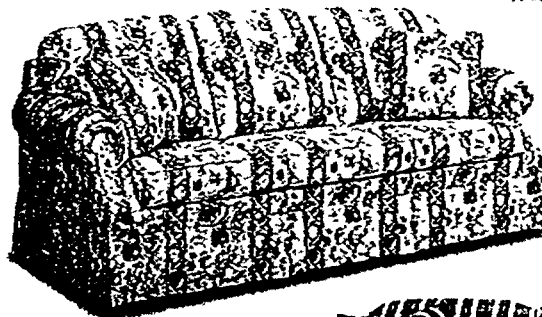
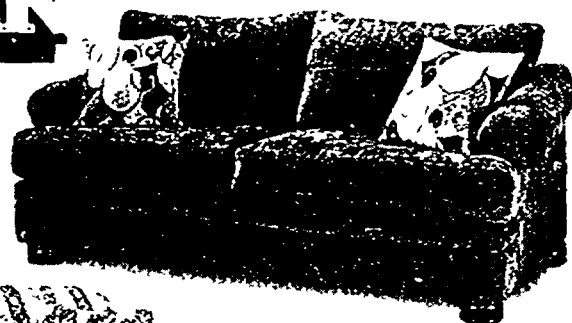
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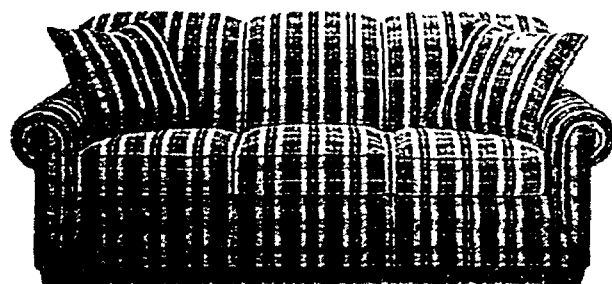


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Dog owners learn secrets of well-behaved pooch

By Pauline Lupercio
STAFF WRITER

Obedience may not be the first thing that comes to mind when one thinks of a puppy, but with patience — lots of patience — it can be done.

Christine Svoke, a pet training instructor with the Northville township PETsMART, believes that obedience training for young pups is an essential part of their formative months.

"The formative years for a human child is infancy to two years. Once a puppy reaches six months, they are basically teenagers and you have lost the most impressionable time," said Svoke, who has worked as a trainer for about a year. "That is why we suggest beginning training a puppy between the ages of 10 weeks and 5 months."

Only positive reinforcement techniques are utilized throughout all of the training classes taught at PETsMART facilities, which Svoke said is a big factor in success training.

"With positive reinforcement you get a dog that wants to work for you as opposed to out of fear for you," she said. "Training your puppy will help it grow into a better pet."

Linda Predhomme, a resident of Plymouth Township, believes the classes are benefiting Sunny, her Welsh terrier.

"I want him to grow up to be a well-behaved dog and he is learning very quickly in the classes," she said.

Socialization, an added benefit to the PETsMART puppy training classes, is also key in raising a good dog. In fact, trainers make sure puppies have time to play with each other nicely in between learning to sit, stay, and walk nicely on a leash.

ARF!

All PETsMART training classes are eight weeks in length and are designed for dogs of specific ages. The cost is \$99 for the eight week sessions.

Puppy Head Start: Puppy course includes instruction in leaving a puppy home alone, socialization, problem solving, and over-all house-manners. Dog owners are also taught to teach their puppies to play, come, sit, give, leave-it, and walk nicely on a leash. Tips on health care, grooming, and nutrition are also offered.

Classes also offered for dogs five months and over include:

- Basic education-help for adolescent dogs to "unlearn" undesirable habits.
- Advanced learning- includes an introduction to clicker-training
- Click-A-Trick- includes instruction on around, paw, spin, back, roll over, wave, and paw.

For more information on classes, call (800) 465-7387

"Puppy school is a necessity," said Melissa Preston, who develops the programs and techniques used to train the trainers in each PETsMART store. "It's like taking drivers education before taking a driver's class. And I think our classes are more about having fun while you are training and really developing that bond between you and your dog."



photo by PAULINE LUPERCIO

Two puppies get their first taste of behavior schooling at PETsMART of Northville Township last week.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

INFORMATION MEETING: The Johnson Creek Protection Group announces its third annual volunteer rally and information meeting to be held at the Northville High School cafeteria. All riparian owners in the Johnson

Creek watershed are invited to attend, along with other interested parties.

Information will be presented recapping recent accomplishments as well as an outline for 2003 objectives. Opportunities for 2003 include the

youth logo contest, Johnson Creek 2003 Day, and a continuation of the all-volunteer natural features survey.

The meeting will be held on Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (734) 761-

1010 ext. 266 or email mwest@alm.com.

MENTORS NEEDED: Anyone interested in attending the next mentor training session for the Northville Youth

Assistance is asked to contact Mary Ellen King, director of the program, at (248) 344-1618 or e-mail the office at youthassistance@mich.com for more information. Training sessions will begin March 13.

Need a break? New area spa may be the rub

By Elizabeth Heer
SPECIAL WRITER

Step into Tres Jolie by Cameron and you will love the difference. While many salons opt for the sleek and clinical look, there is a decided change at Novi's newest salon and spa of style. Color in rich jewel tones, faux wall painting, sumptuous soft furnishings, beautiful soft fabrics, and eclectic mix of antique and classically modern furniture are incorporated into a well-designed area with serpentine walls, curves, niches, and private areas for services.

"People come in here and have commented that they feel as if they have walked into someone's beautiful home," said Angela Warne, manager at Tres Jolie by Cameron. The salon is a feast for all the senses, from the front desk, which is actually a cherry wood bar with brass railings anchored with elephant heads, the eye-catching display of colorful glass in the lobby area, to the incredible wall treatments. With each turn of the corner you wonder how they thought of that. Each service area has its own special look — the hair washing area with a luxurious couch, the manicure area, even the bathrooms. There's a hint of safari there — the "elephant bathroom" is not to be missed with its jewel-encrusted walls and faux wall painting, and the "monkey bathroom" is in progress.

The salon's ambitious design is the creation of master stylist Cameron Watson. Cameron, who has owned other salons in the area, opened Tres Jolie on December 12 along with partners

Jim and Angela Warne. Jim Warne is the marketing and financial partner, while his wife, Angela, manages the day-to-day aspects of the salon. Cameron brings into play his expertise of more than 20 years in the salon business along with an outstanding reputation for his unique style and talent. He received his formal training from Vidal Sassoon in London, England. "Cameron has been an educator, has produced fashion shows in England, and comes with a lot of experience," Angela said.

Cameron leads a staff of 15 professional employees whose only goal is to make sure every client looks and feels their best. They provide a full range of service in hair design, hand and nail treatments, pedicures, facials that can be customized to also include the back, makeup application, and waxing of brows, face, and body.

Not satisfied with just one Vidal Sassoon trained hair stylist, Tres Jolie boasts two. Julian, another 20 year veteran, was trained in New York by a Vidal Sassoon teacher and was head stylist at the world famous Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach; more recently he was with Marzejon in Northville. Julian recently joined the staff at Tres Jolie.

Stylist Suzy Sawyer and nail technician Susan Kiniry both came from the South Lyon salon Scappare.

Hair services for women, men, and children include formal updos, bridal consultation and styling, tints, highlights, and permanent waves.

"Come in for a free consultation, have some coffee, and if you



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Stylists at Tres Jolie works on a client's appearance.

like what you see we can book an appointment," Angela offers.

She explains that Tres Jolie is an up-market salon that is dedicated to providing the ultimate in customer service experience. "We're all about customer service. We make sure we fit in with the client's schedule instead of the other way around. No one is turned away because they might not have an appointment. We want to make sure our clients are looked after and pampered." That catering to the client's pleasure includes those extra special touches like a full range of beverages, cookies or little cakes served throughout the day and wine offered in the evening to clients. "It just makes that little bit of difference," she said.

Fully licensed massage services will be coming soon to Tres Jolie. Angela is looking forward to offering full-day spa packages for the ultimate experience in head to

toe indulgence. Special treat days can be customized for pampering and relaxation and will also include lunch. A spa package would also make a great gift for that special someone. Gift certificates are available from \$10 and up.

Tres Jolie is an Aveda concept salon, meaning only Aveda products are used and sold. Aveda's products are grown from a simple premise that what you put on your body should be as healthy and natural as what you would put into it. Aveda products are a sensory experience for your mind, body, skin, and hair, and includes a full line of hair care, skin care, make up, "pure-fume", life style products, and personal blends of fragrance.

"We are proud to be an Aveda concept salon and use only these top-quality products, because our clients deserve the best," stated Angela.

Johnson Creek seeks entrants for logo contest

By Pauline Lupercio
STAFF WRITER

Creativity and education go hand in hand with this year's upcoming Johnson Creek Protection Group logo contest.

Michelle West, secretary for the group and an assistant engineer with Northville township consultants Ayres, Lewis, Norris, and May, said that this year's theme focuses on why Johnson Creek is a cold water stream. Examples, she said, would be groundwater springs and mature tree cover.

The contest is open to children age 12 and under. West said the theme was decided upon in order educate those who decide to enter the contest.

The design that best represents Johnson Creek's unique character will be used as the logo for Johnson Creek Day 2003. The logo will also be used on stickers, T-shirts, and other paraphernalia. The winner will receive the Johnson Creek Protection Group environmental artist award for 2003 and receive a T-shirt with their logo on it. The first and second runners-up will receive T-shirts, as well.

The group has already obtained a donation form a local printer to print the winning logo.

Judges for the contest include West, the group's education committee/public relation person, Jennifer Price, and last year's contest winner.

Entry forms have already been provided to Amerman Elementary, Silver Springs Elementary, and Salem Elementary-schools that are also participating on the Rouge Education Project with Friends of

LOGO CONTEST INFO

Entry forms are available at Northville Township's Department of Public Services located at 16255 Beck Road, Northville, Mich. 48167 or at the Northville District Library located at 212 W Cady St, Northville, MI. Entries can also be downloaded at www.jcpg.org.

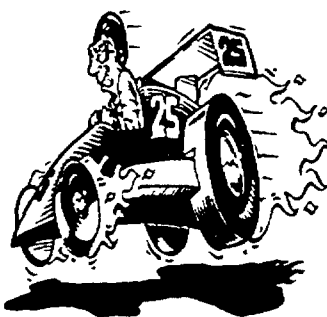
Entries for the Johnson Creek Protection Group poster contest can be submitted to the Northville Township's Department of Public Services. Children are asked to use a maximum of three colors while designing the logo. The deadline for entries is March 15. Winners will be announced March 30. Call Michelle West at (734) 761-1010 ext. 266 for more information.

the Rouge.

Said West: "We just hope that this will be a fun way for kids to learn about this important part of our community."

Johnson Creek Day 2003 will take place May 17 and will include a nature walk, a clean-up project, and a celebration at Fish Hatchery Park.

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POLICE REPORTS

TOWNSHIP POLICE BRIEFS

ATTEMPTED HOME INVASION: A 77-year-old Northville Township woman reported to police on Feb. 10 that an individual had attempted to break into her home on Feb. 3 at approximately 8:30 p.m. The woman stated she had heard her doorbell ring once, but did not answer the door as she was not expecting company. Stating she became frightened, the woman turned in for the night and found her front door partially opened the next morning. The dead bolt had also been removed from the wood socket on her storm door.

The woman also told police she had spoken to neighbors who had a similar incident the same night. The neighbors said a man, possibly wearing a knit cap, had activated their door bell and had said he was from the water company. After the neighbors refused to open the door, the man left. A phone call to the water department verified that no one had been sent out to their residence. There is no further information available at this time.

POSSESSION OF NARCOTIC PARAPHERNALIA: Officers on patrol on Feb. 9 observed a 1993 Grand Am driving southbound on Haggerty with only its fog lights on at approximately 1:45 a.m. The vehicle was traveling at 65 m.p.h. in a 45 m.p.h. zone in a snow storm with 1 1/2 inches of snow on the ground. The vehicle was observed failing to stop for the flashing red light at Five Mile and Haggerty. A traffic stop was initiated and the vehicle struck the curb twice while attempting to pull over.

Officers detected a strong odor of intoxicants emitting from the 21-year-old driver, a Livonia resident, but PBT results were below legal limits. The driver, who did not have his license with him, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle without a license and reckless driving.

The 20-year-old passenger, also a Livonia resident, was removed from the vehicle prior to a search, during which officers discovered narcotic paraphernalia. A crack pipe and "heroin works kit", which was described as a spoon with burns on it, a hypodermic needle, and a cotton swab, were entered into evidence and the passenger arrested.

Bond for the driver was set at \$900 for driving while license restricted and possession of narcotic paraphernalia. The passenger's bond was set at \$300 for possession of narcotic paraphernalia. Both are scheduled to appear in court on Feb. 20.

OUIL: A 35-year-old West Bloomfield man is scheduled to appear in court on Feb. 18 on charges of driving while under the influence after officers on patrol pulled him over on Feb. 8. According to police reports, officers observed a 2000 Chrysler Concorde traveling southbound on Orchard Hill at Eight Mile at approximately 3:30 a.m. A traffic stop was initiated after the vehicle was seen driving over the traffic island onto east bound Eight Mile and changing lanes without using a turning signal.

While attempting to stop, the vehicle struck the curb twice. Officers detected a strong odor of intoxicants emitting from the driver upon initial contact. The driver stated he had not been drinking, but was unsteady on his feet and was slurring his speech. He was arrested after blood alcohol levels of 0.151 percent were obtained with the preliminary breath test.

CITY POLICE BRIEFS

OUIL: Officers driving westbound on Seven Mile near River Street observed a beige Jeep traveling eastbound at high rates of speed at approximately 7 p.m. A traffic stop was initiated and the driver, a 37-year-old Northville woman, stated she had no idea why she was pulled over.

After detecting a strong odor of intoxicants, officers requested the driver perform sobriety tests.

During the ABC's portion of the field tests, the woman recited the alphabet through "T.U.V.", then stopped. She was offered another chance and stopped after the letter "D", explaining that she was having a "moment."

Officers read the woman her PBT rights and she agreed to the test, with results of 0.237 percent blood alcohol level obtained. She was arrested and transported to the station where she was read her chemical test rights and again tested. Results of 0.28 percent blood alcohol level were obtained. A court date of Feb. 20 was assigned.

DUI suspect caught at party store

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they needed to call us after seeing him in their store."

Employee David Tuer told police that Shomo had just left in a green Ford Escort, which was still visible on Seven Mile from the Good Times Party Store parking lot.

A traffic stop was initiated and Shomo — the passenger in the vehicle — was placed under arrest, with only his left hand secured with handcuffs. His

right arm was still in a cast from an injury sustained when he fled from police on Feb. 5 and attempted to escape arrest by swimming across the Fairbrook Apartment Complex pond on Seven Mile.

The driver, who stated he "had no idea" Shomo was a wanted man, was released at the scene.

Northville police credited the employees at Good Times with the arrest.

"It feels pretty good that we did our civic duty," said Carlos

Perez, a manager at Good Times. "We deal a lot with the police and it just feels good all around to help out."

Shomo was again taken before Judge MacDonald on Feb. 10 and sentenced to 45 days in Wayne County jail.

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Hayes Lemmerz reaches key agreement in Ch. 11

By Pauline Lupercio
STAFF WRITER

Hayes Lemmerz International, Inc. recently announced last week having reached an agreement in principal on the company's disclosure statement and plan of reorganization with pre-petition secured lenders.

The Northville Township-based company and its subsidiaries filed voluntary petitions for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the bankruptcy code in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware on December 5, 2001. Most recently, the company was granted a continuation of the disclosure statement hearing until Feb. 20.

The extension should allow the time needed for Hayes Lemmerz

to finalize an agreement with the creditor's committee and confirm the plan of reorganization on April 9.

The agreement came after months of communication between Hayes Lemmerz and its major creditors, said Marika Diamond, director of public relations and communication.

"The agreement is a result of negotiations facilitated by Hayes Lemmerz and our advisors with our major bank lenders and Apollo management V, L.P., which manages funds owning over 40 percent of the company's senior notes," said Diamond. "This is great news because it represents a significant and positive step forward towards the completion of our reorganization efforts."

Hayes Lemmerz International,

Inc. is one of the world's leading global suppliers of automotive and commercial highway wheels, brakes, power train, suspension, structural and other lightweight components. The company has 44 plants, 3 joint venture facilities and 11,400 employees worldwide.

"We are pleased with the progress to date and believe that this will enable the Company to emerge timely from Chapter 11 and maximize the value for our constituents," said chairman and CEO Curt Clawson, in a statement.

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What's important to youths? Forum hopes to find answers

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

A community dialogue is slated to occur at Northville High School Feb. 20, providing local teenagers and community leaders an opportunity to candidly discuss issues of importance to teens.

The dialogue is sponsored by Northville Youth Assistance, Northville Public Schools and Northville and Northville Township.

The event will commence at 2:30 p.m. and conclude at 7:30 p.m.

Northville Youth Assistance director Mary Ellen King said the community dialogue is a way of

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Date: Feb. 20
Time: 2:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.
Place: Northville High School

discovering what is needed for Northville youths and learning what their concerns are. Proposed solutions to various issues will also be discussed.

"Royal Oak has done this for several years," she said. "We are replicating their format."

The event will consist of eight different dialogue topics including youth and business, valuing youth, family life, school, social issues, and youth and community.

Each issue will be discussed in a different room at the high school.

King said numerous Northville High School students have been trained to serve as facilitators and lead the discussion groups.

Along with students, the dialogue groups will include community leaders, school personnel, church youth group leaders and some parents.

"It's a big undertaking," she said. "I think it's a real exciting thing to be doing."

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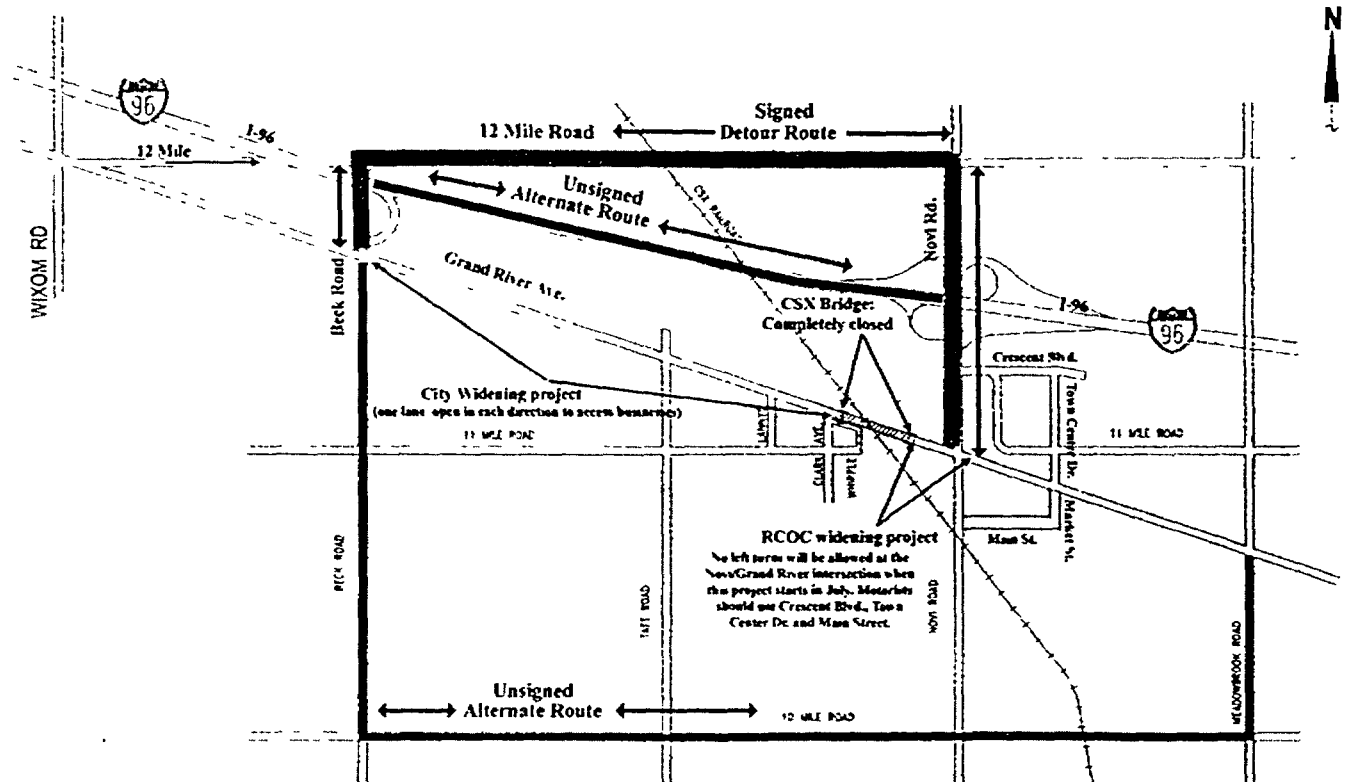
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Drivers deal with major bridge closure



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A map prepared by the Oakland County Road Commission shows the designated detour of the Grand River Avenue / CSX railroad bridge work.

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

The barricades are up and the sounds of jack hammers could be ringing by Monday at the old CSX Railroad bridge on Grand River Avenue between Novi and Beck Roads.

Road Commission for Oakland County spokesman Craig Bryson said contractors expect it will take two to four weeks to remove the old cast concrete bridge that's spanned the rail line since the 1920s.

RCOC's contractor, Dan's Excavating, of Shelby Township, will remove the existing bridge and construct a new, wider bridge. Actual demolition will begin Feb. 17, with preparatory work taking place prior to Feb. 17. The \$6.1 million project is expected to be

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Dan Tomlinson
Spartan Concrete

completed by Nov. 1.

It's the first of three projects being completed by the commission and the City of Novi, totaling \$15 million, that will widen Grand River to five lanes.

Because Jacksonville, Fla.-based CSX plans to continue using the rail line through the demolition work, Bryson said crews will be taking the bridge apart "little by little, piece by piece." According to Bryson, 15 CSX trains a day go under the bridge.

Dan Tomlinson, General Manager of Spartan Concrete, said the bridge closure is going to make the Grand River - Wixom Road intersection a mess.

"We had a meeting with the city, but there's not a whole lot they can do," he said. "At the moment we're just trying to plan around it the best way we can."

Tomlinson, like other business people along Grand River between Novi and Beck roads, is concerned how the road improvement proj-

ects will affect them over the summer.

Commission officials have promised to put up signs reminding people that while the bridge is out, the road either side of it is still open to business.

Getting down that road will become more difficult in April when construction crews begin the process of ripping the existing pavement and replacing it.

Completion of the new bridge will eliminate the need for weight restrictions, which limit industrial users along Grand River.

"It'll be great once it's finished," said Tomlinson. "It's just the in-between time."

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Make an offer: Township home up for auction

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

Real estate auctions, according to Toledo-based auctioneer Beth Rose, are the fastest growing trend in the real estate industry.

Rose will be in Northville Township this weekend to help a local man sell his unfinished dream home. "We've had more than 85 calls," said Rose, adding to expect between 50 and 100 people to show up with the auction at 44555 Woodland Park at noon Feb. 15.

While Rose's client is putting his 6,800-square-foot home on the block because of illness, she said it's a common misconception that auctioned properties are distressed properties. "In New Zealand 80 percent of all homes are sold at auction," she said.

Rose, who said she's licensed to sell real estate in 13 states, said she does more than 450 real estate auctions a year. "We do a lot of business with builders who want to move existing stocks," she said.

According to Rose, real estate auctions have gained fairly wide acceptance among property owners in her native Toledo and are beginning to gain favor among owners of "high-end and trophy property" owners in Metro Detroit.

In 2001 Rose swung the gavel down on Madonna's childhood home in Rochester Hills, bringing in more

than \$50,000 above the home's assessed value. She said she did the same thing in South Lyon nine months ago when she auctioned off a house and 10 acres that had been on the market for two years.

Rose claimed to have a 95-percent success rate on auctioning over properties with minimum bid requirements. "We hold the auction at 12 and by 12:30 the property will be sold."

While Rose said she is auctioning the Northville Township property on her own, she said she frequently works with local Realtors. Locally, she said she's auctioned homes for Farmington's Real Estate One and Re-Max Classic in Livonia.

Bidders at a real estate auction are required to bring earnest deposits the day of the auction and are given 30-40 days to arrange financing for the balance. In the case of the Northville Township home, said Rose, each bidder will be expected to have a \$75,000 cashier's check for the earnest deposit.

She said Realtors find this appealing since it puts a group of willing buyers with cash in hand in one spot. Rose said Realtors working with her often make several sales directly tied to an auction.

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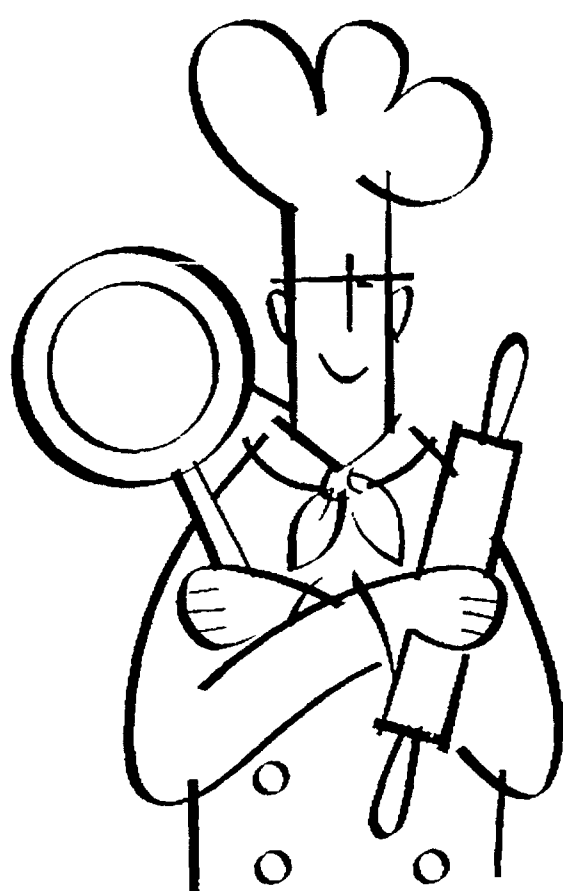
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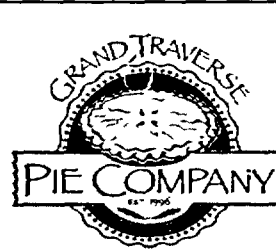
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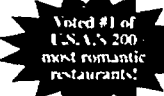
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Palmer wins praise as veteran OLV teacher

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"On the last day of school every-one was out cheering, the school year was over. My son walked out of school in tears. I followed to find out what was wrong. He was sad because Mrs. Palmer wasn't going to be his teacher anymore. After I told her she handed her home address and phone number to Matthew and said, 'You can call me anytime, Matthew. I would love to hear from you.' He wrote her notes throughout the summer and do you

"She is a very loving teacher and very compassionate with her students."

Becky Lukasik
OLV secretary

know, she wrote him back."

Becky Lukasik, a school secretary for 15 years, said Palmer's level of excellence in the classroom merited the winning nomination.

"She's a wonderful person," said Lukasik. "We always tease her

about her New York accent because she's from New York. The kids definitely love her. She has a beautiful family of her own and the teaching staff here, her colleagues, certainly respect her in every way."

"She is a very loving teacher and very compassionate with her students."

OLV principal Jaylee Lynch shared a similar opinion.

"She's a very humble person," said Lynch. "Sometimes I don't think she recognizes all of her God-given abilities."

"She's the type of person everyone wishes was their grandmother. She's loving and kind, but yet fair and firm. She recognizes the ability of each child and gently tries to pull it out of them so they reach their potential. She's just a treasure on our staff."

GOT A NOMINEE?

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Parkers hope blood drive is good to the bone



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In 1994 Barb Parker, left, underwent a valuable bone marrow transplant to help her in her fight against cancer. Now her husband Skip, left, is coordinating a local blood drive to match potential bone marrow donors.

By Pauline Lupercio
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't until Barb Parker was diagnosed with leukemia in 1993 that she began to realize the importance of blood and bone marrow drives.

Barb and her husband Skip Parker are owners of Speedy Printing in Northville and members of the Northville Rotary Club. Together, they are urging Northville residents to take a moment and possibly save a life by participating in the American Red Cross blood and bone marrow drive to be held tomorrow.

"After being diagnosed, we tried finding a bone marrow donor in my family but there was no match," said Barb Parker. "Nothing was found after searching the United States national registry, either."

A match was found one year later through the national registry. The donor lived in England.

"The donor list was very small and the chances were one in a million to actually find a donor outside of the family," said Parker. "That made me realize the importance of bone marrow drives."

Parker underwent a successful bone marrow transplant operation in July of 1994 and treatments for the following year. The blood supplies were a critical part of her

"There are no extra pokes. No pain. And if it ever comes to someone being called because they are needed to donate, the donor still has a choice."

Barb Parker
Northville

recovery, she said, as she constantly needed whole blood and platelets.

"The simplest donation a person can do to save another life aside from the blood donation is to register to be a bone marrow donor," she said.

According to Parker, the necessary funds to provide bone marrow testing have already been raised. Those who attend the blood and bone marrow drive will be asked if they would like to be placed on the national registry in case of future need.

If the answer is a "yes," a small vial of blood is taken while blood is being drawn for the blood drive. The DNA information is placed in a

file on the national registry.

"There are no extra pokes. No pain. And if it ever comes to someone being called because they are needed to donate, the donor still has a choice," said Parker. "If they decide to go ahead, all expenses for the procedure are paid for by the recipient, not the donor."

The procedure itself causes minimal discomfort to the donor and does not usually result in time lost from work, said Parker.

"It's a very simple procedure but it does save people's lives," she said. "People don't realize how easy it is to do."

Pauline Lupercio is a staff writer

BLOOD / MARROW DRIVE

When: Friday, Feb. 14 from noon to 6 p.m. Walk-ins welcome but appointments preferred.

Where: City Hall
Why: "I think the purpose of the Rotary Club is to help people less fortunate than ourselves," said event coordinator Skip Parker. "There is always a need and we should try to participate if we can."

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Hillside Middle School students Michelle Steiner, Carrie Pichan, and Krista King display their Craftsman model home that they made for their studies on Victorian-era architecture.

Orange dot parking permits okay for now, will be updated

By Pauline Lupercio
STAFF WRITER

Parking in an orange dot with a 2002 parking permit may be making downtown employees a bit nervous with 2003 already in full swing, but city officials said all is well and the permits are still legal.

"At this point, the parking permits are still legal until people are notified otherwise," said Northville police chief Jim Petres.

According to Petres, 2003 stickers have been ordered for the current parking permits. Once received, the stickers will be distributed to business owners so they may be passed out to employees.

Petres also said that the parking committee had discussed how long the permits would be good for when the parking management plan was implemented in mid 2002.

"It was one of those things that until we actually got into the program that we wouldn't know how long the supply [of permits] would last, how many permits would be issued, or how much turnover there would be for downtown employees," he said. "Because of that, we left it open-ended. But because of people being concerned, we will be issuing updated permits."

City officials said the parking committee will soon meet to discuss the situation and distribute the parking permit update stickers once they have been received.

"As long as you have a permit, you are legal in one of the orange dot spots until everything has been completed," said Petres.

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Architecture Lite?

Hillside students learn ins and outs of home building

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

There are many new homes being constructed in Northville, but perhaps the most appealing ones have been built by seventh grade students.

As part of a classroom project, Hillside Middle School students have handcrafted an assortment of American houses, ranging in style and design.

Hillside teacher Debbie Ann Daeng said students have studied diverse home trends, ranging from colonial to contemporary.

Students were assigned to select a type of home constructed within the specified time period and create a house by working in teams.

Arindaeng said she was pleased with the student's results.

"The houses are amazing," she said, adding that students were learning the

fundamentals of architecture along with life skills. As a result of the estimated month-long project, students learned the basics of collaboration and problem-solving.

"I learned teamwork and responsibility," said Hillside student Matt Mehill. "A lot of it."

Kristen Nguyen, a seventh grade student, further elaborated on the classroom assignment.

"We learned the different styles of the houses and what they looked like," she said. "We learned to work together in a group to complete something."

Seventh grader Rebecca Polanski said construction is a bit harder than it may appear.

"It's really hard to build a house," she said. "There's a lot of detail you have to have."

A few students said the project even caused them to consider pursuing a

career as an architect.

"I always thought it would be boring to be an architect, but now it seems fun," said Hillside student, Jamie Corone. "It was really cool to go around town and recognize all the types of houses."

Classmate Alyssa Marcangelo also said she benefitted from the experience.

"The thing I liked most about this project is how to work better with a group and work together to solve arguments."

Marcangelo's team constructed a stick house complete with such personal touches as curtains and a small dog peering out a windowpane.

"It turned out OK," she said.

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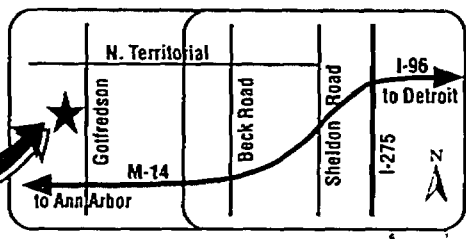
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Feb. 19	7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Mill Creek Community Church Prayer Service	Church
Feb. 20	9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Archives Open to the Public Northville Historical Society Board Meeting	Cady Inn Cady Inn

The Northville Historical Society is a nonprofit organization which maintains Mill Race Village. One important component of keeping the village alive is its membership. If you want to help preserve this living museum and have not yet joined the Historical Society, please contact the office or stop in during office hours. Membership is tax deductible and includes a subscription to the Mill Race Quarterly. Memberships are as follows: Senior Citizen/Docents \$10, Individual \$15, Family \$20, Business \$25, Contributing \$50, Sustaining \$125, Annual Patron \$500, Patron \$1,000 or more.

ON CAMPUS

Northville resident Ashley Lynn Kneller was named to the dean's list at Iowa State University for the fall 2002 semester.

Northville resident Cynthia Anne Mills was named to the dean's list at Wake Forest University for the fall 2002 semester.

Northville residents Lisa Milnes and Carianne Chrenko were named to the dean's list at Spring Arbor College for the fall 2002 semester.

Northville residents Aimee

Anthony and Jessica Anthony were named to the dean's list at Wartburg College (Waverly, Iowa) for the fall 2002 term.

Northville resident Carolyn Farmer was named to the dean's honor list at Michigan State University for the fall 2002 semester.

Northville resident Precious Shah was named to the dean's list at Northwestern University for the fall 2002 quarter.

Northville resident Sara Chrenko was named to the dean's list at Siena Heights University

for the first semester of the 2002-2003 school year.

Northville resident Ryan Lueker was named to the dean's list at Alma College for the fall 2002 term.

Northville resident Lukas Moore was named to the dean's honor list at the University of Michigan-Dearborn for the fall 2002 semester.

Northville resident Hillary McCrumb was named to the dean's list at Adrian College for the fall 2002 semester.

Northville resident Jack Sprauer won the top prize of \$300 from Adrian College for his painting, "Where The Light Ends" as part of the Small Colleges Art Show awards program.

Northville residents Ben Keetle and Kimberly Malloy were among the graduates of Northwood University during December 2002 commencement activities.

Northville resident Justin Baker was among the graduates of the University of Wisconsin during August 2002 commencement ceremonies.

Record web usage reported in January for hometownlife.com

Hometownlife.com, the portal web site for northvillerecord.com, registered record usage for the month of January 2003, according to Dan Sutton, HomeTown Digital general manager.

Total site hits for the month were 12,062,111, up more than 50 percent from December, while total site page views were 2,165,140, up more than 40 percent.

A more meaningful statistic, according to Sutton, is the total number of unique visits to hometownlife.com. In January 2003, the site registered 434,806 visits, up 20.3 percent from the previous month.

"To see usage gains of this sort on our site is unprecedented," said Sutton. "We are offering a site that brings to Web users the very best of our local hometown newspapers and telephone directories, together with the 24-7, fully searchable capability of the Web. This is obviously very attractive to our audience."

Hometownlife.com is the main Web presence for HomeTown Newspapers. It includes local news items from the Northville Record, as well as classified ads and retail advertising from the paper. The site also includes fully searchable lists of advertising from the other 40-plus community newspapers in Michigan published by HomeTown Communications Network, and as well searchable ads from telephone directories published by sister company, Michigan Directory Company.

The site offers links to help wanted ads placed by employers in HomeTown newspapers. Total help

wanted ads viewed in January were 196,818, a remarkable 70 percent increase from the previous month, according to Sutton.

"At a time when lots of people are looking for good jobs, the 'help wanted' advertising on our site offers lots of local jobs, right around the corner."

The site also offers up-to-date real estate offered for sale, downloaded regularly from the MultiListService computer files. For January, a total of 2,270,340 views of MLS real estate search results were logged onto hometownlife.com. A total of 227,034 detailed listing views were registered in January (a 34 percent increase from the previous month) and a total of 15,357 (up 1,023 from December) unique detailed MLS listings were viewed by Web users interested in shopping for a home, Sutton said.

Hometownlife.com also offers (in the section called "Yellow Pages") ads from HomeTown Directory Company's local Michigan telephone directories; a total of 71,846 site page views were registered in January, up more than 12 percent from December. January views of news items selected from HomeTown community newspapers were 60,542, up more than 20 percent from the previous month.

In addition to maintaining the hometownlife.com site, HomeTown Digital offers custom web design services, together with eBusiness Cards and eBrochures. The company may be reached at (800) 989-4614 or at support@hometownlife.com.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

• THIS WEEK •

Northville Rotary Club blood and bone marrow drive
DATE: Feb. 14
LOCATION: Northville city hall (215 W. Main Street)
TIME: Noon - 6 p.m.
DETAILS: Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. Bone marrow testing involves drawing a small amount of blood.
PHONE: (248) 476-5205

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

Sarah Ann Cochrane Northville-Plymouth Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Awards Reception
DATE: Feb. 17
LOCATION: St. John's Episcopal Church (574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth)
TIME: 10 a.m.
DETAILS: All DAR members and potential members are welcome to attend. The day's speaker will be Virginia Bailey Parker, who will speak on "The Writing Life."
PHONE: (734) 455-5525

Business luncheon featuring U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter
DATE: Feb. 19
LOCATION: St. John's Golf & Conference Center (44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth)
TIME: Noon
DETAILS: RSVPs for the luncheon are required. Admission is \$10 per person and may be made paid in cash at the door or through a check payable to "U.S. Chamber of Commerce," which may be sent to the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

Got a non-profit or community event coming up you'd like people to know about? We'd be happy to help you. Send basic information (date, time, cost, overview and a contact telephone number) to:

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Listings can be publicized for up to four weeks in advance of the event. Promotional may also be submitted and will be published, space permitting.

PHONE: (248) 349-7640

Northville Chamber of Commerce Hawaiian Mixer
DATE: Feb. 19
LOCATION: Brookside Travel / Country Inn & Suites (21625 Haggerty, Novi)
TIME: 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Tropical food, libation and door prizes will be part of the evening. Chamber members may participate for \$10 if they register prior to Feb. 14. Non-members pay \$15, as do at-the-door attendees.
PHONE: (248) 349-7640

• COMING UP •

Johnson Creek Protection Group meeting
DATE: Feb. 24
LOCATION: Northville High School cafeteria (45700 Six Mile Road)
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: The meeting will be the third annual Volunteer Rally and Informational Meeting.
PHONE: (734) 761-1010

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

American Cancer Society Relay For Life Kickoff
DATE: March 5
LOCATION: Genetti's Hole-In-The-Wall (108 E. Main Street)
TIME: 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Community members are invited to learn more about Relay For Life and how they can become part of the national event. This year's event is slated for May 17-18 at Ford Field in Northville, and runs for 24 consecutive hours.
PHONE: (734) 254-6807

Northville Woman's Club meeting
DATE: March 7
LOCATION: Call for info
TIME: Call for info
DETAILS: The group will be taking in a pewabic pottery tour and have lunch at Sinbad's. A morning departure is planned. The day's chairperson is Shirley Hartley.
PHONE: (248) 349-3064

Northville Arts Commission Lecture Series — Frederic Remington
DATE: March 13
LOCATION: Hillside Middle School (775 N. Center Street)
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Lectures are \$10 or \$5 for students.
PHONE: (248) 449-9950

Northville Youth Assistance mentor training
DATE: Begins March 13 (runs for five consecutive Thursday evenings)
LOCATION: Call for information
TIME: 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Volunteers will receive 15 hours of professional training in the mentoring of young people. Caring and concerned adults are sought.
PHONE: (248) 344-1618

Patterson, Stewart optimistic after speech

Northville's legislators hear GOP ideals from Granholm

By Pauline Lupercio
 STAFF WRITER

Despite coming from the opposing political party, both state Representative John Stewart and Senator Bruce Patterson said they agreed with many points Governor Jennifer Granholm brought fourth during the State of the State Address last week.



Rep. John Stewart

"She sounded like a Republican because it all goes back to the parents, the home, and the family," said Stewart, R-Plymouth, who focused on Granholm's comments relating to education and foreign trash filling Michigan landfills.

With a strong focus on increasing learning in the critical years from birth to age five, Granholm introduced Project Great Start, urging Michigan parents to read to their children for 30 minutes every day to enhance learning capabilities.

But Stewart said that Northville may already have the answer when it comes to parent involvement and nurturing young minds.

"Take a look at the early learn-

ing strategies for elementary children at Silver Springs Elementary. They could and should be advising [Granholm] on early childhood development and in particular, reading," said Stewart.

"I want to congratulate the parents and families in Northville for all of the reading that they do with their children between the ages of three and five."

When it came to the issue of foreign trash in Michigan landfills, Stewart said the problem is that the practice is protected by interstate commerce, a function of the federal government states can't supersede. But he said he agrees that Michigan should not be treated as the "nation's trash can."

"[Granholm] is still a resident of Northville Township and has seen the garbage trucks heading west on Six Mile towards the landfill," Stewart said. "It makes both of us sick."

In a press release, Patterson, R-Canton, said that he believed he and Granholm are "on the same page."

"Much of what the governor intends to accomplish will continue to be my priorities: education can care for our children,

fiscal responsibility, smaller and smarter government, lower health care costs, an increase in competitiveness in our business district, and environmental protection," Patterson said.

Patterson also commented on Granholm's references to the state's \$285 million budget deficit. During her speech, Granholm stated she would Gov. Jennifer fight to present Granholm a balanced budget in March. Patterson said he was looking forward to reviewing the budget when it is available at the beginning of next month.

"The future of Michigan is dependent on the governor's budget. We were looking forward to hearing a bit more, but we will remain optimistic since she has announced that she does not want to raise taxes," Patterson said. "We must balance the budget, which means tough cuts are ahead. The goal is to protect families, not programs and we plan to do what is in the best interest of the people."

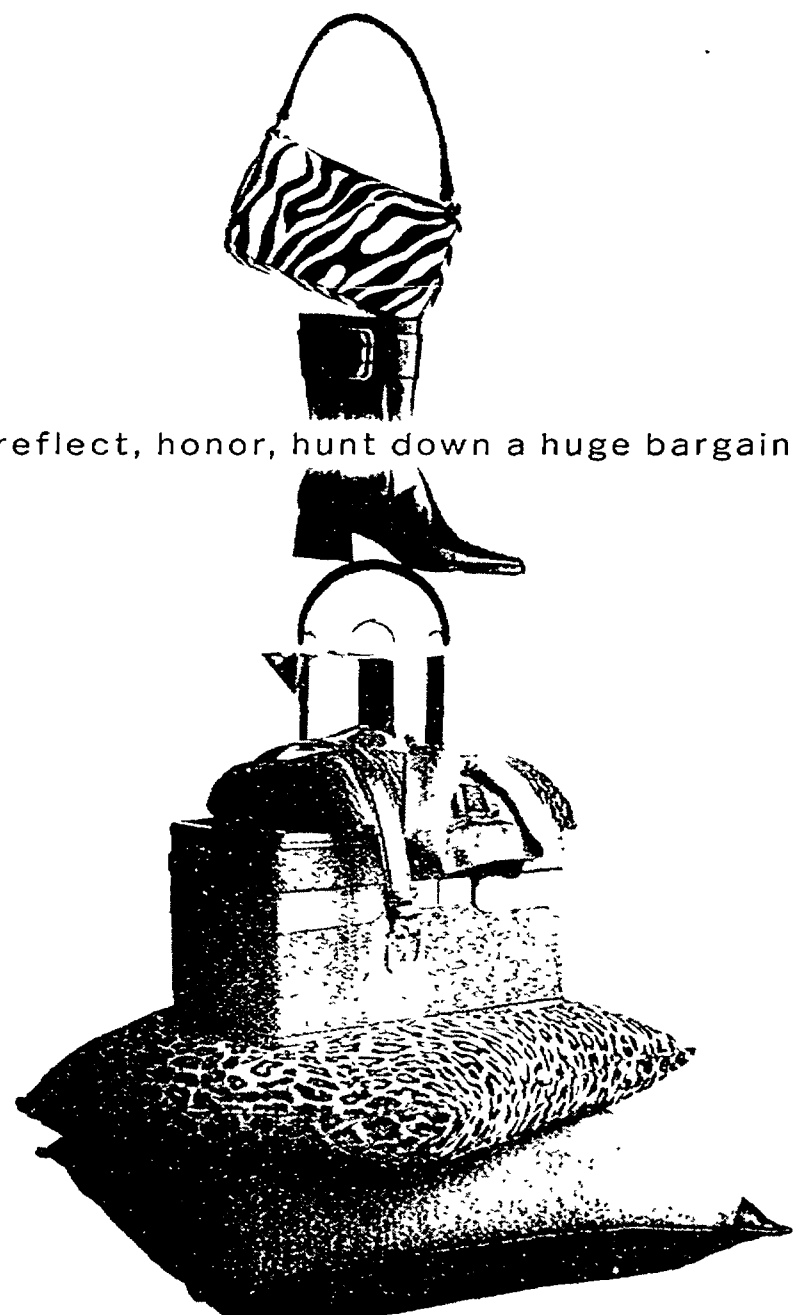
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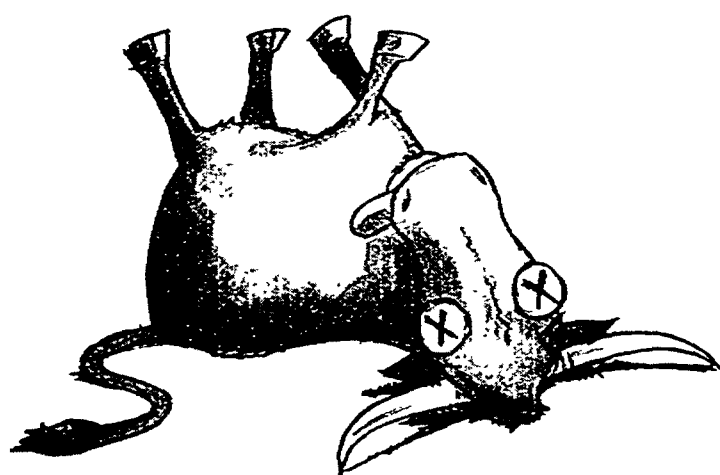
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EVENING DROP-IN STORY-TIME FOR FAMILIES

Wear your pajamas and join us for this monthly evening story-time, on Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. Designed for preschool children and older with their caregivers, this half hour program does not require any pre-registration.

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

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.

Bus driver disciplined for leaving pupil behind

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said. "It's not something we're proud of."

Gearns said the bus driver was severely disciplined.

Northville schools' director of human resources Katie Doerr Parker, said, "We don't make it our practice or policy to divulge the names of employees or the specific discipline given them. We have dealt with this incident very seriously and we believe severely."

The driver is still employed by the district.

"The employee regrets the incident and we do to," said Doerr Parker. "We've been assured it will not happen again."

The child's parents were immediately notified of the incident.

Gearns said the child was found on the bus by transportation coordinator, John Bojanowski, after Amerman school officials called the transportation department

regarding the child's whereabouts.

An investigation ensued and the child was located. The student was then transported back to school.

Jenny McLaughlin, union steward for the transportation department, said the driver's level of discipline was appropriate.

"I thought that the punishment was fair and acceptable," said McLaughlin. "Accidents happen. Mistakes happen. The drivers at transportation feel it was a very unfortunate situation for the driver and the student and we feel terrible for both parties."

"We do feel bad about the whole thing. It's one of those things that happened. It's an unfortunate thing."

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Classes halted Monday after fire at Cooke

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due to the incident.

Officials were also working to eliminate smoke odors within the school.

The fire marshal told school officials the fire was not intentionally set. Bolitho said investigators told him that the fire may

have been caused by either faulty wiring or an electrical device plugged into a socket.

Approximately 40 employees from Belfor Inrecon assisted in the school clean-up, scrubbing walls, furniture, ceilings and floors.

Air quality samples were also taken by HealthAire.

Bolitho said the classroom would be unusable for about three to four weeks.

"We're very fortunate that there were no injuries and no one in the building," said Bolitho. "The firefighters did an outstanding job of getting this under control quickly. Believe me, we

are very lucky in this community to have such a high caliber of police and fire departments."

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March 4, 2003	1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	By appointment (Monday)
March 8, 2003	9:00 a.m. - 12 noon	Walk-in (Saturday)
March 10, 2003	1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	By appointment (Monday)
	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	By appointment
March 11, 2003	9:00 a.m. - 12 noon	By appointment (Tuesday)
	1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	By appointment

Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed value for 2003, the Wayne County Equalization Department has set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2003 Real and Personal Property Assessments: Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00. All Personal Property 1.00.

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THOMAS ALKIRE, DBA TOMMY TREE CO.,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF PROCESS

Plaintiff Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation filed a lawsuit against Defendant Thomas Alkire for the delivery of property consisting of a model 2060 Mustang Skid Steer, serial number SE98M001848, a Model 2400 Morbarc Brush Chipper, serial number 3438, a Model RG50 Rayco Stump Cutter, serial RG5000950699 and a Model RG50 Rayco Trailer, serial number 115XW210055, and for money damages for unpaid payments on the property, interest, costs and attorney fees. On January 27, 2003, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge William J. Giovan granted an Order allowing substituted service of process on Defendant by publication and by mailing the Summons and Complaint and Order by registered mail, return receipt requested, to Defendant's last known address. Defendant may obtain a copy of the Summons and Complaint by contacting Brian Martinuzzi, Dickinson Wright PLLC, 500 Woodward Ave., Ste 4000, Detroit, MI 48226, (313) 223-3500. Defendant must answer or take other action permitted by law within 28 days after the last date of publication. Failure to do so may result in a default judgment against Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Publish: February 6, 13 and 20, 2003

**NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE
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Office Closing**

The following Charter Township of Northville administrative offices will be closed on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2003 in observance of President's Day:

Township Civic Center	41600 W. Six Mile Road
Township Finance Center	41660 W. Six Mile Road
Township W & S Building	16225 Beck Road

The Department of Public Safety and the Fire Department will remain open.

All offices will re-open on Tuesday, February 18, 2003 at 8:00 a.m.

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(2-13-03 NR 38478)

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**

On Thursday, February 20, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. a Public Hearing will be held on the 2003-2004 Community Development Block Grant Funds at the Township Civic Center located at 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48167. The 2003-2004 CDBG allocation for Northville Township will be approximately \$120,000.00. The primary objective of the CDBG program is to fund eligible activities and projects which benefit low and moderate income persons; aid in the prevention or elimination of blight and slums; and/or address an urgent community development need.

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 Osiecki, Northville Township CDBG Coordinator, at 248-348-5800.

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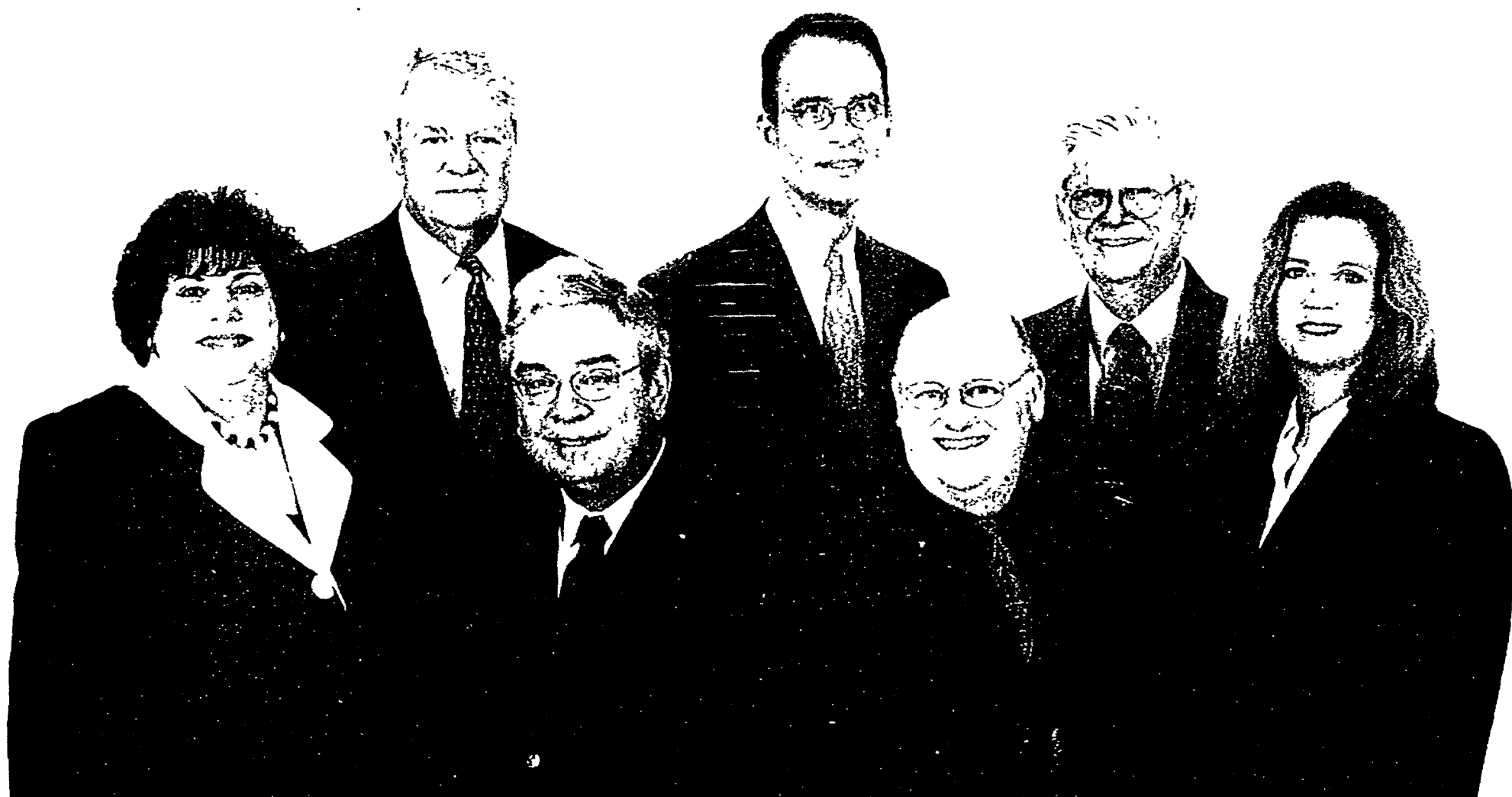
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Hang in there... spring is coming

Got cabin fever? Join the club.

It's February in Michigan, and whether we say it or whether we don't, the cold and snow is starting to get a bit tiring. Even the die-hard skiers and snowmobilers of the state will tell you that there's a limit to how much arctic air they can take, and still smile about it.

On the upside, though, there are some definite signs that spring isn't that far off, even if we're all slopping our way through rock salt and slush.

• Merchants who haven't already stocked their shelves with spring and summer gear (barbecues, swimsuits, lawn fertilizer, sprinklers, etc.) will probably start doing so as soon as Valentine's Day comes and goes. And isn't there something satisfying about seeing new golf clubs out on display?

• The days are getting longer. The sun is now peeking out over the horizon at around 7 a.m., and it's sticking around until about 5:30 or 6 p.m.

• As of tomorrow, we'll officially be halfway through February. Oh, sure — there can still be some positively awful

weather in March, but there's something psychological that takes place when we can flip over the calendar page and see images of red barns surrounded by dandelion meadows, instead of frigid mountain peaks.

• Spring sports will begin their preseason conditioning by the end of the month.

Admittedly, these signs can't do a darn thing about the fact the mercury is dipping to ridiculously low levels, but based on our experience,

getting through winter in Michigan is 90 percent mental.

So while we may not be able to do much about the agonizing deep freeze outside, this is a golden opportunity to start working inside on the plans for the deck or new garden for the backyard. It's also a test of will to stick to the New Year's resolutions and keep with the exercise plans, so the flab of February doesn't reveal itself in June.

Before too long, the crocuses will be popping up and spring won't be thought about any longer.

That's because it'll be here.

Based on our experience, getting through winter in Michigan is 90 percent mental.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville High School graduate Kay Sicheneder, left, speaks Monday afternoon to a gathering of the Northville Garden Club. The UofM and MSU grad spoke on pests that affect tree growth and health.



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The Guy-Girl pom pon team performs Friday night during the halftime of Northville High's basketball game. The Mustangs wrapped up a mid-winter spirit week on Friday with a pep assembly and then had a dance Saturday night.

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LETTERS

Residents should ask about Maybury's future

After reading Irene Petroski's letter to the editor regarding the status of the farm at Maybury State Park, I attempted to obtain some information from the Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Lowen Schuett, acting chief of the Parks and Recreation Bureau, assured me that the DNR has made no decisions regarding the status of the farm yet. He did say that they are always looking for ways to cut costs, so a decision affecting the farm could be made in the (near?) future about changing the way the farm is operated.

Our family, along with thousands of others I'm sure, really enjoy the farm and would be very disappointed to see a decision made that would affect the authenticity of the farm or take away our ability to visit the farm when we choose to (programmed access rather than random access.) It's wonderful to be able to track the birth and development of piglets, baby goats, horses, cows, and other animals whenever we like. Attending the farm programs such as Dairy Day, Sheep Shearings, the Honey Harvest, Harvest Festival, story-times, and other events at the farm have always been educational and enjoyable family outings for us.

Please join me in letting the DNR know how much we enjoy the authenticity of the

farm and the ability to come and go at the farm as we choose. Let them know what you enjoy about the farm and how your family has benefited from the experiences available there.

Finally, let them know that you'd like your input to be considered in any decision being made about the status of the farm. You can send your emails to Mr. K.L. Cool, director of the DNR, COOLKL@michigan.gov or you can contact Mr. Cool by phone at (517) 373-2329.

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Northville

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Northville duo teams up to fight leukemia

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

A local mother and daughter team may need a pair of new walking shoes.

In January, Lynne and Jenny Buckman participated in a marathon hosted at Walt Disney World to support the Leukemia Lymphoma Society.

Jenny Buckman, a campaign manager for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society in Madison Heights, said a local team of about 17 individuals from the Northville-Nowi area volunteered to participate in the marathon.

In order to participate in the

HOW TO HELP

For more information on the Leukemia Lymphoma Society, call (800) 456-5413 or visit www.teamintraining.org/mi.

marathon. Buckman and her mother were each required to raise \$3,000.

Buckman, 23, said she and her mother received very generous donations from friends and family and surpassed the minimum amount requirement.

Their fundraising efforts produced \$9,000.

Buckman said about 2,600 people from across the country partici-

pated in the event, which raised approximately \$9 million.

The mother and daughter duo trekked the 26.2 mile stretch, with a special person in mind.

"My aunt [Nancy Eaton-Reding] passed away from leukemia three years ago," said Buckman. "We decided to do this event in her memory."

Buckman said she spent several months preparing for her first marathon.

"We were very prepared," she said. "It didn't seem very hard at all."

She also lauded the number of individuals that demonstrated their support.

"It was really great that that many people came out and joined a team and raised money to support the cause," she said. "Our mission is to cure leukemia lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. The majority of the funds raised will support patient service programs and research to find a cure for blood-related cancer."

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OTHER OPINIONS

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Granholt paints grand vision

As I watched Governor Jennifer Granholm deliver her State of the State speech last week, I realized that over the years I've heard a fair number of SOS speeches given by various Michigan governors.

G. Mennen "Soapy" Williams' nasal twine disguised the bluest of blood mixed with an emerging citizen-participation Democratic Party that clashed repeatedly with a highly partisan, GOP-dominated legislature. George Romney, who rode to office on a reform



Phil Power

and "Milliken Democrats."

In more recent years, Jim Blanchard's State of the State speeches often wound up as mind-numbing catalogues of ideas, programs and initiatives. Some of us even referred to them as a listing of "Jim's Greatest Hits." Of course, Blanchard faced a state budget crisis confronting Granholm today. His solution — hiking the state income tax rate — made perfectly good sense as public financial policy. But it also was a political disaster that led to the recall of two Democratic senators. The State Senate has been Republican ever since, and don't you think for a second that Governor Granholm has forgotten that episode.

John Engler's SOS speeches tended to be pragmatic, detailed, remorselessly partisan, occasionally brutal. He was a magnificently political politician, a master of the legislative process, a tough-minded hardball player. Mixed with tax-cutting rhetoric, Engler's speeches were full of specific legislative pro-

posals and detailed programs.

Neither Engler's nor Blanchard's speeches were particularly inspiring and, excepting Engler's ceaseless emphasis on tax cutting, neither were particularly focused. And neither of them was particularly effective or emotional in their delivery.

Granholm's speech was quite different. It was capably written, warmly delivered and well received — she was interrupted more than 50 times for applause. Granholm's speech even reached for inspiration in setting out Michigan values of hard work and grit and in inclusively reaching out to the variety and creativity of Michigan citizens for their help in getting through a very, very difficult budget problem. The stuff about using up every old pad of paper, even with "Governor John Engler" on it, was just great.

She was tightly focused. Jobs and economic development: "No one will outwork me, outrun me or out-hustle me when it comes to keeping or bringing good jobs to this state."

The environment: Granholm's high-powered panel on land use (co-chaired by Bill Milliken and former Attorney General Frank Kelley) will for the first time seriously address the long-festering problem of sprawl.

Lastly, human capital, especially early childhood education. "By the time a child arrives for kindergarten, 85 percent of the brain is developed," she said. "If a brain is purposely stimulated and nurtured before a child is old enough to tie his or her shoes, that child's lifelong capacity to learn will be forever enhanced. And, unfortunately, if it is not, an opportunity is lost forever."

Most political observers praised the speech, using terms ranging from "inspiring" to "well-intended." Republicans grumbled that the speech was short on specifics. If I were facing a next year's deficit of nearly \$2 billion, I wouldn't be very specific, either. I seem to recall an old lawyer's advice that "if you've got the law on your side, argue the law; if you don't, go promptly to emotion."

I also suspect there is a very interesting core of novel thinking lurking in the interstices of this budget crisis, one that Governor Granholm hinted at in her speech.

For years and years, virtually all state government budgetary activity has been incrementalist, i.e. cut this by X percent, increase

that by Y percent. Very rarely has either governor or legislature shown the political will or the conceptual imagination to deviate from this routine. But this budget crisis is so severe — the projected deficit for the next fiscal year is nearly 20 percent of the total state general fund — that the consequence of necessity may turn out to be a radical rethinking of what state government should or should not do and how to go about doing it.

Granholm and her husband, Dan Mulhern, are both extraordinarily smart and imaginative.

It would be not beyond their capacity to have in the back of their minds creating an unusual platform for a Democratic politician: One that actually forces a fundamental and strategic rethinking of how government ought to work.

By so doing, they would escape the "tax and spend" tag with which big-government Democrats have been labeled for decades and at the same time advocate for a government that carries out its important functions in a politics — not inefficient way. Hang on. The politics — cost-to mention the speeches — of the next four years might turn out to be very different than anything we have seen in Michigan so far.

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Forgot Valentine's? I'm here to help

The big question being answered right now is how it's possible to lose a guy in 10 days. I'm here to tell you it's possible to lose a woman in 10 seconds if the males of the world blow it tomorrow.



Chris C. Davis

Call it a Hallmark holiday if you must, but the fact of the matter is that if any guy in America is caught watching "World's Greatest Police Chases" when Honey walks in the room, he'll be out the door faster than you can say "ESPN Classic."

Consider this your last warning, fellas...the clock is ticking. The florists' coolers are getting thinner on the flowers. The only chocolates you're apt to find on the shelves are prematurely-stocked Easter bunnies. I'd strongly suggest that if you haven't done the prep work by now, your first task after reading this column is to beeline for the

romantic gifts store of your choice and pony up the dough. (Take it from someone who's been in The Doghouse before. It ain't fun.)

Of course, if your bank account is bleeding red ink into the sieve-like economy, or if it's just too tempting to check out another episode of "NFL Films Presents: Most Devastating Quarterback Sacks," it's time to grab the pen and paper and go to the always-ready standby: The Letter. Just fill in the blanks below, and you may just avoid incurring the heart-shaped scorn of February 14.

My dearest _____ (current beau...not an ex). I still remember the day we met at _____ (fraternity house). I know I probably wasn't much to look at, wearing that _____ (description of stained and faded concert T-shirt). But our eyes locked, and soon we were talking about _____ (bold-faced lie you told to impress her). I felt at ease around you, kind of like when I _____ (most satisfying but idiotic behavior engaged in around male friends). I couldn't draw myself away from you, even though I knew I had to _____ (responsibility egregiously shirked in order to continue the conversation), but it didn't matter. Being with you brought feelings to me I didn't know I was capable of having. I felt a stir in my soul, not

unlike _____ (description of last time you ate at a bad Mexican restaurant). When I finally returned home that night, I couldn't even concentrate on _____ (favorite video game). All my thoughts returned to you and how much I loved you, even though we'd only met.

Since that time, I've grown to care about you even more than _____ (favorite "Simpsons" episode). I see things I didn't know existed, like _____ (title of classic literary work). I take time to notice little things: (choose two: torn and dirty blue jeans / left-up toilet seats / ceramics stores you like / drinking right out of milk carton). I want you to know how much you mean to me, and that our relationship is stronger than (professional wrestler). I'd sacrifice my (choose one: baseball card collection / autographed Joe Montana football / 32-inch color television) if it meant keeping you happy.

Happy Valentine's Day. _____ (current beau...same as the first blank, in case you forgot).

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I've got a role model, if you need one

Do you have a role model? Do you need one? Novi resident Denise Jenkins believes having someone to respect and emulate is an important lesson to learn.



Victoria Sadlocha

I have my mother. As a woman she is everything I want to be. She is loving, honest, always puts the good of others first, is a phenomenal mother and wife and an excellent person. The catch is, her full-time job was (and is) taking care of all of her family members, her home and basically the good of all. The hardest job in the world no doubt, but because she doesn't collect a paycheck with

the man's signature on it, does that mean she can't be my role model?

Do I need a woman role model who balances it all?

My life plan may include children, but probably won't include the luxury of staying home. Denise's role model has it all.

As she explained, Jackie O was the epitome of a woman because she was a mother, journalist, first lady, trend-setter, philanthropist and much more.

Denise used the former first lady, or the ideal of her, to be the best complete woman she could be.

I only met Denise once, but at first glance she seems to have done a very fine job.

This brings me to my next concern. Are role models real or imaginary? I believe they are imaginary.

No one really knows what Jackie O did in her private time.

Although it doesn't seem probable, she may have really been a terrible person out of the public eye.

Role modeling is more about an image. An image of perfection to the looker.

And I don't think it would hurt, in fact it would help, if more people in our society created the perfect person in their mind they wished they could be.

They might actually aim higher. I have never heard of a situation where self-

reflection didn't reap personal rewards.

In fact, it is those just going along with the flow or ignoring themselves I worry about.

Meeting Denise was an excellent reminder of what holding yourself to greater expectations is all about.

In fact, I think (and I'm sure Denise would agree) everyone should take a peak at themselves and set a higher goal either by comparing themselves to an existing person or a well-rounded ideal. Personally, I think I'll stick with my mom.

And if the time ever comes I need a little modification, I'll just make a few tweaks.

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Yah, mon — NHS grad records reggae tribute

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Northville High School alumnus Mike Malott is hoping his musical prowess will have long range benefits for the residents of Jamaica.

Malott, 39, is creating and producing a full-length tribute album, entitled "The Baddest" in memory of reggae musician, Peter Tosh.

Malott is neither the same person, nor related to, former HomeTown News Service correspondent Mike Malott, who now serves as news editor of the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus.

Malott said the album is being put together with the intention of raising money to repair and restore Peter Tosh's mausoleum and to build a medical clinic, a library and a Peter Tosh museum in Jamaica.

The album, he said, will consist of Peter Tosh compositions performed by major rock and roll artists, including Eric Clapton.

"There's a lot of big artists that have come forward and are very supportive of the project," he said.

Born on Oct. 9, 1944, Peter Tosh was one of the founding members of the famed Jamaican reggae band "The Wailers" (later called "Bob Marley and the Wailers"). According to a press release, Tosh went on to pursue a solo career and earned a Grammy Award for his reggae album "No Nuclear War" just after his death. He was murdered during a robbery on Sept. 11, 1987, in Kingston, Jamaica.

"He's like the musician's musician," said Malott. "He became the spokesperson for his entire nation."

A long-time fan of reggae music

WHO IS PETER TOSH?

Reggae musician Winston Hubert McIntosh, or Peter Tosh, was born Oct. 9, 1944.

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and Peter Tosh, Malott visited the existing Jamaican mausoleum and said he felt compelled to help restore it after he saw its condition.

"When I went out there, I was so amazed because it had deteriorated," he said. "Before I had left the property, I knew that something had to be done. The best projects are the ones that help other people."

The album is estimated to be completed within a year. A Jamaican musical festival is slated to celebrate the future completion of the construction projects.

"With the medical clinic, if we save one life, we've succeeded," said Malott.

For more information visit www.ptosh.com or call (404) 405-6196.

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Northville High School alumnus Mike Malott, right, has recorded a tribute album to the late reggae musician Peter Tosh. Malott will use proceeds from the album to repair Tosh's mausoleum and build a medical clinic, library and museum in Tosh's honor. Above, he sits with Tosh's mother, Alvera Coke, at her home in Belmont, Jamaica.

OBITUARIES

Rosemary E. Horgan

Rosemary Horgan died Feb. 7 at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills.

Ms. Horgan was born in Detroit to the late Walter and Beatrice Rudell Limbach. Prior to her retirement, Ms. Horgan was a secretary in a medical clinic and was a member of the Highland Lakes Woman's Club.

Ms. Horgan is survived by her husband, William I. Horgan of Northville; her children, Mary Lou (Joe) Ferrara of Plymouth, William J. Horgan of Northville, Thomas (Sandra) Horgan of Brighton, Paul (Cindy) Horgan of Livonia and Sharon (Marty) Bona of South Lyon; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass for Ms. Horgan was held Feb. 10 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. Father Ernest Porcari officiated the service. Interment was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial contributions may be made to the Father Solanus Gasey Guild or Angela Hospice.

Funeral arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home.

Elizabeth Jane Schomberger

Elizabeth Schomberger of Plymouth died Feb. 6 in Superior Township. She was 78.

Ms. Schomberger was born Dec. 12, 1924 in Toledo. A former custodian at East Middle School and Central Middle School, Ms. Schomberger enjoyed volunteering at church, casino gambling, antique auctions and cooking. She relocated to the Plymouth community from Dearborn in 1945, where she had been a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church since she moved.

Ms. Schomberger is survived by her sons, James and Robert Schomberger of Plymouth; her daughter, Christine (Randolph) Bauersby of Northville; her sisters, Eleanor Russ of Dearborn Heights and Esther Balcerzak of Temperance; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, James Schomberger.

A funeral for Ms. Schomberger was held Feb. 10 at Our Lady of Good Counsel. Rev. Father Doc Ortman officiated the service. Interment was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchins, 1740 Mount Elliott Ave., Detroit, Mich. 48027.

Neil Warren Brown

Neil Warren Brown of South Lyon died Feb. 7 of complications due to a fall. He was 65.

Mr. Brown born to Esther (Stelzer) and Theodore Brown on Dec. 28, 1937 in Alpena. He served in the U.S. Air Force March 1956 through Oct. 19, 1959. He married the former Lillian Werda on Feb. 27, 1960. Neil worked as a vehicle mechanic all of his life. Almost 30 years with Asher's in Northville and was currently employed with Fed Ex at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, Theodore and wife Mary

of South Lyon and Timothy and wife Ann of Backus, Minn.; four granddaughters, Candice and husband Jeff Smolek of Corunna, Heather, Ashley and Danielle Brown of South Lyon and a grandson Michael Graham of Fenton. He is also survived by a sister Janice and her husband Verner Soli and children Rick and Kay Myers. A brother Thomas and wife Claudia Male and children Whitney and Corey. He also leaves a sister in law, Barbara Crittenden of Alpena.

Preceding him in death were a premature stillborn son, July 20, 1960; his father Theodore July 9,

1943; his mother Esther (Stelzer) Male, June 2, 1984; his brother, Richard Brown, Jan. 3, 2000; and a nephew, Michael Brown, April 29, 2000.

His body was taken for cremation.

Helen K. Mycek

Helen Mycek of Livonia died Feb. 10 at Marywood Nursing Care Center in Livonia. She was 91.

Ms. Mycek was born May 6, 1911 in Detroit to Andrew and Catherine Niewinski. She later married Alexander Mycek, who

preceded her in death in 1983. The couple lived in Dearborn for most of their lives, then moved to Arizona for 25 years until Ms. Mycek returned to Michigan to be with her family.

A retired assembly line and homemaker, Ms. Mycek worked for General Motors and enjoyed singing, dance, and square dancing.

Ms. Mycek is survived by her daughter, Cynthia (Louis) LaChance of Northville; her grandchildren, Suzanne LaChance, Deanne (Rod) Burch, Leanne LaChance, Dennis (Vicki) Mycek, Kevin Mycek, Scott Mycek and

Kim (Bob) Malicki; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son, Patrick Mycek.

A funeral service for Ms. Mycek was held Feb. 12 at St. Collette Catholic Church in Livonia. Father Henry J. Jbeen officiated the service. Interment will be at St. Hedwig Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Marywood Nursing Care Center, 36975 Five Mile Road, Livonia, Mich. 48154. Funeral arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home of Northville.

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Gardenviews contributes

Northville business Gardenviews raised \$2,500 for the Make-A-Wish foundation of Michigan through sale of metal garden ornaments sculpted to resemble the image of an angel. The angels were crafted by Lei Hennessy, the artisan who created the 9-11 commemorative Freedom Angels as a means of paying tribute to those who died in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Welcome, Dr. Orr

Lanny Orr, DC has joined the staff of Henry Ford's Center for Complementary and Integrative Medicine.

Orr has been providing chiropractic care for more than 12 years. He treats a variety of chronic conditions such as arthritis, low back pain, neck pain, shoulder pain and chronic headaches. His holistic approach to treating patients involves spinal manipulation and soft tissue techniques along with educating clients about how lifestyle changes help promote long-term healing.

He is currently enrolled in a program for certification in Chiropractic Sports Medicine and has a special interest in treating sports injuries in young athletes.

Prior to joining Henry Ford, Orr was in private practice. In 1990, he became the owner and director of Kingswood Chiropractic Clinic in Bloomfield Hills.

Orr earned his doctor of chiropractic from the National University of Health Sciences in Lombard, Ill. He received a bachelor of science degree in business administration, management and marketing from Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant.

Orr is affiliated with the Michigan Chiropractic Society.



Lanny Orr

ADVERTORIAL

Real estate broker creates customers for life

By Elizabeth Heer

Sandra Laing is not your run-of-the-mill realtor. Not only is she one of the top selling brokers in the area, but her approach to the real estate business is warm and personal.

Laing believes in approaching each customer on an individual basis and works to make their experience with a realtor satisfying. That approach finds its roots in her deep involvement with her church.

"We've been so blessed that we want to do our very best to give back and make a difference in other's lives," she said. "It's not always about the money, but helping others. I feel this is what I was meant to do. I love working with people - it's not a job, but a pleasure."

Her long career in real estate began around 1984 in Livonia after nine years at General Motors. Consistently an exemplary agent, she earned awards and designations as a top one percent in the nation for sales as a real estate broker and was a Century 21 Golden Eagle top producer. Laing earned her broker license in 1996. The difference, she explained, between a real estate agent and a broker is experience. To achieve the designation, a broker must demonstrate three consecutive years of top sales, complete 90 hours of education, and pass a rigorous state test. Then in 1998, Laing joined with Remax 100, Inc.

She has witnessed many changes in the real estate business over the years.

"In the 1980s, interest rates were at 16 percent. We used multi-list books that came out every two weeks. Houses were shown mainly by appointment, so the homeowner had to be there to let us in. Now, we enjoy 6 percent loans and get daily home updates from the multi-list online. You can browse the Internet and take virtual tours of houses. Lock boxes allow realtors to show homes without the homeowner being there," she said. "Years ago we worked only for the seller, because they paid the commission. Now we can by law also work for the buyer and help them realize their best price."

Technology has had profound effects on the business of buying and selling real estate. For instance, Laing has purchased a program for her computer that will automatically e-mail new listings tailored to her customer's specifications daily as houses come on the market.

"It's a great tool," she said. Laing's Web site is another great tool for those looking for just the right home.

"It works well for our sellers, too. We display all the houses available," Laing said.

DETAILS

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Sandra Laing
Remax 100, Inc. broker

Photo by Hal Gould

Sandra Laing joined the real estate industry in 1984, and in 1998 she became part of the Remax 100 force.

Readers can browse the realtor.com site, click on any house that Laing has listed and be immediately taken to her Web site where a large display can be accessed. An interactive menu allows buyers to check out information on communities and school systems. Another handy feature is the mortgage calculator in which you can plug in your desired home price and down payment and, with the current interest rates, it will figure out your monthly payment. There is also a salary calculator that will compute the cost-of-living differences among hundreds of cities. The moving calculator will analyze the cost of shipping a household to a new location. And you're just a click away from a free market analysis.

"It's something different. This technology is how we sell so many homes now, perhaps 75 percent of our business is either referral or the Internet," she said.

Laing finds it increasingly important to keep up with the latest in technology and marketing techniques. This year she is hosting home buying seminars, which not only benefit first time home buyers, but also the investment property buyer.

"Our program includes guest speakers such as loan officers,

tax accountants, and home improvement contractors," she said. "I have done these programs before and they are very helpful. There are not very many of them around."

For information and reservations on the next seminar, call Laing at (248) 670-1900 or (248) 348-3000.

Laing, who has been happily married to husband Gary for more than 20 years, moved with her family to Milford 12 years ago. Shortly thereafter the family became active in the South Hill Church. Her oldest son Scott, 30, sings with the church Praise Team. He has also joined. Laing in the real estate business. Melissa, 15,

also performs at the church. At age 20, Nicholas is the family's computer genius.

"Even though we live in Milford, we have kept our office in Novi because the trend is that people move northwest. So we wanted to stay centrally located to serve those who are moving to the Milford area," Laing explained.

Over the years, Laing says they have built their business with the motto, "a customer for life" in mind. She has reaped the benefits many times over. "We treat our customers like family. Not only do we still sell to our original customers, but we sell to their children."



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Ward Daytime Pre-school will host an Open House on Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. for parents interested in enrolling children for the 2003-2004 school year. The location has programs available for children who will be ages 3, 4, and 5 (pre-kindergarten) by Dec. 1.

Registration for the 2003-2004 school year will begin March 10 at 9 a.m. A copy of a child's birth certificate and a \$45 registration fee is required.

For additional information call (248) 374-5911.

LOCAL WOMAN CO-DIRECTS PLAY

Liz Baiocchi, a senior oral communication major at Harding University in Arkansas is moving from the classroom to the director's chair for Neil Simon's "The Star-spangled Girl" at the university.

Baiocchi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Baiocchi of

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NCSTOUR FEB. 20

Northville Christian school will hold an open house on Feb. 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Interested parties may call for a personal tour at (248) 348-9031.

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

PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

The Northville Presbyterian Preschool will host an Open House for families Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Children's Center of First Presbyterian Church. Visitors have an opportunity to tour the new facility and meet the teachers. Registration will take place for fall classes for 2, 3,

and 4-year-olds. One, two, and three-day sessions are available. The church is located at 200 E. Main Street in downtown Northville, but visitors should enter the preschool from Cady Street. For more information, call (248) 349-0911.

TOWN HALL MEETING FEB. 27

The Late Start Committee has scheduled a second town hall meeting regarding the proposal to push back the start time for Northville High School students. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Feb. 27 in the Northville High School theater to present the results of the survey.

All are invited to attend this meeting. The committee will report to the board of education in late March or early April.

COFFEE N' CONVERSATION MAR. 7

The Northville Council of PTAs First Friday Gathering will be taking

place at Starbucks in downtown Northville from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

At the March 7 meeting, Bob Somson, executive director of special education, is slated to discuss "Differentiation and Risky Behaviors." Participants are invited to bring a friend and gather for coffee, Danish and conversation about issues within the school district.

KIDS NIGHT OUT

"Kids Rocking Night Out" is a collaborative project organized by the Northville Parks and Recreation, Hillside Middle School and the Water Wheel Health Club. All Northville middle school students from Hillside and Meads Mill are invited to attend this health focused event on March 14 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Activities will include rock climbing, volleyball, dance lessons, aerobics, kick boxing, healthy snacks and a DJ.

Admission is \$6 through Parks and Recreation and registration is limited due to space available.

For more information, call (248) 349-0203 ext. 1411.

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 checks payable to Linda Temple, 46023 Northvalley, Northville, Mich. 48167. Please write the student's first and last name on the memo line. A 2003 Senior Party drop box has been placed in the Northville High School office for those persons wishing to deliver payments in person.

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.

EARLY CHILDHOOD REGISTRATION

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.

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Wild 'Stangs keep up with win over Canton squad

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

You gotta' love winning, right?

The Northville-Novu Wild 'Stangs gymnastics team sure doesn't mind when they perform well enough to walk away with the victory, and they've shown that more than once over the past few weeks.

Against rival Canton, the Wild 'Stangs notched a 140.25-134.8 victory. Trish Brownfield collected an 8.75 on the beam and an 8.10 on the vault. Amanda Crawford earned an 8.75 with her floor routine, while Rachel Deneau earned an impressive 9.10 on the floor. Marcie Fink had an impressive night, earning an 8.4 on the bars, and 8.65 with the floor exercise and an 8.0 on the vault.

Nika Frimenko earned an 8.15 on the bars as well as an 8.2 on the floor, while Jessica Glancy earned an 8.3 on the bars, and 8.2 on the beam and an 8.35 on the vault. Sara Ilkhani-Pour notched an 8.75 on the bars, an impressive 9.2 on the floor and an 8.25 on the vault. Jenn Mehl earned some nice marks with a 9.05 on the beam and an 8.65 on the floor.

Caitlin Miller notched an 8.05 on the beam and an 8.5 on the floor, while Maggie Mills collected an 8.85 in both the bars and the floor, while collecting an 8.45 for her vault. Laura Motz notched a 7.90 on the floor, while teammate Megan Wallen earned a 7.2 on the beam.

Janna Ramsey collected some nice figures, getting an 8.3 on the bars, an 8.0 on the beam, an 8.05 on the vault and a 9.05 on the floor. Amy Wild took a 7.0 on the bars and a 7.75 on the vault, while Erin Yankovich collected an 8.05 on the vault and an 8.9 with her floor routine. Sara Wilchowski notched an 8.8 on the vault, an 8.9 on the bars and a 9.40 on the beam.

Canton Invite

The Canton Invite also found the Wild 'Stang performing well.

Brownfield earned an 8.7 on the floor, while Daneau earned a 9.0 in the same event. Glancy notched an 8.4 on the bars and an 8.8 on the vault, while Ilkhani-Pour collected an 8.6 on the bars and an 8.7 on the beam.

Mehl earned nice marks with

an 8.25 on the beam, an 8.4 on the bars and an 8.60 on the vault. Mills collected an 8.55 on the beam, an 8.75 on the bars, an 8.8 with the vault and a 9.10 with the floor exercise.

Ramsey collected an 8.8 with her floor routine, while Wilchowski notched an 8.90 on the beam, 9.15 in both the bars and the floor and a 9.05 with the vault.

Wild 'Stangs 135.93, John Glenn 113.15

The Novi-Northville gymnastics team had continued their winning ways January 30 when they took on and defeated the squad from John Glenn.

The squad, which is coached by Lindsay Schultz, had some impressive numbers throughout the meet.

Lindsay Yusko collected a 7.9 on the floor, Yankovich earned a 7.35 on the bars and Wild earned a 7.35 on the bars. Wilchowski, who competed in only one event, earned a 9.05 on the bars, while Wallen collected a 7.9 on the bars and Ramsey earned an 8.25 on the vault and an 8.7 on the floor.

Whitney Paul earned a 7.0 for her performance on the beam, while Laura Motz earned a 7.6 with the floor exercise. Mills collected an 8.7 on the vault and an 8.8 on the bars. Caitlin Miller earned a 7.5 on the beam and a 7.95 with her floor routine, while teammate Glancy notched a 7.45 on the beam.

Mehl earned an 8.0 on the beam, an 8.10 on the bars and an 8.5 on the floor, while Adrienne McHenry collected an 8.35 in both the bars and the floor. Ilkhani-Pour collected an 8.5 on the bars as well as an 8.55 on the beam while teammate Nika Frimenko notched an 8.1 on the floor exercise.

Brownfield earned a 7.4 mark on the bars, while Fink collected an 8.35 on the floor. Deneau notched an 8.7 on the floor, while Crawford earned some nice marks with an 8.3 on the vault, an 8.625 on the floor routine and an 8.75 on the beam.

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Wild 'Stang gymnast Amy Wild hits her dismount after a balance-beam routine during a home meet last week.

Photo by John Heider

Getting what they deserve

Quite frankly, they are two sports that just don't get the attention they deserve.

Pom pon and competitive cheer are two sports that are overlooked by many sports writers and newspapers, as well as television and sports networks.

Maybe it's because they don't work as hard as other sports? That's very doubtful, considering these two groups work on their routines during the Sam Eggleston spring season of the previous year in which they compete.

Maybe it's because they are girls? I hope not. Girls' athletics deserve as much attention as they boys', and I like to think they get an equal share in our sports sections.

Well, maybe it's because they really aren't that well known? Wow, I guess this could be a tough one. Though there isn't a person in America that probably doesn't know what a cheerleader is, it took my wife about five times of asking to remember what pom pon was. I guess this is partially my fault, and also that of other media outlets. We haven't aimed our sights on sports like cheer and pom because we like to think that we're too busy covering "main stream" sports like basketball, volleyball, hockey and wrestling. We find excuses to not do stories on these girls and for the events in which they participated in.

This is definitely something I'd like to see changed in our paper as well as other papers. In fact, catch the paper next week and there'll be stories about both teams — though it's probably a little late to get gung-ho about it.

I really don't have much of an excuse, other than I'm out of the cheer and pom loop most of the time. Though I can't turn back the clock and do more stories at this point, I can look to the future and plan on better coverage for next year. These girls will get their time in print, even if it means that next year we see much shorter stories on the other squads and more stories on non-traditional sports.

Let's hope that I'm not the only one taking aim at improving coverage for these two sports. In fact, let's hope that a lot of papers are planning better coverage and better stories on the girls who are in the sports as well. But, of course, most of you don't read too many other papers, and so it's my pledge that I'll do what it takes to have better coverage come next year on both sports, and I'll treat them as I would any other athletic event on this planet.

Don't forget to catch the pom teams at the state finals February 16 at Eastern Michigan University. And, of course, the cheer teams will be participating in their regionals soon too, with hopes of reaching the state finals to compete against the best teams around. Let me be one of the few sports writers around that wish all the teams in pom and cheer the best of luck!

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GAME OF THE WEEK



Northville Mustangs

POM PON & CHEERLEADING

Pom pon headed for Eastern Michigan

Mustangs have a tweaked routine and are eager for state finals

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Exciting isn't it? It's that tingly feeling that's in the air and getting these pom pon teams all charged up and ready to go — it's that state finals.

And, you guessed it, the Northville Mustangs are going to be there with the best of the best as they compete at Eastern Michigan University February 16.

"We've been working hard the past couple weeks since the regional," senior Lauren Lininger said. "I think we are really going to look good this weekend."

The Mustangs will have the daunting task of taking on some of the best teams in the state at the Class-A competitive level — which is the highest level of competition in the sport. They don't seem too worried though.

"I think that everyone has a possibility of winning it," senior Lindsey Chomiuk said. "Everyone has strong routines and they will have strong performances. Every year Northville has been getting stronger though, and this could be the year we top them."

But the Mustangs won't lie to

you either — winning isn't everything in this sport.

"We want to do well in competition, but we want to perform well," senior Kristina Janevski said. "It doesn't matter how we place, it just matters how well we perform and how we feel we did as a team."

The Mustangs have taken their routine which helped them escape from a very tough regional competition and are adding some new, exciting elements to it.

"We've made a lot of changes," Ashleigh Doinidis said. "The regional routine was fine, but there were a lot of things we had to change. We are working hard to perfect every little piece and every little movement. It has to be perfect."

The changes are based on a more eye-catching performance and a crowd-pleasing routine. "For state, we are trying to make it a little more flashy," Rachel Martin said. "Stunts catch an audience's eye more, especially when you have bigger moves."

To take a routine and strip it down before adding more complex maneuvers and difficult stunts to it takes a talented crew and a good coach.

"It's mainly will-power. Though working hard is a part of it, it's the mindset of the girls on the team and the motivation of the team. It takes the want to get it."

Ashleigh Doinidis
Northville Pom Pon senior

"We have a lot of experience with her," senior Megan Roney said of coach Melissa Millgard. "It's our fourth year with her, and we trust her. With that, and a lot of talented girls, we should be pretty good this weekend."

Doinidis said that it may have more to do with desire than just talent when it comes to being as good as the Mustangs are this

season.

"It's mainly will-power," she said. "Though working hard is a part of it, it's the mindset of the girls on the team and the motivation of the team. It takes the want to get it."

And get it the Mustangs are hoping to do. Though they are going up against talent such as Novi, Canton and Saginaw Heritage, Northville's pom pon seniors don't seem very daunted by the task at hand.

"I think we are just as good as the other teams out there," Lininger said. "If we do our best we will be up there with all of them."

Martin agreed. "I think as long as we keep working as hard as we are, we can go as far as we want to go," she said. "I know we can do it. We will be fine, it's a confidence thing. We have to be confident in ourselves and do our best."

And if something happens that these girls don't come away with the coveted state title, this season is far from lost in their eyes.

"This has been an awesome year," Roney said. "We've all met a lot of great girls and have had a great time. There are definitely some great memories."

And for those underclassmen out there who are feeling a little shaky as the big day draws closer and closer, the seniors just want to let them know that everything is going to turn out just fine in the end.

"I would just say to hold your heads up high," Janevski said. "Be confident in the states and perform to the best of your ability and you will have nothing to worry about. I'm sure we'll do fine."

And, for those underclassmen, there is always the years to come.

"Just keep strong and keep going," Doinidis said. "The best is yet to come. You think things are going good for you, but your senior year just gets better, everything does. All the hard work pays off."

Catch the Mustangs in action when they travel to Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center February 16 to participate in the state finals.

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'Stangs are fifth in WLAA

By Sam Eggleston
and Kita Mason
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Who would have ever expected it? Well, besides the Northville Mustangs wrestling squad.

The Northville grapplers took fifth in the Western Lakes Activities Association after topping the Wayne Memorial High School Zebra's 37-27 in the divisional cross-over meet.

The Zebras started out strong in the meet, notching three straight victories before the Mustangs were able to put together an three-win stretch of their own to hold the fort.

Dave Carroll, wrestling in the 140-pound weight class, put up the first three points. Mike Siwicki, wrestling at 145, earned his first pin as a Mustang grappler, while Rick Riegner, hitting the mat in the 152 division, added another three-point win with his determination and ability.

The Zebras weren't done though. They came back strong, carving out two more victories and pushing the Northville squad to the brink of a victory and a loss.

Steve Cain turned the tide as he accepted a six-point void at the 189-pound weight class. Dave Quick, at 215, closed the gap for the Mustangs as his victory brought the Northville grapplers within three points.

And then there was Marc Mueller. The heavyweight gave the Mustangs their first lead of the night as he earned four points with an 11-0 victory.

Adam Blunk helped keep the wins rolling in, earning six points as he dominated his match through two periods.

But you can't keep a good Zebra down. A three-point win for Wayne at 112 brought Northville's rivals within striking distance and a score by the Zebras of four points or more and the meet victory would be theirs.

Lucky for the Mustangs, they had senior Josh D'Anna up next to wrestle in the 119-pound division. D'Anna, who has had meets riding on his shoulders before, didn't cave under the intense pressure. He stormed onto the mat and crushed the Zebra wrestler with a first-period pin for the victory and the Mustang's 37-27 win.

Wayne only brought two junior varsity wrestlers to Northville. Joel Schanne moved up an impressive three weight classes to take on the Wayne 130-pound wrestler.

ANATOMY OF A WIN

All Wayne Memorial High School needed to earn a victory in the WLAA cross-over meet against the Northville Mustangs was a score of four points or better in the final match of the night in the 119-pound division.

Northville, who had senior captain Josh D'Anna wrestling for them, earned the final 37-27 victory with a ferocious pin in the first round.

Looks like four points is harder to get thanit sounds.

Though Schanne lost the match 10-5, he put on quite a show in the process. Stefano Giammarco, wrestling at 135, won his match 7-1.

The Mustangs will return to the team district tournament today before wrestling in the individual's district tourney February 15.

WLAA Individuals

The Western Lakes Activities Association Individuals Meet took place February 8 and found Northville taking third overall behind John Glenn and Walled Lake Western.

Though the Mustangs weren't able to take any first or second-place victories in the meet, they took enough thirds and fourths to secure their final standing.

The third-place medalists for Northville were: Blunk (103), D'Anna (119), Siwicki (145) and Quick (215).

Fourth-place medalists were: Mike Carter (112), Carroll (140), Steve Minier (171), Cain (189) and Mueller (heavyweight).

Riegner, wrestling at 152 pounds, took fifth for the Mustangs.

At the WLAA junior varsity meet the night prior, Schanne places first in the 112-pound divisions with a perfect 4-0 record on the night. Bill Riegner was second in the 145s while Mich Gayner took fourth. Ben Mason, wrestling at 189, and Nick Didia, at 119, both placed fifth.

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Northville's John Manica, left, wrestles Wayne Memorial's Tim Hammond in a home meet last week.

News FROM THE MHSAA

Group ticket sales are now underway for two Michigan High School Athletic Association state finals — the Lower Peninsula Individual Wrestling Finals at The Palace of Auburn Hills, March 6-8; and the Girls Volleyball Finals at University Arena in Kalamazoo, March 15.

Under the group program, groups of 10 or more can obtain a substantial discount off the standard general admission ticket price for each session of the two events. Group tickets are priced at \$3.50 each.

"This is an excellent opportunity for school groups, youth teams and the like to come out and experience the excitement of high school athletics," said John R. Johnson, communications director of the MHSAA. "We hope that groups across the state will again take advantage of this opportunity to support high school sports."

In order to qualify for the group discount, all orders must be submitted in advance of Regional round of each tournament. For the Lower Peninsula individual wrestling finals, orders must be postmarked no later than Feb. 14. For the girls volleyball finals, orders must be postmarked no later than March 6. No group orders postmarked after the deadline date will be accepted. All group seating at each event is general admission. For the Wrestling Finals, all general admission seating is located in the upper level of the arena, and tickets are only available for the championship session, which begins at 4:30 p.m. on March 8. For the volleyball finals, one ticket is required to watch all four championship matches on March 15.

Group Ticket Order Forms for the MHSAA Lower Peninsula individual wrestling finals, and the girls volleyball finals may be obtained exclusively from the MHSAA web site at www.mhsaa.com.

SPORTS SHORTS

Novi Youth Baseball Registration

The Novi Youth Baseball League Registration will be held at the Novi Civic Center for two days only: Today from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, February 15, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Lacrosse Coaching Positions Open

Northville Lacrosse Program has the following openings:

Northville 8th grade boys lacrosse Assistant Coach

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Northville 6th grade boys lacrosse Head Coach and Assistant Coach

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Interested candidates should contact Kathy Koupal, Program Administrator for the Northville Lacrosse Programs. 248-305-9776

Mid-Winter Baseball/Softball Camp

Total Baseball's Softball/Baseball Camp will feature professional instruction from Aaron Knieper (Montreal Expos), Lee Bjerke (Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame) and Jessie Milosek (Bowling Green University Softball).

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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 totalbaseballwixom@aol.com. Space is very limited.

Walled Lake Central Girl's Track Assistant Coach; Walled Lake Western Head Boy's Tennis Coach; Walled Lake Western Head Girl's Tennis Coach.

Interested candidates should contact David Yarbrough, Athletic Director for Walled Lake Schools at (248) 956-2073. Those are the only positions open at the Walled Lake for coaches right now.

Velocity Improvement Pitching Program

Total baseball will be hosting an intense seven-week training program for baseball pitchers 13 years old and above.

Players will learn the proper techniques of arm strengthening, pitching mechanics and pitching philosophy from Aaron Knieper, former Montreal Expos/USA Jr. Olympic Team pitcher. Weights and arm bands provided. The camp will run from Jan. 20-March 6 and the cost is \$325 per player. Each camp will be Tuesday and Thursday from 4-5:30 p.m.

Space is limited, so contact Total Baseball at (248) 668-0166 or via email at totalbaseballwixom@aol.com.

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Baseball/Softball Leagues

Total Baseball's Indoor Hitting Leagues will have four players per team aiming to hit off a batting machine in a point-awarded one-hour game. Awards will be given to the

champions and the best hitter. The league runs Feb. 15-March 22.

Boys baseball for high school ages will be Sundays from 6-9 and girls softball, ages 13-and-under will be Saturday from 9-11 a.m. with high school ages playing Sunday from 6-9 p.m. The cost is \$45 per individual player or \$150 per team with four players on each team. Call (248) 668-0166 for more information.

Next Level Athletes

Have an idea for a Next Level Athletes feature or for the Next Level Athletes portion of the sports section? If you do, please contact Sam Eggleston at the Novi News sports department via email at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net or at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

Please have the name of the student-athlete, the class they are in, sport they play as well as

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If this is their first season, please have information from their senior year in high school available as well.

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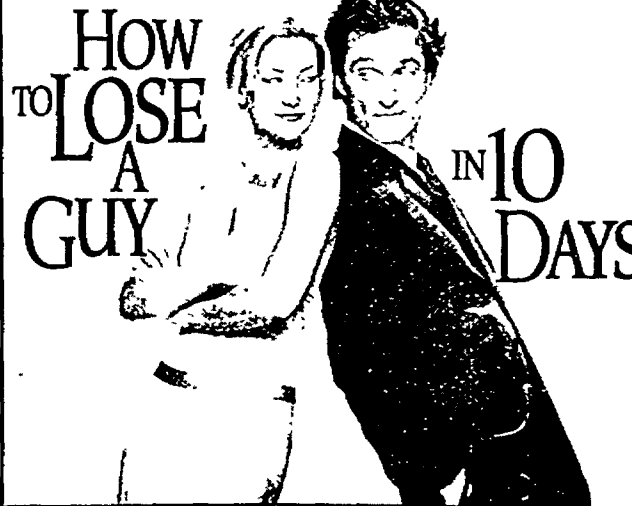
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Lighting squad comes through

By Tyler Carter
SPECIAL WRITER

The Mustangs took full advantage of their most recent home stand, coming away with two wins last week. Both games came down to the final minutes, providing for great entertainment.

The Walled Lake Central Vikings put up a great fight against the Mustangs, who came into the February 4 contest with a three game win streak in progress. Neither team could take control of the ball game, and the score was knotted at 23 going into halftime.

The Mustangs kept the game close with help from their Lightning Squad.

"The Lightning Squad [Chris Jacobs, Chris Oakland, Tim Downing, Tim Singleton, Brett Asher] is the group we bring in when we need a quick momentum swing or some kind of pick up," Coach Darryl Schumacher explained. "They have done a great job lately."

The Lightning Squad put a heavy press on Central and Downing and Jacobs combined for a total of 6 steals. The Vikings outscored the Mustangs in the third quarter and entered the last 8 minutes of the game with a three point lead.

The Mustangs controlled the ball with the score tied at 49, and called a time out with 17 seconds left on the game clock to set up a play geared for a final shot. The Vikings stole the ball on the inbound, however, and converted for a quick two points, taking the lead 51-49 with only 11 seconds to play.

The Mustangs had gone from overtime as a worst case scenario to a heartbreaking loss as a worst case scenario in just 6 seconds. The Mustangs called another timeout to regroup. This time, they inbounded the ball and it ended up in Adam Konst's hands. He had the ball at half court with less than seven seconds remaining. After a move to the left and a spin to the right, he threw up an off balance shot from beyond the three point arc.

"I knew it was in as soon as it was out of my hands," Konst said, laughing, after the game.

After the shot fell through and the buzzer sounded, Konst was

swarmed by the Northville crowd. The 52-51 victory over Walled Lake Central was perhaps the most dramatic win many fans will ever have the pleasure of witnessing.

Scott McNeish's 17 point performance cannot be overlooked, as he dominated the boards and made his presence felt on both sides of the ball. Jeff Varley was perfect from the free throw line and pulled down 4 rebounds. Everyone played a part in Tuesday night's victory: a key aspect to most of the Mustang wins.

The Mustangs carried the momentum from their dramatic victory into Friday night, when they met Livonia Churchill for the second time of the season.

Northville's crowd had its strongest showing of the season, including Northville parents and students. Many of the Northville students were still decked out in their black and orange attire that they had worn to school for the final day of spirit week.

Churchill brought a level of play that the Mustangs didn't see in their first meeting, and this made for a good, exciting game. Northville led throughout the game, but couldn't seem to run away with the lead and "put the nail in the coffin".

Churchill hung around until the final minutes, when they had to resort to fouling. The Mustangs secured a 54-47 victory, improving their overall record to 12-4 and their division record to an impressive 5-1.

Konst had 13 points on the night, and added three rebounds. Mark Sorenson was phenomenal from the foul line and posted 10 points. McNeish and Roger Garfield each had 11 points. Garfield pulled down 13 rebounds, accounting for nearly half of the Mustang's total boards.

The Mustangs have a big week coming up, as they travel to Wayne Memorial on Tuesday to face what appears to be the strongest team on the other side of the WLAA.

The Mustangs will take a short break and return to action next Tuesday, when they host Livonia Franklin and look to redeem themselves after their loss to the Patriots in mid-January. Tuesday is also the Mustangs' senior night and a win would place them in the conference championship. Be sure to come out and support the team at 7 p.m.

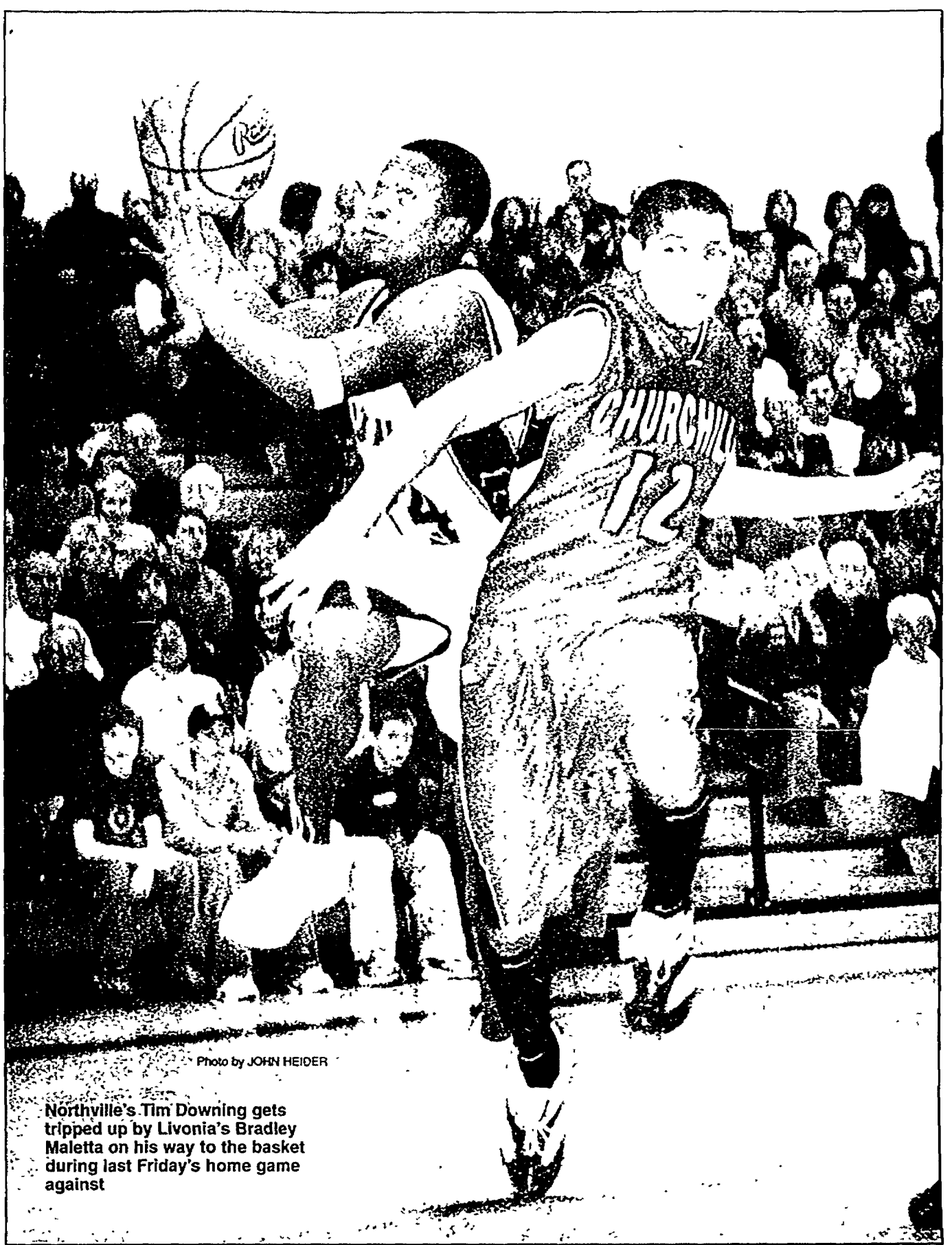


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville's Tim Downing gets tripped up by Livonia's Bradley Maletta on his way to the basket during last Friday's home game against

Whalers back on track

The Plymouth Whalers snapped a three-game losing streak Saturday night with a 3-2 win over the visiting Oshawa Generals.

Ryan Ramsay led the Whalers with one goal and one assist and Paul Drew stopped 30 shots for the win.

Cole Jarrett put the Whalers up early in the first with a blast from the point on the power play at 7:10. Ryan Ramsay and Karl Stewart assisted on the goal.

Ramsay followed with a goal of his own at 9:35 to give the Whalers a 2-0 lead, but Oshawa came back with a goal from John Neal at 11:53 to narrow the lead to 2-1.

The Generals continued to

pressure in the second and it paid off with a short-handed goal from Nathan Horton at 4:34. But the Whalers had an answer when Karl Stewart banged home a rebound at 15:18 for the game-winning tally. LaRose and Jarrett assisted on the goal.

Despite playing with a short bench the Whalers kept up the pressure in the third to preserve the win.

Spirit 3, Whalers 2

The Saginaw Spirit stunned the Plymouth Whalers February 5, scoring three unanswered goals to notch a 3-2 overtime win. Geoff Platt tallied the game winner at 2:31 in the extra period when he tipped a Jeff Luckovitch shot past Plymouth goalie Jeff Weber.

The Whalers jumped out to a

quick two-goal lead in the first before the Spirit scored a late goal to cut the Whalers lead to 2-1 at the end of the first period. Former Spirit forward Chris Thorburn put the Whalers up 1-0 when he completed a nice passing play from Tim Sestito and Ryan Ramsay at 9:36. Plymouth continued to pressure and it paid off at the 15:40 mark. Sean Thompson forced a Saginaw turnover and walked out in front of Saginaw goalie Tyson Kellerman and roofed a backhand for the unassisted goal.

But the Spirit fought back with a late goal with only ten seconds left in the period by Alex MacDonell.

Saginaw continued with the momentum in the second, knotting the game at 2-2.

CLUB HOCKEY

By Jim Stevenson
SPECIAL WRITER

The Northville Club Hockey team took on the Avondale Yellowjackets February 8 in Troy. Less than a minute into the game Jordan Dick put in Nick Karebian's rebound, making the score 1-0.

Grant Baidas took a pass from Mike Sklut and skated half way down the ice and gave Northville a two goal lead. The Yellowjackets came out strong in the second period, and scored their first goal of the game on a scramble in front of the net. After some tie-tac-toe passing by Ryan Pyatenko, Sean Hohl, and Jim Stevenson Pyatenko scored making it 3-1. Determined to keep it close, the Yellowjackets scored to make it 3-2.

With a minute left in the period, Sean Hohl tallied another assist as

Mike Sklut scored the fourth Northville goal. Only ten seconds into the third period a formidable Yellowjacket player tallied up his second goal of the game with a slapshot from the point making it 3-4. The Yellowjackets scored again on a powerplay to tie it up 4-4.

Northville was determined to break ahead and fired away at the Yellowjacket goalie and he came up with many good saves, until with four minutes left in the game Grant Baidas got his second goal of the game with Karebian getting his second assist of the day giving Northville the 5-4 victory.

The Northville Club hockey team traveled to Grosse Pointe February 9 to take on the Grosse Pointe Norsemen. The Club team came out to play some tough hockey against a physical Grosse Pointe team. Great saves by both goalenders kept the game score-

less until Alan Kursu scored with the assist going to Nick Karebian.

With only 17 seconds left in the period, the Norsemen picked up their first goal making it one to one. One minute into the second period Northville put the pressure on Grosse Pointe and Kursu scored again. He was set up again by Nick Karebian and by Andrew Gasparotto. With the score at 2-1, the Norsemen got a breakaway and scored to make it 2-2.

The remainder of the second period was scoreless thanks to fine goaltending by Robert Davidson and good defense. Two minutes into the third period a lucky deflection put the Norsemen ahead by a score of 3-2. They scored two more times early in the third to make it 5-2 with Northville unable to make up the gap falling to the Grosse Pointe team 5-2.

Flares of brilliant playing bring Mustangs to victory

Jimmy Reihl notches a hat-trick against Redford United in 6-2 win, rest of team steps up play as well

By Kita Mason
and Sam Eggleston
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Every now and then, a team that finds itself struggling will suddenly have a glimpse of the true talent they possess.

That was the scene for the Northville Mustangs hockey team February 8 at the Novi Ice Arena. The squad came out strong and dominated a tough Redford Unified High School team for a 6-2 victory.

Needless to say, there's a new attitude in Hockeyville. It was obvious from the moment the Mustangs came charging out of the dressing rooms and onto the ice for the pre-game warm-ups. There was a high energy sparking in the air and positive chatter than let the fans know that this game was going to be fun.

The Mustangs didn't slow down from there. The drop of the puck on the opening face-off and before Redford knew what hit them they were down 2-0 at the end of the first period.

Captain Jimmy Reihl scored his first goal on the night around the nine-minute mark. The puck bounded back off the Redford goalie and before there was time to react, Reihl had it in the back

of the net with assists being marked to Andy Minielly and Max Lenn.

Just minutes later, Donny McKinnon capitalized on some tie-tac-toe precision passing between himself, captain Mike Marquardt and fellow forward Mike Monticciolo.

For the fans, it was a sight to see — there were no individuals with the Mustangs for they were playing as a team in this contest.

As the second-period came into play, it was obvious that Redford wouldn't be denied. They were quick to capitalize on a powerplay, earning the goal late in the second period. But their celebration was a short one — Aaron Bernstein finessed a wrist-shot from the right-half boards that sizzled in under the crossbar for the score with assists being credited to Kellen Smetana and McKinnon for the 3-1 lead.

Redford was hot again in the early goings of the third period, scoring first on a screened shot that goalie David Ely-Bond wasn't able to get the bead on until it was sliding under his right pad.

Once again, the Mustangs were quick to ruin the party for Redford. Reihl came down the ice and gathered up an outlet pass from Lenn, before he split the

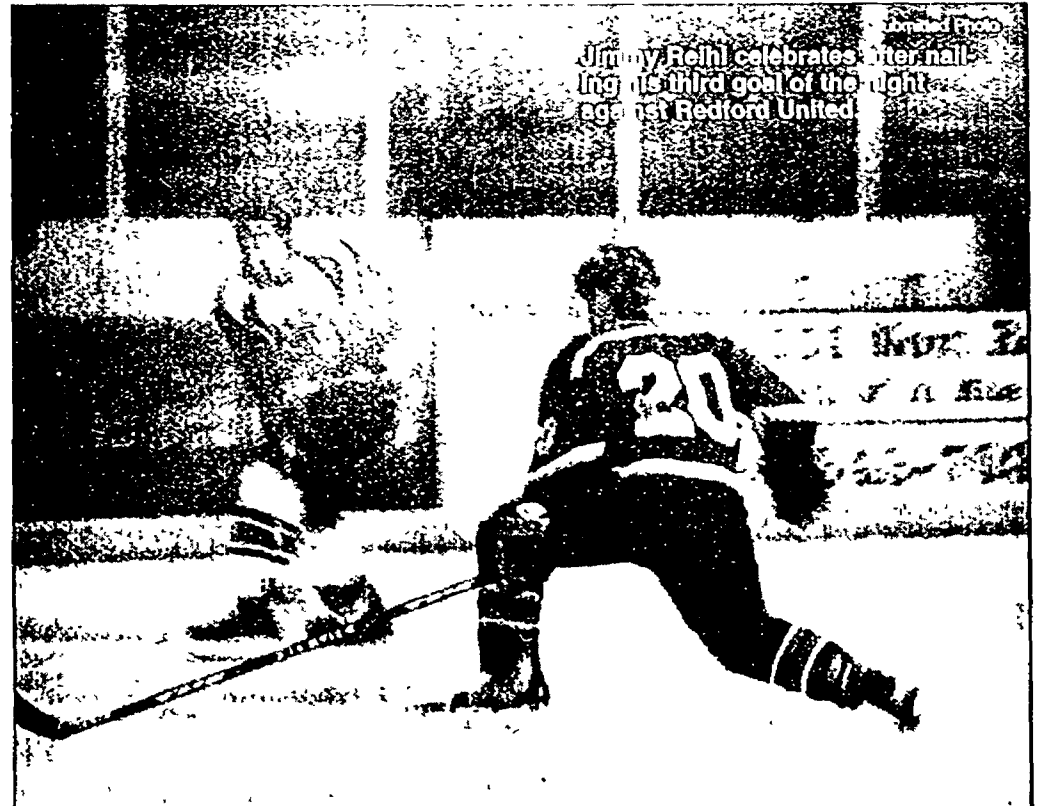
Redford defense and skated in unchallenged on the helpless goalie for a short-handed goal and a 4-2 lead.

Reihl notched Northville's fifth goal of the night, and a hat-trick of his own, as he tipped in a centering pass from Lenn for the score. The second assist on the goal went to Kris Kojan.

Up 5-2 and time expiring, the Mustangs decided to put the finishing touches on the game as Reihl and Monticciolo combined on assists as they found Jake Vitale before he slammed the puck into the back of the net to seal the victory.

The defensive play of the game came from Joe Vitale. Vitale used his defensive presence to break up a 2-on-0 Redford breakaway with three minutes left in the contest to keep the score 5-2 in the Northville advantage. As the Redford skaters broke away from the pack, Vitale pushed his skates to the limit, racing to catch the Redford player as he was bearing down on the Northville goal. Knowing he wasn't going to catch the Redford skater in time, Vitale dove forward and swept his stick in front of the skater to knock the puck free and neutralize the odd-man rush.

Ely-Bond had a wonderful



Jimmy Reihl celebrates after notching his third goal of the night against Redford United.

night in goal, stone-walling the Redford shooters and allowing only two goals to slip through.

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'Comeback Kids' are at their winning ways again

By Michael Zerkich
SPECIAL WRITER

Put another victory in the win column for the girls varsity hockey team. Although you would expect a first-year team such as the Mustangs to struggle they impressing their fans and their coach with some impressive play.

Dubbed "The Comeback Kids," Northville scored another impressive 3-1 comeback win over the Knight Hawks from Bloomfield Hills.

Coach Bill Holden of the Mustangs summed his season so far with a pleased but sober evaluation.

"We're doing well at this point," he said. "What's happening is that we are having a tough time against very good teams and my team isn't able to stay with them. Hey, the good side is that we are winning against the other first year clubs and teams that are down this year. We're competitive and that's all I can ask of my guys. They're playing their hearts out for me."

After two periods the scored remained in an even stalemate but the play definitely favored Northville.

Northville's goalie Danielle Bigi, had stopped 12 shots in a row and while key defensive plays came from Heather Barent, Amanda LaRiche, Annie Kirkpatrick and Marie McIntyre. Meanwhile, on the

"We're competitive and that's all I can ask of my guys. They're playing their hearts out for me"

Bill Holden
Northville Girls' Hockey Coach

offensive side Mustangs forwards dominated the Knight Hawks defense by tallying 22 shots on goal, with Lindsay Miglio, Stephanie Papich, Emily Doren, Catilyn Crawford, Bridget Hughes Kelsey Gunn Boyar and Allie Spencer each just missing goals by either hitting the post or being "robbed" by the Bloomfield Hills goaltender.

The gates opened in the third period with a flood of action and resulting goals.

Scoring started with just two minutes gone in the period when Mustang goalie Bigi blocked a deflected shot and seemed to have covered the puck. Then Knight Hawk, Laine Schmid whacked Bigi's glove knocking the puck into the net.

Enter the "Comeback Kids." On the very next shift left wing

Jenny Forker split the Knight Hawk defense and knotted the score at 1-1. With the goal light still warm another rush by the speedster Amy Cauzillo skated end to end and caught the top right corner of the net. Cauzillo iced the win when she scored her second goal of the game with just under two minutes remaining in the game. Comeback complete.

Bloomfield's Coach Kurt Krug summed up the evening by saying, "When you play a first year team like Northville, with their level of intensity and perseverance, you can not afford to let down even for a second."

Other noted standouts for the Mustangs were Danielle Werner, Rachel Rueter and Jessica Palushaj who each put relentless pressure on Knight Hawk players throughout the game.

In the conference the Mustangs stand at 3 wins and 7 losses while in overall play for the season their tally now is 6-11-1.

Northville's next two games are at the Novi Ice arena. Saturday they will be against arch-rival Novi and then the following Wednesday game rematch against Bloomfield Hills.

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Q&A with the hockey elders

Decades from now, in a faded year books or in the Northville's trophy case, will be a picture of a group of girls. Maybe years from now, people will find it amusing that they didn't have hockey before this year and that girls won't think twice that they can play the game.

For now, it's a novelty, a side-bar to established sports, and truly one of a kind opportunity for girls that two or three years ago would have been impossible. So, despite the hardships and disarray a new team goes through, this squad of unique people can say they were a part of a new beginning at Northville High School — and hopefully something that will be a part of Mustang athletics for years to come.

Lindsey Miglio, Amanda LaRiche, Heather Barent and Nicole Ozog were kind enough to comment on some questions we had. All four are seniors and will only feel the cool air of the ice rink for just one year as a Mustang. However, don't ever think that these girls got the short end of a hockey stick — they've enjoyed every second of it.

Question: How has it been to be on the first girls high school hockey team in Northville's history?

Lindsay Miglio: It's been a really good experience. Lots of fun with the girls and the coaches have been very supportive.

Amanda LaRiche and Heather Barent agreed on their answer: I think it has been a fun experience and I felt it was cool that they had a girls hockey team while I still was in high school.

Nicole Ozog: Really fun as a building year. It's also Mercy and Plymouth Canton first year teams so it took some of the pressure off of us.

Question: What's your favorite memory so far of the team?

Miglio: Our first time we got dressed and we didn't know how to wear our equipment. Also, driving to practices with Amanda LaRiche has been a lot of fun.

LaRiche: My rides to practice with Lindsey Miglio. Also, my first goal in the first game and then sliding across the ice.

Barent: Winning our first scrimmage against Mercy High and scoring my first goal in that game.

Ozog: Me and three other girls getting together and blowing up balloons for each of the girls on the team. We put their names on them and we gave them to the girls at school before a game.

Q: Is being on a girls hockey team what you thought it would be before the season started?

Miglio: I guess because I didn't know what to expect. However, it's been about what I thought it might be.

LaRiche: Yes, I guess in most ways.

Barent: It's everything I could have asked for. Amazing bunch of girls and three amazing coaches to keep us encouraged.

Ozog: Yeah, I guess it more fun than I thought. I knew a few of the girls before the season started but later getting to know the rest of the girls made it a much better experience.

Q: Anything you would like to pass along to younger girls, reading this who might follow you in the years to come?

Miglio: Encourage them to try out and play. It's lots of fun and it's something different. Overall it's a good experience.

LaRiche: Just have a positive attitude about everything. Focus on good sportsmanship because it will make the whole experience a lot more fun.

Barent: If your interested in girls hockey follow your dreams. And learn as much as you can. Keep a positive attitude, have fun, and as coach Bill Holden said, look good.

Ozog: Not to get frustrated and blame the other girls. You win and lose as a team and each person counts. And having fun as a team is important too.



Amanda LaRiche



Lindsay Miglio



Heather Barent

It's more than gifts and candy

Sometimes, I wonder how my wife does it.

I see these ads that call for husbands to hit the stores and purchase a \$400 dollar ring that is marked down to \$150 to show their wife how much she means to them and I have to wonder: Why?

I guess I'm just spoiled, that's all.

You see, my wife never asks for anything special. For our first two years together I brought her to the fanciest restaurants around, but times have changed and we have a daughter now. It's a bit harder to get out and to free up that kind of money, as many of you know.

Last year, I cooked her a steak dinner with a wine and mushroom sauce along with a slew of her favorite side-dishes. This year, she'll get the special home-cooked dinner once again, as well as time to read in the bathtub while attempting to soak away her stress and tension of being a full-time college student, a full-time mother, a full-time wife and a full-time housewife. She, quite simply, does

everything.

I do wish I could do more. I wish I earned the kind of bucks that I could get her a nice ring (I still haven't purchased a wedding ring yet thanks to tight times). I wish I could take her to the best steakhouse in Novi and bring her to the movies, but I can't. Yet, she stays happy and content with what I'm able to give her.

The truth be told, even though I'll make her dinner and let her soak in a bath for a while, those will probably not turn out as nice as they sound. Our daughter has a knack for opening the bathroom door now, so that will lead to some splashing of water as she throws this toy or that into the water so her mommy can play with it. Dinner will end up being rushed thanks to our daughter deciding she wants to pick up the cat or pull down a stack of papers from the computer desk. Nothing like food that gets cooked while the cook is off tending to other business — that's the kind that tends to have scorch marks.

My wife does so much for me that I couldn't even name it all. She's going to college so she can get a higher paying job than that which I have so I can stay at home and try my hand at fiction. She

does the laundry while I'm at work while juggling out daughter in one hand and the hamper in the other. She even brings me a Q-tip when I'm too busy playing video games and she's near the box of them — all I have to do is ask.

I love her. It's quite simple to tell the truth. I can't imagine a moment in my life that is to come with her not by my side and I wouldn't want to. I took her hand in marriage and said until death do us part I would love her and care for her and that's exactly what I intend to do.

I know there's plenty of folks out there who might not be going to a black-tie restaurant tomorrow, or even giving a nice piece of jewelry to your significant other. Instead, snuggle on the couch after the kids are asleep, sharing a bowl of popcorn (and microwave popcorn is fine) and watch a freshly rented movie on your 19-inch television.

After all, it's the love during Valentine's Day that counts, not all the sparkling gold and foil hearts. It's a day to turn to the one you love and tell them that. I know I will.

I love you, Christie. I always will.



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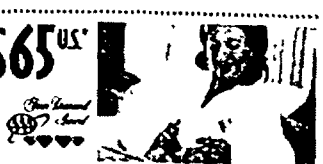


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No need for 10 reasons Don't miss out on this new chick flick

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

If there is one thing Andie Anderson knows, it is how to freak a guy out!

Everything she intentionally does to Benjamin Barry, from filling his bathroom with feminine products and making him fetch her a soda with only seconds left in a tight Knicks play-off game, is frightening and down right hilarious.

What makes her antics of calling Ben a pet name, bonding with his mother and making a fantasy-wedding album even more over the top is she only met him a couple of days earlier.

What is Andie doing? Doesn't she know she is going to make Ben run for the hills?

She knows all right because Andie is trying to lose Ben by doing everything men hate and that is the premise behind "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days."

Kate Hudson ("Almost Famous" and "The Four Feathers") plays Annie the "how to" girl for Cosmopolitan Magazine.

And after listening to her girlfriend's painful recounting of why yet another man left her only a week after dating, she is inspired for her next article titled, you guessed it, How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days.

The only problem is, before the story goes to print, she must verify

all of her guy-losing antics really work.

This is where Matthew McConaughey ("The Wedding Planner" and "A Time to Kill") playing Ben comes into the story.

While out perusing with the girls to find a man she can lose in 10 days, Andie meets Ben.

Ben unknowingly becomes the man Andie will test all of her horrific guy-chasing strategies on and then never see again.

The twist is, Ben himself is perusing the same bar for a female he can stick with and make fall in love with him in 10 days.

If Ben can keep a girl for 10 days, the advertising executive wins a high-profile diamond account.

Watching Andie do everything in her power to lose Ben and Ben do everything in his power to not walk away and pretend to love her back makes this romantic comedy enjoyable.

It adds a comedic twist to the happy-ending, fall-in-love Hollywood formula because of course parting after the 10 days expires is not as easy as planned.

The PG-13 rated movie for sex related material is a laugh-out-loud hoot.

And this is one "chick flick" men will actually enjoy, making it a definite feel-good date movie.

After all, what man has not met the crazy, cling-on girl at least once



COURTESY PHOTO

These two look so sweet as a couple — too bad one of them is doing a story on how to lose her guy in 10 days.

in his love life and may now look back and laugh.

Adding to the humor is the chemistry between Hudson and McConaughey.

Hudson is stylish and adorable as the magazine writer with loftier dreams and the two together are a pleasure to watch.

The sneaky, romantic moments between all of the painful ones help build the romantic momentum.

The Paramount Pictures movie, with a running time of 1 hour and 56 minutes, was directed by Donald Petrie ("Mystic Pizza," "Grumpy

Old Men," "My Favorite Martian" and "Miss Congeniality") and based on the self-help book "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days: The Universal Don'ts of Dating" by Michele Alexander and Jeannie Long.

The comedy finished in first place after its Feb. 7 weekend opening, grossing \$24.1 million.

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We all need a little advice in our lives

In the movie "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days," how-to writer

Andie Anderson gives advice on topics ranging from fashion to beauty to of course men. And in particular, how to lose a man.

She points out shortly after meeting a guy things like calling a million times, telling him you love him and leaving personal items in his place are clearly not good ideas.

I have to agree with her, buying a man a dog and clothes to match your own are not a good idea after a couple of dates.

Well, doling out advice seemed like fun in the movie and was definitely entertaining, so we here at the Novi News decided to give it a try in our entertainment section.

I mean really, who doesn't at least once in awhile glance at Dear Abbey or the desperately dating sections of light-hearted magazines.

The letters and answers may be fun, intriguing or flat out stupid, but they are entertaining.

The best part is, as the only female on the staff, I get to be Abbey, Andie or whatever you want to call me. I was thinking maybe we could call the column

Vent With Vic, Vic's Version. Just Vic or maybe even Vivacious Vic. OK, I'm getting carried away.

Now, the big question is why in the world would you send questions my way? I'm not a doctor nor am I a counselor. But what I am is a girl, woman, best friend, worst friend, sister, daughter, aunt, wardrobe consultant, hair and makeup approver, shoulder to cry on and crier on a shoulder.

I survived high school, college, a career change, good roommates, bad roommates, plenty of dates and parties, nights alone, the bad-for-you guys, the good-for-you guys and the I don't even know what to call them guys. But most of all, you should send in your questions because it will be fun. This is for entertainment purposes only (official disclaimer) and if people participate it should be interesting.

The questions may be about anything and everything. Clothes, boys, men, manners, parents, friends — nothing is off limits. Well that isn't totally true. This is not an R-rated paper.

So, send in your questions to vsadlocha@ht.homecomm.net or seggleston@ht.homecomm.net and they might appear with answers in next week's entertainment section.

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MORE SPORTS

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Submitted Photo

Way to go Mustangs!

The Northville junior varsity pom pon squad performed at Churchill High School February 11 in the Pom Pon Regionals competition. The girls qualified to perform at the State Finals competition February 16 at Eastern Michigan University. They will be performing against the best squads in the state. The girls, who are coached by Heidi Krautner, are currently practicing three hours a day and five days a week. The team includes (left to right): First Row: Jessica Agoston, Carolyn Mocerri, Ashley Herpich, Katie Jingoian, Joan Berry; Second Row: Laura Defer, Ashley Necci, Liz Catalano, Kelly Maximiuk, Athena Khaibari, Lauren Lutz, Jessica Wayne; Third Row: Natalie Poirier, Coach Heidi Krautner, Mary Simkins, Katie Foley, Jaennifer Johnson and Allison Braine. Not Pictured: Susan Cavicchioli.

Mustangs do to others as others have done to them

John Campbell earns first against Salem Rocks

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

When a team gets hit with a nasty loss, they have to turn it around by smacking their next opponent with a nasty loss of their own — which is exactly what the tankers at Northville did.

The Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team felt the harsh sting of a 119-67 loss to the Salem Rocks before turning the tables and slapping Livonia Franklin as the Mustangs cruised to a 137.5-47.5 victory.

Against Franklin, the Mustangs notched a victory in the 200-yard medley relay with Hunter Schwartz, Weston Laabs, Brad Farris and Tyler Carter leading the way with a time of 1:55.39.

Joe Lunn, continuing his excellent season times, notched a 200 freestyle victory in 1:53.18.

Mike Yutzy won the 200 individual medley in 2:17.41 while Carter showed his moxy in the

50 free with a winning time of 24.95.

Aaron Flohr earned a win in the 100 butterfly with a 1:6.73 while Lorezno Hermann took first in the 100 free with a 54.56. Farris notched a 500 free win in a time of 5:18.0 and Schwartz earned the 100 backstroke victory with a 1:01.61.

Team victories for the Mustangs included the 200 free and the 400 free. In the 200 freestyle relay, Lunn, Yutzy, Carter and Mike Handley won in 1:36.99 while Lunn, Yutzy, Joe Hogan and Farris combined for a win in the 400 free in 3:37.12.

Livonia Franklin's only first-place victory came in the 100 breaststroke as Stephen Sanney earned the win in 1:09.31.

Jason Albosta, Northville's diving star, earned 207.30 points for the first-place finish in the meet.

Salem 119, Northville 67

It wasn't the score that any team would want to turn in, but against a powerhouse like the Plymouth Salem Rocks, what is a team to do?

The Mustangs were fortunate and skilled enough to earn three first-place finishes in the contest. Farris earned his victory marks in the 200 freestyle event, notching the win in 1:56.64.

Lunn, who has been swimming well all season, earned the 500 free victory with a time of 5:10.71.

John Campbell, who is the other half of Northville's diving duo, earned the victory as he collected 189.25 points.

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Volleyball takes two lumps

Season has proven to be tough, but these Mustangs are hanging in there until the bitter end

By Roger Garfield
SPECIAL WRITER

The 2003 conference campaign for the Mustangs' volleyball team has been a difficult one. After losses to Salem on Monday, February 10, and Stevenson February 5, Northville's record declined to 1-6 in the Western Lakes.

Hosting Stevenson last Wednesday, the girls had trouble getting anything going. The same was true Monday at Salem, as the Rocks ousted the Mustangs in all three games. The scores were 15-3, 15-3, and 15-1.

Northville has had little to cheer about this season, but perhaps they found a way to rectify the losing on Wednesday, as they hosted Wayne Memorial. The Zebras took on the Mustangs in their final home contest of the season.

It was a special night for the

four seniors on the team, as they were honored for their hard work and dedication to volleyball throughout their four years at Northville.

Kristin Dolmetsch is one of the team's four seniors. She also excels at soccer and can be seen in the spring helping her Mustangs contend for a state title.

Erica Johnson, captain, has kept Northville in many games this season with her clutch serving. She also led the track team last season as a junior captain.

Kristin Moran can often be seen spiking the ball powerfully over the net. In the fall, she was a talented post player on the basketball team.

Lauren Temple, captain, is the

Mustangs' best all-around player. She may continue pursuing her volleyball career at the college level. Lauren captained the Mustang basketball team in the fall, as well.

These four seniors will continue to play hard and hopefully catapult the Mustangs towards success.

February 17 will find the girls as they take on the Vikings of Walled Lake Central at 7 p.m. The conference tournament is quickly approaching and is slated to begin February 22. Though the Mustangs have taken a few losses, fans should remember that no game is decided until it is played.

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Volleyball now stands at 1-6 in the WLA



Photo by John Herder

Mustang Kelly Wasalaski digs for a save during a home game in late January. The Mustangs have seen marked improvements from the majority of their squad this year.

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It's your right to pick up your controller and have a blast

By Sam Eggleston
ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

I was beginning to wonder when Namco was going to release another title that didn't have anything to do with button pushing to have competitive dancing on your screen.

Though Max Payne 2 is in the works, those people that are intrigued by the good cop/bad cop storylines will need something to tide them over. Namco has decided to take a step away from dancing and button mashing to attempt a quality shoot-em-up game.

At first it was meant to be an Xbox game, but fortunately for the thousands that do not own an Xbox, and the thousands more that never will, Namco decided to rethink their business venture and go with the more acceptable

approach. You must remember, however, that this review is based solely on the Playstation 2 version, and things may or may not be different depending on which version you choose.

The game centers around Jack Slate, a faithful officer from the canine unit of Grant City. At the beginning of the game while he and his trusty dog Shadow are investigating a construction site he is startled to learn that his father has been murdered.

And so it begins. As you would expect, Jack is out for vengeance, and is willing to take out countless numbers of thugs on his way. Dead to Rights is full of plot twists, betrayals, and more corrupt officials than you would find in our current government.

In the opening 'tutorial' level, you will notice that this game



features a lot of special ways to dispose of your enemies. I mean a lot. This game combines elements from countless numbers of games. There's a little bit of

Max Payne in there, some side scrolling beat-em-up, and even some Metal Gear Solid thrown in there for good measure.

For those who were wondering, there are plenty of ways to be violent in this game. From using guns and explosives to hand-to-hand combat and using your enemies as human shields, this game brings a wide assortment of styles that will have conservative parents banning this game from their child's system.

Now, the most amazing feature in this game is the ability to disarm your opponent. While you do not have a weapon equipped, just walk up to anyone holding a gun, press circle, and watch. Slate will do a variety of actions which range from just twisting the persons neck, to actually taking the weapon and using it.

One thing that Namco must be applauded for is the extremely low loading times that Dead to Rights contains. Not often do you find a game that is actually visually pleasing that does not give you enough time to take a nap in between sections. Because of the loading times the action is almost always intense.

So, when a game is released for multiple platforms, you must not doubt ask yourself "Which one is better? Is there even a difference between the games? Is there an advantage to buying it for the 10 ton wonder?" Sometimes yes, sometimes no. Thankfully, though PS2 and Gamecube received the game a tad bit later, Namco was thoughtful enough to include a nice bit of changes to the game compared to the Xbox version.

Unlike the Xbox version,

which is said to be a very hard game, the PS2 version of Dead to Rights features three difficulty modes that you may choose from. Also, the graphics have been slightly enhanced, yet at the same time toned down to make for smoother gameplay. A few new weapons have been added, and the targeting was improved, as well as Slate being made slightly faster.

The game was actually fairly easy to beat, and I walked through it in a weekend in about eight hours. Tough to say it's a good buy, but I can definitely say that it's worth the pocket money for a rental.

If you liked Metal Gear Solid, Max Payne or The Getaway, you will probably like Dead to Rights too.

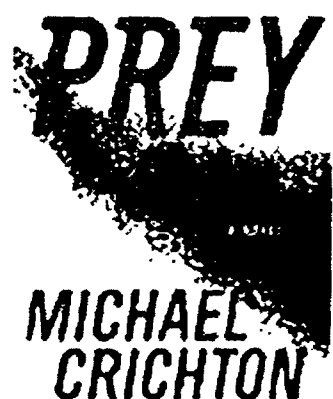
It's just like being at the movies

By Sam Eggleston
ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

The truth is, Michael Crichton has a way of making you think you are experiencing a movie rather than reading a book when you thumb through one of his novels.

His knack for writing a book that is perfect for the transition onto the silver screen is apparent, with blockbusters like "Jurassic Park" and "The 13th Warrior" (based on the book "Eaters of the Dead") already having made some nice cash on their releases. His newest release in the paper form is "Prey," and it's sure to be hitting a screen near you soon enough.

In some ways, Crichton manages to dance away from the word literature and skirts the edge of screenplay with every thing he writes. I don't mean that in a bad way, in fact I rather like reading the books he produces. But, how can the hero be shown around the top-secret factory, having sprinkler systems and open-caged lifts pointed out to him, without us understanding it as a guarantee that such systems will prove cru-



cial come the final showdown?

In the end, it's a final showdown that you can't wait to read. Though the book hits over 360 pages, it took me just over three hours to finish, and that was with my daughter tugging at it. This is a function not only of Crichton's utterly frictionless, deliberately unremarkable prose, but of your desire to see How They're Going To Get Out Of This One.

It is a great idea; it will make a great film. Our hero, Jack, was a Silicon Valley computer program-

mer, working on those awfully clever programs which try to teach computers to fix themselves - the kind of artificial intelligence which operates from very basic principles rather than complex ones. However, he was sacked from his job for discovering corruption high up; and now he is unemployed, so he looks after the three kids while his wife does high-profile PR for a company working in nanotechnology.

She starts coming home late. She's looking different. Better groomed, sleeker. She has a shower the moment she comes in rather than in the morning, like she used to. What's going on? An affair, obviously. But then the baby develops a painful rash and no one can figure out what is wrong. Just as suddenly, the rash vanishes. Meanwhile, the eight-year-old's MP3 player stops working; Jack finds the memory chip has been turned to dust. He discovers what looks like a surge suppressor in the kids' bedroom. Only it's not. His wife starts acting really weird.

Despite you scratching your head

at this moment and wondering were I am going with all of this, the action that I've outlined above is paced extremely well. Jack comes to realize that he is dealing with something extremely dangerous.

Crichton basing his book on nanotechnology is inspired. Just in case you don't have a clue what nanotechnology is yet, imagine billions of flying molecule-sized particles programmed to work together, learn, and evolve at great speed. Crichton has.

It's tough to say that such a group of little robots would bond together to form something straight out of the "Terminator," but the principle is scary enough.

If you're into thrillers that test your mind, but keep you flipping the pages, then — well, then you're probably already a Crichton fan. If you're not, or you haven't had the opportunity to read one of his works, then this is a good place to start or to re-evaluate your judgment on his skills. He's one of the greats, you know, and he's probably got a few more stories left up his sleeve.

By Brian Renner
THE MOVIE INSIDER

Coming to theaters this weekend is the sequel to the 1967 Disney adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's classic novel. "The Jungle Book 2," starts where the original ends. Mowgli (Haley Joel Osment) gets restless in his new village home, and decides to return to the "bare necessities" of jungle life, leaving behind his new girlfriend, Shanti, who's afraid of the dangerous wild animals Mowgli is used to romping around with. As it turns out, she's right to be afraid, as Mowgli's old nemesis, the tiger named Shere Khan (Tony Jay), is out for bloody revenge.... can old friends Baloo (John Goodman) and crew help Mowgli avoid Khan's lethal claws? "The Jungle Book 2" is a Walt Disney Pictures release and rated G for nothing objectionable.

Based on the popular Marvel Comics character "Daredevil," this is the story of Matt Murdock (Ben Affleck), son of a boxer who gets killed by petty criminals. This drives young Matt to fight crime, despite a childhood accident that robbed him

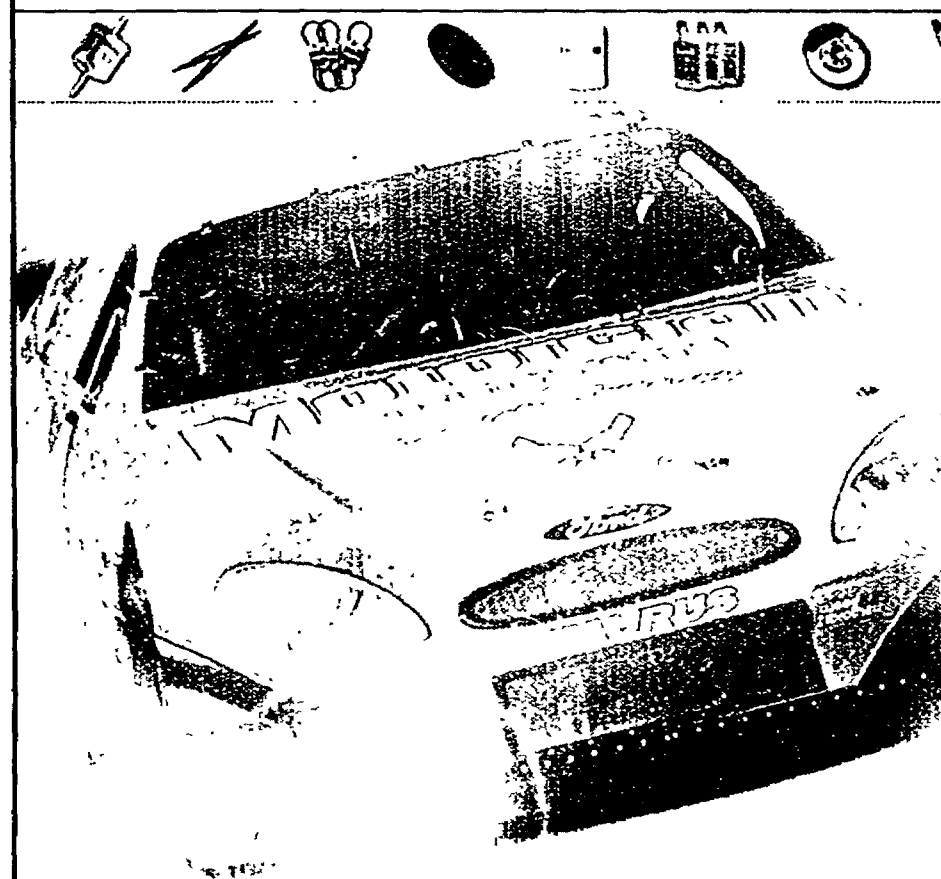
of his sight. That same accident, however, also granted him exceptionally advanced senses of hearing, touch, taste and smell, as well as providing him with a strange sort of mental radar that helps to compensate for his lack of vision. After training hard in the martial arts, as well as excelling in law school, Murdock becomes a lawyer by day and a vigilante calling himself Daredevil by night. The film also stars Jennifer Garner, Michael Clarke Duncan, Colin Farrell, Joe Pantoliano and Jon Favreau. "Daredevil" is a Twentieth Century Fox release and rated PG-13.

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Musical "8 Women" (R), music-soaked romance "Brown Sugar" (PG-13), visually stunning, 10th-century drama "The Fast Runner (Atanarjuat)" (NR), big-name, low-budget interpersonal drama "Full Frontal" (R), immensely popular romantic comedy "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" (PG), romantic drama "Possession" (PG-13), culture-clash comedy "Swept Away" (R), and cross-cultural crime thriller "Wasabi" (PG-13).

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An idea to warm up to

Homeowners need inspiration for a remodeled 'old' kitchen

By Rose Bennett Gilbert
 COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: The kitchen in our old Victorian (1919) is a mess. We've had a number of estimates on repairing/refinishing the cabinets, but there must have been a fire somewhere along the way, and our contractor is advising us to scrap the old cabinets and get new "old" ones.

If we're going that far, we decided to do a complete remodeling — new floors, new lighting, maybe an eat-on counter or island. Maybe you have a photo of a kitchen to inspire us?

A: Here's one of any number I could pull from my well-nourished photo files. This "Victorian" kitchen is actually in a newly built showcase home in Celebration, Fla.

The design team, which included John Troxell, design director of Wood-Mode, was charged with creating a kitchen commensurate with the vintage style of the rest of the house. And the end result is proof enough that "everything old is new again."

Wonderfully reminiscent of yesteryear, the new Wood-Mode cabinets are framed with trim moldings, top and bottom, defined by fluted columns, and joined by elegant, arched and pierced valances. In the center of the linoleum-tile-covered floors (very appropriate as linoleum was developed by the Victorians), the designers have added a work island that's as handsome as it is practical. It affords the cook a work- and resting-place, plus a second sink. The open end serves as seating-eating space (or could even accommodate a wheelchair).

Add the old-fashioned drop lights, the traditional black-and-



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A center island breaks up the floor space in this kitchen and adds welcome work space.

white tile backsplashes, and the reproduction period drop hardware custom-ordered for the cabinets, and the scene is set for elegant time-traveling, indeed.

Q: My married daughter has a lovely condo, and my husband and I recently downsized into a downtown condo ourselves. We are both facing the same challenge: what style/type of bed to purchase for guest sleeping — she in her extremely tiny second bedroom, and me with my decent-sized room that must also double as an office. We've pretty much ruled out

Murphy beds and inflatable mattresses. Some type of daybed (without a frame, with a pop-up unit underneath) seems suitable. Or do you have any other suggestions?

A: I'm mad for trundle beds myself — in fact, I think many New Yorkers are, given our eternal starvation for space. A trundle by night can easily morph into an office couch by day, if you back it with a brace of pillows and tuck on a tailored cover. And if you don't foresee too many twosomes on your guest register, consider a trundle that serves sans mattress as generous under-bed storage

(Pottery Barn offers such a number by mail order: 888-779-0557, or www.potterybarn.com).

Other thoughts: Ask your favorite furniture store to research clever convertibles, such as club chairs, ottomans, even credenzas that pop open into (usually single) beds. Most stores can locate and order-in such novelty pieces. Then, of course, there's always the sofa bed, a traditional solution that's gotten ever so much lighter, leaner, smaller and more comfy. (One likely source to check out: www.lazboy.com.)

Q: We've rehabbed an old summer camp cabin as our weekend getaway. A lot of white wall paint did the trick ... but we've gotten a little bored with it. My wife is suggesting wallpaper, but don't you think that's a little "dressed" for a beach shanty? Besides, won't the ocean air ruin wallpaper?

A: Not today's vinyl-coated, scrubbable wallpapers, aka wall-coverings, because so many aren't even made of paper. Look before you leave off thinking about something really fun for your walls. Wallpaper designs have come up with some really cute coordinates and trompe-l'oeil murals. York Wallcoverings, for instance, has a life-size beach scene complete with palm trees, tropical sea and sky — you view it through the shutter-framed "balcony door" of your thatched roof island hide-away.

You may prefer the view through their 19-inch round porthole mural or under-sea vista, a fantasy aquarium mural teeming with sea life.

Try it. And don't worry about making a lifetime commitment to wallpaper. If you ever decide to change the scenery, it's designed to peel and strip easily off the wall. Check it out: www.yorkwall.com.

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Couple wants to keep critters out of garden

Q: My husband and I are considering buying an acre in a new subdivision. We want a garden but can we have one in Livingston County? I know that there are lots of wild animals like squirrels that will destroy whatever we plant. We cannot put a fence around the property because of subdivision rules.

A: Where do you think that you would be moving, the far reaches of Woodchuck, Montana? We have electricity, paved roads and a human population more than one hundred people. We also can have problems with deer and rabbits. In most cases, squirrels are kind of far down the list as garden wreckers. Not every part of the county has the same problems with critters. You may have anywhere from no problems to a regular dining crew.

Talk to some of the people with gardens in this subdivision and ask them how things are going. If your interest is growing vegetables, you can fence a garden area and not the whole property. If you have a dog that regularly runs around the yard, the dog leaves smells behind of a predator. The rabbits are not really going to know that this is a silly fluffy-dog and not a wolf. There are repellants that are registered for use on gardens. The one that you can find locally is called Hinder. It is sprayed on and leaves a bad, soapy, ammonia taste behind. It is also water-soluble and can be washed from your vegetables before you use them. You need to reapply after it rains or if use an overhead watering system. It is more efficient to place a hose on the ground than to loose a good portion to evaporation by using a sprinkler. When using a repellent for the garden, you begin using it all over the garden early in the year. You can gradually stop using it in the middle of the garden and soon you are just using a perimeter spray. It will be the same crowd of critters that visit the garden. None are riding the bus to your house. You will gradually train them that the garden just stinks.

Q: During the year, several people in our office get plants delivered to them from florists. Many times when they get here, the soil is moist and the plants look really good. By the end of the day, they are wilted and the soil is still moist. Sometimes, the flowers fall off. Some plants seem to recover and sometimes they die. Are they stressed by being moved or are we doing something wrong?

A: No and no. You are all innocent. Almost all of the plants are coming from greenhouses that have high humidity. Your office has very low humidity. A plant that has been living with high humidity takes a period of time to adapt to the zero point zero moisture in your office. Basically, the plant needs the opportunity to recalibrate itself. This can be tough. Some plants have a tougher time than others. To give the plant the opportunity to adjust is simple. All you need is a large, clear plastic bag. Make sure the plant soil is moist and put the plant in the bag. Blow the bag up with air and tie it shut. Place the plant out of direct sun. The plant is now in its own little greenhouse. Each day for one workweek, open the bag for longer and longer periods of time. Start with one or two hours. The plant gradually adapts to the dry air. Then, you won't need that lovely bag any more.

— Gretchen Voyle is the horticulture agent for the MSU Extension-Livingston County.

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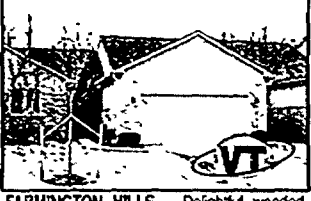
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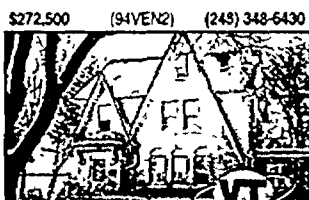
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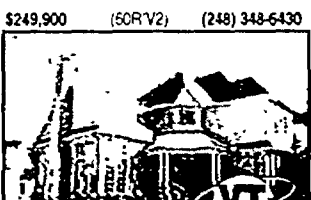
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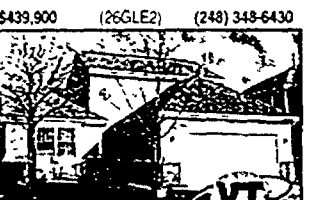
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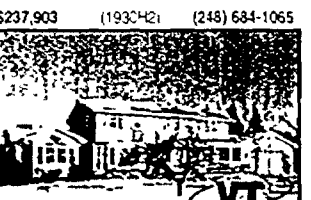
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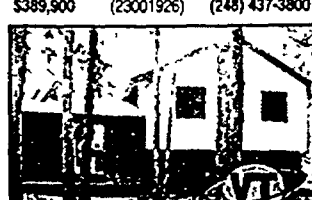
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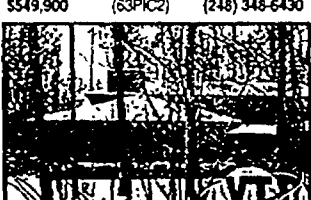
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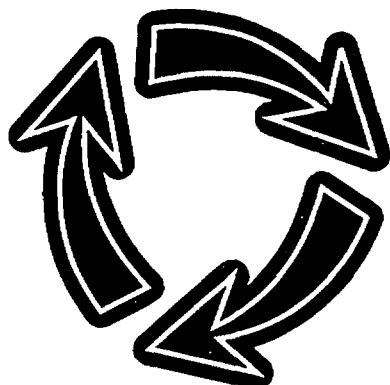
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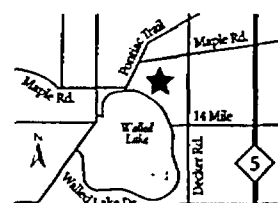
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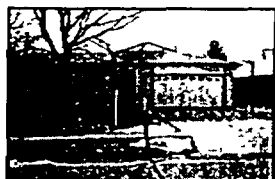
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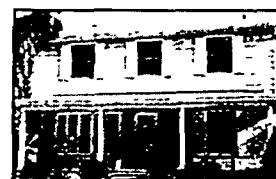
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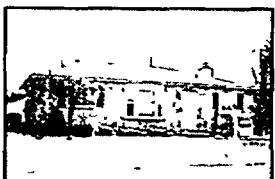
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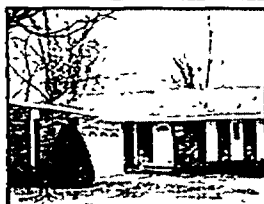
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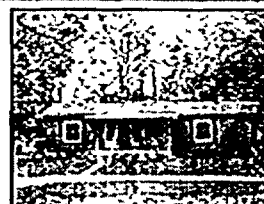
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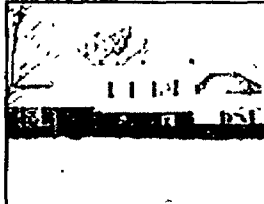
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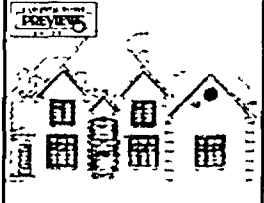
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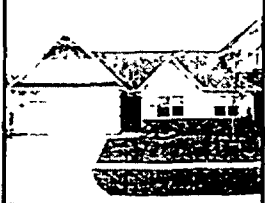
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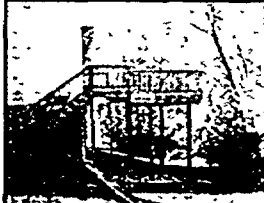
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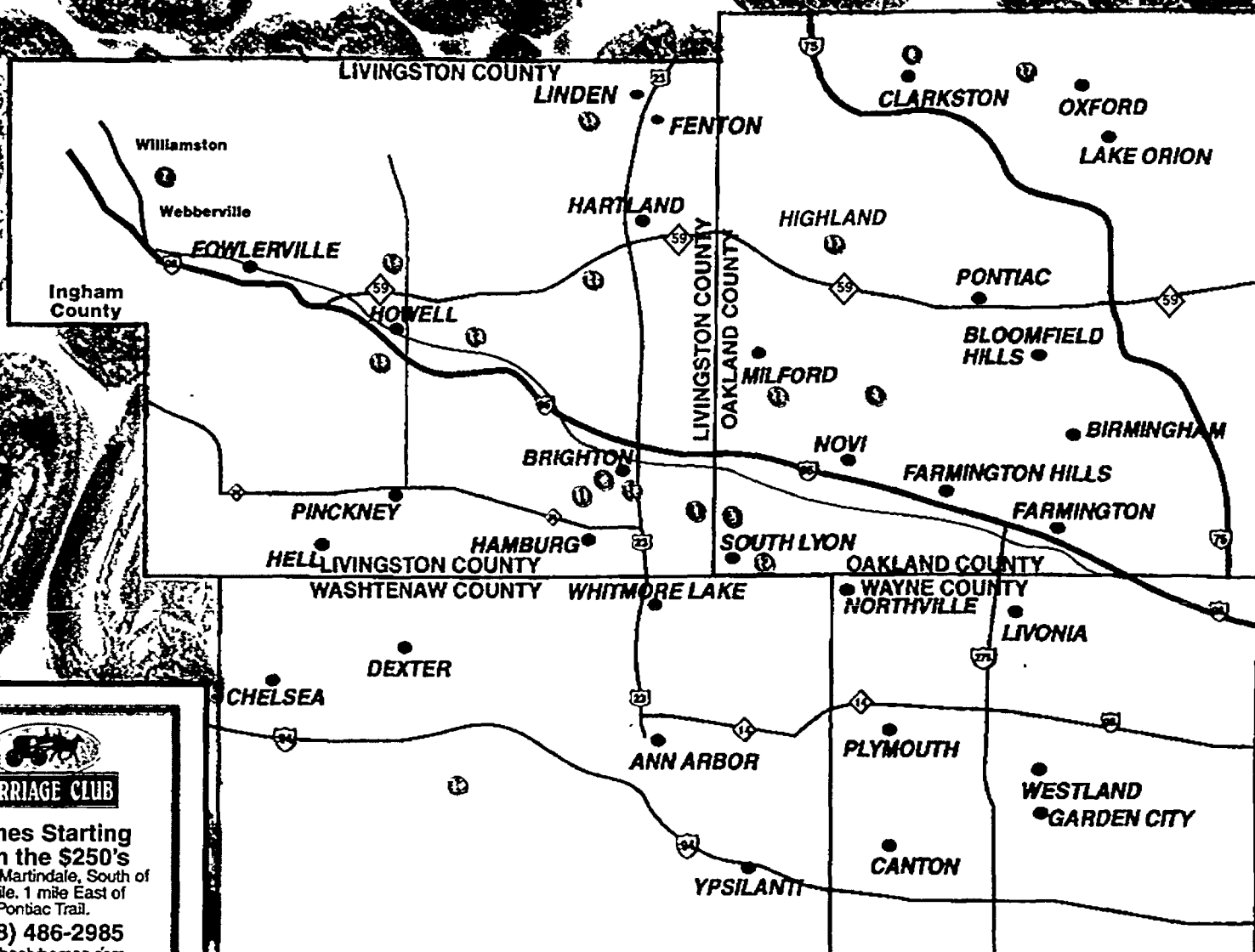
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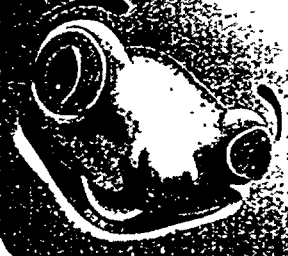
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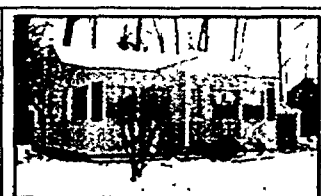
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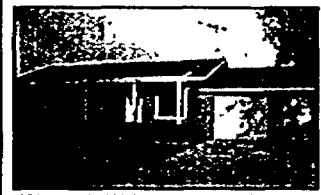
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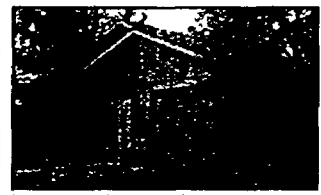
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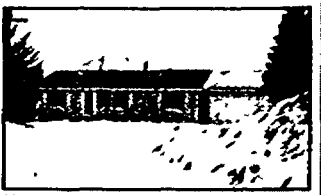
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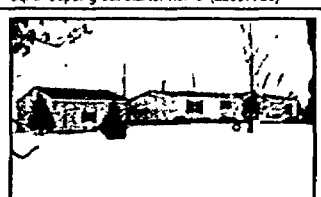
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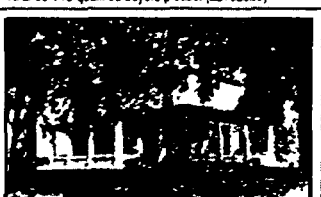
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Darling updated ranch home, canal front on chain of 4 lakes. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1st floor laundry. Third bedroom in finished lower walk-out level. Fabulous views from deck! Lakes include Limekiln, Sandy Bottom, Dollar, and Fish. This one won't last! (23009897)



HARTLAND SCHOOLS \$185,000
Over 1,700 sq ft. 4+ ranch w/full basement on just under 3 acres in an area of homes \$270,000 plus. San Marino Woods is in back. Large detached garage 26x30. Great location close to freeways and shopping. Lots of room to roam! Hardwood floors in kitchen and family room w/fireplace. (23009321)



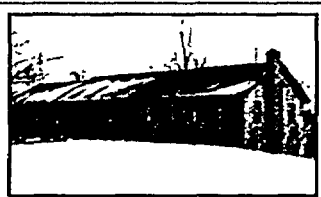
FOWLerville SCHOOLS \$194,999
Attention horse lovers! Come and enjoy your horses on just over 5 fenced acres with an outdoor arena and a 6 stall horse barn with electric and water. Home has original oak from 1892. New roof w/71 year warranty. New porch, plumbing, electrical, and a new master bath. Not a drive-by! Call Gail Levy or Cindy Steller. (810) 844-2251 or (810) 844-2544. (2277255)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$196,900
Bright and open 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath ranch in great Howell location. Mrs. Clean lives here! Vaulted ceiling and fireplace in living room. Spacious rooms and finished lower level w/daylight windows. This home is a must see w/fully landscaped yard. Over 2,000 sq ft. of finished living space. Close to shopping and schools. (23009672)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$199,500
Private wooded cul-de-sac setting. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch. Great room, dining room to custom deck, vaulted ceilings, master suite with private bath, full finished walkout lower level with wet bar and fireplace. 2 car attached garage. (22068820)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$199,900
Short distance north of Howell. Over 1 acre w/a pond. Lower level could be in-law quarters w/Jacuzzi tub in bath, along w/a kitchen and laundry area. 3 bedrooms upstairs, 2 full baths, fireplace in living room, 2 car garage, central air, and more. (23006421)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$199,999
Private lake access w/dock right across the street. Wooded setting close to schools. 3 full baths, 3 bedrooms, 3-season sunroom, natural fireplace in family room, 2 car attached garage, central air, and more. Neat and clean. Immediate possession. (23006712)



DEARBORN SCHOOLS \$205,000
Over 1,800 sq ft. in this 3 bedroom Colonial located in the west Dearborn area. Updates included newer roof, windows, and living room carpet. Rec room in basement w/full bath. 2 car garage, fenced in area, great family neighborhood. Home warranty and generous sized rooms. (22113282)



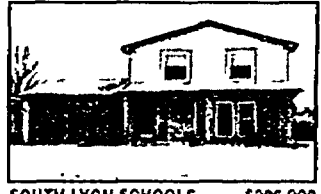
HOWELL SCHOOLS \$214,345
Better than new ranch, landscaping done, window treatments done and all appliances stay. Quality construction w/cathedral ceilings, neutral colors, gas fireplace, island kitchen, nice master w/oversized bath. Full basement, and a 2 car attached garage. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,550 sq ft. (23007657)



LAKE GRON SCHOOLS \$214,900
Beautiful ranch home w/lake privileges plus a view, nicely landscaped, full finished lower level w/wet bar, fireplace, half bath, plus storage. Cathedral ceilings, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, private master suite, Berber carpet, fenced yard, and 16'x14' deck. (23010417)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$221,800
Great location-minutes from Brighton, Howell, and I-96. Ceramic in kitchen and baths. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, all major rooms pre-wired for computer networking, phone lines, and cable TV. All windows on lower level pre-wired for security system. 16'x24' deck, and much more. (23008896)



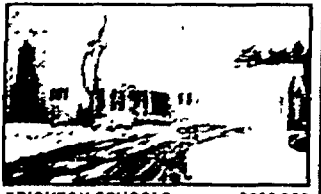
SOUTH LYON SCHOOLS \$226,900
Absolutely immaculate 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath home! Mr. & Mrs. Clean live here. Everything updated. 630 sq ft. deck, large bath w/ceramic shower, dual sinks, and Jacuzzi tub. Crown moldings, hardwood floor in kitchen, gas log fireplace. Home warranty included. (23006840)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$229,900
Extraordinary 4 bedroom, 2 bath home w/brand new custom kitchen, hardwood floors, garden window in kitchen, new windows, roof, and leaded glass front door. Huge new deck, large utility shed 11'x17', peaceful country acre setting. All new appliance package included w/full price offer. (23009454)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$234,900
Enjoy all the charm of this 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1925 built home w/modern conveniences of today. New ceramic bath on 2nd floor, new sprinkler system w/separate water meter, wood burning stove in living room. This home is ready for you to move right in! Fenced in back yard has gardens, brick pavers and more. (22124356)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$239,900
Outstanding 1,703 sq ft., 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath ranch home w/a recently finished walkout basement that will not disappoint you. Large country kitchen w/oak cabinets, and pantry. Bay windows, living room w/fieldstone masonry fireplace. Finished walkout basement w/many extras. (23001811)



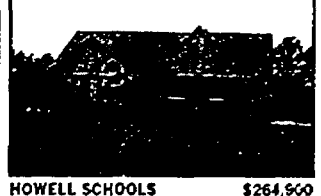
HOWELL SCHOOLS \$242,500
Great split bedroom floor plan w/great room and fireplace. Full walkout lower level on 2 acres of peace and quiet. Nice master suite w/walk-in closets and large bath. Very nice front elevation w/cultured stone and front porch. Just off paved road. (22088391)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$254,500
You will not find a nicer home with all sports like privileges and a dock anywhere! Upgrades including new exterior and interior siding and woodwork in family room. Oak cabinets, recessed lighting and under counter lighting in kitchen. Oak 6 panel doors throughout, gas fireplace in living room. Private dock on Cool Lake. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. (2277102)



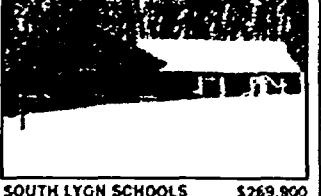
HOWELL SCHOOLS \$263,000
This exceptional home is located on the most secluded lot in Hickory Hills and is less than a year old. Vital features include 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2,016 sq ft., 1st floor master suite and laundry, beautiful kitchen and dining area with custom tile, walkout basement, oversized garage, and more. (22044765)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$264,500
Beautiful brick ranch on 3.82 acres! Close to highways, shopping, and more yet tucked away in the country! 2 fireplaces are featured on in great room, the other in the finished basement w/office and wet bar. Large deck overlooking picturesque yard. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, and a 1 year home warranty. (22073642)



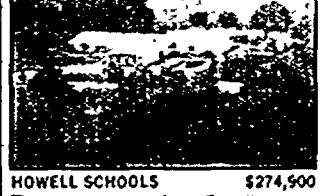
HOWELL SCHOOLS \$265,500
Beautiful 4 bedroom, new construction, 2.5 baths, formal living room and dining room. Extensive hardwood floors, family room w/fireplace. Deluxe master suite, glamour bath, woodlot overlooking park. (22110881)



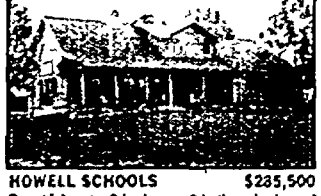
SOUTH LYON SCHOOLS \$269,900
Picture perfect! Very private wooded setting. 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths on main level. Lower level walkout provides 1,000 sq ft. w/fireplace and family room, bedroom, and full bath. Central air, 2 car attached garage, shed. Don't miss out! Great home! (23009325)



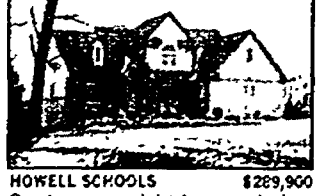
UNDER SCHOOLS \$272,500
This is an affordable dollhouse w/grand lake views. Wrap around porch, nestled in the trees. This totally renovated home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, walkout lower level. A great weekend get-a-way or year-round home. (23007776)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$274,500
This is a great ranch on 5 pretty acres. Lots of room inside w/4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 1,900 sq ft. New master suite in 1997 has Jacuzzi tub and walk-in closet. Excellent location. (22049445)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$285,500
Beautiful rustic 3 bedroom, 2 bath cedar home! 1.5 story great room has vaulted ceiling, balcony w/walkout to great room. Massive window wall, hardwood floors, island center in kitchen w/light maple cabinets. 2,359 sq ft., 1st floor laundry. 3 car attached garage. (22099475)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$289,900
Great room and kitchen overlooking wooded backyard. Great family custom sub w/walkout basement, 2,400 sq ft. entry level master w/full bath and whirlpool tub. Finished bonus room. (22110763)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$298,500
Home sits on a beautifully wooded home-site backing to a nature preserve. 3 car side entry garage, 4 bedrooms, 2,218 sq ft., 2.5 baths family room w/wood burning fireplace, hardwood floors in kitchen/mud room, and powder room. Lots of amenities. (23002916)



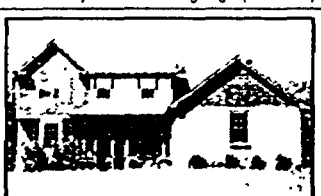
LAKE FENTON SCHOOLS \$299,900
Cottage, rebuild, or restore! Great view, sandy beach access and nice home. Extra 40x100 lot across the street. 4 bedrooms, 1,212 sq ft. (22111421)



HARTLAND SCHOOLS \$310,000
"Top of the line custom everything," describes this incredible ranch. Waterfront on a small lake. Gorgeous views! All updated by a decorator. New sinks, countertops, flooring, light fixtures, paint, ceramic and custom window treatments. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 1,834 sq ft. Great highway access. (23008302)



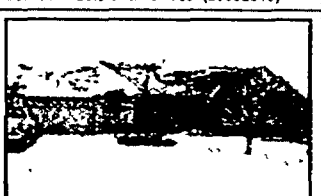
HOLLY SCHOOLS \$310,000
A custom 3 bedroom, 2 bath new build with the detail woodwork of Bowman Carpentry featuring crown moldings, bead casing, and craftsmanship throughout. All this on 2.5 wooded acres conveniently located. Large oversized garage. (23007949)



FOWLerville SCHOOLS \$314,900
Don't miss this 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home! Wildlife abounds on 4 partially wooded acres. Huge glamorous master suite features gas fireplace, Jacuzzi tub, separate shower and more! Large gourmet kitchen w/center island and custom cherry cabinets. Great 35 car garage. Beautiful fieldstone fireplace in family room. (22077781)



HARTLAND SCHOOLS \$314,900
2,660 sq ft home w/3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and a sun room. 3 car garage and a 12x24 bonus room upstairs. 1st floor laundry and daylight basement. New construction ready for immediate occupancy. (22109477)



HURON VALLEY SCHOOLS \$318,900
Well-maintained ranch featuring 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, finished lower level walkout w/fireplace and wet bar in basement. Landscaped, brick pavers, and end of cul-de-sac setting. A must see! Home warranty included. (23005998)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$319,900
Stately 2 story Colonial in Sundance Meadows. Close to I-96 access! Manor Oaks Golf Course. Custom trim package. Future bonus room option. Daylight basement. 9' walk in basement. 1st story Anderson windows, 2-sided fireplace. Dramatic ceiling drops in dining room & direct wrapped in crown molding. Built & offered by Progressive Homes Inc. (22077581)



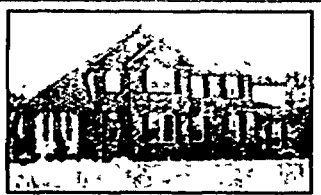
PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$356,900
Nestled in the pines, this beautiful story and a half home features almost 2,900 total sq ft. of luxury living space. The full walkout overlooking natural woods, provides a family room, full bath, and a study. 3 bedrooms, multi-level decking, and more! (23009401)



HARTLAND SCHOOLS \$349,900
Exquisite home on a beautiful, wooded, 2.5 acre lot. Fabulous, massive master suite with bay windows, skylights, huge country kitchen wonderful for entertaining. Magnificent oak staircase in 2-story foyer, additional detached 2 car garage. Too many amenities to list. (22093005)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$395,000
Stately, magnificent Tudor home in Brighton. Gaiety Hickory Cabinets, built-in entertainment center. Central vac, alarm, sprinklers, intercom, and so much more! This home will captivate you! Extensive use of brick and ceramic. Solid 6-panel interior doors. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. (23009837)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$409,500
Exceptional quality in Phase II of Sundance Meadows Sub. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, custom trim and cabinetry, granite counters, 9' ceilings and 18' great room ceilings and fireplace. Security system, 3 car garage, and a walk-out basement, one acre lot. Great family neighborhood. (22043556)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$529,000
6 bedroom, 3.5 bath home w/over 5,000 sq ft. of living space. Fireplaces in great room and family room. Multi-level decking overlooks beautiful maintained pond, complete w/fish, fountain, and fresh spring water. Kitchen w/island and eating area. Much, much, more. (22035210)



DETROIT SCHOOLS \$67,900
Move right into this clean 2 bedroom ranch on a corner lot with fenced backyard and two car garage. New empire gas furnace, all new light fixtures, all new carpeting, hot water heater, stove, refrigerator, and new plumbing. Close to schools. (22071875)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$1,799,000
Beautifully landscaped Cape Cod overlooking private 11 acre Lake Rialto. Only 11 one parcels surround the lake. Existing homes valued at \$1,000,000 and on close to state land, riding, and hiking trails. Finished basement w/17' x 20' bed room w/22 ceiling 11' x 10' bath, horse barn w/large paddock, 5 bedrooms, 5 full baths, 2 half baths. Too many features to list. (22289172)

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BELLEVILLE - Wonderful 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial with vaulted ceilings, formal dining & living room, kitchen with oak cabinets, an island and doorwall to large deck. First floor laundry, extra deep basement & two car attached garage. Home warranty \$247,000 (00AND) 734-455-5600



CANTON - Walk to Summit! Three bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Condo with 2 car attached garage. Professionally finished basement with great room & office. Oak kitchen with black appliances & ceramic floor. Hardwood in foyer. Master bath with garden tub \$219,900 (61KIL) 734-455-5600



CANTON - Must see! Delightful 4 bedroom, 2 bath and 2 1/2 car garage. Many updates, kitchen, flooring, bath, windows, air conditioning, roof, insulation & banister railing. Formal dining room and family room with fireplace. \$214,700 (43ROB) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - "Pristine" one-of-a-kind 3 bed, 1 1/2 bath Ranch that has been updated thru-out. Remodeled kitchen with solid oak cabinets, newer vertical blinds and 5 month old 50-gallon hot water heater. Newer flooring, windows, roof & furnace with electric air cleaner. Newer wood deck. Finished basement. \$174,900 (12MIN) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON - Upper unit with garden views. Lovely 2 bedroom, 2 bath unit with large living room with balcony overlooking garden area. Basement with private storage area. Master with bath & large dressing area. Close to shops & freeway \$137,900 (44VID) 248-349-5600



HOWELL - Move to the country Four bedroom, 2 bath farm on approximately 40 acres. Included is pole barn, 2 storage sheds, chicken coop & barn with grainery & horse stalls. The acreage includes hay to harvest and woods. \$320,000 (22OAK) 248-349-5600



AUBURN HILLS - Updated Ranch. Park-like setting completely updated home with hardwood floors, ceramic bath, kitchen with newer cabinets, flooring & all appliances - newer furnace, hot water heater, tear-off roof, wood casement windows, siding & 3+ car garage with heat, electric & opener \$162,000 (63ALL) 734-455-5600



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



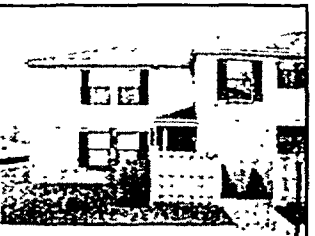
DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Brick Ranch, 3 bedroom home offers central air, newer windows, hardwood floors, partly finished basement with full bath & glass block windows. Appliances included. 1 1/2 car garage. \$148,950 (55RIV) 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE - Custom built. Quality Cape Cod with 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths on a wooded setting with upgrades thru-out. Gourmet kitchen, first floor laundry, master & air conditioning. Hearth room, great room with 2-way fireplace. Daylight basement, wet bar & custom woodwork thru-out. \$360,000 (18WAT) 248-349-5600



SOUTH LYON - Peaceful setting. Nice home on just over 1/2 acre features newer vinyl windows & siding, updated bath, deck, newer hot water heater, 2 car attached garage, basement & South Lyon schools \$179,900 (37RUS) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE - Two bedroom, 2 bath upper Ranch Condo. Soaring cathedral ceiling in living, dining & kitchen. Kitchen has almond cabinets, floor & counter. Master bath & walk-in closet. Generous closets thru-out. Enclosed balcony for 3-season sunset view. Neutral thru-out. \$131,500 (77NOR) 248-349-5600



DETROIT - Great home for investment. Two bedroom, 2 story brick home, updated bath, electrical, carpet, kitchen floor & counter tops & freshly painted. Also basement, garage and 3-season room off the back. \$79,900 (87IEG) 734-455-5600



BELLEVILLE - Country living Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath Colonial sitting on 1 acre with large family room & master bedroom upstairs. Newer furnace, bath, windows, roof, entry doors, carpet in living room, garage & driveway \$214,900 (50LEN) 734-455-5600



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NORTHVILLE 175 CadyCentre 248-349-5600

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DEARBORN - Bright & beautiful! Two bedroom, 2 bath Condo End Unit. Mirrored baths, kitchen with cherry cabinets, third level with master suite, second level with living, dining, bedroom, bath & laundry. Lower level with storage & entry to garage. Three-sided fireplace \$153,900 (26GEO) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Classy Colonial Condo. Don't miss this sharp, well maintained 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath end unit with 2 car attached garage. Full basement, walk-in closets & oak cabinets in kitchen. Very private deck. Home warranty offered \$193,900 (277ER) 734-455-5600



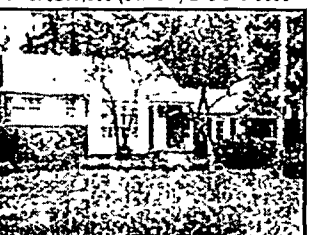
DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Don't miss out on this! Great home. Original owner. Kitchen, bath, roof, windows, electric, furnace, central air, neutral paint and carpet. Large closets. This one you don't want to miss \$125,900 (76WED) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - In the heart of Livonia This large Ranch is sitting on an oversized lot with 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, partially finished basement, 2 fireplaces & more. Living room, family room & great room. There's plenty of room for the family \$199,900 (30FLA) 248-349-5600



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Spacious Frankel Colonial. Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths with large open foyer, huge kitchen opening to family room. Hardwood floors on upper level. Balcony off master. Very private with beautiful landscaping surrounding large in-ground pool, patio & deck. Gas fireplace. \$389,000 (12VAL) 248-349-5600



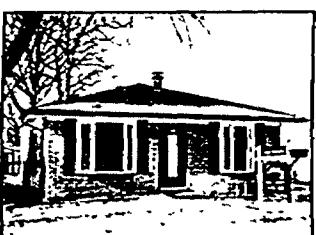
SOUTHFIELD - Brick Ranch on approximately 1 acre with 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, FR, DR & large eat-in kitchen. Knotty pine interior. Part fin. basement with built-in bar. Master with walk-in closet & built-ins. Newer roof, furnace, hot water heater, central air & attached 2 car garage. \$184,900 (14FOR) 248-349-5600



CANTON - Beautiful and neutral 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Condo with additional 19x11 loft area. Kitchen offers updated cabinets. Newer carpet thru-out, recessed lighting, custom wood blinds and gas fireplace in living room \$199,900 (89HOR) 734-455-5600



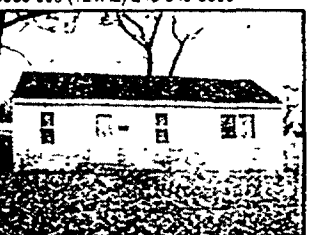
REDFORD - Sharp brick Ranch! Great 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, family room with fireplace, deck, finished basement, central air, newer cement, windows, carpeting, hardwood floors, updated bath, some appliances stay. Steel entry doors, glass block windows & home warranty included. Must see! \$146,900 (66NOR) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Don't miss out on this! Great home. Original owner. Kitchen, bath, roof, windows, electric, furnace, central air, neutral paint and carpet. Large closets. This one you don't want to miss \$125,900 (76WED) 734-455-5600



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WAYNE - Updated 2 bedroom Ranch on a double lot. Kitchen oak-tone cabinets, stainless steel sink & newer counter tops. Updated bath, newer roof, vertical blinds, living/great room, closet space & carpet thru-out. 2 1/2 car garage, fenced yard, wood deck & patio. Vinyl siding & replacement windows. \$109,900 (06WIN) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE - A cut above Resort-style living with perfect waterfront views. Two bedroom, 3 1/2 bath Condo. Loft/study, 2 fireplaces, mirror wall, dining room door to private deck. Finished walk-out lower level, door to terrace leads to dock. First floor laundry. Meticulous landscaping \$419,900 (53BLU) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH - Downtown Plymouth charm! Beautiful home with enclosed porch, refinished hardwood floors, spacious living room & dining room. Gorgeous remodeled bath with marble floors & claw-foot tub, part finished basement, newer driveway, central air, fenced yard and 2 car garage. Must see! \$214,900 (09HAR) 734-455-5600



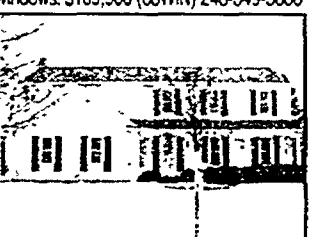
REDFORD - Great starter under 95K. Updates, updates & more. Newer/updated roof shingles, furnace, windows, hot water heater, driveway walk, paint, carpet & more. Just turn the key & move in. \$94,900 (51NOR) 734-455-5600



CANTON - Great family home. Beautiful Sunflower Colonial offers 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, finished basement, 2 car attached garage, fireplace in family room with doorwall to deck. Plus 1 year home warranty \$267,500 (64WOO) 734-455-5600



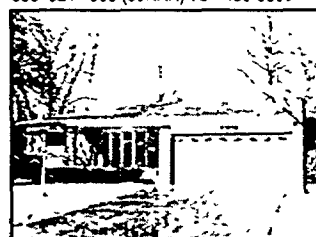
REDFORD - Wonderful family home. Four bedrooms, 2 full updated baths, first floor laundry, fireplace in living room. Partially finished basement. Heated garage, large kitchen & breakfast room. Tree-lined neighborhood. Newer windows, appliances & warranty included \$139,900 (35BRA) 248-349-5600



NOVI - Original owner beauty. Folks, this house shines! Extremely sharp 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial with newer windows, roof & much, much more. Basement and 2 1/2 car attached garage. Take one look and you will love it. Northville schools too \$339,900 (28WOR) 248-349-5600



NOVI - Broadmoor Park Colonial. Four bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, living room, family room, library, dining room and 3 car garage. Finished lower level with sauna. Jack & Jill bedrooms. Two fireplaces. \$539,000 (40NOR) 248-349-5600



CANTON - Fantastic updated Ranch. Open floor plan, formal living room, oversized family room with fireplace, skylights & doorwall overlooking scenic lot. Three bedrooms, 2 baths, first floor laundry. Updates. Pergo floors, carpet, doors, windows, baths, furnace, garage door & sprinklers. \$219,900 (32HAN) 734-455-5600



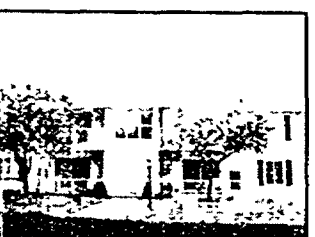
LIVONIA - Clean Livonia Ranch. Brick 3 bedroom, finished basement with glass block windows, family room with gas fireplace, newer windows and 2 1/2 car garage. Neutral decor. One year home warranty \$152,900 (01OXB) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Custom contemporary. Exquisite thru-out! Three story atrium foyer, spiral oak staircase, great room fireplace, sun room, newer granite kitchen counters, formal dining with hardwood floor, library or music room, master fireplace, jetted tub & finished lower level walk-out to in-ground pool. \$685,800 (77WES) 734-455-5600



WHITE LAKE - All sports Cedar Island lake view, near beach & boat launch. Super home that is completely updated. You must see the kitchen, hot tub, garden tub & shower, stall in bath and three bedrooms. Terrific home \$148,900 (01LAK) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Impeccable Livonia Condo. This beautiful 1 bedroom Condo features newer carpet, stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer, freshly painted thru-out and a stunning neutral decor. Enjoy the bright sunny southern exposure, open floor plan & scenic view. \$94,900 (32ANN) 248-349-5600



WESTLAND - Beautiful Westland Ranch. Everything has been done in this super clean home. Updated kitchen & baths - all with ceramic tiling. Newer windows and vinyl siding, finished basement with additional bedroom and full bath. Home warranty. Livonia schools \$168,000 (40GLA) 248-349-5600



YPSILANTI - Beautiful Ranch, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with 2 car attached garage, full basement maintenance-free exterior, brick paver patio, central air, appliances, 6-panel doors & beautiful kitchen. Great home for entertaining. Better than building new \$203,900 (08HOM) 734-455-5600



REDFORD - Don't miss this one! Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath huge Ranch with 2 car attached garage with attic. Wet plaster with coiled ceilings, granite country kitchen, rec room with fireplace, 1/2 acre lot, newer windows & central air \$187,900 (68RYL) 734-455-5600



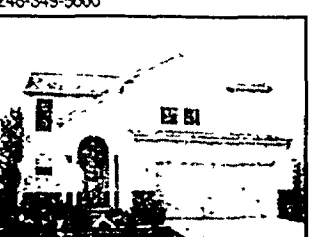
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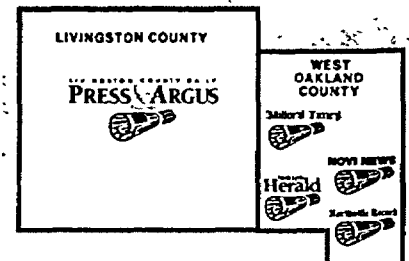
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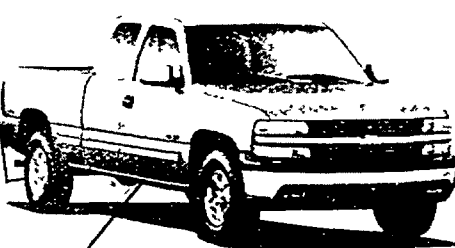
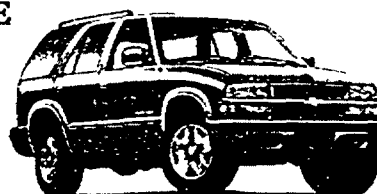
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Farmington Hills office needs a sharp and energetic clerical person. Must have top clerical and phone skills. Salary will commensurate with experience. Excellent fringe benefits. Send resume: Box 0488, Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

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Successful web development company is seeking an individual who possesses the following: Excellent telephone skills, PC literacy, organization, self-motivating ability to prioritize & manage change, strong work ethic w/desire to learn & grow. Familiarity with the auto industry a plus. \$20K base + excellent benefit package. E-mail resume to: jobs@thelab.com or fax to: (734)422-0001.

FULL TIME TEMPORARY CLERICAL
The City of Novi has a full time temporary clerical position in the Building department. Duties include answering phones, assisting people at the counter, filing, etc. 8:30am-5pm, M-F. Hourly rate \$13.16. Obtain and submit an application, with resume, to the Human Resource Department, 45175 West Ten Mile Rd., or download an application from: www.ci.novi.mi.us 248-347-0452 EOE

Human Resources Assistant

Growing manufacturing company has an immediate need for a full time HR Assistant. This position will provide administrative support to the HR dept. An ideal candidate will have or be pursuing an education in related field, or previous HR Administrative experience, proficient computer skills are a must. Experience with SAP preferred. Send resume with salary history to: Human Resources P.O. Box 700713, Plymouth, MI 48170 Or fax: (734) 416-3810 EOE.

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OFFICE HELP, part time for machine shop must have organizational skills. QuickBooks and ISO 9000 exp. helpful. Call between 2 & 4pm, (248)437-8874

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Needed for contractor's office. Handle all personal business of owner. Must be ambitious & multi-talented. Serious inquiries only. Fax resume w/salary requirements 734-449-1135 EOE.

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detailed, organized, energetic, people oriented with 2 years experience in reception and/or the veterinary field. Must have excellent telephone & computer skills. Approximately 32 hours a week. Work references required. Apply in person, 725 Wing St. Plymouth Call 734 453-0485

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Dental (5000)

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DENTAL ASSISTANT Brighton Periodontist office, Tues. & Thurs. Exp. preferred. Please fax resume to 810-229-2200

DENTAL OFFICE MANAGER
Good communication and organizational skills needed to run busy 3 doctor practice. Dentech exp. desired. Salary and benefits commensurate with exp. Please send resume to: Box 0506 c/o The South Lyon Herald, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178

FRIENDLY South Lyon Dental Office looking for an ambitious Dental Assistant with experience to work Fridays 7:30am-2pm with possible extra hrs. Please call (248)486-1730

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Sales (5120)

INSIDE SALES REP
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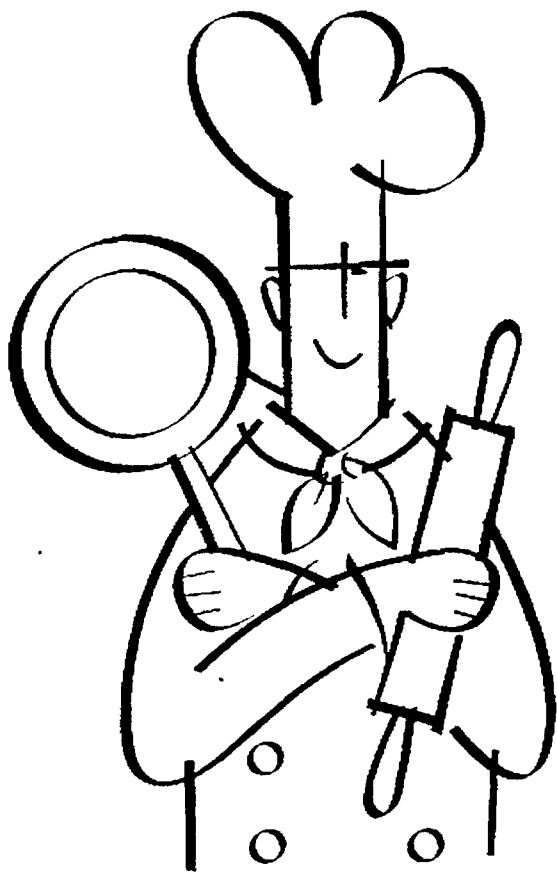
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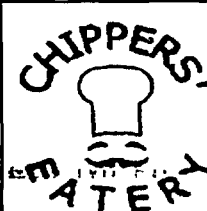
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You're the Best!
Love - Grandma &
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Through good and bad
year to year
I love you
Debra

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My life without you is inhumanable.
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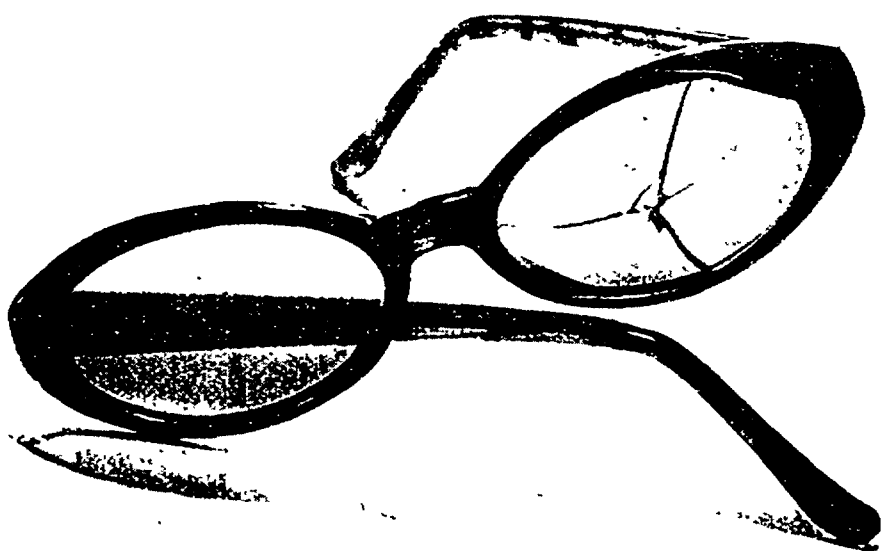


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Put your fingers do the decorating

By Lynn Underwood
MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

Information and photo-packed home interior Web sites can be valuable high-tech tools for designing your dream room. Not sure what look you want? With the click of a mouse, you can view photos of rooms decorated in every style.

The savvy cyber-decorator can do lots of research on decorating sites to become more informed before shopping for new furniture or hiring an interior designer. Learn about the psychology of color at homestore.com or experiment with valances on computer graphic windows at housebeautiful.com. Try arranging your furniture on a virtual room grid at bhg.com (Better Homes and Gardens).

Of course, if you type "decorating" in the Google search engine, you'd get about 1.6 million hits. Many of those include shopping-only sites and bare-bones operations from which interior designers are selling "custom" room plans.

That's why we've compiled a list of some of our favorite user-friendly, how-to Web sites that are chockfull of photos and fun features. We've given you the tools — now tackle that project you've always wanted to do.

About.com
www.interiordec.about.com

About.com has more than 1 million links to resources on the Internet. You could spend a week perusing the expansive Interior Design section; instead, use the efficient search engine to zero in on what you want to research, from accessories to window coverings.

Better Homes and Gardens
www.bhg.com

The redesigned Decorating Center does it all and does it well. The Gallery of Rooms is like keeping a file folder of ideas online. It features crisp graphics and detailed photos that illustrate room styles and decorating solutions. Take Decorating Lessons to learn how to achieve the look you want — from lodge to contemporary.

Creating Home Decor
creatinghomedecor.com

A superwoman named Kelley Taylor compiled articles and projects from many sources for the do-it-yourself decorator and crafter. Projects include decorative painting; articles cover interior design basics to seasonal decorating. The site includes reviews of products and books, but is so jam-packed with stuff, we wished for a search engine to find what we were looking for fast.

Faux Like a Pro
www.foxlikeapro.com

This site makes difficult decorative paint techniques look easy with illustrated directions. But don't be fooled — color washing looks like a snap, but many techniques can be challenging. Other techniques include glazing, plaster, aging and stenciling. The color chart indicates numbers and paint brands used in examples.

Frugal Moms
www.frugal-moms.com

Budget decorating is just one of many lifestyle topics on this breezy site founded by Kim Tilley. The site features a collection of articles on such topics as copycat decorating, fall decor on a shoestring and wood-working for women.

Furniture.com
www.furniture.com

The mission may be to sell furniture online, but the site also features well-written articles on interior design, color theory, budget decorating and upholstery basics.

House Beautiful
www.housebeautiful.com

This slick online version of the magazine includes select articles and regular features such as Designer Challenge and Swatch Watch. Furniture Glossary covers "Adam style" to "wing chair." Quickie quizzes help determine your decorating and color tastes.

Kitchens.com
www.kitchens.com

The Kitchen and Bath Industry site helps you through the process of designing, budgeting and choosing materials for a kitchen makeover.

Paint Ideas
www.paintideas.com

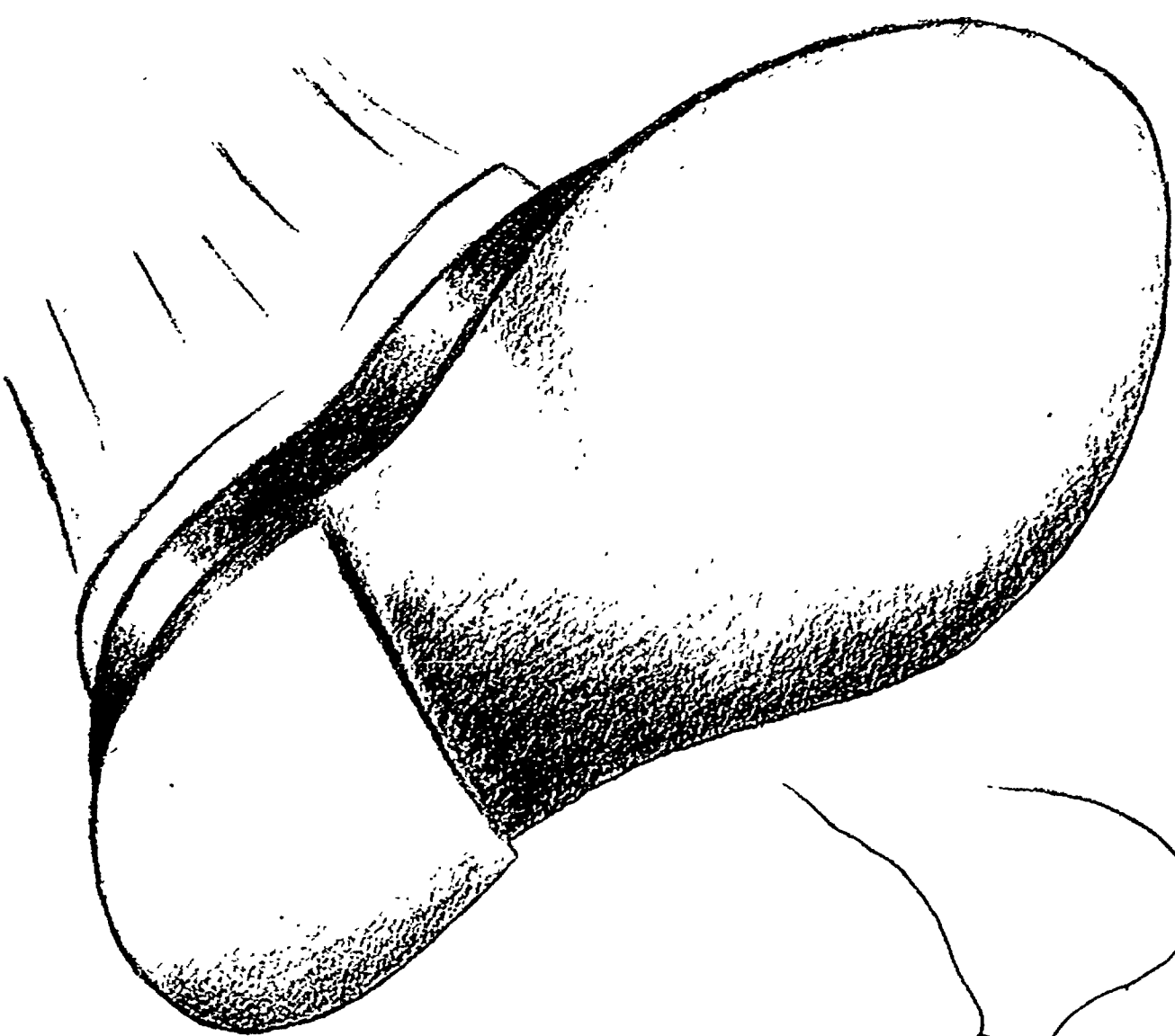
Paint is the cheapest and easiest way to transform a room, furniture or home accents. The site's Idea Gallery (104 projects in indoor decor alone) shows that just about anything can be painted — milk cans, doors, chairs, frames, bookcases, swing sets and waste-baskets. The how-to steps are easy to follow and a time clock tells how long it will take.

Rental Decorating Digest
www.rentaldecorating.com

Tailored for apartments, studios and college dorms and the beginner decorator, the site features articles on interior design 101, how to arrange furniture in small spaces and do-it-yourself projects. Links to products and resources.

See My Design
www.seemydesign.com

Fun, interactive tools help visualize what a redecorated living room would look like. Click on different elements — wall color, rugs, window treatments and furniture — and the site gives you a living room snapshot you can print out. Use a grid to lay out your room by rotating, moving and coloring furniture. Links instruct on room design, lighting and fabric patterns.



Battling household pests

If you have bugs, your best bet to get rid of them is to call a professional

By Mike Schwartz
THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

Don't take it personally. Even if your home is squeaky clean, you still may have a pest "problem."

Preventing or eliminating destructive bugs, birds or rodents calls for knowing their biology; what attracts them; where they hide and how they gain entry, says John P. Burnard, manager of Compass Pest Management in Mira Loma, Calif.

When all else fails, it's time to call a pest control company.

"You've got to know exactly what you're dealing with because different species need different types of treatment," Burnard says.

When looking for an exterminator, the lowest price isn't always the best choice, says Dave Albaugh, manager of Truly Nolen of America Inc. in Riverside, Calif. "This is your least concern when dealing with your family's safety," says Albaugh.

Albaugh and Burnard offer the following tips for finding help in getting rid of whatever is "bugging" you:

Don't procrastinate: Do-it-yourself sprays and treatments may stop a minor problem. But a major infestation — especially termites — should be handled by a pro. If you suspect termites, seek a contrac-

tor with heavy experience in termite control.

Pest control companies usually offer home inspections at no charge.

Ask people you trust: Many qualified companies advertise in the Yellow Pages. Better yet, ask friends or relatives for names. Also, visit consumer referral services at the National Pest Management Association Web site (www.pestworld.org/homeowners).

Obtain at least three quotes: Spend a few days getting written estimates. Each should include the nature, extent and sites of infestation; treatments and time required; locations of bait stations; needed repair of woodwork, warranties, copies of pesticide labels and costs.

Beware of bargains: Seek value, not price. A cheap but incomplete or sloppy job may have to be repeated or can expose family members and pets to toxic chemicals.

Some pest control outfits have carpenters that for an additional fee can repair walls, woodwork, window screens and cracks.

Look for state-of-the-art methods: Avoid exterminators who only spray chemicals. The industry uses an Integrated Pest Management approach that reduces risk by getting rid of food, shelter and water pests need to survive and sealing routes of entry. It employs a minimal amount of necessary chemical treatment both inside and outside the home.

Check credentials: You want a company that is licensed and bonded. Membership in national and state associations is a good sign a contractor uses the latest technology and adheres to a strict code of ethics. Licensed pest control workers must undergo special training and continuing education.

Look for professionalism: A representative should arrive on time neatly dressed or in uniform. The exterminator should be polite, listen attentively, take notes, show good judgment and impress you as trustworthy.

Read the fine print: Ask the salesman to explain anything in the contract that makes you uncomfortable or you don't understand.

Other details to look for: Bi-monthly or quarterly followup inspections; a guarantee; an exclusion clause allowing you to cancel without penalties; an arbitration clause for settling disputes and liability insurance.

Determine your chemical tolerance: Professional pest management products are tested and approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Used properly by licensed professionals, they pose little threat to humans or pets. Still, chemical treatments are poisons placed in and around your home.

Show product labels and material data safety sheets to your doctor before the contractor begins a job, especially if anyone in your household is very young, old, chronically ill or chemically sensitive.



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Floral arrangement keeps the world 'beautiful'

By Hilary G. Smith
SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

To create a perfect ikebana or Japanese floral arrangement, arrangers must handle materials as if they are having a conversation with them. They also must keep in mind the three elements of the display: heaven, humankind and Earth, says instructor Fran Witt Gartner.

Gartner uses ordinary things such as day lilies, bristlecone and Austrian pine boughs, bamboo and

bare, knotted wood to create simple floral arrangements. Most anything works and the hardest part of the project might be finding what is going to go in it, she says.

The first stem of the arrangement should be tall, about 1-1/2 times the width, plus the height of the container. This stem symbolizes heaven, she said. The second stem is the "So," the human symbol, she said. It should be two-thirds the height of the primary stem. The third is the "Haiku" stem that symbolizes Earth. It should be two-

thirds the height of the secondary stem.

Gartner cleans stems freely, saying removal of excess branches is one of the most important techniques of ikebana. Branches that cross each other should be removed and all leaves inside the container must be removed, she said. Gartner also recommends cutting stems under water to encourage water, not air, to travel up the stems.

"Just keep arranging flowers," Gartner said. "It keeps the world beautiful."



One of Fran Witt Gartner's ikebana flower arrangements.
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Mentoring is like parenting, authors say

By Paula Burkes Erickson
The Daily Oklahoman

It's a common scenario for many parents: Your toddler is throwing a tantrum in the grocery store and you are at a loss of how to deal with it.

Ironically, situations can occur in the workplace that can leave managers as confounded as parents in the store. An employee spends too much time on personal phone calls, makes the same mistakes over and over again or slams his office door. And the manager is unsure of how to respond.

The same successful techniques can be used to manage employees and children, according to a new management book, "Mentor Manager, Mentor Parent: How to Develop Responsible People and Build Successful Relationships at Work and at Home," written by Linda Culp Dowling, a management trainer and coach, and Cecile Culp Mielenz, a child development consultant.

"Like parents with their children, managers feel a deep sense of responsibility for the actions of their employees," Dowling says. "And when faced with problem behavior, managers, like parents, often struggle to control their employees."

The most effective managers and parents, the authors say, move beyond their concern about control and focus instead on encouraging responsibility and building relationships.

"Effective managers or parents are mentors who develop responsible, self-directed people toward the goal of letting go," Dowling says.

However, many managers and parents aren't acting as mentors, she says. Instead, they revert to one of three fallback positions: bosses, who depend on power and authority to maintain control; manipulators, who promise rewards or punishment to control others; or martyrs, who relinquish control in order to avoid conflict.

Bosses believe their employees won't act appropriately unless they tell them what to do, Dowling says. They think they have all the answers and rarely listen to others' ideas.

In reality, bosses frustrate their employees and exhaust themselves, Dowling says. While the boss says "Do that," the manipulator says "If you'll do that, I'll give you this," Dowling says.

"Manipulative managers fail to explain the value of expected behaviors, so employees fail to internalize their importance and perform at minimal levels," she says.

Martyr managers are preoccupied with being friends to their employees, Dowling says. "They think avoiding managerial control will cause others to like them," she says. "But their inconsistency and lack of direction will cause employees to resent their lack of leadership."

To be successful, managers need to be mentors and develop skills in four key areas, according to the book: "structuring," or communicating performance expectations; "coaching," or encouraging skill development; "conferencing," or collaborating to expand expectations; and "letting go," or recognizing responsibility and self direction.

"The most difficult is structuring," Dowling says. "Managers often mistakenly assume employees should know things that better," she says. "But managers need to help employees understand why certain behaviors are important, based on company values."

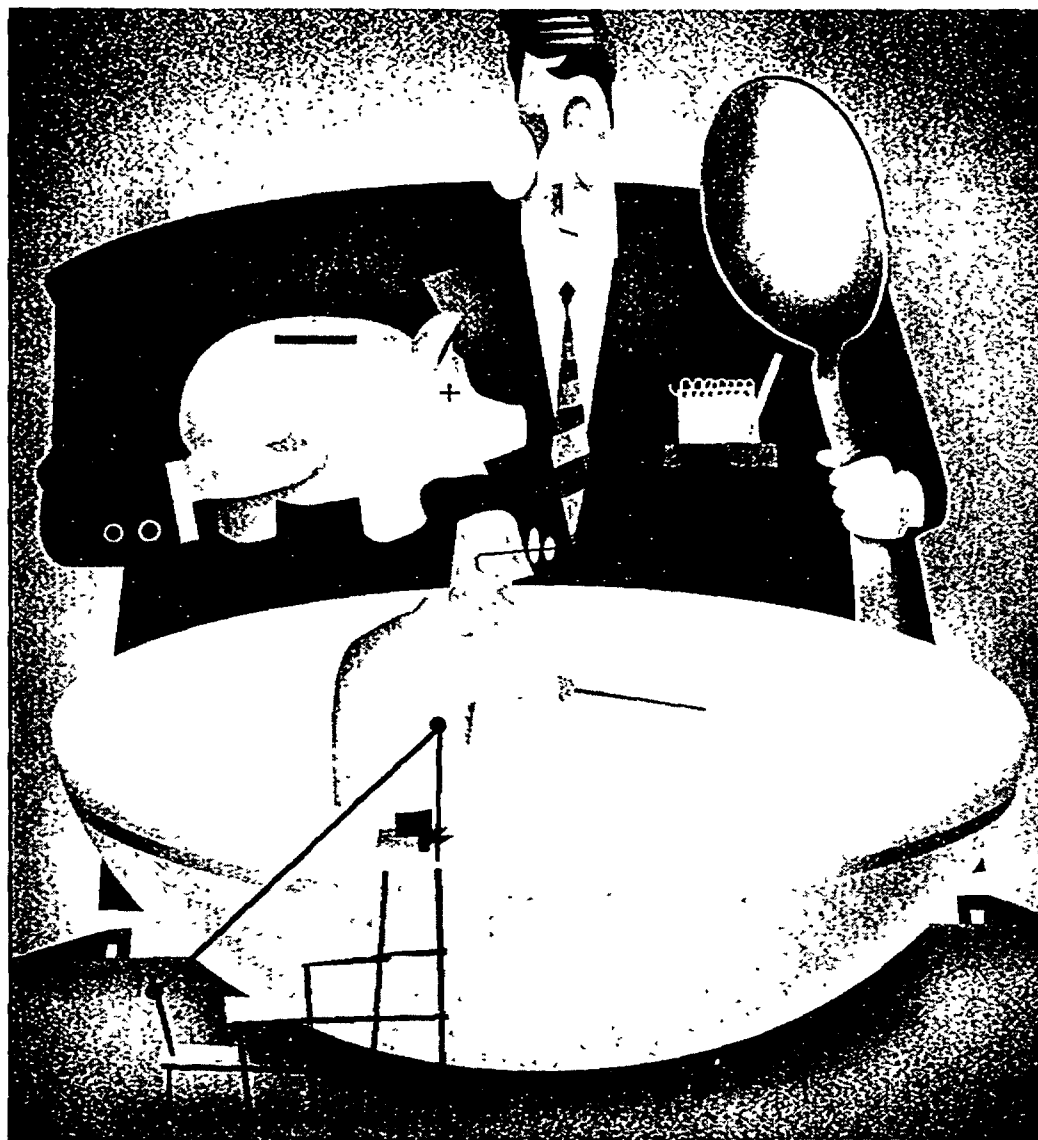
It's like when you let go of your child's bicycle seat and you're hollering "Pedal faster," Dowling says.

Managerial skills can be molded

Mentor managers focus on direction, rather than discipline, guiding with helpful information and advice, says Linda Culp Dowling, co-author of "Mentor Manager, Mentor Parent: How to Develop Responsible People and Build Successful Relationships at Work and at Home." Here are other tips:

- State specific, realistic performance expectations. Directives such as "handle this" or "hurry up" are not only bossy, but also vague. Be positive; suggest what to do rather than what not to do. Be respectful.
- Model your values and expectations. Your employees will infer your values and expectations from your work and actions. If you make an exception to company rules, make sure it's legitimate and explain it to your employees.
- Make observations and ask questions. Starting with a factual statement avoids the perception of control. For example, say "I heard your customer complain. How do you suggest we satisfy her?" or "What can you do differently next time?"
- Avoid using "why" or "if." To reduce unnecessary defensiveness, try changing "Why did you do that?" to "What is it that caused you to do that?"
- Build on strengths rather than weaknesses. For example, say "You are good with details, so making a list of steps involved in the task is a good idea."
- Don't react too soon. Stop to assess the relevance of what you observe before you say anything to an employee.

— The Daily Oklahoman



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CONFUSING CHOICES

From CPAs to CFAs, an array of advisers stand ready to help with your finances. Here's a primer on who best fits your needs.

By Pamela Gaynor
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

There's an alphabet soup of financial advisers — from CPAs and CFAs to ChFCs and CLUs — all hoping to manage your money, or at least some of it.

Before parting with any, it's worth knowing what kind of training they have, what their credentials mean and how they charge for their services.

A specialist trained to understand or manage investments, for example, might not necessarily be what a consumer needs — even though the booming stock market of a few years ago might have made most people think so.

If all you want to do is buy life insurance, or if you've got complex tax issues, you probably wouldn't want to go to a CFA, or Chartered Financial Analyst, even though obtaining the credential requires some of the most rigorous training in the financial services industry, said Charlie Smith, chief investment officer at Fort Pitt Capital Group in Green Tree, Pa.

Smith, who is in the process of earning his CFA, said the training is geared to enabling a financial professional to "dig into the guts and characteristics of investments, whether equity or fixed income."

A consumer with complex tax needs would be better served seeking out a Certified Public Accountant, or CPA, he said.

Similarly, someone looking exclusively for life insurance would probably want to deal with a CLU (Chartered Life Insurance

Underwriter) or a ChFC (Chartered Financial Consultant) who has studied financial services with an emphasis on life insurance and annuities.

Training associated with particular financial products also might give some professionals a bias toward those, to the exclusion of ones that may be better suited for the client.

From Smith's viewpoint, there are probably more kinds of financial certification than the financial services industry, or its clients, need. "I think we've probably divided the field too many times. You could probably cover the waterfront with about four," he said.

On Smith's list were: CFAs for making investments; CPAs for complex tax questions; CLUs to help people select life insurance; and ChFCs, as generalists who can help people determine what financial bases they need to cover and what they need to do to reach different financial goals.

The generalists of the financial services industry — which, along with ChFCs include such advisers as Personal Financial Specialists, or accountants who have gotten training beyond their CPAs — are oriented more toward analyzing their clients' overall financial pictures than toward evaluating specific kinds of financial products.

CFAs can help people who either don't know where to begin in determining what their future financial needs might be, or who have specific goals in mind — such as retirement or paying for their children's college education — but don't know what to do to prepare for them.

That said, while all ChFCs take the same training and exams to earn their certification, not all perform the same services or gain added expertise in specific areas of finance, said Louis Stanasolovich, a financial planner with Legend Financial Advisors of Pittsburgh.

Some financial planners gain varying degrees of additional expertise in investments, tax matters, estate planning or other financial issues. Others direct their clients to professionals who perform one or more of the more specialized functions needed to "implement the financial plan," he said.

"More and more ChFCs are becoming CFAs," he said. "I would almost believe within the next 10 years, you'll need to have both."

Anyone looking for financial advice should also understand how the professional they're dealing with is compensated.

Those who receive commissions for selling investments might show a bias toward financial products that provide them with more compensation.

Typically, stockbrokers work on commission, as do many life insurance specialists. CPAs typically charge fees only, while generalists, such as ChFCs, offer their services under a mix of arrangements. Some charge fees only, while others charge commission or a mix of commissions and fees.

Be careful of the description "fee-based," said Stanasolovich. Often, it means a combination of fees and commissions, though some consumers might confuse it with "fee-only," he said.

Bike firm finds better way to get from here to there

By Mike Patty
Scripps Howard News Service

Pedal power is moving people in Boulder, Colo. The Boulder Bike Taxi company has increased its business fivefold in just the 10 months since it started.

That's not surprising since Boulder and bicycles are a natural fit, said founder and president Doug Woods.

It all began when Woods was looking for a way to keep his bike shop in business during tough economic times.

"I happened to be located between two hotels and noticed all these people who needed to go downtown," Woods said. "There is something like 12 hotels all within a mile and half of downtown. I thought, 'Other towns have bike cabs, why not Boulder?' We have way too much traffic and pollution, but we are relatively small and very bike-friendly. It occurred to me, 'I can do this.'"

Woods started with one pedicab — a three-wheeled, 21-speed bicycle that can carry two passengers — and himself as the driver. Business quickly boomed.

"Now we have five cabs, a dozen drivers and we are growing," Woods said. "It's a ton of fun, people love it and we are helping the community."

Thomas Smith read about Woods and BBT in the local newspaper and decided it was a great way to cut back on traffic, help the environment and make money.

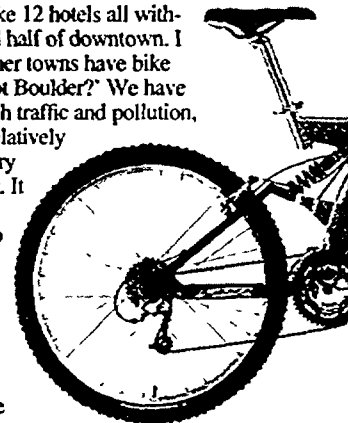
"So I invested in the company and am now vice president," Smith said. "It has really taken off. We hope to expand our fleet by next spring and by summer begin providing service in Estes Park."

Smith said BBT drivers, many of whom are college students looking to make some part-time money, must first pass a driving proficiency test.

"They pay the company a rental and insurance fee and then go out and get started," Smith said. "Fares are based on distance and the difficulty of the ride, and usually run between \$4 and \$8. It's relatively inexpensive, efficient and clean transportation."

Customers typically are guests staying at Boulder hotels, students at the University of Colorado, shoppers, seniors and tourists.

"Riding in an open-air pedicab in the cold weather doesn't seem to deter our customers," Smith said. "They just bundle up, sit back, relax and enjoy the ride."



Alumni rest easy with university-themed caskets

By Emily Huigens
Scripps Howard News Service

Giving a new meaning to eternal devotion to an alma mater, a Macon, Ga.-based company has begun licensing college logos for use in caskets and urns to give the deceased an opportunity to honor their alma mater in death.

Collegiate Memorials, a company founded ago by funeral home businessman Scott Walston, is taking advantage of college graduates' love for all things covered in logos.

Clemson University, the University of South Carolina and the University and Georgia are among the 52 schools that alumni or fans can take to the grave.

Purchasing a school-themed casket would cost an average of \$300 more than a non-personalized product, and royalties will send an average of 7.5 percent of the profit back to your alma mater, Walston says.

For some, a school logo on a casket could be an indirect donation to a school because the licensing fee goes to scholarships and other support for the school, he says.

"You've got to purchase those (funeral) products anyway, so why not purchase one to benefit your school?" Walston says.

While Nebraska has been the most popular school because of advance marketing in the area, Walston says he's counting on graduates and fans of Southeastern schools to be among the most enthusiastic buyers.

"I think that in the Southeast most alumni stay close to home, so if you go to a state university you're more likely to live in that state, which also makes it easy for you to stay in touch with your school," he says. "Being here in the South with collegiate loyalty as it is, I thought this would be a concept that would be accepted."

In addition to caskets in school colors, Collegiate Memorials offers three choices of solid wood caskets as well as three different styles of urns. In each casket model, the school's logo is displayed inside the lid.

Market for gator meat, skins keeps pioneer on the farm

By Jay Price
Raleigh News & Observer

Tommy Peacock had hoisted one of his chicken-disposal units by the tail when it whipped upward into a "U" and clamped a foot-long rack of teeth onto his arm.

Peacock is a big, burly cigar-puffing former police officer and railroad worker, but still he sank to his knees and prayed for help in detaching the 5-foot alligator. "I guess it had to happen sometime," he said.

Oddly, though, 4,500 head of smirking livestock that are better equipped to eat you than you are to eat them isn't the biggest peril for North Carolina's only alligator

farmers. Peacock and his partner. In the five years since they started Sandhills Gator Farm in Rockingham, N.C., Peacock has been bitten just that once.

Even trickier than handling the gators, which usually aren't aggressive unless cornered, is figuring out the quirks of raising what is still an experimental product, particularly this far north.

After five full years, Peacock finally thinks he's getting a solid hold on the gator business. "Farming alligators is a lot like chess, and you reset the board every day," he said.

Farming is complicated by the unpredictable market for alligator hides, which rises and falls on the

whims of fashion.

One part that's not tricky is finding enough alligator chow. The 2,000 pounds of meat that they gobble each day is free. Indeed, alligators are something of a well, green crop, said Tom Ellis, director of aquaculture for the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. They eat chickens that die during production at nearby poultry farms, thereby eliminating hundreds of tons a year of unpleasant waste that otherwise would be burned, buried or composted and spread onto fields.

There are now more 200 farms nationwide, mostly in the Deep South. Peacock fell into the business naturally, since his cousin and uncle farm alligators.

Peacock said he sold the hides and meat from about 1,000 alligators in 2001. Louisiana is the largest source of farmed alligators in the country, with 38 farms producing nearly 180,000 animals in 2000 valued at \$13.4 million.

Sandhills Gator Farm buys its hatchlings for \$20 to \$35 each from farmers in Florida who find themselves with too many. The alligators are then raised in roofed concrete pens with small pools where they can splash and drink.

The meat, which fetches \$4 to \$5 a pound, is sold to restaurants and a handful of supermarkets. Peacock sells hides to a tannery, a broker or a retailer with a specific product in mind.



Photo by Mel Nathanson / Raleigh News & Observer

Gator Farm owner Tommy Peacock holds a 1-year-old alligator at Peacock's Sandhills Gator Farm in Rockingham, N.C.

SHOW & TELL

Plastic surgery's stigma disappears as more bodies get cosmetic tweaking

By Don Mayhew
THE FRESNO BEE

When Sherri Durham decided to have her breasts enlarged a few years ago, she approached the surgery as she might the purchase of a new car or computer.

She shopped around. She did research. She asked friends and co-workers for advice and referrals.

"I was asking everybody," says Durham, 25, of Fresno, Calif.

Consequently, once Durham had the surgery, there seemed no point in trying to hide the fact that, in her words, her breast size went from "conceivable to a full C" cup. Without hint of embarrassment, Durham cheerfully told everyone she knew — and anyone who asked — that she'd undergone plastic surgery.

She shrugs: "I don't think it's a big deal anymore."

Discretion may be the better part of valor, but it's no longer a necessary tack after cosmetic plastic surgery.

Breast augmentation, face-lifts and liposuction have become fodder for zingers at parties, cause for celebration, even a point of pride for some people.

"It depends on the personality of the patient," says Durham's surgeon, Carl Askren of Fresno. "I had one (breast augmentation) patient who went straight from the recovery room to the front desk and showed my staff. A lot of people don't care that much."

Says Robert Gailliot Jr., another Fresno plastic surgeon: "Society has come to accept it as something that normal people do. Like a lot of prejudices in life, once society accepts it, it's no longer taboo."

If looks are your business, as they are for actors, actresses and singers, surgery is not only acceptable but almost inevitable. "When you've got money like that, and you can be perfect," Durham says, "it's almost something you have to do."

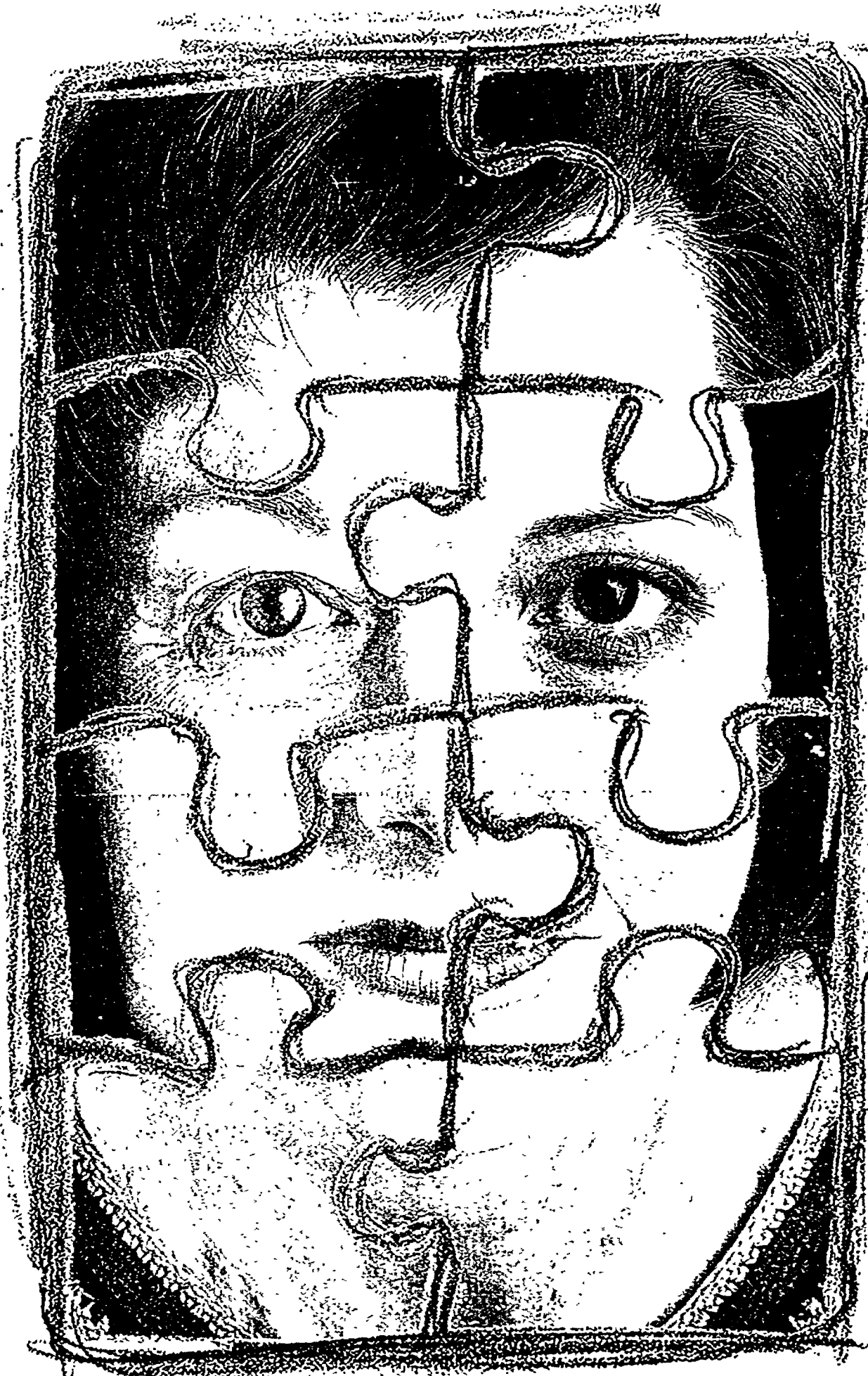
But Gailliot says there's something more at work: "People make assumptions that a certain type of person has these kinds of procedures. As it becomes more familiar in an intimate way — when it's Mom or Dad who had it done — it's going to lose taboo."

So part of it is the result of sheer numbers. According to the American Society of Plastic Surgeons' Web site (www.plasticsurgery.org), the number of Americans who elect to have aesthetic plastic surgery every year has tripled during the past decade. The number of patients increased 7 percent in 2002, according to the organization.

Although some surgeons have reported that business has slowed, others say they are as busy as ever. Askren says he has patients he won't be able to see until April.

Roughly 7.5 million Americans are expected to have cosmetic plastic surgery by the end of this year. That doesn't include another 13 million submitting to non-surgical procedures, such as Botox and collagen injections, chemical peels and dermabrasions.

Some are treating themselves for landmark birthdays. Others are having work done before weddings.



Dana Baldrice & John Alvin/The Fresno Bee

Many baby boomers are finding plastic surgery helps them compete in the workplace.

"People are coming in and saying, 'You know, I have to look my best because I'm competing against 35-year-olds now,'" says Richard Skolnik, chief of aesthetic surgery training at the Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York.

Skolnik agrees that on the face of it, cosmetic surgery is much like going to the gym or dieting or coloring your hair. But he says it's important to acknowledge not only the

limits of what such surgery can do for you, but what it should do. Michael Jackson is an extreme example of the perils of pursuing an imagined physical ideal through surgery.

Skolnik says he recently saw a woman who came to him after having surgery performed by someone else. She was unhappy with the results.

"This woman who now looks like a mannequin — there's not a line or movement on her entire face — is complaining to me that there's this tiny little thing when she looks in the magnifying mirror underneath her chin,"

Skolnik says. "And she said, 'Can you fix it?'"

"I said, 'Yeah, I could try to fix it. But I'm not going to because I think that I may end up giving you something a little off, and then you're going to be mad at me instead of the first doctor. You look good. There's nothing wrong with the way you look.'"

"People are not made of stone, and we can't guarantee that every spot is going to be perfect. And that's what this lady wanted. She wanted perfection. It doesn't exist."

New diet, exercise guidelines offer plenty of flexibility

By Pohla Smith
PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

Don't be frightened or put off by new federal guidelines that suggest you exercise an hour a day to stay healthy and maintain a proper weight.

Yes, that's twice the goal established by the Surgeon General's report in 1996, and it's already hard for busy people to squeeze in even the smaller amount of physical activity every day.

But the recommendation really doesn't mean you have to spend a whole hour every day running around a track or lifting barbells to avoid a heart attack or gaining 20 pounds.

What it does mean is that you should be moving at a moderately intense level

— equal to the rate of a brisk walk or a climb up the stairs — for a total of 60 minutes throughout the day. If you engage in more vigorous activity, you can accomplish that goal in even less time.

The new recommendations issued by the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine actually provide much more flexibility in eating and exercising than did earlier guidelines, says Leslie Bonci, director of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center's Sports Medicine Nutrition and a nationally recognized dietitian. Healthful eating is the thrust of the report, with calorie intake better tailored to activity levels.

For example, previous studies suggested people consume 50 percent or more of their daily calories in carbohydrates. The

new report suggests a range of 45 to 65 percent in carbohydrates to adapt to activity levels.

"It gives a broader range instead of one size fits all. Not everybody needs to eat the same way," Bonci said. "Not everybody needs 65 percent carbohydrates. (For) a marathon runner, I might recommend 65 percent carbohydrates; a sedentary person 45 percent."

The report incorporates exercise because the dietary recommendations of the Food and Nutrition Board are based on calculating daily needs according to physical activity.

"We calibrated the report in terms of brisk walking because that's what everybody can do," said George A. Brooks, an exercise physiologist and professor at the University of California at Berkeley who

sits on the institute's board.

"If people do more vigorous things it doesn't take an hour," he said. For example, a person could fulfill that exercise goal by jogging just 20 to 30 minutes four to seven days a week.

"I think focusing on 60 minutes (of exercise) is taking the report out of context. This is one part of many recommendations about healthful living. The focus is on nutrition."

Brooks emphasized that exercise is cumulative, not necessarily a particular activity done in 30 minutes to an hour. "If you can do that, that's fine, but it's all activity."

Could it be something as simple as four 15-minute walks to take out the dog or hit the neighborhood grocery? Absolutely, he said.

Dietitian skewers weight-loss claims on Web

By Sam McManis
SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Anyone with an e-mail account now is likely being served heaping helpings of spam.

The creatively worded subject lines play on people's guilt about their indulgences, making big fat promises of a thin new you. The paunchy and jiggly among us can't help but pay attention to these provocative, exclamation-point-laden claims:

Eat pizza, lose weight!
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Those who actually read the e-mails are treated to eye-popping before-and-after photos, heartfelt testimonials and seemingly legitimate data from "medical professionals."

Diet products are a \$35 billion industry, and surveys show nearly 70 million Americans are fighting the battle of the bulge in a given year. So what is a consumer to believe?

Last summer, the Federal Trade Commission released a report excoriating the industry, saying many weight-loss products make deceptive claims that could cost consumers money and perhaps even jeopardize their health. The FTC said 40 percent of 300 advertisements studied during a two-year period made false statements. Most common: Pounds can come off without exercise or cutting calories.

"That's probably still the best, safest way to lose weight and keep it off — to decrease calorie intake and increase exercise," said Natalie Lagomarcino Ledesma, a registered dietitian at the University of California-San Francisco Medical Center. "It's not what we in the U.S. like to hear."

With Ledesma's permission, we scanned her some e-mails we've received hawking a variety of get-fit-quick schemes. Here are her professional opinions of the following:

HUMAN GROWTH HORMONES

The most ubiquitous Internet ads are for human growth hormones, such as the one for Grow-Lean 15, which promises you can "lose up to 14 lbs. while sleeping ... no dieting, no hunger pains, no cravings, no strenuous exercise." Plus, HGH can reduce your wrinkles, increase vitality, improve emotional stability and grow back your nails.

HGH has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for those with medical problems, such as a slow-producing pituitary glands. But doctors also can legally prescribe hormone injections "off label" for a variety of medical reasons.

Ledesma: "We definitely know that HGH increases fat oxidation and you do see the glucose metabolism increase, and it can increase muscle mass and decrease body fat. But there are a lot of other complications to be considered."

"It has questionable safety and efficacy. It could produce a diabetes-like effect in someone with a higher insulin level and higher body weight. To give any hormone to the average person without a medical condition is risky. ..."

NON-HORMONAL SUPPLEMENTS

Products such as Power Diet Plus also give the hard sell. The key ingredients are lipotropic fat burners, which the diet maker claims increase metabolism and cause rapid weight loss. Among the supplements are carnitine, chromium and choline, which Power Diet Plus people call "fat emulsifiers."

Ledesma: "Almost all the research I've seen shows that carnitine has no effect on weight loss. Research articles are in agreement that none of those significantly work. They only help you if you have a deficiency."

VINEGAR PILLS

Perhaps the wildest e-mail claim came from Bridgeport Labs: You can "flush fat away forever" by using Apple Cider Vinegar Enhanced "all natural pills."

Ledesma: "There's even less research to prove that one. From what I understand, the Egyptians first used it. I don't really think anyone knows what it does. But I bet if you took a lot of it, you'd get some gastrointestinal disturbances from all that acid."

LOW-CARB DIETS

As for the high-protein, no carbohydrates diets, such as Dr. Atkins'? Ledesma says people may see dramatic weight loss initially but that in the long term it can be deleterious.

"Carbs are important for a number of reasons — essentially it's our primary energy source," she said. "You've got to eat the right kind of carbohydrates — fruits, grains, foods that are nutrient-dense."

"But I guess we're living in an environment where marketing dominates. Everyone wants to find alternatives. But if you just sit back, eat a healthy diet and exercise, you'll lose."

FRESH SARDINES WITH BABY ARTICHOKES AND SAUCE NICOISE

Chef Traci des Jardins serves these at Jardiniere. You may substitute frozen artichoke hearts and rehydrated sun-dried tomatoes for the fresh.

Serves 6
 10 Roma tomatoes, blanched and peeled
 About 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil, as needed
 Salt and pepper to taste
 1/4 cup pitted and finely chopped oil-cured black olives
 Zest of 1 lemon
 2 tablespoons finely chopped Italian parsley
 30 baby artichokes, trimmed and placed in lemon water
 Cloves from 1 head of garlic, peeled and blanched 3 times, then sliced
 1 fennel bulb, trimmed, cut into small dice and blanched
 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
 Leaves from 1 bunch of basil, cut into thin strips
 1/4 pound haricots verts, blanched and diced
 4 scallions, thinly sliced
 1 cup peeled fava beans
 12 sardines, filleted

Preheat the oven to 200 degrees. Cut the tomatoes in half. Scoop out the centers and dice them. Set aside.

Place the tomato halves on a baking sheet; drizzle with 3 to 4 tablespoons olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Place in the oven and bake for 2 to 3 hours, until slightly dry. Let cool, then finely mince.

Combine the minced dried tomatoes with the olives, lemon zest and parsley. Season with salt and pepper and toss to combine.

Slice the artichokes 1/8 to 1/4 inch thick. Saute in a little extra virgin olive oil until cooked through. Keep warm.

Combine 1/4 cup olive oil, the reserved tomato pulp, the blanched garlic and fennel, and the balsamic vinegar in a medium saucepan. Season with salt and pepper. Cook over medium heat for about 10 minutes, until the fennel is tender. Just before serving, stir in the basil, haricots verts, scallions and fava beans; cook until just heated through.

Heat a little olive oil in a skillet. Add the sardines skin-side down and cook quickly, until the skin is crisped. Turn the fish and fry for a moment longer.

To assemble: For each serving, place 4 sardine fillets on a bed of baby artichokes and spoon the sauce around. Garnish with the olive mixture.

DELFINA'S SARDINE CROSTINI

Serves 6
Shallot Oil:
 1 cup extra virgin olive oil
 5 shallots, peeled and thinly sliced
 2 or 3 garlic cloves, peeled and lightly bruised
 5 sprigs of thyme
 3 tablespoons Champagne vinegar
 Salt and pepper to taste

Bean Purée:
 5 garlic cloves, peeled and lightly bruised
 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
 1 cup cooked white beans, with their cooking water
 Salt

Crostini:
 1 loaf Italian or French bread
 Extra virgin olive oil
 Salt

Sardines:
 Olive oil
 6 large sardines, butterflied
 Coarse sea salt and pepper to taste

Garnish:
 Coarse salt
 Chopped Italian parsley
 Sliced radishes
 Oil-cured olives

Shallot oil: Combine the olive oil, shallots, garlic and thyme in a saucepan. Cook over low heat for about 20 minutes. Do not let the garlic color.

Add the vinegar and season with salt and pepper. Let cool to room temperature before using. Or, make a day in advance and keep refrigerated.

Bean purée: Combine the garlic and oil in a heavy-bottomed saucepan. Cover and cook over low heat for about 20 minutes, or until the garlic falls apart. Do not let it brown. Add the beans and their cooking liquid. Season lightly with salt. Continue cooking over medium-low heat until the liquid is absorbed. Purée in a food processor. Adjust salt if necessary. This may be made a day in advance and brought to room temperature before serving.

Crostini: Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Slice the bread on the diagonal so the slices are the same length as the sardines (4 to 6 inches long), and between 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick. You'll need 12 slices. Place on a baking sheet and generously brush both sides with olive oil. Sprinkle one side with kosher salt. Bake until lightly browned, but still chewy on the inside.

Sardines: Pour a little oil into a shallow baking pan that is large enough to hold all of the sardines in a single layer. Place the sardines flesh-side down in the oil. Brush the sardines with oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Brush a hot grill with oil. Place the sardines skin-side down on the grill. After about 3 minutes, slide an oiled spatula under each fillet, gently loosen from the grill and turn each sardine 90 degrees. Cook another 2 to 3 minutes and flip the sardines. Cook another 30 seconds and transfer skin-side down to a clean pan. Spoon the shallot oil, including cooked shallots, over the sardines. Let marinate for up to 30 minutes.

To assemble: Spread the crostini with bean purée. Pull off one side of each butterflied sardine. Place each half on a crostini. Spoon additional shallot oil (and shallots) over the sardines. Warm in a 350 degrees oven. Sprinkle with coarse sea salt and chopped parsley. Garnish with radishes and olives.



SARDINES

A fine kettle of fish

Story By Olivia Wu ■ Photos By Lacy Atkins ■ San Francisco Chronicle

Sardines aren't sexy. But they're bursting with flavor, they're plentiful, local, in season and are caught in ways that don't mangle ocean ecology and waste other ocean critters. Would you trade sustainable for sexy?

Once in decline, sardines are coming back strong. "The stocks are in great shape," says Alice Cascorbi, fisheries research biologist with the Monterey Bay (Calif.) Aquarium.

The Pacific sardine — sardinops sagax and in a different family from the European sardine — breeds quickly.

They spawn off Baja California and then swim up the Pacific coast. "They live fast and breed fast; they're like the rabbits of the ocean forest," says Cascorbi.

Sardines feed mostly on plankton and skim near the surface of the ocean. Because they are low on the food chain, they become food for other fish, and are caught and processed as feed for carnivorous, high-on-the-chain species. Tuna ranchers in New Zealand use sardines as feed to beef up their fish, which apparently also find sardines quite scrumptious.

"Everything eats sardines and they eat plankton, and if we eat them, that's great ecologically," says Cascorbi.

Not only are sardines placed perfectly in the fish-eat-fish scheme of things, "the little guys are turning the plankton into omega-3 and a rich meat," says Cascorbi. Sardines rank with salmon and tuna as a fatty fish high in omega-3 fats, which play a role in preventing heart disease. They don't get old or large enough to store much mercury or other toxins in their fat tissues, as bigger predatory fish such as tuna can do. If you crunch and eat the bones, especially with canned sardines, you get a goodly dose of calcium.

Biologists also place the sardine's sustainability rating high in other ways. "It's a pretty well-managed fishery and because they tend to swim in schools, there's not much bycatch," says Steve Webster, senior marine biologist with the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

A well-managed fishery means that sardines aren't

mired in the regulations and politics that surround other commercial catches. They're generally caught in a purse-seine net, which in other fisheries causes terrible waste — dolphins caught with tuna, for example. But sardines swim in tight schools, and not many other fish run with them, so purse-seine becomes an acceptable method of catch for sardines.

If sardines are good for you and good for the planet, can they be good tasting?

Emphatically yes, say some of San Francisco's most seafood-savvy chefs. Craig Stoll of Delfina, Traci des Jardins of Jardiniere and Mark Franz of Farallon all say that they personally love the taste. And that's why they put sardines on their menus.

"They're delicious and cheap at a time when so few fish are affordable. They give a lot of bang for the buck," Stoll says. He recalls eating them in Italy, grilled as a second course — "just sardines and a wedge of lemon."

Franz also feasted on sardines in Europe. "They're best just broiled whole, or wrapped in pancetta or bacon and fried," he says. At Farallon, he often sells 30 orders of sardines a night.

Des Jardins and Larry Bain of Jardiniere and Acme Chophouse are also devoted fans. From an environmental standpoint, Bain adds, "they're just one of the best fish (that) people can eat now."

Sardines generally are available at ethnic fish markets, or by ordering ahead at your local fish market.

SARDINE SHORTS

How to dress sardines:

Place a cutting board in the sink under gently running cold water. Place a sardine under the water, against the board. Holding the tail with your fingers, scrape each side of the sardine from tail end to head with the blunt edge of a paring knife to remove the scales.

To fillet: On the counter, slip a sharp paring knife under the head and run in almost parallel to the cutting board toward the tail end, skirting the belly. Do both sides of the fish.

To butterfly: On the counter, cut off the head and slip the knife into the belly starting from the tail end to the top. Gut and rinse the fish. Inside the fish cavity, run your thumbnail, from the head to the tail end down each side of the backbone. Cut off the backbone at the tail, leaving the tail. Rinse the fillets, lay them on a paper towel and blot dry.

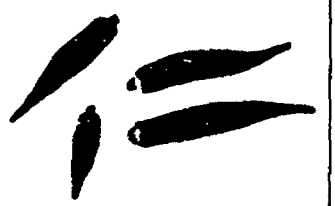


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When serving okra, you get two distinct opinions

By Karola Saekel

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

You love it or you hate it. Okra, brought to the Americas from Northern Africa by 17th-century traders and now integral to Creole — as well as Indian and Japanese — cooking, is one of the few vegetables that seem to evoke extreme reactions.

It's not the mild taste, but the texture that pleases or offends. When cooked with liquids, the vegetable turns a dish nicely thickened in the opinion of aficionados, "slimy, slippery" according to the naysayers.

This quality — call it mucilaginous if you want to be scientific — does not develop if okra is prepared without liquids, as in frying. A gourd called Asian okra, ridged and much larger than regular okra, is not related to true okra.

SEASON: Fresh okra (in our opinion, canned isn't worth the tin it is put in; frozen will do in a pinch) is sold most of the year, though supplies can get scarce in the heart of winter.

HOW TO SELECT: Smaller is better. Pick pods no more than three inches long, bright green and springy firm. If the tail end can be snapped off like a good green bean's, it's fresh. Okra is not a good keeper. Store in the vegetable drawer of your refrigerator for four or five days at the most.

USES: Say okra and most people would come up with gumbo, chicken, shrimp, crab, frog legs, ham, sausage and either okra or file powder (dried sassafras leaves) as a thickener.

Unlike file, which is added last minute, okra can be cooked in the stew.

In Japan, it's used as a thickener for soups. When baked or quick-fried — plain or breaded — okra's prodigious seeds (which are high in vitamins and minerals) do not develop their slippery potential and the vegetable stays crisp. The same is true of okra pickles, which are made with blanched okra, and of Indian dishes in which spiced okra is sauteed in oil.

BOOK REVIEW

Cheesecakes served by new cookbook

By Louise Durman

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

If you love cheesecake, you'll want to see "125 Best Cheesecake Recipes" by George Geary (Robert Rose Inc., \$18.95).

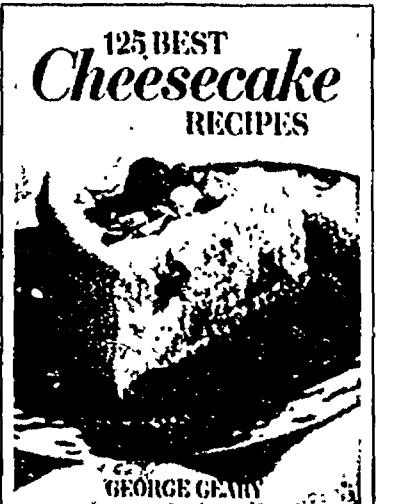
It has new and tempting combinations for all seasons and a myriad of special events.

Geary is a professional pastry chef who teaches the art of making cheesecake in cooking schools across the country. He begins with discussions of tools and equipment needed, ingredients and techniques.

Among the cheesecakes are double orange, autumn festival, French apple, maple pumpkin, pumpkin praline, Christmas, eggnog nutmeg rum and cranberry orange.

There are fresh fruit cheesecakes, appetizers or main dish cheesecakes, mini-cheesecakes, no-bake cheesecakes, guilt-free cheesecakes and a whole chapter of chocolate cheesecakes.

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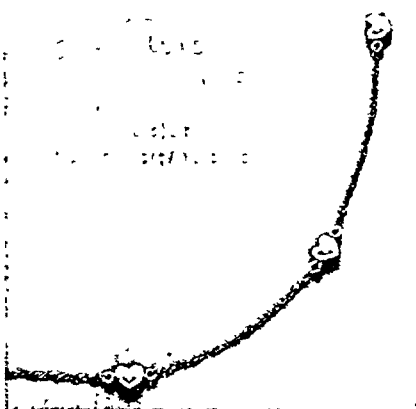


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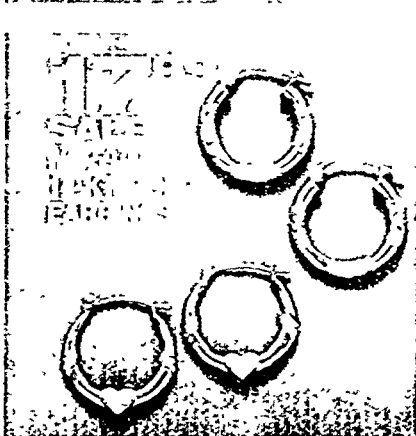
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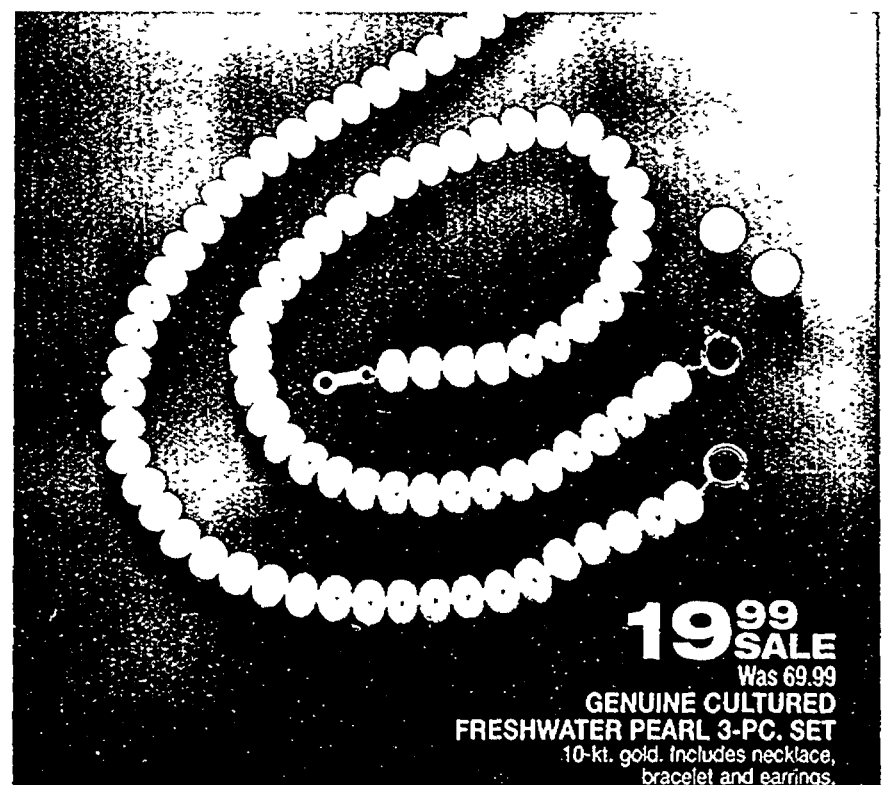
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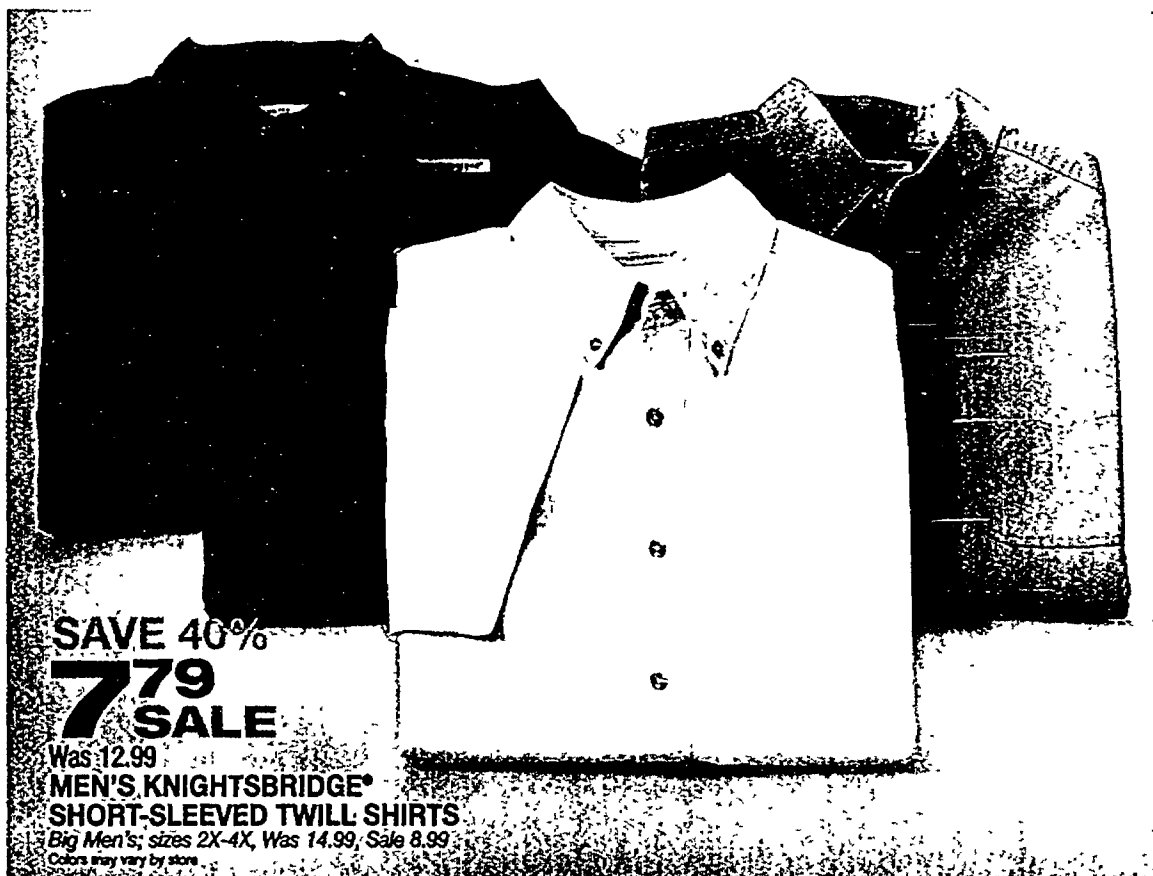


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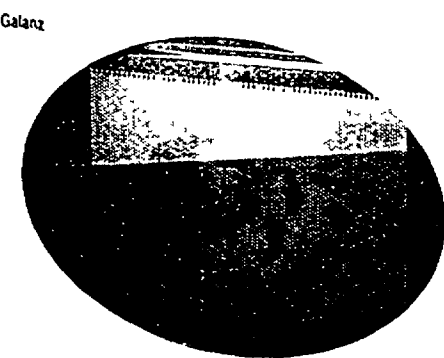
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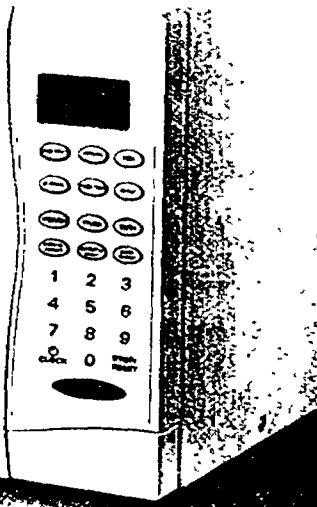
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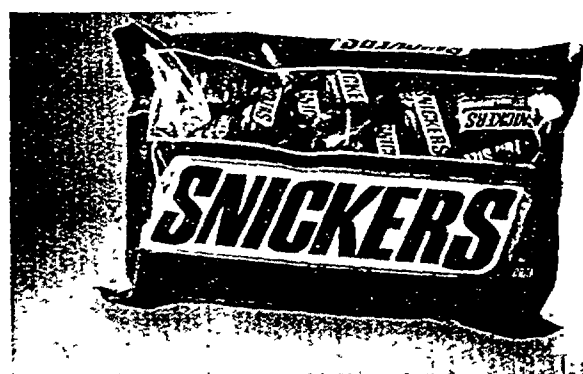
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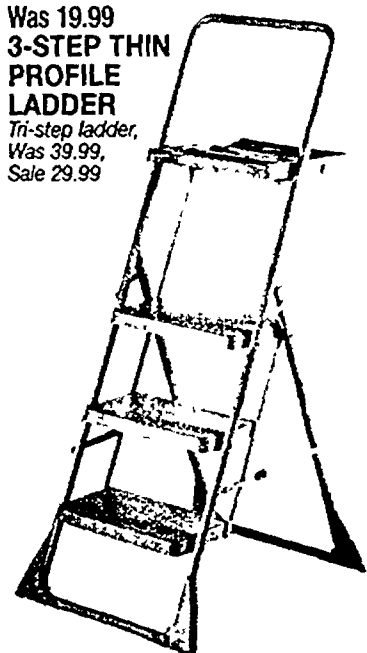
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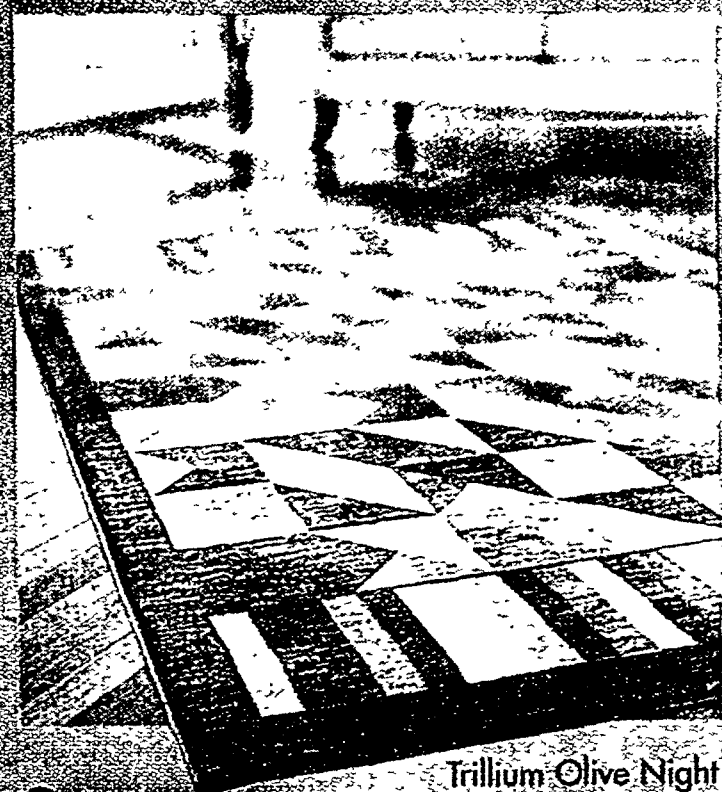
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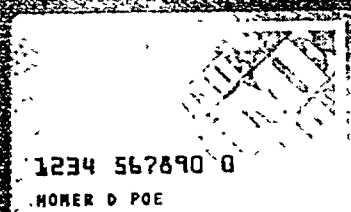
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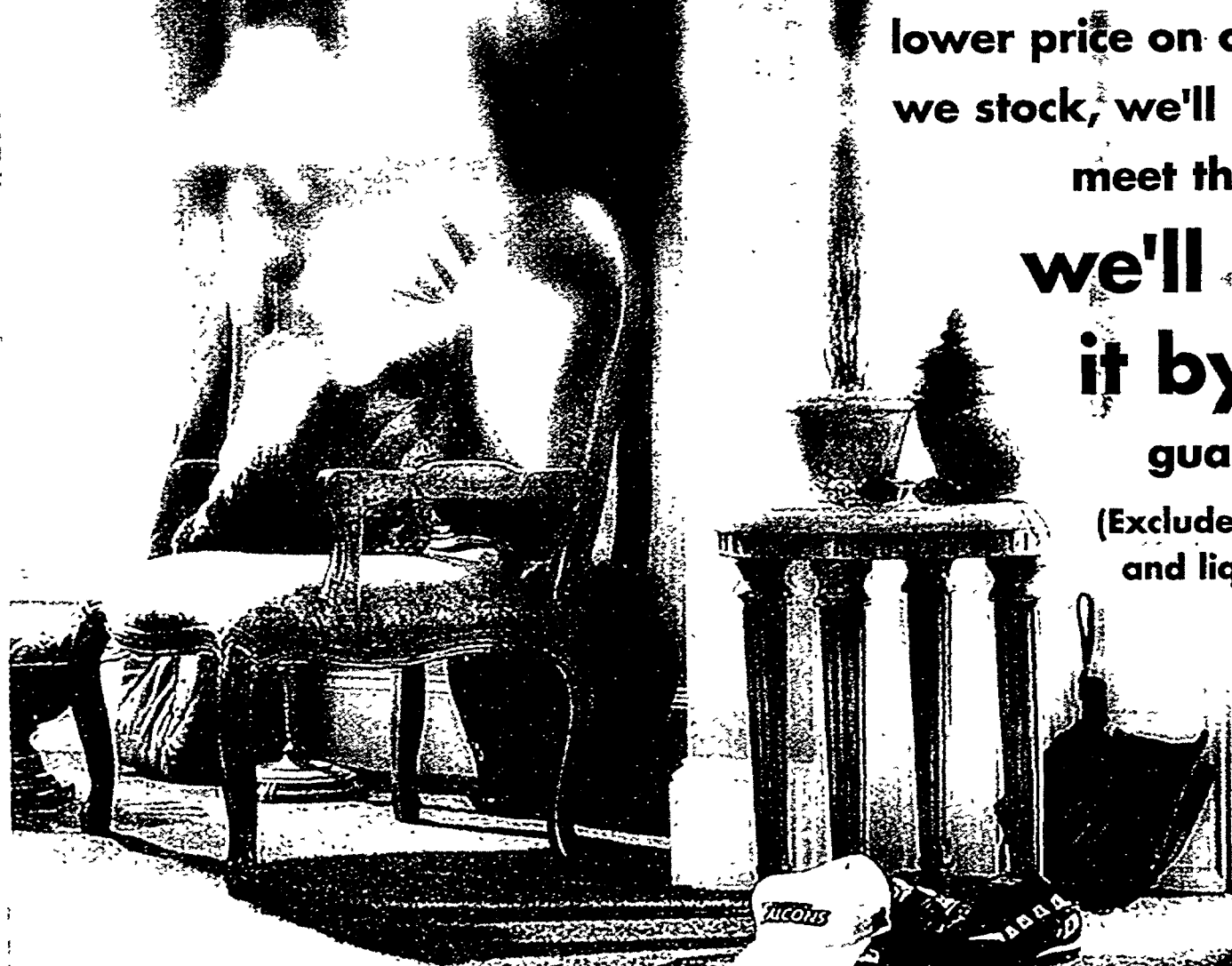
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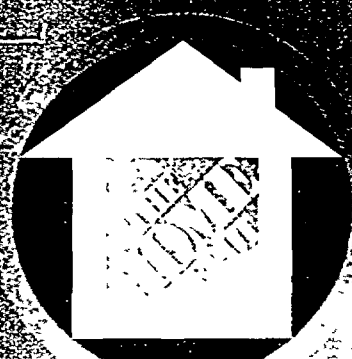
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- 12 color
- 12 color

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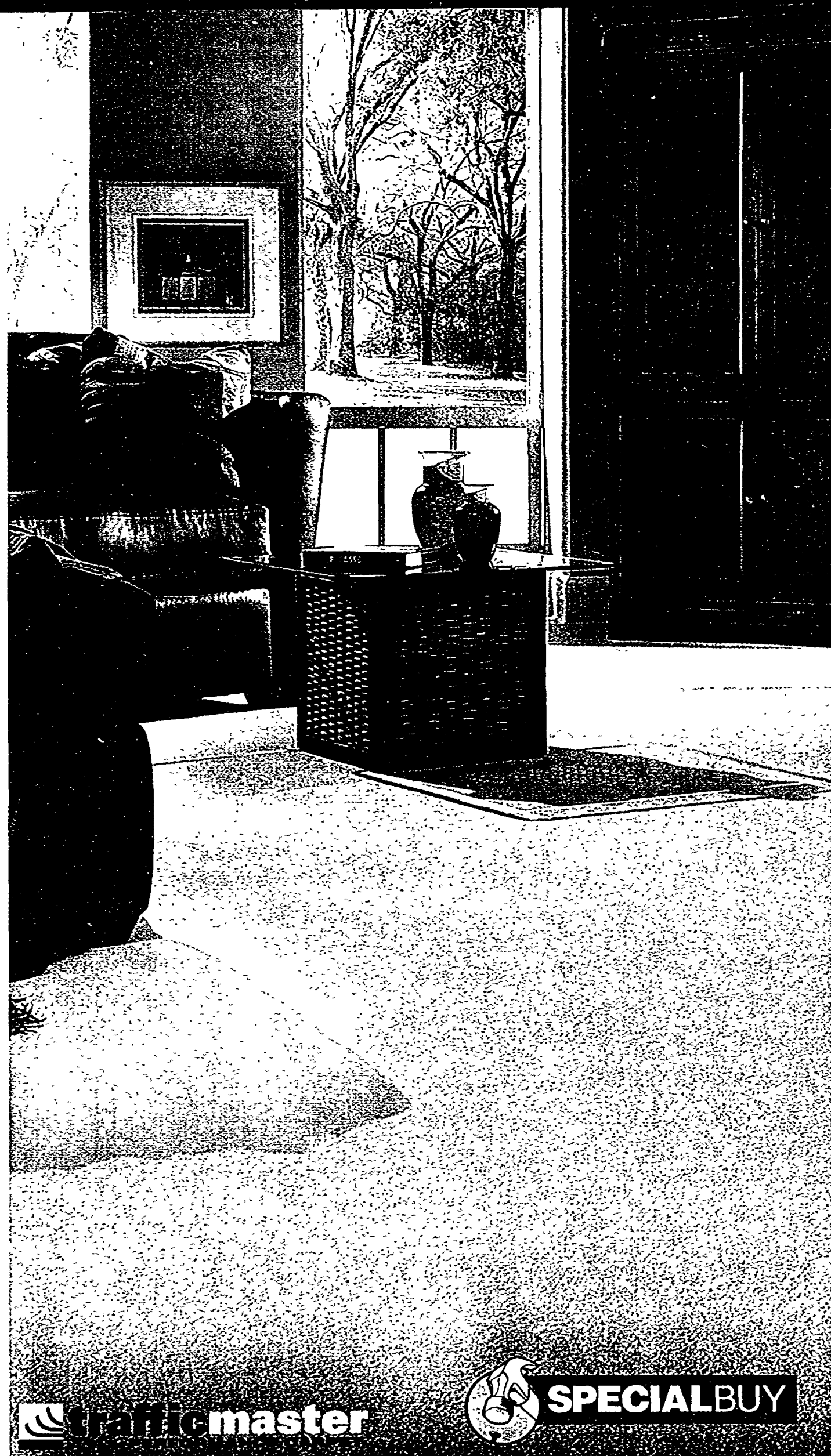


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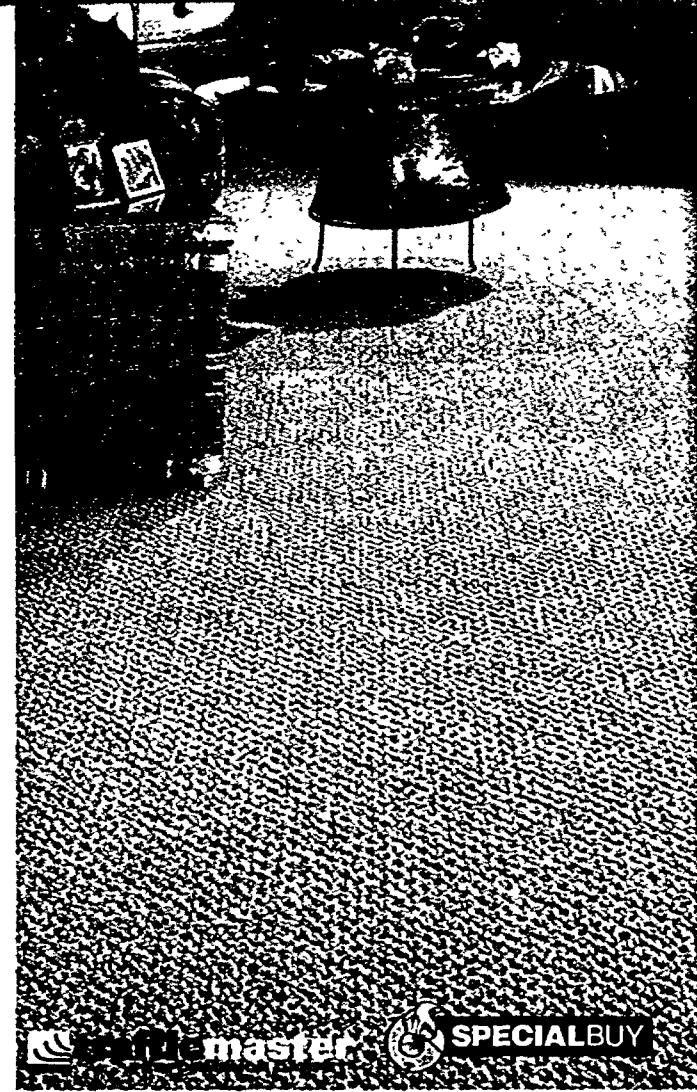
SPECIALBUY

Front Row Texture

- 10-year stain, 10-year quality assurance warranties
- 12 colors
- 38 oz. face weight
- Installed with pad
- Special order (100353)

\$1.99
sq. ft.
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- 9 colors
- 63.4 oz. face weight
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- Special order (100353)

\$2.22
sq. ft.
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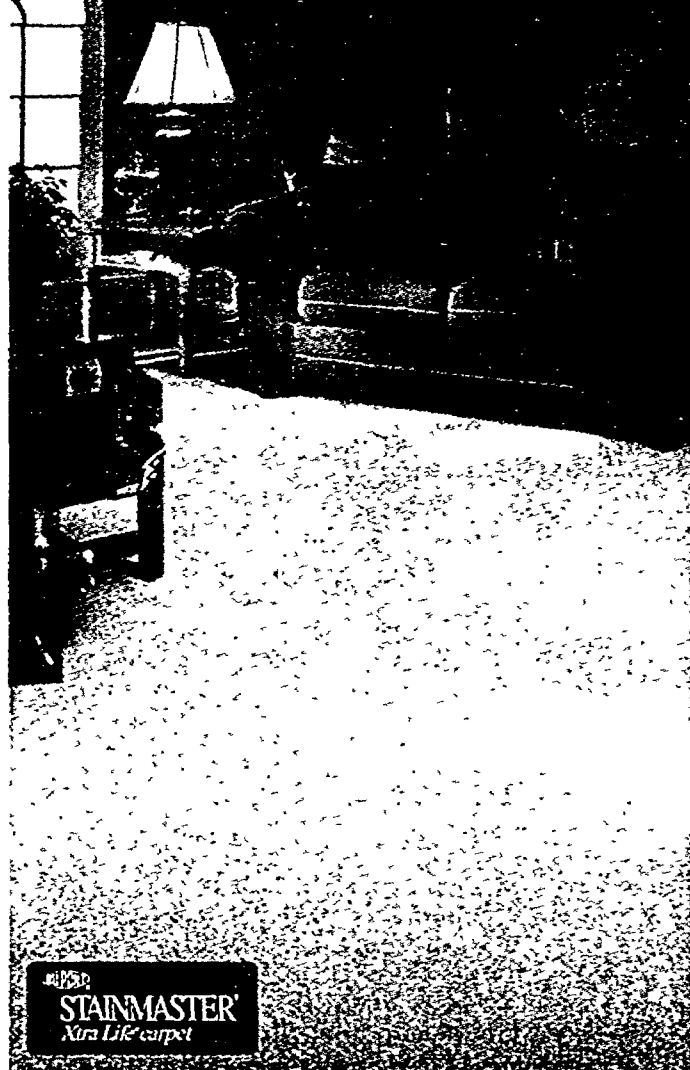
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Golden Pond Texture **\$1.99** sq. ft. installed

- 7-year stain and soil, 10-year wear warranties
- 28 colors
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- Installed with pad
- Special order (758388)

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- 7-year stain and soil, 10-year wear warranties
- 50 colors
- 46 oz. face weight
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- 7-year stain and soil, 10-year wear warranties
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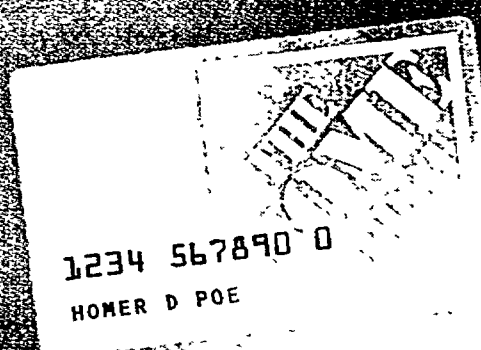
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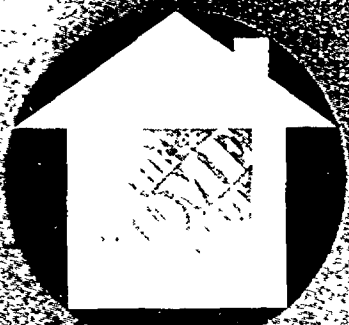


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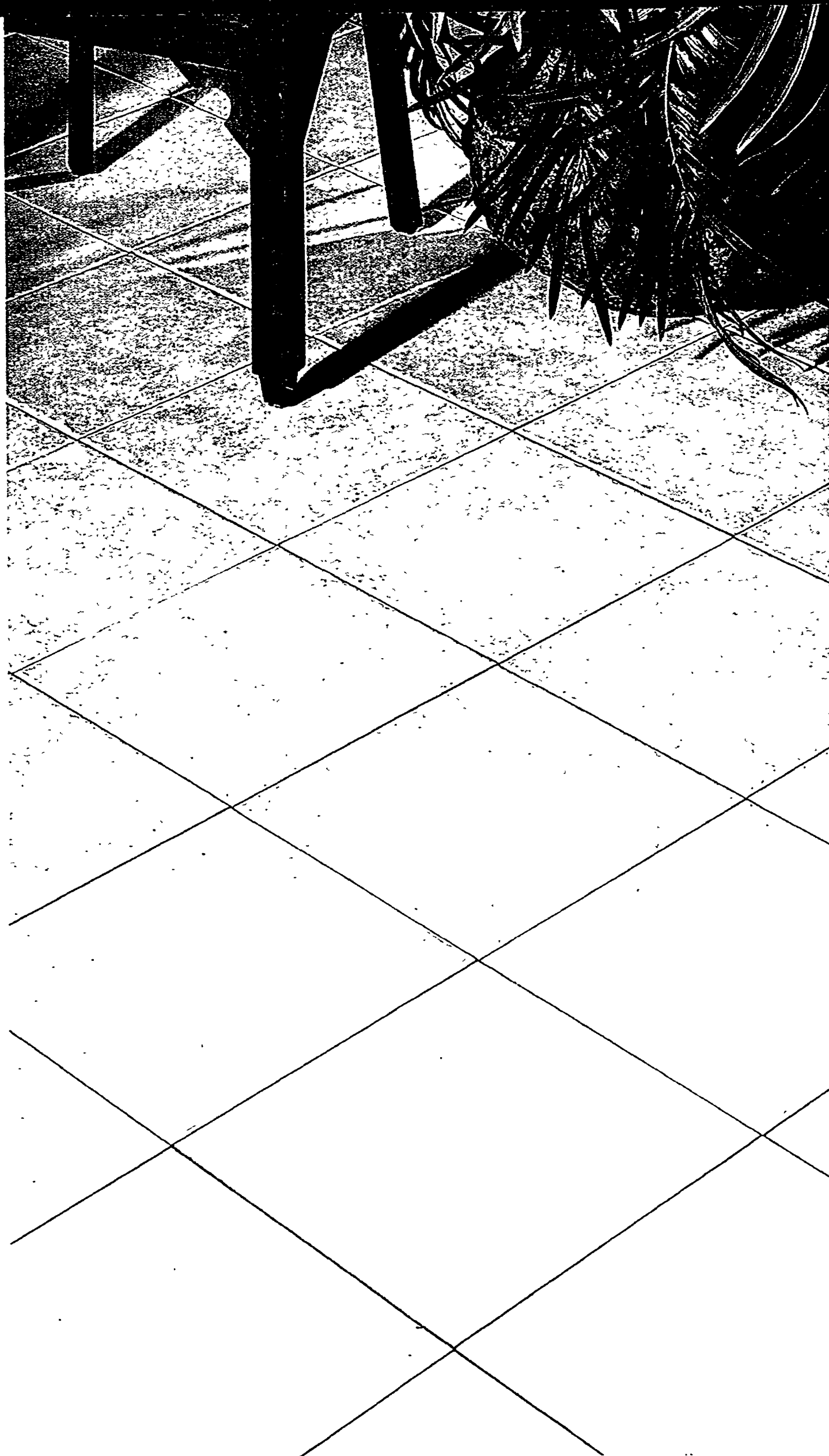
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12"x12" Cairo Beige

- Ceramic tile
- Case covers 11 sq. ft.
- Natural beige color blends easily with your decor (546583) (546441)

88¢
sq. ft.

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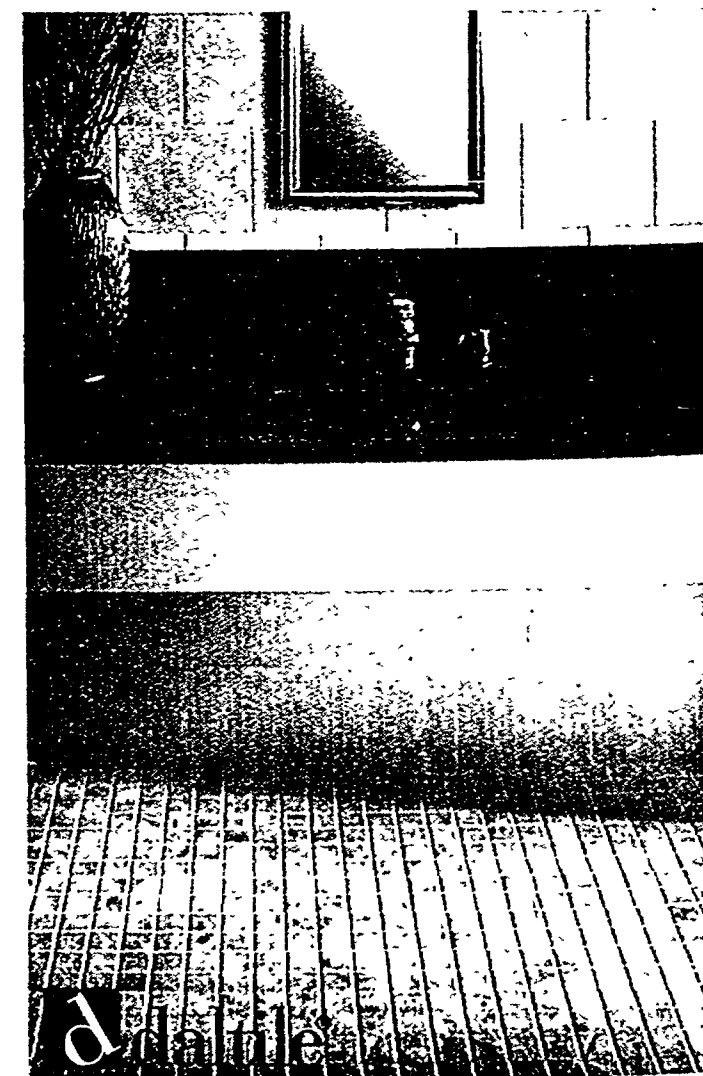


12"x12" Mendocino Gold/Brown

- Ceramic tile
- Case covers 11 sq. ft.
- The rustic look of lightly weathered stone (639846) (640490)

\$1.59
sq. ft.

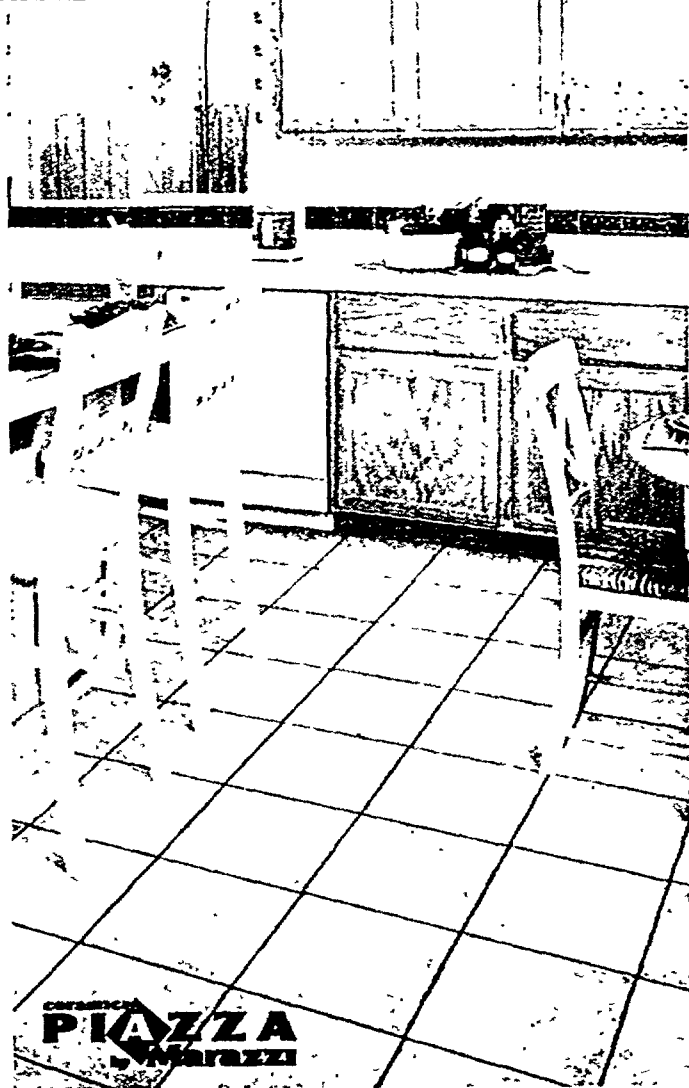
\$7.19 sq. ft. installed



12"x12" Goldust Mosaic \$2.59

- Ceramic tile
- Case covers 10 sq. ft.
- 2" squares joined on a 12"x12" format
- Mosaics can add a whole new look to a room (146354)

\$8.19 sq. ft. installed



PIAZZA
by Marazzi

12"x12" Explorer Gemini

- Ceramic tile
- Case covers 15 sq. ft.
- Classic looks with contemporary style

(817838) (817839)

\$1.89
sq. ft.

\$7.49 sq. ft. installed



12"x12" Antica Spagna

- Ceramic tile
- Case covers 15 sq. ft.
- Rustic, natural slate look
- Semi-matte glaze for superior durability and easy maintenance

(456159) (456167)

\$1.96
sq. ft.

\$7.56 sq. ft. installed



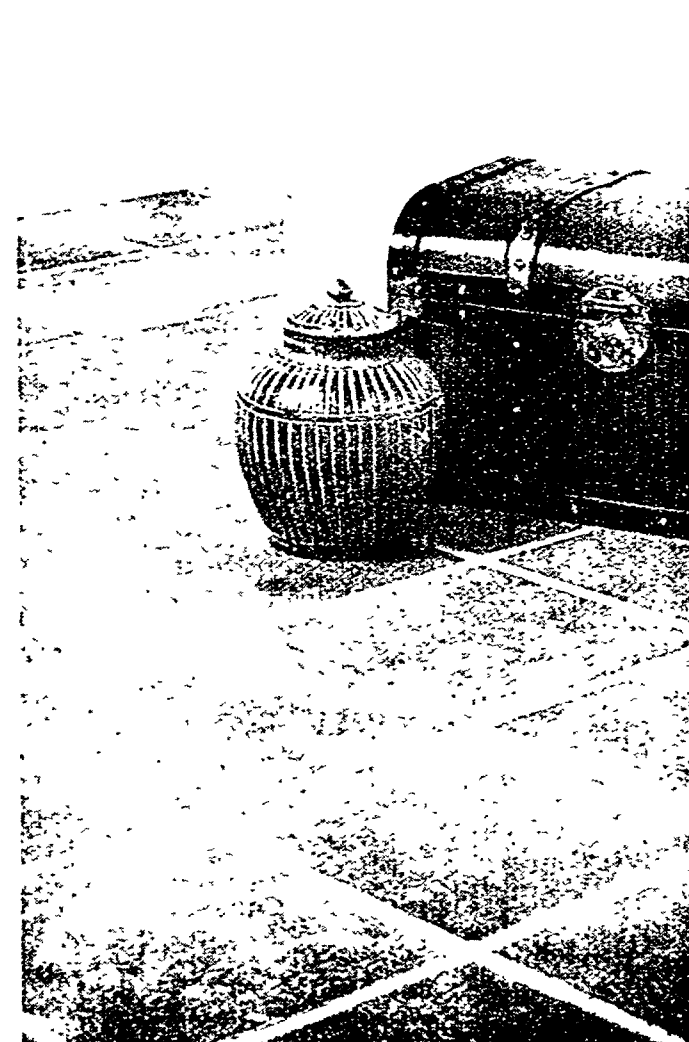
12"x12" Carolina Sand

- Ceramic tile
- Case covers 14 sq. ft.
- Rustic, natural colors
- Great for floors, walls and countertops

(130009) (167796)

\$1.78
sq. ft.

\$7.38 sq. ft. installed



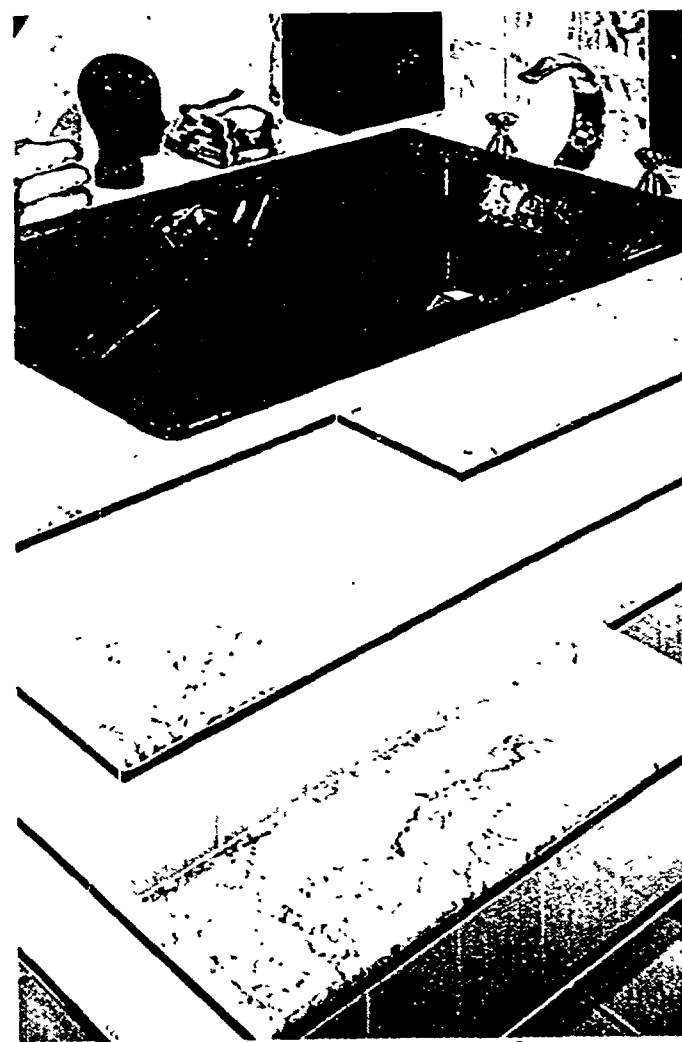
12"x12" Carolina Clay

- Ceramic tile
- Case covers 14 sq. ft.
- Rustic, natural look
- A stylish addition to any room in your home

(129382) (129502)

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sq. ft.

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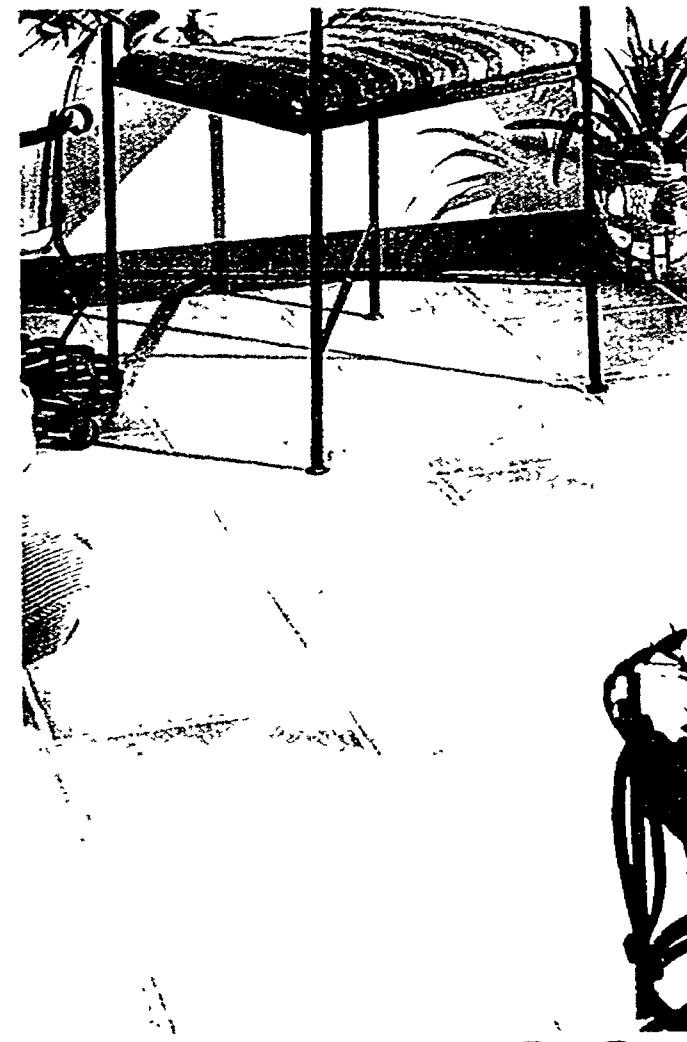
12"x12" Carrara Marble

- Marble tile
- Case covers 5 sq. ft.
- Natural, high-gloss marble
- Classic style with contemporary appeal

(780294) (780431)

\$4.97
sq. ft.

\$12.82 sq. ft. installed



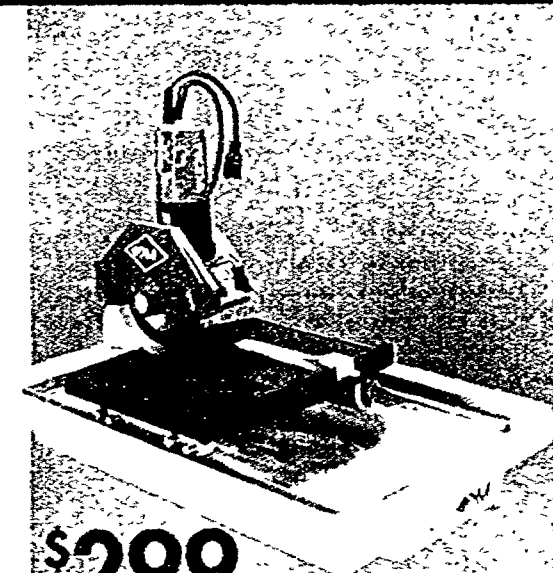
12"x12" Fume Gray

- Ceramic tile
- Case covers 11 sq. ft.
- Smooth, satin texture - great for any decor
- Great for kitchens, entryways and living rooms

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99¢
sq. ft.

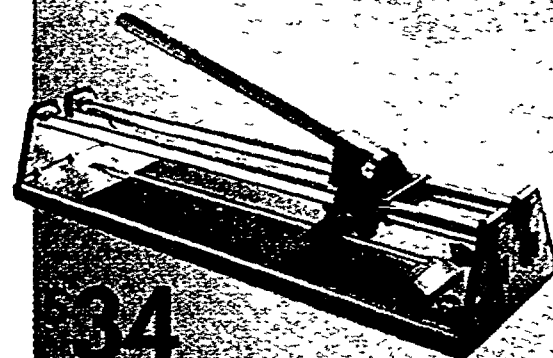
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MK-470 Tile Saw

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- Includes 7" diamond blade, water pump and rip guide
- Moveable cutting table (779107)



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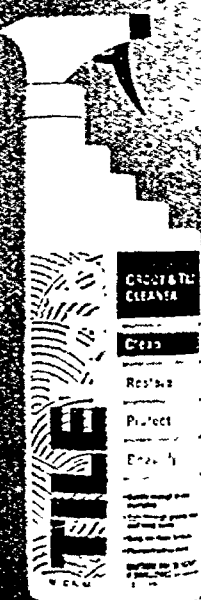
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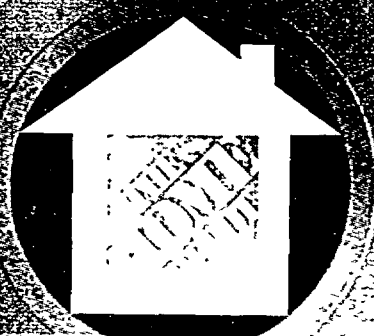


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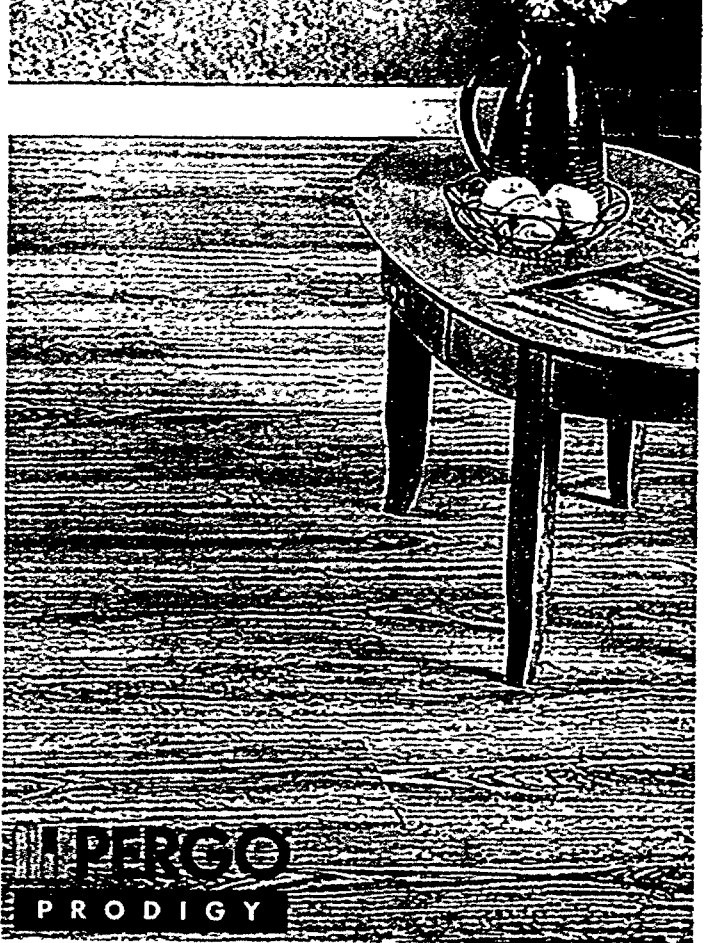
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Legacy Engineered Wood

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- Easy to install; no glue no mess
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- Case covers 15.93 sq. ft.
- 25-year warranty
(321946) (321976)

\$3.98
sq. ft.

\$7.48 sq. ft. installed



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PRODIGY**

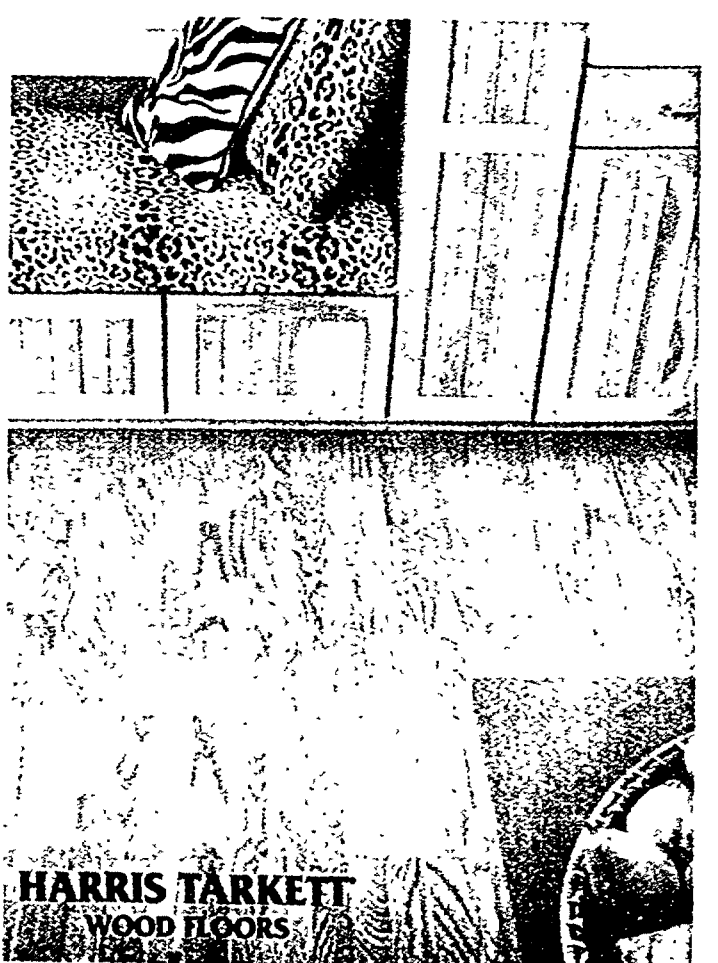
Pergo® Prodigy Laminate Plank

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sq. ft.

- Detailed grain texture looks and
feels like real wood
- Attached premium underlayment
- Click joint function means no glue
and no messy clean up
- Available in Antique Amber Oak
and Rustic Red Oak
- Case covers 18.45 sq. ft.
- 25-year triple plus warranty
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- The look of real wood, the ease of a laminate
- Simple, glueless installation
- Available in 2 colors
- Case covers 20.77 sq. ft.
- 25-year warranty (156558)

\$247
sq. ft.

\$5.27 sq. ft. installed

Available in 4 colors



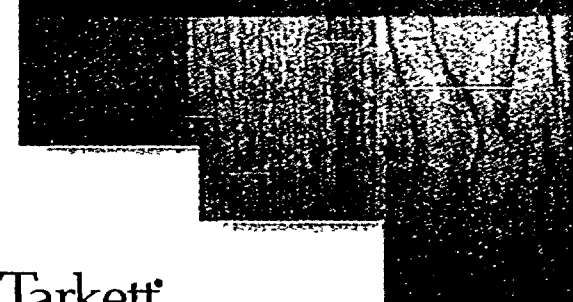
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Oak Blocked Laminate \$297

- Easy to install - no glue, no clamps, no cleanup
- Case covers 19.69 sq. ft.
- 25-year triple plus warranty (673807)

\$5.77 sq. ft. installed

Commercial wear layer



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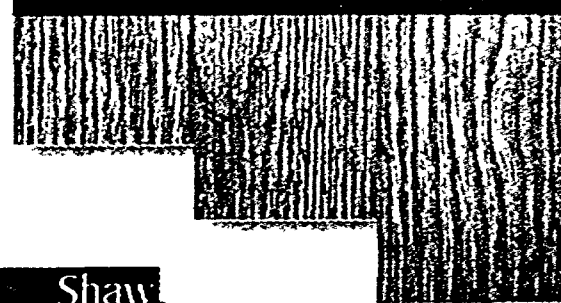
Natural Maple Laminate Plank

- The look of wood, the convenience of a laminate
- Case covers 21.6 sq. ft.
- Lifetime warranty
- Special order (466200)

\$369
sq. ft.

\$7.09 sq. ft. installed

Available in 2 colors



Shaw
Laminates

Perpetual Strip Laminate

- Quick and easy SimpleLock™ glueless installation
- Case covers 21.16 sq. ft.
- 15-year residential limited warranty (175454)

\$248
sq. ft.

\$5.28 sq. ft. installed

Available in 6 colors



MOHAWK

Heritage Laminate

- Duraloc® glueless installation
- Case covers 18.8 sq. ft.
- 20-year moisture and performance, lifetime structural warranties
- Special order (466352)

\$349
sq. ft.

\$6.29 sq. ft. installed



Bruce

Prefinished Oak Plank

- Interlocking tongue-and-groove construction
- Dura-luster urethane no-wax finish
- Available in 2 colors
- Case covers 20 sq. ft. (553233)

\$395
sq. ft.

\$7.45 sq. ft. installed

Available in 2 colors



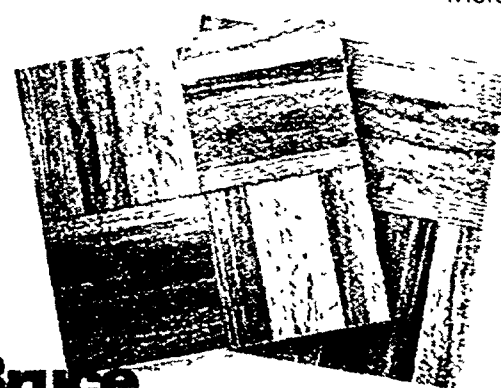
Bruce

Clifton Rustic Oak Plank

- Distressed, antique look
- Extra-wide 5" plank
- Case covers 25 sq. ft.
- 25-year finish warranty
- Special order (280712)

\$488
sq. ft.

\$8.38 sq. ft. installed



Bruce

Parquet Hardwood

- Hardwood floors add beauty and classic charm to your home
- Available in 2 colors
- Case covers 10 sq. ft. (338071)

\$217
sq. ft.

\$21.70 case

Available in 11 colors



Bruce

Natural Reflections® Oak Strip Solid Wood

- Sharp, pinpoint grain detail and luxuriously long, linear grain patterns
- 100% solid wood
- Case covers 40 sq. ft.
- 25-year finish warranty
- Special order (280712)

\$407
sq. ft.

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UNIVERSAL

Hardwood Parquet

- 12"x12"
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- Case covers 10 sq. ft. (202819)

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(722470)

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Q Wendie Malick of *Just Shoot Me* is my favorite actress. What else has she done? What about family? How tall is she?

—Linda S., Texas

As a former model at 5-foot-10, Wendie Malick brings firsthand experience to her role as fashion editor Nina Van Horn on the NBC comedy. The 52-year-old Buffalo, N.Y., native worked as a fashion model in New York and Paris for five years and also briefly worked for then-Congressman Jack Kemp in Washington, D.C., before beginning her acting career on the stage. Her many television credits include the series *NYPD Blue*, *Dream On*, and *Seinfeld*. Movies include *On Edge*, *The American President*, and *Bugsy*. She portrayed the dual roles of advice columnists Abigail Van Buren and Ann Landers in the Lifetime TV movie *Take My Advice: The Ann and Abby Story*. Malick also does much charity work. She lives with her husband, two horses, three dogs, and a cat in the Santa Monica Mountains.

Q Italian tenor Andrea Bocelli is a remarkable man and singer. Will he release a new CD soon? How can I find out about his public appearances?

Andrea Bocelli

—Rosemary N., Indiana

Bocelli's latest album, *Sentimento*, re-creates the classical tenor and violin duets of the early 20th century. It was released in November 2002. You can find out about his public appearances by checking his official website, www.andreabocelli.com. The 44-year-old tenor has delighted audiences with his singing since he was a child. Growing up on a farm in Lajatico, Italy, he grew interested in classical music and opera at a young age. He learned to play the



The former model plays a former model.

piano, flute, and saxophone, and he loved opera. "I don't think one really decides to be a singer—other people decide it for you by their reactions," he says. In fact, he graduated from law school and intended to make that his career. While in school he performed at piano bars, singing pop standards and throwing in the occasional aria. A meeting with his childhood idol, Franco Corelli, changed his career track to music when the legendary tenor took him on as a student. Born with poor eyesight, Bocelli lost his vision completely at age 12 after a soccer accident, but his blindness has never been an obstacle and he never discusses it, saying it is irrelevant. He and his wife, Enrica, have two sons.

Q Can you give me some information on Colin Firth, who starred in A&E's *Pride and Prejudice* and *Bridget Jones's Diary*?

—Frances M., New Jersey

Colin Firth is a classically trained British theater actor but is probably best known to American audiences for his roles in the cable miniseries *Pride and Prejudice* and the film *Bridget Jones's Diary*. He played a Mr. Darcy in both. Firth, the actor, even appeared as a character in the novel upon which *Bridget Jones's Diary* is based. "And now the actor that appeared in the novel was playing the guy called Darcy from the novel, who is based on the guy I played on television," Firth tried explaining in an interview with the *Los Angeles Times* last year. Firth made his film debut in 1984 opposite Rupert Everett in *Another Country*, which was adapted from a play in which he also starred. Firth was born in England and spent the early years of his life in Nigeria. His parents are teachers and his grandparents were missionaries. He and his family moved around quite a lot. Firth even spent a year attending junior high school in St. Louis. He lives in London with his wife and son. You can catch Firth next in *Hope Springs* and *What a Girl Wants*, scheduled to be released this spring. ☆

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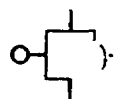
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BRIEF SUMMARY Before prescribing NEXIUM, please see full Prescribing Information. **INDICATIONS AND USAGE** NEXIUM is indicated for the short-term treatment (4 to 8 weeks) in the healing and symptomatic resolution of diagnostically confirmed erosive esophagitis. **CONTRAINDICATIONS** NEXIUM is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to any component of the formulation or to substituted benzimidazoles. **PRECAUTIONS** Symptomatic response to therapy with NEXIUM does not preclude the presence of gastric malignancy. Atrophic gastritis has been noted occasionally in gastric corpus biopsies from patients treated long-term with omeprazole, of which NEXIUM is an enantiomer. **Information for Patients** NEXIUM Delayed-Release Capsules should be taken at least one hour before meals. For patients who have difficulty swallowing capsules, one tablespoon of applesauce can be added to an empty bowl and the NEXIUM Delayed-Release Capsule can be opened, and the pellets carefully emptied onto the applesauce. The pellets should be mixed with the applesauce and then swallowed immediately. The applesauce used should not be hot and should be soft enough to be swallowed without chewing. The pellets should not be chewed or crushed. The pellet/applesauce mixture should not be stored for future use. Antacids may be used while taking NEXIUM. **Drug Interactions** Esomeprazole is extensively metabolized in the liver by CYP2C19 and CYP3A4. *In vitro* and *in vivo* studies have shown that esomeprazole is not likely to inhibit CYPs 1A2, 2A6, 2C9, 2D6, 2E1 and 3A4. No clinically relevant interactions with drugs metabolized by these CYP enzymes would be expected. Drug interaction studies have shown that esomeprazole does not have any clinically significant interactions with phenytoin, warfarin, quinidine, clarithromycin or amoxicillin. Esomeprazole may potentially interfere with CYP2C19, the major esomeprazole-metabolizing enzyme. Coadministration of esomeprazole 30 mg and diazepam, a CYP2C19 substrate, resulted in a 45% decrease in clearance of diazepam. Increased plasma levels of diazepam were observed 12 hours after dosing and onwards. However, at that time, the plasma levels of diazepam were below the therapeutic interval, and thus this interaction is unlikely to be of clinical relevance. Esomeprazole inhibits gastric acid secretion. Therefore, esomeprazole may interfere with the absorption of drugs where gastric pH is an important determinant of bioavailability (eg, ketoconazole, iron salts and digoxin). Coadministration of oral contraceptives, diazepam, phenytoin, or quinidine did not seem to change the pharmacokinetic profile of esomeprazole. **Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility** The carcinogenic potential of esomeprazole was assessed using omeprazole studies. In two 24-month oral carcinogenicity studies in rats, omeprazole at daily doses of 1.7, 3.4, 13.8, 44.0 and 140.8 mg/kg/day (about 0.7 to 57 times the human dose of 20 mg/day expressed on a body surface area basis) produced gastric ECL cell carcinoids in a dose-related manner in both male and female rats; the incidence of this effect was markedly higher in female rats, which had higher blood levels of omeprazole. Gastric carcinoids seldom occur in the untreated rat. In addition, ECL cell hyperplasia was present in all treated groups of both sexes. In one of these studies, female rats were treated with 13.8 mg omeprazole/kg/day (about 5.6 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) for 1 year, then followed for an additional year without the drug. No carcinoids were seen in these rats. An increased incidence of treatment-related ECL cell hyperplasia was observed at the end of 1 year (94% treated vs 10% controls). By the second year the difference between treated and control rats was much smaller (46% vs 26%) but still showed more hyperplasia in the treated group. Gastric adenocarcinoma was seen in one rat (2%). No similar tumor was seen in male or female rats treated for 2 years. For this strain of rat no similar tumor has been noted historically, but a finding involving only one tumor is difficult to interpret. A 78-week mouse carcinogenicity study of omeprazole did not show increased tumor occurrence, but the study was not conclusive. Esomeprazole was negative in the Ames mutation test, in the *in vivo* rat bone marrow cell chromosome aberration test, and the *in vivo* mouse micronucleus test. Esomeprazole, however, was positive in the *in vitro* human lymphocyte chromosome aberration test. Esomeprazole was positive in the *in vitro* human lymphocyte chromosome aberration test, the *in vivo* mouse bone marrow cell chromosome aberration test, and the *in vivo* mouse micronucleus test. The potential effects of esomeprazole on fertility and reproductive performance were assessed using omeprazole studies. Omeprazole at oral doses up to 138 mg/kg/day in rats (about 56 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) was found to have no effect on reproductive performance of parental animals. **Pregnancy Teratogenic Effects.** **Pregnancy Category B**—Teratology studies have been performed in rats at oral doses up to 280 mg/kg/day (about 57 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) and in rabbits at oral doses up to 86 mg/kg/day (about 35 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) and have revealed no evidence of impaired fertility or harm to the fetus due to esomeprazole. There are, however, no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Because animal reproduction studies are not always predictive of human response, this drug should be used during pregnancy only if clearly needed. Teratology studies conducted with omeprazole in rats at oral doses up to 138 mg/kg/day (about 56 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) and in rabbits at doses up to 69 mg/kg/day (about 56 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) did not disclose any evidence for a teratogenic potential of omeprazole. In rabbits, omeprazole in a dose range of 6.9 to 69.1 mg/kg/day (about 5.5 to 56 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) produced dose-related increases in embryo-letality, fetal resorptions, and pregnancy disruptions. In rats, dose-related embryo/fetal toxicity and postnatal developmental toxicity were observed in offspring resulting from parents treated with omeprazole at 13.8 to 138.0 mg/kg/day (about 5.6 to 56 times the human doses on a body surface area basis). There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Sporadic reports have been received of congenital abnormalities occurring in infants born to women who have received omeprazole during pregnancy. **Nursing Mothers** The excretion of esomeprazole in milk has not been studied. However, omeprazole concentrations have been measured in breast milk of a woman following oral administration of 20 mg. Because esomeprazole is likely to be excreted in human milk, because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in nursing infants from esomeprazole, and because of the potential for tumorigenicity shown for omeprazole in rat carcinogenicity studies, a decision should be made whether to discontinue nursing or to discontinue the drug, taking into account the importance of the drug to the mother. **Pediatric Use** Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients have not been established. **Geriatric Use** Of the total number of patients who received NEXIUM in clinical trials, 778 were 65 to 74 years of age and 124 patients were ≥ 75 years of age. No overall differences in safety and efficacy were observed between the elderly and younger individuals, and other reported clinical experience has not identified differences in responses between the elderly and younger patients, but greater sensitivity of some older individuals cannot be ruled out. **ADVERSE REACTIONS** The safety of NEXIUM was evaluated in over 10,000 patients (aged 18-84 years) in clinical trials worldwide including over 7,400 patients in the United States and over 2,600 patients in Europe and Canada. Over 2,900 patients were treated in long-term studies for up to 6-12 months. In general, NEXIUM was well tolerated in both short- and long-term clinical trials. The safety in the treatment of healing of erosive esophagitis was assessed in four randomized comparative clinical trials, which included 1,240 patients on NEXIUM 20 mg, 2,434 patients on NEXIUM 40 mg, and 3,008 patients on omeprazole 20 mg daily. The most frequently occurring adverse events (≥ 1%) in all three groups was headache (5.5, 5.0, and 3.8, respectively) and diarrhea (no difference among the three groups). Nausea, flatulence, abdominal pain, constipation, and dry mouth occurred at similar rates among patients taking NEXIUM or omeprazole. Additional adverse events that were reported as possibly or probably related to NEXIUM with an incidence < 1% are listed below by body system: **Body as a Whole:** abdomen enlarged, allergic reaction, asthma, back pain, chest pain, chest pain substernal, facial edema, peripheral edema, hot flashes, fatigue, fever, flu-like disorder, generalized edema, leg edema, malaise, pain, rigors; **Cardiovascular:** flushing, hypertension, tachycardia; **Endocrine:** goiter; **Gastrointestinal:** bowel irregularity, constipation aggravated, dyspepsia, dysphagia, dysplasia GI, epigastric pain, eructation, esophageal disorder, frequent stools, gastroenteritis, GI hemorrhage, GI symptoms not otherwise specified, hiccup, melena, mouth disorder, pharynx disorder, rectal disorder, serum gastrin increased, tongue disorder, tongue edema, ulcerative stomatitis, vomiting; **Hearing:** earache, tinnitus; **Hematologic:** anemia, anemia hypochromic, cervical lymphadenopathy, epistaxis, leukocytosis, leukopenia, thrombocytopenia; **Hepatic:** bilirubinemia, hepatic function abnormal, SGOT increased, SGPT increased; **Metabolic/Nutritional:** glycosuria, hypernatremia, hyponatremia, increased alkaline phosphatase, thirst, vitamin B12 deficiency, weight increase, weight decrease; **Musculoskeletal:** arthralgia, arthritis aggravated, arthropathy, cramps, fibromyalgia syndrome, hernia, polymyalgia rheumatica; **Nervous System/Psychiatric:** anorexia, apathy, appetite increased, confusion, depression aggravated, dizziness, hypertonia, nervousness, hypoesthesia, impotence, insomnia, migraine, migraine aggravated, paresthesia, sleep disorder, somnolence, tremor, vertigo, visual field defect; **Reproductive:** dysmenorrhea, menstrual disorder, vaginitis; **Respiratory:** asthma aggravated, coughing, dyspnea, larynx edema, pharyngitis, rhinitis, sinusitis; **Skin and Appendages:** acne, angioedema, dermatitis, pruritus, pruritus an, rash, rash erythematous, rash maculo-papular, skin inflammation, sweating increased, urticaria; **Special Senses:** otitis media, parosmia, taste loss, taste perversion; **Urogenital:** abnormal urine, albuminuria, cystitis, dysuria, fungal infection, hematuria, micturition frequency, moniliasis, genital moniliasis, polyuria. **Visual:** conjunctivitis, vision abnormal. Endoscopic findings that were reported as adverse events include: duodenitis, esophagitis, esophageal stricture, esophageal ulceration, esophageal varices, gastric ulcer, gastritis, hernia, benign polyps or nodules, Barrett's esophagus, and mucosal discoloration. Postmarketing Reports—There have been spontaneous reports of adverse events with postmarketing use of esomeprazole. These reports have included rare cases of anaphylactic reaction. Other adverse events not observed with NEXIUM, but occurring with omeprazole can be found in the omeprazole package insert. **ADVERSE REACTIONS** section. **OVERDOSAGE** A single oral dose of esomeprazole at 510 mg/kg (about 103 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) was lethal to rats. The major signs of acute toxicity were reduced motor activity, changes in respiratory frequency, tremor, ataxia, and intermittent clonic convulsions. There have been no reports of overdose with esomeprazole. Reports have been received of overdose with omeprazole in humans. Doses ranged up to 2,400 mg (120 times the usual recommended clinical dose). Manifestations were variable, but included confusion, drowsiness, blurred vision, tachycardia, nausea, diaphoresis, flushing, headache, dry mouth, and other adverse reactions similar to those seen in normal clinical experience (see omeprazole package insert-ADVERSE REACTIONS). No specific antidote for esomeprazole is known. Since esomeprazole is extensively protein bound, it is not expected to be removed by dialysis. In the event of overdose, treatment should be symptomatic and supportive. As with the management of any overdose, the possibility of multiple drug ingestion should be considered. For current information on treatment of any drug overdose, a certified Regional Poison Control Center should be contacted. Telephone numbers are listed in the Physicians' Desk Reference (PDR) or local telephone book.

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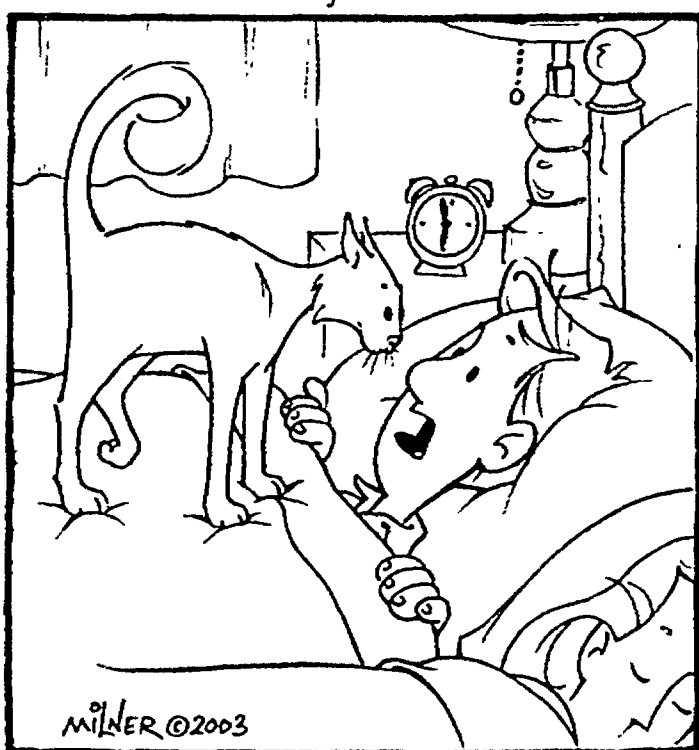
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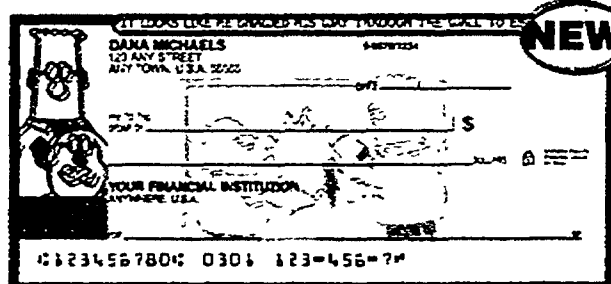
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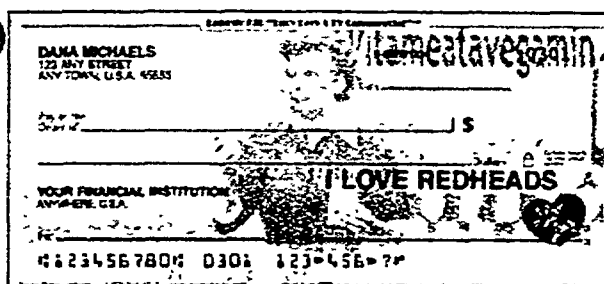
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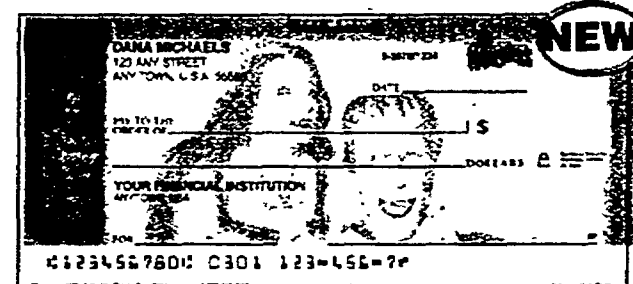
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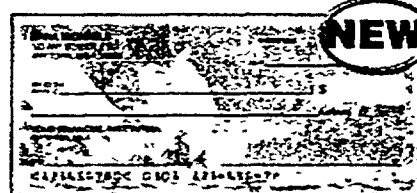
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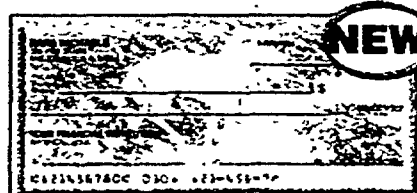
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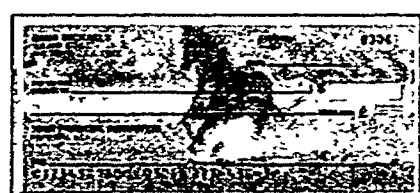
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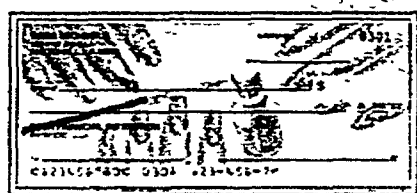
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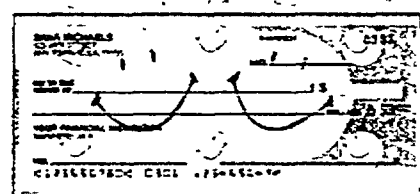
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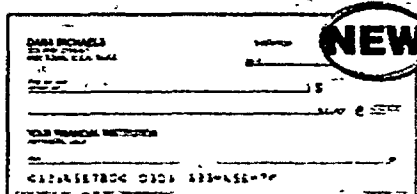
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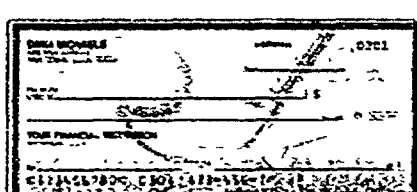
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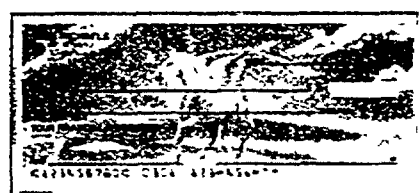
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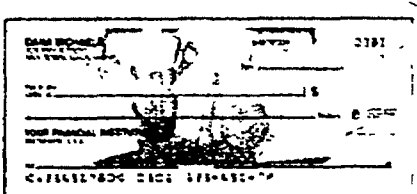
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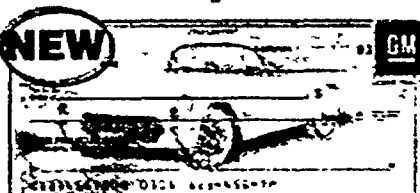
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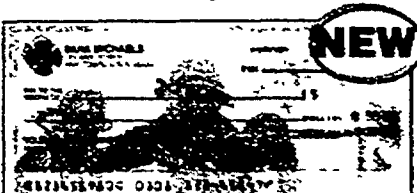
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Cover Story

by GAYLE GODDARD-TAYLOR
Photos by Jacqueline Marque



Richard Porter is gripped by what he calls "thermometermania."

When a local newspaper solicited items for its 2050 time capsule, Onset, Mass., resident Richard Porter donated his replica of the ship's thermometer on the steamer *Portland*, which sank off Cape Cod in the blizzard of 1888. The original escaped a watery grave, having been removed for repairs just prior to the storm. When filmmaker Oliver Stone needed props for his 1997 movie *U-Turn*, he called Porter, who sent eight of his thermometers. St. Louis-based beer brewer, the Anheuser-Busch Co., sent Porter its original vat thermometer after installing new vats. And when Baker, Calif., dedicated the world's tallest thermometer, at 134 feet, Porter was guest of honor.

At age 74, Porter remains a relentless collector of thermometers and contends his collection of 4,244 in Onset (pop. 1,292) is the world's largest. The sign over the door to his cellar—a J-shaped room crammed with thermometers dating to 1830—proclaims "World's Only Thermometer Museum." He recently applied for "largest" collection status with the *Guinness Book of Records* when he learned that the world record is a mere 384 thermometers.

"If I'd known that, I would have applied earlier," he says.

Although he recalls his first acquisition—a 1930s vintage "Tydol" thermometer from his uncle's New Hampshire gas station—Porter didn't begin collecting in earnest until 1976. As a junior high school science teacher, he was constantly repairing thermometers broken by students. Facing retirement in another five years, he took the advice of his students to "start collecting something or you'll start collecting moss."

His collection didn't become a museum until his daughter, who was terminally ill, asked him to "do something" with his thermometers. Two years after her death in 1991, *Yankee* magazine celebrated the 400th anniversary of

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Galileo's invention and declared Porter's thermometer collection the world's largest.

His museum, free to anyone who happens to find him home, is loosely organized by type. Some shelves hold ceramic souvenir thermometers in the shape of dolphins, alligators, fish, and seagulls. Another shelf offers a row of "key" thermometers welcoming visitors to a city, county, state, or business. Seashell thermometers, wooden-log thermometers, Swiss house thermometers, tower thermometers (as in Eiffel Tower and Washington Monument), even thermostats, are in the collection.

The collection also includes some decidedly un-mainstream thermometers, such as the Victorian chandelier thermometer; the sterling silver, Newport mansion, punch bowl thermometer; and a pill-sized thermometer like the one swallowed by Sen. John Glenn for his 1998 space shuttle flight. Obtained with the help of Congressman Barney Frank, the device Porter owns isn't the same one that toured Glenn's digestive system: "No one really knows where that one is now," Porter says.

A frequent lecturer around the country (he's given nearly 700 talks in the last 12 years), Porter or his museum have been featured on television 43 times. But he may be proudest of his "Science Teacher of the Year" award, bestowed 18 years into his retirement, and his "Ordinary

A Man of Degrees

Richard Porter is relentless in his quest for thermometers

About 4,200 thermometers from all over the world fill Porter's museum, collected for more than 25 years.

Hero" award presented by the town of Wareham (of which Onset is a part) last year—a fitting award, since he has spoken at more than 100 schools and 75 nursing homes.

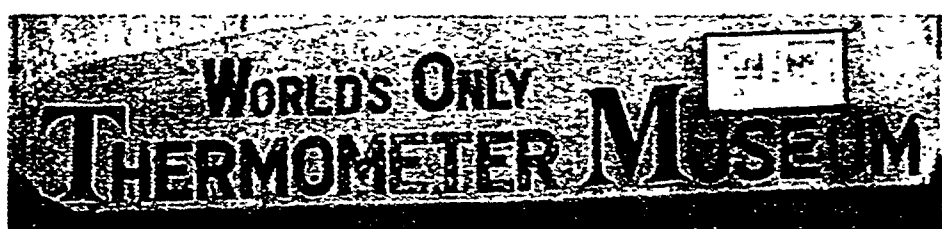
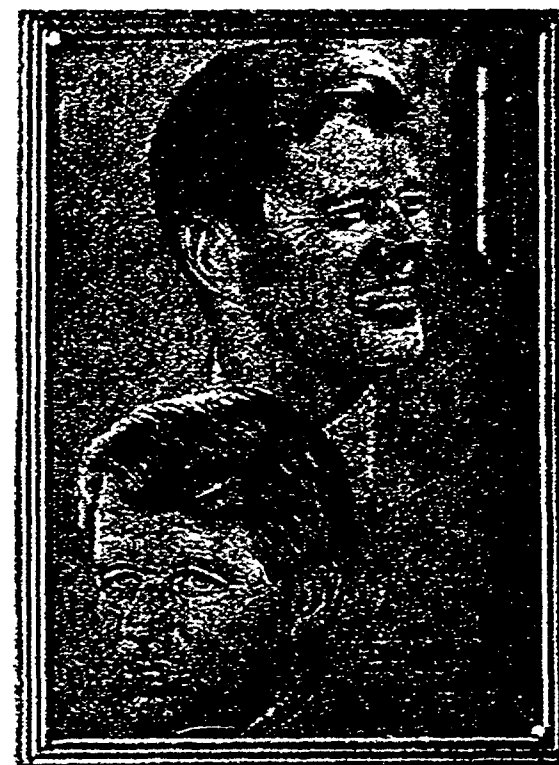
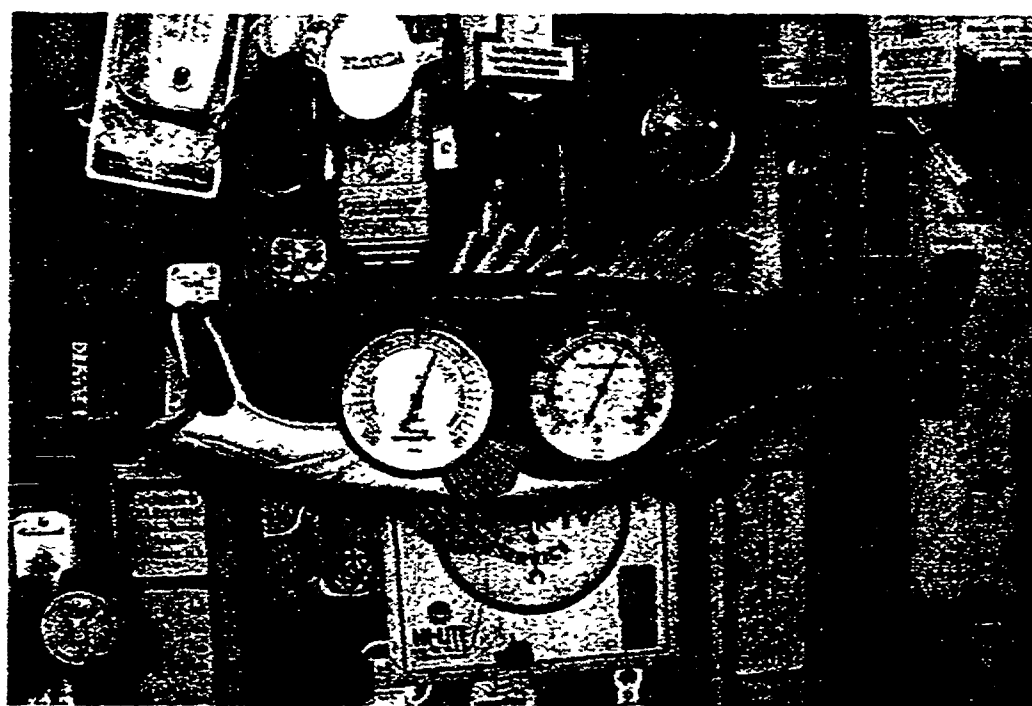
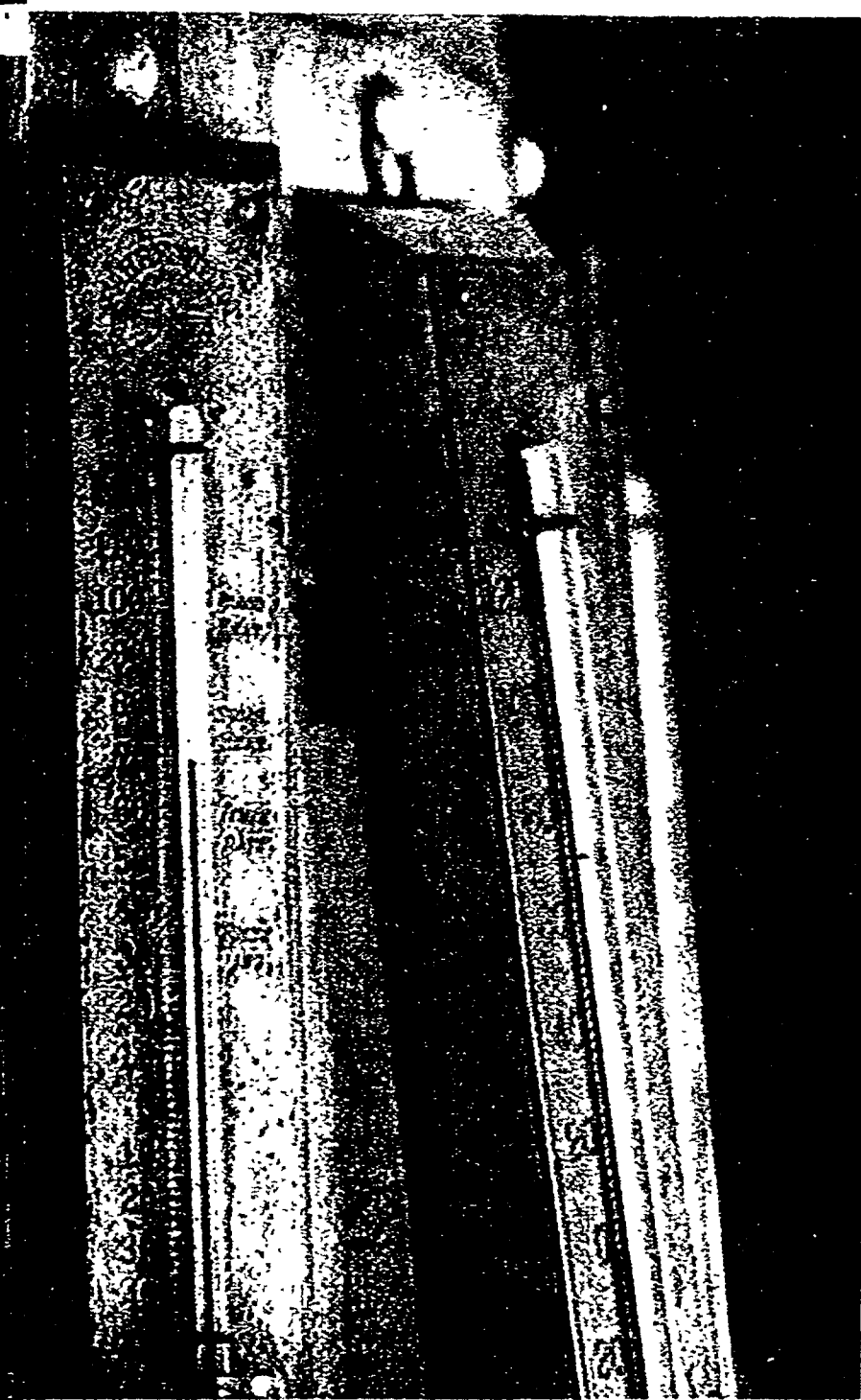
Thermometers aren't his only interest—he's an active environmentalist, an elder in his church, and a volunteer with AmeriCorps—but they do seem to occupy the top rung. His next project, he says will be to publish the book he's handwritten on thermometer history.

"Thermometers really are America's own art deco device," he says. "They were an important part of American advertising and the souvenir business, but that's fallen off. Now they're a neglected collectible."

Not, however, in the eyes of Accuweather, the Pennsylvania-based weather service, which wants to buy his collection for its national weather museum—and to let him keep the collection for as long as he wants. It's an offer he plans to accept.

In the meantime, he'll continue to bask in the glow of a kind of fame few achieve. As Wareham fifth-grader Lauren Kingston wrote in her essay on Porter, "What is heroic is not the thermometers, it's the great love of learning that Mr. Porter still has His enthusiasm for what he does is his real gift to us all." ☆

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From pills to presidents, movie stars to sports fishing, thermometers and the promotional messages that came to be attached to them have created a piece of Americana.

America's Neglected Collectible

When someone with a product to sell first thought of thermometers as an advertising medium, a piece of Americana was born. At one time, thermometers were everywhere, round or upright rectangular tin plaques with a mercury tube in them bearing images touting everything from Coca-Cola to Pennzoil, Farmall tractors, Lionel trains, and Mail Pouch chewing tobacco.

It was a clever idea. Before the time of the Weather Channel and the local TV news weather report, if you wanted to know the temperature you looked at the thermometer on your back porch—or the one at the neighborhood gas station, the barber shop, or the vegetable market.

The first of these product thermometers, Porter says, appeared as

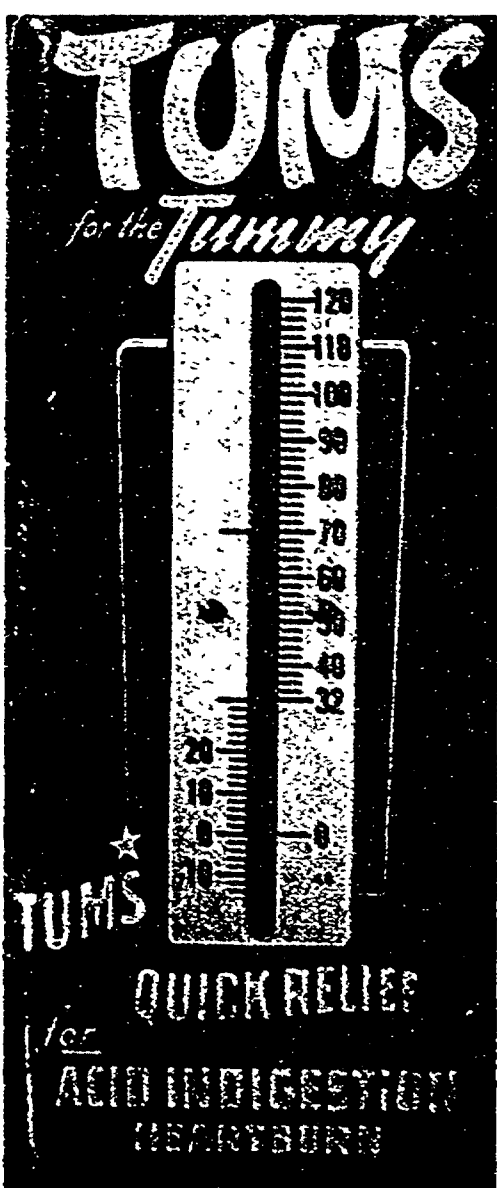
early as the 1890s, but their heyday was the period from 1920 to 1950. Everyone got in on it, and thermometers calling people's attention to goods or services were issued by businesses ranging from giant corporations to the local feed store and funeral home.

Thermometers also promoted towns, tourist attractions, and even movie stars and presidents. A popular thermometer of the 1930s was the Betty Boop Kiss thermometer, with an image of the flapper-like cartoon star above the mercury tube and the quote "Boop-Opp-A-Doop" at the bottom.

That era has passed, but the thousands of thermometers produced as advertising gimmicks have caught the attention of collectors such as Porter

and the 100 or so members of the Thermometer Collectors Club of America, where he serves as vice president. Porter calls them "America's own art deco device." His collection includes some 300 thermometers that came with a calendar, issued annually by whatever advertiser sponsored the promotion.

"People just threw them away at the end of the year," he says. But Porter rescues thermometers whenever he can, and cherishes each one he finds. Each year his collection grows by 200 to 300—thermometers either found by him or sent to him by others who are catching on to this wonderful "neglected collectible."



Hometown Spotlight

by SHARON MCDONNELL

Home of the Steel Magnolias

Sixty years before the American colonies declared independence from Great Britain, French traders from Canada put down roots in northwest Louisiana—roots carefully nurtured by those who live there today.

Founded in 1714, Natchitoches (pop. 17,865) is the state's original French colony and the oldest permanent settlement in the land west of the Mississippi River that became the Louisiana Territory in 1803.

Signs of French influence remain in Natchitoches' 33-block National Historic Landmark District, one

Natchitoches—an American Indian word meaning Place of the Paw-Paw—was established by French-Canadian adventurer Louis Juchereau de St. Denis as a trading post along the Red River to promote commerce with the local tribes and the Spanish colonies in Mexico.

The town's historic district is sprinkled with French street names, such as *Rue Poete*, and filled with Creole cottages, as well as Queen Anne-style homes marked by gabled roofs and arched windows. It's part of Cane River National Heritage Area—a mostly rural, 45,000-acre region known for its historic Creole plantations and unique mixed-blood culture. (Creole refers to descendants of French and Spanish settlers who came to Louisiana before 1807.) Nicknamed the *Cote Joyeuse*—or Joyous Coast—Congress named it a National Heritage Area in 1994.

Front Street in Natchitoches (pronounced Nack-a-tish) owes much of its charm to a group of prominent women from the Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches who, in the 1940s, said they would lay down on the brick thoroughfare to prevent it from being paved over. One version of the story says the women actually faced down the

bulldozers, but their promise to do it apparently sufficed and the work was stopped—by none other than Gov. Earl Long. When the governor learned 300 women had promised to plant themselves across the bricks, he said, "Let them have their street."

This passion for preservation was "before it was the popular thing to do," says Maxine Sutherland, 72, the preservation association's president for a dozen years. To raise funds the group has sponsored an annual

October tour of restored homes for 50 years, led by women in period costume.

They've also held a crafts festival in June for three decades at nearby Melrose Plantation, which the association owns and maintains. Established in 1796 by freed slave Marie Therese Coincoin and her children, Melrose served as a writers' retreat for William Faulkner, John Steinbeck, and others in the early 1900s, when "Miss Cammie" Henry owned it.

It's hard to venture far into Natchitoches without hearing talk of *Steel Magnolias*, the 1989 movie with Julia Roberts, Sally Field, and Dolly Parton. Filmed in Natchitoches and based on a play by hometown native Robert Harling, it focuses on a group of women at a beauty shop and a young mother who, like Harling's own sister, died in her 20s from diabetes complications. The term steel magnolias refers to Southern women of strong conviction—the bedrock of Southern society—and residents say the movie showcased their town's generosity of spirit.

"It shows the strength people found from each other, and how it made them able to step up and face life," says Sharon Gahagan, whose home at Tauzin Plantation was the setting for the Christmas party in *Steel Magnolias*. One is reminded of the women who saved the bricks on Front Street.

The movie succeeded, most residents feel, in capturing the town's strong sense of tradition. Bobby DeBlieux, whose mother's family arrived in 1718 (his father's family, late arrivals, came in 1803), owns the 1830 Tante Huppe B&B, named for his ancestor, Suzette Prudhomme Huppe. A former mayor of Natchitoches, DeBlieux wrote its nomination for federal landmark designation in 1974, and he loves to joke about his town's strong sense of community.

"All these old families are related—you can hardly *think* about anything without it getting back to you." ☆

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Sharon Gahagan stands before the restored, pre-1800 Prudhomme-Roquier House.



Brick-paved Front Street resembles—and predates—New Orleans' French Quarter.

of only two such areas in the state. The other is New Orleans' French Quarter, which Natchitoches' brick-paved Front Street closely resembles with its lacy wrought-iron balconies, colorful buildings, and ironwork benches.

Or rather, the French Quarter resembles Natchitoches, natives are quick to point out, since their town was founded four years before the Big Easy some 240 miles to the south.

Gardening

by PAMELA KOCK

Winter Houseplant Care

Winter can be a tough time for houseplants. Dry air from central heating, shorter days, lower levels of light, and improper care can leave them looking ragged and susceptible to pests and disease. But you can keep them healthy during winter so they'll grace your home with greenery though outside is dull and brown.

Many houseplants, such as cacti and other succulents, benefit from cooler temperatures during winter months. Kept too warm in winter, they may shrivel, drop leaves, or become weak and vulnerable to pests.

Also, flowering potted plants received as holiday gifts will hold their flowers longer in a cool environment. Keep such plants in an unheated room, or at least away from heaters, vents, or fireplaces.

Reduced humidity during winter is the culprit behind brown tips, yellow edges on leaves, and dropped flower buds. Even if your furnace has a humidifier, you may need to supplement the humidity around your plants. An easy way to do this is to place the plants on a pebble tray—simply a tray containing pebbles on which plants are set. Keep the pebbles damp, to increase humidity, but don't let the water touch the bottom of the pots where it can be absorbed into the soil. Grouping plants closer together also helps with humidity.

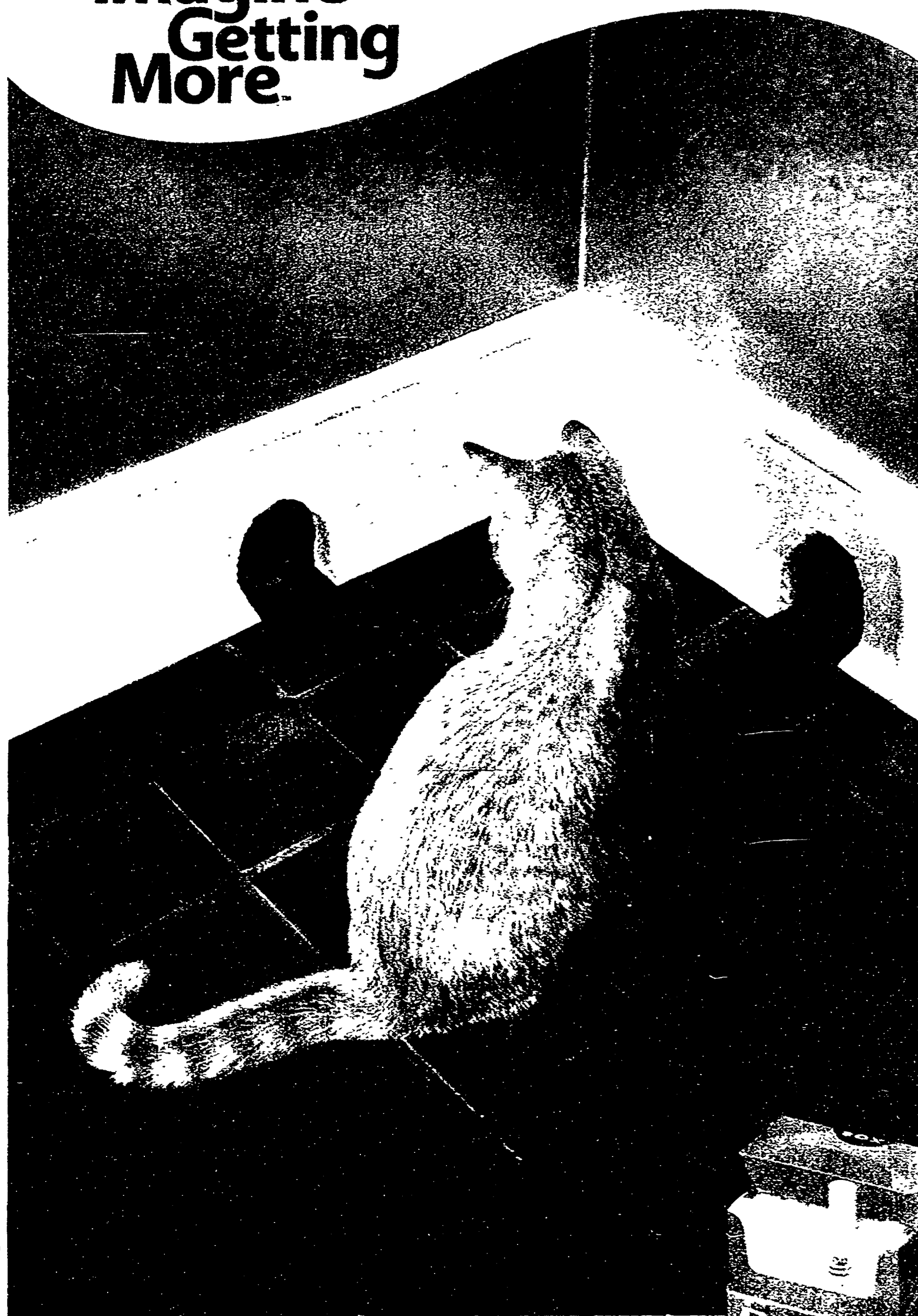
Spider mites—signs are tiny webs between leaves and stems, or leaves that are dull and gray—are the most common houseplant pests during this time, because they love warm, dry conditions. Rinse the plant in the sink or shower at least once a week until the mites are gone.

Houseplants that need a lot of light, especially flowering plants such as African violets, may need to be moved closer to a window, to a sunnier room, or given supplemental light. Plants don't like to wander around the house more than necessary, though, so don't move the plant if it seems content in its current location. Clean plant leaves if they become dusty, because dirty leaves can't absorb as much light.

Though finding a sunny spot sometimes can be difficult, avoid putting plants on windowsills near the glass. When the air outside gets too cold, any leaves that touch the glass will be damaged. Consider moving these plants away when temperatures dip below 50 degrees, even if windows are insulated. ☆

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Hometown Hero

Project Breckenridge

Story and photo by
ALICE M. VOLLMAR

When it comes to community projects, Neoma Laken, 68, is a human dynamo and living legend. Over the last decade or so, she has changed the face of Breckenridge, Minn. (pop. 3,559).

Thanks to her persistence, Breckenridge boasts green parks, a festival performance stage, historic site signs, and a monument marking the

headwaters of the Red River of the North. Bettering Breckenridge matters a lot to Laken, who considers her community activism hereditary. She's following the example set by her parents.

"My mom said there was no choice but for me to be involved," says Laken, a retired legal secretary who worked for Wilkin County for 42 years, 18 of those as county recorder.



Neoma Laken marked the headwaters of the Red River of the North.

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After a bout with ovarian cancer at age 20 when she was given a 20 percent chance of surviving five years, Laken plunged into volunteering. "My church and community became my family," she says.

Retirement in the early 1990s allowed her time to get involved with Project Breckenridge, a nonprofit organization credited with innovative projects and held up by state tourism officials as a great example of community betterment and marketing.

"We decided there were things we could do to improve our community that no one else was doing," Laken says.

According to fourth-grade teacher Marlys Haiby, Laken single-handedly made known the location of the Red River of the North headwaters in Breckenridge. In addition, she has written historical pageants and booklets about the region.

Laken smiles about the origin of her book, *Explore Historic Breckenridge and Wilkin County*: "I got tired of telling people where to find things, so I wrote it all down."

While she has a passion for history, Breckenridge Mayor Cliff Barth calls her future-oriented. "She has a feel for what it takes to keep our city going forward," he says.

That forward vision led Laken to get involved in the International Historic Highway 75 King of Trails Coalition. Highway 75 was a majestic trail back in 1917 and 1918, leading from Winnipeg, Canada, to Galveston, Texas. Laken is doing her part to recapture its glory for the benefit of northwestern Minnesota communities.

That includes getting Original King of Trails signs posted locally. When Laken agreed to help the Wilkin County Highway Department update its map, she mentioned her wish to have the signs hung. They now hang on county roads north and south of Breckenridge.

"I guess I'm the last of the horse traders," she quips.

Laken also teaches Wilkin County history in area classrooms, in hopes that local residents don't forget their heritage, from early settlers' tales to the F.E. Murphy Co., which developed early methods for diversified farming from 1920 to 1940 and now is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Not surprisingly, Laken has written a book on F. E. Murphy Co. farms and area agriculture, just one more accomplishment of this energetic woman who also serves as city alderman. When people told her they'd be mad if she didn't run for the office, she put her name on the ballot—and received the most votes without any campaigning.

"I guess my whole life is my campaign," Laken says. ☆

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Happenings

FEB. 23-MAR. 1



Find your fill of project ideas at home and garden shows.

ILLINOIS

Illinois Products Expo—Springfield, Feb. 28-March 2. Food companies and farm groups offer samples and sell their products during this event at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. (217) 524-3012.

INDIANA

Beauty and the Beast—South Bend, Feb. 18-23. The Broadway Theatre League presents a stage adaptation of the animated and Academy Award-winning Walt Disney film at the Morris Performing Arts Center. (574) 235-9190.

IOWA

International Reel Wheel Film Festival—Knoxville, Feb. 28-March 2. Celebrate the legacy of the automobile and auto racing in film, and attend educational forums on the subject at the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame and Museum. (641) 842-6176.

KANSAS

A Little Night Music—Salina, Feb. 21-23, 27-28, March 1-2, 6-9. Salina Community Theatre presents this romantic and funny musical about a middle-aged man's dreams of happy newlywed life being complicated by a country weekend. (785) 827-6126.

MICHIGAN

Spring RV & Camper Show—Birch Run, Feb. 20-23. Travel and camping enthusiasts will enjoy this show featuring a display of the latest recreational vehicles, travel trailers, and related equipment at the Birch Run Expo Center. (989) 624-0192.

MINNESOTA

Pleasureland RV Show—St. Cloud, Feb. 19-23. Browse a display of nearly 100 motor homes, fifth-wheels, travel trailers, truck-mounted campers, and fold-down camping trailers at the St. Cloud Civic Center. (320) 251-7588.

MISSOURI

Builders Home & Garden Show—St. Louis, Feb. 26-March 2. Products for the home, lawn, and garden are showcased during this 26th annual event at America's Center. (314) 994-7700.

NEBRASKA

Pancake Day—Strang, Feb. 23. Sit down to a meal of pancakes and sausage from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the 4-H Community Hall and help raise money for the Strang Community Improvement Program. (402) 627-2085.

NORTH DAKOTA

Jerry White Cloud Mid-Winter Wacipi—Fort Yates, Feb. 21-23. A social gathering featuring American Indian dancing, drumming, and arts & crafts at Prairie Knights Casino Pavilion on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. (800) 425-8277.

OHIO

Country Folk Art Show—Maumee, Feb. 21-23. A traveling arts & crafts show featuring juried and hand-selected designs ranging from primitive to contemporary at the Lucas County Recreation Center. (248) 634-4151.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Great Outdoor Show—Brookings, Feb. 21-23. Features fishing and hunting seminars, sporting goods and equipment, boats and recreational vehicles, swimming pools and hot tubs at the Brookings Area Multiplex. (605) 692-7539.

WISCONSIN

Woodworking Show—West Allis, Feb. 21-23. Woodworking enthusiasts will enjoy this event featuring 20 commercial exhibitors, plus woodworking and carving seminars at Wisconsin State Fair Park. (310) 477-8521.



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Television

Hooray FOR Sweeps

February is a television sweeps month—when networks measure their audience to set local stations' advertising rates—and that usually means extra-special programming for viewers. Highlights include:



The WB

Christopher Reeve embodies the Superman spirit once again in a special guest appearance on *Smallville* during February in an as-yet-undated episode. The event marks the first time Reeve, paralyzed in a horseback-riding accident, has appeared in a Superman-related series since he appeared in *Superman IV* in 1987.

Reeve will play a brilliant scientist, Swann, who has used his millions to fund research about the planet Krypton.



ABC

Dragnet, an updated version of the classic police drama, features two Los Angeles police detectives—seasoned veteran Joe Friday and newcomer Frank Smith—going against criminals ranging from street gangs to Hollywood movie moguls. The new series is scheduled to run Sundays from 10-11 p.m. ET.



PAX

Before I Say Goodbye, a world premiere thriller based on the Mary Higgins Clark novel of the same name, debuts Feb. 21 from 8-10 p.m. ET/PT. Sean Young stars in this suspenseful original drama that tells the story of a resilient woman desperate to find her husband's killer.



FOX

The hit comedy *Big Momma's House*, starring Martin Lawrence and Nia Long, makes its broadcast premiere from 8-10 p.m. ET/PT on Feb. 21.

Lawrence plays FBI agent Malcolm Turner sent to Georgia for surveillance on a young woman who may be an accomplice in a crime. He goes way undercover, donning a fat suit, wig, and a dress to impersonate Big Momma, the estranged grandmother of the young woman.



CBS

The 45th Annual Grammy Awards, with nominees including Bruce Springsteen, Nelly, Dixie Chicks, Ashanti, James Taylor, Alan Jackson, India.Arie, and Avril Lavigne, broadcasts live from Madison Square Garden in New York at 8 p.m. ET/PT Feb. 23.



NBC

In *1st to Die*, a movie based on the best-selling novel by James Patterson, Tracy Pollan stars as Lindsay Boxer, a homicide inspector who teams with three other professional women—a medical examiner, journalist, and assistant district attorney—to catch a serial killer. Aired 8-11 p.m. ET on Feb. 23. ★

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- 1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef
- 1 minced garlic clove
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 quart vegetable juice
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 10 3/4-ounce cans cream of celery soup (do not dilute)
- 2 cups thinly sliced carrots
- 1 cup thinly sliced celery
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Steam ground beef, garlic, and onion together. Drain and put in large soup pot. Add juice, sugar, bay leaf, and cream of celery soup. Microwave carrots and celery until tender. Add to soup mixture. Simmer for 1/2 hour. Add salt and pepper. Serves 6 to 8.

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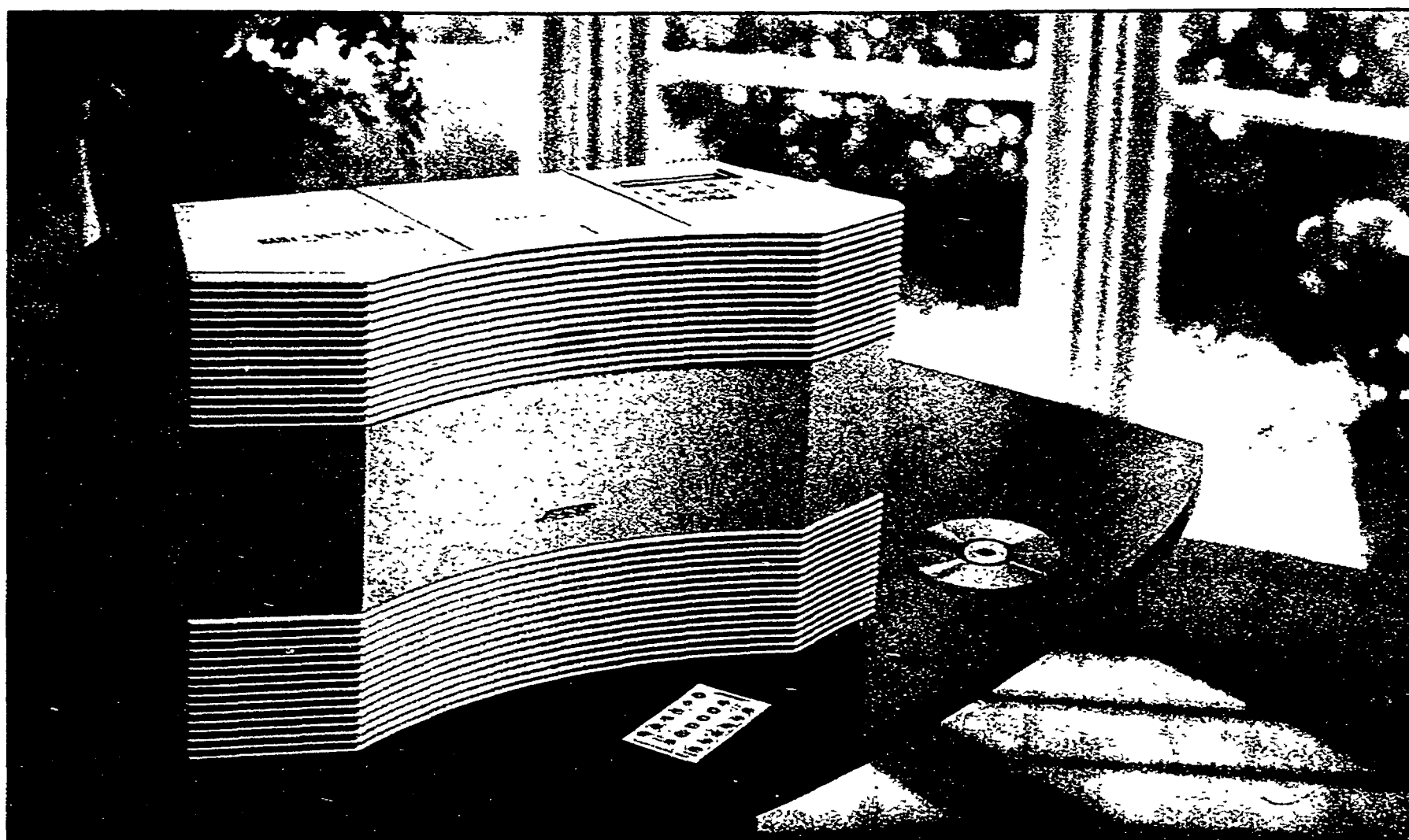
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