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# TRAGEDY AT MAYBURY

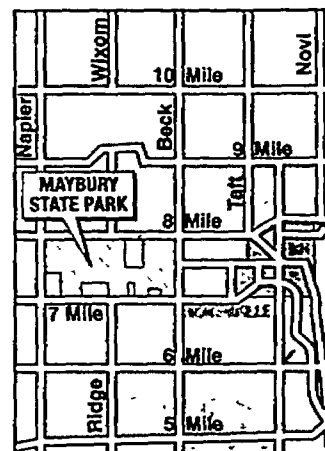
# Tears of pain



Sharon and son Nick Karabajanian look through a chain-link fence last Thursday at the smoking remains of Maybury's barn. Sharon said that having a "working farm in our back yard is like a treasure to us," and that she was "very sad."

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## Fire at Maybury



SOURCE: Northville Twp. Fire Dept.

## Northville weeps over fire at Maybury farm

By Pauline Lupercio  
STAFF WRITER

**E**motions ran high for Northville area residents last week, who were forced to come to grips with the destruction of Maybury State Park's barn and the deaths of the 50 animals living inside of it.

The smoke still billowed while firefighters continued to search through the debris and animal carcasses while motorists stopped to pay their respects to the animals they loved.

Northville Township firefighters received a call on Feb. 12 of a fully engulfed structural fire at Maybury State Park. They arrived at the Eight Mile and Beck location at 9:43 p.m. to find the scene as it had been described.

"By that, I mean that fire was already going through the roof," said Northville township fire chief William Zhmendak. "It was already a skeleton of a barn."

With cold winds contributing to the danger of the fire spreading to the surrounding building and no on-site water system, the decision was made to bring in tanker trucks to shuttle water from a fire hydrant on Eight Mile.

The cities of Novi and Northville responded to the call for additional manpower.

"We knew that we didn't have enough water to put the barn out so what we did was try to protect the surrounding buildings by wetting them down," said Zhmendak.

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## Stewart: fire is 'dirty,' awaits investigation

By Chris C. Davis  
EDITOR

**T**he cinders of the Maybury State Park barn barely cool, state lawmakers Monday chimed on the accident and what could be done in the wake of it.

State Representative John Stewart said he was very troubled by the timing of the fire, which ultimately claimed the lives of all 50 animals at the farm. Only weeks before the Feb. 12 blaze, Stewart, R-Plymouth, said he had been approached by multiple constituents expressing concern over rumblings that a portion of the park could be sold as a cost-savings measure.

"I don't like the sequence of events in this situation," Stewart said. "I want complete disclosure, and I'm sure [Northville

Township fire chief Bill] Zhmendak and [city of Northville fire chief Jim] Allen will give me the full story."

When asked if he characterized the timing of the fire to the sale rumors as being suspicious, Stewart took it one step further.

"It's dirty," he said.

But rebuilding the barn will in all likelihood be a task far easier said than done. Since assuming office on New Year's Day, Governor Jennifer Granholm — herself a Northville Township resident — has repeatedly braced Michiganians for the impact of a monstrous budget deficit whose effects would be felt across the state. Still, Stewart



John Stewart

said he would stump for a restoration of the barn.

"We've punished Wayne County enough," Stewart said. "There's still more population in Wayne County alone than there is in 17 states."

Stewart said he had already written a \$100 check to the Northville Community Foundation, which was gathering contributions for a restoration, and planned on speaking with representatives from the Department of Natural Resources in the near future.

"My position is the state restoreth," Stewart said. "We like our Maybury State Park and the way it was, and the way it is. It's an idyllic setting."

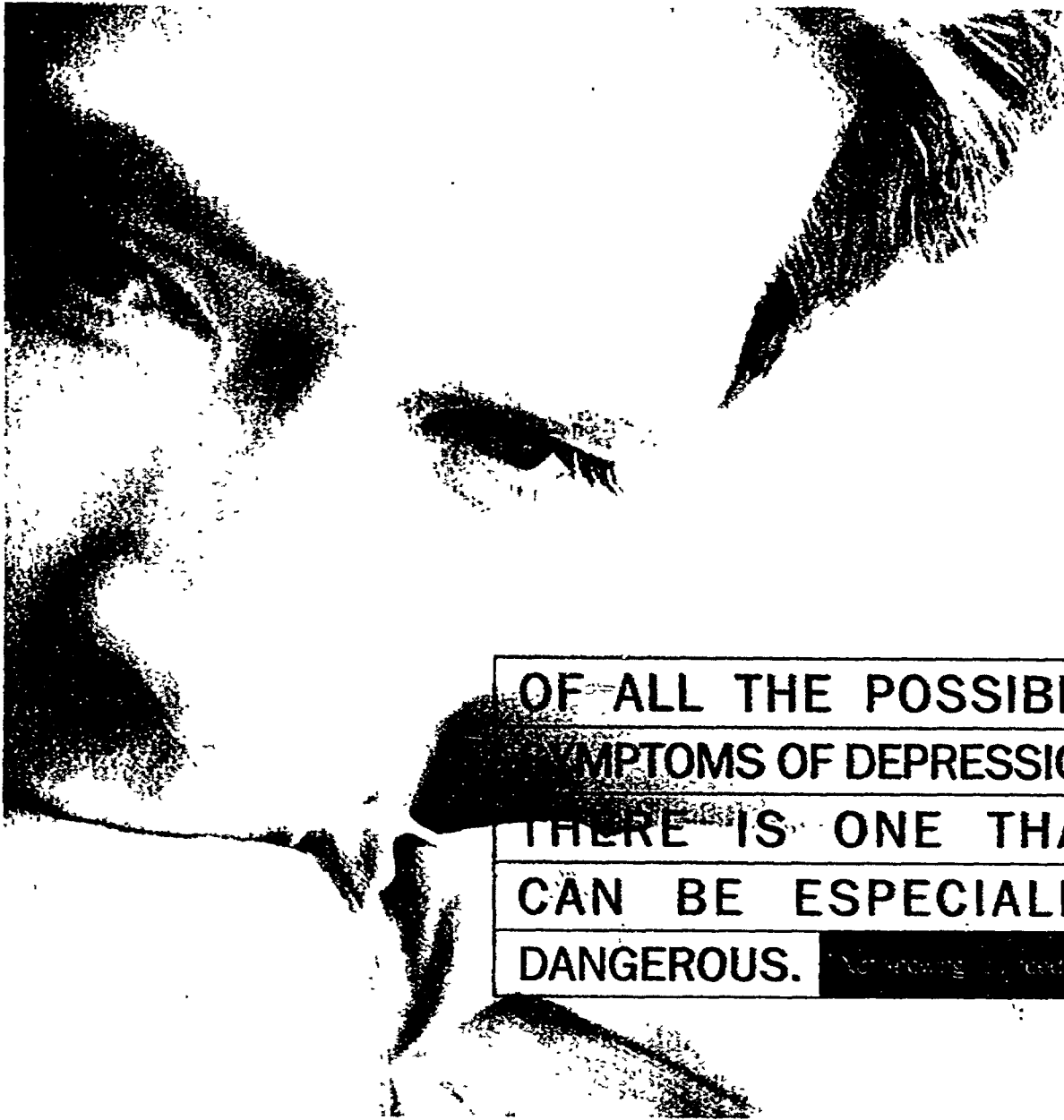
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photo by PAULINE LUPERCIO

A bouquet of roses and a handwritten message conveys the sorrow felt by visitors of Maybury State Park, who were forced last week to deal with the deaths of some 50 animals at the park's petting farm. The animals died when the barn which sheltered them caught fire. In the background, the remnants of the barn send smoke into the icy February air.

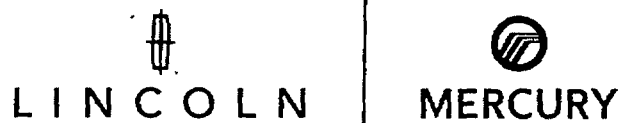




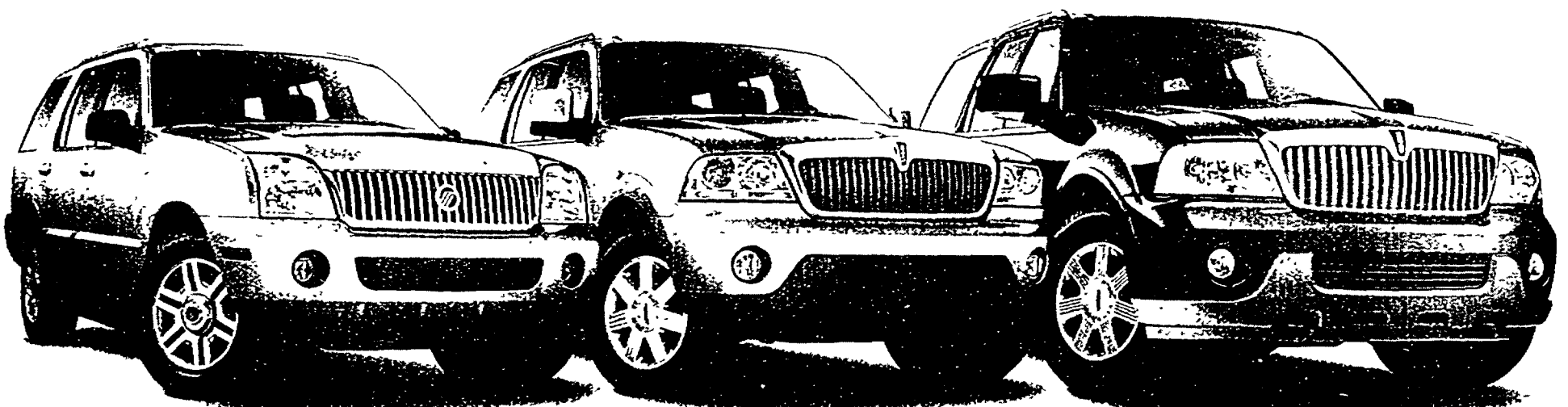
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# Bio-rage: clients fume over spa closure

By Pauline Lupercio  
STAFF WRITER

A number of Northville residents were shocked to find the doors to the Bioage CadyCentre Clinic closed earlier this month after having accepted payment for services not yet performed.

According to the Bioage web site, the company offered "innovative technology" and "non-invasive" cosmetic treatments such as removal of spider veins and collagen injections.

Northville Chamber of Commerce director Laurie Marrs said that no one at the Chamber offices had been given notification that the business was planning to close up shop after only about one year of being in business. Although notification is not necessary, Marrs said it would have been helpful to know in order to better assist any customers who called after the fact.

Singh Development, the company from which Bioage was leasing their storefront, echoed Marrs' statement by saying they also did not receive notification, but could not comment further due to the confidentiality agreement held with all of its tenants.

The chamber, said Marrs, was not even aware that Bioage had packed up and left town on Feb. 5 until angry customers began calling to notify them of the situation.

"Nobody had any idea at all," she said. "We are all very devastated and shocked by this."

Referring to the partners of Bioage as "very astute business people,"

## WHO CAN HELP?

- Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division: Complaints can be filed with the Attorney General's office online at [www.michigan.gov/ag](http://www.michigan.gov/ag) or by calling (877) 765-8388.
- Better Business Bureau of Eastern Michigan: Complaints can be filed online at [easternmichiganbbb.org](http://easternmichiganbbb.org) or by calling (248) 644-9100.

Operators are available to take calls from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Marrs said there had been absolutely no inclination that the company was having any type of trouble at all.

"It seems unthinkable that a business would close its doors without notifying their loyal customers who had purchased packages," she said.

Police have received phone calls from frustrated customers, but said that no formal complaint has been filed to date.

Marrs also noted that although unexpected for the community and customers, the abrupt closing could not have been a surprise to Bioage.

"They took money from their customers," she said. "But they must have known."

Bioage manager Sam Lincoln said that plans to change ownership, not close its doors, had been in the works.

"We thought we had an agreement

for another company to purchase the facility. But when all of a sudden that didn't materialize at the eleventh hour, we just had to close down at that point," he said.

Lincoln referred to Bioage as a "first-time prototype" for the types of services offered in a "customer friendly environment." The concept may have been valid, he said, but refinement of that concept may be necessary.

When Bioage opened its doors, things looked promising. Lincoln said business was good and the Chamber of Commerce and the city of Northville were "very helpful." Plans had been in place to open two new Bioage locations in Troy and Bingham Farms during the summer of 2002. They were plans that former [Northville] Bioage medical director Jeffrey Colton said did not pan out.

According to Colton, the Bingham Farms location, which was supposed to have been his new office, was to have been built prior to the Troy location.

"The Bingham Farms location never materialized," Colton said, adding that that Troy location never made it past the testing phase.

It was then that Colton said he got frustrated and left the organization in October. But the company web site was never updated, leaving Colton listed as the medical director. Now Colton said he has been the one left to answer questions from angry customers.

"They owe me money, too," he said. "The customers aren't the only one looking for answers."

Answers are what Lincoln said he hoped to provide. Although he would not comment on Colton's claims that money was still owed to the former medical director, Lincoln did refer to Colton as "an outstanding" and "reputable" plastic surgeon. Lincoln added that the Colton's information will soon be removed from the web site, calling it an "oversight."

But what led to Bioage's demise? Lincoln blamed a precipitous drop in sales that began in November and a change in state law which required Bioage to have a physician on site at all times. The combination, he said, led to the beginning of the end.

Lincoln said that new law alone would have been almost prohibitive to the success of the business, due to the rate of pay Bioage would have had to pay to keep a physician on site.

Whatever the reasons, Bioage closed, and according to Lincoln it was not without proper notification.

"I believe Singh Development was notified and if they have not yet been, it is currently being done," he said.

Lincoln also added that the "small" number of individuals who paid for services prior to the company's closing may end up with a satisfactory outcome.

"We are attempting to determine those cases and work out some payment or negotiate a settlement," he said.

Other than the financial result, Lincoln stressed the "great experience" the community helped to create for Bioage.

"We still think it was a great place to locate. We just think we got caught up in the bad economy and the state law change," said Lincoln. "We attempted to recapitalize the company and are still attempting to do so. If that is unsuccessful, we will be contacting an attorney to determine the next step."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Downtown Northville's Bioage treatment center's doors have been shut to its customers for awhile now.

## AG offers ideas for customers

By Pauline Lupercio  
STAFF WRITER

Customers were left high and dry after Bioage unexpectedly closed its doors in early February. And after spending money on services they will never receive, the question is: "What now?"

According to Chamber of Commerce director Laurie Marrs, those who lost money when Bioage packed up should call the Better Business Bureau and the Michigan Attorney General office's Consumer Protection Division in order to file formal complaints.

Sage Eastman, spokesperson for Attorney General Mike Cox, agreed.

"Under the consumer protection

act, there may be a chance for the consumer to recoup costs," Eastman said.

Complaints can be filed with the Attorney General's office online at [www.michigan.gov/ag](http://www.michigan.gov/ag) or by calling (877)765-8388. Operators are available to take calls from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

According to Tim Burns, spokesperson for the Better Business Bureau of Eastern Michigan, no complaints are on file regarding any of the Bioage locations.

But that does not mean it's too late to take action.

Once the BBB has received either three inquiries on a business or one complaint from a consumer, action is taken by the organization to investigate the company in question.

Complaints can be filed online at [easternmichiganbbb.org](http://easternmichiganbbb.org) or by calling (248) 644-9100.

The filing of a formal complaint may result in satisfaction on the end of the consumer, but Burns suggests checking out a business prior to dealing with them to avoid such situations in the future.

"We recommend that whenever you deal with someone new to check it out. There is no charge for our services," said Burns. "All it costs is a little bit of your time to look into it but it can save you a lot of money down the line."

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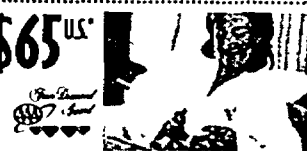
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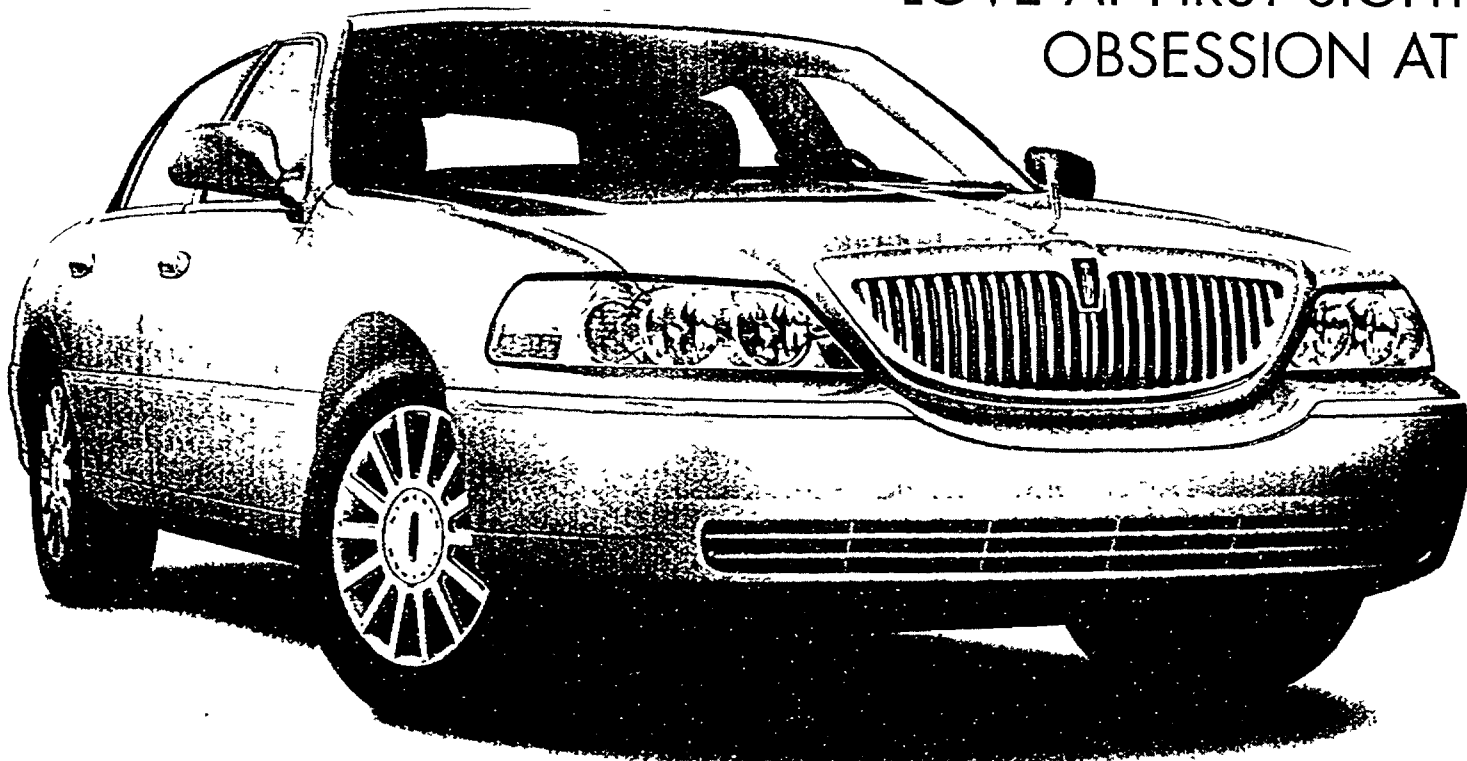
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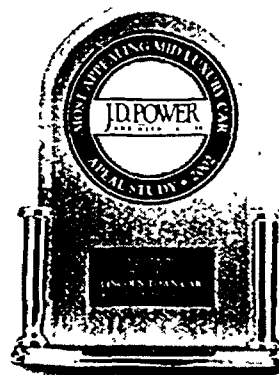
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# She'll take the Raynes at Ridge Wood in fall

Winchester principal selected as new elementary's top admin next year



Photo by JOHN HEIDER  
Nancy Raynes, current principal of Northville's Winchester Elementary, talking to some of her students, has been named principal of the new Ridge Wood Elementary on Six Mile Road.

By Jennifer Norris  
STAFF WRITER

Current Winchester Elementary principal Nancy Raynes will be transferring her managerial duties to Ridge Wood Elementary this fall as its first building principal.

The Northville board of education members approved the recommendation Feb. 11 for Raynes to fill the principal's seat in the district's newest elementary school.

"I'm just really honored," she said. "This is a great opportunity. I know we'll open on time. We'll do it."

Raynes, who has served as Winchester's principal for four years, was also a member on the new elementary school design team. The team's staff, she said, met continuously over a lengthy period of time, planning with the architect and preparing for the upcoming building.

Raynes said she had mixed emotions on her pending principalship at Ridge Wood Elementary and vacating her current post.

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**"When the opportunity presented itself, it was one I gave careful consideration to."**

Nancy Raynes  
principal, Winchester Elementary

eration to," said Raynes. "Winchester is a very special school, one that I feel so very close to. Having worked with the staff has been one of the highlights of my career."

"With a lot of support of my own family I was encouraged to consider the opportunity. I'm elated and honored to be endorsed by the board for the position. I anticipate the excitement and the challenges that are ahead of us over the next few months."

Raynes said some of her future

goals include ensuring students' needs are met, helping children identify with the school, meeting new Ridge Wood families and working with staff members.

"It's a wonderful feeling to anticipate the creation of that vision," she said. "We will represent, as all the other schools in the district represent, excellence in education. We're there for the children. We're going to create the best learning environment. We're going to come together as a brand new group of educators. It's very energizing."

Raynes said she will maintain her position at Winchester Elementary through the end of April. At that time, an interim principal will finish the remainder of the school year.

Ridge Wood Elementary is slated to open its doors in August.

In a memo to the board of education, Northville schools superintendent Leonard Reznierski stated, "Ms. Raynes' four years of leadership at Winchester has been highlighted by an effective student-oriented approach, matched with strong staff and parent partnerships. The accomplishments,

innovative programming, risk-taking endeavors are well documented at Winchester Elementary and a direct tribute to Ms. Raynes' leadership."

"When controversy and conflict arise, she appropriately seeks the advice and support from Central Office Administration and deals with the concerns forthrightly. Ms. Raynes' 30 years in professional service to public education has developed her talents, skills and knowledge to assume this new, challenging responsibility."

Raynes also said she has seen a number of projects come to completion during her years at Winchester.

"I can feel pretty satisfied with everything that we were able to accomplish," she said. "Winchester is always going to be a part of me. That's not going to go away. I keep telling everyone, 'I'm just going to be down the road.'"

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## Cosentino joins ranks of Winchester teachers

By Jennifer Norris  
STAFF WRITER

Northville school board officials approved Kimberly Cosentino-Nicholas as a new teacher hire at Winchester Elementary.

Cosentino-Nicholas, 29, is now teaching third grade at the school.

Working in Northville held a strong appeal for Cosentino-Nicholas due to its location and her own personal roots.

"I grew up in the Northville-Novi area," she said. "I just wanted to stay in the area."

Prior to being approved as a full-time teacher, Cosentino-Nicholas said she served as a long term substitute for the district.

Aside from geographical location, another purpose propelled her to Northville's classrooms.

See a photo of Kimberly Cosentino-Nicholas on page 15A.

"I love kids. That was the main reason," she said. "It just seemed to be the right thing to do."

After graduating from Novi High School, Cosentino-Nicholas graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1996, earning a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. During that time, she majored in fine arts and held two minors in math and science.

"This is something I've been looking for," she said. "To be part of a public school district. The staff here is great. The kids are sensitive and hard working. They grasp things quickly."

Cosentino-Nicholas said she once considered pursuing a career in art, but the field of teaching ultimately won her interest.

"This is much more rewarding," she said. "I can still use art in teaching the kids."

Cosentino-Nicholas is currently working towards her master's degree at EMU in elementary education, with an emphasis on language arts.

"This is what I want to do," she said. "I really enjoy teaching and I want to be in the classroom."

Cosentino-Nicholas was given the nod for her position at the school board's Feb. 11 meeting.

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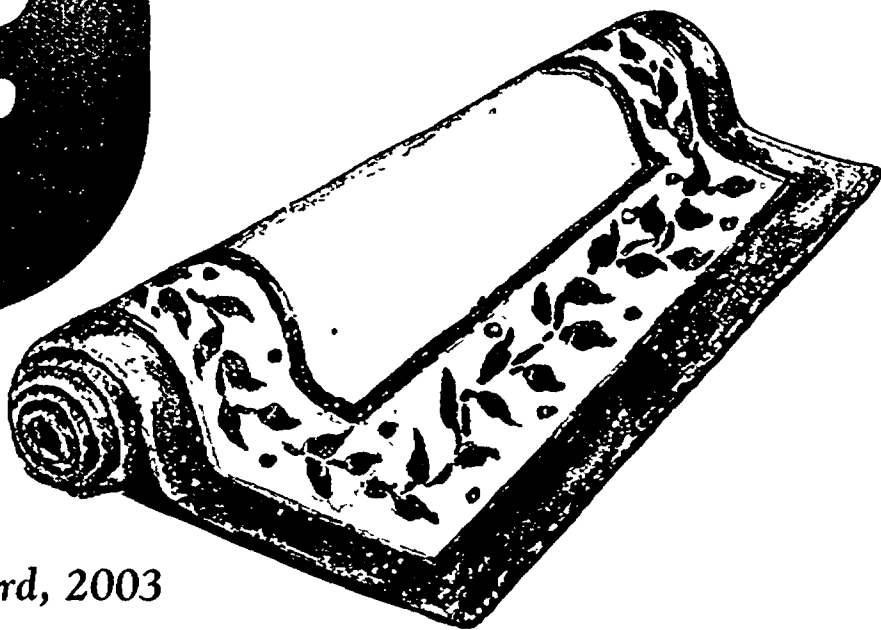
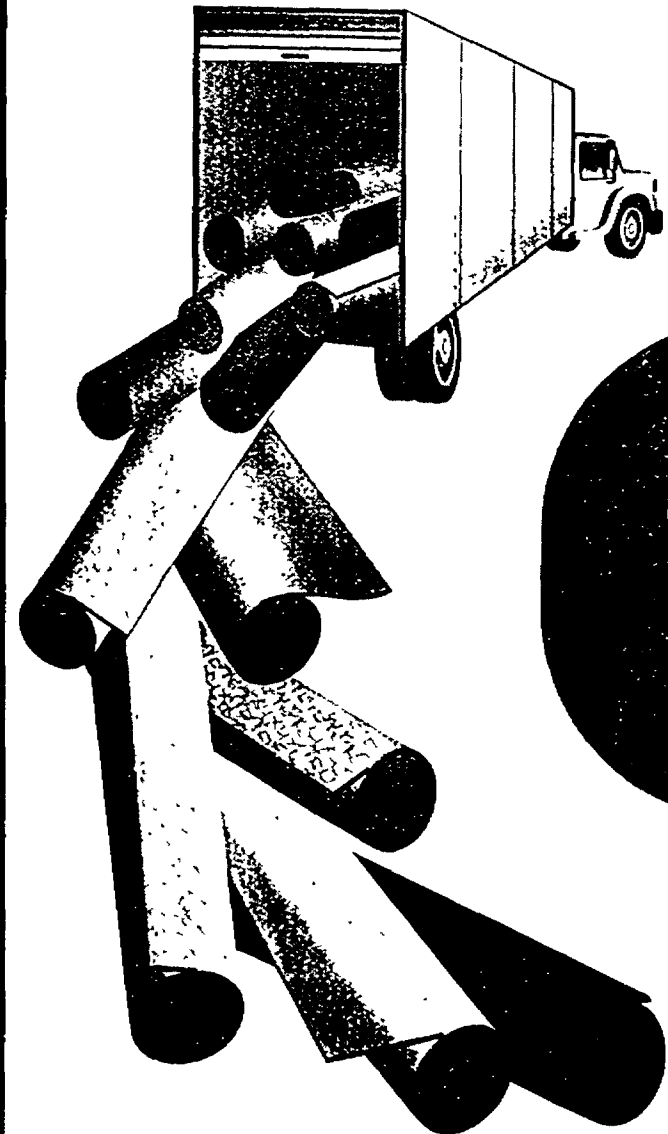
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# City's tobacco sting nets violators, criticism

Store owner disputes methods used in police check Police: Four out of seven stores sold cigs to minors

By Pauline Lupercio  
STAFF WRITER

Northville Gourmet owner Dave Stewart prides himself on being a responsible businessman and father. But he got caught selling cigarettes to a minor during a recent tobacco decoy operation performed by the city of Northville.

Although three businesses complied, four did not. Good Times Party Store, located on Seven Mile, and Clark Gas Station on South Main could not be reached for comment. Stewart, however, believed that the photo on the driver's license presented by the decoy used by the police looked too much like the decoy to be taken for anything other than the real thing.

Stewart says he will appear at 35th District Court on Feb. 27 to present his side of the story, which he called "frustrating."

According to Stewart, the decoy was sent to his business located on West Eight Mile with a valid State of Michigan driver's license which stated [the 16-year-old decoy] was 18 years of age. Stewart said he asked for and checked the identification before selling the cigarettes.

"I didn't know the picture on the license was of a different person," he said. "The photo looked very similar to the person who handed the identification to me."

It was not until the decoy exited the store and the police officer entered to hand out the citation for

non-compliance did Stewart realize he had sold cigarettes to a minor.

"I feel bad about it and we obviously have no intention of selling to minors," he said. "I have children attending Northville schools and I certainly would not want anyone selling to my children."

While Stewart said he appreciated the police department's desire to keep the city of Northville tobacco-free for minors, he said he was just as frustrated at the recent turn of events.

"I believe past compliance at my store and most stores in the city have shown the retailers are very conscientious in doing their jobs," said Stewart. "A verbal warning in this instance may have been more appropriate."

Stewart is not the only frustrated business owner who was caught handing over smokes to the 16-year-old.

Hamlet Food Market, located on Novi Road, was also cited for selling to the decoy. Owner Frank Tomina said he did his job and checked identification.

"A kid came in with a driver's license. I asked for it, looked at it, and sold him cigarettes," Tomina said. "Then the officer came in."

Tomina said he also complied multiple times by refusing to sell to a minor and still has the letters of thanks from the city.

"I have more than one letter of thanks from the city for complying," said Tomina. "What am I going to do? The license was right."

I did what I thought was right."

Officer Rich Rogowski said he understood the business owners' frustration, but said that the tobacco sting was performed as it should have been.

"When we first started the program we made it perfectly clear what we were going to be doing. We are not out to trick anyone," he said.

Rogowski said he didn't understand how anyone could have mistaken the minor in question for the individual on the license he had in his possession. The decoy was 5 feet, 7 inches tall, said Rogowski. Information on the license indicated the individual was 6 feet, 1 inch tall.

"We picked total opposites in decoy and photo to avoid [this situation], but our opinion is that there was enough of a difference that there would not be a problem," he said, adding that one of the businesses who complied refused to sell because they did not believe that the license belonged to the decoy.

"Part of the law with checking identification is to make a diligent inquiry as to whether or not it actually belongs to the person presenting it, and that requires checking more than just the age, said Rogowski. "But we can go to court and let the judge decide."

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STAFF WRITER

With intentions of keeping the community a safer place for all of its residents, the Northville police department recently conducted another tobacco sting.

The city employed the services of a 16-year-old male, who entered each business requesting cigarettes. When asked, the decoy provided identification that police said was not his own. Seven local businesses were given the opportunity to refuse to sell cigarettes to the decoy, but only three passed the test.

CVS Pharmacy on Center Street, Mobil on Eight Mile, and Hiller's Market on Center Street all complied by refusing to sell cigarettes to the decoy.

Brad Whetstone, a manager at

## WHO SOLD, WHO DIDN'T

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- CVS Pharmacy (133 East Dunlap)
- Hiller's Market (425 North Center)

**DID SELL**

- Northville Gourmet (680 West Eight Mile)
- Good Times Party Store (567 West Seven Mile)
- Clark Gas Station (510 South Main)
- Hamlet's (1051 Novi Road)

Hiller's, on Center Street, said he was not surprised to learn one of his employee's did what was expected

by checking identification and refusing to sell tobacco to a minor. "We are proud that we check identification for alcohol and tobacco sales," he said.

Whetstone said the employee will be recognized by Hiller's Market for their responsible actions.

According to police, stings for both alcohol and tobacco compliance have been performed since 1996.

"The city has always had a zero tolerance policy on the sale of tobacco and alcohol to underage people," said Officer Rich Rogowski, who performed the most recent decoy operation. "We just try to keep up on it and try to keep testing everybody. I believe the enforcement has educated everybody involved."

## Library staff, management, take dispute to fact-finder

By Pauline Lupercio  
STAFF WRITER

Facts and salaries will be the heart of the issue at next week's fact finding session taking place at Northville District Library.

According to information presented by the Library Employee Association, the Association reluctantly agreed to unionize in early 1996 "while enduring numerous wage and benefit cuts" as a result of the library's change to district status. Members maintain that they remain noticeably underpaid as compared to equivalent positions at other libraries.

The legal proceedings does not legally bind the employee association or the district library itself to a decision. The fact finder will listen to presentations by both sides and then make a recommendation.

"The fact finding is very important to us because we have not been able to come to any agreement [regarding wages] with the board, although negotiations have been ongoing for over a year," said association member Lynne Hirschman. "We have already lost a top notch librarian who left our library for a tremendous raise to another library system. We are concerned with instability. People literally cannot afford to stay here."

Hirschman said that the employee association plans to "go along" with the fact finder's decision, regardless of what that may be.

"Because we are at the bottom [of the pay scale], we feel the arbitrator will at least make a decision to raise us to the mid level," she said. "And that is all we are asking. We have confidence it will happen. However, we are committed no matter what to

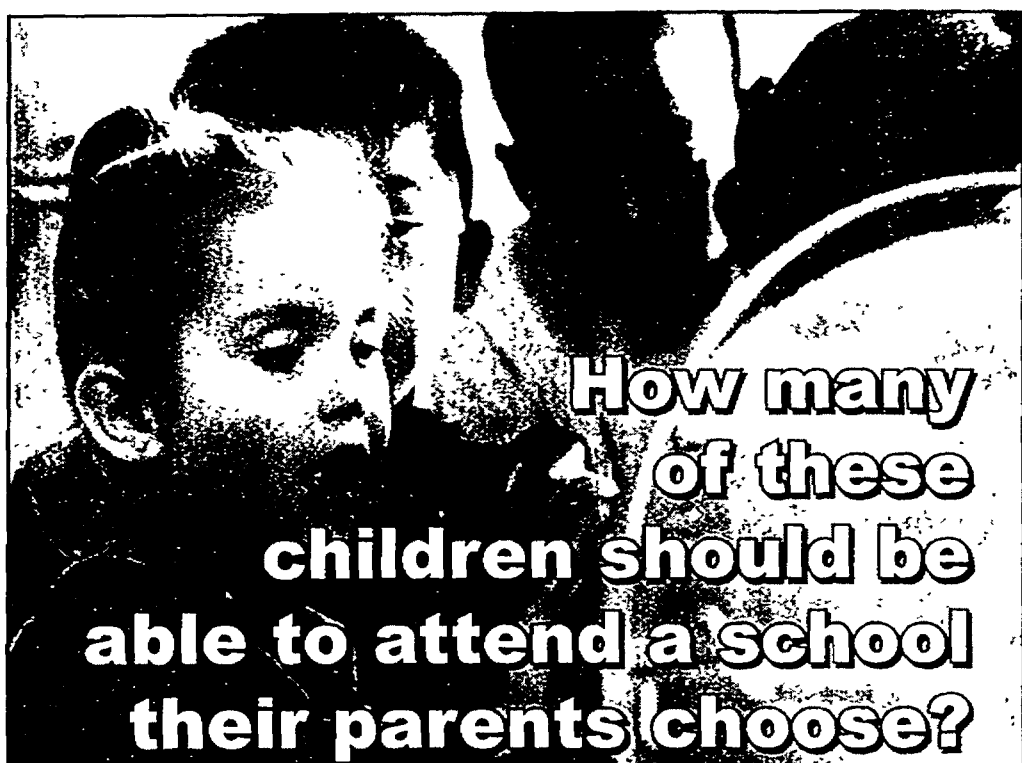
go along with the decision."

Library director Julie Herron said she and members of the board were looking forward to the proceedings.

But Herron challenged the association's claims that the librarian "lost" to another system was due to instability and current wages. According to the Herron, the librarian left Northville for a promotion to the position of assistant department head in another library system. The same position is not available at the Northville library.

As for the libraries plans and the fact finder's decision, Herron said the board would "wait and see."

"We can't really comment because we do not know what the fact finder is going to say," she said. "It is the taxpayers' money [that pays salaries] and we have a fiduciary responsibility to handle that money wisely."



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# Robotics squad preps for state, U.S. events

By Jennifer Norris  
STAFF WRITER

The Northville High School robotics team, or Robostangs, will be headed to two regional competitions in March.

The March will be participating in the Pittsburgh Regional competition March 13-15. The team will then travel to Ypsilanti and test their robot's abilities at the Great Lakes Regional competition March 20-22.

Over a six-week period, team members, joined by teachers and engineers from the Robert Bosch Corporation, assembled a robot designed to perform various tasks.

Some of the robot's duties include knocking over and stacking bins and driving up a ramp.

Joe DiDia, a senior at Northville High School and Robotics team member, has been involved with the program for three years.

"There's so much work we have to do," said DiDia. "I think we'll be as ready as we can be."

The robot was shipped early this week in compliance with contest rules.

Along with discovering various engineering fundamentals, team members learned cooperation and problem solving skills.

NHS junior Dusan Brhlik said teamwork was incorporated into this year's robotics project.

"Everyone contributed as they could," he said.

## TACOS & TECHNOLOGY

You can support the Northville High School Robostangs Team by dining at Rio Bravo in Livonia Feb. 22.

Between the hours of 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. the team will receive 20 percent of your bill, if you inform restaurant staff you're with the Robostangs.

Rio Bravo is located at 19265 Victor Parkway in Livonia and may be reached at (734) 542-0700.

Chris Conwell, a senior on the Robostangs team, said being part of the group has benefited him greatly.

"It was a really good learning experience," said Conwell. "It made me think about going into engineering, [but] even if I don't go into engineering, it's a perfect example of a team experience and cooperation. It's more of a practical thing that can be used in the workplace in the future."

"I did learn a lot about how to use different machines and materials."

Conwell lauded the engineers and teachers who contributed their time and efforts to the project.

Team members met on Saturdays, after school and even during school vacation time.

Annette Scheer, a parent volunteer who attended the regional and

national competition in 2002, said, "I think that it's fabulous the teachers and the engineers have volunteered all of their time to help the kids out. They're spending late nights and weekends working side by side with the kids."

Jim Conzelman, Northville High School applied technology teacher, said the team consists of 22 students, ranging from grades 9-12.

Conzelman said this is the third year the school has participated in the robotics competition.

Conwell added, "It's really not about winning or losing. It's more about preparing yourself for the future."

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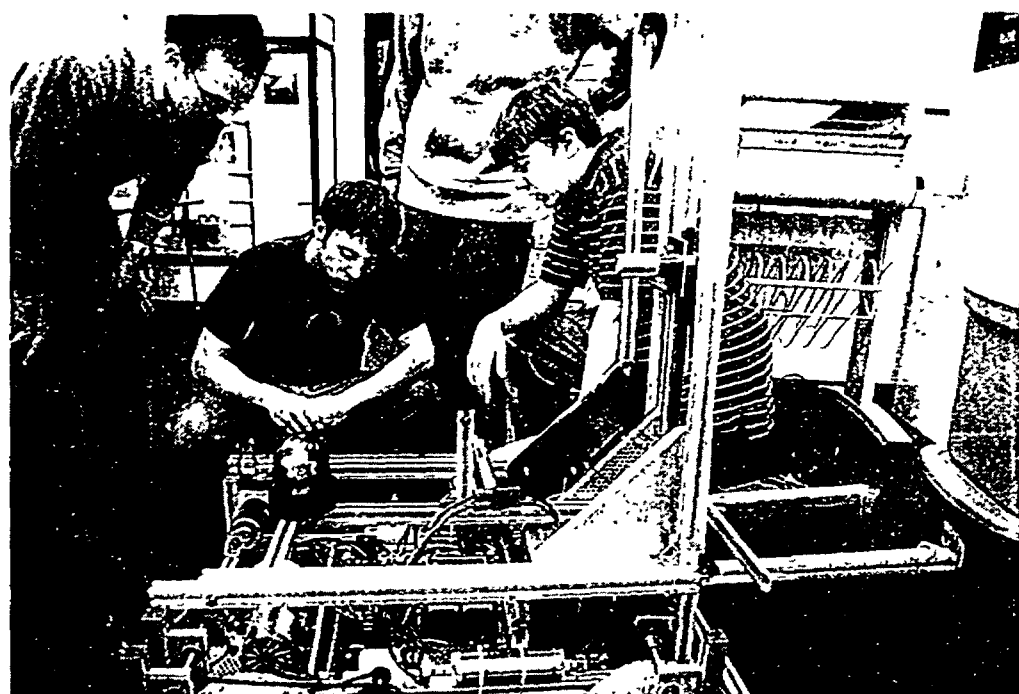


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# Township police seek suspect in attempted child luring case

By Pauline Lupercio  
STAFF WRITER

Northville Township police are searching for a man who attempted to lure three girls into his apartment during the early evening hours of Feb. 9.

According to community liaison officer Samantha Bolin, three girls were involved in the incident.

Police said the girls, ranging in age from 10 to 12, had been walking home in the cold and decided to enter the Park Place Apartments club house to warm themselves up when a man approached them, inviting them to his apartment to "warm up." When the girls declined, the man asked if they wanted to see his penis.

"That's when [the girls] grabbed their things and left," said Bolin.

The suspect is described as a white male, approxi-

mately 5'6" to 5'7", 200 pounds, with dark complexion and hair and a possible German accent. The suspect vehicle is a dark blue or black Jeep Cherokee.

Police said they do not know if the suspect is a resident of Park Place Apartments.

"The girls did the right thing by immediately removing themselves from the situation and reporting the incident to their mothers," said Bolin, who added that the police were not notified until the next day. "But the public needs to understand the importance of reporting any suspicious activity to the police as it occurs in order to help us keep the community as safe as possible."

Police said the investigation is ongoing.

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- Best place for barbeque ribs \_\_\_\_\_
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Feb. 20	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Archives Open to the Public	Cady Inn
Feb. 23	10 a.m. - 12 p.m. 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Mill Creek Community Church Venture Scout Crew #8	Church Cady Inn
Feb. 24	10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Heirloom Rug Hookers Brownie Scout Meeting Lion's Club	Cady Inn Cady Inn Cady Inn
Feb. 25	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Stone Gang	Village & Cady Inn
Feb. 26	7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Mill Creek Community Church Prayer Service	Church
Feb. 27	9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 3:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Archives Open to the Public Brownie Scout Meeting	Cady Inn Cady Inn

Mill Race Village not only helps Northville preserve its history but it also services various community groups - scouts, students, infantry volunteers, service organizations, etc. As the Northville Historical Society is a non-profit organization which maintains the village, it must count on its membership to keep the village alive. If you want to help preserve this living museum and have not yet joined the Historical Society, contact the office at (248) 348-1845 or stop in any weekday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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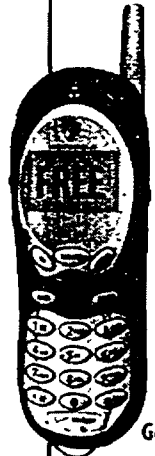
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### Case No. 02-244564-CK STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WAYNE

CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION,  
a Delaware Corporation,  
Plaintiff,

v.  
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 Morbark 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.

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## OBITUARIES

### Doris Marie Eden

Doris Marie Eden of Northville died Feb. 12.

Ms. Eden worked as a food service employee in the Northville school district for 10 years. She had been married to her husband, Len, for 50 years.

Ms. Eden relocated to Northville Township from Southfield in 1973. She enjoyed gardening, was a member of the Northville Beautification Commission, enjoyed travel, glass crafts and cooking.

In addition to her husband, Ms. Eden is survived by her daughters, Deborah (Jose) Alvarez of Londonderry, N.H., Denise Eden of Hartland and Sherry (Russ) Boase of Redford; her sister, Ruth Ann Hendrix; her brother, Walter "Eddie" (Josephine) Christopher of Northville; five grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and 11 nieces and nephews.

A funeral for Ms. Eden was held Feb. 15 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth, which handled funeral arrangements. Rev. Father Doc Ortman officiated the service. Interment will be at Glen Eden Mausoleum in Livonia.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

### Terry Carter Chappell

Terry Chappell of Oshkosh, Wis., died Feb. 12. He was 71.

Mr. Chappell was born Aug. 12, 1931 in Troy to Earl and Ruby Chappell. Raised in Northville, Mr. Chappell served in the Army in the Korean War.

After graduating from Cleary College, Mr. Chappell worked as a manager for New York Life Insurance Company in Dearborn, and then as an accountant for Ford Motor Company, from which he eventually retired.

Mr. Chappell was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Northville and was a 60-year resident of Northville before relocating to Oshkosh in 2001.

Mr. Chappell is survived by his children, Sandra (Jeffrey) Andreini of Oshkosh, Thomas of Hamburg, and James of Grand Ledge; his granddaughters, Cassandra, Allyson, Amanda and Adriana Andreini of Oshkosh; his sisters, Greta (Earl) Croll and Marth (Caron Rice) Bingley of Northville; his former wife and friend Barbara Warner of Hamburg; his aunt, Norma (Terry) Teeft; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, Kenneth (Helen) Chappell.

A memorial service for Mr.

Chappell was held Feb. 15 at Oakland Hills Memorial Garden in Novi. Rev. James Russell officiated the service. Mr. Chappell was cremated.

Memorial contributions may be made to Scleroderma Foundation Michigan Chapter, 30301 Northwestern Highway, Ste. 300, Farmington Hills, Mich. 48334.

Funeral arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville.

### Stanley H. Jaskot

Stanley Jaskot of Detroit died Feb. 15. He was 85.

Mr. Jaskot was born July 26, 1917 in Detroit to Joseph Jaskot and Caroline Dabal. He later married Eleanor G. Wasielewski on Sept. 13, 1947. She preceded him in death in 1989.

A graduate of Chadsey High School, Mr. Jaskot worked as a machine setter and inspector for Ford Motor Company. He was a member of the Lyskawa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7546 and Monsignor Hunt Knights of Columbus. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II.

Mr. Jaskot is survived by his

children, Judith Hamilton of Troy, David (Connie) Jaskot of Northville and Allan Jaskot of Sault Ste. Marie; his sister, Josephine Kalinowski; and his grandchildren, Danielle, Cymbre and Rebecca Jaskot, and Joseph and David Hamilton. He was preceded in death by his brother, John.

A memorial service for Mr. Jaskot was held Feb. 19 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville. Father Jack Quinlan officiated the service. Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery in Southfield.

Funeral arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home of Northville.

### Bessie Breien

Bessie Breien of Northville died Feb. 15 in Northville. She was 93.

Ms. Breien was born April 25, 1909 in Wausau, Wis. to Oliver Brenwall and Olga Benson. She later married George Breien, who preceded her in death in 1970.

A Northville resident for six years and an area resident for most of her adult life, Mr.

Breien attended nursing school and was a registered nurse. She enjoyed crochet, playing cards, reading and spending time with her family.

Ms. Breien is survived by her children, Barbara (Gary) Sixt of Northville; her son-in-law, Donald Probe of Texas; her siblings, Isabel Vold of Wisconsin, Fran Stevens of Florida, Oliver Brenwall of Wisconsin, Robert Brenwall of Wisconsin and Helen Kleiner of Florida; nine grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Patricia Probe.

A funeral service for Ms. Breien was held Feb. 18 at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville, which handled funeral arrangements. Pastor Thomas Lubeck officiated the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 201 Elm Street, Northville, Mich. 48167.

### Charles R. Hopkins

Charles Hopkins of Northville died Feb. 12 at his home. He was 71.

Mr. Hopkins was born Feb.

21, 1931 in Detroit to the late John Paul Hopkins and Thelma Swonk Hopkins.

A personnel supervisor for General Motors, Mr. Hopkins retired from GM in 1987 after 30 years of service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

Mr. Hopkins is survived by his wife, Jackie Hopkins of Northville; his children, Blaine (Jan) Hopkins of Chelsea, Sandy Bostick of Westland and Laura (Steve) Hogan of Livonia; his siblings, Jim (Trish) Hopkins of Northville and Mary Jo (Dick) Griffith of Novi; his sister-in-law, Martha Hopkins; and his grandchildren, Dustin, Keelan, Kyla, Kaela, Chris and Taylor. He was preceded in death by his brother, Tom Hopkins.

A funeral Mass for Mr. Hopkins was celebrated Feb. 17 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi. Father John Budde officiated the service. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice. Funeral arrangements were handled by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville.

## OVS on receiving end of \$18K contribution



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Representatives of the Redford Suburban League, which raised \$18,000 for Old Village School's music program join its director Hayley Johnson, right, for some merriment with students last Thursday afternoon. Members of the league are Delores Hamilton, Carol Herrick, Margaret Totton, Pat Rutenbar, Glenna Gildersleeve, and Sara Gorman.

By Jennifer Norris  
STAFF WRITER

Old Village School became \$18,000 richer Feb. 13.

The funds were donated to the school as the result of a fashion show fundraiser orchestrated by the Redford Suburban League.

League members said the organization typically organizes fundraisers every year.

"The whole concept was to help mentally and physically impaired children," said member Carol Herrick.

Herrick said the organization began in 1955 with eight ladies playing bridge. It has since ballooned to a membership of approximately 150 members, she said.

"Our sole purpose is to raise

money to give it to the kids," she said.

The funds generated through the Oct. 23 fashion show will be used to support the music therapy program next year at Old Village School.

"Donations like yours are really very appreciated," Old Village principal Art Fischer told league members last week.

Other Redford Suburban League members that visited Old Village School included Margaret Totten, Glenna Gildersleeve, Sara Gorman, Dolores Hamilton and Pat Rutenbar.

Jennifer Norris is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 107 or by e-mail at jnnorris@ht.homecomm.net.

### ABOUT OVS

The Old Village School provides educational programming for students with special needs who reside within Northwestern Wayne County.

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## TRAGEDY AT MAYBURY

# Blaze consumes farm, animals perish in fire

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"The fire was not deemed under control until 2 a.m."

At that point, firefighter began to spray foam over the remains of the 100-year-old barn in order to prevent the flames from spreading.

Those efforts were successful, saving the chickens housed in one of the surrounding buildings. But the loss of animals was extensive, including geese, rabbits, and three work horses.

A pig was found with burns over the majority of its body. Efforts to save it were unsuccessful and it was euthanized at the scene by local veterinarians who had responded to calls for help.

A sheep was found about 50 feet from the flames. Heavily burnt, it had somehow escaped the barn fire and was deemed "the last little ray of hope" by Janet Talbot, practice manager at Northville Township's Hidden Springs Veterinary Clinic, who had assisted in saving it.

The only survivor, the sheep was later euthanized at Michigan State University's veterinary hospital.

Investigators are examining all possibilities that could have led to the fire, including arson. But the actual cause remains unknown and the township department is working closely with the state to determine what sparked the flames.

Investigations may be ongoing, but the residents made their strong feelings regarding the fire known. Within 12 hours after the fire had been called in, a makeshift memorial had been created alongside a chainlink fence at the park, which included a sign and six yellow roses.

"Oh, how we loved you," the sign read.

Pauline Lupercio is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 109 or by e-mail at lupercio@ht.homecomm.net.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Carol Geake, owner of Northville Township's Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic visits with a sheep that was the sole survivor of last Wednesday's fire at Maybury's barn. The sheep was taken later in the day to MSU for more intensive care, but was determined to be too injured by burns to recover and was later euthanized.



file photo by JOHN HEIDER

Maybury State Park farmer John Beemer leads his Belgian plover horses Andy, left, and Beauty to their barn stalls after some field work in this October 2002 file photo. The barn seen in the background, these two horses and all animals inside were lost in last Wednesday night's fire. John Beemer took a couple of the farm's Belgian horses with him when he retired in October.

## Library to collect animal drawings

Susan Greenlee, a representative of the Friends of Maybury organization, is looking for children's animal drawings or family scrapbook photos of animal visits at Maybury State Park. The collected materials will be used in a future display in the Northville District Library's youth section.

Northville District Library

director Julie Herrin said the library was happy to donate display space for the project.

"We're very pleased that we can help," said Herrin. "We feel badly, as everyone does in the community. We're very welcoming of the project."

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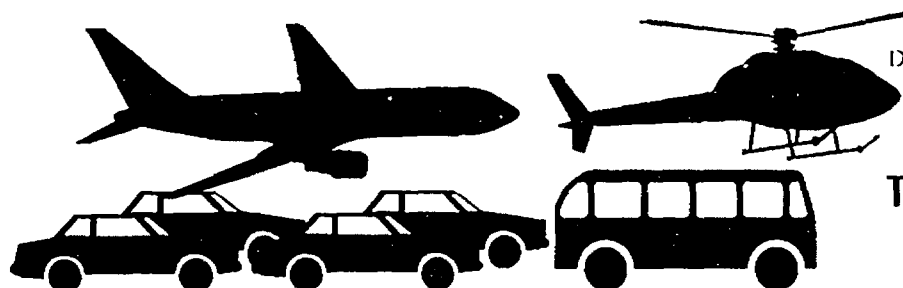
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## TRAGEDY AT MAYBURY

# Students cope with loss of animal friends

By Jennifer Norris  
STAFF WRITER

Staff and students at Northville's William Allan Academy were mourning the loss of multiple farm animals that died in a fire at Maybury State Park last week. To help cope with the tragedy, school officials said students are writing letters and drawing pictures to send to retired farmer, John Beemer.

School secretary Linda Barnes said nearly all of the student population would be sending materials in memory of the incident.

Letters are slated to be written by students in grades Kindergarten and up. Pre-kindergarten age students will be drawing pictures.

Approximately 85 students attend the school.

Barnes said last week's fire has had an impact on the students.

"A lot of them are very sad about it," she said.

William Allan Academy teacher Trish Moore said during her 16 years of service at the school, she would frequently take her students to visit the neighboring farm.

Moore teaches students at the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten levels.

"It's really just a tragedy," said Moore. "I had a lot of children that wanted to draw pictures."

Moore recalled how curious sheep would approach the fence that separates the school from the farm.

"They would come to the fence where the children could see them," she said.

The death of the animals and loss of the farm environment will be felt by students and community members alike.

"It will be something we will sorely miss," said Moore. "I don't know what we'll do now. We'll really be lost without that."

"There's been a lot of tears. It's just so sad and hard to believe that they're all gone. We lost a lot of personal friends. We have a lot of sad little people here."

But in light of the recent farm disaster, Moore has found a reason to be thankful.

"It's just a miracle our school wasn't harmed in any way because we are so close," she said. "We're thankful that our school is still standing."

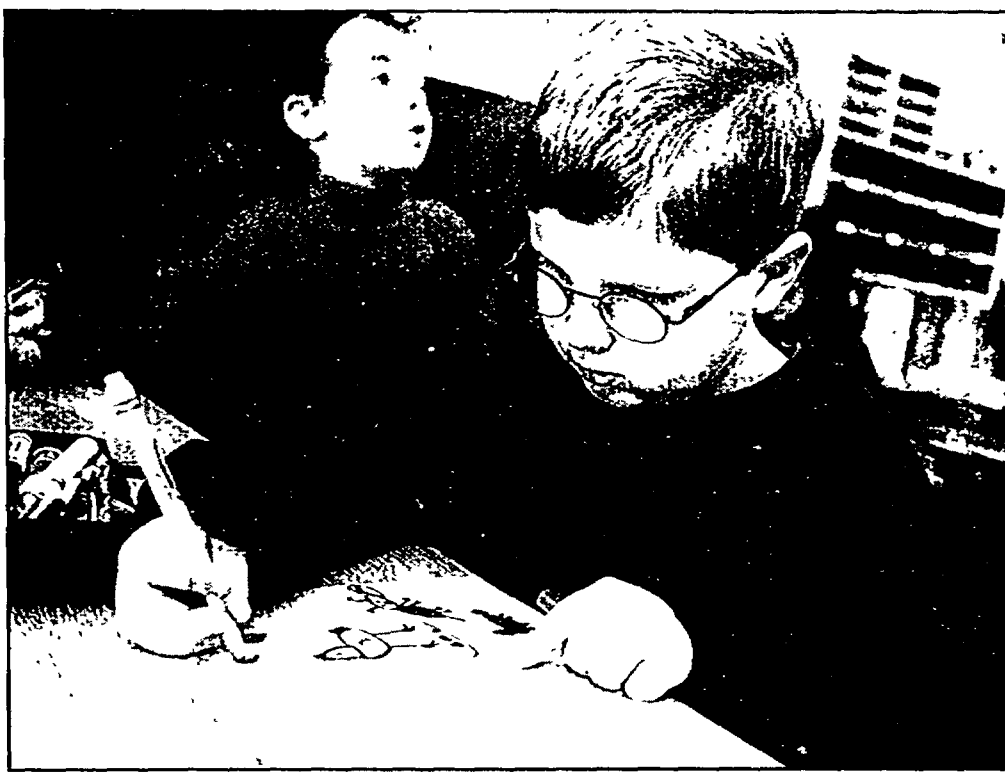


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William Allan Academy student Parker Follmer, right, designs a sympathy card Monday morning for John Beemer and the farm animals lost in last week's fire. Follmer drew a chicken, among other residents of the farm, in the center of his card.

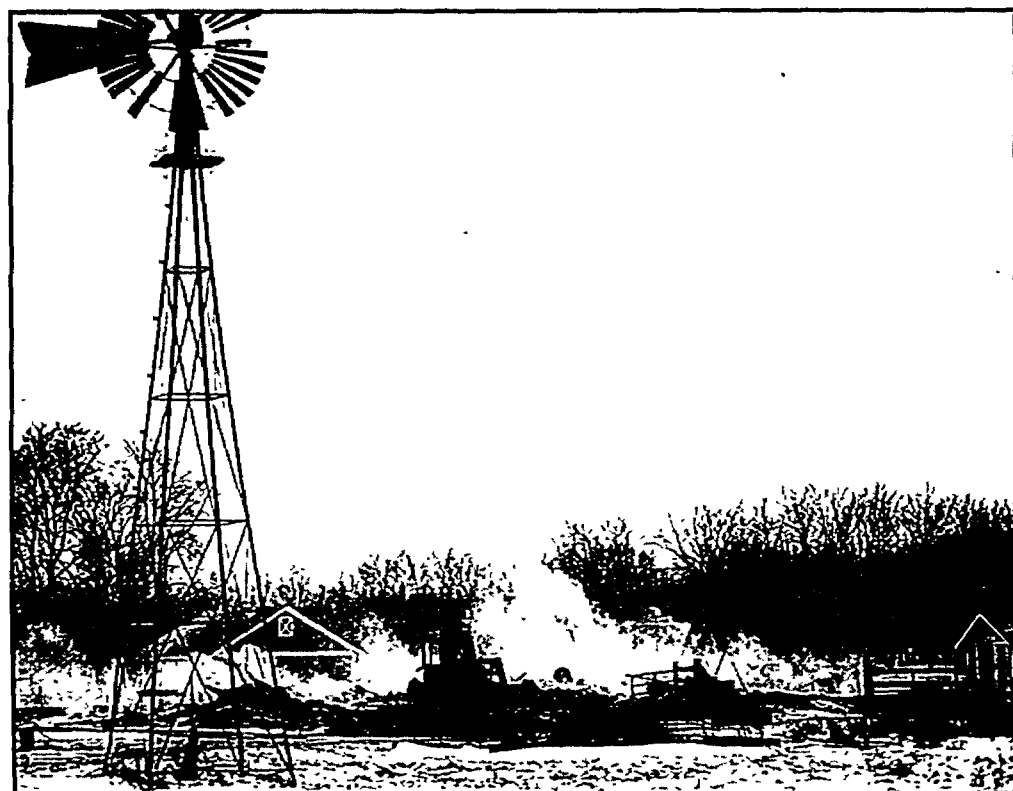


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The remains of Maybury State Park's working farm's barn still smokes Thursday morning after Wednesday night's fire.

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March 4, 2003	1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	By appointment (Monday)
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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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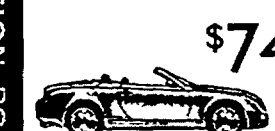
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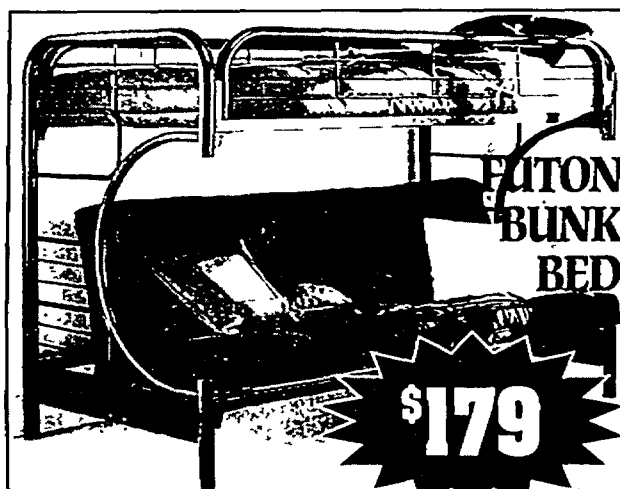
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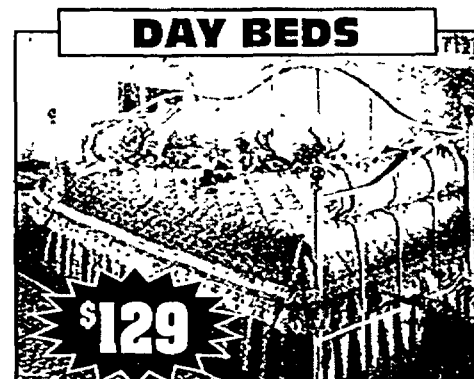


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# Students suspended for bringing stun gun

## Police: trio didn't plan on harming other pupils at NHS

By Pauline Lupericio and Jennifer Norris  
STAFF WRITERS

Three Northville High School students were arrested and indefinitely suspended last week for their involvement in a stun gun incident inside the school building.

Police and school officials learned the weapon was on school

grounds Feb. 13 at approximately 10:30 a.m.

School liaison officer Mike Wildt said cooperation between students and staff enabled police to locate the weapon, which works by disrupting the signal from the brain to the muscles, causing pain and possibly resulting in the individual to falling to the ground.

Stun guns are also illegal to own, possess, or offer for sale in the state of Michigan.

No one was harmed. Three students — a freshman, a sophomore and a junior — were arrested and suspended indefinitely. According to police, the weapon was brought on campus by the ninth grade stu-

**"I can't easily recall when we've had a stun gun brought...a weapon of that magnitude."**

Leonard Rezmierski  
Northville schools superintendent

dent. No comment was given detailing the extent of involvement by the other two students.

Although police could not comment on the specific reason the students gave for bringing the weapon to school, Wildt said police were certain the students

did not intend to harm others.

"It is a felony to bring a stun gun into school building as well as the additional felony charge for bringing a weapon in the weapon free school zone," said Wildt.

"Being that they were juveniles, the students were released and the incident will be handled through juvenile court."

Northville schools superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said the district would be following due process in discipline procedures.

"Whatever caused these young men to think this was an appropriate thing to do at the time, the due process steps and the punishment that will follow will give them something to think about," said Rezmierski. "It's just not something we're going to tolerate. This is not an appropriate thing to bring to school, to any public

arena."

"It's very disappointing. We will handle it."

Rezmierski said such an incident has been an uncommon occurrence within the district.

"We've had our fair share of fights over the years, that type of situation," he said. "I can't easily recall when we've had a stun gun brought...a weapon of that magnitude."

Pauline Lupericio and Jennifer Norris are staff writers for the Northville Record. They may be reached at (248) 349-1700.

## Seniors treated to valentines from Meads Mill students

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Meads Mill Middle School student Natalie Tyciecky shows off a Valentine card she's created to an art-class neighbor last Wednesday afternoon. Art teacher Lynn Soluri's class created Valentines that they then sent to senior citizens in local nursing homes.



By Jennifer Norris  
STAFF WRITER

Students at Meads Mill Middle School made Valentine's Day a little more festive for local senior citizens.

Lynn Soluri, a Meads Mill art teacher, said students ranging from grades 6-8 created more than 260 handmade Valentines, which were later distributed to the retirement communities of Alterra and Sunrise.

Soluri said the project was well-received by staff members at the senior facilities.

"They were thrilled," she said.

"They were picking up the Valentines and looking at them. The kids really did a great job. They were enthusiastic about doing this."

Soluri said such a project provided benefits for both generation groups.

"I've done this project in the past," she said. "It's a win-win for the students and senior citizens."

Soluri said the project allows the students' personal creativity to be appreciated by others.

She added that the cards reflected individuality.

"I was touched by the personal touches they put on them," Soluri

said.

The students labored over the cards for approximately a two-week period.

Soluri expects the project to continue in upcoming years.

"I have done this project in the past," she said. "This will be something I will continue to do with the students. As long as I'm teaching art, I'll continue to do this project."

Jennifer Norris is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 107 or by e-mail at jnorris@ht.homecomm.net.

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# Maybury's pain hurts everyone

It hurts. It hurts a great deal. And the emotional strain caused by last week's fire at Maybury State Park's farm isn't going to go away anytime soon. The images of the 100-year-old barn burning into the night will be with us for a long, long time.

And to that end, it's okay to grieve, and it's okay to lament a loss whose significance can't be overstated to the Northville community. What happened at Maybury is nothing short of a disaster.

So often, we see images of other makeshift memorials forming at the sites of tragedies big and small. Few of us would have thought that Eight Mile and Beck roads would one day join that awful fraternity.

But while we mourn the loss of the animal friends which died in the fire, we are struck with the quick response of Northville Township, Northville and Novi firefighters, who may not have been able to save the barn or the animals inside, but did what they could from allowing the

fire to spread to surrounding structures.

We are struck by the gallant efforts of Northville veterinarians, who searched for ways to save even the littlest animal survivor, and had to make the painful but necessary decisions to euthanize the animals when it was clear medical

**We can only hope this very dark cloud will dissipate just a little bit with each sunrise and sunset.**

treatment wouldn't do the trick. We are struck by the outpouring of support from Northville residents and residents of surrounding communities, who opened up their pocketbooks,

offering to help restore the barn before the smoke had even cleared from the site.

We are struck by the expressions of children, who found constructive ways to deal with their loss — by writing and drawing and talking their way through a traumatic event.

No, none of these things takes away the pain we all sustained last Wednesday night, but they do provide a thin silver lining to a very thick and dark cloud — a cloud we hope will dissipate just a little bit with each sunrise and sunset.

## LETTERS

### What are the chances Lansing will help farm?

News of the fire that consumed the venerable old barn at Northville's Maybury State Park, particularly the deaths of the animals there, many of which my children knew by name — horses Sarge, Andy, Beauty, Queen, and Misty — hit this Northville family exceptionally hard. The farm program at Maybury — for my own and thousands of other young children an inestimably enlightening hands on exposure to a vanishing way of life — was already struggling for its very existence with the retirement in October of the one person that kept the operation alive; Farmer John Beemer, and the slashing of state funding for such non-essential State run programs.

What are the chances now, given the budgetary woes that presently preoccupy Lansing, that this utterly priceless, publicly accessible, affirming connection to the agricultural roots of our modern society will be resurrected for the benefit of those who may otherwise never sample its unmatched educational offerings?

Kenneth Kilpatrick  
Northville

### Maybury farm meant much to family

To say that our family is devastated about the loss of the beloved Maybury State Park Living Farm would be a great understatement. I enjoyed the farm over 20 years ago as a child and have passed on the experience to my two children. We visit weekly during the winter, but can be found there at least twice each week when the weather breaks. My daughter has a love for animals that is immeasurable because of the uniqueness of the educational Maybury experience. The joy on the faces of all visiting children when they see, smell and touch the animals is priceless and unrelenting.

The Maybury farm and its resident animals are so important to the Northville community and metro area. There simply is just not another place like it. We are also Detroit Zoo members and visit their "petting farm" which pales in comparison to the Maybury experience. My nearly 3-year-old daughter says it best when we are at the zoo, "I want to go to my farm now (Maybury State Park)."

We strongly urge those within the Department of Natural Resources to hear our voices. The Maybury farm has been a destination for so many Detroit metro residents for such a long time. We empower you to find the necessary resources to rebuild as soon as possible.

How do you tell a three-year-old that nearly 50 of her "friends" that she visits and learned so much from are gone?

Susan and Michael Krygier  
Northville

### Loss of Maybury farm goes beyond a building

A thief recently paid an unwelcome visit to our community in the dead of night and stole what my family and I consider to be a priceless treasure. The thief was fire, and the treasure the century old barn and menagerie of farm animals housed within it at Maybury State Park in Northville Township.

Why accord any great significance to the demise of a single barn and the deaths of the animals it contained? Barns full of animals periodically burn to the ground. And there are a slew of far more pressing matters than dusty old barns being reduced to ashes vying for our attention.

But Maybury farm was different. It was more than just another relic of our pre-industrial agricultural roots. It was a living, affirming, tactile bridge between our high-tech world of computers, cell phones and orbiting space stations, and the earthy world of hay, manure, mud and weathered wood upon which our modern world still depends but increasingly undervalues.

News reports in the days following the Feb. 12 fire at Maybury variously referred to

### Beemers appreciate outpouring of support

Thank you for your outpouring of support and caring on the loss of our Maybury community barn and animals, which is truly a loss for us all. We all grieve together. Thank you to the fire and police departments who responded to the fire providing their experienced and excellent services.

Though John has retired and we have moved to Stockbridge, our hearts will never leave Northville and Maybury Farm. We've spent 25 years in Northville, raised our family here, and have made countless wonderful life-long friends.

We had purchased [farm horses] Sarge, Misty, and Star. They are with us in Stockbridge. We need to rebuild Maybury Farm. It is a living farm-an entity that breathes life into our community-a place for us and our surrounding communities to come, reflect, and reenergize.

John and Norma Beemer  
former caretakers  
Maybury State Park farm

### Trail Riders begin work to rebuild Maybury farm

As you are probably well aware we have suffered a devastating loss with the Maybury State Park Living Farm fire on Feb. 13, 2003. Approximately 50 animals including 3 matched Belgian draft horses and the 100 year old barn were a total loss.

Maybury State Park and its Living Farm was developed in 1975 to give families in the greater metropolitan area an opportunity to become involved in educational and recreational activities within a park setting. Maybury State Park, in spite of its small size of 950 acres (40 acres of that was devoted to the Living Farm) is one of the highest use parks in the State Park System. Visits to the farm were an important part of the curriculum of neighboring school districts. Since 1975 more than 250,000 children had toured the Living Farm.

It has been a tremendous loss for our area, in regards not only to the farm animals, but the relationship children enjoyed with those animals. For example, The Old Village School in Northville Special Needs Children came weekly to assist Farmer Beemer with chores.

"We are grateful and blown away by the show of support from concerned citizens," said DNR spokesman, Brad Wurefel who was present at Maybury the day following the tragic event. Calls of condolences poured into the park from across Michigan the day following this tragic event, as the community mourned the loss. Mourners posted memorials and flowers outside the site.

We are in the process of forming a Concerned Citizens group whose main purpose will be to implement the rebuilding of this facility. We need your support and input to make this possible. This will need the cooperation of both our key state representatives and the DNR. To this effect you and we need to be touch with Mr. K.L. Cool, director of the DNR. (COOLKL@michigan.gov)

Jean Bemish  
Vice-president, Maybury State Park Trail Riders  
Northville

### Removal of items from Maybury fence hurts

On Sunday, I had driven by the Maybury Farm fencing area on Eight Mile Road and saw the overwhelming tribute erected along the fence site. It was well off the busy roadway and surely no harm to anyone.

The whole community has suffered a tremendous loss and it was obvious to all who traveled that way that this community had very deep feelings for the animals who had perished in the fire and the 100-year-old barn as well. I was by the area again on Monday and saw most of the items removed. I cannot express how saddened I was to see the tokens of the communities grief gone.

I believe individuals (especially all the children who were welcomed there for so long) need to express their condolences and grief at this time and to deprive them of that is a sad thing, indeed.

The removal has not gone unnoticed. Do you suppose someone was hoping that all who went that way would think that no one really cared? It is my sincere belief that all should be returned, we should be allowed to grieve for our loss.

Kenneth E. Kilpatrick  
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# OTHER OPINIONS

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Winchester Elementary School teacher Kimberly Consentino-Nicholas reads to her third grade students Monday morning.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## Are we Ready To Succeed?

The science is indisputably clear, fully confirming what good parents have known forever.

Kids develop very rapidly from the time they are born. Something like 85 percent of the brain is developed within the first five years of life. That's when kids are going to develop intellectually, socially and emotionally. And if they miss that critical window, they'll have an increasingly tough time as they get older.



Phil Power

The public policy consequence is equally clear. Education should begin at age zero, not at age 5, which is when most kids start going to public school kindergarten. Sadly, there is a disconnect today between

what we know about how and when children develop and when we start spending money in educating them.

Budget hawks, consider this: Much of what needs to be done isn't going to cost taxpayers one red cent. Reading to your baby for just a half hour a day turbocharges the development of her brain. How much does that cost? The verbs are compelling, the cost is cheap and the results vast: Read, hold, teach, laugh, play, care for, love.

And when costs are involved, the payoff is seven to one. Ypsilanti's High Scope/Perry Preschool program is the most studied early childhood program in the country. Research conducted over 30 years shows that the public saved \$700 in the cost of prisons, drug treatment, welfare, remedial education and social services in return for investing \$100 in high quality early childhood education and care.

For the past few years, I've been part of a small outfit called the Ready To Succeed Partnership, which is committed to early childhood care and education. It's a broad group, including folks from business, philanthropy, education, politics, law enforcement, health care and the media. You might remember their catchy slogan — "Be Their Hero From Age Zero" — from last year's media campaign.

Next week, they'll launch a new campaign, one generously funded by intermediate school districts and grants from foundations of General Motors, Ford and DaimlerChrysler. The campaign will be on TV, radio, billboard and newspapers, and counting the free match from media participants, this year's drive will bring total media expenditure over the past two years to more than \$2.5 million.

The media are compelling. Images of parents reading, holding, laughing, caring — those verbs again! — are juxtaposed with the faces of children just beginning to sense the excitement of discovering the wonder of themselves and the world around them.

A great part of this year's campaign — which will kick off next Monday — is a telephone number linking parents and interested adults with local information. Dialing (888) BE A HERO gets you in direct touch with trained staff that will direct you to information about programs and services in your own local intermediate school district. During peak times, calls will be answered by an automated voice mail system requesting a caller's contact information. This will be forwarded to the local ISD for direct follow up.

Fortunately, this private effort is drawing support from the public sector. One of the themes of Gov. Jennifer Granholm's State of the State speech was Project Great Start, through which the state's 57 intermediate school districts are being asked to define education as beginning at birth and not when a kid starts kindergarten. Over the past couple of years, something like \$90 million in state grants have jump started community-based coalitions to help the parents of the

130,000 babies who are born in Michigan each year.

Public engagement is not limited to Gov. Granholm. A bipartisan Children's Caucus in the legislature is developing to help Michigan become a national leader in high-quality early education and care for young children.

Former state representatives Pan Godchaux from Birmingham and Lynn Martinez from Lansing were key in starting the caucus a few years ago; with their departure from the legislature (thank you, term limits!), new leaders are stepping up.

A lot is coming together in all this. Brain science. Public policy. Private philanthropy and volunteerism. State government. Local teachers, nurses, doctors, clergy and parents. But the results could be, quite literally, revolutionary.

Readers interested in statewide information and resources for early childhood education and development can log on to [www.herofromzero.org](http://www.herofromzero.org). For information on the Michigan Ready To Succeed Partnership, go to [www.readytosucceed.org](http://www.readytosucceed.org).

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## The circle of life has rough edges

I'm no different than anyone else. I, too, have my memories of the Maybury State Park farm.

The memories I have are probably much like your own — taking a school field trip to the park, and seeing *real live animals*, not just ones in an encyclopedia for a report. I remember being awed by the size of a horse, of a sheep, of a pig.



Chris C. Davis

I remember grimacing at the smell of the barn, and the chorus of "Peeeeeew!" that rang out from the 25 or so other kids with me as we walked toward the farm. It's been a long time since I've been back to Maybury. In fact, the last time I can definitely recall actually stepping foot on the property was about two years ago, when I was doing a story on an Eagle Scout project at the park. I was reminded of my absence from the park this week, while I was doing prep work for the upcoming *Discover Northville 2003* guide, and was updating information on Northville-area parks.

And that's when it hit me: it'll be quite a while before I get a chance to go back to

the farm.

I can only imagine the grief so many children in Northville must be feeling right now. Just about the same time I went on that field trip to Maybury, my first pet — a goldfish named Speedy — was swimming noticeably slower. A few days later, Speedy wasn't swimming at all. Speedy was dead, and I was a wreck.

That was my first real run-in with the proverbial circle of life. I didn't like it one bit. Now that I'm an adult, I don't think I like it any more, but I at least *understand* it. I also understand that from old life comes new life, and that it's not a matter of us being able to avoid tragedies in our own lives, but rather when and how tragedies occur, and how we transcend them.

I'm neither a psychologist nor a grief counselor, nor even a parent. But I happen to believe that finding constructive ways to express one's loss is not only appropriate, but necessary. It's also necessary to find ways to get back into the normal swing of things, for even though it may feel as if the weight of the world has been dropped on one's lap, the world will continue to turn.

Life can — and will — go on.

That's not to say we don't have the right to feel a cornucopia of emotions and responses to what happened at Maybury. Our response here at the Record has been to try to get information to the readers and put what's happened into perspective. We may not be able to bring back the four-legged friends that meant so much to so

many people, but I can assure readers that we'll stay on top of this story for the long-term. We'll ask the questions and report what we know. We'll stay in touch with local and state officials to ascertain what happened, why it happened, and what will be done next.

These, after all, are the same questions kids and grown-ups alike are probably asking. I can think of no greater a role in a local newspaper than to answer the call at a moment like this.

Eight Mile and Beck was a special place, and in the hearts and minds of thousands of residents, it still is.

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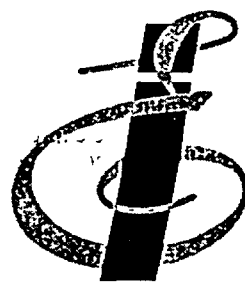
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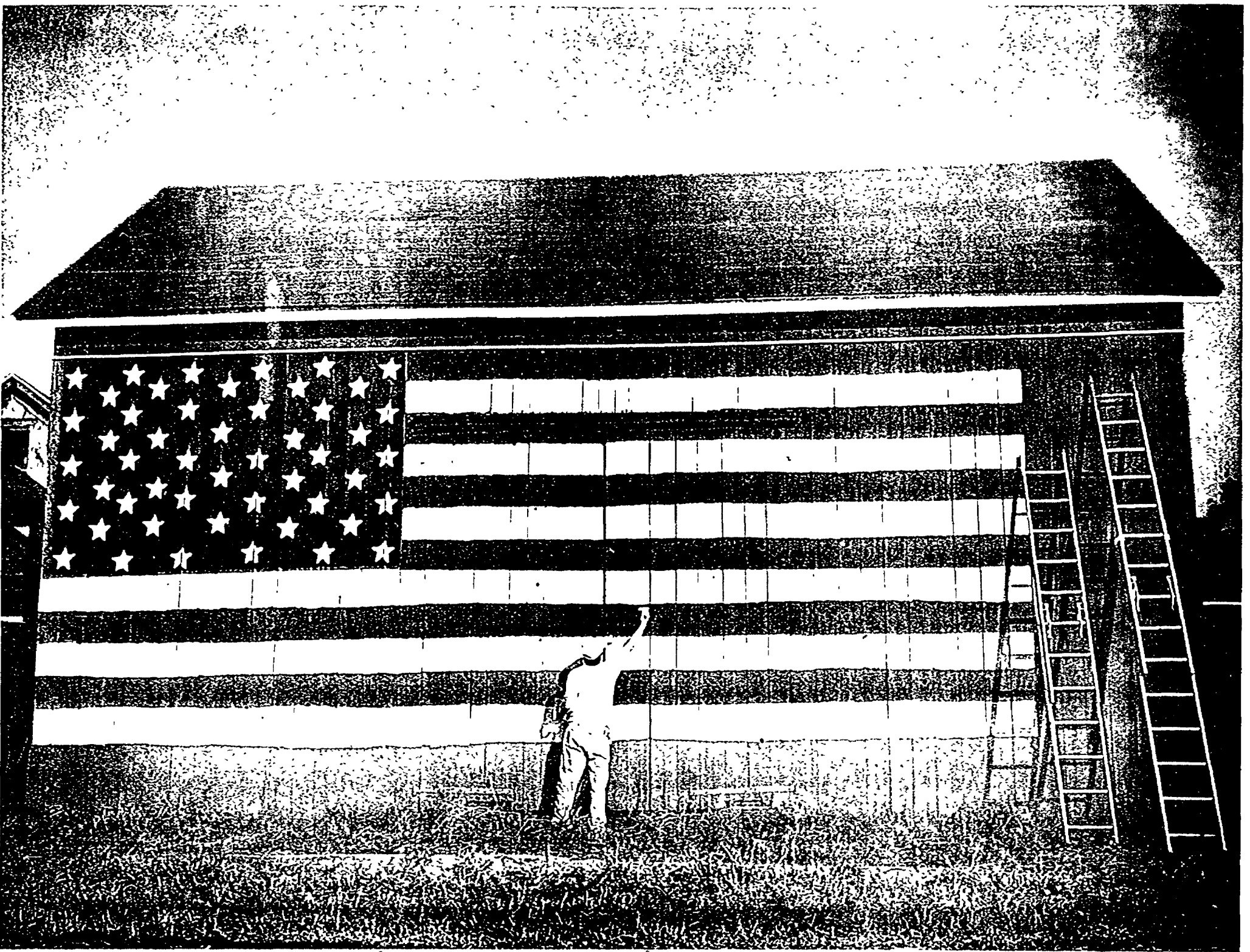
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# Slowly but surely, Marquis Theatre rebuilds

By Pauline Lupercio  
STAFF WRITER



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Brian Toppa of Burton Bros. Painting works on an entrance doorway of Northville's Marquis Theater last Thursday afternoon. Toppa and many other contractors were in the theater repairing damage from last month's fire.

Despite the extensive smoke damage sustained to the Marquis Theatre during a small fire in late January, the Zayti family is confident the theater's doors will not remain closed for long.

March 22 will mark the theatre's grand re-opening, said owner Inge Zayti.

But first, the family must address the \$300,000 in damages sustained during what the fire department said was an accidental fire.

According to chief Jim Allen, it was determined the fire began in the heating unit above the ticket area.

"The fire was not big. We had unbelievable smoke damage throughout the whole theater," said Zayti. "The prop room, the costume room, and the auditorium were all affected. The biggest project for restoration is the old box office."

Zayti also said the theatre's

approximately 550 seats needed to be refurbished and reupholstered prior to opening. Two thousand costumes must be sent out for professional cleaning. The entire theatre will also be re-painted, re-carpeted, and re-wallpapered prior to opening.

Northville residents Mike Halbert and partner Bruce Christenson of Burton Brothers of Southfield are heading up the restoration project.

"There was no structural damage, but there is a lot of necessary cosmetic work," said Halbert, the project manager. "The box office itself was damaged on the inside and is being re-fabricated. Electrical work is also being replaced in front of the theatre."

Halbert said daily progress meetings are held in order to ensure

Burton Brothers remains on schedule.

"I want this theatre back the way it was," he said. "It is a landmark to the city."

Zayti expressed her thanks to the Northville Fire Department for their quick response time and the vital part they played on saving the historic building.

"Thanks to chief Jim Allen and the fire department for coming as fast as they did or we might have lost the theatre," said Zayti. "We plan on having a wonderful show when we open up. It's a big job to fix it, but it is worth it."

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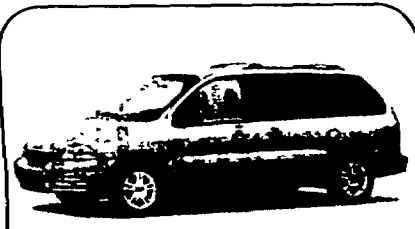
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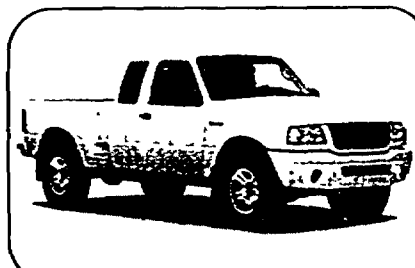
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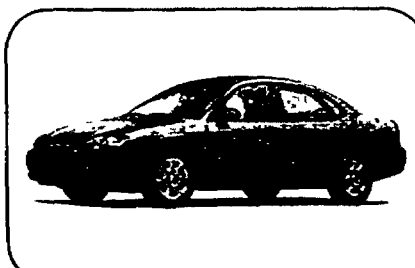
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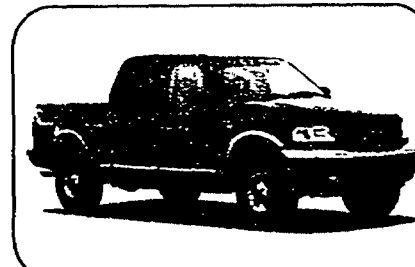
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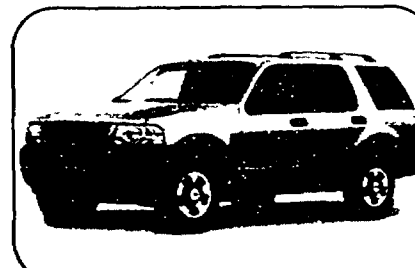
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## BUSINESS BRIEF

### COMPUTER TROUBLESHOOTERS

#### Shooting trouble

Sanford Schaap and John Enot have opened a new Computer Troubleshooters franchise in Northville and Novi, Strategic Systems Services, Inc. Ranked the #1 Tech Support franchise by Entrepreneur magazine, Computer Troubleshooters provides a complete range of onsite computer services — including repair, upgrade, and networking — to small businesses that don't have a full time IT person on staff and to private individuals.

"Our customers, especially our small business clients, need the convenience of onsite service. They can't afford to disconnect their PC, drive it to a computer store, then wait a few days for their repair or upgrade," said Chip Reaves, National Director for Computer Troubleshooters USA. "Our customers depend on their computers every day, and most prefer the speed and convenience of onsite service. As an added benefit, our rates are lower than many of our competitors because Sanford and John don't have the overhead expense of a retail store."

Computer Troubleshooters services go way beyond fixing broken computers. According to Strategic Systems Services, Inc. President and CEO Sanford Schaap, "Small business owners know how crucial their information is, but often need help maintaining reliable information systems. Computers, their components, and software will occasionally fail. We can help our customers minimize the number of failures and the impact those failures will have. We can help customers with virus protection, back up systems, system monitoring and even the training needed for daily work."

Sanford (Sandy) Schaap, President and CEO of Strategic Systems Services, Inc. has been a resident of Northville for 7 years. Both he and John are active in various charity activities such as the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundations Ride for Kids and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

#### About Computer Troubleshooters

Founded in Australia in 1997, Computer Troubleshooters' unique business model stresses friendly, personal service from a network of independent, local franchisees. With over 150 locations worldwide, Computer Troubleshooters is the world's largest computer service franchise and is ranked the #1 Tech Support franchise by Entrepreneur magazine.

Strategic Systems Services, Inc. (Computer Troubleshooters — Northville/Novi) is the seventh Computer Troubleshooters location in Michigan, joining other franchisees, which opened last year.

## TAX TIP

#### Selling your home

If you sold your main home, you may be able to exclude up to \$250,000 of gain (\$500,000 for married taxpayers filing jointly) from your federal tax return, according to the IRS. This exclusion is allowed each time that you sell your main home, but generally no more frequently than once every two years.

To be eligible for this exclusion, your home must have been owned by you and used as your main home for a period of at least two years out of the five years prior to its sale. If you and your spouse file a joint return for the year of the sale, you can exclude the gain if either of you qualify for the exclusion. But both of you would have to meet the use test to claim the \$500,000 maximum amount.

If you do not meet the ownership and use tests, you may be allowed to exclude a portion of the gain realized on the sale of your home if you sold your home due to a change in health or place of employment.

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Thomas Tuckey, a mortgage consultant with Republic Bank, says the bulk of his business comes directly from past customers.

## Mortgage consultant will be your lender for life

By Elizabeth Heer  
SPECIAL WRITER

Tom Tuckey lives and works by one simple premise. "A wise person once said that if you enjoy what you do for a living, you'll never work another day in your life. I think that applies to me. I truly enjoy what I do, and I've been very blessed from my work, because it has given me the ability to help people make the biggest financial decisions of their life — the purchase or refinancing of their home," he said.

Not only that, he wants to be your lender for life.

"That's my tagline. I'm a firm believer in that. My goal is not to do just one loan then forget about the client, but to help them later with other purchasing or refinancing. And help their friends, family, and coworkers," he said. "The bulk of my business comes directly from past customers."

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Tuckey makes every effort to treat each client as if they are a million dollar customer, and to provide them with the best level of customer service. That means finding the best program rate and getting the lowest closing costs possible for every customer.

"I see some of the closing statements from some of my competitors, and I think there's no reason for those high closing costs, except that they are making extra money on them. My goal is to keep closing costs as low as possible."

As a mortgage consultant, Tuckey's mission is to make sure his customers get the best deal on financing. Whether looking for a new mortgage or possibly refinancing an old one, Tuckey recommends the advantages of meeting with him at least once a year.

"We have so many options, you just owe it to yourself. The reason being I've helped people refinance, do different financing they never thought would be possible, or pull out cash for different reasons," he said. "For example, I had a customer who didn't dream they could, or should, refinance because they were going to be moving in the next three years. Well, it actually was the perfect time to refinance. We got them on a three-year adjustable rate mortgage, and they saved \$250 a month just from switching from their 30-year fixed mortgage to the three-year ARM. People don't

realize how much they can save," he explained.

The reasons for refinancing, Tuckey advises, are almost endless, whether purchasing new property, starting up a new business, or taking advantage of the lower interest rates. Of course, an obvious advantage is to lower those monthly payments. Another reason is lowering the term of the loan. A third reason is to acquire cash out.

"Many people want to consolidate their debt to pay off credit cards, combine a primary and a second mortgage, purchase vehicles, trailers, boats, or a second home. To make a long story short, your house is just about the only tax break you get anymore," he notes.

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Tuckey brings to his job 12 years of banking and mortgage

experience and expertise anchored with a bachelor's degree in economics from Michigan State University and a master's degree in finance from Walsh College. Continuing education is a priority, and he attends as many seminars as he can. After working in managerial positions with responsibility for a number of different banking areas, Tuckey found mortgage financing and the face to face with customers more enjoyable than anything.

"I love the customer service relationship where every transaction is different, nothing is ever the same. I especially love working with new homebuyers. There is such excitement for someone buying their very first home that is so great to see," he said. Tuckey makes a point to attend as many of his closings as possible, and closings for purchases are a special priority to him.

Not long after joining with Republic Bank in 1998, Tuckey quickly made a name for himself, earning the Rookie of the Year Award in his first year. He has continued to excel, earning

the President's Quality in Service Award and a number of quarterly and annual awards, and has ranked in the top 10 percent of all Republic Bank loan officers for the past two years.

Tuckey and his wife, Beth, have happily resided in New Hudson for the past eight years where they are raising their two children, Andrew and Amanda.

"We couldn't be happier here. It's without a doubt the best move we've ever made," Tuckey said. "I'm basically a very simple guy. Family is the most important thing to me, but my work is right up there, too. I can have a flexible schedule, which allows me to meet with clients whenever they want, but still have time for my family."

Tuckey enjoys the small town atmosphere of South Lyon. It feels like home to him, having been born and raised in a small town in the Thumb area of Michigan. He finds ample opportunity to volunteer his time to his community as a member of the South Lyon Chamber of Commerce and the Jaycees.

"I just want to thank the South Lyon area," he said.

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# Gerou takes oath of office at 35th District

By Pauline Lupercio  
STAFF WRITER

With pomp and circumstance, and family and friends in attendance, Michael J. Gerou was publicly sworn in as the newest 35th District Judge at an investiture ceremony held in Canton.

The court serves the communities of Canton, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, and Plymouth Township.

The Feb. 13 ceremony, held at The Summit on the Park, included a number of Michigan judges from various courts and various community leaders.

Gerou, who was officially sworn in before the first of the year, said he was surprised to learn about the investiture after winning the election.

"This ceremony is something that lets the community, leaders, and family and friends, celebrate in the achievement," said the 47-year-old Plymouth resident. "Because there was an awful lot of work that went into this and most of those close to me have not had the opportunity to share in the triumph."

The event, said Gerou, also plays up the great responsibility entrusted to judges.

That responsibility is now more evenly divided amongst those handling the case loads for the five communities served by the 35th District Court. Because of a dramatic increase in the case loads once handled by just two judges, Gerou said the legislature decided to add a third position to more evenly divide the responsibility.

And it is a responsibility Gerou is eager to fill.

"I absolutely love it. Shortly after I learned I was elected, I very quickly wrapped up my private practice so I could dedicate my time to get up to speed so I could hit the ground



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

**35th District Court Judge Michael Gerou takes a brief recess in his chambers on a recent Thursday morning.**

running," he said. "Even though I didn't officially start the job until Jan. 1, I was working six weeks before that setting up my office and job shadowing [Chief Judge John E. MacDonald and Judge Ronald Lowe.]

Gerou believes it is hard work and dedication that will help him reach his goal of becoming an "outstanding" judge.

Prior to being elected, Gerou had been an attorney in private practice for 16 years. He received his bachelors from Eastern Michigan University and is also a graduate of the Detroit School of Law. An active member of the Plymouth community, Gerou has been married for 12 years and is the father of three.

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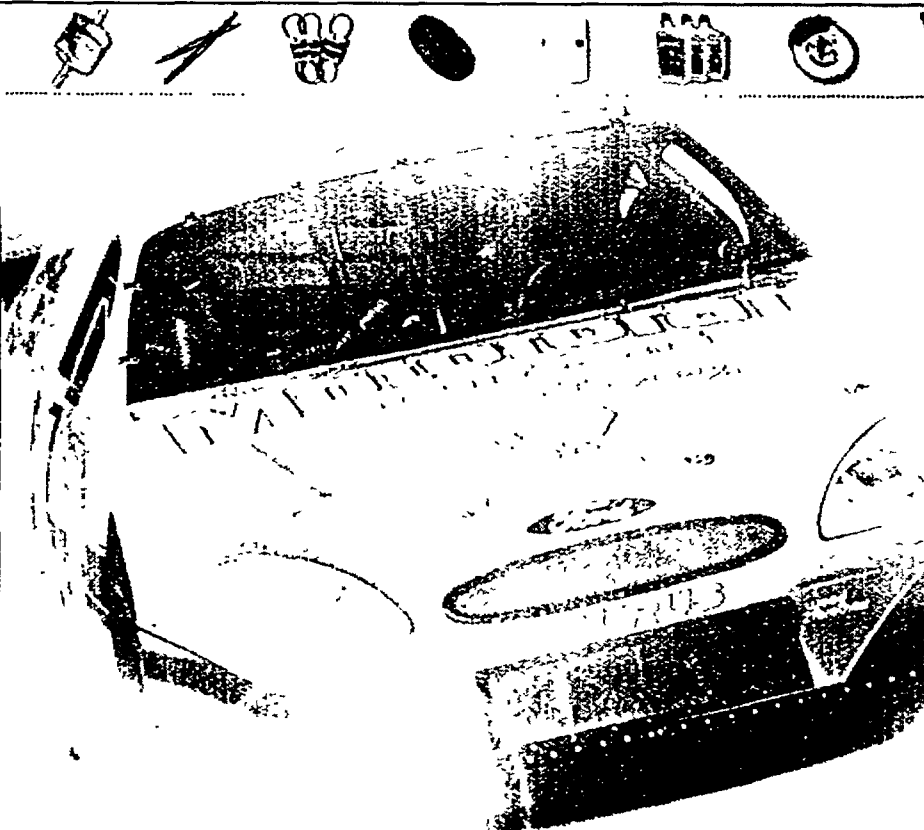


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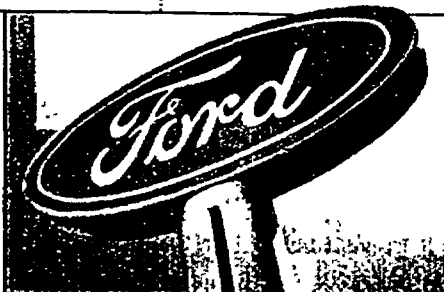


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## DISTRICT CHAMPIONS!

Mustang grapplers prove playing with heart and determination pays off

By Kita Mason  
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HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Oh, what a feeling!

The Northville Mustang varsity wrestlers took the Michigan High School Athletic Association's District 27 Team Championship by defeating Plymouth Salem High School 33-27 February 13.

In the end, it was the third time against Salem was the charm.

"This is a huge win for us to be District Champions, especially against Plymouth Salem," said Northville head coach Joel Smith.

Salem had beat Northville 46-26 December 7, then they beat Northville again 38-27 January 16. But the evidence was undeniable, Northville was improving.

Coach Smith elaborated, "Those early, tough weekends against Davison, Traverse City Central, Catholic Central, teams that are ranked in the state, are paying off now. I told the team that this path was the way to learn, that there was a method to my madness."

The Mustangs' early season win/loss record could have been demoralizing, but not to this bunch. They just learned those lessons and grew.

Northville had a first round bye in the District event. The Mustangs sat in the stands watching Plymouth Salem make short work out of Plymouth Canton, 45-25. Each individual wrestler was intently watching the match at his own weight class. When the team went out of the gym to warm up, the coaches reminded them that they had finished ahead of Plymouth Salem in points just that past weekend.

"We are seeing the fruits of the season when last weekend we took third overall (ahead of Salem) at the WLAA Conference Individuals Meet," said Smith. "That performance



The Northville Wrestlers pose with their District trophy along with their coaches who have helped push them through the season and made them all the better for it. Congrats, Northville!

showed the depth of our team, to finish that high without any individual champs."

The Mustangs were reminded they had already proven they could beat Salem — they needed to believe in themselves.

Northville led off with experience and determination. Senior captains Mike Carter, wrestling at 112, and Josh D'Anna, at 119, pinned their opponents, spotting Northville an early 12-0 lead. Losses at the 125, 130, 135, 140, and 145-pound weight classes found Northville staring at a 21-12 deficit.

Then another Northville senior captain, Rick Riegner, stepped onto the mat and man-

aged to turn the tide. Riegner, wrestling at 152, won his match 9-2, clawing three points onto the Northville side of the scoreboard. Jeff Ponder, at 160, followed suit with a 6-1 win.

Junior captain, Steve Minier, a 171-pound wrestler, pinned his opponent and regained the lead for Northville at 24-21. Dave Quick, at 189, put three more Northville points on the board with a grueling 3-2 victory.

Senior captain Steve Cain, grappling at 215, added fuel to the Northville comeback with a 6-point pin. Cain's pin widened the point spread to 12. The best Salem could do was tie the match, and default to a tie

breaking formula.

Northville was looking at two of Salem's toughest wrestlers. Both of the Salem grapplers had pinned these Mustang in previous matches. Now was the time for Northville to believe in themselves. The chatter in the stands was that if they could avoid a pin in one of these last two matches, Northville would win the championship.

In determination and dedication that the Mustangs have shown throughout the entire season, neither grappler allowed a pin. Marc Mueller, the squad's heavyweight, lost 0-3, but cinched the Northville victory numerically by holding off Salem's heavyweight power-

house. Adam Blunk, 103, lost 2-9, but punctuated the team victory by holding off Salem's lightweight dynamo.

Coach Smith glowed with praise for his team.

"Some of these kids are peaking at the right moment," he said. "We've come a long way."

Salem was 7 points short, and Northville was the District Champions.

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Play the game with lots of heart

Sometimes, you have to go against all odds and just play with your hearts.

At this point in the game, the

Northville Mustangs hockey team really couldn't be considered underdogs or the better team in any match-up they will have in the Michigan

High School Athletic Association Regionals at Novi Ice Arena. The truth is, you just don't know which team is going to hit the ice.

This season, there have been plenty of match-ups that the Mustangs should or could have won and then unfortunately ended up on the wrong side of the win/loss column. Then, there have been games that should have been close or they may have been the underdogs in and they pulled out a victory or a major blow out.

This is the beauty of high school hockey. You can take any team and unless they are playing one of the best teams in Michigan, they stand a chance at pulling out a victory. Northville is no different. These guys have the ability to beat pretty much anyone on the ice, but there are some things they are going to have to do in order to skate away with the victory.

First of all, they have to stay out of the penalty box. That is a killer for any squad, and especially the emotional Mustangs. They are hard-hitters, but sometimes they just get a little over-anxious. Then, there is defense. It's great when you have guys on your team that can score a hat-trick, but what good is it if you score four and they score six? And the, of course, it's the team work. Hockey isn't an individual sport, and these guys know it. They have the talent to go deep into the lines and play as a unit throughout without missing a beat. The key to winning any game is for them to practice that — and I don't doubt they will.

I've had my fingers crossed that the Mustangs are going to show up more than one team in the Regionals. And, since I'm lucky as a sports writer, they ended up drawing the Novi Wildcats — isn't that going to be a blast? I'm sure the members of the Mustangs hockey team and the parents, fans and friends all agree with that one. Nothing can be better than taking on your cross-town rival in a winner-takes-all game.

Look, I'm getting goosebumps just thinking about it.

Don't miss the Mustangs when they take on the Wildcats Monday at 5:30 p.m. in a winner-takes-all, loser-goes-home game at the Novi Ice Arena.

I'm not going to pick sides on this one and it's a shame that both teams can't win. All I can ask for is that this game is clean, short on penalties and a lot of fun. And, may the best team win.

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GAME OF THE WEEK



Northville Mustangs  
HOCKEY  
MHSAA Regionals

## They've earned all the respect

Jason Albosta, John Campbell are seniors to be very proud of

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

What it must be like to be such talented seniors — or to be their coach or teammate for that matter.

Northville has more than a few of them, especially like those that come in the forms of Jason Albosta and John Campbell.

It's an interesting situation. Both are divers that most teams would fall all over themselves trying to get signed up on their team and both are highly competitive. Yet, you've heard of one quite a bit and probably not so much of the other.

Albosta is the kind of athlete that gets his name in the paper each week when his season is in full swing. Sure, things started out a little rough but now that he's back in form, he's earning first-place after first-place finish with his form and technique — not to mention sheer determination and dedication.

But, there's another amazing diver you don't hear too much of. Campbell is the kind of kid that thanks you when you congratulate him, and then quietly makes his way out of the room. He's



Photo by John Heider

Northville High School divers John Campbell, left, and Jason Albosta await the beginning of their home meet against Novi recently.

quite the capable diver too, giving Northville a one-two punch throughout the season as he collected numerous second-place finishes behind his close friend, Albosta.

This year wasn't all for naught when it came to the top spot though. Campbell has earned his first-place finish, and rightfully deserved to do so.

With a duo such as Campbell and Albosta, the swim team must be very confident in points coming out of their diving squad each

and every dual meet. Coach Rich Bennetts has said in the past that he doesn't have to worry about his two top divers. Instead, he knows that they are going to practice hard, work on improving themselves and growing as competitors.

Why can't every team have two seniors like this? They aren't going to be snatching up the headlines every time they hit the pool, and they know that when it comes to glory and fame, divers are rarely the ones earning the

Sports Illustrated cover. Yet, they continue to improve, to earn more and more points and to succeed.

They aren't the kind that are concerned about their fame and their recognition as athletes. No, they are athletes that want to compete and that's what they do. Each and every time the Mustangs gear up for a meet, spectators, fans and friends can be rest assured that these two are going to be ready to give it their all.

If you get a chance before the

season ends, get out and watch these two divers compete. Sure, they are on the same team and they are after the same goal, but they do it with style.

And, you never know, maybe they'll tie for first one of these days.

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# Seven-minute lapse leads to seven goals

## Stevenson Spartans prove too tough for Northville hockey squad

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HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

The effort for the most part was valiant — the score disappointing.

The Livonia Stevenson Spartans handed the Mustangs an ugly 9-2 lopsided defeat February 15. It's hard to tell by the final score, but Northville actually played with the Spartans for most of the Western Lakes Activities Association game.

A four-minute let-down at the beginning of the second period and a three-minute let down at the beginning of the third period accounted for seven Spartan

goals. It's hard to compute the numbers, but seven minutes of lost focus translates into seven goals against a hockey program such as Stevenson's.

Livonia opened the scoring with a full-strength goal early in the first period, but Northville's defense and goalie Alex Karchon squelched all of Stevenson's subsequent efforts.

The Mustangs were not going to be denied either. With eight seconds left on the clock, Jimmy Riehl slapped a hard shot from the right half boards which caught the goalie in the mask. Andy Minielly gathered up the rebound and flipped it in to tie the score at 1-1.

A late period goal can be a

back breaker, or it can serve to wake up a sleeping giant — unfortunately for the Mustangs, it was the latter of the two.

The Spartans came out onto the ice for the second period with fire in their eyes. Northville appeared to be skating in circles trying to keep up with the Stevenson icers before Livonia finally cracked the Karchon wall at the 11 minute mark of the second period. Within three minutes, before Northville could get their defensive scheme back in order, Stevenson had put four goals up on the board.

Northville re-grouped and started playing strong in front of Karchon and their offense went

back on the attack. At the five minute mark, Riehl took a pass from brother Robby, drove hard between two defenders and slid the puck between the goalie's pads for the score.

The third period started out much like the second. Before Northville could gather their thoughts, Stevenson had added three more goals and had the Mustangs falling back on their heels to stop the onslaught.

Northville didn't give up though. Late in the third, a Stevenson player jumped behind the Northville defense and had a break-away on Karchon. Karchon skated hard out of his crease and used his stick to poke-check the puck off the

Spartan's stick. Some may have just let the puck past, but Karchon refused to yield regardless of the score on the board.

The Mustangs will return to action when they take on their cross-town rivals in the Novi Wildcats February 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the first-round of the Regional tournament to be hosted at Novi Ice Arena.

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### GET 'EM WHEN IT COUNTS

They may have avoided the Battle of the Baseline in the regular season, but the Novi Wildcats and the Northville Mustangs will play when it really counts — the playoffs.

The squads are slated to face-off at center ice Monday, February 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the Novi Ice Arena.

Don't miss this game, as it's sure to test the moxy and the determination of both squads as one will be continuing in their quest and the other will be reading the results in the newspaper.

## 'Stangs can't topple Zebras, Vikes

By Roger Garfield  
SPECIAL WRITER

Coach Rick VanderVeer says it all. "It's been like a broken record for us this year," he said.

The Northville Varsity volleyball team has led many of their matches this season, and they have let nearly all of them slip away.

The Mustangs played host to Western Lakes Activities Association rival Wayne Memorial February 12.

It was senior night for the four Mustangs who will graduate this June — the seniors on the squad are Kristin Dolmetsch, Erica Johnson, Kristin Moran, and Lauren Temple and their experience and dedication will no doubt be missed come next season when others have to step up to fill their shoes.

"It was nice to honor the seniors, and all four of them had very good evenings," commented VanderVeer.

But the spectacle of senior night and home-floor advantage proved not enough to fend off the visiting Zebras of Wayne.

Leading early in both of the first two games, the Mustangs let Wayne crawl back in it and take both contests — which was



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Mustang Lauren Temple goes up for a smash against their Livonia opponent last Wednesday evening. Teammate Jessica Morgo is at left.

ultimately their undoing.

"We played pretty competitively," stated VanderVeer, "but it was just not enough to get over the hump."

Northville traveled to Walled Lake Central February 17 and found that the Vikings, one of the top two teams in the WLAA, were ready to play. They ousted the Mustangs in all three games, 15-11, 15-5, and 15-12.

It was not an entirely bad match for Northville, however.

"One thing I was impressed with," said VanderVeer, "was that we had specific strategies, and we were able to implement them. It paid off."

Although the Mustangs have lost seven in a row, and finished 1-8 in the WLAA regular season, they are now ready to avenge some of those losses in the upcoming conference tournament. It will be held at Wayne Memorial High School on Saturday, February 22.

The favorites to win the tough tournament are Livonia Churchill and Walled Lake Central as they have dominated in the WLAA this season with their stellar play and impressive talents.

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## Faster than a speeding bullet

### Senior Scott McNeish knows what it takes to be super

By Krystin Jarrell  
SPECIAL WRITER

Look! There on the basketball court! Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's Scott McNeish!

He flies down the court just like his favorite superhero, Superman, glides through the air, scoring an average of 14 points per game.

"I love Superman," said McNeish, a senior this season. "I have wristbands, anything Superman. Even my car is decorated with Superman."

For McNeish and his fellow Northville Mustang cagers, this started off great this season. The team won seven games before they lost their first and then lost a few more while notching five more victories. With a current record of 12-5, the team still has a shot at winning the Division Championship.

"Our season started out really well, then we fell into a slump," he said. "But now we're back."

It is no wonder that McNeish is on fire, he started playing on a recreation team when he was in third grade.

"My dad signed me up and I loved it," he said. "My parents are both very supportive. They come to every game."

Although he enjoys basketball, the senior openly admits his favorite sport is baseball. His college destination is dependent on how well he plays during the baseball season.

"I am looking at places in Michigan, and one in Cleveland, Chicago, and Iowa," McNeish said. "It all depends on what they offer me."

Wherever he goes, McNeish plans on becoming a physical education teacher.

"I love sports," he said. "I am a very sports-centered person."

When he is not dribbling down the court or running the bases, McNeish loves going out to eat at his favorite restaurant — LoneStar Steakhouse — or he can be found bowling with his friends and spending time with his best friend, Roger Garfield. The two are also on the same basketball and baseball team.

Sports isn't the only thing this senior gets in to. He's even known to show an artistic side.

"I also really enjoy drawing," McNeish said. "I draw pictures of anything. Mostly sports stuff and doodling. Like when I'm bored in math class, I'll just look out the window and draw a flag or something."

During summer vacations, McNeish can be seen working at Burger King — but his mind is firmly in place in the classroom.

"I am doing very well in school this year and I have managed to raise my grade point average to a 2.9," McNeish says of his senior year. "But I am excited about college. I can't wait to play baseball at a more competitive level."

McNeish is planning on rooming blind in the fall no matter which institute of higher learning he ends up at.

"I am very excited about meeting new people and seeing new faces," he said. "I don't think I will have any problems. I am an easy person to get along with."

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## Tankers fall to Novi Wildcats, but turn the table on Western

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The Northville Mustangs are starting to look a little dizzy after all of the table turning they have been doing.

It seems to be a niche they have going for themselves. A tough loss to a quality team, and then they turn around and blast their next opponents. It was the case once again after the Mustangs fell to the Novi Wildcats February 11 to the tune of 111-74 before bouncing back against WLAA rival Walled Lake Western and smacking them with a 109-75 final.

Against the Wildcats, the Mustangs earned first place finishes in the 200 medley relay and the 400 free relay. The 200 medley squad consisted of Hunter Schwartz, Mike Yutzy, Joe Lunn and Tyler Carter and finished in a time of 1:50.27. The 400 free squad of Lunn, Brad Farris, Brad McIntosh and Bill McIntosh finished in 3:35.95.

Though the Wildcats got the better of Northville, their competitive swimming did help out one tanker. Finishing in second behind new-pool record holder Jack Tyler of Novi, Joe Lunn earned his qualifying state finals time with a 4:59.89 in the 500 freestyle event.

Just a few days later, the Mustangs turned the tide against the Warriors of Walled Lake Western. The Mustangs were first-place champi-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville High swimmer Joe Lunn competes in the 200 meter intermediate medley in the butterfly in last week's home game against Novi.

ons in pretty much every event except the 50 free and the 100 butterfly.

Highlights from the meet included Lorenz Herman's first in the 100 free in a time of 1:59.93, while Carter took second in the 50 free with a personal-best 24.57.

Jason Albosta earned first in the diving, collecting 214.20 points from the judges, while the 200 free relay team of Brad McIntosh, Carter, Herman and Mike Handley took first with a time of 1:37.60.

The Mustangs concluded their dual meets and are looking forward

to the conference and post-season. They stand at 5-5 overall.

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## And yet another win for gymnastics

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Put a check in the win column yet again for these gymnasts.

The Wild 'Stangs gymnastics team, under the guidance of Lindsay Schultz, continued their victorious march through the season as they topped rival Salem 143.20-139.15 February 13.

The Wild 'Stangs are well aware that the competition this season is probably unlike any that they have had in the past. This year, it looks to be anyone's game when it comes to the conference, the regional and the state titles.

With the firmly in the back of their minds and the thought of topping Salem the first concern on their list, the Wild 'Stangs went to work.

Trish Brownfield earned a tough 7.95 on the bars while excelling on the floor with a 9.05, while teammate Amanda Crawford earned a 7.45 on the bars, an 8.3 on the vault, an 8.4 on the beam and a 9.1 on the floor.

Rachel Denea notched a 7.8 on the beam, as well as a 9.2 on the floor, while Marcie Fink was solid all the way across the board, earning an 8.3 on the beam, an 8.35 on the bars and an 8.7 on the vault.

Nika Fimenko earned a 7.2 on the bars, a 7.9 on the vault, as

well as an 8.1 on the floor and an 8.4 on the beam. Jessica Glancy, participating in only one event, earned a nice 8.45 for her performance on the bars.

Sara Ilkhani-Pour was solid for the combined Northville- Novi team. She earned an 8.3 on the vault, an 8.9 on both the bars and the beam, as well as an impressive 9.3 on the floor. Adrienne McHenry earned an 8.3 on the vault, as well as a 9.0 on the floor.

Jenn Mehl was tough as well, notching an 8.55 on the floor, an 8.6 on the vault and an 8.7 on the beam. Caitlin Miller collected a 7.9 on the beam and an 8.5 on the floor exercise.

Maggie Mills had a nice night, earning an 8.5 on the beam, an 8.7 on the vault and a 9.2 on the bars. Laura Motz notched a 7.6 on the floor, while Whitney Paul earned a 7.4 on the beam. Janna Ramsey collected a 7.9 on the beam, an 8.0 on the bars and an 8.2 on the vault.

Megan Wallen collected a 7.8 on both the bars and the beam, while notching an 8.5 on the vault. Amy Wild collected a 7.45 on the bars, and an 8.0 on the vault, while Erin Yankovich notched a 7.75 on the bars and an 8.9 on the floor.

Sara Wilchowski earned nines all the way across the board as she collected a 9.0 on the vault, a 9.2 on the beam and a 9.3 on the bars.



# Those winning ways

## Plymouth notches fourth straight victory as they top Mississauga Icedogs

The Plymouth Whalers extended their win streak to four games with a 5-2 win over the visiting Mississauga Ice Dogs Feb. 15. James Wisniewski and Chris Thorburn paced the Whalers with one goal and one assist each.

The Whalers are now 35-11-8-2 while Mississauga drops to 18-25-11-1.

Despite outshooting the Icedogs in the first period, neither team was able to put a goal on the scoreboard. But Plymouth broke that trend in the second with two goals.

Chris Thorburn put the Whalers up 1-0 with a goal at 2:47 of the second period. John Mitchell and James Wisniewski assisted on the goal. The Whalers increased their lead when Nick Vernelli one-timed a perfect pass from Martin Cizek at 10:24. John Vigilante also assisted on the goal.

Mississauga came to life in the third with two goals, but the Whalers answered with three of their own to notch the win. The Icedogs broke Paul Drew's shutout with a goal by Patrick O'Sullivan at 3:19. But Wisniewski answered with a goal at 6:01. Mitchell earned his second assist of the night.

The Icedogs struck again at 11:04 with a goal from Daniel Sisco, but the Whalers answered again. This time it was on the power play when Karl Stewart took a nice pass from Cole Jarrett at 14:11 and put it in the back of the net for a 4-1 lead. Jimmy Gagnon then added an empty-netter to ice the win.

The Whalers, who have been a staple in the OHL for many years, are currently sitting comfortably on top of their division as they look to continue earning win after win in hopes of notching yet another division title, and hopefully even that of a conference crown. With players like Ramsay and LaRose, it sure seems that they stand a chance at doing just that. Their solid defense and their scoring offense may be enough to bring their season goals alive as they



continue this season.

### Whalers 6, Spirit 1

The Plymouth Whalers dominated the Saginaw Spirit with a 6-1 victory at Compuware Sports Arena. Karl Stewart and Ryan Ramsay led the Whalers with two goals and two assists each. Jeff Weber earned the win in net, making 23 saves in the game.

The Whalers were particularly impressive on the power play, going 3-for-6 on the night.

The Whalers came out in fire in the first period, scoring two power play goals and adding another for a 3-0 lead. Jonas Fiedler put the Whalers up early when his quick shot off a face-off win by Ryan Ramsay beat Saginaw goalie Tyson Kellerman at 1:27.

The Whalers power play then went to work as Karl Stewart scored two goals with the man advantage. The first came at 4:53 with assists going to Chad LaRose and Chris Thorburn. Stewart struck again while on the power play at 7:22 when he tipped a Cole Jarrett shot past Kellerman for the 3-0 lead. Ramsay also assisted on the goal.

Plymouth continued to roll in the second, scoring two more goals for a 5-0 lead. Ramsay scored just 56 seconds into the period off a pass from Jonas Fiedler. The Whalers then went back to the power play when Chad LaRose knocked in a rebound at 6:04 for his league leading 52nd goal of the year. Stewart and James Wisniewski assisted on the goal.

Saginaw broke Weber's shutout bid when Geoff Platt scored at 8:54. But the Whalers answered with Ramsay's second goal of the night at 12:47. Stewart and Martin Cizek earned the helpers.

### Whalers 4, Spitfires 2

The Plymouth Whalers improved their season record against the Windsor Spitfires to a perfect 7-0 with a 4-2 win in Windsor. Karl Stewart paced Plymouth with a goal and an assist and Chad LaRose scored his league leading 51st goal of the season and also added an assist in the victory.

Windsor took the early lead with a goal from David Lomas at 4:25 of the third period. But Plymouth answered with three goals in the second, two of which came just over a minute apart.

Stewart tied the game for Plymouth with a shorthanded tally at 11:02 of the second period. LaRose and Nate Kiser assisted on the goal. Erik Lundmark then followed with his third goal of the year at 12:19 to give the Whalers the lead for good. LaRose capped off the period with a power play goal at 17:44. Stewart and James Wisniewski assisted on the special teams goal.

Windsor used a power play goal from Craig Kennedy at 1:37 to get the Spitfires back in the game. Josh Gratton and Kyle Wellwood assisted on the goal. But Plymouth squashed any chances of a Windsor comeback when Ryan Ramsay scored unassisted at 10:11.

## WLAA Round-Up

### BASKETBALL

John Glenn 68, Churchill 60  
Center Darrell Wilson, a 6-foot-6 senior headed to Canisius, poured in a career-high 33 points Tuesday — third highest in school history — to lead host Westland John Glenn (13-3) past stubborn Livonia Churchill (0-17) in a WLAA crossover.

Sophomore Jerret Smith chipped in with 10 points and seven assists for the Rockets, who led 32-28 at halftime, but could never shake the pesky Chargers.

Tim Van Dusen led Churchill with 19 points, hitting 4-of-6 from three-point range, to go along with seven rebounds. Seniors Jerry Murray and Derek Dodd added 12 and eight points, respectively. Dodd also grabbed five rebounds.

Wilson, however, snared 12 rebounds and hit 5-of-7 free throws.

Stevenson 55, WL Western 42  
In a WLAA crossover game, host Livonia Stevenson (12-5) pulled away with a 19-9 third-quarter run to beat Walled Lake Western (6-11).

Senior guard Brady Crosby paced the Spartans with 15 points, while senior center Brandon Chitwood added 13. Junior guard Keith Heams had nine.

John Sowders scored 10 for Western, which trailed 30-21 at halftime.

WL Central 78, Franklin 61  
Jeff Matheeny put 26 points on the board and Brandon Cassie added 14 as host Walled Lake Central (6-10) outgunned Livonia Franklin (6-10).

Central led 37-34 at halftime, but pulled away in the second half by outscoring the Patriots, 41-27.

Senior center Chris Austin paced Franklin with 16 points. Derek Opett and Cory Baird added 12 and 10, respectively.

### Salem 63, Canton 52

The game was dead until the last two minutes of the first half. David Hoskins' three-point play with 1:04 left in the opening quarter gave the Rocks a 16-13 lead entering the second period. Two free throws and a basket by the Chiefs' Steve Thornton, sandwiched around a Salem 3-pointer by Stevland Davis, left the game tied at 23-23 with 2:04 to play in the half.

The Rocks scored eight unanswered points in that final stretch, a basket by Hoskins and 3-pointers by Davis and Brad Clark, to take a 31-23 lead into halftime. It was a lead they would never surrender.

### HOCKEY

Franklin 2, South Lyon 2  
Livonia Franklin pulled goal-tender Jeremy Peer for the extra attacker in the final 1:30 left and Dave McCall responded with the game-tying goal with only 55 seconds to go as the Patriots and host South Lyon battled for a 2-2 draw.

Adam Bierley and Joe Kozlowski assisted on McCall's goal as the Patriots' season record now stands at 12-6-3 overall. South Lyon goaltender Vinny Falaher was outstanding, making 33 saves.

Sam Burrows started in goal for the Patriots, making seven saves in the first two periods. Peer came on in the final period to hold the Lions scoreless, facing four shots.

Dearborn Unified 4, Churchill 1  
Three goals unanswered goals in the final five minutes gave host Dearborn Unified (8-9-3) a non-league victory over visiting Livonia Churchill (8-9-4) at Adray Arena.

Dearborn took a 1-0 lead into the final period on Troy Brown's unassisted short-handed goal, but Churchill tied it with 9:25 remaining on Chris Barczuk's goal from Justin Toni and Josh Jones.

Dearborn's Ken Barbour scored what proved to be the game-winner with 4:17 remaining. Jonathan Ottenbreit and Brown sealed the victory on goals with 3:07 and 1:35 remaining.

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HOME Away	THURSDAY 20	FRIDAY 21	SATURDAY 22	SUNDAY 23	MONDAY 24	TUESDAY 25	WEDNESDAY 26
		WL Western 7:00					
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			NO EVENTS THIS WEEK				
		Franklin 6:00			NOVI 5:30		
			Individual Regional TBA				
			WLAA Finals TBA				

Editor's Note: All games are PM unless noted

## SPORTS SHORTS

### Lacrosse Coaching Positions Open

Northville Lacrosse Program has the following openings:

Northville 8th grade boys lacrosse Assistant Coach

Northville 7th grade boys lacrosse Head Coach and Assistant Coach

Northville 6th grade boys lacrosse Head Coach and Assistant Coach

Northville 4th and 5th grade boys instructional Head Coach

Northville Girls 6th-8th grade instructional Lacrosse Head Coach

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 Jesse Mikosik (Bowling Green University Softball).

Hitting, pitching, fielding, baserunning and more will be covered in this fundamental camp. Participants will be put on the radar gun for arm-speed too.

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

### 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 totalbaseball-wixom@aol.com.

### Softball/Baseball Private Lessons and Training

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

### 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-award 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 posi-

tion and any accomplishment they may have had.

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

### Coaching positions open

Walled Lake School recently announced the following openings:

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.

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# Sign up to get Recruited

## Farrell, Pacino keep you caught up with twists and turns

By Sam Eggleston  
ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Nothing is as it seems. That's probably the first statement that an audience member should keep in mind when they go and catch "The Recruit," starring Al Pacino and Colin Farrell.

Plot twists about throughout this movie, as we follow bartender/computer programmer John Clayton, played by Farrell, through the journey of his recruitment, training and eventual use in the Central Intelligence Agency. Just about the time you think you have a grip with what's about to happen and what's going on in the movie, it will throw you for a loop. Of course, it's a movie about the CIA, so you would probably expect that.

Pacino plays an over-aged

and underpaid teacher and recruiter for the Agency, and takes time out of his life to track down and

### Movie Review

convince Clayton that being a spy is in his blood. This ties in to the fact that Clayton's father, who supposedly worked for Shell Oil, disappeared when his flight went down over Peru 12 years before the setting of this film.

Clayton goes for it, and soon finds himself busily learning the tricks of the trade at a place known only as "The Farm." The training area serves a single purpose, which is to take the recruits and applicants who made it to this point away from the distractions of civilization and away from the prying eyes of the public and the media.

Here, they train to become Official Coverts, which are spies that are known by everyone, which probably includes the governments in the countries which they are working. Out of every class though, there is a Non-Official Covert, or NOC.

Things twist and turn for Clayton, who finds himself attracted to one of his fellow students named Layla at The Farm, until he is eventually given the assignment to sniff out a mole who was with him and graduated from The Farm.

Things become a bit intense from this point on, and audience members find themselves being pulled into a fast-paced world of spies.

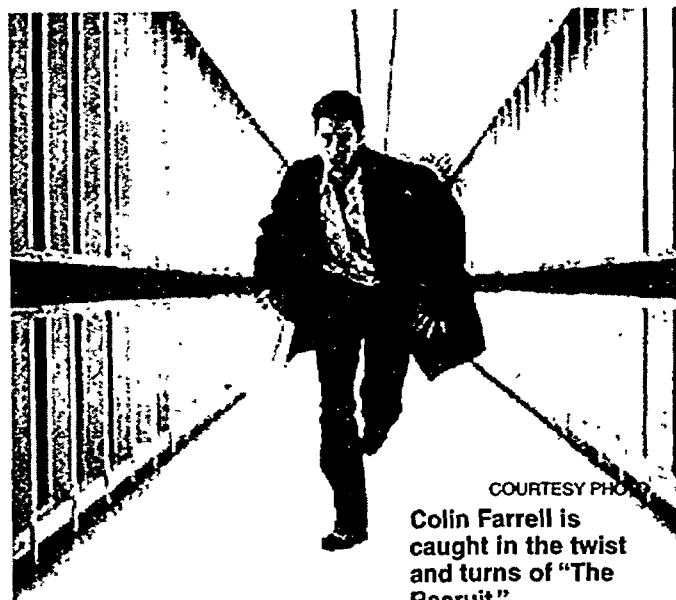
There are plenty of twists and turns to keep attentions fixed firmly on the screen as Farrell and Pacino do a nice job work-

ing their scenes together. Fast-paced action comes and goes, and the movie forces you to keep thinking if you want to come up with the ending before they give it away.

This movie is a good one for those who enjoyed "Spy Games" and other films of that genre. You won't find yourself viewing exotic locations or sneaking into a terrorist camp with this spy-thriller, but it's one to keep in mind when you are looking to catch a show this weekend.

Just remember, nothing is as it seems.

Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.



COURTESY PHOTO  
Colin Farrell is caught in the twist and turns of "The Recruit."

## VIRTUAL VIC

Dear Virtual Vic:

I recently found out my boyfriend isn't quite as wealthy as he led me to believe early on in our relationship. I've found myself in a situation where I do care for him, but I'm wondering how I should handle the situation?

Joe Millionaire in Novi

Dear Joe Millionaire in Novi,

How timely your question is. You may not need my advice after watching Fox's final episode of Joe Millionaire, but here it goes.



Victoria Sadlocha

As I see it you have two issues to resolve. First of all, do you need a wealthy mate?

Put aside any feelings of what others may think of you and tell yourself the honest answer.

It doesn't matter if your answer means you are a "gold digger," what matters is you know what you want.

If material wealth and the accompanying security is a necessity on your list, say goodbye to your man no matter how you feel.

A person can only pretend for so long and as my great-grandmother always said, a leopard never changes his spots.

What this translates into is your man will not change (including his wallet) and if it really bothers you, fess up now because the irritation will bubble to the top eventually.

Financial matters are a very large cause of break-ups.

OK, let's say the answer to the

first question was "I don't care, my favorite meal is Ramen Noodles, and all I need is my man's hug to light my life."

Now you are faced with caring for a man-boy that lied to you.

This is another biggie.

From my past experience, there are two types of people.

There are the types that can forgive a liar and the types that can't.

I have friends that have looked the other way when lied to by their partners and those that just pack up and leave.

What type of person you are, only you know.

Is truth and trust foremost in what you look for in a relationship?

If it is, then cut the ties now. It will be easier than if you wait.

If you think you can forgive and forget, than have a good tell-all session and move forward with the relationship.

And remember the key word in the previous sentence is FORGIVE.

If you decide to pursue your feelings with your boyfriend, you must actually forgive him for fibbing about his income.

Bringing it up all the time or throwing his past lie in his face anytime you are mad is unhealthy and unproductive.

Just remember you are not the first person to be in this situation.

But also remember the answer to how you should proceed is in yourself.

It isn't in his excuses or pleadings, it is in your gut and only you really know what is best for you.

Sometimes being honest with yourself is the hardest task of all.

Send your questions to vsadlocha@ht.homecomm.net or seggleston@ht.homecomm.net and we may answer yours next week.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Oftentimes I'm asked to describe the word bistro, forerunner of the word restaurant. The term is thought to have originated in the year 1815 when the Russians defeated Napoleon. Tired and hungry, needing to be restored, they rushed the streets of Paris entering cafes in search of food and drink shouting "bistro, bistro" which translates as "quick, quick."

Today, a bistro is designated as an eating place where you're served simply and quickly. Traditional bistros are small and plainly furnished, offering a refuge from the outside world. Oftentimes the menu is written on a chalkboard offering "plats du jour" or plates of the day featuring the best offerings of the local market. The offering is likened to "cuisine de mères", or food that mom makes. It warms the heart and pleases the palate. It is substantial, uncomplicated and generous.

Bistros are usually a home-and-pop operation with the husband as barkeep, mom as cook and grown children helping where needed. The service is unpretentious and leisurely. The clientele are locals, many of whom have eaten at the same table night after night for decades. They are on a first-name basis with the owners and staff.

The bistro is an extension of the living room for many of the French people. They meet and visit with other neighbors on a daily basis while enjoying the hearty, earthy, rustic fare. Each region of France has its own style of bistro cookery using the ingredients indigenous to the area. Sausages, terrines, slow-cooked savory dishes and simplistic desserts are the norm. Wine is a

very important element of the bistro formula. They, too, are unpretentious and usually come from nearby vineyards.

While writing this I've had the pleasure of mentally revisiting the many bistros in which I have dined. Fond memories were formed starting in Toronto years ago at Bistro 910. I was so cosmopolitan, sitting at the copper bar sipping French wine and eating pate', surrounded by a room of people chatting in French. Or, my first trip to Paris with two of my sisters, where we happened into a corner bistro and bravely ordered confit. The 70-something, grandmotherish chef pulled a bucket of duck from under the counter, reached in bare-handed and plopped plump legs into a cast iron skillet. Our waiter, her husband, brought plates heaping with potatoes crisped in duck fat, and the legs with meat falling-off-the-bones.

We ordered more and more, forcing us to cancel our later reservations at a "stared" restaurant. On a subsequent journey to Paris with my husband we ate only bistro fare, choosing to abstain from haute cuisine. It was then that we decided to change the format of our restaurant, Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro. Once home we washed the walls in gold paint, hung miss-matched art and re-fashioned the food. We removed the word grill from the sign and added "bistro" to the name. We've never looked back.

A year later we visited Provence. Starting in Nice we slowly explored France's southern most region. The food is solid, hearty, rustic and modest. Sensuous could be a fair descriptor, remembering the "oohs, aahs and mmmms" of each bite. Tiny vegetables bursting with flavor, macaroni gratins made with local cheeses, crisp regional wines, briny tapenades, juicy, garlicky sausages and crusty baguettes. This is a cuisine of the sun. Soft and warm from the land. Rich with history, and influenced by Romans, Italians, Arabs and



Mary Brady

### COCQUILLE SAINT-JACQUES

- 5 pounds sea scallops
- 3/4 cup sherry wine
- 2 cloves garlic finely crushed
- 1 cup thinly sliced button or shitake mushrooms
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 cups heavy whipping cream
- 3/4 cup reserved poaching liquid
- 1 cup finely grated Parmesan reggiano
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 3 tablespoons chopped parsley

- 1 Place scallops in a single layer in a sauté pan and barely cover with water. Bring to a boil and poach until opaque. Do not over cook, as they will become tough. Drain and cool. Reserve poaching liquid.
- 2 In same pan sauté the garlic and mushrooms in olive oil being careful not to brown. Add sherry and reduce by half. Add heavy whipping cream and reserved poaching liquid and simmer until thickened, about 10 minutes. Season to taste.
- 3 Remove from heat and fold in scallops and cheese. Transfer to an oven proof shallow casserole, sprinkle with chopped parsley and place under a broiler until brown and bubbly.

Serve with steamed rice, a green salad and crusty baguette

Recipe provided by Chef Mary Brady

Greeks ... healthy, fresh, worthy.

While researching bistro fare for an upcoming catering menu I ran across this description of a bistro: An unpretentious neighborhood restaurant with a welcoming atmosphere, reasonable prices and a traditional menu of home-style cooking. The core clientele is made up of habitués, usually neighbors.

To this I would add that the ideal bistro would be chef owned and

family run, with a substantial history behind it and a strong sense of tradition. I couldn't have said it better!

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

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### NOVI TOWN CENTER 8

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- First Place - 52 pairs of passes
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#### Best Picture

- ☐ Chicago
- ☐ Gangs of New York
- ☐ The Hours
- ☐ Lord of the Rings-Two Towers
- ☐ The Pianist

#### Best Supporting Actor

- ☐ Chris Cooper
- ☐ Ed Harris
- ☐ Paul Newman
- ☐ John C. Reilly
- ☐ Christopher Walken

#### Best Actor

- ☐ Adrien Brody
- ☐ Nicolas Cage
- ☐ Michael Caine
- ☐ Daniel Day-Lewis
- ☐ Jack Nicholson

#### Best Supporting Actress

- ☐ Kathy Bates
- ☐ Julianne Moore
- ☐ Queen Latifah
- ☐ Meryl Streep
- ☐ Catherine Zeta-Jones

#### Best Actress

- ☐ Salma Hayek
- ☐ Nicole Kidman
- ☐ Diane Lane
- ☐ Julianne Moore
- ☐ Renée Zellweger

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## SCREEN BEAT

By Brian Renner  
THE MOVIE INSIDER

Coming to theaters this weekend is the crime suspense-drama "Dark Blue" which follows a rookie Los Angeles police department patrolman (Scott Speedman) who is taught the harsh realities of police intimidation and corruption when assigned to investigate a high profile quadruple homicide just days before the acquittal of four white officers in the 1992 Rodney King beating. "Dark Blue" is an MGM/UA release and rated R for violence, language and brief sexuality.

Fraternity-comedy "Old School" follows three former college buddies who, dissatisfied with their current lives, attempt to recapture their college years by starting their own off-campus frat house. Featured among the cast is Luke Wilson, Will Ferrell, Vince Vaughn and Juliette Lewis. "Old School" is DreamWorks Pictures release and rated R for some strong sexual content, nudity and language.

Sweeping epic "Gods and Generals" charts the early years of the Civil War and how the cam-

paigns unfolded from Manassas I to the Battle of Fredericksburg. This prequel to the film, "Gettysburg," explores the motivations of the combatants and examines the lives of those who waited at home. "Gods and Generals" is a Warner Bros. release and rated PG-13 for sustained battle sequences.

Social-issue drama "The Life of David Gale" is the story of a respected death-penalty opponent (Kevin Spacey) who finds himself on death row after he's convicted of the rape and murder of fellow activist Constance Harroway. Less than a week before his execution, an investigative reporter begins uncovering evidence pointing to his innocence, suddenly realizing that a man's life is in her hands. She races to uncover the truth about Constance's death. "The Life of David Gale" is a Universal Pictures release and rated PG-13 for violent images, nudity, language and sexuality.

Exclusively showing at the Emagine Novi theatre, romantic comedy-drama "P.I. Blues," written, produced and directed by Berkeley, Michigan resident, Jim Duke. The entire movie was shot

on location in Metro Detroit using an all Michigan cast and crew. The film stars John Denerell as a bumbling "wannabe" private eye who masquerades as a real private detective to help the poster beauty queen, "Miss Power Tool" (Dolores Reye), find her missing brother. Comedy ensues as the two try to outwit Russian gangsters, the police and other strange characters. "P.I. Blues" is a Miami Entertainment Pictures release and is not yet rated.

#### Next week

Southern-set romance "All the Real Girls" (R), Martial Arts thriller "Crank 2: The Good" (R), and psychological drama "Spider" (R).

#### Video and DVD

Intimate drama "All or Nothing" (R), gritty crime drama "City by the Sea" (PG-13), period adventure "The Four Brothers" (PG-13), romantic comedy "Mostly Martha" (PG), psychological thriller "One Hour Photo" (R), interpersonal drama "The Rules of Attraction" (R), sequel "Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams" (PG) and higher education comedy "Stealing Harvard" (PG-13).

#### DVD

"Biggie & Tupac" (R), "Cinema Paradiso: The New Version" (R), "The Color Purple" (Special Edition) (2-DVD Set) (PG-13), "Eve's Bayou" (Special Edition) (R), "Fear and Loathing" (Criteria) (2-DVD Set) (R), "The Killers (1946)/The Killers (1964)" (Criteria) (2-DVD Set) (NR), "Last Summer in the Hamptons" (R), "M\*A\*S\*H: TV Season Three" (Collector's Edition) (3-DVD Set) (NR), "Metropolis" (Restored Authorized Edition with the Original 1927 Orchestral Score) (NR), "Monster's Ball" (Signature Series) (R), "O" (Special Edition) (R), "Sailor Moon Super S: Pegasus Collection #6" (Special Uncut Version) (NR), "Stargate" (Ultimate Edition) (2-DVD Set) (PG-13) and "Three Stooges: Stop! Look! and Laugh!" (NR).

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## Humidor's value will bring a smile

By Anne McCollam  
 Copley News Service

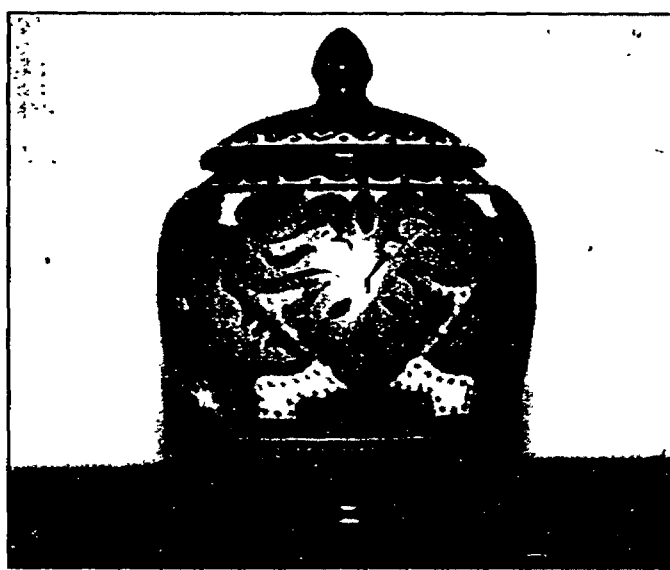
Q: Enclosed is a photo of a covered jar that belonged to my grandfather who died in 1934. I think it held his pipe tobacco. It is marked with the words "Gouda — Made in Holland." Also included in the mark is what appears to be a house. The design has orange and lime-green shapes against a cobalt-blue background.

Can you tell me how old it is and what it is worth?

A: Dutch pottery decorated with bright colors has been made in the Gouda region of southern Holland since the 17th century. Some of the better-known workshops were Plazuid, Zenith, Ivora and Schoonhoven. The art nouveau and art deco movements inspired some of the later designs. Others were decorated with stylized or geometric shapes finished in strong, bold colors.

Your humidor decorated with stylized design was made around 1900 and would probably be worth about \$175 to \$275.

Q: Enclosed is a drawing of the mark seen on a glass vase that I inherited from my mother. It stands over 13 inches tall with a 5-inch diameter base. The shape is an elongated oval and it is decorated with a frosted background overlaid with pink blossoms and branches. A friend bought the vase at a New York estate sale and she sold it to my mother approximately 50 years ago.



CNS Photo

This humidor was made in Holland around 1900 and would probably be worth about \$175 to \$275.

I do know the vase is valuable, but would like to know just how much it is worth. Any information you can give me will be appreciated.

A: Emile Galle founded his glass house in 1867 in Nancy, France. He was one of the city's most accomplished and famous glass-makers. The art nouveau movement inspired much of his work. Although he was an innovative designer, the actual crafting was left to his artisans.

Cameo glass is constructed with two layers of glass. Cutting away the top layer leaving a design in relief creates the handcrafted design. Most cameo glass was made in Europe.

Galle glass is always signed with

his last name. When Galle died in 1905, the glass house continued to produce its beautiful wares. A myth arose that was supported by many misguided dealers and collectors, that pieces signed with a star preceding the name "Galle," were created solely by Galle. The mark that included the star actually was used only after Galle's death.

Your vase was made before 1905 and would probably be worth about \$1,500 to \$2,500.

Q: I have a brass spittoon that is in the shape of a turtle. It belonged to my grandfather in the 1800s. My father, who was born in 1889, can remember playing with it as a child. I am 83 and have had it since 1950. It is in excellent condition. By stepping on the turtle's head, the shell/lid pops up to reveal the container. It is marked with the words "Golden Novelty Co. - Patd. Nov. 20 - 91 - Chicago - Ill." I have had opportunities to sell it, but have no idea of what it is worth. What can you tell me about its value?

A: Collectors of spittoons would probably snap up your spittoon anywhere from \$800 to \$1,200.

Address your questions to Anne McCollam, P.O. Box 490, Notre Dame, IN 46556. For a personal response, include picture(s), a detailed description, a stamped, self-addressed envelope and \$15 per item (one item at a time).

Q: I have pine trees or spruces or some kind of evergreens that have just started showing brown needles. An entire branch has turned brown or just the end. These branches are scattered on the fifteen trees that I have planted on the west side of my property. What kinds of insects are causing this and what do I spray?

A: Don't shoot; it's not insects. It's February and it's freezing cold outside. Even insects with thermal underwear aren't moving around. The magic temperature for insects coming out of dormancy is 50 degrees. You need a number of days at that temperature or above to awaken insects from their mid-winter's naps. So forget insects. You can also forget diseases because they are not active during the winter. So, that leaves us one very likely category, and that's environmental problems. Last summer gave us one terrific drought. We got very little rain in the fall. When the trees went dormant, they had very little internal moisture because there wasn't much in the soil to be gotten. The howling winds of winter have been drying out already dry needles. You can see where this is going. With the ground frozen and the trees dormant, it won't do any good to drag out the hose.

Screening the trees with burlap is a possibility but it is going to be difficult, if not impossible, to get stakes or posts into frozen ground. It is now too cold to use some of the antidesiccants. These are products like Wilt Pruf that prevent drying of needles during the winter. Antidesiccants are sprayed on when the temperature is above freezing. These products are meant to protect, not fix. Even if you spray them if the weather warms up, the needles are not going to turn green again. Your only option is to wait and hope that this horrible weather doesn't continue. Wait until the new buds emerge on the end of the branches in May. If there are no new buds on the damaged branches, they are dead. If you prune them out, is there enough

## Insects aren't turning evergreen needles brown

Home  
 Grown

Gretchen Voyle



Q: I have pine trees or spruces or some kind of evergreens that have just started showing brown needles. An entire branch has turned brown or just the end. These branches are scattered on the fifteen trees that I have planted on the west side of my property. What kinds of insects are causing this and what do I spray?

A: Don't shoot; it's not insects. It's February and it's freezing cold outside. Even insects with thermal underwear aren't moving around. The magic temperature for insects coming out of dormancy is 50 degrees. You need a number of days at that temperature or above to awaken insects from their mid-winter's naps. So forget insects. You can also forget diseases because they are not active during the winter. So, that leaves us one very likely category, and that's environmental problems. Last summer gave us one terrific drought. We got very little rain in the fall. When the trees went dormant, they had very little internal moisture because there wasn't much in the soil to be gotten. The howling winds of winter have been drying out already dry needles. You can see where this is going. With the ground frozen and the trees dormant, it won't do any good to drag out the hose.

Screening the trees with burlap is a possibility but it is going to be difficult, if not impossible, to get stakes or posts into frozen ground. It is now too cold to use some of the antidesiccants. These are products like Wilt Pruf that prevent drying of needles during the winter. Antidesiccants are sprayed on when the temperature is above freezing. These products are meant to protect, not fix. Even if you spray them if the weather warms up, the needles are not going to turn green again. Your only option is to wait and hope that this horrible weather doesn't continue. Wait until the new buds emerge on the end of the branches in May. If there are no new buds on the damaged branches, they are dead. If you prune them out, is there enough

Q: When I go shopping and see potted tulips or daffodils for sale, can I ever plant them outside or are they just good when they are in the pot?

A: Both of these plants can eventually go outside, but not until it's warm. Enjoy the plants inside by putting them where they will receive bright, indirect light. If it's too sunny or hot, the flowers will dry up almost as you watch. Keep the plant watered even after the flowers faded. Clip off the dead flowers but leave the foliage alone. In mid to late May, find a suitable place for these bulbs outside. When you put the bulbs with the foliage in the ground, you can separate the bulbs more than they were in the pot. Water them to let them establish well. They need the winter to develop new flowers for spring. If you are buying: choose daffodils because they will do better in the long run. They can naturalize or make other bulbs after a period of time. In most cases, the tulips are good for a year or three and then they fade away. Squirrels and chipmunks will greedily consume tulips but nobody eats daffodils.

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

## Talmage home provides a cottage look with lots of space

By Scott McAlexander  
 Copley News Service

Looking for a cottage look on the home of your dreams? The Talmage has the appearance of a cottage with a covered porch accented by pillar posts, a dormer, varied rooflines, and the facade covered in rock.

Curb appeal is excellent. The Talmage has 1,955 square feet of open living area and 1,419 square feet of unfinished basement space. The front door opens into the entry with the formal dining room on the left and a half bath on the right.

The formal dining room has three long windows facing the street that

bathe the room in natural light. Straight back is the kitchen, separated from the main rooms by French doors. For ease of getting the food to the dining room, a pass-through in the counter was added. A dishwasher, dual sink, and eating bar complete the amenities. A nook with bay windows overlooking the back yard is behind the kitchen and open to the great room.

The great room has large windows and a door to the rear deck. In the corner is a beautiful fireplace and long entertainment center. The stairs separate the great room from the entry.

The master suite occupies the

right-rear corner. It has a long window seat, great for those stormy days when one wants to curl up with a book. The master bathroom and two enormous French-doored walk-in closets are behind a sliding pocket door. The master bath has a tub, shower, and "his and her" sinks.

A large linen closet is adjacent to the closets. Tucked away behind one of the closets in the master suite is the utility room. It has a folding countertop and a sink as well as the appliances. A door to the two-car garage is in this area also.

Upstairs, are three more bedrooms and a full bath. Bedrooms 2 and 3 have corner walk-in closets as

well as large windows to light the room. Bedroom 4 has a long wall closet. The full bath with a tub and two sinks is located between bedrooms 3 and 4.

In the hall is a large linen closet. This home would be a great empty-nester home if there were numerous children to come home and visit. It would also be great for a family with two or three kids. The openness of this plan would give everyone room to move around with ease.

For a study plan of the design mentioned in this article, call (800) 562-1151 or visit www.landmarkdesigns.com.

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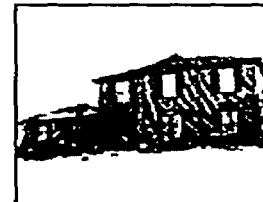
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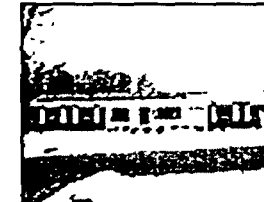
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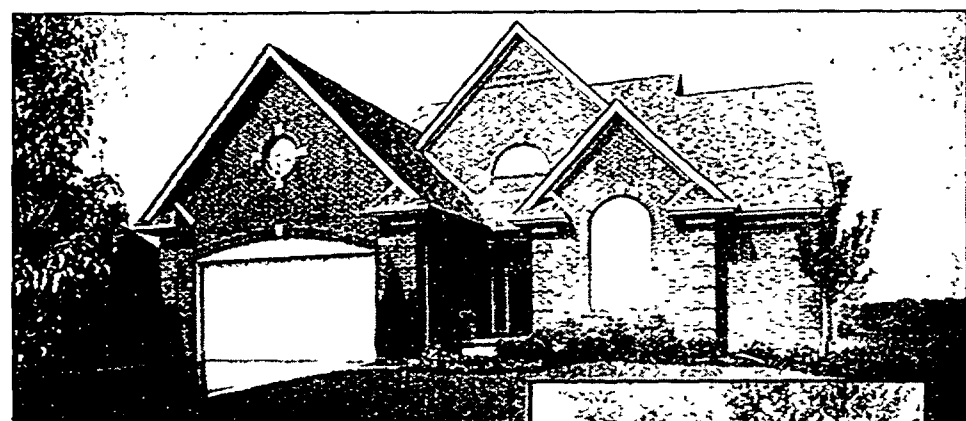
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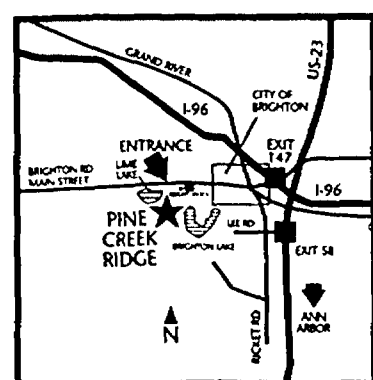


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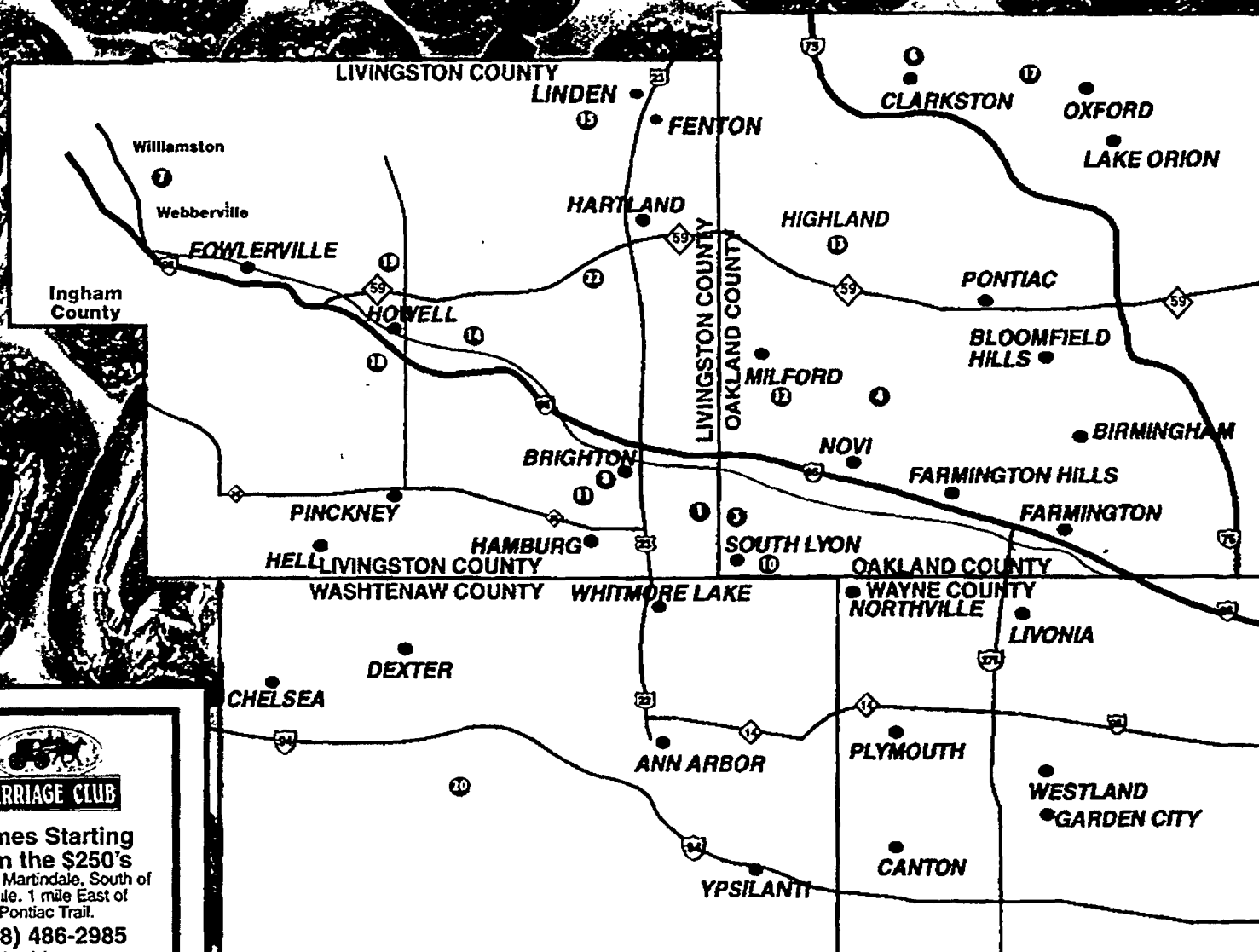
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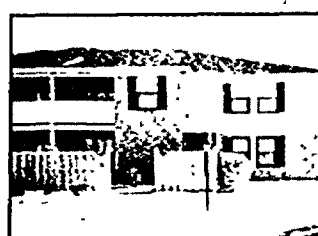
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**W. BLOOMFIELD** - Pride of ownership. Original owners have taken loving care of this 4BR Colonial w/country kitchen & many updates. Lovely landscaping with walking paths to parks. Large tiled mudroom & foyer. Painted inside & out. Extra windows added \$289,000 (72GRE) 248-349-5600



**REDFORD** - Super clean ranch! 3BR, 1.5BA. Must see! C/A, newer bath, kitchen, windows, basement w/glass block windows, newer garage door with opener, neutral decor, all appliances stay and HPP. \$119,900 (65BRA) 734-455-5600



**VAN BUREN** - Sprawling ranch! 3BR, 1.5BA on almost an acre! 2.5 car attached garage, family room with fireplace and blowers. Updates include: windows, roof, vinyl siding, some carpet and paint. Near Lower Huron Metro Park \$198,000 (21RIG) 734-455-5600



**WESTLAND** - Sharp brick ranch. This 3BR home has newer windows, updated kitchen and a newer furnace with central air. 2.5 car garage, basement, 1.5BA, private fenced yard, sprinklers, brick pavers, pool and more. Great price and a motivated seller. \$139,900 (60SUS) 248-349-5600



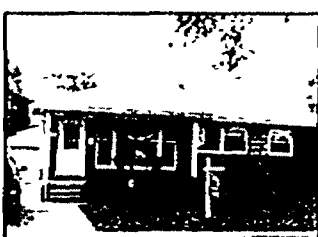
**ROCHESTER HILLS** - Open floor plan condo. Updated kitchen, newer furnace and A/C. Deck overlooking treed yard. Replacement windows, corner brick fireplace and finished basement. Breakfast nook, dishwasher & microwave new in 2000. Close to school. \$159,900 (09WIL) 248-349-5600



**SUPERIOR** - Turn of the century farm house. Spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial offering recent renovations, kitchen, baths (1 with Jacuzzi tub), entire 2nd floor, great room, formal dining room with wood burning stove, separate living quarters. All in a beautiful country setting \$283,900 (90CHE) 734-455-5600



**REDFORD** - Regal Redford ranch. 3 bedroom brick ranch with 2.5 baths, 2 car garage, rec room has kitchen, wet plaster, C/A with electronic air cleaner, huge deck, vinyl thermo windows, country kitchen with secretary and dishwasher, 100 AMP service with circuit breakers \$139,900 (12ROB) 734-455-5600



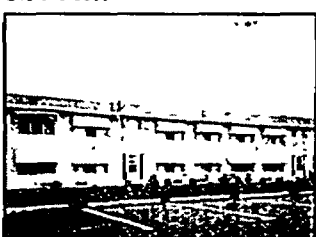
**SOUTHGATE** - Immaculate condition. Beautiful 3 bedroom brick ranch close to schools and shopping. Partially finished basement with family room and bar, hardwood floors, appliances and garage. \$139,900 (86TRE) 734-455-5600



**CANTON** - Stunning Colonial. This one is beautiful inside and out. 4BR, 2.5BA with 2 story foyer with hardwood floor. Oak kitchen, dual staircases, all neutral colors and lots of added features. Added features in basement. Prof landscaping sprinklers system. Wow \$328,000 (36SQU) 248-349-5600



**PLYMOUTH** - Updated charmer. Spacious & charming describes this 3BR recently remodeled home. Newer oak kit. w/beautiful maple hardwood floors. Newer ceramic tiled baths. Large FR and LR. Great closet & storage space. T/O. Newer vinyl siding. Custom built 2 car garage w/storage \$219,900 (47BUT) 248-349-5600



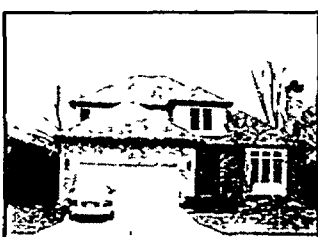
**SOUTH LYON** - Affordable retirement. Lower 2 bedroom ranch co-op in 55+ community on Lake Angela. \$200 monthly fee includes: taxes, insurance, heat, water, garbage pick up, lawn care and snow removal. Entry level unit. \$59,900 (40SPA) 248-349-5600



**WESTLAND** - Livonia Schools! 4BR, 1.5BA Quad Level. Updated windows, siding, gutters, furnace, C/A and Berber carpet. Ceramic tile in kitchen. Newer cement drive. Screened-in back porch and privacy fence. \$163,900 (75CDO) 734-455-5600



**NORTHVILLE** - California contemporary! 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch on beautiful 1.4 acre lot. Great room with wood vaulted ceiling, natural fireplace, slate entry, updated kitchen, custom lighting, master suite with Pergo. Newer windows, roof, C/A and furnace \$279,000 (60ROB) 734-455-5600



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**DEARBORN** - Charming bungalow. Move in condition home in prime area. Clean and maintenance free living with 3 bedroom, 1 bath basement, garage, C/A, newer vinyl windows, fenced yard. All kitchen appliances. One year home warranty \$137,500 (05GRI) 248-349-5600



**DEARBORN** - All brick Cape Cod. 3BR, 2 BA home with hardwood floors throughout. First floor master, two large bedrooms up, plus area for small 4th bedroom. Plaster walls and block basement \$117,500 (07COL) 248-349-5600



**NOVI** - Benchmark of quality 4BR, 3.5 BA Cape Cod w/3 fireplaces, FR, DR, GR, gourmet kit. w/granite & nook. Kohler fixtures. Baldwin hardwood heated towel bar. Central vacuum and 2nd floor laundry. Speaker system & Andersen clad windows. 40 year shingles & Hardplank exterior \$799,900 (49INV) 248-349-5600



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**LIVONIA** - Spacious living. Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch sitting on .5 acre lot with a 3 tiered deck, cherry kitchen. Ready to move into \$164,900 (70WAY) 734-455-5600



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**CANTON** - Updated 2 bedroom condo. Great location facing serene courtyard. Open flowing floor plan. New oak kitchen and bath, spacious living room with new carpet and door to balcony. Master bedroom with walk-in closet \$111,900 (35FRA) 734-455-5600



**WESTLAND** - Roomy and clean. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo offers newer carpet throughout. Neutral tones. Baths with beautiful ceramic also ceramic foyer, unit owners carpet. Doorwall to deck, all appliances with new fridge and home warranty \$114,850 (67SHO) 734-455-5600



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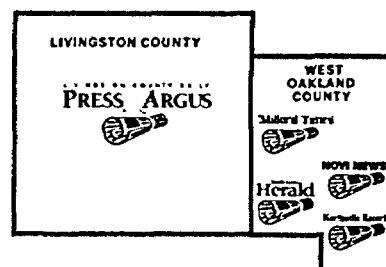
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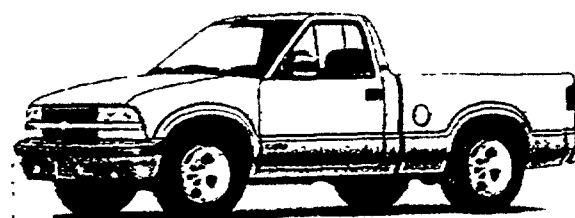
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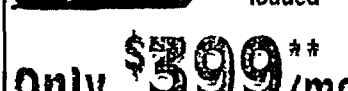
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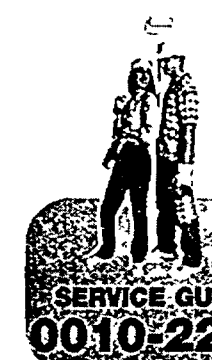
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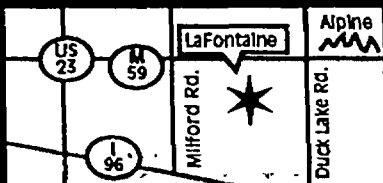
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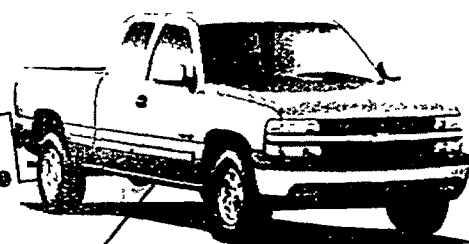
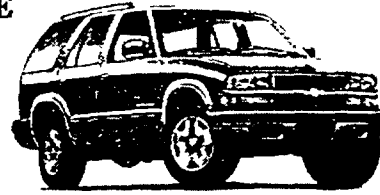
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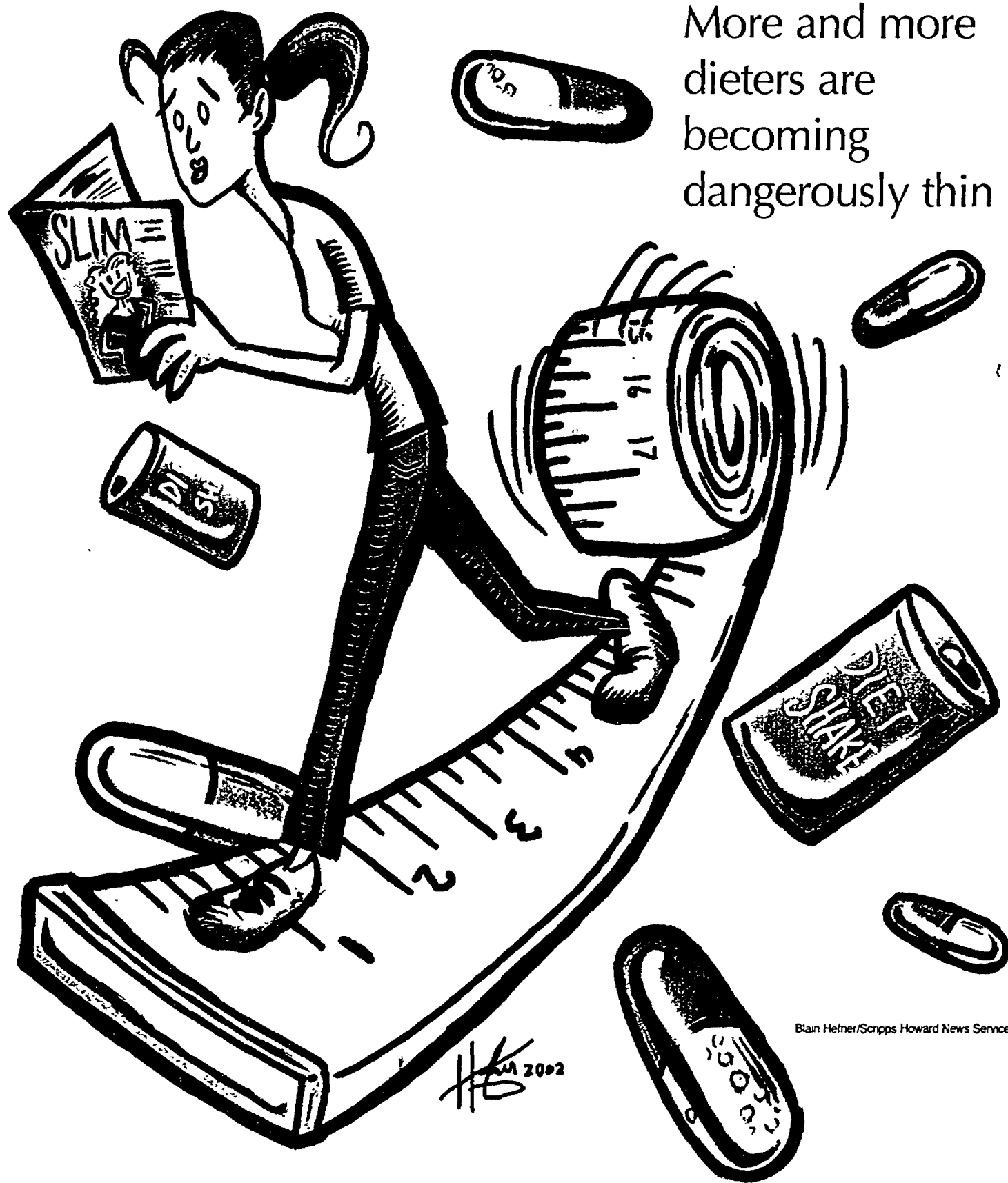
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More and more  
dieters are  
becoming  
dangerously thin



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By Judith K. McGinnis  
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

**M**ore and more people are beginning to wonder if there is a limit to how much being thin is healthy for family members and friends, particularly young women.

Any mother of a young girl can tell you: Being thin is very fashionable. From Diva Starz dolls to models in magazines, the message is thinner is better.

"Just sit in the front seat of my car and listen to what gets discussed in the back," said Jeannie Elbert, a carpooling Wichita Falls, Texas, mother of 8- and 11-year-old girls. "They talk about who's fat, and sometimes it's a little girl who I don't think is that heavy. Besides, children's bodies change so much as they grow, kids are all sorts of odd shapes."

Elbert's right. Physicians are hard pressed to apply strict weight guidelines because girls have height spurts between 10 and 12 years and boys 12 and 14, weight gain generally comes after.

"There are surveys right now that show 80 percent of 10-year-olds are afraid of being fat," said Sabina Cotter,

outpatient dietitian at United Regional Health Care Systems in Wichita Falls. "That they are worried about it this young should be a red flag to parents."

By their late teens and through their early 20s, the persistence of being underweight can spell trouble. Chronically thin women may find it difficult to become pregnant.

"When a woman's percentage of body fat drops below a certain minimum, her body doesn't produce the levels of hormones necessary for ovulation," Akashia Anderson of Vanderbilt University writes on the school's Web site. "Rapid weight loss and undernourishment leads a woman's body into a state of emergency, and she will not menstruate if she is barely surviving."

Furthermore, the increased risk of developing osteoporosis from years of inadequate nutrition and the tendency of underweight patients to have poor resistance to illness adds up to higher health costs.

"I have been working with young women who have, in a couple of cases, almost starved themselves to death," says Cotter. "Hospitalization of any kind can be costly, but with so many risks added by being underweight, it

won't get any cheaper."

But the question remains: How thin is too thin? Many physicians turn to the Body Mass Index, a calculation that decides the patient's weight by the square of their height. The Air Force, with its rigorous standards for physical readiness, uses other baselines.

"We try to focus on health," said Kimberly Houck, fitness program manager for the health and wellness center at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. "The BMI is a kind of global viewpoint and between 18 and 24 points is supposed to be healthy. We prefer to work with people individually because everyone is different."

Houck said that among active-duty personnel, being underweight is rarely a problem. The center emphasizes healthy eating habits first, closely followed by exercise.

"Again, the focus is on fitness," Houck said. "Women can sometimes be reluctant to do strength training because they believe they will bulk up like weight lifters. But by adding five pounds of muscle, they can keep that lean look they desire while achieving a more healthy weight."

## Warning signs

Some people are destined to have slim builds while others try to get slim by taking weight loss too far. Because weight alone isn't the only standard, these behavior changes may indicate greater problems:

- Persistent negative comments about body shape and size.
- Insistence that they are "fat" when it's they are obviously thin
- Excessive exercise
- Obsessive fat-gram and calorie counting
- Constant weighing
- Refusal to eat in public
- Thinning hair
- Yellow, dry skin or brittle nails
- Complaints of always being cold
- Odd food rituals such as excessive chewing, eating foods in a certain order, rearranging food on plate
- Excessive gum chewing or beverage drinking
- High expectations of perfection
- Inability to accept compliments; frequent self-bellitting comments

## Pill provides best of caffeine without the addiction, side effects

By Sam McManis  
SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Caffeine is so passe, so 20th century. In today's go-go, 24/7 culture, those searching for the ultimate legal pharmacological pick-me-up have abandoned the coffee bean. Too addictive, too many side effects.

How about, as an alternative, a pill that could keep you awake for 40 hours? Without side effects. Without addiction.

Such a pill exists. It's called Provigil, but it's a new medication approved by the Food

and Drug Administration only for narcolepsy patients.

But Provigil's maker, Cephalon, of West Chester, Pa., is trying to win FDA approval for people afflicted with sleepiness due to any medical condition.

"Already, it's being prescribed by doctors 'off label,'" said Jed Black, director of the Stanford Sleep Disorder Clinic. "People with MS (multiple sclerosis), Parkinson's and sleep apnea are already getting it. But if people without medical conditions start using it, then it might not be appropriate."

Developed in Europe more than 30 years ago, Provigil is not habit-forming because it does not increase the levels of dopamine in the brain, as caffeine, amphetamines and other stimulants do. It does have a stimulating effect, Black said, though it affects only the part of the brain that regulates sleep and ignores neurotransmitters. When users stop taking Provigil, its makers say, they resume their normal sleep patterns.

Black does not advocate Provigil's use for people without medical conditions that cause drowsiness.

"We think it's inappropriate to give it to individuals who are electing to stay up," Black said. "Of course, the world does this already. You know how well coffee companies are doing. The average sleep duration is far less than it should be. One of my colleagues ... feels that Provigil would have less impact on the cardiovascular system than caffeine. I understand that perspective, but I also feel people need their sleep."

In extreme situations, however, people without specific medical conditions can benefit from Provigil, experts say.

In 1995, Canadian researchers studied subjects who were kept awake 64 hours on Provigil. Throughout the prolonged wakeful stretch, the subjects showed no decrease in cognitive function and remained in "good spirits." The U.S. Army tested helicopter pilots on the drug for 40 hours straight and found that cognitive skills and attention to detail did not change.

"The Canadian story is interesting," Black said, "but there's still a reduction from the baseline when you go without sleep. The body needs it."



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Shannon Franks participates in an exercise class at a fitness club in Memphis, Tenn., in which the class uses inflated balls to promote strength and balance.

## So you wanna play ball?

By Barbara Bradley  
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

It starts out innocently enough: just nine women at Memphis Fitness Club exercising with big, springy, lightweight balls, much like sturdy beach balls.

We bend over and roll them out for a gentle arm stretch. Cool. We sit on them and do bouncing squats. Fun.

But before long we're lying with heels on the ball trying to lift our bottoms and wobbling like Jell-O. Or we're doing a trembling leg lift with the ball between our ankles.

This is not playing ball. This is hard work with what is known as Resist-A-Balls, also called resistance balls, stability balls or fitness balls, the tools of a fast-growing exercise system.

"It's just now getting to be a hot thing here along with Pilates," said Tammy Cutberth, partner in Memphis Fitness Club and our teacher this day.

Resist-A-Ball, according to Mike Morris, co-founder of the program, is a "core" exercise system that focuses on the abs, lower back, shoulder muscles and hip muscles, but it can provide a total body workout.

It increases strength, endurance and flexibility, improves balance, coordination and posture and can be easily incorporated into a variety of other exercise systems.

"In fitness there's so much emphasis on core stability," said Mellynn Kassing, group fitness coordinator for Six50 Total Club and Six50 Total Sportsplex in Memphis. "If the core is strong, you can pretty much do anything. We think this is the best way to work the core. ... It reduces stress on the joints. It feels better than a bench, and you can roll into the next position instead of stopping and starting again."

Many ball classes, including Cutberth's, combine ball work with dumbbells to beef up resistance. Other programs also combine the ball with yoga and Pilates, use it for prenatal and postnatal exercises, use it for kids' exercises and senior workouts and to change up aerobic exercises.

Resist-A-Balls can be ordered online from Spry Products Inc., at <http://www.spryproducts.com> or call 800-222-7774. The balls cost between \$14.95 and \$29.95, depending on size and quality. Exercise balls are widely available at sporting goods stores and other places.

## Sole searching

Practitioners stand firm on  
reflexology's effect on good health

By Chandra Harris  
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

For some people, headache relief is tied to the bottoms of their feet.

The prescription for pain relief comes in the form of reflexology instead of a pill.

Reflexology was the way ancient cultures in Egypt and China naturally healed ailments. Practitioners today contend the foot is a mirror image of the body and that stimulating areas of the feet corresponds to positive effects on various parts of the body.

After more than 30 years of practice and teaching, Earle Wilson said medicine is finally going back to what works. "By applying pressure on specific parts of the foot, relief can be found," explained Wilson, who heads Healthflex School of Reflexology in Knoxville, Tenn.

According to the Reflexology Association of America, more than 7,000 nerve endings in each foot are connected to the organs and muscles of the body. Reflexology works by tapping into the energy flow of the body with massage.

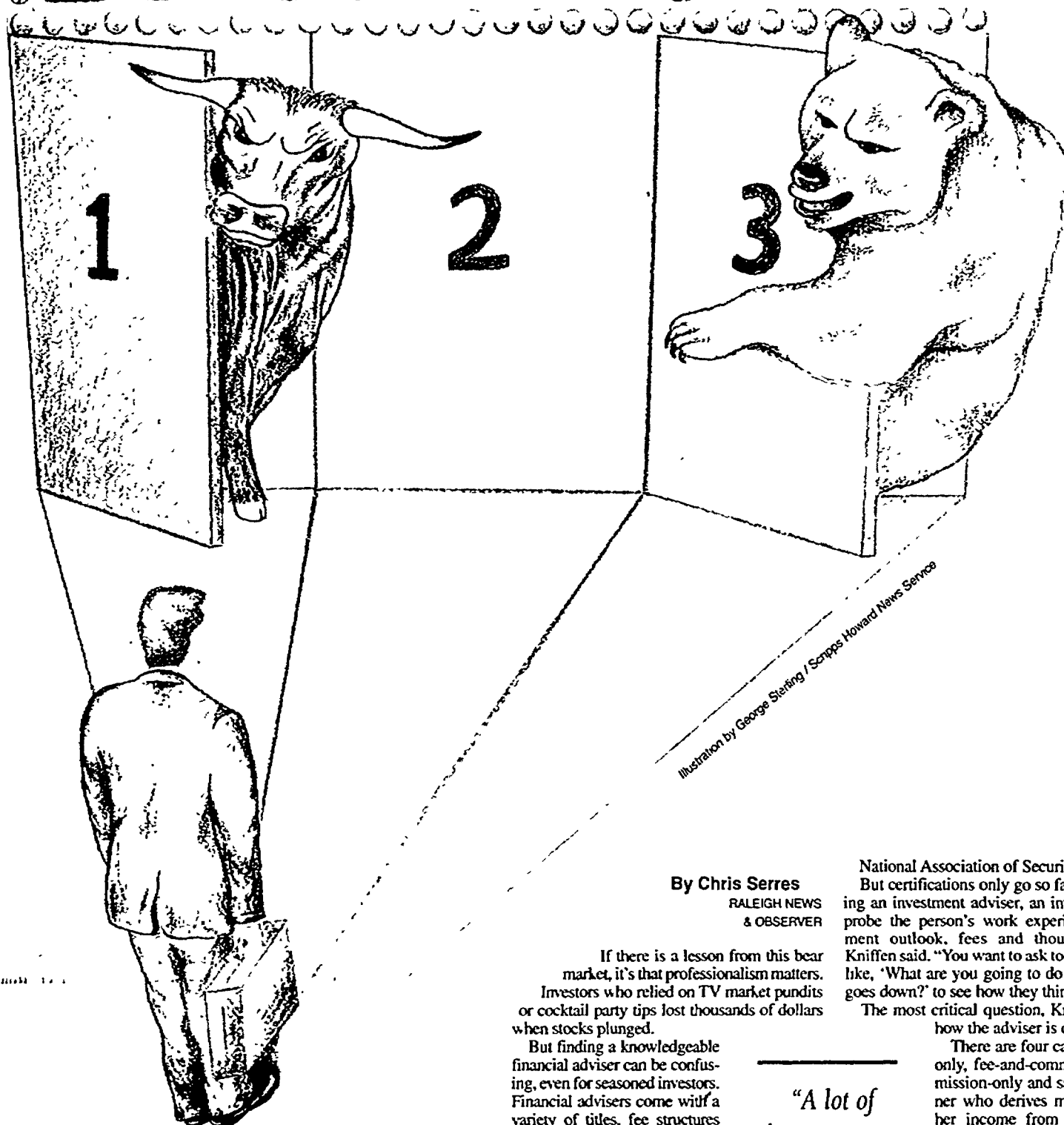
If sinus problems exist, then one's toes may be more sensitive than other areas on the foot. The middle part of the foot, which correlates with the stomach, may need more pressure applied to relieve possible digestive problems.

"Pushing on pressure points triggers the body's own healing powers so the body can function normally," Wilson said.

"Our feet tell a health story; it is a file chart of health," said Carrie Wagner, certified reflexologist at the Knoxville Reflexology Group.

Walked on and often squeezed into one shoe after another without much forethought, "Our feet talk to us every day; we just don't listen," Wagner said. "We ignore the little tingles in our feet. We think calluses are from wearing tight shoes. They aren't; we just aren't listening to our bodies and the signals our feet are sending to us."

## BROKERS OR BUST!



By Chris Serres  
RALEIGH NEWS  
& OBSERVER

If there is a lesson from this bear market, it's that professionalism matters. Investors who relied on TV market pundits or cocktail party tips lost thousands of dollars when stocks plunged.

But finding a knowledgeable financial adviser can be confusing, even for seasoned investors. Financial advisers come with a variety of titles, fee structures and investment strategies.

"A lot of investors get intimidated by the complexity and just go with a gut feeling," said James P. Kniffen, a financial planner from Cary, N.C. "Which is absurd when you consider that one bad decision can cost you tens of thousands of dollars."

The first thing to look for is certification. Not everyone who sells investment advice is certified to do so. The most widely held credential is "certified financial planner," or CFP. Applicants for this designation must have at least two years of experience in the financial sector and pass a 10-hour test covering topics that include income taxes and estate planning, family law and risk management. Only 56 percent of the people who take the test pass, according to the Financial Planners Standards Council, which administers the test.

A more selective credential is membership in the National Association of Personal Financial Advisers. The 900 people nationwide who belong to this group are "fee-only" advisers, which means they do not take commissions on any of the investments they recommend.

Investors who want to know whether their broker has been fined or suspended can check [www.nasdr.com](http://www.nasdr.com), the official Web site of the

National Association of Securities Dealers. But certifications only go so far. Before hiring an investment adviser, an investor should probe the person's work experience, investment outlook, fees and thought process, Kniffen said. "You want to ask tough questions like, 'What are you going to do if the market goes down?'" he said.

The most critical question, Kniffen said, is how the adviser is compensated.

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financial planner

There are four categories: fee-only, fee-and-commission, commission-only and salary. A planner who derives most of his or her income from commissions will be under pressure to sell securities — whether stocks or insurance policies — to generate more income. A fee-only planner will avoid conflicts of interest by recommending investments based only on the individual's needs.

Fee structures vary dramatically from one planner to the next. Most planners charge 1 percent of the value of your assets a year. Others charge a flat fee based on the complexity of the individual's financial situation. And there's a small but growing number of advisers who charge hourly fees to do as much or as little financial planning as clients want.

In addition, before agreeing to a fee arrangement, consumers should get a detailed list of the services being provided. There are huge differences. Some financial planners are prepared to conduct only one telephone interview a year. Others will fill out income tax forms, prepare wills, write an estate plan and review insurance policies.

Consumers should avoid planners who don't have up-to-date technology, Kniffen said. A broker or investment adviser should be able to show clients how he or she monitors their accounts on a real-time basis.

"If it's a poorly run business," Kniffen said, "then it's probably a poor place to get advice."

## Businesses still wrestle with piles of paper

By Jonathan J. Higuera  
ARIZONA DAILY STAR

Gari-Sue Greene helps clients determine what's urgent and what's not.

As a professional organizing consultant for the past 30 years, she's helped hundreds of small businesses set up filing systems, design office space, streamline work flow, prioritize actions and get tax information together.

"It becomes personal for me," said Greene, of Tucson, Ariz. "If people can't find things, they can't do things. For many, they don't know where to begin so they don't. Then they miss an important date or misplace an important form or whatever. They don't come to me until it's severe."

Organizing consultant Phyllis Kettler of Tucson said she's worked with small, home-based businesses with revenues of up to \$300,000 a year — and filing systems that aren't much more than piles. She's also worked with business owners who came out of corporate environments and aren't used to keeping good files.

"In a corporate environment, it's all provided for you," she said. "They never had to sit down and set up a system for every detail that happens in business."

The typical consultant charges \$50 to \$200 an hour, according to the National Association of Professional Organizers, which has about 1,800 members nationwide, up from 773 in 1996.

"The biggest issue for small businesses is paper," said Barry Izsak, vice president of the national group. "The promise of a paperless office is a myth. We have more paper than ever before."

An important part of a professional organizer's work is analyzing the way a business works and designing a customized plan for each client.

"Some companies want me to do it all — just figure out the parameters and go," Kettler said. "Some just want me to help them figure out what to do, give them the tools and let them do it."

Izsak said the biggest problem leading to cluttered offices is the lack of action. "People aren't making decisions about the paper as it comes in."

Fran Monachino of Tucson, who started her organizing consulting business last year, said she knows the frustrations business owners face in order to get organized because she used to own a gifts and gourmet distributing firm.

"I've been a small business owner, and I know they are the ones that need the help and have the smallest budget," Monachino will charge as low as \$20 an hour depending on the client.

"I'm handling tasks that many small business owners don't have time to do," she said. "Everyone seems to be good at one or two things. Paperwork isn't always it."

Greene requires her clients to allow her to come back for periodic visits. "It's very easy to go back to the old ways, so I do maintenance with my clients. I don't want them to say, 'I had this gal in here last year and it's a big mess again.'"

When it comes to tax season, most consultants recommend that business owners use software programs to track expenses and income. But it still requires tracking, whether it's weekly, monthly or quarterly.

The savings occur when the owner delivers orderly paperwork or software to his or her accountant, rather than records in a shoebox.

"Most accountants are not interested in doing that kind of sorting," Kettler said. "The more work they have to do, the more they charge."

## Picking a financial adviser?

Planners say put gimmicks and tricks aside, and get your advice from a real professional

## At Intel, company's commuters fly high

By John Gillie  
TACOMA NEWS TRIBUNE

For Roger Campana, his twice weekly commute from Olympia, Wash., to Oregon has become a comfortable routine.

He figures that if he leaves his home by 6:20 a.m., he can be at work in an Intel research center in a suburb of Portland, Ore., exactly an hour later. After his work day is done, he's back at home in Olympia within 60 minutes of leaving the office.

This 131-mile commute comes without any tickets from the State Patrol and little muleage on his car. For Campana, the shuttle is a necessity. Two-thirds of the employees he supervises work in Oregon.

Campana is one of hundreds of Intel employees who commute regularly between Intel's DuPont research center and the company's extensive facilities in the Portland area via what amounts to a small corporate airline.

Intel's shuttle flights between Olympia and Hillsboro, Ore., are part of a corporate network of regularly scheduled air shuttles linking the chip maker's major offices, and research facilities.

Intel is one of more than a score of companies

nationwide that operate regularly scheduled corporate shuttles — mini-airlines if you like — between major corporate offices.

Those companies include such well-known names as Hewlett-Packard, Corning Glass and DaimlerChrysler, which operates a regular flight between its corporate centers in Detroit and Frankfurt.

From Hillsboro, Intel employees can catch a company jet to San Jose, Calif., near its Santa Clara headquarters, or to its facilities in Chandler, Ariz. Other flights shuttle from San Jose to Sacramento and to Chandler.

The shuttle flights aren't toys of the corporate elite, but practical, workaday tools that facilitate corporate collaboration, cut commuting time and costs and improve the productivity of valuable employees, say aviation authorities.

The shuttles between Olympia and Hillsboro, for instance, reduce commuting time round-trip from at least five hours to two, cut employee fatigue and allow colleagues to collaborate on the flights, said Dave Fisher, Intel's Washington site manager.

Intel's DuPont operation employs about 1,500 people, while its Portland-area operations employ about 10 times that many, said Intel spokesman Rick

Meeder.

With that many people working in both states, the need for reliable, hassle-free transportation between the sites was apparent from the first days of Intel's DuPont facility, Fisher said.

On Mondays and Fridays, the shuttle on a 19-passenger Beechcraft 1900 turboprop offers four flights a day to Hillsboro. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the shuttle flies six times daily to Oregon. An equal number of flights return. From takeoff to touchdown, the flight, depending on the winds, takes 25 minutes. Flights are rarely canceled due to weather.

Campana said that on the early morning flights he finds about two-thirds of the passengers are snoozing, while the remainder are working. On the return flights about half are working alone, while the other half are conversing with associates.

For some companies, a dedicated air shuttle is the virtually the only way employees can get from their homes to a remote site.

Campana said he considers Intel's shuttle a valuable productivity tool for him and the company.

"It has allowed me to meet with far more people personally on a regular basis," he said. "I think that's been good for both the company and my career."



Photo by Janet Jensen / Tacoma News Tribune

Intel employees board a shuttle aircraft while the pilot, John Osmundson, right, looks on at Olympia Airport. Intel is one of many companies that employ private airlines to shuttle their workers and avoid the hassle of commercial airports.





## Wheelchair access can help sell homes

By Jerome Obermark

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Bill and Melanie Tapp recently bought a new, four-bedroom home in a neighborhood of mostly two-story brick homes.

They have, a 15-year-old son Andrew and Melanie's mother, Elsie Moore, living with them.

What really sold the 3,400-square-foot home was neither a sumptuous master bath suite nor gourmet kitchen.

What sold them was a private mother-in-law wing that will accommodate a woman, who uses a walker and may eventually need a wheelchair. She has neuropathy, a degenerative nerve disorder.

"We have been looking for three years. When we saw it, it was perfect," Melanie Tapp said.

Tapp had a hip and knee replaced due to injuries suffered 23 years ago. She said the wide doorways could come in handy for her one day. "I may one day wind up in a wheelchair," she said.

### Homes are rare

Few new homes built in the Memphis, Tenn., area have features for people with special disabilities, like wide doors and hallways and bathrooms with enough space for a wheelchair, said builder Ronnie Tickle, owner of Jack Tickle & Co. of Memphis, who built the house.

Tickle has specialized in building accessible homes for people with disabilities for more than 20 years. Typically, he has built one to three of them per year on a custom basis after getting referrals.

"A lot of times, people don't know exactly what they want (to accommodate special needs), so we have to find out what they need before we build," Tickle said.

"This time I built features in a spec home, and it turned out that's what sold the house," Tickle said.

He built it with easy access from a ramp in the three-car garage to enter the in-law wing. Other features he incorporated include:

- Three-foot-wide doors at entrances and throughout the house.
- Levers instead of doorknobs.
- Hard-surface floors and Berber carpeting.

- A large bathroom with a roll-in shower and a commode that is easy to use.
- Raised electrical receptacles and lower-than-normal light switches.
- Appliances with knobs on the front.

It pays to think ahead

In-law wings can be built for homes in a wide range of sizes and prices with separate quarters for privacy and special-needs features, said designer Rick Ray of Memphis.

"Costs of special features don't add much to the house cost if they are (factored) in. It costs much more to add them later," Ray said.

Kevin Lofton, independent living specialist on training and awareness with the Center for Independent Living in Memphis, said "visitability" features in homes, especially new single-family homes, is one issue the center advocates.

The center's primary roles are information referral and advocacy on issues, he said.

Visitability refers to designing and building single-family homes with three basic considerations that would make it easier for relatives or friends with physical disabilities to visit. The measures also would allow people who may become disabled to continue to live in the homes.

The requirements are:

- That at least one entrance is at grade; no steps.
- Doors and hallways should be wide enough to navigate a wheelchair.
- A bathroom on the first floor should be big enough to enter and be used by someone in a wheelchair.

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# CONTRACTOR?



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## ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS CAN PREVENT A DISASTER

By Jake Grove

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

It's not something that comes up too often in a person's life, but it is one of the most important decisions a prospective homeowner will make. Choosing the right contractor to build your dream home is a long, arduous process but one that should be done with care, patience and a lot of research.

The first questions asked should be what kind of house you want. How many floors should there be? What will the room layout be like? What function should it serve and how many people should it be built for? These are just a few thoughts that come to mind when someone wants to build a house.

Second, see what the area has to offer. According to Gopal Laguadria, vice president of research at the National Association of Home Builders, there are many contractors in a given city or town, but not all of them are reputable.

"There are a lot of fly-by-night outfits out there that can do things better, but not at all better," Laguadria said. "There are many things to look for before you choose your home builder."

Getting a list of builders and calling them is typically step one. Ask them a few preliminary questions like whether they're licensed with the

National Association of Home Builders or a local association. The Home Builders Association of Oconee, S.C., suggests you tell them a little about your job and ask whether they're large enough to handle it and if they have handled jobs like that before. Some contractors are very good at roof work but not at kitchens.

Also, make sure they can provide references of satisfied customers who might have had jobs similar to yours. Finally, make sure they are fully insured if anything should happen.

If they can do all that, then you set up a meeting to get references and see the contractor in person.

Laguadria said you should call as many contractors as you can. This is one of the biggest projects a homeowner will ever undertake, and knowing you did it the right way will save a lot of stress down the road.

Word of mouth can be a powerful tool when choosing a contractor. Talk to people who have built homes and ask their recommendations. Often they can provide valuable insight.

Once you've picked out a few with whom to talk, make sure you go into your "interview" well prepared. You should have some specs drawn out and be ready to discuss any work you intend to do. In the process, they should be able to provide a few money-saving ideas as well as proof of license or certification and the number

of jobs they might have while yours is in the works.

Finally, the Home Builders Association of Oconee said to ask for a price quote in writing. It might take a few days, but they should be ready for such a question and already be thinking about it.

Meanwhile, visit the references' homes and ask a few questions about basic quality and satisfaction with things like time, materials, attitude and work ethic.

When you get the quote, find out how long it will be valid. Then you can ask how changes will be handled and whether they'll get all the permits and paperwork in order.

Finally, pick the contractor who goes with your personality. Laguadria said any contractor should be open with you and ready to answer your questions. If they hesitate or try to put you off, they probably aren't the ones for you.

"A contractor should be ready for open dialogue," he said. "They should also ask you a few questions during the process to get a better idea of what will work for you."

But never, never make money the No. 1 priority in building a home, Laguadria said. Once that happens, bad things start to occur and homeowners are rarely happy about the experience.

"We all tend to want to save money," he said, "but that is where problems start. You get what you pay for and that goes for everything in life."

## 3 THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE YOU CHOOSE A CONTRACTOR

**Reputation:** The best way to learn about a builder is to visit a home they have built and talk with the owners. Questions you should ask include: Are you happy with your home? Did the builder do what was promised in a timely manner? Did the builder listen to your requests? Was the builder responsive to your needs? Would you buy another home from this builder?

**Quality of work:** When

examining a home, inspect the quality of the finishes such as cabinetry, trim work and paint. Ask the builder to review the list of custom features that are standard in each house as well as the safety features and product lines used. Always keep in mind that just because a home is less expensive than another does not mean it's a better value.

**Service:** Review the warranty and find out what type of service

you can expect after you move into your home. Some builders provide homeowners with comprehensive closing books. These helpful books provide valuable information, including how to care for the new home, as well as warranty and maintenance information on each product or appliance within the home.

SOURCE: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOME BUILDERS

## Home builder uses the Internet to streamline the construction process

By Jim Buchta

MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

In the bricks-and-mortar world of home builders, technology often is as popular as a nest of termites.

But at least one Minneapolis-St. Paul area builder is embracing technology head-on. Brandl Anderson Homes has invested tens of thousands of dollars in a software system that helps the builder — and homeowners — keep tabs on the construction process.

This new interactive, online service is a proprietary system developed for Brandl Anderson by Inetium, a Chaska, Minn.-based software developer that was named Microsoft's Small Business Solution Provider of the

Year for 2002.

The software was developed to streamline, centralize and improve the company's operations, but also to help new homeowners such as Elizabeth Mills monitor the day-to-day progress on construction of their new homes.

"I used it for the instant gratification of seeing (the house) without having to get muddy," said Mills, who moved into her new home this fall.

Mills said she was able to log on to the site every three or four days and look at photos of her house as it was being built without having to trudge out to the job site.

"I'm not a computer geek, but I'm very comfortable with it," she said. "Even my mom could get on the computer and do it."

The central component of this

system is a database with three separate functions. It serves prospective homeowners, on-site job superintendents and administrative workers at Brandl Anderson's office.

The Brandl Anderson home page, [www.brandlanderson.com](http://www.brandlanderson.com), includes several consumer links, including a Homeowner's Toolbox that requires a user name and a password to access the site.

There's also a wireless component used by on-site job supervisors, and a desktop application that office managers use.

The Homeowner's Toolbox offers several options, including a message board and photo gallery with pictures showing the customer's house as it's being built.

Homeowners can post questions on the message board about

schedules, materials, floor plans and other issues and receive answers from Brandl Anderson general manager Scott Ervin.

Buyers also can access the Brandl Anderson home page to go over floor plans and make modifications and changes right in the system, without having to mark up blueprints and floor plans.

The wireless system has become critical in the company's day-to-day operations. It's most useful as a way of communicating among on-site job superintendents, office workers and others at the Burnsville, Minn.-based company. They're able to track inventory, expenses, purchase orders, schedules and change orders on all of the 30 to 75 jobs the company juggles at one time.

"We wanted a seamless flow so

the information was touched one time," Ervin said. "And our accounting department has a better handle on what should be paid and what shouldn't be paid."

In addition, the clerical people in the office no longer have to handle hundreds of pages of documents, reports and faxes that have to be manually entered into the computer. That saves time and decreases the chances of making mistakes, which are expensive and time consuming, Ervin said.

Mills didn't sign with Brandl Anderson because of the technology system, but it's a big perk, she said. "It's really, really neat," she said. "People I've known who have built a house have to trek out to the site after it's dark. I didn't have to worry about going in after work or after dark."

# Plus SOUP & BREAD

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Story By Marty Meitus ■ Photos By Ahmad Terry ■ Scripps Howard News Service



HEARTY CHEESE SOUP IN SOURDOUGH BREAD BOWLS

Serves 6 to 8  
5 tablespoons butter or margarine  
2 medium carrots, chopped  
2 stalks celery, chopped  
1/2 green bell pepper, chopped  
1 medium onion, chopped  
1 cup mushrooms, chopped  
1/2 cup cooked ham or bacon, chopped  
1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
2 tablespoons cornstarch  
4 cups chicken broth  
4 cups milk  
1/2 teaspoon paprika  
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
1/2 teaspoon ground mustard  
1 pound sharp Cheddar cheese, optional  
Salt  
Ground black pepper  
6 to 8 sourdough bread bowls

In a large, heavy stockpot, melt butter or margarine. Add chopped vegetables and ham or bacon and cook over medium heat until vegetables are slightly tender, about 10 minutes.

Stir in flour and cornstarch. Cook, stirring constantly, about three minutes. Add broth slowly and continue stirring until slightly thickened. Add milk and spices. Add cheese gradually, stirring until cheese is melted. If cheese soup is not thick enough, add more mild Cheddar to taste.

To avoid curdling, do not allow soup to boil after cheese is added. Season to taste with salt and pepper and serve piping hot in a hollowed sourdough bread bowl.

**Y**ou want to hear real music to a cook's ears? "Is that soup in a bread bowl? Yessss!" And dinner is served.

The idea of bread-as-utensil is hardly new.

Every second restaurant in San Francisco features the city's famous sourdough bread as a vessel for the city's famous clam chowder.

If you'd like to try this at home, Ken Rosenthal, owner of nine Front Range Paneras in Denver, offered some tips.

We looked at different options for the bread bowl itself, including making our own from Rhodes frozen bread dough.

■ Not every soup will work in a bread bowl. Choose a cream-based soup (clam chowder works great) or hearty chili. The thinner the broth, the more likely it is to drain out of the bread bowl. It's a good idea to put all bread bowls inside a real bowl as a precaution anyway, just in case the bottom gets soggy or the hot liquid spills out.

■ Choose a bread with a thick, crunchy outer crust, such as sourdough or those artisan loaves available at bakeries or groceries.

■ Serve your guests immediately after pouring soup into the bowl. If it sits out for too long, the bread will begin to absorb the soup, which ruins the effect and leaves you with a soggy mess.

■ To prepare the bowl, slice off the top and pull out the bread in the middle, leaving enough filling to cushion the soup.

■ Don't waste the loose bread. Make croutons to serve with your soup: Cut the bread into pieces and saute in a little olive oil, salt, pepper and minced garlic to taste and then toast in the oven at 300 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes, until golden brown.

You also can whisk extra bread into the broth of the soup for a heartier taste, or whir the bread in a blender or food processor for bread crumbs and save for a later date.

## TUSCAN TOMATO BREAD SOUP

Serves 6  
5 tablespoons olive oil  
1 onion, finely chopped  
1 red bell pepper, finely chopped  
6 cloves garlic, minced  
1/4 cup chopped fresh basil  
2 tablespoons thin-sliced basil leaves, for garnish  
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano  
2 cups crushed tomatoes in thick puree  
1-1/4 pound diced, vine-ripened tomatoes (about 4)  
3 to 4 cups low-sodium chicken broth or homemade stock  
Salt to taste  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1 mini-baguette of pesto, sun-dried tomato or Asiago cheese, Fiestra bread or sourdough, cut into 1-inch cubes  
1/4 teaspoon fresh-ground pepper  
6 bread bowls

In a large saucepan, heat 4 tablespoons of olive oil over moderately low heat. Add onion, bell pepper, garlic, chopped basil and oregano. Stirring occasionally, cook for about 10 minutes or until the onion is golden. Add crushed tomatoes, fresh tomatoes, 2 cups of broth, salt to taste and sugar; bring to a simmer. Reduce heat to low. Simmer, uncovered, until thick, for about 30 minutes.

Place bread cubes on a baking sheet and toast in 350-degree oven for 25 minutes or until crisp. Remove bread from the oven and add to sauce. Gently stir for 5 minutes. As the bread absorbs the tomatoes, add pepper and some of the stock as needed to keep the mixture soupy. Use a spoon to mash the bread so the soup is thick and the bread blends into the tomato sauce. Simmer for 10 to 15 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent burning.

Ladle into individual bowls, lightly drizzle with remaining olive oil and sprinkle with sliced basil.



## Reheat cooked, processed meats before eating, expert warns

By Louise Durman  
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Reheat processed meats, even if the label says fully cooked, stresses David Golden, University of Tennessee food safety researcher.

This means hot dogs and luncheon meats and canned hams (usually re-heating instructions are on the can or package) and slices of ham or other processed meats.

Realistically consumers aren't going to reheat luncheon meats, he agrees, but it is a safety concern.

He stresses those at high risk — young children, the elderly, pregnant women and those with a compromised immune system — should not eat luncheon meats.

Meat needs to be reheated to 160 degrees F. or 165 degrees on a meat thermometer, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Reheating meat greatly reduces chances of a listeria outbreak.

Products labeled fully cooked usually have guidelines on the package recommending consumers reheat them.

Even hot dogs, labeled fully cooked, should be reheated thoroughly — until "steaming hot." Bringing hot dogs to a boil or cooking them until they split or crack usually means they are up to 160 degrees. This helps destroy any incidental contamination that may have occurred.

Turkey should be removed from the bone and refrigerated within two hours following the dinner. (It's OK to leave drumsticks on the bone, but reheat them.)

Dressing definitely should be removed if packed in the turkey and stored separately. When ready to eat the leftover turkey for sandwiches that night, ideally it should be reheated to 160 degrees. Dressing also should be reheated to 160 to 165 degrees.

If packing luncheon meat for sandwiches, Golden says, be sure the sandwiches are kept cold and not allowed to sit at room temperature from early morning until noon.

"We have to understand that we have to watch out for ourselves, read instructions, cook food properly and be careful not to cross contaminate with raw foods, and never, ever take for granted that label that says 'fully cooked' and eat it right out of the package."



## Maple syrup

Pure maple syrup is made by boiling sap down into a concentrated syrup, which is then graded depending upon the intensity of its maple flavor and color. One grade is not better than another, but simply different stylistically.

Grade A, Fancy or Light Amber is the most delicate tasting and colored and tends to be the most expensive. It makes wonderful candies and maple creams and is dreamy over vanilla ice cream.

Grade A Medium Amber and Grade A Dark Amber are both more concentrated and are perfect for drizzling over a stack of pancakes.

Grade B Dark Amber, sometimes marketed as cooking syrup, has a robust maple flavor and mahogany color. This is the best syrup to bake or cook with, as it holds up when blended with other ingredients.

## Spaghetti squash

To get the longest strains of squash, cut the squash in half horizontally and delicately pull the filaments from the shell with a fork. A 4-pound squash yields about 5 cups of cooked squash.

Spaghetti squash, not surprisingly, is very tasty tossed with olive oil and a healthy dusting of Parmesan. It also works well with spicy sauces and freshly grated ginger.

## Uncovering artichokes

The easiest way to snip off the artichoke's spiky leaves is with kitchen scissors, and the best knife for trimming their tops is a serrated one. The tough little leaves at the base near the stem can simply be snapped off.

Any cut part of an artichoke discolors almost instantly, so rub the exposed parts with a cut lemon or toss trimmed ones into a big bowl of water mixed with lemon juice.

## Dredging with flour

A light coat of flour on a pan-fried meat cutlet or fish fillet helps it brown and prevents it from sticking to the pan.

To make sure your foods are fully seasoned, salt and pepper the flour before coating. Give whatever is dredged a little shake over the flour before adding to the pan, so none of the excess flour burns in the oil while cooking.

For safety sake, always throwaway any leftover dredging flour, since it has come in contact with raw meats or fish.

## Using saffron

Saffron's flavor blooms when heated, so toast it briefly in a dry pan, or infuse it in hot water for a couple of minutes before incorporating into a dish. The liquid is like liquid gold; it becomes vibrantly yellow and intensely flavored. Be wary of orange safflower stems as a mock saffron: it may color a dish yellow, but lacks the distinctive taste.

## This author loves cooking from a can

By Karola Saekel  
SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Laura Karr loves to cook elaborate meals for holidays and weekend dinners.

We'll have to take her word for it.

What she claims to cook the "other five days of the week," and wants readers of "The Can Opener Gourmet" (Hyperion; 276 pages, spiral-bound; \$16.95) to adopt, runs smack counter to virtually all cooking advice of the last couple of decades. Forget about fresh, local, seasonal — think canned, dehydrated, packaged.

Whether the corn is standing high in the fields or the weather outside is stormy, it's always sunny in your cup-

board stocked with everything canned from artichokes to potatoes to zucchini.

If the thought of canned potatoes doesn't make you shudder, how about jars of baby food? Karr promotes them as a shortcut to things like butternut squash, sweet potato and apple soup. We tried it and it actually wasn't half bad, especially with the addition of optional creme fraiche (of course, we'd probably enjoy cardboard with creme fraiche).

However, opening and scraping the vegetables out of those 4-ounce Gerber jars is a pain in the pantry. We re-did the recipe using frozen plain squash, canned yams, an actual apple and a couple of slices of real onion instead of onion pow-

der (with garlic powder, one of the author's favorite staples), and it was actually easier, as well as cheaper.

Not only does Karr tout convenience, she actually sings the praises of the nutritional and ecological advantages of canned food.

She does fall off the quickie wagon occasionally, as in a pineapple-ginger upside-down cake that actually calls for flour and baking powder (not to worry, there's a cake mix version on the opposite page), but by and large this little book sticks to no-brainers.

It's cooking on the level of a freshman frat boy — one from a culinarily challenged family.





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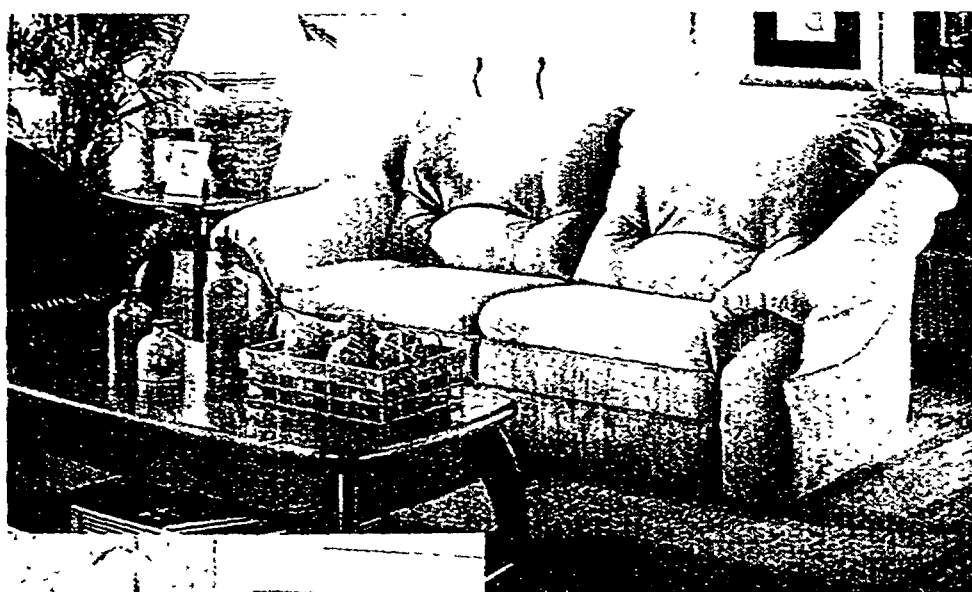


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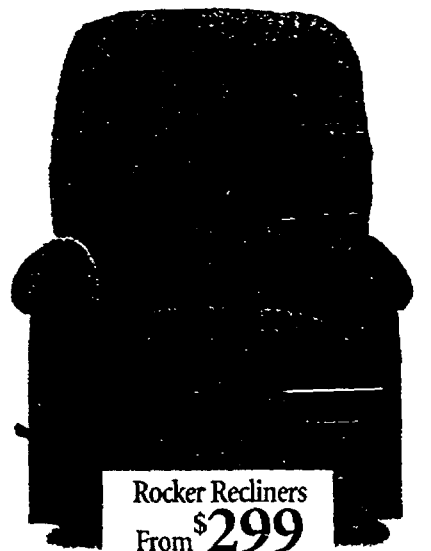
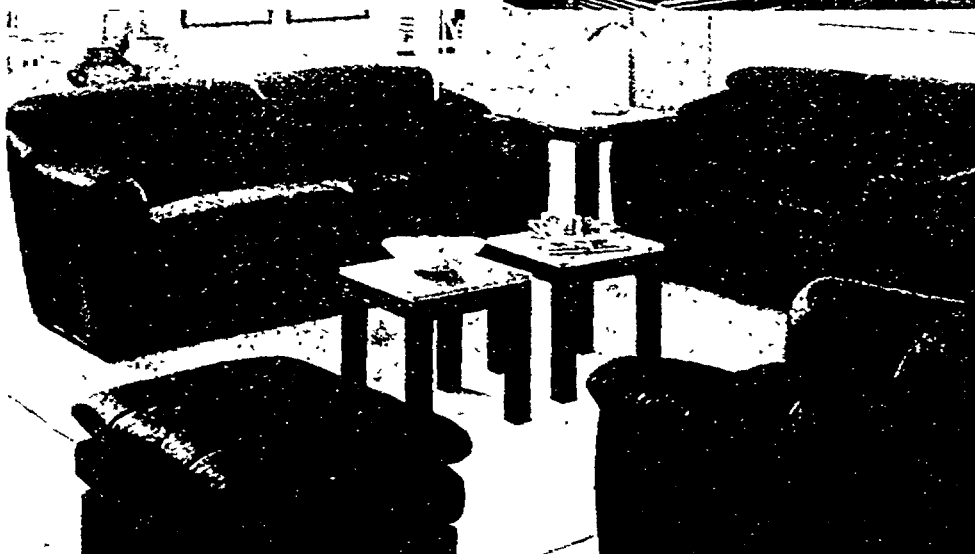
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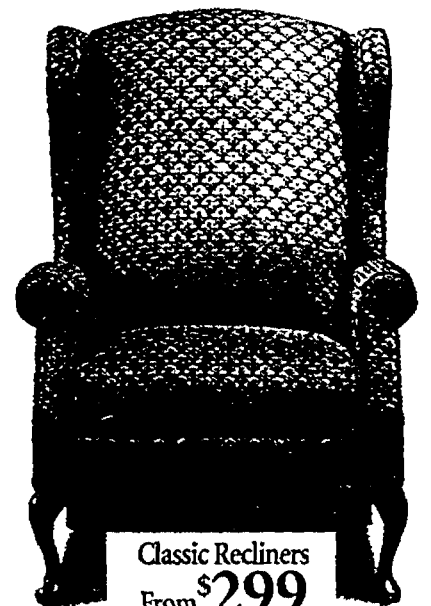


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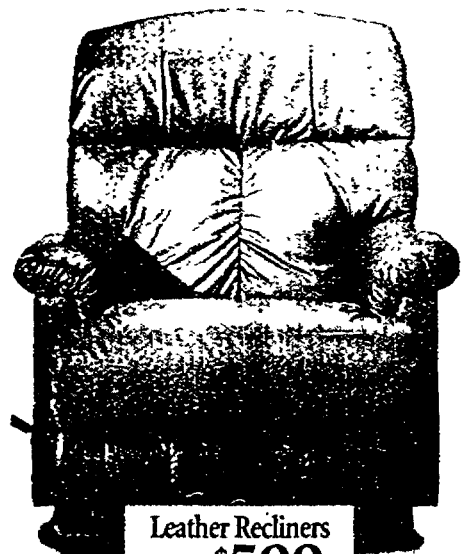
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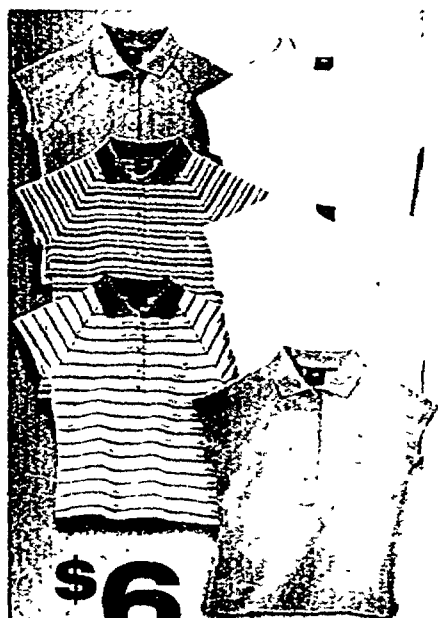
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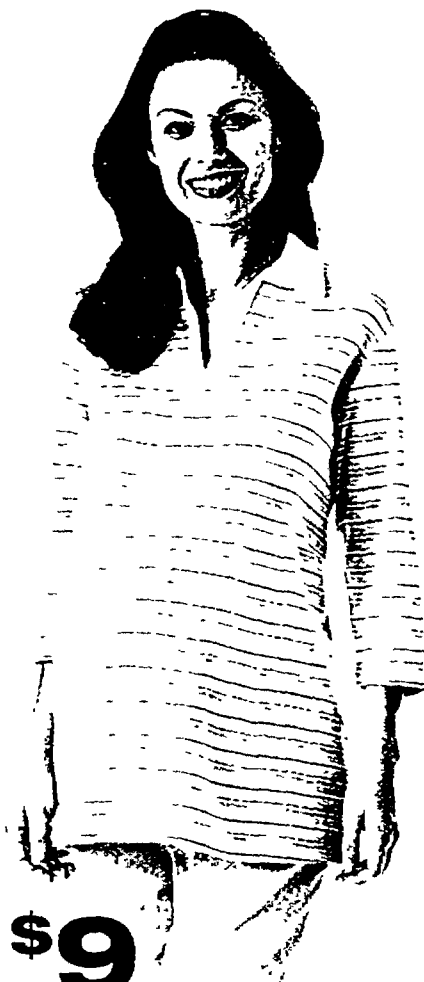


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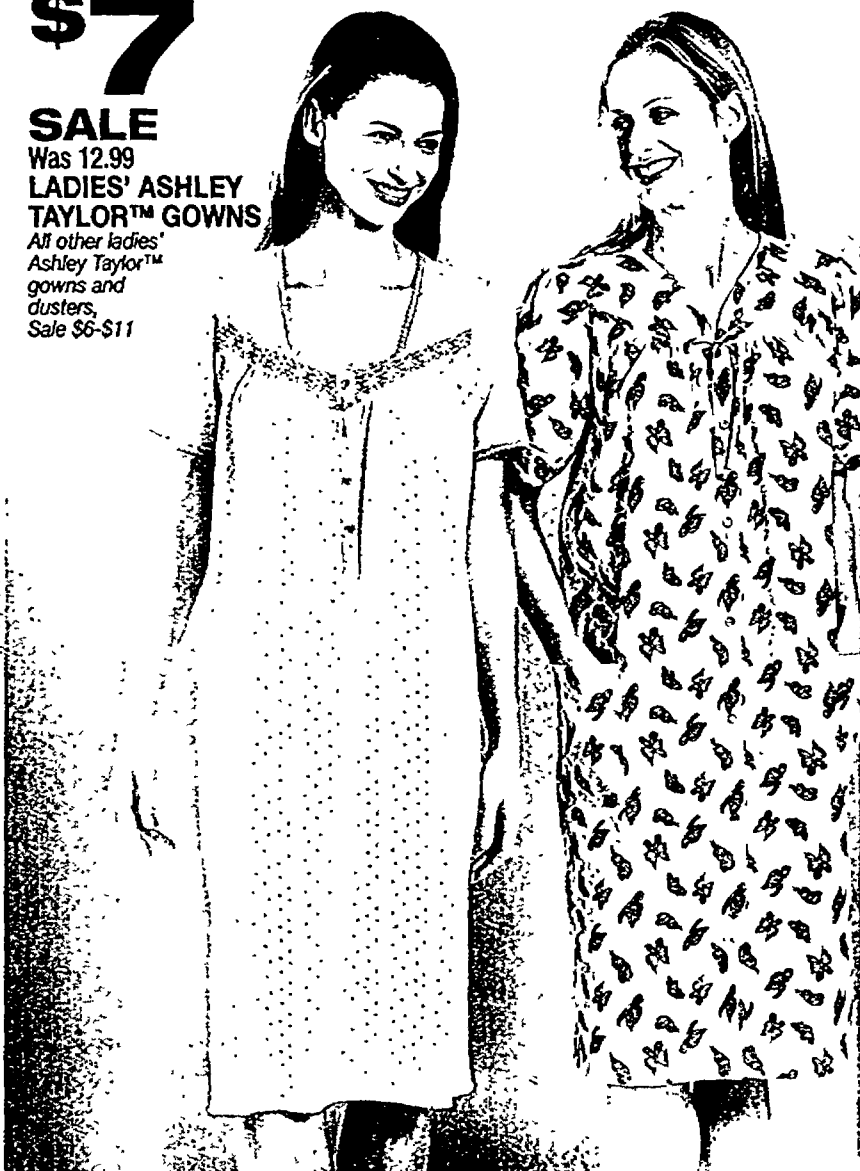
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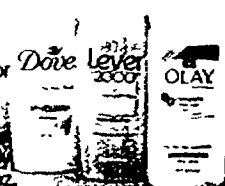


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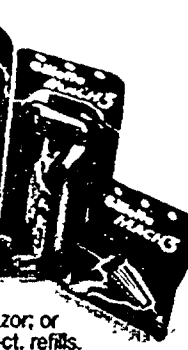
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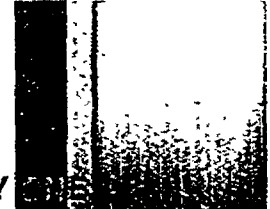
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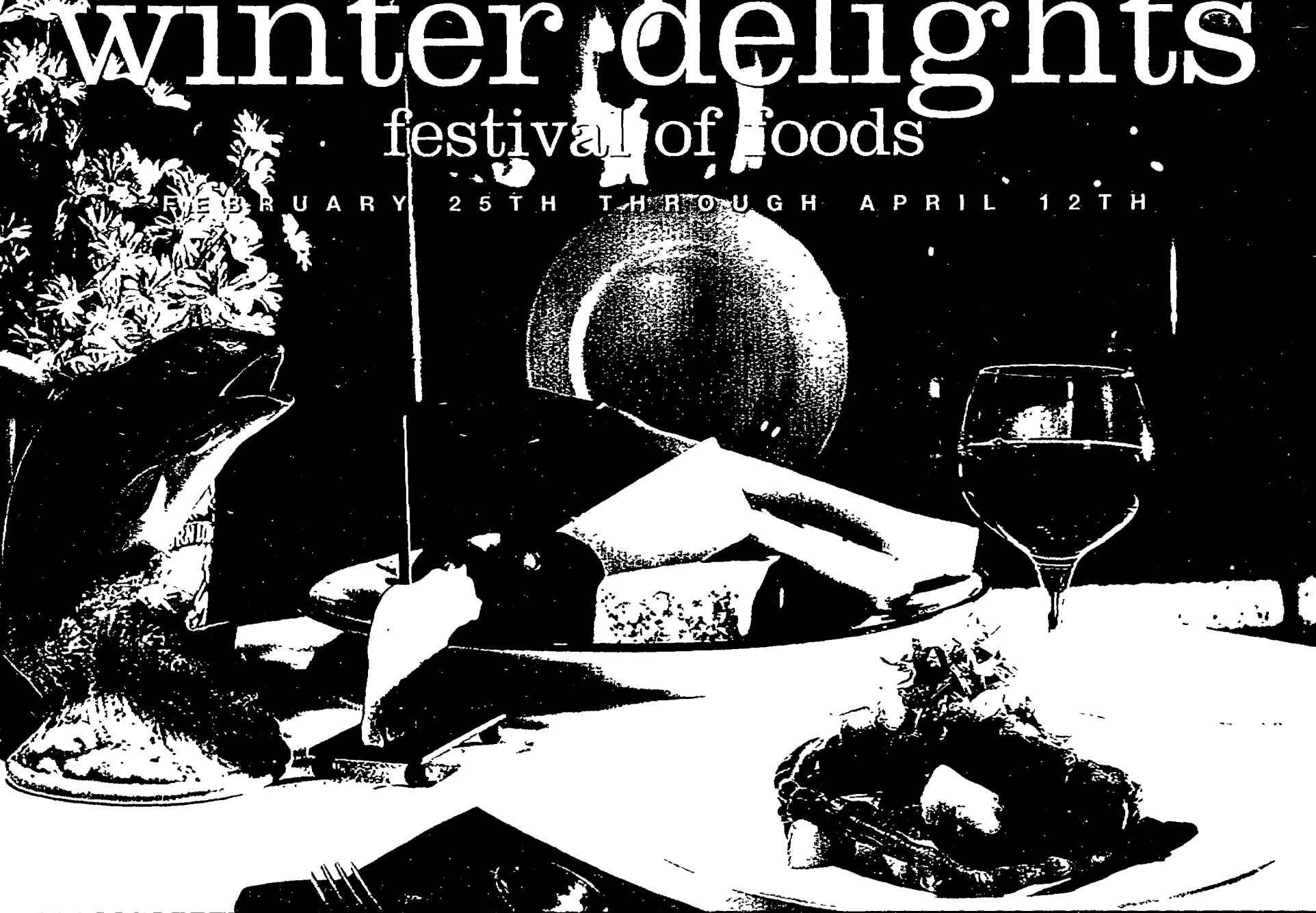
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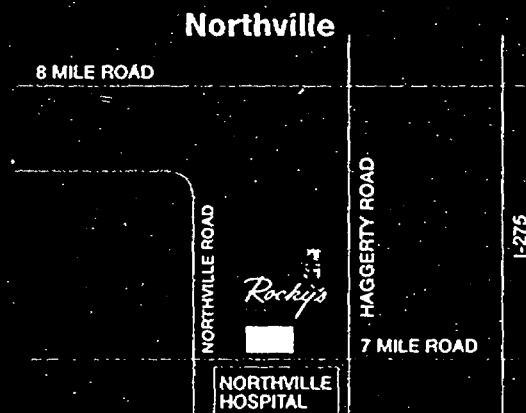
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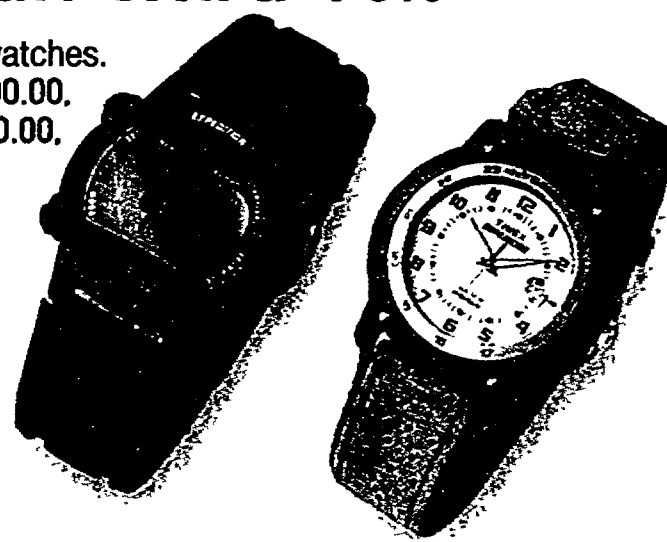


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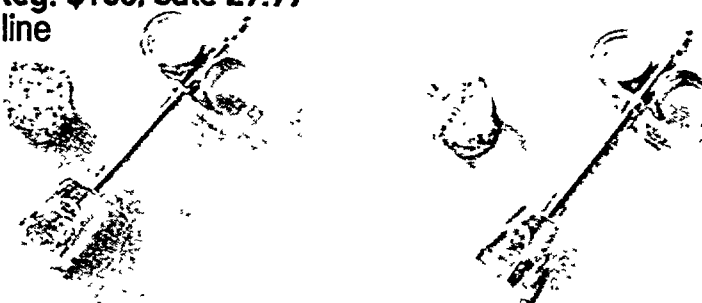
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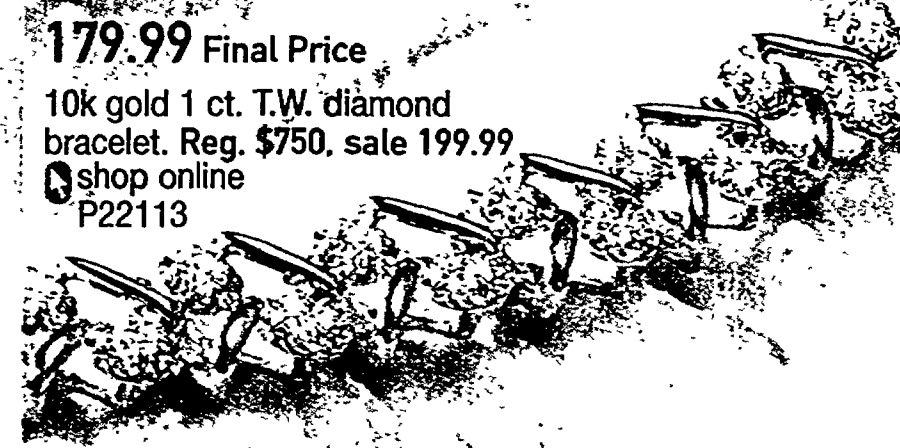
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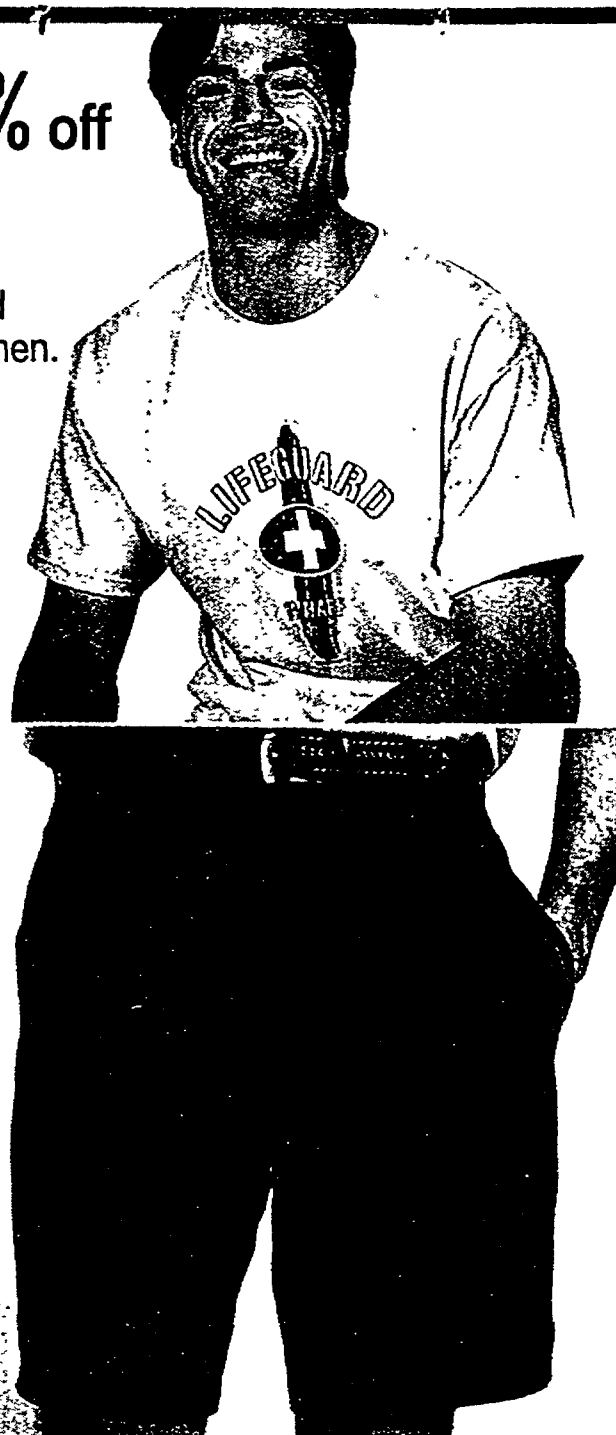
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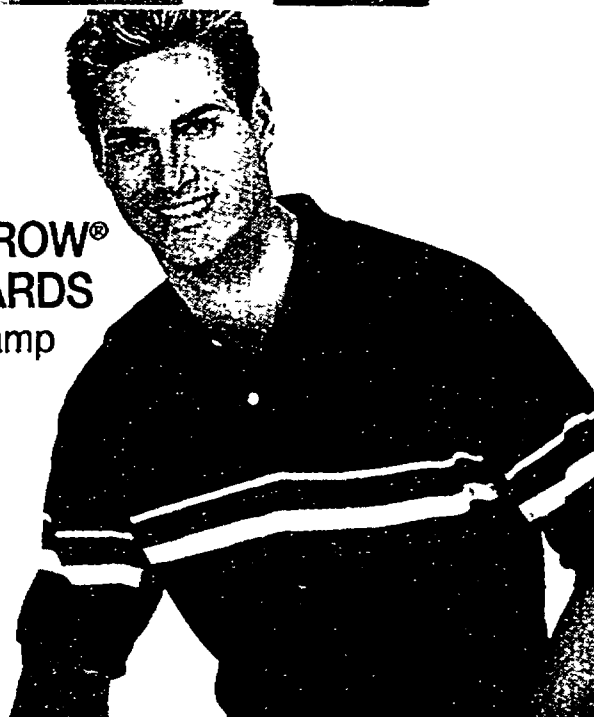
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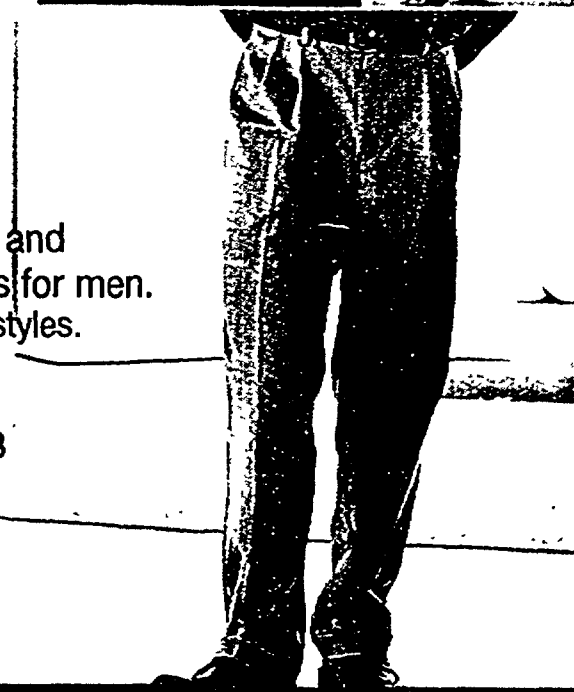
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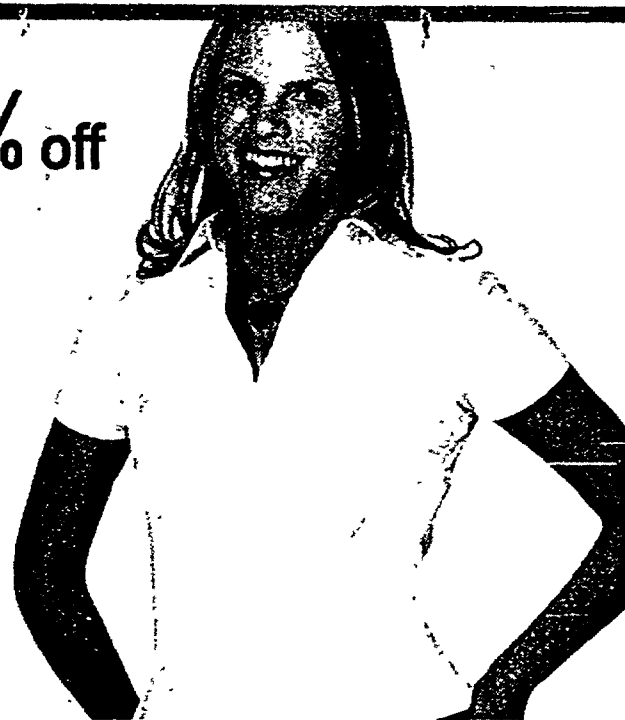
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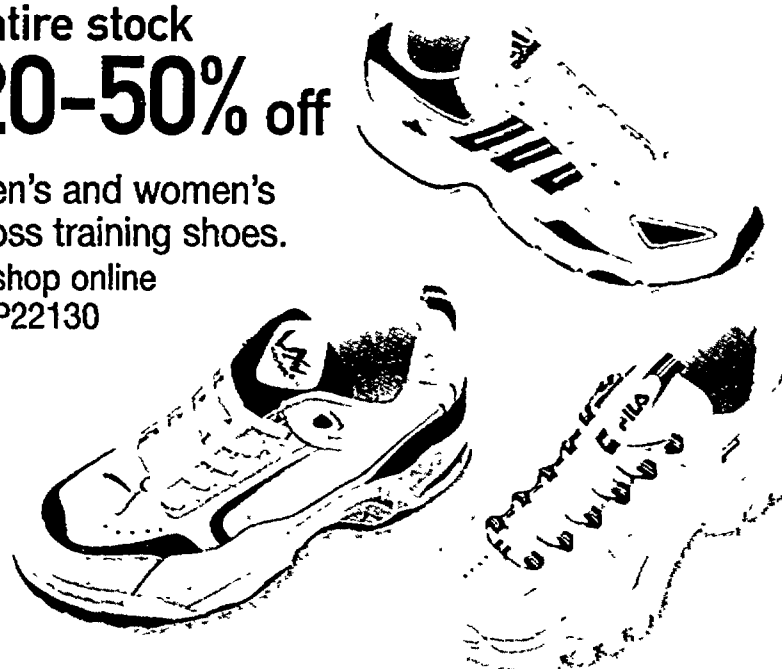
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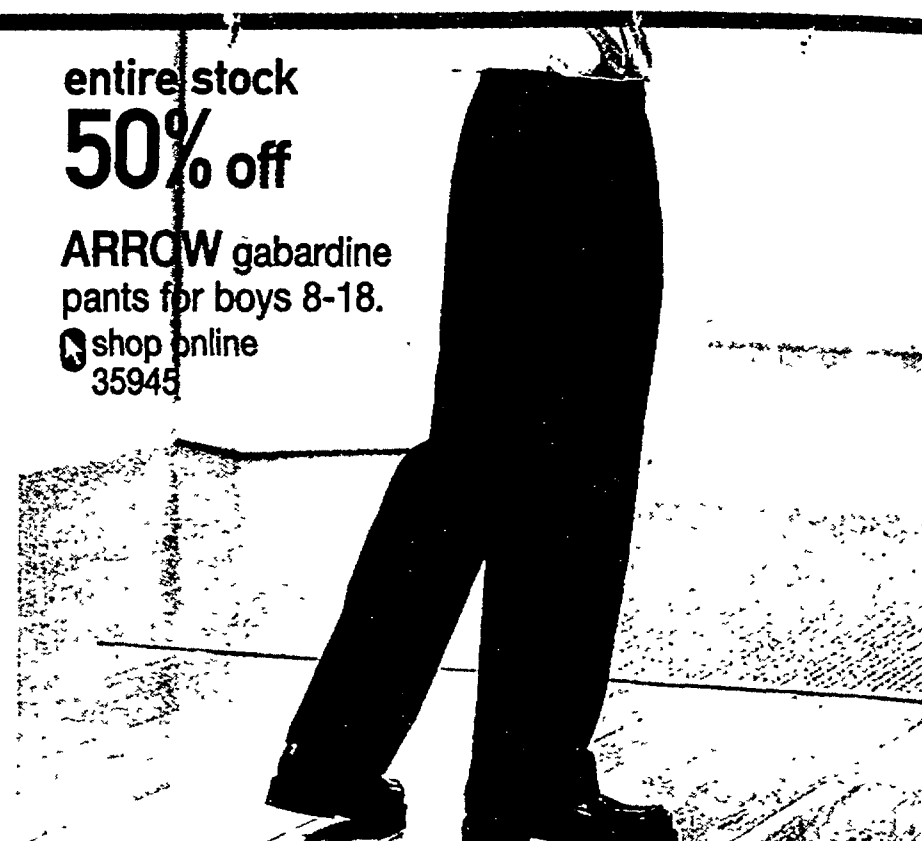
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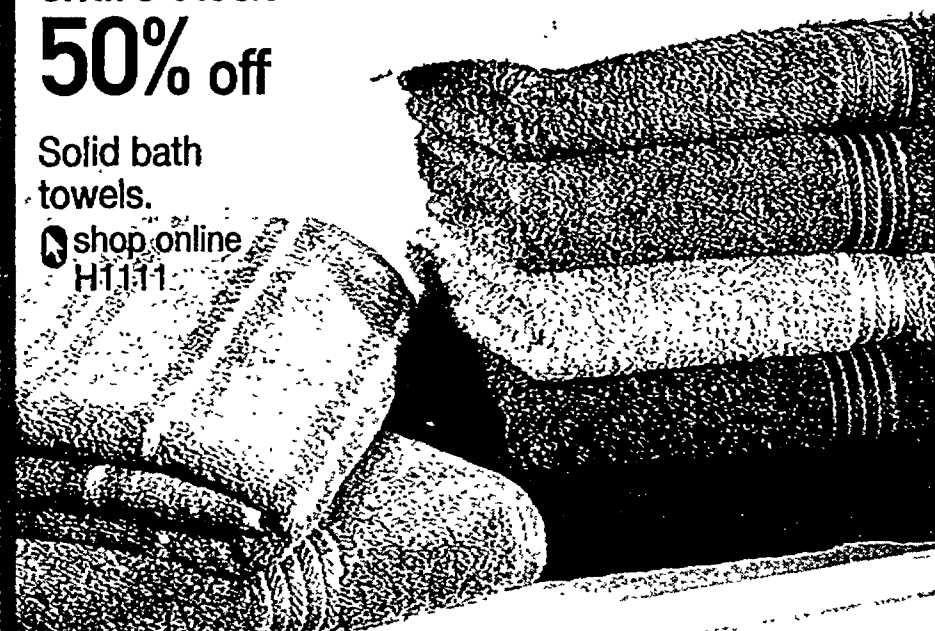
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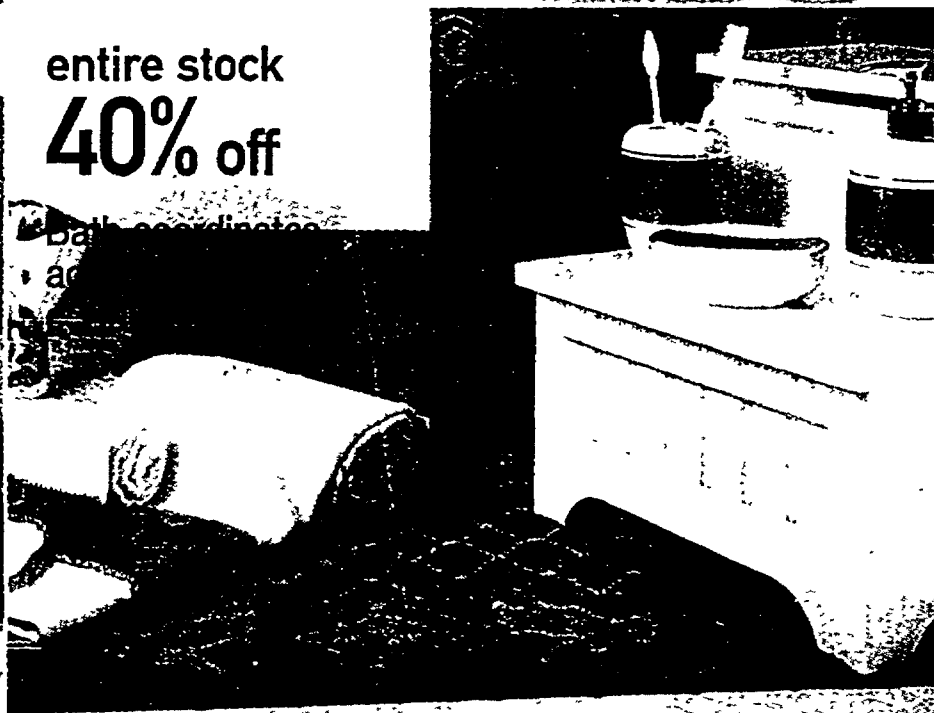
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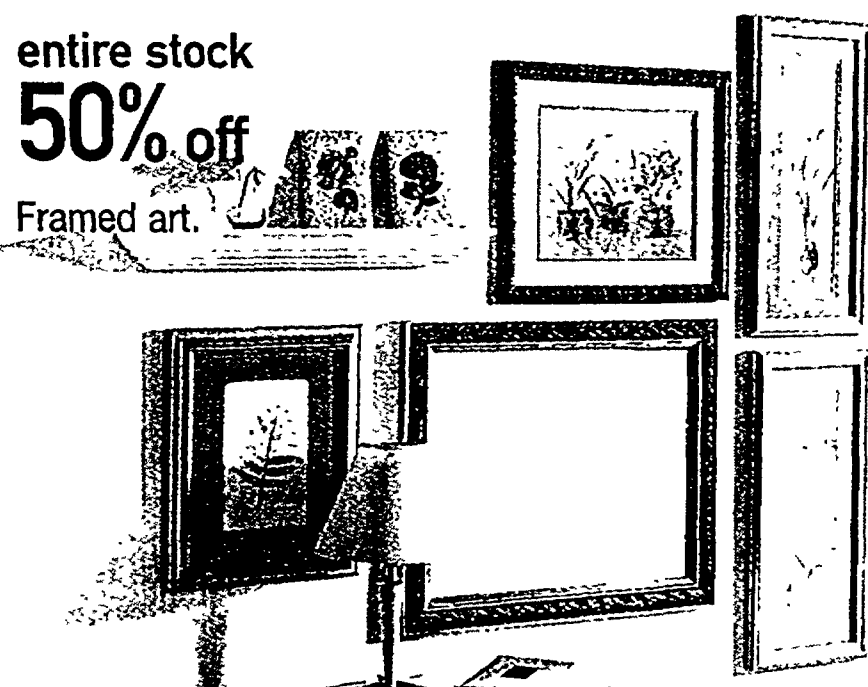
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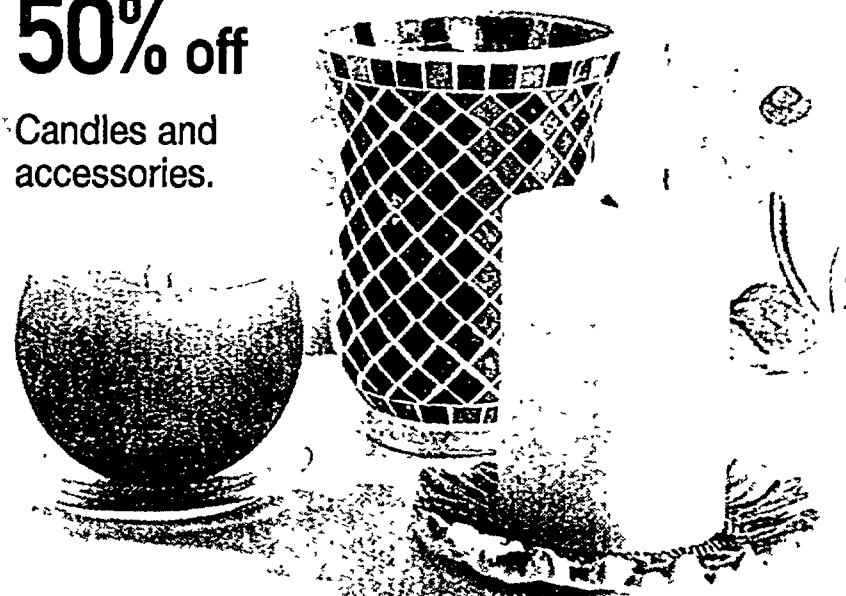
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# Ask American Profile

**Q** I'm a big fan of Jackie Chan. Can you tell me his age and height? Does he have new projects coming up? Is there a fan club?

—Adrienne T., Washington

Born Chan Kong-sang in Hong Kong, the athletic martial arts actor is 48 years old and 5 feet 8 inches tall. When he was 7, Chan was enrolled in the China Drama Academy. The many theatrical skills he learned there included kung fu and gymnastics. After school, he started working as a stuntman, eventually working in the Bruce Lee films *Enter the Dragon* and *Fist of Fury*. When he moved into starring in his own films in Hong Kong, Chan imitated the great Lee, but had no success. It wasn't until he let his sense of humor and personality shine through that he rose to stardom, first in China and then in the United States. For the most part, he does all his own stunts. As a result he's broken his nose three times, his ankle, most of the fingers in his hand, both of his cheekbones, and cracked his skull. Coming up for the dynamic star: *Shanghai Knights* and *Around the World in 80 Days*. He does have an official fan club. Check out [www.jackiechanfans.com](http://www.jackiechanfans.com) or write to Jackie Chan Fan Club USA, P.O. Box 2281, Portland, OR 97208. Chan has been married since 1983. He and his wife have one child.

**Q** Is the actress who played Miss Parker on *The Pretender* back on television? She was able to play a killer and a softhearted person with credibility.

—Haven R., Wisconsin

While she is probably best known to fans as the dogged Miss Parker on *The Pretender*, which ran on NBC for four seasons, Andrea Parker now is displaying her comedic side. She co-stars on the ABC comedy *Less Than Perfect*. The native Californian began dancing at 6. When she was 15, she left home to pursue her dream of dancing with the San Francisco Ballet Co. After three years, Parker switched to contemporary dance and began working in Los Angeles, New York, and

Andrea Parker



Jackie Chan will be kicking next in *Shanghai Knights*.

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Europe. She also began studying acting. Her first big break was a *Seinfeld* episode. Her other television credits include recurring roles on *ER* and *JAG*. Parker lives in Los Angeles. Her hobbies include gardening, photography, travel, and stunt driving.

**Q** Barry Manilow mentioned during his millennium concert a play he was writing for Broadway. How is that project progressing?

—Barbara C., Tennessee

The play, *Harmony*, is waiting for a theater to become available on Broadway and is expected to open this fall. It's an original musical, based on the true story of the Comedian Harmonists, a group of six young men in Germany who started out as street musicians in the 1920s and became wildly popular entertainers, mixing music and slapstick comedy. When the Nazis came to power, they considered the group a threat because some of the members were Jewish. The play has had a long road to Broadway. It debuted in California at the La Jolla Playhouse in 1997 to good reviews. Though best known for his successful pop music career, Manilow has written for the stage before. When he was just 18, working in the mailroom at CBS and attending Juilliard, a director asked him to arrange some songs in the public domain to use in a musical adaptation of a play called *The Drunkard*. The Brooklyn-born up-and-comer wrote an original score instead, and the musical ran for eight years. He also put together *Barry Manilow's Copacabana-The Musical*, which is based on his hit song, *Copacabana*. It began as a television special in 1985 and opened onstage in London in 1994. ☆



He's working on *Harmony*.

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## Champion of Trees

All spring and summer, Frank Knight, 93, drives through the shaded streets of his town, peering into the leafy canopy with an eye tuned to the early stages of disease—a sign of fungus, a waning bough, a spot of fall color on a leaf in July.

“Isn’t that a monstrous, beautiful tree?” he says, gazing up at Herbie, an American elm whose muscular limbs and sprawling crown nearly blot out the sky. One of the largest elms in New England (trunk girth: 240 inches; height: 93 feet; crown: 110 feet), Herbie has survived several brushes with disease, thanks to Knight’s sharp eye and reverence for a tree that put down roots when the 13 colonies were sowing independence.

Knight’s hometown of Yarmouth, Maine, (pop. 8,360) boasts one of the largest collections of champion trees in the Pine Tree State. That’s because all the eight giants in the coastal town have a champion in Knight, the town’s volunteer tree warden (supervisor of tree maintenance) for nearly 50 years.

“Somebody,” he says, “has got to look after these trees.”

A neighborhood girl christened Yarmouth’s biggest tree decades ago when a town crew was pruning it.

“What are you doing to Herbie?” the child wanted to know, and the name stuck, proclaimed by a plaque on its massive trunk pocked from fungicide injections.

“We cut Dutch elm disease out of Herbie’s trunk 13 different years—twice in a couple of those years,” Knight says. “A few years ago, I was afraid we were going to lose him.”

That’s not likely to happen on his watch. A country boy who took his first job at age 12 cutting wood (he was paid \$144 for 12 cords hauled to mill on a horse-drawn sled), Knight was a pulp wood dealer with a forestry degree when he was tapped to serve as tree warden in 1956. Dutch elm disease already had ravaged thousands of elms in the Midwest, and the fungus was moving Yarmouth’s way.

“Each town was supposed to appoint someone to monitor the trees and take the blame if something went wrong,” says Knight, who still loves to split wood and credits such labor for his

longevity. “I didn’t think there’d be much to it. I didn’t know what I was getting into.”

Two years later, he took down Yarmouth’s first diseased elm. Several more followed. DDT protected the bulk of the trees for a while, but when the potent insecticide was banned, the beetle-borne fungus galloped through town. Sorrowfully, Knight sacrificed each infected elm, sometimes as many as 100 a year, in order to save the healthy. Of Yarmouth’s 739 elms, only about 20 survive today.

A new generation is growing, though, in Knight’s back yard and at the private academy he attended as a teenager and where he later served as trustee. When the saplings are big enough, Knight, who already has planted more than 1,000 maples, oaks, and elms around town, will move them to road sides and other public places for all to enjoy.

His efforts have not gone unnoticed. The academy’s athletic fields bear his name, and a tree has been planted in front of town hall in his honor. “Generally, towns do things after you’re dead and gone, but this town is different,” Knight says. “This town is a great town. It certainly is.”

It was Knight who nominated Herbie to Maine’s Register of Big Trees, which lists the largest known living specimen of each species. Modeled after the National Register of Big Trees, the Maine register is strictly an archive and offers no protection for the champs, so they must depend on people like Knight who appreciate their silent grandeur and know a town would not be quite the same without them.

Knight’s name also appears alongside six of the seven other Yarmouth-grown champions: a Norway spruce named Grace (she and Herbie are two of the three known named trees in Maine); an amur maple (a shrub-like maple); and four rare oaks in front of the public library. In contrast to Herbie, they are puny, but Knight, like a devoted parent, loves them all.

Herbie, though, is clearly the apple of his eye. “Look at those limbs. Look at that trunk,” he says. “Isn’t that some tree?” ☆

*Virginia Wright is a writer in North Yarmouth, Maine, who enjoys sitting in the shade.*

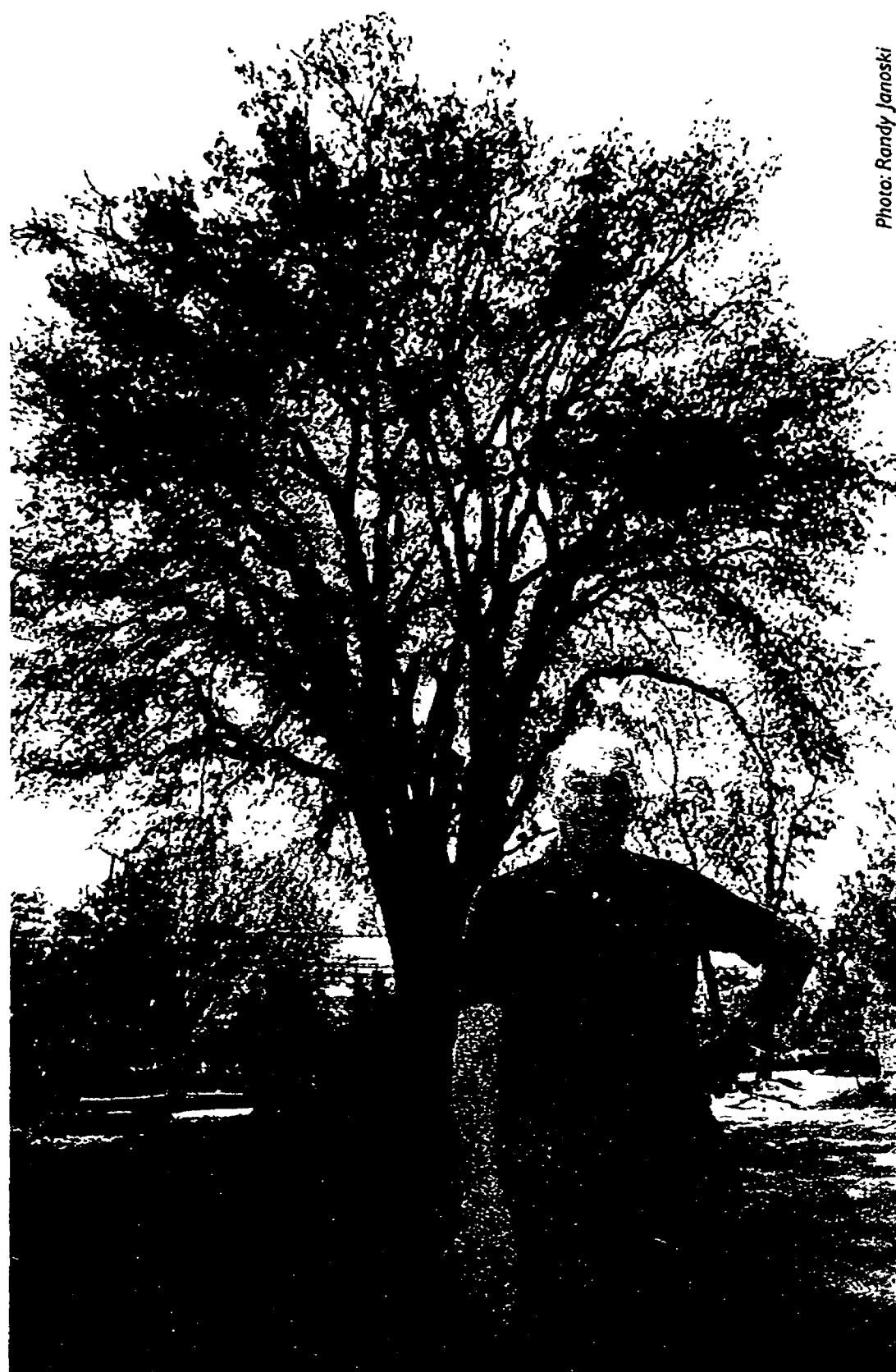


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This champion American elm owes its longevity to Frank Knight’s care.

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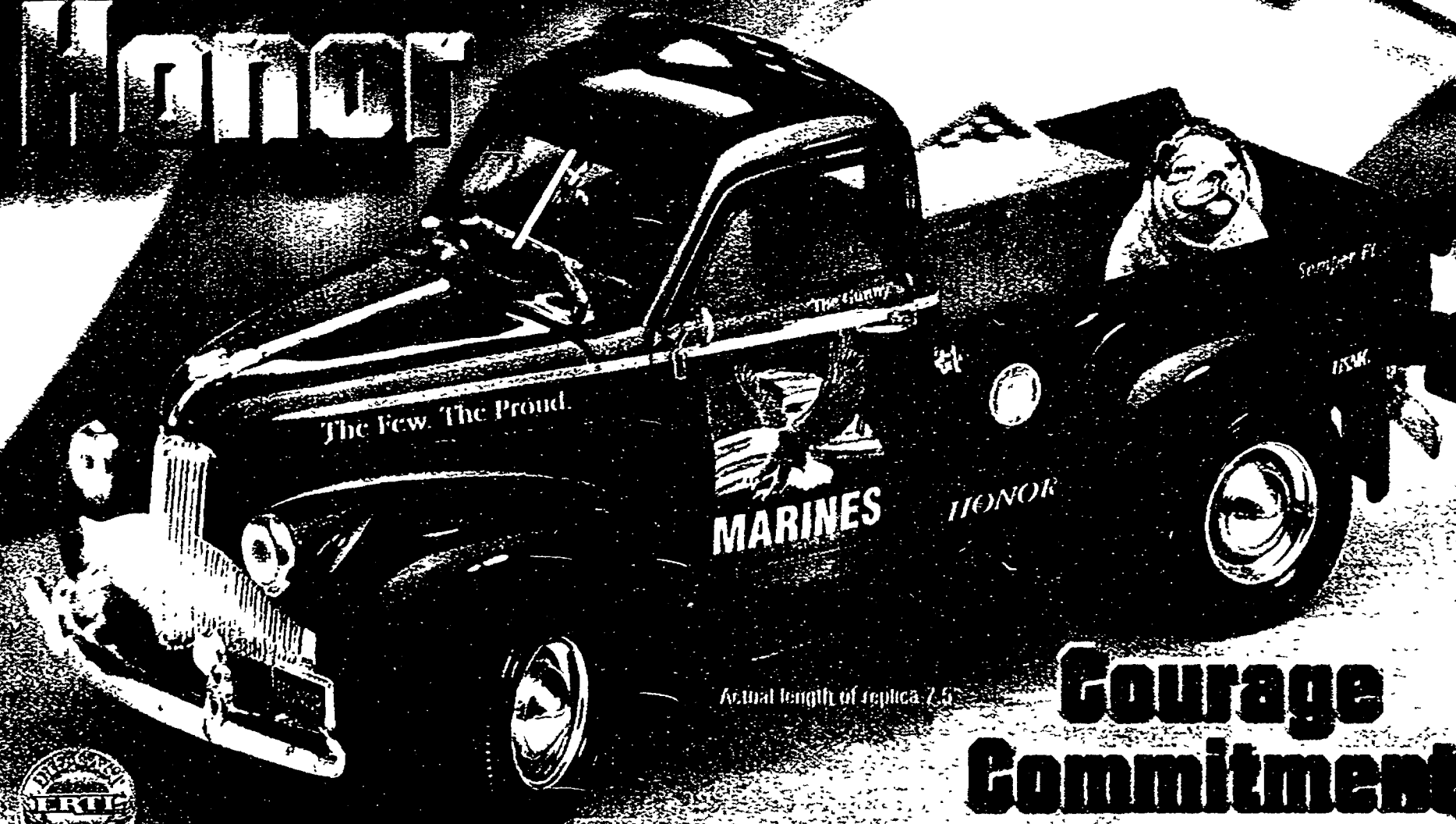
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## Cover Story

by MARIE HOFFNER

Photos by Kurt Wilson

**From the  
classroom  
to Congress**

# Shelby

**If you think one voice can't be heard in Washington, don't tell Shelby Roberson.**

When Shelby was diagnosed with diabetes five years ago, she longed for a cure—not only for herself, but for others struggling with diabetes—so she took action. She wrote to her congressional representative and encouraged others to do likewise, she traveled to Washington, D.C., to attend hearings on diabetes funding, and she's a frequent participant in fund-raisers.

And she's just 10 years old.

Indeed, Shelby Roberson's campaign for a cure for diabetes has made the fifth-grader one of Montana's youngest lobbyists, taking her from the classrooms of her elementary school to the corridors of Congress.

Shelby believes in the influence of young voices. That's why this amazing girl educates other children about diabetes, persuading them to ask their political leaders to support additional funding for diabetes research so other kids won't face the struggles she has known.



# Mission



Lisa and Jay Roberson, "want (Shelby) to grow up knowing that diabetes does not have to be a stumbling block."

## Working for a cure

When Shelby was diagnosed at age 5 with juvenile, or Type 1, diabetes, the little girl from Lincoln, a western Montana town of 1,100, faced constant reminders of her illness.

"She would ask, 'Why do I have to stop when everyone else is playing?' to take glucose, or drink juice, or check blood sugar level," says Lisa Roberson, Shelby's mother.

The answer is that in Type 1 diabetes, usually diagnosed in children, the body makes no insulin, a hormone essential for allowing glucose to move from the bloodstream into body cells for energy.

The cause of juvenile diabetes is not completely known, although researchers believe the body's own immune system attacks and destroys insulin-producing cells in the pancreas.

Juvenile diabetes differs from Type 2 diabetes, also known as adult-onset diabetes, because with Type 2, the pancreas initially produces adequate insulin to maintain normal blood sugar. But the body's cells over time do not use the insulin effi-

ciently—because of obesity, a sedentary lifestyle, older age, race and ethnicity, or a family history of diabetes—so the pancreas becomes overworked and unable to produce as much insulin as it once did.

Soon after her diagnosis, Shelby's activism took root. She wrote to then-U.S. Congressman Rick Hill of Montana and learned firsthand that lawmakers will listen to children.

"It is not enough to learn to live with diabetes; we have to find a cure," she said in that first letter, written when she was just 6. "My mom and dad take great care of me, and they are teaching me to do the same, but great care doesn't guarantee that I won't have eye, kidney, or nerve damage in 20 years.

"This will be the prime time of my life. Maybe I won't be able to have children. A cure is the only guarantee that I pray for."

Aided by her powerful letter, Shelby was chosen in 1999 as Montana's representative to the first Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Children's Congress in Washington, D.C.—a forum where children, ages 2 to 17, and their parents meet with their congressional representatives and then gather at a hearing to answer questions from congressmen. Children testify along with other voices behind the disease; actress Mary Tyler Moore, who has juvenile diabetes, testified at the 1999 event.

Children's Congress, held every other June, focuses on one diabetes-related issue each time to bring before the U.S. Congress. The year Shelby went, that issue was National Institutes of Health funding.

Again, Shelby saw that lawmakers would listen to children. "Children's Congress has a great impact on senators and representatives," Shelby says. "It's amazing for them to see over 100 children sitting on the floor. It's a pretty awesome sight when every piece of floor is taken up by kids."

Meeting Shelby was a moving experience, former Congressman Hill recalls. "People in Congress often become detached from the issues they're debating," he says. "These children really put a face with the issue. It keeps people in Congress attached to the people they're serving."

He always supported diabetes research, Hill says, but meeting with the youngsters helped reinforce not only his own convictions, but also those of his colleagues.

## No 'stumbling block'

Children's Congress was a turning point for Shelby. "Before meeting the other kids at Children's Congress, I felt like I was the only one with diabetes," Shelby says. "Now, there is another kid at school with diabetes, and I have met many other kids by going to meetings with my mom."

Her mother also experienced a moment of truth in Washington. "I knew then (at the Children's Congress) that I wanted to get rid of this terrible disease," Lisa Roberson says.

So she became the diabetes foundation's Montana state leader for government relations, attending meetings statewide—accompanied by Shelby—and traveling to Washington, D.C., at least once a year to lobby. "Our goal is to reach out to people in different cities across the state and generate volunteers who are passionate about finding a cure and not just living with it," she says.

Shelby, at her tender age, helps the cause in the way of a youngster, and she isn't shy about spreading the word on diabetes. She captivated her classmates when she encouraged them to write Congress, teacher Kris Jacobsen says.

"I was amazed how well she could describe it (diabetes)," Jacobsen recalls.



Shelby's activism took root after U.S. Rep. Rick Hill responded to her emotional letter.

## New Research Brings Hope

Nearly 1 million of the 10.3 million people diagnosed with diabetes have juvenile or Type 1, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation estimates. Another 5.4 million people have Type 2 diabetes but have not yet been diagnosed.

Recent breakthroughs in juvenile diabetes research offer new hope for a cure, says Lawrence Soler, director of government relations for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Researchers are successfully transplanting insulin-producing islet cells from donor pancreases into adults with longtime juvenile diabetes, restoring normal blood-sugar levels, according to the foundation.

Of some 70 transplants done since 2000, about 85 percent were so successful that recipients no longer needed insulin injections, though they must take immunosuppressant drugs to prevent transplant rejection.

Still, the drugs remain too risky for children, though joint research by the diabetes foundation and the National Institutes for Health is aimed at developing new non-toxic approaches to immune tolerance.

"The transplantation of insulin cells is the future," Soler says. "We have shown that this can be a curable disease."

To learn more about diabetes, or to volunteer, contact the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at (800) 533-2873 or log onto [www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org).

Shelby has explained to her young school friends about her daily care routine. "The hardest thing about having diabetes is the shots, pokes, high, and low blood sugar," she says. "And I want to be like other kids."

She regularly participates in the annual Walk for Diabetes held in Missoula. Last September, with a little help from her classmates, Shelby raised \$3,700 of the \$37,600 raised by walk participants.

And after the event, Shelby sent a picture of her and walk teammates to Montana congressmen. "It's a way to remind them: Here's what we did to find a cure," she says. "Pictures make a big impact."

Shelby and her mother also are promoting the "Bag of Hope Program," in which educators at a Community Medical Center in Missoula help link newly diagnosed children and their parents with volunteers who offer support, understanding, and a bag of goodies and information about diabetes. The bag contains stick-

ers, glucose tablets, toy animals, a cookbook, and videos. Though Bag of Hope is available only at the Missoula hospital, the Robersons are urging other hospitals statewide to participate.

"When dealing with a health issue 24 hours a day, it's nice to have someone in your corner," Lisa Roberson says. "When it's new to you and your child is sick, you don't know what to do. This is the best gift anyone could give us."

## Play time

When she's not campaigning for a cure, Shelby refuses to let diabetes limit her fun. She loves to ride her bike, four-wheeler, and kid-sized motorcycle, fish, ski, and play with her younger brother, Ward.

If she's not outdoors, Shelby curls up with her favorite Hank the Cowdog books, tunes in her favorite television program, *Reba*, and enjoys slumber parties with friends, shopping, and listening to music.

"Jay (Shelby's father) and I encourage Shelby to be active," Roberson says. "We want her to grow up knowing that diabetes does not have to be a stumbling block."

And someday, they believe, Shelby and others will live free of the disease. ☆

*Writer Marie Hoeffner lives on a ranch in Winston, Mont., with her husband and three children.*



Tidbits

## Did You Know...

**ILLINOIS**—Miss America 2003, Erika Harold, 22, hails from Urbana (pop. 36,395) and graduated from the University of Illinois with Phi Beta Kappa honors.

**INDIANA**—Maple Leaf Farms, based in Milford (pop. 1,550), processes 14 million ducks a year, making it the nation's top duck producer.

**IOWA**—Since May 2000, fans nationwide have logged onto [www.iowafarmer.com/corncan/corn.html](http://www.iowafarmer.com/corncan/corn.html) to track the corn in Jim Greif's field near Prairieburg (pop. 175).

**KANSAS**—Greensburg (pop. 1,574) is sweet on Richard Huckriede, 73, a soda jerk at Hunter Drug since 1952.

**MICHIGAN**—For 15 years, Brenda Bell challenged her students at Chester Miller Elementary in Saginaw to find a word without vowels in the English language. Psst! Tyler Mayle found one last September and won the \$50 prize.

**MINNESOTA**—At Kuempel Chime Clock Works & Studio in Excelsior (pop. 2,393), the company prefers hiring older employees because they're as dependable as clockwork.

**MISSOURI**—Coach Chester L. Brewer created the homecoming game tradition in 1911 after a football game was relocated from Kansas City to the University of Missouri campus in Columbia. Fearing poor attendance, Brewer urged Missouri alumni to "come home" for the game and 10,000 did, kicking off a "homecoming" tradition.

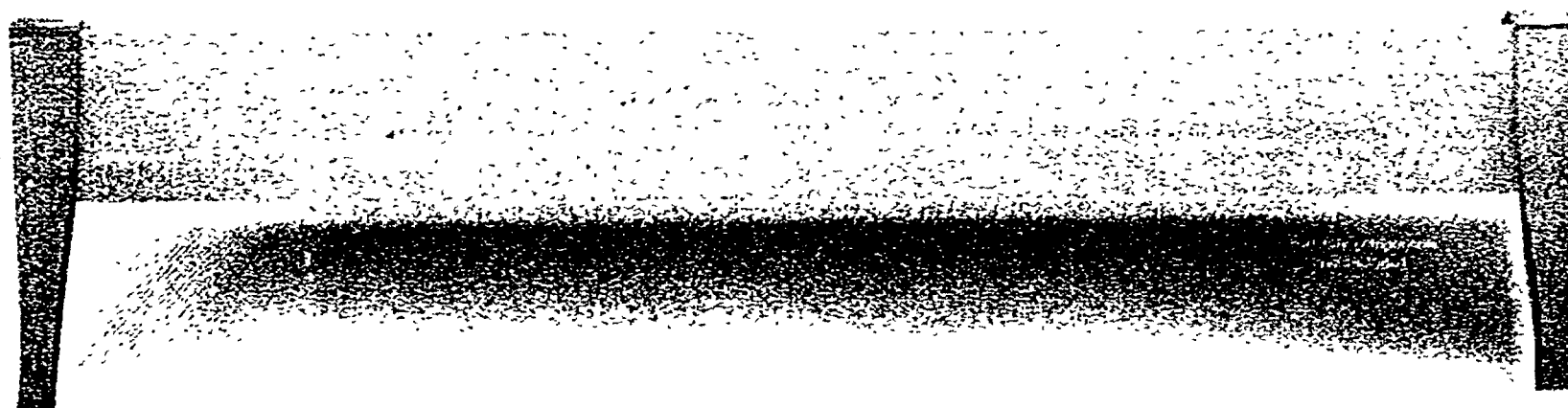
**NEBRASKA**—Kohl's Pharmacy in Omaha last year became the nation's first pharmacy chain to offer talking prescription labels for visually impaired customers. A handheld electronic device with voice synthesizer reads the dosage information embedded in a microchip on the label.

**NORTH DAKOTA**—The state operates eight one-room schools, including Squaw Gap and Horse Creek in McKenzie County (pop. 5,737).

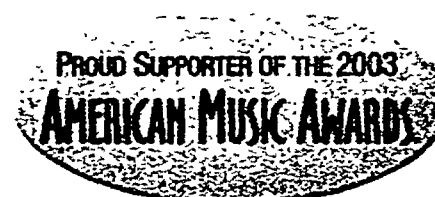
**OHIO**—Artist Scott Hagan, a Belmont County native, painted a 20-by-20-foot red, white, and blue Ohio Bicentennial logo on a barn in each of the 88 counties for this year's celebration.

**SOUTH DAKOTA**—The state ranked first in increased median household income—57 percent—from \$22,500 in 1990 to \$35,300 in 2000.

**WISCONSIN**—Swimmers in the Polar Bear Club in Jacksonport (pop. 738) brrr-ave Lake Michigan every New Year's Day. ☆



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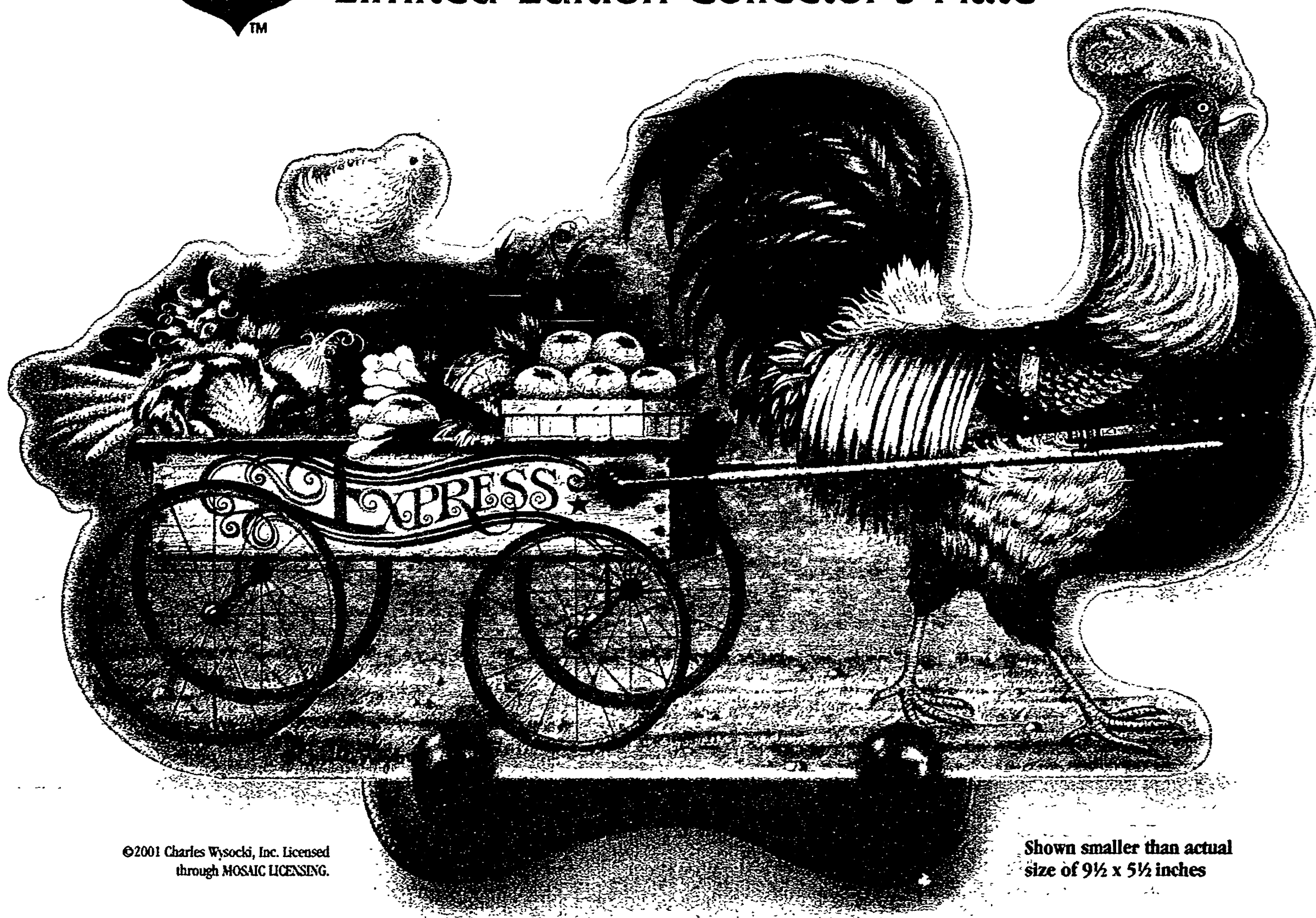




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# Hometown Spotlight

by KARA CARDEN

## A Tale of TWO Bristols

When a state line divides your town, you need double of almost everything: two fire departments, two police forces, two city councils, and two school systems. But if you work together as well as the residents of Bristol, Tenn., and Bristol, Va., you also get double the benefits.

"When you live here, you blur the state lines," says Susan Ojanen, former mayor of Bristol, Tenn. (pop. 24,821). "We're essentially one community. You have to function that way in order to succeed."

The town was laid out around the state line in the 1850s, explains V.N. "Bud" Phillips, a local historian. The town's founder, Joseph R. Anderson, had envisioned a single, unified town, but incorporation laws required the official separation. Anderson did, however, win his battle to keep their names the same.

Because Tennessee has no state income tax, high income-earners often choose to live on that side. But because Virginia has a lower sales tax rate, major shopping venues opt to locate there.

Laws have been designed to equalize the situation. Phillips says Tennesseans who purchase big-ticket items, such as vehicles in Virginia, still must pay their

Bristol's railroad station, built in 1902, is undergoing restoration.

Photo: Adele Starr



A downtown mural pays tribute to the first country music recordings made by talent scout Ralph Peer (left) in 1927.

own state's higher sales tax rate. And Tennesseans pay city and county property taxes, while Virginians pay only the city tax—perhaps balancing the equation for some.

Bristol, Tenn.'s population has outgrown Bristol, Va., mainly because of more liberal annexation rules on that side of town, says Doug Weberling, mayor of the Virginia town of 17,367. But because Bristol, Va., doesn't have the space to continually develop new subdivisions, the city is able to put more money into improving its older neighborhoods.

This glass-half-full mindset appears to be the norm in Bristol, regardless of which side one lives or works in. When Terrie Smith, director of the department of public venue administration in Bristol, Tenn., helped plan the first annual Rhythm & Roots Reunion—a new festival celebrating Bristol as the official Birthplace of Country Music—she and the rest of the committee made presentations to both city councils. Despite the extra work, she says, "It was nice because it gave us an opportunity for both sides to work together so it wasn't looked upon as a Bristol, Tenn., festival, but as a community festival. That's very important for us to do everything like that."

Photo: Adele Starr

Seventy-six years ago the Carter Family, Jimmie Rodgers, and the Stoneman Family came to Bristol to record what are considered the first commercial country songs. The studio was on the Tennessee side, while many of the performers came from Virginia. Six decades later, when area citizens began looking for a way to promote the town's musical heritage, both cities shared in the effort and the glory. Between 1986 and 1998, both state legislatures and the U.S. Congress passed resolutions recognizing Bristol, Tenn./Va. as the place where the modern country music movement began. To learn more, visit [www.birthplaceofcountrymusic.org](http://www.birthplaceofcountrymusic.org).

Ojanen points out more positives.

"We have double congressmen and double state legislators," she explains. "When we have any situation, issue, or concern, when we need help from either state or federal legislators, we've got both states to go to and they will rally together ... to help us get things accomplished."

For a few, the distinction can be confusing, however. Weberling, who works as a local optometrist in addition to his mayoral duties, recalls a pharmaceutical salesper-

son who took an order from his staff, then called later to say he thought he'd been in Tennessee and, unfortunately, wasn't authorized to sell in Virginia.

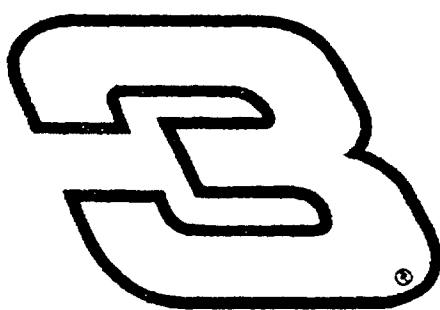
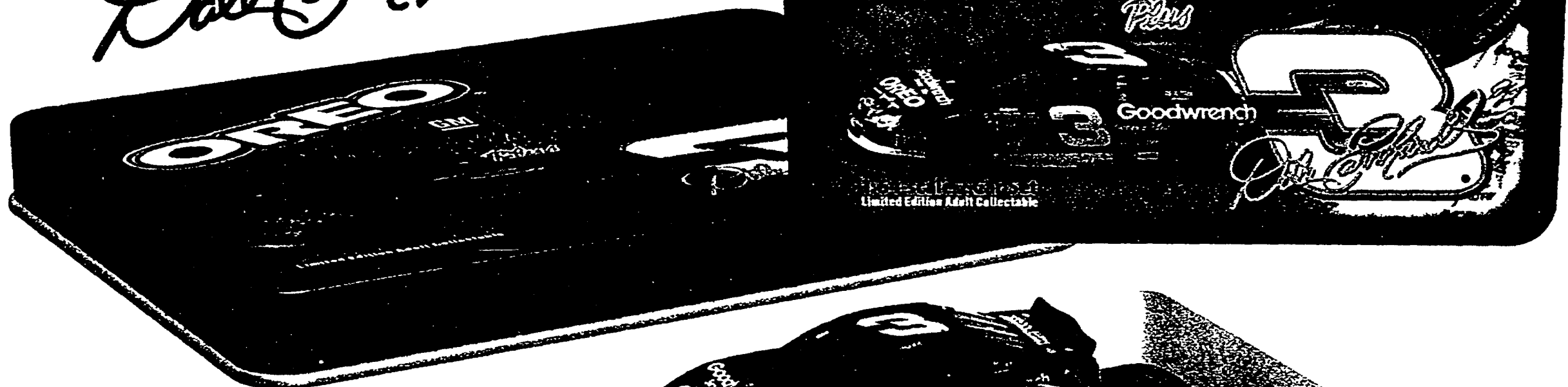
But such inconveniences are nothing compared to the benefits. In addition to the natural beauty of nearby mountains, a lively downtown strip, cultural opportunities, and friendly people, Phillips, who moved to Bristol in the 1950s, says one of the most delightful advantages is the simplest: "I live on the Virginia side, but I can see Tennessee hills from the front porch. You'd think the thrill would wear off, but I never cease to marvel at that." ★

Kara Carden is a regular contributor to American Profile.



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## INDIANA

**Indiana Heritage Quilt Show**—Bloomington, March 6-8. More than 200 quilts vying for \$12,000 in prizes will be on display during this 12th annual event featuring quilt-making workshops at Bloomington Convention Center. (812) 334-8900.

## IOWA

**Maple Syrup Festival**—Cedar Rapids, March 1-2. Attend a pancake and sausage breakfast and see how maple syrup is made during this 20th annual event at Indian Creek Nature Center. (319) 362-0664.

## KANSAS

**International Pancake Day**—Liberal, March 4. In its 54th year, this tradition features a pancake breakfast, pancake eating and flipping contests, Miss Liberal pageant, talent show, foot races, and a parade. (620) 626-0170.

## MICHIGAN

**U.S. Speed Skating Championships**—Bay City, Feb. 28-March 2. Watch short track speed skaters compete at the Bay County Civic Arena for a chance to represent the United States at the World Championships. (989) 671-1000.

## MINNESOTA

**Winter Bluegrass Weekend**—Plymouth, Feb. 28-March 2. Enjoy bluegrass and old-time music featuring dancing, workshops, jam sessions, and instrument exhibitors at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center. (800) 635-3037.

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**Show-Me Crafters Spring Craft Show**—Sedalia, March 8-9. Browse an array of handcrafted items, ranging from needlework to wood carvings to hand-woven baskets, at the Convention Hall in Liberty Park. (660) 826-4540.

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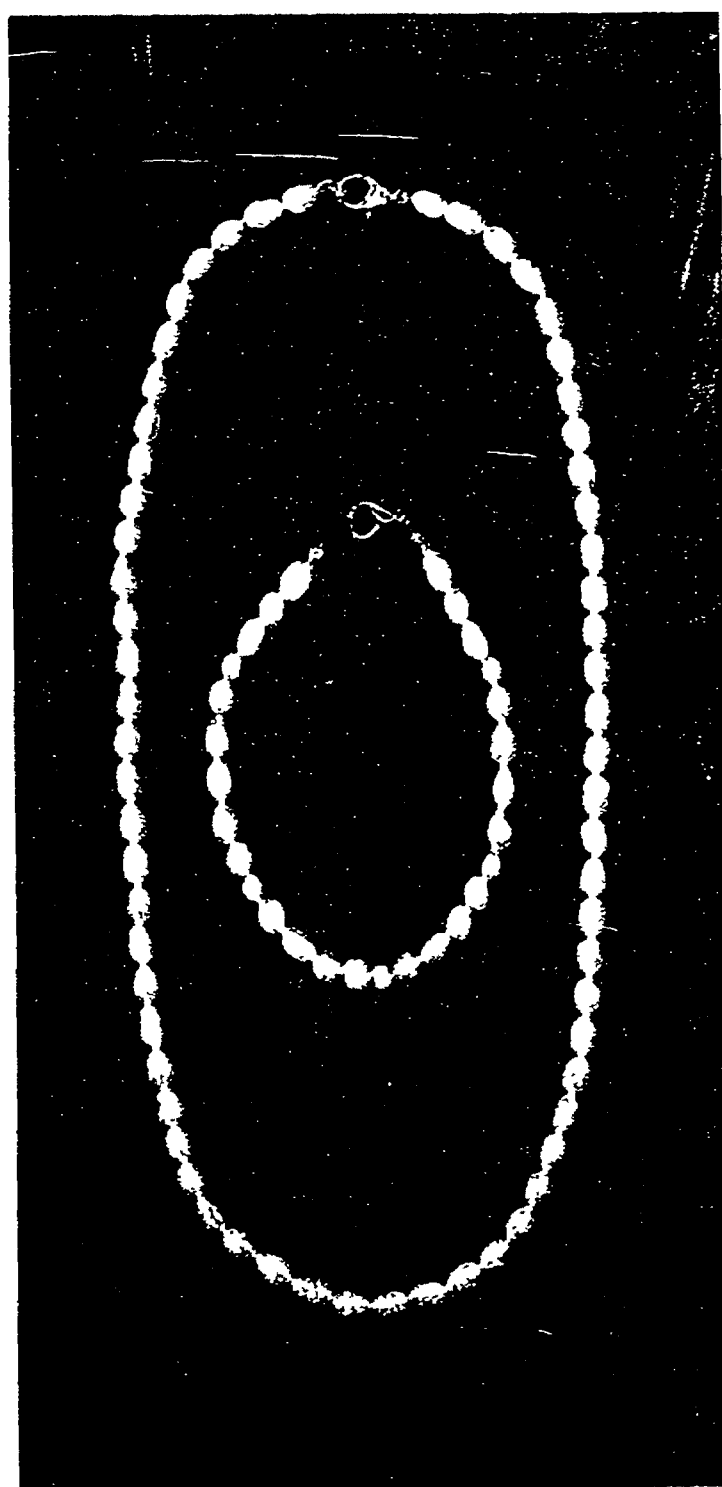
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# Hometown Recipe

from BEVERLY GEORGE

## Beef Stroganoff

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### RECIPE: Beef Stroganoff



- 2 pounds round steak
- 1 10 3/4-ounce can French onion soup
- 1 10 3/4-ounce can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 10 3/4-ounce can golden mushroom soup
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1/2 pint sour cream
- 1 4 1/2-ounce jar sliced mushrooms

Cube steak and brown in small amount of butter or olive oil in an electric skillet or in a large skillet on the stove. Mix soups (undiluted) and salt and pepper. Pour over beef and simmer covered for 1 1/2 hours. When meat is tender, add sour cream and mushrooms. Serve over noodles or rice. Serves 8.

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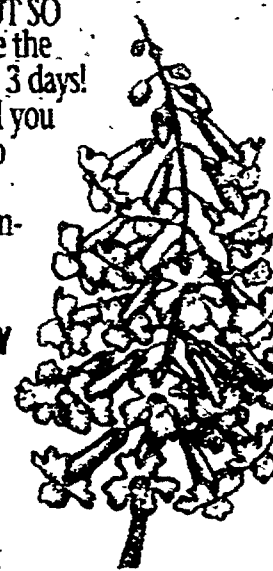


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# Our Picks

## Music

**In the Mood: The Love Songs**  
Alabama  
RCA Records



The 24th album of country supergroup Alabama is coinciding with "The American Farewell Tour 2003," and they're leaving us with the best of their best. Billed as "the final chapter" in the band's unparalleled recording career, *In the Mood: The Love Songs* features 23 tracks—21 of their best-known love songs and two new recordings.

The classics include *Love in the First Degree*, *There's No Way*, *Forever's As Far As I'll Go*, *The Closer You Get*, *Face to Face*, *Feels So Right*, and *Close Enough to Perfect*. "We love these songs," says lead singer Randy Owen.

Alabama has had more No. 1 records than any band in country music history, has sold more concert tickets than any other country group, and has won some 150 show business awards.

A listen to this anthology reveals why.



**Jennifer Hanson**  
Jennifer Hanson  
Capitol Nashville

Newcomer Jennifer Hanson's self-titled, debut album, buoyed by her first single, *Beautiful Goodbye*, and the catchy *Half A Heart Tattoo*, bursts out of the country music gate with one of the freshest sounds coming out of Nashville.

Hanson's musical influences, Linda Ronstadt and Emmylou Harris, are perceptible in *This Far Gone*, *All Those Yesterdays*, and *Get Yourself Back*, yet Hanson's sound is all her own. Expect great things from this new artist.

**Steal Another Day**  
Steve Wariner  
Selectone Records



*Steal Another Day* is a welcome album, the first in two years, from Steve Wariner, who recorded 11 new songs and re-recorded five of his early favorite hits, including *Some Fools Never Learn* and *The Weekend*.

Of his new material, *Snowfall on the Sand* may be the most identifiably "Steve Wariner" song with its hopeful, full-circle story of a boy and his estranged father. Other gems include *This Christmas Prayer* and *Welcome to This World*, both of which encourage us to appreciate our family and enjoy everyday life.

Perhaps the most poignant cut on the album is *There Will Come A Day (Holly's Song)* for his stepdaughter, Holly, a diabetic since she was 8 years old. Wariner has given the song to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to use for fund raising. ☆



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