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# Maybury answers?

Director of DNR to make appearance in Northville this Saturday to address state park

By Maureen Johnston  
STAFF WRITER

A meeting this Saturday morning could serve as a rallying point for restoring the community's beloved farm at Maybury State Park.

That is not how the host Michigan Department of Natural

Resources billed the gathering, but all key players will be present. And the future of the farm at the Eight Mile Road park is the only agenda item.

A DNR spokesperson said Tuesday the Department expects approximately 100 area residents to attend the 10:30 a.m. meeting at Genitti's Hole in the Wall,

located at 108 E. Main Street. DNR Director K.L. Cool will travel from Lansing to lead the meeting.

Since a February fire destroyed the Centennial barn at the park, the community has buzzed with alternate proposals on how to replenish the animal lives lost, recreate the historically authentic

farm operation, and efficiently provide and fund continuous programming.

Cool specifically will dispel rumors about the future of the site, said DNR press secretary Brad Wurfel. He will talk about the history of the farm operation and final conclusions by the state fire marshal.

"We're going to talk about what the future might hold," Wurfel said. The director would not bring a concrete plan by which to proceed, Wurfel said.

"We're trying to help the community understand what the DNR is capable of doing," he said.

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## The 2003 Northville School Board Election

Profiles by Jennifer Norris

At a critical time in the history of the Northville School District, four residents are offering their time and talents in service to public education. This week, we profile those who have jumped into the race for Northville school board.

### Carol Poenisch

Northville resident Carol Poenisch is one of four local citizens competing for a seat on the Northville Board of Education.

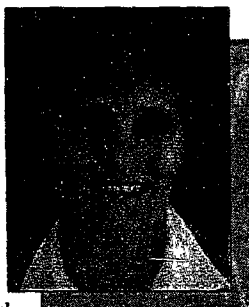
On June 9, voters will be asked to appoint two individuals to fill two empty seats on the board.

The positions are being vacated by current school board members Jerry Rupley and Gregory Pelc, who announced they would not be seeking reelection in mid-March.

Both of the upcoming positions on the board are for four years terms, ending June 30, 2007.

Poenisch said this will be her second time contending in a Northville school board election.

"We really have good school board members," said Poenisch. "Good people have stepped forward and have wanted to



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### Marilyn Price

For several years, Northville resident Marilyn Price has had aspirations of serving on the Northville Board of Education.

Price is currently contesting against four other candidates for two empty seats on the board.

On June 9, area voters will be asked to appoint two individuals to fill the vacant positions. The positions are being created from the decision by current board members Jerry Rupley and Gregory Pelc, who said in mid-March they would not be seeking re-election to the board.

Both of the upcoming positions on the board are for four years terms, ending June 30, 2007.

"I've thought about running for years," said Price. "I will have time to devote to study and the actions that are



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### Libby Smith

Novi resident Libby Smith has plenty of energy and enthusiasm and she's ready to share that with the Northville school community.

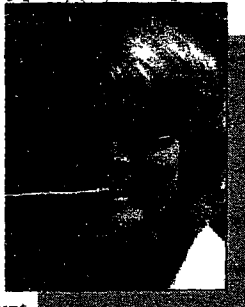
Smith has joined a sizeable group of local residents eager to serve on the Northville Board of Education.

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The positions are being vacated by current school board members Jerry Rupley and Gregory Pelc. The two school board veterans announced in mid-March they would not be seeking re-election.

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Smith, who will have three young



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### Robert Sochacki

In early June, Bob Sochacki will likely be on pins and needles as voters head to the polls to elect two individuals to the Northville Board of Education.

Sochacki, a Northville resident, is one of four area citizens running in the school board election.

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Sochacki said he is excited about the prospect of joining the Northville school



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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Davis Auto Care's Ed Robertson, who recently won the "technician of the millennium" for the north central region of AC Delco, serving on the engine performance of a minivan on a recent Friday morning.

## Robertson is the grand guru of the garage

By Jennifer Norris  
STAFF WRITER

If a car engine won't start and the lights won't work, chances are Ed Robertson will know how to fix the problem.

Robertson, an auto service technician at Davis Auto Care in Northville, recently won the "Technician of the Millennium" contest for the North Central region of AC Delco.

John Kersten, account manager for AC Delco General Motors Corp., said the competition was hosted at Ivy Tech University in Indianapolis in early April.

Ten contestants put their automotive prowess to the test as each individual was given a "bugged" 2003

Buick Century with identical mechanical problems. A time limit of two hours was established to repair multiple issues such as a faulty air conditioner, inoperable interior lights or a failing left turn signal.

"There were people that came from all over the area," said Kersten. "Some people were almost sick with the anticipation of the contest. These are people that fix cars everyday. They had to do in under two hours. Everything had to be just so."

In addition to diagnosing the problem, each competitor was required to repair it and make the vehicle completely "customer-ready" before the deadline.

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# DNR director to address Maybury future

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There has been "considerable indication" from community members that they would like to see the farm facility rebuilt, Wurfel said. In the manner that the state's lighthouses are accessible to the public, a lease arrangement with a local entity is one option for the operation of a new farm.

"Conceptually, that what we're investigating here," Wurfel said. "We simply don't have the funds to rebuild that facility."

Residents who attend the meeting will have an opportunity to ask questions.

Leaders of the Northville Community Foundation and Voices for Maybury said they plan to attend the meeting Saturday and look forward to the DNR chief addressing innuendo about the facility's future. Restoring the farm's vintage operation clearly is the consensus community goal.

Shari Peters, executive director of the Northville Community Foundation, described the fundraising goal of a \$2 million endowment "to secure the Maybury Farm for generations to come" in the Foundation's spring 2003 newsletter.

Voices president Susan Smith said Tuesday she expected dozens of the organization mem-

**"We're going to talk about what the future might hold."**

**Brad Wurfel**  
DNR spokesperson

bers at Genith's.

"This farm served a huge metro Detroit area," Smith said. A community-wide cooperative effort to recreate the farm she so loved to visit with her children would be a great accomplishment, she said.

"We certainly welcome their thoughts on what the new Maybury might be or do," Wurfel said.

More than the dollar-side of the equation, there would be many aspects of recreating the farm to be addressed, he said. Considerations beyond rebuilding the barn and restocking the animals would be a daily management plan or the interpretive offerings, for example.

"There needs to be continuity planning," Wurfel said.

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## ENGAGEMENTS



**Brennan-Victor**

Frank and Susan Brennan of Novi announce the engagement of their son, Jesse Daniel Brennan, to Dana Marie Victor, daughter of Tom and Charmaine Victor of Northville.

The groom-elect is a 1998 graduate of Northville High School and is employed by Faestel Properties. The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Novi High School, a 2001 graduate of Schoolcraft Culinary Arts and is employed by Creative Host Services.

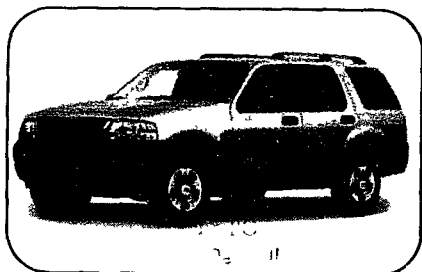
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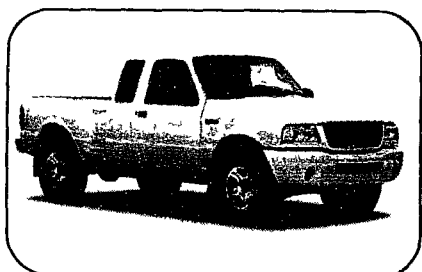
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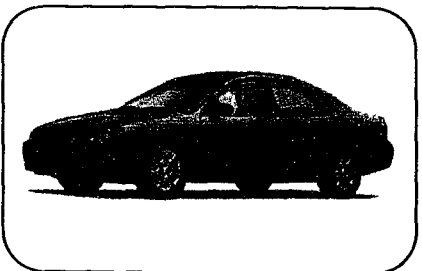
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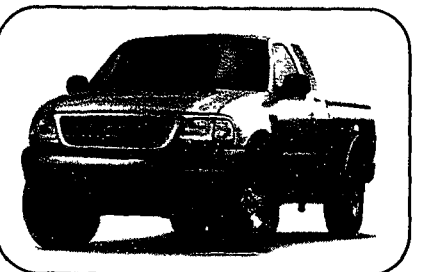
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# Seniors get a chance to cut the rug at dance

By Jennifer Norris  
STAFF WRITER

Next week, throngs of area senior citizens will be flocking to Hillside Middle School for an evening of dancing and dining.

On April 30, Hillside Middle School will be launching its 13th annual senior citizens prom from 4 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

Assistant principal Laura Kelly, said this year's prom festivities will be new and improved.

"We're changing some things this year to make it easier for the seniors," she said. "We started a new puppeteer program. The kids will be making pretty detailed puppets and performing a puppet show."

A variety of puppets will be used including marionettes, shadow puppets and rod puppets.

"They're all being made by students," said Kelly.

The puppeteer show will be performed in the forum room.

## SENIOR CITIZEN PROM

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 30  
**PLACE:** Hillside Middle School  
**TIME:** 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Afterward, seniors will be escorted to the cafeteria for dinner, dancing and music.

Kelly said the eighth grade women's select choir will perform along with the Northville High School Jazz Ensemble.

The theme adopted for this year's senior citizen prom is "A Hawaiian Evening."

Kelly said the members of the Student Council will be heavily involved in making all of the decorations, greeting and escorting the seniors, serving the food, and dancing with the seniors.

"Each grade level has their certain jobs," she said. "It's a way to

showcase some of the work that the kids are doing."

Kelly said on the night of the event, 20 sixth graders will assist student council members in greeting arriving seniors. In addition, about 20 eighth graders from the school's dance class will team with Student Council representatives to dance with the area's elderly.

Kelly estimated that 100 students will be participating in the senior citizen prom festivities. However, several hundred students have worked behind the scenes in preparation for the event, making desserts, keepsake picture frames and decorations.

"It's really a whole school effort," said Kelly, adding that four different English classes have been making invitations. "Leading up to it, we have 400 students participate in some way."

Hillside teachers are slated to prepare the menu items, which include pasta, rolls and salad.

Dessert and punch will be made by the students.

"It's really going to be an effort from everybody's perspective," said Kelly. "We're really looking forward to it this year."

Seniors who reside in Novi and Northville have been invited to attend.

Kelly said prom decorations will be made from scratch and will include a tiki hut and a waterfall. The cost of the event is paid for by student council fundraisers or grant funds.

"It's a really a great opportunity for kids to take some leadership and ownership and get to meet people from their community that they normally wouldn't meet," said Kelly.

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file photo by JOHN HEIDER

A senior and his Hillside Middle School dancing partner cut the rug during their 2001 Senior Prom.

# Relay for Life moves to Northville's Ford Field

By Jennifer Norris  
STAFF WRITER

On May 17-18, the American Cancer Society will host Relay For Life, a 24-hour event slated to be hosted at Ford Field in Northville beginning at 10 a.m.

The event is geared to raise funds and awareness for cancer research.

"We call it a block party with a purpose," said Barb Iovan, community development director for the American Cancer Society.

The event is free and open to the public.

According to officials, team members from businesses, families, schools and places of worship will walk a track and camp out during 24 hours of entertainment, celebration and reflection.

## RELAY FOR LIFE INFO

On May 17 and 18, the American Cancer Society will host Relay For Life, a team event to celebrate cancer survivorship, honor those who have been lost to the disease and rally the community to fight cancer. The 24-hour event will be hosted at Ford Field in Northville beginning at 10 a.m.

For more information, contact the American Cancer Society at (248) 557-5353 or visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

Iovan said in past years the event has been hosted in Novi, but a more spacious area became necessary.

"Logistically, it's much better in Northville," she said. "The site allows for a lot more growth."

Cancer survivors are invited to attend and be honored, Iovan said.

The event will commence with a cancer survivor victory lap at 10 a.m. followed by a reception for the survivors and their caretakers. Later, at 10 p.m. the track will be lined with luminary candles.

The Luminary Ceremony will consist of small candlelit bags, or luminaria, tagged with the names of people lost to cancer or cancer survivors.

"It's just quite a moving ceremony," said Iovan. "It's just unbelievable. It's very powerful."

The luminary candle bags are available for \$10 and may be purchased the day of the event, she said.

Iovan added it's not too late for inter-

ested area residents to form a team.

Hundreds of participants are slated to lace up their best walking shoes in support of the 24-hour relay.

"I'm expecting 600-800 people," said Iovan. "Basically, we try to shoot for having one member [from each team] on the track at the same time. It should be quite an event. People can just come for an hour if they want to see what it's about."

Iovan said plenty of entertainment and activities will be arranged for the event.

Officials said the Northville/Novi Relay for Life has taken up the fight with 34 teams already participating including Northville High School, Meads Mill Middle School, Hillside Middle School and Novi Middle School. Other groups that have created teams include St. James Catholic Church of Novi, First United

Methodist Church of Northville, Northville Eagles, Northville Rotary and the Wixom Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Local businesses such as the Water Wheel Health Club, Toll Brothers and Hillers are also taking up the fight against cancer, officials said.

According to a press release, Relay for Life is a team event to celebrate cancer survivorship, honor those who have been lost to the disease and rally the community to fight cancer.

For more information, contact the American Cancer Society at (248) 483-4317 or visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

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# NHS senior named as National Merit Scholarship winner

By Jennifer Norris  
STAFF WRITER

Northville High School senior, Richard Wang, has a new accolade to add to his resume. He was recently named a 2003 corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship Winner.

Wang said he was thrilled with the honor.

"It was really nice," he said. "It's just an exciting time right now. It's a nice cap to the senior year. It's been really busy."

Wang said there were five other students at Northville High School who became semifinalists in the contest.

The named scholars were selected from students in the National Merit Scholarship Program who advanced to the Finalist level of the nationwide competition and met their scholarship sponsors' criteria, officials said. Corporate sponsors provide Merit Scholarship awards for Finalists who are children of their employees or members, residents of communities the company serves or have career interests the sponsor wishes to encourage.

According to officials, winners are the candidates judged to have the strongest combination of aca-

demical skills and achievements, extracurricular accomplishments and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

Wang said he was accepted into the University of Cincinnati and the University of Cincinnati medical school.

"My long-term plans are to become a physician," he said.

Wang, who moved from Indiana to Northville during the summer of 2001, said he has become highly involved with the high school music

department. He is a member of Jazz Ensemble I and the symphonic marching band, playing the trombone and the bass trombone. In addition, he is a member of the Science Olympiad team.

Outside of the classroom, Wang has played the piano for 12 years and has earned a second-degree black belt in tae kwon do.

In addition, Wang volunteers part-time at the emergency room at Providence Park Medical Center in Novi.

Officials said semi-finalists were the highest scoring program entrants in each state and represented less than one percent of the state's seniors. Semi-finalists are required to submit a substantial amount of information and fulfill requirements to attain Finalist standing before they compete for the Merit Scholarship awards. Officials said each Finalist presented an outstanding academic record, was endorsed and recommended by the school principal, confirmed the qualifying

test performance on a second test and provided an essay describing activities, interests and goals.

Wang received the GKN Merit Scholarship. GKN is a multi-national corporation engaged in the design, manufacture and sale or distribution of value-added products for the automotive and aerospace industries. Competition for the scholarship is open to sons and daughters of employees in the company's domestic operations, officials said.

Wang lauded his family for their personal contribution.

"I'd just like to thank my parents for being there and my little sister for helping me through stressful times by making me smile," he said.

Wang is the son of Allen and Lisa Wang of Northville.

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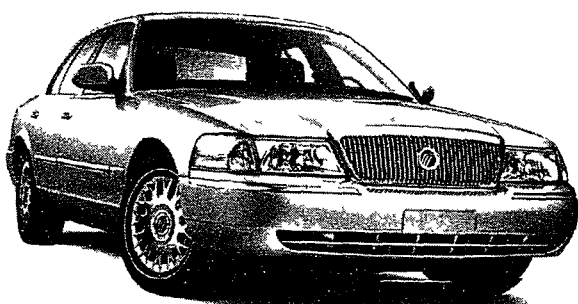
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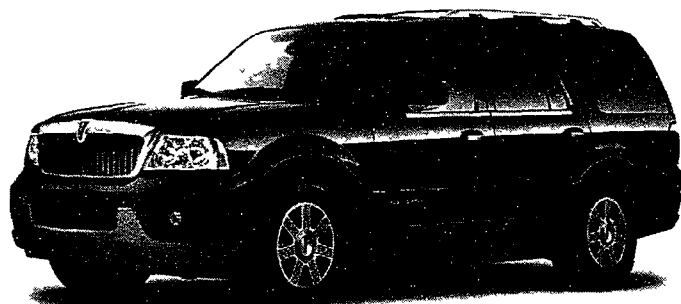
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# Stall on Beck Road interchange irks officials

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

Governor Jennifer Granholm's "Preserve First" program for the state's highways has State Senator Nancy Cassis screaming political foul.

According to Cassis, reports in a Detroit newspaper over the weekend that the Michigan Department of Transportation has moved the reconstruction of the M-59/US-23 interchange up from 2004 to 2003 prove that the governor's office is playing "political Russian roulette" with transportation funds.

The *Detroit News* reported in its Sunday Livingston County edition that state highway planners are slated to begin work this fall on a \$27 million project to transform the heavily traveled M-59/US-23 interchange into the state's first Single Point Urban Interchange.

Novi's Beck Road Crossing over I-96 was on track to be the state's first SPUI, with mounds of earth piled either side of the expressway and high voltage utility lines raised in preparation for bridge construction, when Granholm's new state transportation director, Gloria J. Jeff, announced the governor's "Preserve First program" April 6.

The announcement, which was followed by the deferral of 34 road projects across the state, including the planned replacement of the Beck and Wixom Road bridges, left local, county, and state politicians sputtering.

According to Novi Assistant

City Manager Clay Pearson, a third of the \$18 million in road bonds approved by city voters last year was set aside for the Beck Road Bridge.

Road Commission for Oakland County spokesman Craig Bryson said his agency borrowed \$6 million to repave Grand River Avenue as a five-lane road between Beck and Wixom roads after being pressured by MDOT officials.

Wixom Assistant City Manager Tony Nowicki said that while his community hasn't spent any out-of-pocket money on the project, Wixom officials are concerned about how delaying the project may affect the city's plans for redevelopment as well as Ford Motor Company's future plans for the sprawling Wixom Assembly Plant, which turns 46 this year.

## Local government seeks project reinstatement

Officials from Wixom, Novi, the Road Commission and others plan on going to Mount Clemens today to appear before the State Transportation Commission, a gubernatorial advisory panel, to argue for reinstatement of the Beck Road project, among others.

Nowicki said he first began working on the question of the Beck and Wixom road interchanges, which predate Ford's Wixom Assembly Plant, in 1990. He said the two interchanges were not full-service interchanges then and have only gotten worse.

At Beck Road, the severed

remains of 12 Mile Road were used as on- and off-ramps when I-96 was built, which means traffic headed into Detroit from Beck has to drive almost to Wixom Road before entering the expressway.

Blair Bowman, president of Novi Expo Center, said delaying the Beck Road project "harms greatly" his company's plans to build a new 318,90-square-foot, privately-funded exhibition hall near the interchange.

Bowman said when the Novi City Commission approved his 54.82-acre project Nov. 12, "the interchange was a done deal." He added, "This truly is a fix-it-first project and a work-in-progress."

Gullies have already begun to form in the earth mounds piled by state contractors last summer. Several local politicians pointed out that MDOT has put plywood sheets under the existing Beck Road bridge to keep spalling concrete from hitting passing commuters.

Bowman said he too plans on attending today's State Transportation Commission meeting. "I firmly believe that after getting the facts, the governor and DOT will reconsider," he said.

Lou Martin, spokesman for Providence Hospital, said he doesn't believe the delay in the Beck Road project will have a major effect on his hospital's plans to complete a 200-bed expansion at its Novi Campus. However, he did note the hospital's board did donate 11 acres, worth an estimated \$3



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

This huge mound of dirt on the south side of Beck Rd. and I-96, and the other seen to the north, may not be utilized for the reconstruction of its interchange as the project has been put on hold for now.

million, to the state for the project.

## Five Novi bridges in serious condition

In announcing the deferral of the Beck and Wixom Road bridges and 32 other other projects, Jeff said, "Preserve First means protecting our most vital transportation investments. Right now our number one priority is to be fiscally responsible and make sure existing roads are in the best possible condition."

According to a report written by SEMCOG Transportation Planner Cheril Lin Abeel last April on the 3,524 bridges in SEMCOG's seven-county region, on a scale of zero to nine, the Beck Road bridge

rates a three. The study, based on MDOT's 2001 Michigan Structure Inventory and Appraisal (MSIA) data base, listed the bridge and 151 Oakland County bridges as "structurally deficient or functionally obsolete."

Beck Road is one of five bridges listed in "serious" condition in the SEMCOG study. One, the CSX Bridge on Grand River Avenue, won't be on the list next year because it's being rebuilt.

In announcing April 16 the \$2.1 million replacement of the Old Plank Road Bridge over I-96, about five miles east of the Livingston County, Randy McKinney, manager of MDOT's Oakland County Transportation Service Center in

Waterford Township, said, "Preserving the existing system is our top priority."

However, the SEMCOG study listed the bridge as functionally obsolete and in fair condition, instead of structurally deficient as it did Beck Road. Old Plank Road north of I-96 is a dirt road running past a tree farm. Beck Road north of the expressway is a paved road leading to several crowded industrial parks.

State Rep. Craig DeRoche (R-Nowi) said he plans on asking for a meeting of the House Transportation Committee May 1. "Fixing these roads is not about politics, it's about safety," he said.

## NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

### MEADS MILL COFFEE HOUSE

The dead poets' spirits were welcomed to the Spirits n' Coffeehouse, owned by the Meads Mill Middle School class taught by Shirley Klokenga. The coffeehouse honored a number of poets such as Emily Dickinson, Edgar Allen Poe, Dorothy Parker, Marianne Moore and many more.

Power Point presentations, plays, puppet shows, movies and interviews were used to present the student's projects on their assigned dead poet after hours of research and preparation. The students created a coffeehouse, where they presented their memorized poems. Advertisements were displayed around the outside of the classroom.

### DOBSON EARNS FRENCH AWARD

The American Association of Teachers of French announced Carolyn A. Dobson of Northville High School has received an AATF Outstanding High School Senior in French Award. This award is made annually to a graduating senior who has demonstrated excellence in the study of French as well as an exceptional commitment to the French language. Recipients must have completed at least three years of French study at the time of graduation and be non-native speakers of French.

Dobson has competed in the National French Contest and is a member of the French Club. She has studied French for five years and is the student of Karen Motz.

The AATF was founded in 1927 and aims to promote the study of the French language and French speaking literature and cultures at all levels.

### MERIT SCHOLARS

Joseph M. Rancour and

Richard Wang of Northville were named 2003 corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship winners. Rancour attends Detroit Catholic Central High School. Wang attends Northville High School.

The named scholars were selected from students in the National Merit Scholarship Program who advanced to the Finalist level of the nationwide competition and meet their scholarship sponsors' criteria, officials said. Corporate sponsors provide Merit Scholarship awards for Finalists who are children of their employees or members, residents of communities the company serves or have career interests the sponsor wishes to encourage. According to officials, winners are the candidates judged to have the strongest combination of academic skills and achievements, extracurricular accomplishments and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

### SCHOOLS COMPETE AT MSU

Over 550 high school, middle school and elementary teams competed at the Science Olympiad Regional competitions during February and March. Ninety-six advancing regional teams will be competing in the 21st Michigan State Finals April 26 on the Michigan State University campus. Forty-eight teams come from junior high or middle school and 48 teams represent high schools. Over 40 even competition will be held in various locations of the MSU campus. State champion teams will go on to the National Science Olympiad Tournament at Ohio State University.

Northville's Our Lady of Victory is competing for its 10th consecutive year. Meads Mill Middle School is returning for the eighth consecutive year and

Hillside Middle School is returning for the third consecutive year. Northville High School is returning for a ninth consecutive year.

Our Lady of Victory, Meads Mill and Hillside are three of 35 teams returning from last year out of 48 junior high/middle schools. Northville High School is one of 36 high school teams returning from last year out of 48.

### RIDGE WOOD ROUND UP

Ridge Wood Elementary Kindergarten Round Up will take place on May 5 and 6 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Thornton Creek Elementary. If you have a child attending kindergarten in the fall at Ridge Wood and have not received Round Up information, please contact Nancy Clarkston at (248) 596-1422.

### ST. PAUL'S OPEN ENROLLMENT

St. Paul's Lutheran School in Northville is now accepting enrollment applications for pre-school through Grade 8 for the 2003-2004 academic year. St. Paul's is located at 201 Elm Street, Northville.

For more information, call (248) 349-3146.

### SENIOR CITIZEN PROM

The 13th annual Senior Citizens Prom will take place April 30 from 4 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

This year's theme is "A Hawaiian Evening." Music will be performed by the Northville High School Jazz Ensemble.

## RECORD SEEKS OUTSTANDING TEACHER NOMINATIONS

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Submissions may also be faxed to (248) 349-9832 or mailed to Chris Davis or Jennifer Norris, 104 W. Main St. Northville, Mich. 48167. E-mail attachments cannot be accepted.

To nominate a teacher, send the teacher's full name, school address and school phone number along with a statement of no more than 200 words indicating why this instructor deserves to be our Feature Teacher.

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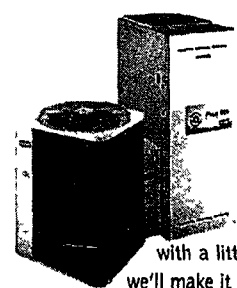
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# NHS senior keeps her help on the shelf

By Jennifer Norris  
STAFF WRITER

Need a children's book? Northville High School senior Ramona Maza may have one, but don't expect it to stay in her hands too long.

According to Susan Rice, Ramona's mother, Maza has been involved in an intensive project building bookshelf units and collecting children's books. The shelving units and the books are then transported to various Women, Infants and Children program offices in Detroit. WIC is a supplemental nutritional program for pregnant women and young children.

"She's always like to read since she was really little," said Rice.

Rice, a Detroit physician, said she is frequently in health department buildings and noticed a lack of reading or entertainment materials suitable for children.

"I didn't see anything for children to do while they waited," said Rice. "I told [Ramona] about it and she got interested in collecting the books."

Rice said Maza began collecting books in September and made her first book delivery in October.

Rice said WIC officials raved over the contribution.

"We haul in the books and it's so cool to see kids reading books," she said. "It's great to see older kids reading too. The goal is to supply all 12 WIC offices in the

**"I think the most rewarding thing is to realize the difference one person can make."**

**Ramona Maza**  
NHS senior

Detroit with books."

Five offices were done as of late March.

Rice said a majority of the books have been given by the Northville community. Books have also been received, she said, from the Friends of the Livonia, Novi and Northville libraries.

Rice said once the shelves are built and taken to the facilities, the racks need to be periodically replenished.

"Each bookshelf unit usually holds about 200 books and [Ramona] returns to restock later every two months," said Rice.

Rice added the project serves children in a positive manner, by encouraging reading and learning.

"I think it's wonderful," said Rice. "I think the most rewarding thing is to realize the difference that one person can make. It's just made a difference for everybody."

For more information on contributing children's level books to



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Ramona Maza, a Northville High School student, has made a number of bookshelves for Detroit's WIC program and stocked them with reading material.

the project, contact Ramona Maza at (248) 344-1640.

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 jmnorris@ht.homecomm.net.

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# Cooke teacher wins Big Mack attack

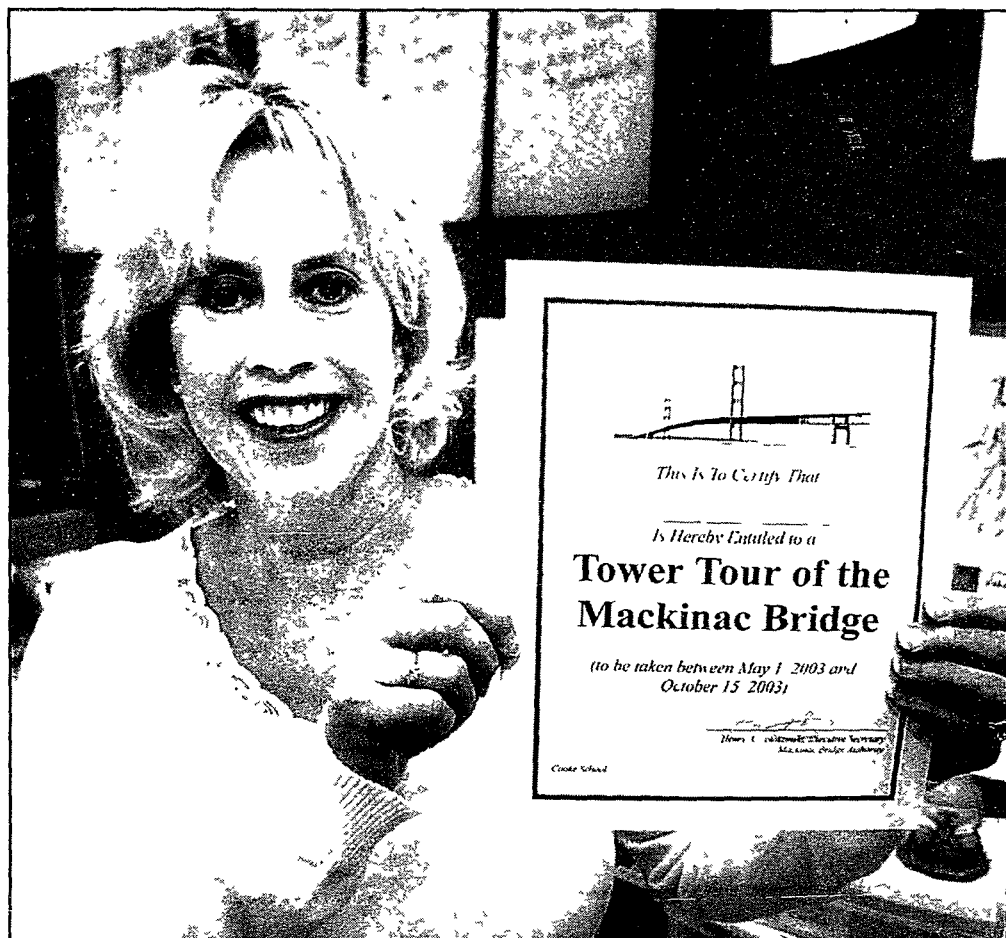


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Cooke School teacher Celeste Smallwood recently won a school raffle to take a tour of the Mackinac Bridge tower.

By Jennifer Norris  
STAFF WRITER

Not many people get to go where Celeste Smallwood plans to go this summer.

Smallwood, a teacher at Cooke School in Northville, has won a trip to visit the top of the Mackinac Bridge.

Cooke School raffled off a "Tower Tour" certificate issued by the Mackinac Bridge Authority for two people to ascend to the top of the north or

south tower of the bridge to view and photograph the straits of Mackinac and the Mackinac Bridge.

Rules require Smallwood take the tour between May 1 and Oct. 15.

"I was surprised and delighted to receive the prize," said Smallwood. "I've been Mackinac quite a few times, [but] never to the top of the tower. You cannot buy the prize. They only give it out for charity events."

Smallwood said she plans to take her prize trip in July with two fellow Cooke teachers, Fran Huston and Carmen Kennedy.

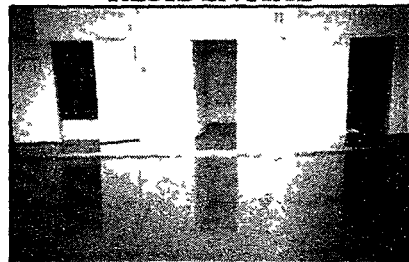
"I was very pleased to have won it," she said. "We sold an awful lot of tickets. I'd never dreamed I'd win. It was a dream come true."

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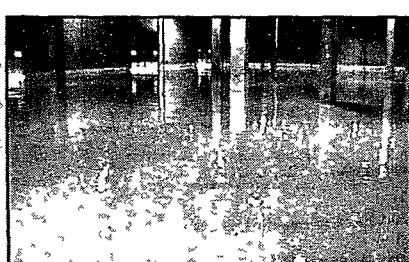
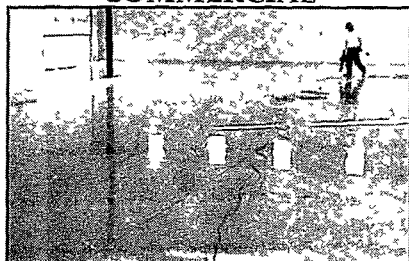
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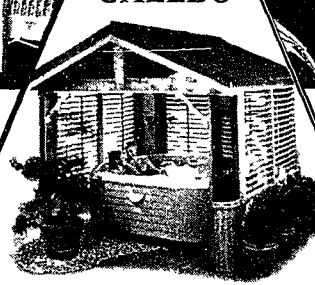
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Registration will begin at 8 a.m., followed by the run at 9 a.m. The walk will commence at 9:30 a.m.

The walk will cover approximately two miles and the run will be about three miles in length.

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### JUNIOR BOOKS, CHAT AND CHOW

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## WEDDINGS



Veres-Halloran

Karilyn Veres and John D. Halloran were married July 20 at Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills. Pastor Bradley Gee officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Christina Veres of Northville. She is a 1995 graduate of Northville High School and a

2000 graduate of Michigan State University. The groom is the son of John and Paula Halloran of Muskegon. He is a 1998 graduate of MSU.

The best man was Chris Halloran. The maid of honor was Kim Veres. The couple now resides in Illinois.

Molly Woodruff and Steve McKigney were married Feb. 1 at First United Methodist Church of Northville. Rev. John Hice officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Cecil and Karen Woodruff of Northville. She is a graduate of Northville High School and of Schoolcraft Community College. She is employed as dining room manager at Meadowbrook Country Club. The groom is the son of the late Vincent and Audry McKigney of Madison Heights. He is a graduate of Oakland

Community College and is employed as executive chef at Meadowbrook Country Club.

The maid of honor was Barb Woodruff. Bridesmaids were Margaret Waddington, Barb English and Marcia Gauthier. The best man was Brian Sylvia. Groomsmen were James McKigney, Greg McKigney, Joe Marini and Adam Wheeler.

A reception was held at the Italian American Conference Center. The couple now resides in Redford.



Woodruff-McKigney



Hanson-Harwell

Alicia Lynn Hanson and David Edward Harwell were married in Charleston, S.C. on June 15, 2002. Bonnie Kuntz officiated the service.

The bride is the daughter of Al and Cheryl Hanson of Northville. She is a 1990 graduate of Northville High School and a 1994 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed by Checkpoint Software Technologies. The groom is the son of Pam and Benjamin Harwell. He is a 1995

graduate of the University of South Carolina, and is employed by Piedmont Bank.

The maid of honor was Robin Michelle Patzert. Bridesmaids were Emma Dunrud, Janice Herhold, Kristine McGovern, Charlene Russell and Stacey Taplin. The best man was John Harwell. Groomsmen were Derek Hanson, Jason Hultgren, Kevin Lee, Mark Lerner and Robert Segars.

The couple honeymooned in Italy.

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# Pets, humans benefit from Pet-A-Pet

## POLICE BRIEF

By Jennifer Norris  
STAFF WRITER

Members of Pet-A-Pet, Inc. know that some of the best companions have four legs instead of two.

Participants have a mission to bring delight to others by transporting their pets to visit the elderly, students, or those who just need a big dose of cheer.

"We're an organization of volunteers," said Carol Strom, president of Pet-A-Pet, a non-profit organization. "We take [our pets] into nursing homes, schools and hospitals and our pets interact with the people who live there. They enjoy us coming and they get to pet our dogs. It's kind of a warm feeling for the pet owner and the resident."

Strom said group members and their pets have visited Northville schools and senior facilities such as Alterra Wynwood of Northville.

Ruth Curry, a Redford resident, founded the program in 1985.

"It benefits both ends of the leash," said Curry, adding that the organization currently has several hundred volunteers.

And more are always welcome. Strom said, "We're always looking for volunteers who have cats or dogs that are friendly with people and friendly with other cats or dogs."

Participants should be willing to give an hour a month or more.

"Most of the visits last about an hour and we go once a month," said Strom. "Many of the people go to more than one facility."

Strom said she relishes the interaction of the volunteers and their

pets with those they visit.

"I've taken my dog into hospice facilities," she said. "You can see by the look on their faces it's a nice experience."

Strom said when group members visit schools, educational programs are conducted.

"We teach kids how to respect their pets and how to take care of them," she said. "Taking care of a pet involves more than just petting it once in a while."

Strom said she recalled an incident at a school that left a permanent imprint on her memory.

After visiting a classroom with her dog and instructing students on proper animal care, students were allowed to come up and pet her dog.

Strom said after all the children came up, a boy approached and said, "Can I pet your dog?"

"Absolutely," she replied.

Later, Strom discovered that was the first time the child had spoken since he'd been in the class.

Curry said human interaction with animals has been shown to lower blood pressure, relieve loneliness and stimulate laughter.

"I go out there and thank God for giving me this program," said Curry. "I see the happiness when you go into a nursing home with a pet. I really thank God for the program. You can see how much good it does. I'm 77 and I feel young because of this program."

Strom said each pet is screened for behavior and cleanliness.

"It's very important the pet gets along with other pets," Strom said.

Pet-A-Pet members are charged a \$5 annual registration fee. Later,



Sunrise Assisted Living Center resident Flossie Carter says hello to "Kado," owned by Dick Turnquist during an early-April visit to the home by the Pet-A-Pet program.

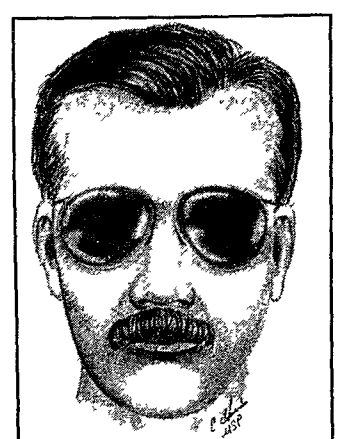
each pet receives a scarf and a pin is given to the owner.

Curry said she believes pets have a strong sense of intuition about humans.

"They know how to help you," said Curry. "They know when you're sad. This is my own theory, but I believe it."

For more information on Pet-A-Pet membership or visitations call (734) 464-2733 or (313) 535-0410.

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



Northville Green suspect

Northville police are looking for this man, who was seen outside Northville Green Apartments on April 11 and was allegedly involved in a lewd display of his genitalia. The man approached a female tenant at around 2 p.m.

Persons with information are asked to contact Northville police at (248) 349-1234.

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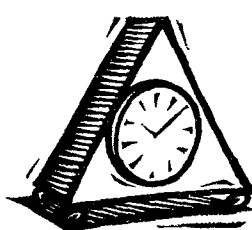
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# Mill Race Matters

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

April 24	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Archives Open to the Public	Cady Inn
April 25	5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Rehearsal	Church
April 26	11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. 4 p.m.-6 p.m.	Lee Baby Shower Wedding Church	Cady Inn
April 27	10 a.m.-noon noon-3 p.m. 1 p.m.-4 p.m. 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Mill Creek Community Church Sargent Birthday Party King's 8th Venture Scout Crew #8	Church Church Cady Inn Cady Inn
April 28	10 a.m.-1 p.m. 4:30 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
April 29	9 a.m.-noon 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Stone Gang Wash-Oak School	Village & Cady Inn
April 30	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. 7 p.m.-9 p.m.	School Tour Mill Creek Community Church Prayer Service	Wash-Oak School Church
May 1	9 a.m.-1 p.m. 9:15 a.m.-3:15 p.m. 5 p.m.-6 p.m.	Archives Open to the Public School Tour Rehearsal	Cady Inn Wash-Oak School Church

On Saturday, May 24, come and join gardeners in a friendly morning (8 a.m.-noon) of swapping plants and information. Bring whatever excess plants you may have. If you have no plants to bring, donations will be cheerfully accepted. There should be a wide variety of Perennials, Annuals, Wild Flowers, Shrubs, and Trees. Northville Department of Public Works will again be supplying their "Black Gold" composted leaf mulch-please bring your own containers. Swap held rain or shine!

Please donate your surplus buttons for the Children's Christmas Workshop along with any old wooden handles from brooms, shovels, rakes etc. Call the office for more information.  
Donations wanted for the General Store at Mill Race Village. The Store will be open Saturday, May 3rd from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. to accept gently used or new household, Christmas or decorative items for resale in the store during the 2003 season. All donations are tax deductible.

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The City of Northville and the Charter Township of Northville Beautification Commissions will, once again, host their **annual** seedling giveaway at the Township Hall facility. The giveaway will begin at 10 a.m. and be held, rain or shine, out of the Fire Bay garage.  
Residents of the City and Township are eligible for free seedlings and should be prepared to provide identification, if requested.

SUE HILLEBRAND, CLERK  
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(4-24-03 NR 51778)

**WESTERN TOWNSHIPS**  
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**STUDY SESSION SYNOPSIS**  
**1:00 P.M. MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2003**

Study Session was called to order at 1.06 p.m.  
Present: Thomas Yack, Steve Mann, Richard Henningsen  
Agenda – adopted as presented.  
The purpose of the Study Session was to review a presentation and discuss policy issues involving repairs to private sewer connections located in the public right-of-way.  
The regular meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

THOMAS J. YACK,  
Chairman

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.  
Publish April 24, 2003

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP**  
**OF NORTHVILLE**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY PARK**  
**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES -**  
**SITE DESIGN AND**  
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The Charter Township of Northville is accepting proposals for professional services related to site design and construction of an expansion to the existing Northville Community Park property.  
Request for Proposal details may be received by contacting Traci Sincock, Director of Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9941  
An original proposal and four (4) copies must be submitted by **Friday, May 2, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. E.D.T.** to the Northville Township Clerk's Office 41600 W. Six Mile Road Northville, MI 48167 Attn: Sue Hillebrand, Township Clerk. Proposals will be opened and read aloud at that time.  
The Charter Township of Northville reserves the right to accept and/or reject any proposal and to waive any irregularities in the proposals that are in the best interest of the Township.

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**WHAT:** A group of Northville residents concerned with fostering harmony and understanding diversity. group believes in actively promoting equality for all people, regardless of race, creed, color, religion, gender, disability, socioeconomic situation or national origin.  
**CONTACT:** Al Qualman  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-8437

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS**  
**Phone:** (248) 626-0877

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN - NORTHVILLE/NOVI BRANCH**  
**WHAT:** Promotes equity for all women and girls, life-long education and positive societal change.  
**CONTACT:** Mary Jane Kearns  
**PHONE:** (248) 449-8693

**AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION - NOVI OAKS CHARTER CHAPTER**  
**WHAT:** Bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow professionally.  
**WHERE:** Wyndham Garden Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi.  
**WHEN:** Every third Monday of the month  
**CONTACT:** Bettie Johnson  
**PHONE:** (248) 960-9559

**AMERICAN LEGION NORTHVILLE - POST 147**  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-1060

**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP NO. 755**  
**WHERE:** First Presbyterian Church of Northville  
**CONTACT:** Alan Bennett  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-7568

**CALLING CART**  
**CONTACT:** Sonja Lane  
**PHONE:** (248) 348-0628

**CIVIC CONCERN**  
**CONTACT:** Marlene Kunz  
**PHONE:** (248) 344-1033

**COMMUNITY CLOTHES CLOSET**  
**WHAT:** Assists with emergency needs and helps low-income families with clothes and baby items  
**WHEN:** Every Monday from 9 a.m. to noon and 6:30-8:30 p.m.; the first two Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon; and the last two Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon  
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**FRIENDS OF NORTHVILLE MILL POND**  
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**GARDENERS OF NORTHVILLE-NOVI**  
**WHAT:** An evening gardening club which discusses community gardening as well as hosting speakers and seminars on gardening issues.  
**CONTACT:** Yvonne DeMattos  
**PHONE:** (248) 348-1946

**GOODFELLOWS**  
**CONTACT:** Bob Peterson  
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**LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE - LODGE NO. 1190**  
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**NORTHVILLE GARDEN CLUB**  
**CONTACT:** Marjorie Faessler  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-7709

**NORTHVILLE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**CONTACT:** Pat Allen  
**PHONE:** (248) 348-1325

**NORTHVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**WHAT:** To discover, collect, observe, advance and disseminate knowledge of history of the Northville Region. The group's focal point is Mill Race Historical Village.

**CONTACT:** Juliet Culp  
**PHONE:** (248) 348-1845

**NORTHVILLE LIONS CLUB**  
**PHONE:** (248) 348-9075

**NORTHVILLE MOTHERS CLUB**  
**PHONE:** (248) 344-1585

**NORTHVILLE NEWCOMERS**  
**WHAT:** To help newcomers to the area as well as current residents who would like to become more familiar with the community on a social and civic level. Newcomers hold fund raisers to aid the Northville community.  
**WHEN:** Once a month, September through May. Meeting dates vary. Social interest groups meet once or twice a month.  
**CONTACT:** Sally Bettes  
**PHONE:** (248) 735-0192

**NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION**  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-0203

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**NORTHVILLE ROTARY CLUB**  
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**NORTHVILLE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER**  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-4140

**NORTHVILLE WOMAN'S CLUB**  
**CONTACT:** Virginia Martin  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-3064

**NORTHVILLE YOUTH ASSISTANCE**  
**CONTACT:** Mary Ellen King  
**PHONE:** (248) 344-1618

**SARAH ANN COCHRANE CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**  
**WHAT:** A group with ancestors who fought in the American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veterans' hospitals, schools and community service.  
**WHEN:** The group meets every third Monday, except in January, July and August.  
**CONTACT:** Phoebe Huff  
**PHONE:** (248) 442-2679

**VFW POST NO. 4012**  
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## ON CAMPUS

Northville resident Mary E. Tanski has been initiated into Alpha Epsilon Delta, the national premedical honor society at Michigan State University.

The following Northville residents were among the graduates of Western Michigan University during fall 2002 commencement exercises: Jennifer Adams, Dan Colligan, Julie Flis, Amy Hojnacki, Danielle Jaskot, Tricia Lutes, Kevin Morrow and

David Schulte.

Northville resident Kurt Enkemann was named to the dean's list at Kettering University for the fall 2002 semester.

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## OBITUARIES

## Edmund T. Duffy

Edmund Duffy of Northville died April 18 at Hearland Health Care Center in Livonia. He was 86.

Mr. Duffy was born Dec. 28, 1916, in Waltham, Mass., to Frank Duffy and Celia Handy. He later married Dorothy K. Duffy, to whom he was married for 48 years. She preceded him in death in 1994.

Mr. Duffy relocated to Northville in 1998 after having

lived in Florida. A Ford Motor Company sales and marketing manager, Mr. Duffy was a member of both the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4012 and the American Legion of Northville. While serving in the Army during World War II, Mr. Duffy received the Good Conduct Medal, the American Defense Service Medal and the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Ribbon.

Mr. Duffy is survived by his

son, Michael (Yvonne) Duffy of Roscommon; and his grandchildren, Megan Hogarth, Ryan Hogarth, Derrick Lake and Brian Lake. He was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Duffy.

Private memorial services were held for Mr. Duffy. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion Post No. 147, 100 W. Dunlap, Northville, Mich. 48167. Funeral arrangements were handled by Casterline Funeral Home of Northville.

## Patricia Ann Eden

Patricia Ann Eden, formerly of Northville died.

Beloved daughter of Otto A. and Lena M. Graesser. Preceded in death by her husband, Rev. C. Earl Eden, Jr. Survived by one son, C. Christian Eden (Jacqueline). Devoted granddaughter Madeline and loving grandson Cameron. Nephew David Grigg (Sharon) of Canton, along with various other family members.

A graduate of Redford High School, Ms. Eden was a homemaker and past president of United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church of Northville. She was the past vice-president of Northville Woman's

Club and the charter president of Country Girls Garden Club of the WNFGA.

A memorial service for Ms. Eden will be held April 26 at 10 a.m. at First United Methodist. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center for the Louise Madsen Fund, University of Michigan at MADRC, c/o Dr. Norman Foster, University of Michigan, 1920 Taubman, 1500 Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48109, or Arbor Hospice of Ann Arbor.

Funeral arrangements were made by Muehlig Funeral Chapel of Ann Arbor.

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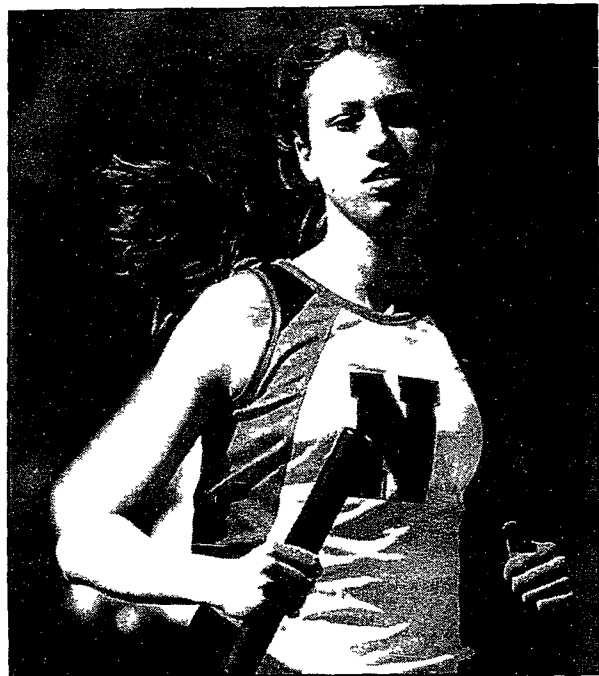
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# Johnson Creek Day calls on volunteer help

By Jennifer Norris  
STAFF WRITER

On May 17, area residents are invited to participate in Johnson Creek Day 2003, an annual, environmental event structured to entertain and inform citizens on preserving the local creek.

"I'm really excited about it," said Michelle West, secretary of Johnson Creek Protection Group.

West said the day's agenda will consist of three different activities. Residents may participate in any or all of the planned festivities.

A nature walk is planned to commence at 9 a.m., starting at the Northville Ridge development on Six Mile Road, west of Ridge Road.

West said the morning walk will familiarize participants with the history, fish and wildlife, current problems and ongoing protection efforts associated with Johnson Creek and Grand Sakwa, the developer that won the Johnson Creek Protection Group's Developer Initiative Award.

Clean up projects will follow at 10 a.m. Participants will meet at the Fish Hatchery Park for site assignments. The Fish Hatchery Park is located on Seven Mile Road, west of Sheldon Road.

At 1 p.m., a trout celebration will ensue at the Fish Hatchery Park.

West said plenty of fishing will be available for adults and children.

"We're stocking the pond with brown trout," she said, adding that fly fishing demonstrations and interactive displays will also be part of the afternoon festivities.

At the trout celebration, food, T-shirts and kids' activities will be available.

May 17 will mark the third annual Johnson Creek Day.

"This is important to get people out and so they learn about the creek and what they can do to protect it," said West. "It's for promoting awareness of this important resource is our community. A lot of people might not even know it's there. It's a really good educational tool for kids. Johnson Creek is the only cold water trout stream in the

Rouge River watershed."

The event is free of charge and is sponsored by the Johnson Creek Protection Group.

West said last year's event attracted more than 200 people.

Interested participants are to register for events before May 12 online at [www.jcpg.org](http://www.jcpg.org) or by contacting Michelle West at (734) 761-1010 or by e-mail at [mwest@alnm.com](mailto:mwest@alnm.com).

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## SCHEDULE OF JOHNSON CREEK DAY EVENTS

The day will consist of three programs, and you can choose to do just one, two or all three events.

**9 a.m. Nature Walk** — This event starts at Northville Ridge located on Six Mile, west of Ridge Road. The Johnson Creek Nature Walk will be an interactive walk on the Northville Ridge subdivision property in Northville Township. This morning walk will familiarize the participants with the history, fish and wildlife, current problems and ongoing protection efforts associated with Johnson Creek and Grand Sakwa, the developer that won the Johnson Creek Protection Group's Developer Initiative Award.

**10 a.m. Clean-up projects** — This will be a volunteer effort to remove debris from the creek corridor in various locations along the length of Johnson Creek from Salem Township to the City of Northville. Volunteers will meet at Fish Hatchery Park in Northville where they will be assigned to a clean-up site

**1 p.m. Trout celebration**—Meet at Fish Hatchery Park. This multi-faceted event will include demonstrations and displays by the Michigan Bat Conservancy, Nature Discovery (frogs and toads by Jim McGrath), Friends of the Rouge, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wayne County and others. There will be a nature "scavenger hunt" to find a variety of flora along the park's nature trails as well as other activities for children. The group will stock the pond at Fish Hatchery Park with brown trout to provide a fishing derby for children and fly-fishing lessons for adults. Refreshments will be available.

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## Robertson among elite in mechanic world

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Regional contest participants traveled from Michigan and several other surrounding states to attend the competition, said Kersten.

Robertson and his fellow co-worker at Davis Auto Care, Frank Ward, each vied against the clock and eight other contestants to repair their assigned vehicle as quickly as possible.

Kersten said Robertson won a leather jacket, a tool box, a magazine subscription and website subscription, a \$100 gift certificate, a set of flashlights, a trip to Las Vegas and a plaque.

The contest is sponsored by AC Delco.

Kersten said such a contest would not be easy for amateurs.

"It's very difficult if you don't have expertise in proper diagnosing procedures," he said.

Prior to physically repairing the cars, both Robertson and Ward scored high on a written test last October.

Robertson, who has worked at Davis Auto Care in Northville for 17 years, said the contest was exciting.

"This was the semi-finals for the North Central region," he said. "From there, we go to the finals. It was kind of exciting, but it was kind of nerve wracking. The problems range from difficult to easy. I pretty much had to rush to get it done in two hours."

Kersten said the national level competition will be hosted in October.

The winner of national level competition, he said, would receive a trip to Brazil and a 2003 four-door Chevrolet Silverado.

Kersten lauded Robertson for his level of expertise in the competition.

"He's a sharp cookie," he said.

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# Faces of the Future

## Carol Poenisch

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serve. That, for me, is part of the lure of wanting to work with hard working people."

Poenisch said she served as chair of district wide PTA committees for Legislative Action Network and Junior Enrichment. She has served on the Northville Public Schools' second Future Bond Committee and served on the Wayne County Citizens for Children Committee in 2002. She is on the board of the YWCA of Western Wayne County.

In addition, Poenisch said she is active with the Friends of the Library and was a

**"I enjoy working on issues which lead to better education for children."**

**Carol Poenisch**  
school board candidate

past president of the group. She is currently chair of the used book sales, she

said.

Poenisch is asking voters for the opportunity to serve on the Northville Board of Education.

"I enjoy working on issues which lead to better education for children," she said. "I enjoy the mental work. They should vote for me because I have a lot of experience. I'm committed to the school children of Northville."

She currently teaches physical education part time in the Livonia and Wayne-Westland school districts.

"I'm really involved in the community," said Poenisch. "I've been a leader in the community."

Along with being involved in Northville's Mother's Club, Poenisch was a co-chair of the campaign "Say Yes to Northville Parks and Kids."

Poenisch said the school district will be facing a critical topic in the near future.

"The budget is the most important issue right now and also not knowing what the future will be or when the recovery will be," she said. "It's hard to plan for that. It's like a moving target."

Other areas have grabbed attention, too.

"Weighted grades is still something the district has to decide [on] what

they're going to do," she said.

Poenisch resides in Northville with her husband, Volker, and has two children, Kevin and Lisa.

"We have had excellent school boards over the last 30 years," said Poenisch. "When you go into the schools and see great programs going on, and when children come home all excited, that's a result of great teaching, administration and school boards."

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## Marilyn Price

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required of board members. We're ready as a family for my being able to do that."

Price, who has been a Northville resident for 10 years, is married and has two children in elementary school.

Price said her background as an educator and her previous school involvement would be an asset to the board, if elected.

"I've been on district committees and I've really enjoyed working with teachers and I feel being on the board is a way to continue that involvement," she said.

Price has served as a past president and vice-president of the Moraine Elementary PTA and was a past chairman for the Health and Safety Committee at Moraine.

She has also been a parent representative on the Northville Public Schools Elementary Career Development Committee and served as a parent member of the district's Citizens' Health Advisory Committee. She has also been involved with the Moraine School Improvement Team.

"I think the schools are great,"

**"...I feel being on the board is a way to continue that involvement [with teachers.]"**

**Marilyn Price**  
school board candidate

said Price. "I'm very interested in maintaining the quality of Northville schools."

Price received her doctoral degree in counseling from Indiana University after receiving two education related degrees from Central Michigan University.

She is a former assistant director and staff psychologist at the Binghamton University Counseling Center and has taught at CMU. In addition, Price has taught ninth grade health.

With the threat of pending budget cuts, Price said it is critical to uphold school programs that are child centered.

"We need to maintain that,

even with budget cuts," she said.

Price also voiced her approval of low class sizes in the school district.

"We have been able to work towards small class sizes," she said. "That's been a goal and it's great."

In addition to her academic work, Price is a member of the Mother's Club of Northville and the Northville Woman's Club. She is also a member of the First Presbyterian Church and has served as a past president of the Northville Newcomers organization.

"My commitment is to the children of Northville and the schools," said Price. "I think we have a terrific program. I'm interested in maintaining that. [I have] experience as a teacher, administrator and a parent, so I believe I can bring a broad experience to the board. I think that will be helpful in allowing me to see problems from a variety of perspectives."

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### Libby Smith

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children in the Northville school district, has already begun to demonstrate her leadership abilities. Currently, she is the PTA president of Thornton Creek Elementary School and is also part of the Thornton Creek and district school improvement teams.

An alumnus of Northville High School and Novi resident for five years, Smith said she was looking forward to serving Northville students and the community, if elected.

"I think the more you do, the more you want to get involved," said Smith. "I have a lot of experience with the board. I would love to be a part of it. I'm a hard worker and like to dig in and get my hands dirty. When the opportunity presented itself, I thought it might be a good time to do it."

A longtime background and familiarity with Northville is a point of pride for Smith.

"Having been from here and hav-

**"I think the more you do, the more you want to get involved."**

**Libby Smith**  
school board candidate

ing a lot of close local ties, I just appreciate the way Northville is and appreciate all the change it's gone through," she said. "I think that it helps me be a better candidate, having some history here."

Smith said she is very pleased with the Northville school system, but is mindful of potential future obstacles.

"I think things are great right now," she said. "Being involved has really shown me how good our schools are. I'm a big believer in

public schools. I think it's imperative we try to keep the high quality. I think the budget will be a huge issue. There's so much going on as far as growth goes. Everyone's taking a careful look at the anticipated cuts."

Smith also voiced her support of low student-teacher ratios.

"The current board seems committed to low class sizes," she said. "I hope that doesn't change. The research indicates that's so much better for kids."

After working in the advertising industry for 13 years, Smith has made her children her second career.

"I want to work hard for other kids, just like my own," she said. "To me, it's all about keeping the schools great for our kids. I want to give my time and energy to the community. I just want to get in and work hard."

Smith said her past experiences of volunteering in the school district have prepared her for a potential role on the Northville school board.

"I think it has taught me you have to keep in mind we're here to create

the best schools we can for our kids," she said. "It absolutely means making tough decisions."

"I'd love to be given the privilege to do this."

Smith resides in Novi with her husband, Paul, and their children, Graham, Hannah and Sean.

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### Robert Sochacki

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board.

"I had wanted to do this before," he said. "I think the board has been doing an outstanding job. The school district has a good reputation."

Sochacki is currently employed by Ford Motor Company and serves in the Human Resources department.

Sochacki said he is interested in ensuring high school programs are available to adequately prepare non-college bound students for the workplace following graduation.

"I want to make sure we don't forget about that group of kids," he said.

Coupled with that, Sochacki said he has important reason for becoming a school board candidate.

"I want to help the board continue on the course it's been on," he said.

"I will work hard to keep up the high level of education that Northville is noted for."

Sochacki, who has lived in

Northville for 10 years, is married and has two children.

He received a bachelor of arts degree in industrial psychology from the University of Detroit and later received master's in business administration from Wayne State University.

Sochacki said the caliber of Northville schools has not only been noticed by members of the community, but by colleges and universities as well.

"I think the colleges in the state recognize the level of kids that come out of [our] school system," he said. "I'm going to work to maintain that level."

Sochacki said he is a member of the Band Boosters organization and has served as a soccer coach with the Northville Parks and Recreation.

Sochacki also said he plans to visit area residents during the campaigning period.

"I want to go out and knock on doors and talk to the people," he said.

"I like meeting and talking to people. By going out, you hear what their concerns are."

Sochacki said he believes Northville is facing some important issues.

"I think the traffic issue hasn't been resolved," he said.

He added that he is pleased the high school late start issue appears to be tabled, at least for now.

Pending voter approval, Sochacki said he is eager to join the ranks with the current school board members.

"I'm going to work hard," he said. "This is going to be a job as far as I'm concerned. It's not a hobby. Whatever it takes, I'm willing to make that investment."

"I think I've got the background I've certainly got the desire."

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## DNR visit gives residents a voice

The cinders may have cooled and the snow long since melted, but that doesn't mean memories of the fire at Maybury State Park aren't still fresh for Northville residents.

Fifty animals were ultimately killed in the mid-February blaze, the cause of which state fire marshals said was undetermined.

At a time when so many patrons of the park were looking for answers, not getting one for the most fundamental question — "What started this tragedy, anyway?" — was a tough pill to swallow. We hope that answers to other questions can be ascertained this weekend, when Department of Natural Resources director K.L. Cool pays a visit to Northville to address the future of the farm and to listen to resident concerns.

Since there's nothing that can be done to undo the loss of life and property at Maybury, the focus ought to be on farm restoration. Two groups — Voices for Maybury and the Northville Community Foundation — have examined that very question. We suspect scores of other residents and schoolchildren who paid a visit to the farm through the years

### Maybury memories are still fresh for Northville residents

have wondered the same thing. We hope Mr. Cool will be able to shed some light on those inquiries and give residents the information for which they thirst.

In light of Michigan's current budget crunch, Mr. Cool has suggested a possible partnership

with local organizations, akin to the relationship the state has with light-house preservationists, whereby community groups assume control of the facility, thereby reducing

overhead for state officials. We're intrigued by the idea, and will be curious to hear additional details on the plan.

Maybury State Park is the only state park in Wayne County, and arguably the last agricultural oasis in a sea of airports and interstate highways. It is a jewel for Northville. No offense to DNR spokesperson Brad Wurfel, but we'd love for turnout to be heads and tails beyond the 100 guests the Department anticipates hosting.

Northville has plenty of questions, and we hope Mr. Cool and others from the DNR come armed with answers.



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Camile Scarlett, left, receives a rose from a Hillside student during last year's Senior Prom.

## LETTERS

### Granholm isn't fully responsible for road mess

I agree with Senator Cassis that improvements are needed along Interstate 96 interchanges at Wixom and Beck Roads. I disagree with her assessment that Governor Jennifer Granholm is responsible. After all, she's only been in office a little more than 100 days. Governor Granholm, as Senator Cassis is fully aware, inherited a fiscally challenged state. Senator Cassis, as former state Representative, supported former Governor Engler's tax cuts to businesses and urban sprawl policies.

As a taxpayer, I don't feel we should subsidize developers and "big box" stores, responsible for the overcrowded and deteriorating road conditions.

Developers and "big box" stores are detrimental to our small town atmosphere and independently owned businesses. Did Lyon Township really need a Wal-Mart? I resent the fact that the developers take their money and run, leaving the residents holding the bag for road, sewer and water upgrades. Corporations have more rights than citizens.

Senator Cassis, I can empathize with you when you stated "no response" from [Michigan Department of Transportation] director staff, requesting information for the numbers such as project cost etc. I received the same response from you regarding raising the unemployment benefit for laid off workers, which had been frozen for seven years at \$300 maximum weekly, while employers received \$1.8 billion in tax cuts. As I recall, it was Dec. 6, 2001, in Lansing. I talked to you about it, but you brushed me off because you and your colleagues were too absorbed with eliminating voters rights to "straight party" voting, which led Michigan voters to overturn this partisan legislation last November.

Under former Governor John Engler, our

roads didn't get repaired until Michigan citizens got fed up. It became a major campaign issue in 1998. The orange barrels only went up after taxpayers went broke fixing their vehicles.

Maybe we'd have more revenue if we hadn't privatized state park reservations to Engler's al, and then pay hundreds of thousands of dollars to sever the contract when the privatized firm failed miserably. Senator Cassis knows about this because she was a State Representative and supporter of Governor Engler's mismanagement.

I support Governor Granholm's approach to correct the state's financial crisis [in ways] that are more humane than the insensitive and inhumane ways of former Governor Engler, which included closing mental health hospitals and giving tax breaks to the wealthiest.

As a taxpayer, I expect government services, support state workers and opposed to privatization. I expect American corporation to pay their fair share of taxes, instead of establishing offshore corporate headquarters to avoid paying taxes. I support family owned, independently owned businesses. I support tax breaks for seniors, as well as prescription drug coverage. I would like to see campaign finance reform and an end to corporate dominance. I look forward to the day when our citizens are respected more than some corporate entity. I look for the day Senator Cassis works for the common good for all people and not just interests of the developers and "big box" stores.

Les Caulford  
South Lyon

### Township's greenspace key to its future

As a resident of Northville Township since 1972, I felt compelled to write to express my growing concern about the significant changing landscape and character of the Township. One aspect of Northville that has always attracted me, and I believe many others, is our town's relatively rural feel, with an abundance of densely wooded areas. This has really set our town apart from surrounding communities. Over time, as the population has grown, our woods (and wildlife) have been severely depleted. This is an expected and naturally part of a town's maturation. However, I was driving down Sheldon the other day and took note of the complete decimation of a significant wooded area at the Southwest corner of Sheldon and Six Mile. I later came to learn that this is the clearing for the new Town Hall. And, I felt literally sick.

With all the available space in our Township, was it absolutely necessary to destroy yet another irreplaceable patch of woods? Think about all the vacated property on Seven Mile near Northville Road. Think about all the "For Lease" signs up on the existing buildings already on Six Mile between Haggerty and Northville Road. Couldn't any of that property be used even if it were more costly or less ideal? This one area of woods may seem insignificant in isolation, but is critical when considered in a broader context.

As a resident, I would ask our Township leadership to relentlessly prioritize and protect what remaining wide open spaces and wooded lands are left to preserve the unique character and quality of living in our township.

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# OTHER OPINIONS

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## This proposal will kill the MEDC

It's so bizarre it can only be happening in Lansing.

Four Republican lawmakers want to snatch \$60 million from the budget of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and use it to restore grants for high-school students scoring well on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test.

The idea is to take \$35.5 million in MEDC operating money from the state's general fund, \$14 million in Indian casino money that goes to the MEDC and \$10 million in tobacco settlement money that funds high technology projects. That adds up to \$60 million, just about enough to restore the cuts Gov. Jennifer Granholm proposes making in the Michigan Merit Scholarship program. And it would leave the MEDC with around \$65 million in its 2004 budget, almost all of it federal Community Development Block Grant funds earmarked to pass through to local governments.

Make no mistake about it: if adopted, the net effect of this proposal would be to gut the MEDC, the independent agency charged with attracting new jobs and helping business growth in Michigan.

Never mind that the MEDC was started by Republican Gov. John Engler. Never mind that the MEDC has been recognized by Site Selection magazine five years in a row as among the top-10 economic development outfits in the country. Never mind that over its six year history, the MEDC has spurred more

than \$72 billion in private investment in Michigan, helped create more than 231,000 new, high-paying jobs in the state and increased the state's tax revenue by around \$4 billion.

At a time when our economy is in the doldrums and Michigan's unemployment rate is at a nine year high, why would anybody be crazy enough to want to cripple the state's very successful economic development program? The only two motives pathological enough to justify such self-mutilation are ideology and politics.

Ideologically, look no farther than the free-market fanatics at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, who call the MEDC "Michigan's chief dispenser of corporate welfare" and want the MEDC to be "eliminated entirely." A curious charge, as only a very small portion of the 6,000 Michigan businesses the MEDC helps each year get any financial assistance; most get free help with worker's compensation cost counseling, site location services and worker recruitment and training. As virtually every other state in the nation has an active and competitive economic development program, entirely eliminating the MEDC would be like unilaterally eliminating our nuclear weapons capability just before negotiating with the North Koreans about theirs.

Politically, the idea is beguiling but dangerous. Plainly, fat college scholarships for thousands of kids who may or may not need them is better politics than helping Michigan's economy prosper by helping businesses through the MEDC. But some day, those kids on scholarships are going to be leaving college and needing jobs. No MEDC, fewer good jobs; no good jobs, those well-educated kids will be leaving Michigan to pursue their careers elsewhere.

A fascinating sub-plot in all this has to do with the shenanigans now being performed by the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce, certainly the most influential organization in the state in promoting the interests of the

business community.

Amazingly, the State Chamber is actively lobbying legislators to eliminate the MEDC. No less than three Chamber staff operatives have been meeting with key legislators to urge de-funding of the agency.

I called Jim Barrett, the President of the State Chamber to ask what's going on, since so far as I know the Chamber board of directors has not taken an official position.

"How come," I asked Barrett, "the state's leading pro-business organization is actively lobbying against the main pro-business agency in state government?" "The Michigan Chamber is advocating reductions in government spending," Barrett responded. "We don't support increasing state taxes or fees, so it would be irresponsible not to cut spending, including that of the MEDC."

"Does that mean you're supporting the proposal being made to gut the MEDC?" "I'm not familiar with any specific proposals from specific legislators," parried Barrett. He refused to say if any of his Chamber staff were actually lobbying legislators.

It looks to me as though the State Chamber — for whatever reasons — is in the middle of saying one thing and doing another. But that's what tends to happen when you mix ideology with politics. One wonders what the business-people that contribute to the Chamber's budget think about what's going on.

In any event, the plot to cripple the MEDC is a bad idea and should summarily be killed.

FYI: Gov. Granholm has proposed a 20 percent cut in MEDC funding, which seems to me reasonable in light of current economic conditions. Let the record also show that I serve as the Vice Chair of the MEDC's Executive Committee, so I have a stake in this argument.

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



Phil Power

## Beware the sinister lure of golf...

There is nothing quite as humbling as a round of golf.

Trust me — if ever there was a way for a guy to have his ego dashed to the rocks (or maybe the water, the woods, the sand... whatever), golf is the answer.

Once upon a time, I didn't understand the addictive quality that stupid little white ball possessed. I was convinced that golf was little more than a chance for a bunch of schlubs to don some

Chris C. Davis

ghastly-looking outfits, pile into a beat-up cart and spend half a day swapping bad jokes and smoking cigars the size of small countries. And — to be fair — I'm sure that's still the case in most of the lower 48 states.

But golf does have some redeeming qualities, not the least of which is its ability to squash pride faster than a box of nails can

blow out a steel-belted radial. To that end, I now appreciate the power golf has.

You might be wondering how a guy once lost better than fifty balls in a single outing (I swear I'm not making that up) could possibly have turned around and gone from being the persecutor of golfers to the converted Apostle of Greens and Fairways.

I'll tell you: one lousy swing. That's all it took.

My story is probably not much different than what you'll hear from the rest of the ugly pants-wearing / cigar-smoking / cart-riding link lizards of the world. Having nothing better to do on a Saturday afternoon last spring, I joined a friend for a bucket of balls at the driving range. It was my first time handling a golf club since we'd gone through those fifty (still sounds weird saying that) balls two years earlier.

And then it happened. I placed that pale orb on the tee, squared up my stance proceeded to absolutely demolish that ball with a drive that could have had Tiger Woods asking for my autograph. At that moment, I crowned myself the Emperor of Golfdom and declared war on the sport. I was ready to conquer.

Unfortunately, it didn't take much longer before I realized that golf isn't just a matter of blasting Top Flite No. 3 into the strato-

sphere. There was a little thing called "accuracy" that seemed to get in the way. Once that element was thrown into the mix, I'd gone from Emperor of Golfdom to the court jester.

All through my followup round of nine holes, I blasted shots so far NASA started tracking them as satellites. The only problem is that I was probably shooting them closer to Mission Control than I was the red flag flapping in the wind 380 yards away.

Which brings me to the point I'm at now — that of understanding the ability golf has to take a person from Zero to Hero and back again, no doubt faster than any other method known to exist. That silly little accuracy thing is still my Achilles' heel, and as long as it continues to be a part of the game, I've got a sneaking suspicion Tiger won't have anything to worry about from me.

No, there's nothing quite as humbling as a round of golf, but I'm comforted by the words I see every time I head back to the driving range: *if at first you don't succeed, buy another bucket.*

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## Trees or not, what's fair is fair

I do not believe that I would care very much to be Fr. Richard Elmer the next time he has to venture into city council chambers to face the nine men and woman of the Novi Planning Commission.

You can pretty much bet your boots that this august body will make the good padre squirm like a worm

on a hot summer sidewalk. They are, in a word, not happy campers. And who can blame them? When last Fr. Elmer appeared before the planning commis-

sion, he solemnly told them that he would abide by the city's planning ordinances. In particular, that Catholic Central High School would replace every tree it plans on cutting down in the process of carving out its new home in Novi.

He told commission members that since his 1,000 students each have to complete 10 hours of community service before graduation, there would be no trouble in planting the 3,000 trees the school would need to replace. He went on at length about how Catholic Central works to instill in its students the lessons of duty, honor and responsibility.

Fr. Elmer left the commission members dreaming of squads of Catholic Central students fanning out across the

city leaving behind leafy, tree-lined avenues for the generations.

Of course, no sooner had the promises faded into the walls than Fr. Elmer and his advisors hid themselves to the city council where they more or less asked to be exempted from the city's tree ordinance because it would cost too much and they're a non-profit and all.

The problem, I believe, is that the padre listened to his lawyers instead of his boss. And when it comes to a question of right and wrong, the last person you want to talk to is a lawyer.

Don't get me wrong, lawyers provide a useful and necessary service in our society. Telling right from wrong just isn't it.

A lawyer will tell you if something is legal, and that is most certainly not the same thing as whether something is right or moral.

Any lawyer, even one from the bottom of the class of the worst law school in the country, will tell you that abortion is legal. But is it right or moral? Ask your clergyman.

What Catholic Central did was certainly legal. After all, the planning commission is merely a creature of city council. Its members serve at the pleasure of the elected officials and it is their job to administer the ordinances the city council has created.

Still, what Catholic Central did smells like week-old fish. And yes, I think we have a right to expect more from folks like a Catholic Central than the average real estate developer.

The average real estate developer does not present himself to the public wrapped in the mantle of moral authority. He's simply here to make a buck and there's nothing wrong with that. He just has to follow the rules that the city has

decided are in the best interests of its residents.

The phrase that leaps to mind is Caesar's wife. As in "Caesar's wife must be above suspicion."

There is just something distasteful about an organization whose mission is to shape the next generation of leaders trying to weasel around the rules.

It's just about as distasteful as the city crafting a change to the tree ordinance that clearly only benefits one entity. It smacks of the old days in the state legislature when the Detroit delegation pushed through legislation that only applied to cities with a population of more than a million people.

I think a good argument can be made that non-profit institutions benefit communities that for-profit ventures don't. You can make an even stronger argument that non-profits who make their home here have a greater commitment to the long-term well being of the community than an out-of-town development group that builds, sells and leaves.

Clearly there isn't an elected or public official in the city who doesn't desperately want Catholic Central to come to Novi, but someone please tell me how they are any more deserving than smaller non-profits. If you're going to cut them some slack, then you should do the same for every nondenominational church, synagogue, Rotary Club and Garden Club that wants to build a permanent home in Novi.

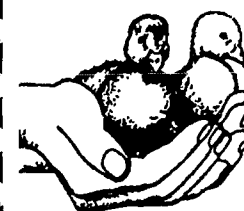
One set of rules for the big folks and another for the little folks is just plain wrong.

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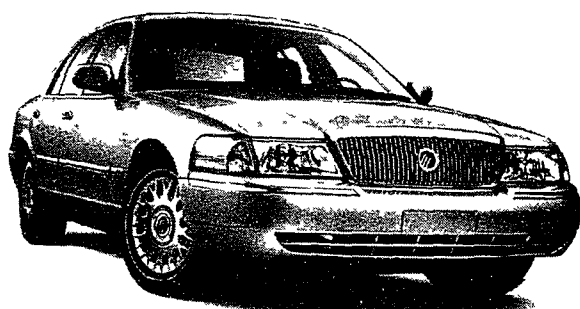
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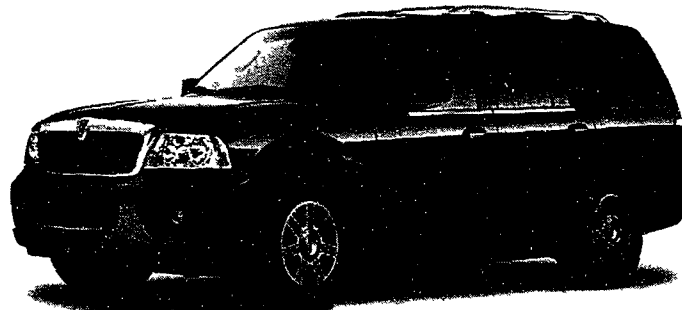
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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### • THIS WEEK •

**Town hall meeting with Wayne County executive Robert Ficano**  
DATE: April 24

**LOCATION:** Summit On The Park (1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton)

**TIME:** 6 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Questions will be answered regarding Wayne County's development and future. The forum is free of charge.  
**PHONE:** (313) 224-8390

**Public forum on Maybury State Park with Director of Natural Resources Department K.L. Cool**

**DATE:** April 26  
**LOCATION:** Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall (108 E. Main Street)  
**TIME:** 10:30 a.m. - noon  
**DETAILS:** Director Cool will provide an overview of Maybury State Park's former farm, update residents on the present situation and field questions, concerns and comments about the site.  
**PHONE:** (517) 335-3014

**Northville Youth Assistance volunteer reception**

**DATE:** April 29  
**LOCATION:** Old Church Square Banquet Room (Center / Dunlap)  
**TIME:** 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** First gentleman Daniel Gránholm Mulhern will provide the keynote address.  
**PHONE:** (248) 344-1618

### • COMING UP •

**Farmers Market Opening Day**

**DATE:** Starts May 1 (open every Thursday through October 30)  
**LOCATION:** Seven Mile / Center street  
**TIME:** Call for info  
**DETAILS:** Fresh produce and plants will be available for purchase at the event, which runs rain or shine.  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-7640

**New Hope Center for Grief Support workshop**

**DATE:** May 1 (runs for seven weeks)

**LOCATION:** Northville Senior Center (215 W. Cady Street)  
**TIME:** 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** The workshop will held participants deal with normal grief responses.  
**PHONE:** (248) 348-0115

**American Rose Society meeting**

**DATE:** May 2  
**LOCATION:** Novi Civic Center (45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi)  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Pat Hibbard of Roses-West Rose Society will present a slide program of David Austin.  
**PHONE:** (248) 347-0400

**Student Fine Arts Show**

**DATE:** May 2-8  
**LOCATION:** First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main)  
**TIME:** Various showtimes  
**DETAILS:** Students will show their talents in sculpture, functional ceramics, metals, photography, mixed media and graphics. An opening reception will be held May 2 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-0203

**Summer kickoff party to benefit Detroit's Neinas Elementary School**

**DATE:** May 2  
**LOCATION:** Call for info  
**TIME:** Call for info  
**DETAILS:** Organizers are looking for summer children's books, new T-shirts, used outdoor toys and food for food baskets. Materials may be dropped off at Northville's Century 21 Town & Country (175 Cady Center).  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-5600

**Boy Scout Troop No. 755 spring cleanup day**

**DATE:** May 3  
**LOCATION:** Thayers Corners Park (Napier Road, north of Six Mile Road)  
**TIME:** Starts at 8:30 a.m.  
**DETAILS:** Trash and overgrowth will be cleared from the location. Volunteers are being sought to assist with the project, who should bring wear old clothes, work gloves and waders — if they plan on working near a water source. Only adults wear-

ing hard-toe boots will be permitted to use power equipment.  
**PHONE:** (734) 420-0879 / [www.troop755.org](http://www.troop755.org)

**Northville Beautification Commission free seedling giveaway**

**DATE:** May 3  
**LOCATION:** Northville Township Civic Center (41600 Six Mile Road)  
**TIME:** 10 a.m. - noon  
**DETAILS:** Free tree seedling will be given away to Northville and Northville Township residents. Proof of residency should be brought.  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-5566

**Mill Race Village general store drop-off**

**DATE:** May 3  
**LOCATION:** Mill Race Village (west side of Griswold, north of Main Street)  
**TIME:** 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** The store will be open to accept gently-used or new household, Christmas or decorative items in the store during the 2003 season. All donations are tax-deductible.  
**PHONE:** (248) 348-1845

**Plymouth Community Chorus presentation: "Broadway Legends"**

**DATE:** May 3, 4  
**LOCATION:** Northville High School (45700 Six Mile Road)  
**TIME:** 8 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Music from Lerner & Rowe, Rodgers & Hammerstein, Cole Porter, George Gershwin and Andrew Lloyd Webber will be performed. Tickets are \$12.  
**PHONE:** (734) 455-4080

**Grief support group for women whose mothers have died**

**DATE:** May 4  
**LOCATION:** Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile Road)  
**TIME:** 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** The session will offer assistance to women whose mothers have died. Similar workshops will be held May 6 and 8 in Ann Arbor and Allen Park, respectively.

**PHONE:** (734) 662-5999, ext. 113

**Northville / Plymouth Kitchen Tour to benefit OUR Camp for Special Needs Children**

**DATE:** May 6  
**LOCATION:** Various private homes in Northville and Plymouth  
**TIME:** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Participants will visit kitchens at homes in the area. Table settings, designed by various businesses, will also be on display. Tickets are \$25, the proceeds from which benefit a camp for special needs children. Tickets can be purchased at Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall (108 E. Main Street), The Kitchen Wench (134 E. Main Street), or the Northville Chamber of Commerce (195 S. Main Street).  
**PHONE:** (248) 348-7026

**Center Stage Dance Company presentation of "Annie"**

**DATE:** May 10  
**LOCATION:** Northville High School auditorium (45700 Six Mile Road)  
**TIME:** Call for info  
**DETAILS:** Ticket are \$7 and are available at the studio or by mail.  
**PHONE:** (248) 380-1666 / [CSDC5678@aol.com](mailto:CSDC5678@aol.com)

**Arthritis Foundation Walk**

**DATE:** May 10  
**LOCATION:** Hillside Middle School (775 N. Center Street)  
**TIME:** 9 a.m.  
**DETAILS:** Walkers will help raise money for arthritis research and treatment.  
**PHONE:** (248) 424-9001, ext. 233

**Friends of Maybury State Park meeting**

**DATE:** May 10  
**LOCATION:** Maybury State Park classroom (off Eight Mile Road)  
**TIME:** 9:30 a.m. - noon  
**DETAILS:** A short meeting will be held, followed by various work projects to improve the park. All volunteers are welcome. Materials and tools will be furnished.  
**PHONE:** (248) 347-0899

**Mother & Son Dance**

**DATE:** May 10  
**LOCATION:** Hillside Recreation Center (700 W. Baseline Road)  
**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** A professional DJ will be on hand to play songs for mothers and their sons to dance to. Casual attire is recommended. Tickets are \$13 per couple and \$6 for each additional person.  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411

**First United Methodist Church of Northville "Got Jesus?" musical performance**

**DATE:** May 11  
**LOCATION:** Fuerst Auditorium, Novi High School, Novi (24062 Taft Road)  
**TIME:** 5 p.m., 7 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Reserved, prime-seating tickets are \$5 each. Some free seats may be available on the day of the performance. Some 200 students in grades 7 through 12 will be taking part in the performance, which organizers say is a good activity for youth group organizers to view.  
**PHONE:** (248) 348-4853

**Third annual Senior Housing Expo and Luncheon**

**DATE:** May 15  
**LOCATION:** Plymouth Community Cultural Center (525 Farmer, Plymouth)  
**TIME:** 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** The event, hosted by the Northville Senior Center, will give seniors and their families a chance to explore a wide range of housing options.  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-4140

**"Laughing On The Outside" comedy night to benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support**

**DATE:** May 16  
**LOCATION:** Farmington Hills Manor (23666 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills)  
**TIME:** 6:30 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** The event will feature a dinner, live auction and a comedy performance. All proceeds benefit Northville's New Hope Center for Grief Support. Tickets are \$50, \$30 of which is tax-deductible.  
**PHONE:** (248) 348-0115

**Johnson Creek Day 2003**

**DATE:** May 17  
**LOCATION:** Call for info  
**TIME:** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** A nature walk, river cleaning and trout release will be part of the day's events. Registration is required.  
**PHONE:** (734) 761-1010 / [mwest@alnm.com](mailto:mwest@alnm.com)

**American Cancer Society Relay For Life**

**DATE:** May 17-18  
**LOCATION:** Ford Field-Northville  
**TIME:** Starts 10 a.m. May 17 (runs for 24 consecutive hours)  
**DETAILS:** The team event celebrates cancer survivorship, honors those who have died from cancer and helps raise awareness of cancer. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.  
**PHONE:** (248) 557-5353

**Downtown Northville 16th annual Flower Sale**

**DATE:** May 23, 24  
**LOCATION:** Downtown Northville  
**TIME:** 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. (May 23); 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (May 24)  
**DETAILS:** More than 15 area greenhouses will have flowers for sale.  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-0488

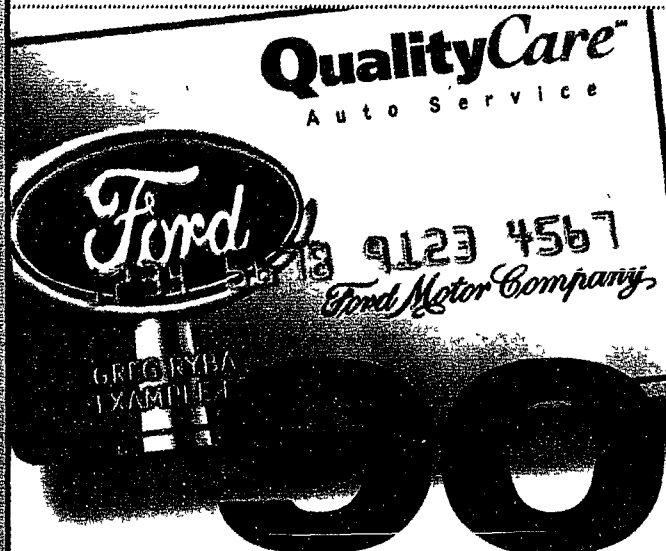
**Mill Race Village 12th Annual Plant Swap**

**DATE:** May 24  
**LOCATION:** Mill Race Village (west side of Griswold, north of Main Street)  
**TIME:** 8 a.m. - noon  
**DETAILS:** Bring excess plants for trading with fellow gardeners. The Northville department of Public Works will have composted leaf mulch available.  
**PHONE:** (248) 348-1845

**Northville Memorial Day Parade**

**DATE:** May 26  
**LOCATION:** Downtown Northville (ends at Rural Hill Cemetery)  
**TIME:** Starts at 10 a.m.  
**DETAILS:** Attendants are asked not to walk or bike in front of parade marchers. Persons bringing pets to the parade should clean up after them.  
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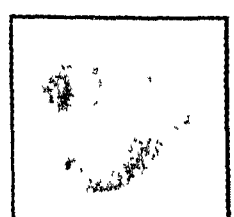
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# At the top of their game

## Girls' golf team wins Hartland Best Ball, dual meets

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

It's nice to be at the top of your game and winning — especially where there's improvements to be made.

The Northville Mustangs girls' golf team earned a seventh-place finish in the Grosse Ile Invitational April 12 before beating Walled Lake Western 181-206 in a division meet April 14 and Canton 187-206 April 15. The Mustangs also took home the victory in the Hartland Best Ball Tournament April 16 with 249 points.

"It's the second year that they've held the event," Northville coach Trish Murray said of the Hartland Tournament. "It's the second year they've had it and the second year we've won it."

Last season, the Mustangs won the event by a single stroke, this year they topped the nearest competition by 11.

The format of the event has each team with three sets of two golfers competing. At the end of the day, they add up all of the combined scores for a single team score.

The team of Allison Grant-

and Marie Snyder led the way for the Mustangs with a combined 82 as Snyder collected a 42 on the day and Grant shot a staggering 40 on the very tough course at Dunham Hills. Andrea Fillipps and Therese Juthage collected an 83, 41 and 42 respectively, while Layne Scherer shot a 41 and Kelly Harrison recorded a 43 for a total of 84 on the day.

"They worked well together," Murray said of the teams. "This kind of tournament puts them in a position where they get to enjoy each other's company for a couple of hours."

The squad was excited over their 11-stroke victory, and it marked a good way for the squad to end the beginning of the season before heading into spring break this week.

"It's nice to go on vacation with something good happening," Murray noted.

Against the Plymouth Canton Chiefs the day before, the Mustangs played a good game at Plymouth's home course of Hilltop. Though the squad was on strange ground, they managed to turn in a nice performance as they outplayed the Chiefs 187-206.

**"It wasn't a bad performance for our first division dual meet. I'm happy with it right now, but I told the girls we can't just sit back on our laurels either."**

Trish Murray  
Northville girls' golf coach

Scherer was the medalist on the day, collecting a 46, while Fillipps, Snyder and Juthage all shot 47s for the Mustangs. Harrison, a senior, notched a 49 and Shannon Lewicki rounded out the squad with a team-high 52.

"It was a pretty windy day," Murray said, noting that it wasn't just the Mustangs that had to suffer through it. "Everyone had to adjust to it, not just us"

The Northville linksters had a good showing against the Warriors of Walled Lake Western as well, beating them at home 181-206.

Scherer was the medalist once again, this time at Tanglewood Golf Course, while Fillipps, Snyder and Juthage all shot 46s for the Northville victory.

Not scoring, but turning in nice rounds for the Mustangs were Lewicki, who collected a 48 on the outing, and Grant, who shot a 52.

"Shannon was a little disappointed," Murray said of Lewicki's 48 — a score that would have probably scored for most teams and in most dual meets. "It wasn't a bad performance for our first division dual meet. I'm happy with it right now, but I told the girls we can't just sit back on our laurels either."

The Mustangs are hoping to start shooting in the 170s once the squad gets back from spring break.

"We are going to need to be in the 170s with some of our toughest competition coming up," Murray said. "If we want to be competitive in the

Regional and against some of the better teams, we're going to have to be below 180 to have a good chance."

Murray noted that her squad is looking at improving their short game of chips and putts — where many consider golf to be won and lost. To that end, each player is carrying around a small golf score sheet that helps them keep track of their shots and if they are reaching the fairway off the tee, getting on the green in time and avoiding the costly extra strokes.

"It helps them realize where they need to improve and where their strokes are being used," Murray said. "Each of them are starting to see where they can shave their scores down a little."

The Mustangs will return to action April 28 when they host Franklin in a Western Lakes Activities Association match-up. Northville is also slated to visit Churchill April 30.

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# It could happen to you!

It's enough to make me wince. Well, not really.

No, no —

it's not that Spring Break is going to leave me high and dry when it comes to sports this upcoming week, because I'll make it work and fill the pages any way. It's not that I'm stuck

here in Northville while the kids that I write about each week are off frolicking in the sand. Well, maybe I'm winning a little over that one.

Anyway, it's all the injuries that I'm concerned about.

I'm not wanting to jinx anyone here, but you have to know the truth about Spring Break. It's not some fun-in-the-sun, relaxing vacation. It's a madhouse of injuries waiting to happen.

Some of these kids, they are going to be running around recklessly, playing games and racing their buddies to get to the buffet first. Others will — gasp! — stretch from their place on the towel situated over the hot sand in order to reach the cooler where their refreshments are smothered in ice. And some, and I'm shaking my head at the thought, might even wear themselves out swimming in 60-degree water too long.

All of this, and the many other possibilities that are out there, is just disaster waiting to happen. Let's take our track stars for example. What if a couple of our guys on the relay team get tans? That coloration has to add some weight, right? About a 1/100ths of an ounce I'd venture to guess. And what does that extra weight do? That's right, it slows them down. I can see it already. The squad turned in a 1:44.58 before they left on break, and next week they'll turn in a 1:44.59. Disaster!

And how about the girls on the soccer team? You know that sand that gets in between your toes is impossible to get out. You scrub, you bathe, shower, scrub, shower, scrub, bathe — and it's still there! What's going to happen? The first game back, one of our girls is going to have an annoying little piece of sand — just a granule round you — that will have survived the intense trip back to Michigan. In just the most inappropriate time, like when she's about to kick a goal, that sand is going to strike! The result? The ball travels 1/12ths of a millimeter to the right! That could easily be the difference between a nice smooth kick that finds the back of the net and one that looks a bit choppy before it goes in. Horrible!

And how about baseball and softball, eh? That bright sun in those tropical locations is just a killer. Some of our players might be down there, right now, feeling the adverse effects of the brilliance. And you know what happens then, don't you? Their eyes will adjust to that sunlight, and when they come back, everything will look a little dreary and dull. The consequence? Their response time will be slowed by 1/1,000,000 fraction of a nanosecond, thus resulting in a late swing at the ball. Instead of hitting it to left-center, the ball is going to fly to left-left center — about a millimeter left of where it would have been! Disgusting!

The possibilities are just staggering, and I'm going to quit tossing them out there so that I won't worry the coaches, fans and parents of these "vacationing" student-athletes any more than they already are. Let's just hope, for the sake of these kids and our own, that all of them come back no worse for wear, and had a good time while avoiding all these horrid encounters with paradise.

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## GAME OF THE WEEK



## SPRING BREAK HORRORS

WHAT YOUR TRAVEL AGENT DIDN'T TELL YOU



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

A Northville-Nowi Knight gets gang tackled by rugby players from Washtenaw Co. in a home meet in April.

# Rugby football club splits contests

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

You win some, and you lose some — that's just the nature of sports.

The Northville-Nowi Knights rugby football club is well aware of that, and they take what they get and learn from the rest.

In a game against a tough team from Washtenaw April 16, the Knights found themselves on the wrong end of a losing score as they fell 12-5 in their first home game, which was played at Hillside Middle School on the football field.

Prior to that, in a make-up game at Howell, the Knights were on the opposite end of the win/loss column as they beat the Highlanders 15-9.

Against their foes from Washtenaw, the Knights started the game off right. The first score of the game came off a try as Kyle Teevens was propelled into the try-zone by a shove from big Mike Subu. Teevens managed to touch the ball down for the five-point score.

Heading into the half, the Knights held on to a tight lead, 5-0, after their extra-points kick sailed wide following their try. Unfortunately for the combined Northville-Nowi squad, that would be all the offense they would muster — the second half would be Washtenaw's.

The Knights, minus a major offensive scoring threat, couldn't get the ball moving like they wanted. The Washtenaw defense

jammed the Knights backwards until they pinned them and took possession away before scoring a five-point try of their own to tie the game after they missed the extra-points attempt.

As time continued to race off the clock in the second half, Washtenaw went on the offensive and took advantage of multiple open-field runs before they jaunted into the try-zone for the score against a cold and worn-down Knights defense before tacking on the two-point kick to seal the victory, 12-5.

**Knights 15, Highlanders 9**

The Howell Highlanders made it look as though the Knights rugby football club was in trouble in their opening drive.

After pounding their way down the field, sustaining an impressive drive, the Highlanders notched the first points of the game, 3-0, with a penalty kick.

But, the Knights were quick to respond and were far from out of the contest. Taking a sweet lateral from Ben Shocar, left wing David Ruprecht sprinted down the pitch before notching a quick try before Max Meyer tacked on the extra points for a 7-3 Knights advantage.

With the wind at their backs and the Knights finding themselves on the wrong end of two penalties, the Highlanders were able to end the half with the lead in their favor. Two penalty kicks found Howell up 9-7, but that would be all the offense their squad would capitalize on.

The second half was an impressive one for the Knights. With the wind now in their favor, Northville-Nowi capitalized on a penalty kick of their own off the foot of Matt Haggerty to go up 10-9 in the contest. The final score of the game came off of a try by Teevens, who touched the ball down in the zone late in the second half for the 15-9 victory.

The game was a close one for the Knights, who watched as two additional penalty kicks of Howell's sailed wide thanks to the difficulty of kicking into the wind.

The ruggers even found themselves with an injury to stellar kicker Meyer, who took a head-to-head blow and left the game with a gash on his forehead, though he is expected to recover fully.





Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville's Devon Rupley competes in the 4x200 meter relay in an April home meet as the Mustangs hosted Canton High.

## Freshman Kari Oshanski takes first in the 100-meter hurdles

■ It's not enough to help Northville top Chargers in a Western Lakes Activities Association meet

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

It's tough to beat a team that's on a high note, and that's exactly where Livonia Churchill was when Northville ran into them April 16.

The Mustangs, who are coached by Nancy Smith, couldn't top the undefeated Chargers and ultimately fell 79-57 in a Western Lakes Activities Association dual meet.

The Mustangs found themselves earning only one victory in the field events, and that came off of a tough performance by junior Amanda Crawford, who cleared 6-foot-6 in the pole vault.

The Chargers were too tough in the other events as Nia Henderson won the shot put with a throw of 38-feet-4 25, as well as the discus with a throw of 123-4. Rebecca Fedrigo won the high jump with a clearing of 4-10, and the long jump with a leap of 14-7.

The Northville squad had some better successes on the track, but still ended up falling short. Devon Rupley won the 400 with an impressive time of 1:01.9, as well as the 800 as she finished in a time of 2:27.3.

Northville had an applause-deserving performance from freshman Kari Oshanski, who won the 100-hurdles in an impressive time of 18.2 seconds.

The Mustangs also won three of the four relays, taking the 400 relay in a time of 55.5 seconds and the 800 relay in 1:56.3. The Northville 3,200-meter relay team won in 10:23.9.

Churchill took first in the 1,600-meter relay with a time of 4:22.2, while Fedrigo won the 300 hurdles in 50.3 seconds. Lache' Wilkins was the winner of the 100 dash for the Chargers, finishing in 13.4 seconds, while Alyse White won the 200 in 28.3. Churchill's Micelle Phillips won the 1,600 in 5:34.2 and the two-mile run went to Kylan Cieslak, who won the race in 12:29.3.

The Mustangs are slated to return to action May 1 when they host the Plymouth Salem Rocks in a WLAA dual meet at 3:30 p.m. The boys' squad is also

scheduled to be home against the Rocks that day. Two days later, the girls will travel to Stevenson to compete in the Livonia Stevenson Invitational.

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# Tennis team fights back for 2-2 record

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The Northville Mustangs tennis team is steadily improving as the season wears on, and nothing speaks louder than the way the team has been able to come back from losses.

After a tough showing at the Ann Arbor Huron Invitational, the Mustangs were on the wrong end of a loss to Walled Lake Western, 5-3, April 14. Just two days later, they came back strong and defeated a tough Plymouth Canton squad 5-3.

Against the Canton Chiefs, the Mustangs found themselves sweeping the singles flights as Jason Spruit took home a victory in first singles while Adam O'Donnell earned his stripes with a victory in second singles.

Brian Vensette blasted his opponent in three singles and Colin Ackerman slapped a loss to the Canton fourth singles netter as he helped the Mustangs earn a sweep in the singles flights.

Securing the victory and earning the only doubles win for Northville were Matt Lewicki and Chris Irvine, who earned a win at first doubles to seal the win.

The victory over the Plymouth Canton netters helped the Mustangs climb to a 2-2 dual-meet record on the season.

Two days prior, against Walled Lake Western, the wins were all over the board as the Mustangs fell 5-3 against their Western Lakes Activities Association opponents.

Vensette earned another victory in that contest, this time in fourth singles, while Ackerman and

Irvine combined for a victory at one doubles. Nish Valecha and Ashtyn Saltz were the other victors for the Northville tennis squad, earning a win against the Warriors at fourth doubles.

At the Ann Arbor Huron Invitational, the Mustangs took on some of the toughest squads around as they earned two second-place finishes. O'Donnell, playing at two singles in the tournament, finished second for the Northville netters, while Brad Farris and Robbie Austin earned a second-place finish of their own at three doubles.

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# Lacrosse edges Holt

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

In an opening home game, a team always seems to want one of two things. Either they want to blow out their opponents and keep the cheers coming from the stands, or they keep it close for the "oohs" and the "aahs."

No doubt, the Northville Mustangs varsity lacrosse team earned themselves plenty of oohing and aahing as they cranked up the score and edged out a tough Holt team 10-7 in their grand opening at Maybury Park April 15.

In the opening minutes of the first quarter, both squads tested the waters as they pushed on the defenses and found out just what they were going to be capable of doing in the contest — and then the sky opened up and it started raining goals.

The Holt squad struck first for a quick, but short-lived, 1-0 lead before sophomore middle Mike Montucciolo drove into the defense and notched a goal for Northville to knot the game at 1-1.

Minutes later, senior attack Mike Dawson kept his eyes peeled and found senior Rick Riegner crossing through the defense. Riegner, who has been a scoring fanatic this season, added yet another goal to his totals for the 2-1 lead.

Holt tied the game up as the clock continued to wind down in

the first quarter. The ball came loose during a quick scramble in front of the Northville goal and managed to dribble into the net for the score. The Mustangs wouldn't be deterred though, and recaptured the lead as Dawson fought off the Holt defenders long enough to get a pass to Montucciolo, who slammed the score in with a quick bounce into the back of the next.

The second quarter found the Mustangs utilizing some impressive passing through the box, and some agonizing shots that found the Holt goalie standing on his head to make the saves that kept the game stagnant, 3-2.

As time expired in the half, the Mustang defense found Holt tying the game 3-3 thanks to a lack of action throughout most of the quarter that lulled them into relaxing — it was a mistake they wouldn't make in the third quarter.

The third was, quite simply, dominated by the Northville Mustangs. Freshman middle Max Lenn slammed home the fourth goal, with assists from Dawson and senior middle Ryan Grigsby before notching another for a 5-3 lead just second later on an unassisted rebound shot.

Minutes later, Dawson took a deep pass from Montucciolo and shouldered his way through the defense before slamming home the sixth Mustang goal of the day. Shortly after, Lenn scored his third on the day for a sweet hat-

trick before Riegner padded the lead with a timely goal for the 8-3 Northville advantage.

The only Holt goal of the third quarter came as time was running out, but the Mustangs were determined to end the period on top and Grigsby did exactly that as he took advantage of an opening the goalie provided him for a 9-4 lead with the assist being credited to Dawson once again.

The fourth quarter was a physical pounding for both squads. Holt, determined not to let the game slip away, stepped up their offensive and defensive play and earned a quick goal for their effort to shear the Northville lead to 9-5.

The only Mustang score of the quarter came just minutes later as Dawson scooped up an errant Holt pass just inside the box and, with three defenders hot on his heels, he slammed the goal home to push the lead to five goals.

Holt earned two more scores to end the game with a 10-7 loss, but would have been more likely to win had it not been for the effort of goalie Dan Schaumann and defensemen Will Holden and Leo Svoboda. Schaumann made some spectacular saves to keep the game out of reach, while Holden and Svoboda made themselves a presence that was felt by the Holt offensive unit.

The Mustangs are slated to be off until after spring break, after which all home games are scheduled to be played at the Northville Community Park.

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# 'Stangs get two from Lions

■ Northville wins both games of double header

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

It's hard to keep up a top-notch level of play through every contest. To ask players to do so would not only burn them out, but also eventually find a team falling short on their ultimate goals for the season.

Northville baseball coach Mickey Newman fully realizes that his players gave a great defensive presence through the first five games of the season, and for them to finally buckle for a single inning wasn't something he was about to get upset about.

"That's just the way it goes," Newman said of a first inning against John Glenn that found the Rockets scoring four goals off of four errors, which ultimately led to a 8-4 victory over the Mustangs. "They're bound to have things come down around them now and then. They played great defense for the first five games of the season, and it all crashed down in one inning. They recovered."

Senior hurler Tyler Carter took the loss on the day, pitching 4 1/3 innings before fellow pitcher Joe Zumstein took over the mound duties and gave up no earned runs in his efforts.

The Mustangs found themselves down 4-0 before Jimmy Riehl cranked out a two-out single that scored two runners to cut the Rockets' lead to 4-2. Unfortunately for the Northville squad, the Rockets were up to the task, and scored four more runs in the fifth off of some key gap hitting.

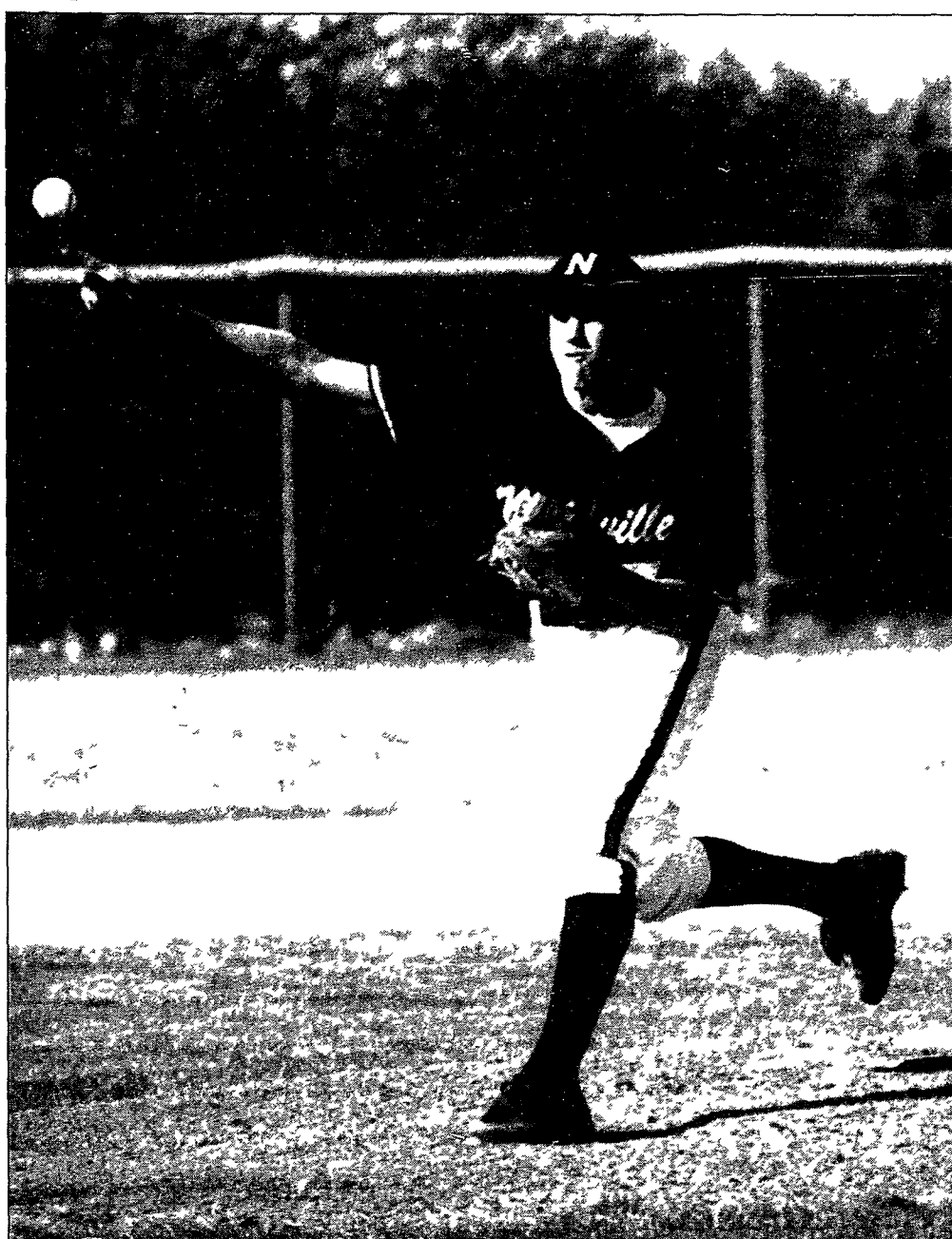
"They found some holes in our defense," Newman said.

Northville came back in the sixth inning and scored two more runs off of a base hit by senior Roger Garfield, followed up by a wild pitch that found a Mustang trotting over the plate. Unfortunately, it was all the offense the Northville hitters would bring, and the Rockets walked away with the victory.

The only hits on the day came from Garfield, who went 2-for-3 and scored twice along with his RBI. Riehl's two-run single and sophomore Matt Williams, who also had a single.

**Northville over South Lyon**  
The Northville Mustangs had themselves quite the double header April 14 when they hosted, and beat, the Kensington Valley Conference's South Lyon Lions in both games.

The Mustangs followed the pitching of junior Mark Sorensen as the collected 12 strike outs and



Junior hurler Mark Sorensen lets a sweet curve loose as he throws a strike against a South Lyon batter in the first game of a double header. The Mustangs won the game.

Photo by SAM EGGLESTON

gave up only three hits while walking two in six innings.

"He throws strikes and he throws fast," Newman said. "He gets batters out and he gets that quick. We'll be seeing him pitch a lot for us."

The Mustangs were able to capture the opening game of the double header 9-2 as their bats were on fire and, as a team, they had only two strike outs against them.

The offensive producer on the day was Williams, who went 2-for-2 and knocked in three runners with two doubles and scored twice himself.

Brett Asher collected two hits and batted in three runs on the night, while Zumstein went 2-for-3 and scored twice.

Alex Pulliam collected a two-run dinger as well in the winning effort.

The nightcap found the Mustangs playing tighter defense and winning 6-2. Garfield earned the win, going five innings and giving up three hits while walking five and fanning six. Asher, who came in as relief in the sixth, struck out one and held the Lions

scoreless in the inning.

Brandon Buckley was swinging hard in the game, collecting a double, a triple and a home run as he knocked in three runs and scored three times in the game. Brian Tellish had an RBI double and Riehl had an RBI.

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(4-24-03 NR 50565)

## SYNOPSIS APRIL 17, 2003 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, April 17, 2003

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: 41600 W. Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Abbo at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mark Abbo, Supervisor, Sue Hillebrand, Clerk, Richard Henningsen, Treasurer, Margorie Banner, Trustee, Marv Gans, Trustee, Brad Werner, Trustee, Excused Absence Shirley Klokkenka

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas: Approve Consent & Regular Agenda - approved
- Appointments, Petitions, Resolutions & Announcements:  
A: Appointment of Audrey Mistor-Jackman to Beautification Commission (3 yr. term) - approved Presentation from "Johnson Creek" Protection Group
- Public Hearing: None
- Brief Public Comments & Questions: A member of the audience questioned the Board regarding the recreation survey and budget deficit.
- New Business:  
A. Municipal Project: Furniture Bids - approved  
B. Municipal Project: Material Testing Services - approved  
C. Plante & Moran - Financial Audit - approved  
D. Parks & Recreation/Senior Budget - approved  
E. Senior Center Recommendation - approved  
F. Millennium Park Maintenance Bldg. expansion - approved  
G. Municipal Project: 1st Construction Payment - approved  
H. Community Park Concept Plan - approved  
I. Intergovernmental Agreement - Beck Road - Tabled  
J. Utility Easements - approved  
K. Household Hazardous Waste Collection - approved  
L. Fire Department Pension - approved  
M. Decision from Closed Session - Fire Union Contract - approved  
N. Property Purchase Agreement - approved
- Unfinished Business: None
- Ordinances: None
- Bills Payable: Bills payable in the amount of \$925,070.92 - approved
- Board Communication: Reports from the following people were given: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Dick Henningsen, Chip Snider, Marv Gans, Margorie Banner, and Brad Werner
- Any Other Business that may properly be brought before the Board of Trustees: None
- Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned 10:02 p.m.

(4-24-03 NR 51563)

MARK J. ABBO, SUPERVISOR  
SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK

This is a synopsis; a true copy of the minutes will be available April 30, 2003 from the Clerk's office by calling 248-348-5800 ext. 253 or by e-mail: shillebrand@northvillermich.com.

## SPORTS SHORTS

### Golf Lessons Available

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### Junior Golf Clinics

Tanglewood Golf Club and head instructor/PGA professional Tom Shaw are hosting the 2003 Tanglewood Junior Clinic this summer. The clinic is open to children ages 7-13 and consists of four three-hour classes.

The clinics will be held on the following dates:

- Clinic 1: June 17, 19 and 24 from 9 a.m.-noon and June 26 from 8-11 a.m.
- Clinic 2: July 8, 10 and 15 from 9 a.m.-noon and July 17 from 8-11 a.m.
- Clinic 3: July 23, 25, and 30 from 9 a.m.-noon and August 1 from 8-11 a.m.

The price of each clinic is \$130 per person with the price including lessons, lunch, trophies and a souvenir. Each clinic is limited to 26 kids, so call (248) 486-3355, ext. 26 and ask for Tom Shaw to register or to get more information.

### Sports Injuries Class

Henry Ford Health Systems and Dr. Lanny Orr will be holding a class on preventing and treating sports injuries at any age.

Dr. Orr is a chiropractic physician working with the Henry Ford Health Systems' Complementary and Integrative Medicine program

The class will run May 21 from 7-9 p.m. and costs \$5 per person. Those wishing to attend should contact Henry Ford Health Systems at (248) 380-6201.

### Northville Football Meeting

The Northville Football Parents Association will be holding a parent orientation meeting May 7 at 7:07 p.m. at Northville High School. All parents of incoming freshmen, junior varsity and varsity football players are urged to attend.

Coaches are scheduled to discuss the upcoming season, football camps and dates as well as the planned fundraising activities. Come and be a part of a winning program

### Colts Football and Cheerleading Registration

Open registration for the 2003 Northville-Colts football and Cheerleading squads will take place from April 1 through May 3. Registration forms are available at the Novi Civic Center and a birth certificate must be included with the form.

A public lottery will be held at the Novi Civic Center May 3 at 10 a.m. to determine the team rosters. Forms will be pulled randomly and given a number in the event a waiting list is necessary. It is not necessary to arrive early or to be present.

The squads will consist of freshmen (ages 8-9), junior varsity (10-11) and varsity (12-13). Children must be above the ages by August 1, 2003 for both football and cheerleading and certain weight restrictions may apply.

For more details, call Bill or Renee Ince at (248) 349-6734.

### Umpire Clinic

Northville's Umpires Association (NUA) is currently looking for people (at least 14 years of age) interested in becoming umpires. Umpiring allows individuals to stay involved with the game, practice leadership skills and earn some great money as well.

Scheduling is very flexible. NUA will be holding its annual Umpire Clinic at Northville Township Hall/Henningsen Park May 3 from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and May 4 from noon-4 p.m. Clinic attendance is mandatory.

Questions should be directed to Bob Boshoven, umpire director, at (248) 347-5915.

## LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION  
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TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 9, 2003

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2003, IS MONDAY, MAY 12, 2003. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 12, 2003, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.

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This notice is given by order of the board of education.

SECRETARY,  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

### ADDENDUM

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of Schoolcraft Community College, Michigan, will be held in conjunction with the Regular School Election

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# No calm before the storm

## Novi's Ime Akpan trying not to think about the NFL draft

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

How many young children come up through the ranks of pee-wee football thinking they want to be in the National Football League? Lots.

How many of those kids hold onto the dream as they play in middle school and high school? Plenty.

And just how many still have a fighting chance after playing college football, with the NFL draft approaching and the excitement in the air? Only a small percentage of those who dreamt about it originally.

Novi's Ime Akpan is one of that small percentage. After collecting 1,282 yards over 11 games for the Eastern Michigan University Eagles in his senior year, Akpan's dream is still alive as his numbers made him the third-best running-back in the nation when comparing statistics.

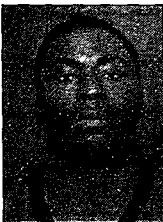
Even after working out for teams like the Detroit Lions and

the Oakland Raiders, Akpan said that it's not so much the nerves that are getting to him.

"I'm more anxious than I am nervous," he said. "I'm anxious to see where I'm going to be at and where I'm going to go. I can't say I'm nervous, because I know I'm going to go somewhere."

Akpan is an impressive sight, standing at 6-foot-1 and tipping the scales at 230 pounds. His size is deceiving to many, as his speed across open ground and through tight holes in the offensive line are what helped him burn most defenses for a 111 yards per game average.

With the draft starting on Saturday and running through Sunday, there is a lot of time for Akpan to sit back and think about where he'll go and when his name



Ime Akpan

will be called. Until then, he's avoiding most of the mock-draft websites and just trying to relax.

"I'm just playing video games and hanging around friends," Akpan said. "I'm trying not to think about it too much, but it's still in my head."

In fact, it's been something that has been in Akpan's head since he was little. A dream that developed while he was just a kid in football pads was stated clearly with a letter he wrote home from camp.

"He wrote me a letter that said he wanted to win the Heisman and be the number one draft pick," Akpan's mother, Mildred, said. "I've been looking for that letter, and I'm sure I'll find it."

Akpan's mother and father, Edward, still reside in Novi, and both are not only excited, but confident as well.

"A lot of people have him going high," Mildred said. "We are so excited for him and we hope he goes the first day. This is what he has always wanted. We know he'll do it, but we just have to wait and

see what happens."

Akpan, who is set to graduate from Eastern this spring with a major in communication and a minor in business marketing, has seen the interiors of plenty of professional training facilities to this point. He's worked out for the Lions, the Raiders, the Seattle Seahawks, the Cincinnati Bengals, the Minnesota Vikings, the Miami Dolphins, the Indianapolis Colts and the New York Giants — just to name a few.

"A lot of teams have seen me," Akpan said. "I feel that I compare with everyone that are expected to be selected, if not beat them, in all the tests I've done."

The work outs consists of having height and weight measured, vertical jumps, standing broad jumps, 40-yard dash and agility testing. Akpan said for a strength test, he was required to bench 225 pounds as many times as he could and did some position-specific drills such as catching the ball or running through an obstacle course.

"I feel I did real well and performed close to the best of my abilities," Akpan said, and noted that going all out isn't easy. "It's a lot different in those circumstances when you're just working out with teams rather than actually doing it out on the field. It's something you have to adjust to."

The hype hasn't avoided Akpan either. Phone calls and interviews from media outlets and sports writers have basically become a daily thing for him, as have the questions from his fellow students at Eastern Michigan.

"They are always asking me where I feel I'm going to go," Akpan said. "I'm thankful people are calling me and paying attention to what's going on. I enjoy being in the spotlight."

And in the spotlight is where he intends to be for some time to come. Akpan said that in the worst-case scenario, he doesn't get drafted — but that's not going to deter him any.

"My agent said that even if I don't get drafted, I'll be playing

somewhere," Akpan said. "I'll be a free agent, and that's not a bad thing. I'll be with a team come the first game of 2003."

Akpan said that he's thankful for all of the support he's received throughout his career. From his family and friends, to the fans at Novi High School, where he played football in 1996-98 and rushed for nearly 1,000 yards.

"It's been a while since I've been there," Akpan said of the high school. "Some of the people I've talked to seem excited for me, and I hope they'll definitely be watching to see where I go."

Akpan's mother hopes everyone watches.

"He's going to make Novi proud," she said. "He's going to make everyone else proud of him too."

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# Softball team loses close one to John Glenn Rockets

By Michael Zerkich  
SPECIAL WRITER

Last Wednesday the weather was more in line with running an Alaskan dog sled race than a girls' softball game.

With a wind-chill in the teens and a gusty north wind of 25 mph Northville lost to Westland John Glenn in a barn-burner 3-2.

Losing pitcher for the Mustangs was sophomore Jane Kruszewski who threw a brilliant game. Kruszewski stuck out 6 Rockets and only walked two even though her frozen hands could barely grip the ball.

In the end, the arctic conditions caused the outcome of the game to be decided on base running and errors.

Northville opened the game

with a walk in the bottom of the 2nd inning and a stolen base. One passed ball and a catcher error allowed the Mustangs to record a short-lived 1-0 lead.

John Glenn answered with a two-run third with a lead off double, single, and another single before both their runners scored on a over throw to third base.

Not to be denied Northville scored on a single, a stolen base, a single, and then a passed ball that allowed the tying run to score.

Obviously, the weather conditions were brutal for the pitchers but for the catchers on both teams their fingers were frozen, painful, and numb.

The top of the fifth inning sealed Northville's fate with Westland starting its inning with

a lead off double. A walk and an in-field single loaded the bases. Kruszewski stuck out the next two hitters and worked the count to 3-2 on the next batter who squibbed a dribbler off the end of their bat perfectly down the line.

In both the 5th, 6th, and 7th innings the Mustangs had the tying run in on second or third but couldn't bring them in.

The Northville Mustangs' next game is at home on Wednesday, April 30 against Livonia Stevenson with the start time slated for 4 p.m.

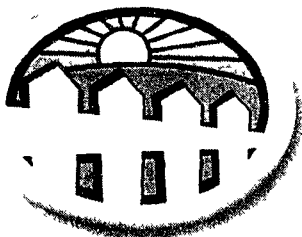
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# ENTERTAINMENT

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## SCREEN BEAT

By Brian Renner  
THE MOVIE INSIDER

Coming to theaters this week-end is the comedy **"It Runs in the Family"** which follows three generations of a highly successful New York family, The Grombergs, who each in their own way, live separate lives but find a couple moments in time to come together through laughter and tears and remind themselves that they are attached by blood. Mitchell Gromberg (Kirk Douglas), the patriarch, is having difficulty coming to grips with his mortality. His son, Alex (Michael Douglas), has spent his life trying not to duplicate his father's mistakes, while Alex's eldest son, Asher (Cameron Douglas), a rebellious student, tries to cope with life, love and rock 'n' roll in today's society. **"It Runs in the Family"** is a MGM release and rated PG-13 for drug content, sexual material and language.

Thriller **"Identity"** follows ten complete strangers who are stranded at a remote deserted motel during a raging storm who soon find them being murdered... as their numbers thin out, they turn on each other, as each tries to figure out who is the killer. The film stars John Cusack, Jake Busey, Rebecca DeMornay, Clea DuVall and Ray Liotta. **"Identity"** is a Sony Pictures release and rated R for strong violence and language.

The hottest trend in television finally makes a jump to the big screen with **"The Real Cancun."** Casting was done at colleges across the country to assemble a unique cast of real people ready to explore reality's barriers beyond the limits of television while on the ultimate Spring Break vacation in Cancun, Mexico. Bonds will be forged, friendships tested and hearts broken, all amidst a backdrop of non-stop partying. Director Rick De Oliveira explains, "Going to this movie is like watching your favorite reality show on steroids, but everything will be bigger, better and stronger. And you don't even have to be a fan of reality TV to enjoy this movie, because it's so accessible." **"The Real Cancun"** is a New Line release and rated R for strong sexuality/nudity and language.

Action-thriller **"Confidence"** is the story of a con man (Edward

Burns) whose latest scam puts him in debt with the mafia, but it turns out that his victim, an accountant, is a mob accountant, leading the kingpin (Dustin Hoffman) to hire an enforcer (Andy Garcia) to shadow his every move, even as the con man and his crew work to pull off another scam for the mob to pay off the debt completely before they come collecting. **"Confidence"** is a Lions Gate release and rated R for language, violence, and nudity.

**Next week**  
Second sci-fi thriller **"X2: X-Men United"** (PG-13) and kids' comedy **"The Lizzie McGuire Movie"** (PG)

**Video and DVD**  
Controversial drama **"The Believer"** (R), emotionally charged drama **"Bloody Sunday"** (R), spooky thriller **"Darkness Falls"** (PG-13), Mexican drama **"The Crime of Padre Amaro"** (R) and documentary **"Standing in the Shadows of Motown"** (PG).

## 'Monsters' is an instant gaming classic

By Sam Eggleston  
ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Monsters? I'm talking about things like Dracula and the wolf-man, right? Nope, I'm talking about those gargantuan creatures that terrorized places like Tokyo and New York.

These aren't the things that stalk in the night, these monsters are the things that rule the land.

Back, long before I was a wee baby, monsters like King Kong and Godzilla ruled the lands. Finally, after a long-enough wait, a company has decided to bring those monsters back.

Sony Computer Entertainment's **"War of the Monsters"** is a game in which the gamer takes control of one of several enormous monsters that threaten to take over the world.

Once you begin your first trek into the game, you'll hear the sounds of monster movies and see a large drive-in movie screen that sets the tone of the game.

Projected on the screen is the monster of your choosing, from a

giant praying mantis, to a King-Kong wannabe called Congar.

Every monster has the ability to grab, punch and throw one another across a selection of cities and areas. In this environment, buildings become destructible obstacles, and everything from cars to steel beams and building pieces become weapons. Just pick up a

car, whip it at your opponent, or choose to hang on to it and beat him to a pulp with it. Sometimes, sharp objects like the massive antennae that sit atop buildings, can be used to impale your opponent to momentarily paralyze them and make them defenseless against your attacks.

The first thing my wife said when she saw me playing the

game was that it looked like the old arcade game **"Rampage."** The

idea may be close to the same, but greatly expanded on, making **"War of the Monsters"** a Rampage-like game on steroids.

The controls are fairly easy to learn, which will prove a very positive thing

for the younger gamers or those with little game-playing experience, and the graphics provide players with great-looking, though cartoonish, monsters to control and impressive looking cities that await their destruction.

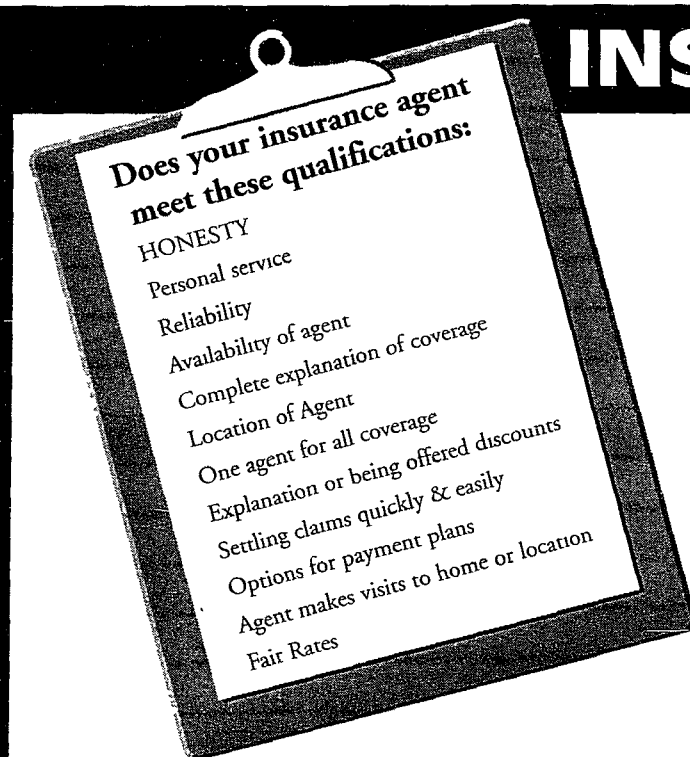
The music and sound effects are pretty much what a gamer

would expect from a game about a war of classic-movie monsters. People screaming, cars honking and music playing are all part of the carnage that goes on about the monsters as they smash and bash their way to victories and losses in this fighting game.

This game should prove to be a fun one for those who like party games as well. Multiplayer action is where this game is at its best, and the more the merrier when you're trying to set up a fun bracket to see who's the best of the best among you and your friends.

Monster fans will be taken back to the good-old days and the game play doesn't make it the kind of platform that finds you hitting the Internet for the right move combination or cheat code.

Though not quite a "must-have" for fighting game fanatics, **"War of the Monsters"** is a great way to introduce someone into the genre or just have a little fun while escaping from the blood-and-gore styles that are elsewhere in the gaming world.



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## 'Splinter Cell' brings novels to life

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ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Well, Playstation 2 gamers can take a deep breath and relax — "Splinter Cell" has managed to make it's way onto their system.

"Splinter Cell" is a tale of covert intrigue that reminds one of sitting down and reading a Tom Clancy novel. Strangely enough, the game was based on the works of Clancy himself.

Gamers take the role of Sam Fisher, a National Security Agency operative, who uses his sneaky abilities to uncover an evil terrorist group's plans to disrupt the world as we know it. The mission, if gamers choose

to accept it, is to infiltrate high-security buildings and collect super secret information.

The game takes place in the not-so-distant future, and finds gamers maneuvering Fisher through the shadows in hopes of avoiding detection from the enemy. Right away, gamers will adjust to the venue, and find the thought of not only sneaking about, but also dispatching those who stand in their way, a very quick one to accept.

The first thing that many gamers will notice is the impressive visual and audio packaging that makes "Splinter Cell" such a great buy. Though it isn't quite the staggering visuals that the Xbox managed to produce, the game still packs quite the punch.

Players cast their own shadows, the lighting plays a big role in the realistic feel and stealth of the game and the audio commentary is a major plus thanks to some of the best voice acting and time changes in music that are available on the PS2 today.

There are only two major complaints I have about this

game, and they aren't really that big of a deal for PS2 owners. The only disappoint-

ment I really had in the Xbox version of the game was the inability to explore areas and find new ways and paths to complete and objective — that hasn't changed on the PS2's version either. You are still stuck in envi-

ronments that are designed to keep you moving in one direction.

The other complaint, and it relates to the Xbox version once again, is that the levels are shortened from the original game. Yeah, there are a couple of added levels and cinematic scenes to fill the void, but I felt rather cheated that the developers felt the need to scale back their impressive work for those with Playstation controllers in their hands. Though the levels are shorter, I have to say that the design hasn't changed and the overall game play remains intact.

Overall, I feel that "Splinter Cell" is a must-have for PS2-gamers. Those who love tales of spying and intrigue will drool

over this title, and those who want one of the best games to hit the Playstation yet will be looking to fork over a few bucks as well.

The game has a lot to offer, from actor Michael Ironside's raspy voice for the main character, and a nice musical score to some of the smoothest movements for games of this kind. This game is a wonderful adventure in the Tom Clancy universe, and a great addition to anyone's collection.

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## VIRTUAL VIC



Dear Virtual Vic,

Recently, I found myself in a bit of a quandary.

Do I buy my girlfriend roses for her birthday or jewelry?

We've been exclusive with one another for just about a year now and I definitely feel that we could be together for some time to come.

I pondered picking up a nice necklace, ear rings or bracelet, but my buddies tell me that she might take it the wrong way and feel I'm moving in with too much pressure, too fast.

Yet, flowers die off and don't

give her something to really hold on to.

Maybe I need a completely different line of thinking, like getting her a gift card to her favorite store or something? What would you suggest?

Presently Puzzled  
in Northville

Dear Presently Puzzled in Northville:

My very first reaction to your question was ROSES? ARE YOU CRAZY?

My second reaction was, I'm sure glad you wrote and asked.

Roses for a birthday gift after a year of dating is like giving your mom — I don't even know what — for Mother's Day.

Crying is the only reaction I picture your girlfriend having after receiving such a perceivably thoughtless gift.

The same goes for a gift card — bad idea!

Do you even know this girl?

Take it from me — a girl — when I tell you the anticipation surrounding a birthday gift at the one-year mark is more about receiving a clue into how you feel about her than a material object to unwrap.

Roses and gift cards are saying the same thing, "I haven't really paid much attention to who you are and what you value, so I just picked up something to give you."

What you want to say with your gift is, "I have spent the past year carefully getting to know you so I picked up a thoughtful gift reflecting the characteristics you possess

that I deeply value.

Pretty smooth, huh?

Jewelry may or may not accomplish this task.

For example giving your girlfriend jewelry just because you found a necklace in your price range, is a big no.

But, let's say for example, on the first day you met your girlfriend, you were both gazing at some stars during a party.

Now a necklace or bracelet with a star charm would be a good gift.

It is a simple gesture with an appropriate sentiment.

It shows her you have been paying attention throughout your year together.

I do understand what your buddies are saying, although I feel their advice is more applicable to the thought behind the gift than the

actual object.

For example, if you purchase a box of tissue to represent every time she has sneezed in the past year along with a calendar marking the date and time you blessed her, that is a little creepy.

Or if you purchase a pair of shackles, symbolizing how you hope she will forever be attached to your side, that too would be going a bit far into the pressure scenario.

And while were on the buddies subject, let's say that you do decide to give her a nice appropriate piece of jewelry.

Do not bend down on one knee in front of her before handing her the box.

I hope you understand what I am trying to say is the thought is always more important than the

material object.

Just remember when you go shopping, think to yourself the acronym WHIPPED.

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT



Chef Mary Brady

Each morning is started off with a soothing cup of tea.

My husband is usually downstairs first, and has turned into quite a brewer.

The wonderful smells of a fruit-based blend are a great eye-opener. The drive to work affords me just enough time for the second cup, a nice relaxation technique before a hectic onset.

During the day, tea gives me a lift when the energy flow is low. And at night, a cup of Sleepy Time acts as a slumber provoker. I don't care if it is my imagination. It works for me.

Although tea will never be as popular as coffee in our country, over the past several years, we have seen the trend toward less caffeine and more flavored teas. The Lipton "Flow Thru" bags are no longer the norm. Now it is Oolong, Lapsang, Darjeeling, Rose Pouchong — much more exciting than the standard "breakfast blend".

Tea drinking originated in China centuries ago, but did not come to America until the 17th century.

Tea has been cultivated there for more than 1,500 years. China dominated tea trading until 1850, after which other countries started to nose their way into the market.

China still grows what are considered the most marvelous teas in the world: black, green

and oolong are manufactured commercially, along with smoked and scented. They are best without milk and with a bit of lemon. Oolong is considered a cross between a black and a green.

India is the world's largest producer and exporter of tea. The British planted tea as early as 1830. There are three main teas that are indigenous to India: Assam, Darjeeling, and Nilgiri. Assam, the first and largest amount of land devoted to tea growing, produces strong black teas. The medium grades are the mainstay of blended English teas and hold up well to milk.

Darjeeling in the foothills of the Himalayas, produces India's most prized teas. Due to the high altitudes, some of these varieties take up to 10 years to

matute. Nilgiri is the high plateau in the south of India. Its teas are used exclusively for blending.

Ceylon (Sri Lanka) is the world's third largest producer and second largest exporter of teas. Teas were first planted there in the 1870s and became a principal cash crop when blight wiped out the country's coffee crop. Early growers and merchants set a high standard of excellence, which is still recognized today. Ceylon teas are "high grown," and are strong but delicate with a bit of bitterness. They are good with milk, but not with lemon.

Tea has been grown and drunk in Japan since the 9th century. It has long played an important role in Japanese life. Green tea is principally produced and the

demand is so great that little, if any, is exported. Exotic teas have been produced for centuries. An early example is Earl Grey, a recipe given to the second Earl Grey in 1830 by a Chinese Mandarin. It is a blend of fine black teas covered with the oil of the Bergamot orange. Ginger, mint, spices, honey, lavender, and almond are illustrations of other essences.

Fruit teas, such as lemon, orange, apple, and coconut are some of my favorites, although flower teas are lovely too. Rose and jasmine can fill a room with summer.

Tisanes, or herd teas, have been used for centuries to relieve every form of distress known to man. They can be made from almost any edible plant.

Elderflower is a mild stimulant, chamomile is a sedative, orange blossom helps ulcers and gastric problems, rosehips are a rich source of vitamin C, cowslip is recommended for skin disorders, and the list goes on and on.

Herbs such as fennel (a blood cleanser), peppermint (good for headaches), and rosemary (a spirit lifter), have been in medicine throughout the years for those who believe in their powers.

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 dybistro@aol.com.

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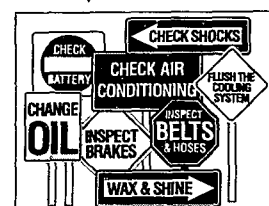
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Thursday, April 24, 2003

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Aufschlager promoted at ACRO Service Corp.

South Lyon resident Greg Aufschlager has been promoted to director of Client Services for Acro Service Corp. in Livonia. The announcement was made by



Aufschlager

Ron Shahani, Acro's founder and president. Aufschlager will direct cross-selling efforts for ACRO's Global Sourcing Services, XRM

Solutions and Technology Consulting Services divisions. Aufschlager previously served as director of the company's Clerical and Light Industrial Services Division (CISD). In his new role, Aufschlager will also continue to oversee CISD.

Aufschlager earned his bachelor's degree in communications from Michigan State University.

Founded in 1982, Livonia-based Acro Service Corp. (Acro) provides collaborative engineering, information technology and human capital management services to the world's leading organizations, including Fortune 500 companies and government entities. Acro ([www.acrocorp.com](http://www.acrocorp.com)) has 31 offices worldwide, including regional centers in Michigan, Tennessee, New Mexico and California.

### Mail Boxes changes names

Northville's Mail Boxes, Etc. store are among the locations across the country converting itself into the new The UPS Store. The store, located at 143 Cady Centre, will maintain hours of operation from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Chamber golf outing

The Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for its 26th annual Four-Person Scramble Golf Outing and have joined forces with the Walled Lake Fire Department for a second time to host a spring charity event.

Firefighters, chamber members and their friends will tee off with a Shotgun Start at 10:30 a.m. June 2 at Milford's Mystic Creek Golf Course. Registration is \$115.00 per golfer for those who register and pay by May 2nd and \$125.00 per golfer for those who don't make up their mind until after May 2nd. Either way you'll get 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, dinner, contests and prizes. For those interested in the dinner only, the cost is \$30.

Proceeds from the outing benefit the Walled Lake Fire Department and the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Business Community. A Chamber spokesman said both groups have a strong commitment to fire prevention education.

Executive Director Jim Zick said, "It is only through the help of our local businesses and community members that we can attain our goal of reaching as many children and families as possible with our message."

To register for this golf outing, call the Chamber office at 248-624-2826. Zick added you can promote your business by sponsoring a hole, contest, or donating a prize.

### New members

The Novi Chamber of Commerce signed up six new members in April. Among them are Telcom Credit Union, 44575 West 12 Mile Rd., Novi; T-Mobile, 25875 Novi Rd., Novi; Masters Green, 1965 Best Dr., Walled Lake; Cold Stone Creamery at Fountainwalk, 44175 12 Mile Rd., Novi; Advanced Window Fashions 3D, Inc., 15690 Edgewood Circle, Plymouth; and Prudential Financial, 101 W. Big Beaver Rd., Ste 705, Troy.

### Business quickie

First there was speed skating. Then there was speed dating. Now there is "Speed Networking." The Novi Chamber of Commerce is holding a Speed Networking event at 5:30 p.m. May 29 in the Lifestyle Cafe Food Court at Twelve Oaks Mall. Light munchies will be served. Business cards will be exchanged rapidly. Registration is limited so call the chamber office at (248) 349-4743 — quickly.



Photo by HAL GOULD

For heating or cooling, this crew's for you: (l to r) Jonh Turowski, Dave Williamson, Marc Kremers, Jeff Bridson, Don Mair, Mary Badalamenti, Caryn Fallert and Paul Fallert.

## Enjoy perfect indoor weather in any season

By Elizabeth Heer  
SPECIAL WRITER

Customer satisfaction is a long-standing tradition of service at Fallert Mechanical Inc. The Green Oak Township company prides itself in providing efficient and professional work, and making sure the customer is happy from start to finish.

Fallert Mechanical has been providing expert installations of residential and commercial heating and cooling systems since Paul Fallert began his company in 1980. In addition to mechanical contracting, Fallert also provides electrical contracting services, gas piping, hot water heat systems, heat pumps and custom duct work for new construction and replacements in existing homes.

Quality is the key to Fallert Mechanical. "We pride ourselves in doing a good job, and we get a lot of compliments on the quality of our work," says Caryn Fallert, Paul's wife and partner. "In fact, customers often comment that our staff is courteous and respectful of their homes. They do the job right the first time."

Paul stresses that he insures his customers stay happy with the expert service they offer as well as the warranty he offers.

"We have a 100 percent guarantee on our equipment. We will replace the equipment

within one year if you are not completely satisfied," he said. "We are a factory authorized Bryant dealer, and we had to meet certain standards to earn this designation. Our staff has met testing standards and also takes ongoing training to insure that they stay up on new technology and any changes in the industry."

Choosing the right heating and cooling professional is an important process. It can make the difference between getting the most comfort and efficiency for your money or getting stuck with a system that doesn't meet your needs. Fallert has a few tips on evaluating a prospective dealer. He suggests looking for an established dealer, someone who has earned a reputation for fair and quality service. Check to see the dealer's contractor's license. The state of Michigan requires a mechanical license to install any heating and cooling equipment.

"Unfortunately, there are a fair amount of unlicensed people out there who may offer what seems to be a good price, but are not around or not able to handle problems when the customer starts having problems with a system that was not installed properly," he said.

Other things to look for:

- Is if the contractor is listening to your needs?
- Are they complying with state and local code?

- Do they have continuous formal training for the workers to assure you the best quality job?

These are important questions to consider. And with summer coming up, now is the time a lot of people start thinking about central air conditioning.

"Often we have a few hot days in early spring and we get a lot of calls about air conditioning," Fallert said. "Then it cools down and the customer puts off following up on it. Now is the time to get it installed. If you wait until June when the hot weather returns, the contractors will be much busier and you will have a longer wait." He also stressed that this time of year is when the manufacturers usually offer rebates and sales. He cited the rebate that he is offering from Bryant for up to \$1,000 on a complete system until the end of May.

Maintaining your system is another important point. You should have your furnace and air conditioner cleaned and checked annually. This is to insure it is safe and working at its best. Units that are not properly maintained may use more energy and have a shorter life than a well-maintained system.

Air quality has become an important issue for homeowners — even more so when allergies are present. Paul has seen

changes in the industry over the past several years that can greatly improve air quality problems.

"As houses get more efficient and air-tight, there has been a problem with air quality," he said. "It's a growing problem, because we have made our homes so tight that we now have to open them up again to get fresh air back inside."

A ventilating system can solve the stale air problem. Paul suggests things such as fresh air scuttles, which has recently become code for new homes, and heat reclaimers, to not only bring in fresh air but to condition it so there isn't a drain on energy requirements. Ultraviolet lights are becoming a popular option in cleaning the air. The lights actually kill bacteria as the air flows past, and are quite helpful in controlling allergies. Air cleaning and humidifying equipment are part of the indoor air quality scene as well.

"The best way to clean the air is with an electrostatic cleaner, which can be installed directly onto the furnace," Paul said. "The technology has been around a long time. We now have residential air cleaning and indoor air quality products that I can recommend and install."

Educated at Detroit Engineering Institute, Fallert first gained experience with

### DETAILS

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several companies before opening his own business in 1980. His company has been in its current location since 1985. He obtained his mechanical license shortly after completing his education. Fallert's expertise extends to the several industry licenses he holds — more than is actually required for the mechanical contracting business. Besides his mechanical contracting license, he has licenses in electrical, boiler, and hot water heating. Training and education are important to Fallert and his employees. His technicians are fully certified — just one of the criteria needed to be a factory authorized Bryant dealer.

"All of my people are highly trained," he said. "I really emphasize training for all my employees to stay up on all the new technology."

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## Inheritance leaves bachelor at a loss

By Rose Bennett Gilbert  
 Copley News Service

Q: I am a bachelor who was content in my nondescript apartment — not quite grad school hand-me-downs, but close. Now my grandmother has left me a lot of family antiques and old things, including artwork, and I'm feeling familial obligations. I know I need help here. What do you recommend?

A: That you first say grace for such a gift, then speed off to find a professional interior designer who can help you make the most of it. Start your search in a furniture store you respect; chances are, they have trained designers on staff who will know how to blend your old with new things.

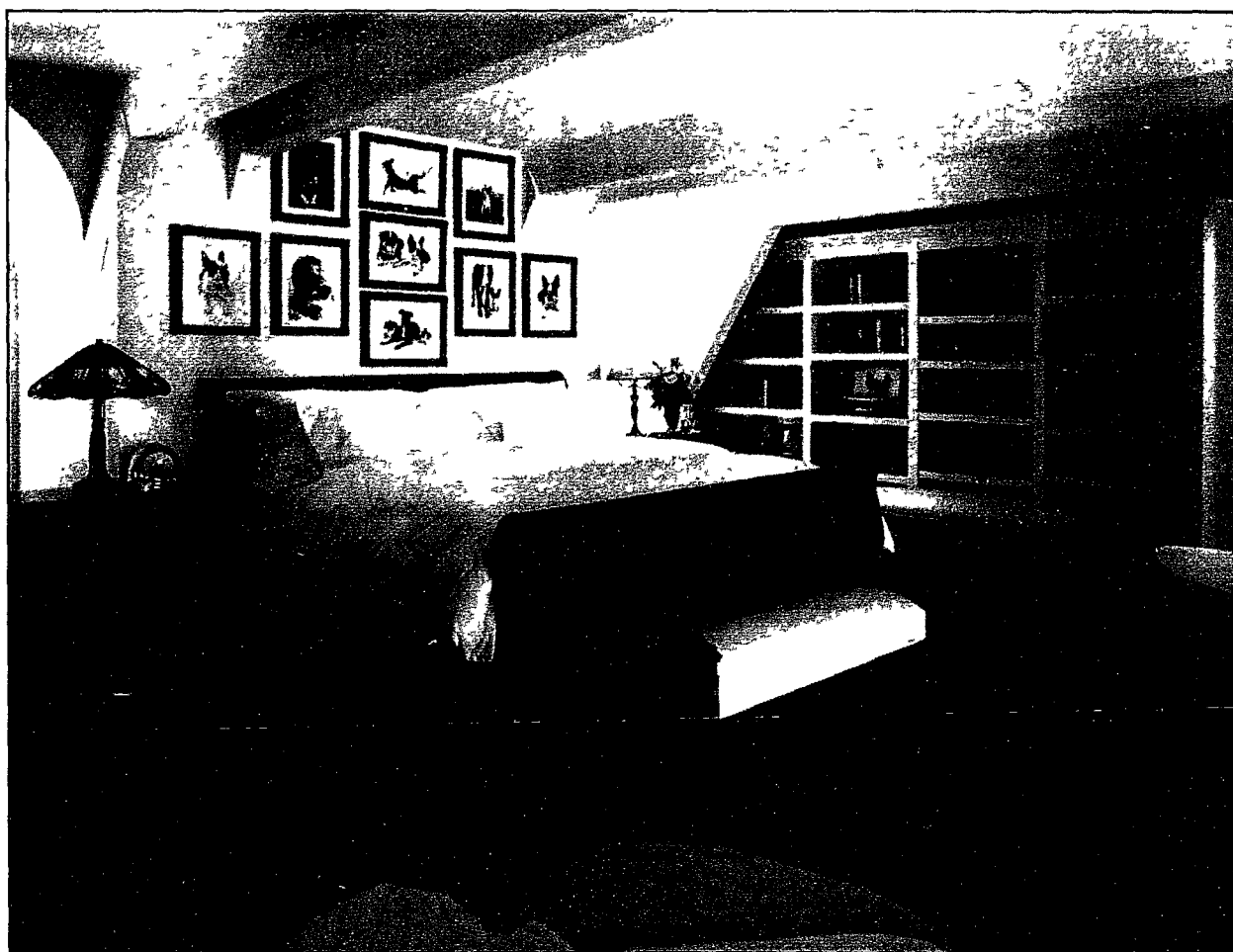
You can also check out the pros listed with the American Society of Interior Designers (www.asid.org). It's a professional organization of designers across the country. They'll provide you with several references in your area, then you take it from there to interview and make your choice.

Meanwhile, here's a photo to inspire you: the work of Bill Lane, designer to the stars, who has forsaken any hint of Tinsel Town glitz in this bedroom for Hollywood producer/manager Stanley Gallin ("Buffy the Vampire Slayer," Michael Jackson, Dolly Parton, Mariah Carey).

Like you, Gallin is blessed with a collection of antiques, including the grand old sleigh bed that dominates the room. Designer Lane lifted it up on blocks so his client could enjoy a clear-shot view of the Pacific just outside the louvered window, writes author/designer Joanna Lee Doster, who lent us this photo from her book "Celebrity Bedroom Retreats" (Rockport Publishers).

Nevermind, then, that this is officially a beach house; Lane has made it calm, elegant and a bit imposing, in deference to the handsome antiques.

The wall of bookshelves doesn't hurt either. And do study the



This bachelor pad blends antiques with contemporary style.

arrangement of black-and-white photos over the bedhead — black-and-white is currently much hotter than color.

You might be able to work your art into a similarly satisfying "architectural" arrangement.

Q: What's the word from High Point, N.C., scene of the world's largest furniture and furnishings market (11 million square feet), held recently?

A: Too much — even in a war-weary, down economy — to sum up in one swell foop, but among the highlights:

— The "Antiques Roadshow" comes to Pulaski Furniture. Sure to enjoy coast-to-coast appeal with

anyone still agonizing over that old chest he threw out, the "Antiques Roadshow" collection is based on pieces that have

appeared on the TV show over the years, reproduced or reinterpreted by Pulaski's young design team.

Not only will you be buying a TV star, you get all the background on where the original piece was found, how much it was appraised for, how it is incorporated in Pulaski's new offering. Great nostalgic, fun furniture! (www.pulaskifurniture.com, 540-980-7330)

— Vacation at home: What's new "Under the Tuscan Sun" is a collection of furniture from Drexel Heritage that

recaptures the warmth and simple, life-affirming elegance of Tuscany, as originally captured by author Frances Mayes.

The manufacturer bases its new pieces on the Mayes' villa, "Bramasole," in Cortona, 13 rooms filled with furniture they collected in the Tuscan countryside. There is also dinnerware (by Vietri), lamps (Wildwood), rugs (Miresco) and other sunny accessories.

Preview the originals when the Disney movie, also titled "Under the Tuscan Sun," hits the screen later this year. It was shot in Cortona, starring all 2,500 res-

idents (www.drexelheritage.com; 101 N. Main St., Drexel, N.C. 28619).

— All that jazz can end up in your home, thanks to the new look at old favorite Pennsylvania House Furniture. Known for its 18th-century-style standards, the company hits a new note with its New Standard collection, based — believe it — on the mellow sounds of vocalist Steve Tyrell.

Rose Bennett Gilbert is the co-author of "Hampton Style" and associate editor of Country Decorating Ideas. Write to Copley News Service, P.O. Box 120190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190.

## Buy Vidalia or Spanish if you like mild onions

Q: I was in a store and saw onion seeds. Is it better to buy the little onions or the seeds? And why are my onions so hot?

A: Do you want onions in the fall? The bigger the onion, the faster you will get an onion. Seeds should ideally be started indoors and be at least six weeks old when you put them in your garden.

The little onions, which are called onion sets, are bigger and ready to go as soon as you get them in and they are watered. If you buy seeds and directly seed them into your garden, they may be very small when you harvest them in the fall. Your onions may be hot for two reasons. If they don't receive enough moisture and grow too slowly, they can be a bit more zippy. Most Michigan soil contains sulfur and this increases the zing to the onions. If you were hoping for big, mild onions, buy the Vidalia or Spanish onions. You can't grow them here and have them turn out the same.

Q: How soon can I get in my perennial garden and rake and clip everything down to the ground? I want my plants to come up fast and I think this will help.

A: This is the kind of help those plants don't need. There is a danger in being the first plants up. If you aren't designed to handle freezing temperatures, you can get damaged or dead. Any of the spring flowering bulbs don't mind standing in snow because they do it almost every year. It's fine to clip off plant tops, don't rake them away just yet. If you feel compelled, rake the leftovers to the side and be ready to heap them back on if the temperature is going below 33 degrees. If you have hostas that get frozen small leaves, those ugly frozen sprouts will be there all season. If you cut off the damaged leaves, it may be a struggle for the hosta to produce and entire new set. It would really slow the growth for that year. It's easier to prevent than to fix. Save your cleanup efforts for another couple of weeks.

Gretchen Voyle, MSU Extension-Livingston County horticulture agent, can be reached at (517) 546-3950



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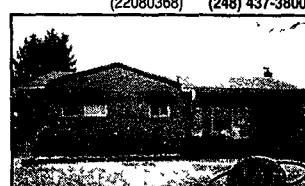
**NOVI** — Big, Bold & Beautiful! Spacious 4 bedroom, 4 bath colonial w/new maple-ceramic kitchen, gathering/dining room w/fireplace. Newer windows, furnace, AC, baths & more. Finished basement w/rec room & full bath. Nov schools!

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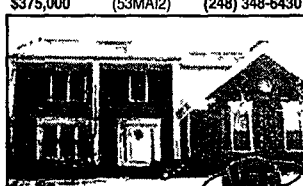
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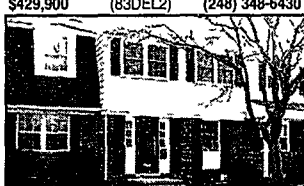
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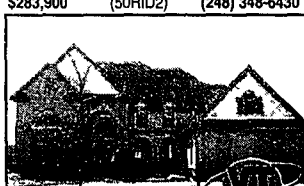
**NORTHVILLE** — Award winning Northville schools! 3 bedrooms, formal dining room, rec room, sunken living room w/fireplace. Enjoy 3 lakes, pool, clubhouse & tennis courts!

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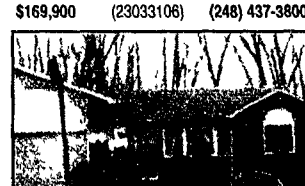
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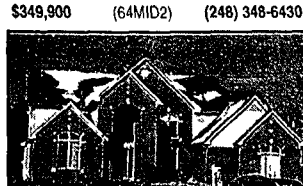
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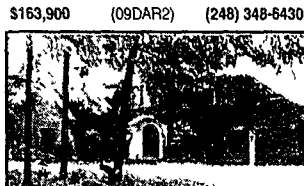
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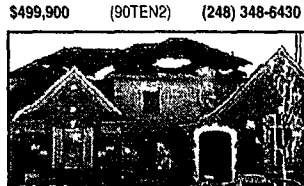
**NOVI** — Chase Farms Beauty on 2/3 acre! Outstanding 4 bedroom colonial w/open floor plan. Large kitchen w/island & Corian counters, 2-story foyer & great room, finished LL w/new Berber kitchenette, half bath & huge rec room! Cul-de-sac location!

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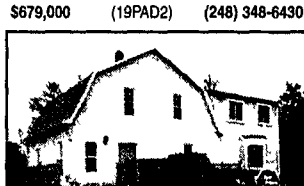
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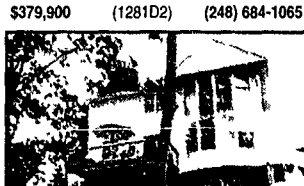
**NORTHVILLE** — Prestigious Golf Course Community! Spectacular home w/nearly 4,200 SF! Great room w/soaring ceiling, gourmet kitchen w/granite counters, dual staircase, butlers pantry, custom upgrades throughout!

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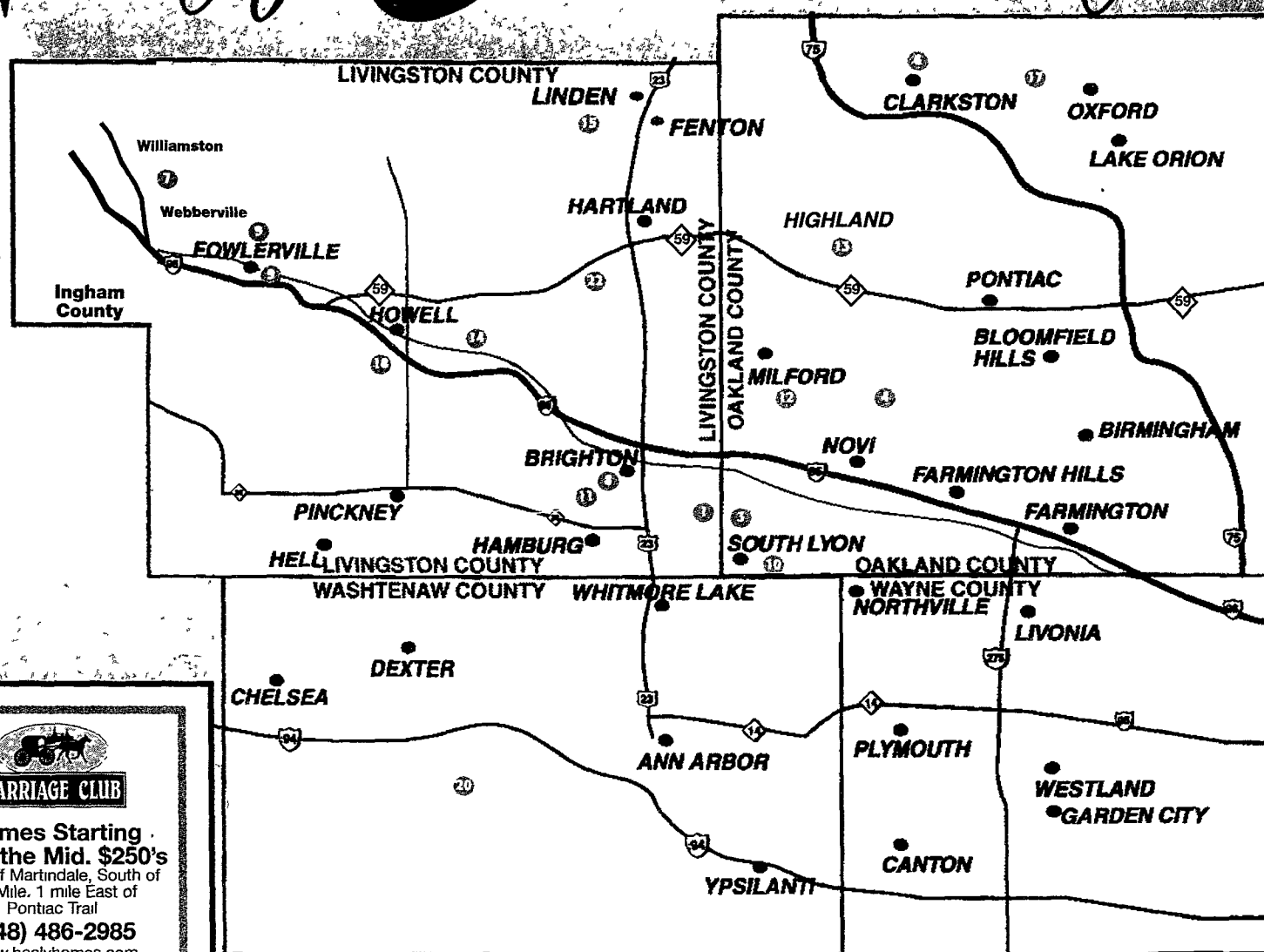
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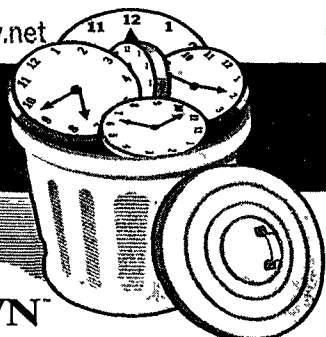
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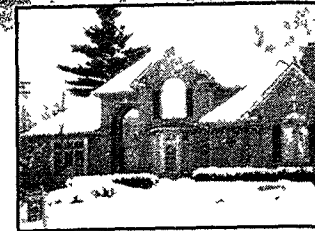
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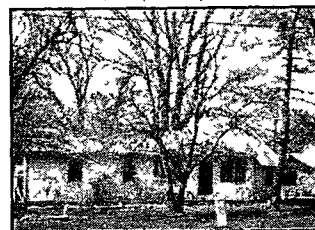
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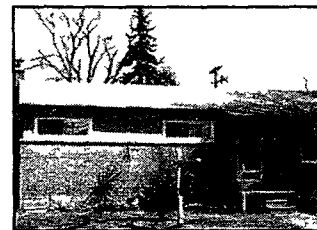
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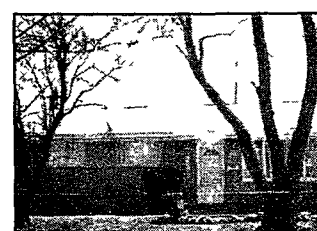
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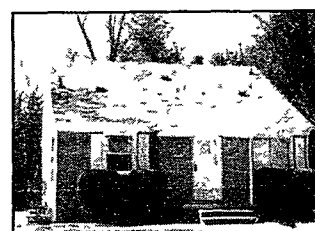
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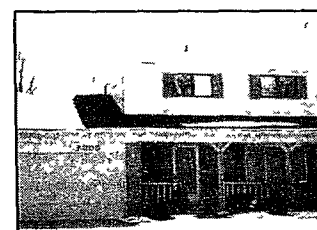
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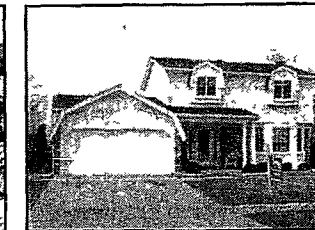
**CANTON** - Canton Colonial Beautiful home offers 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, finished basement, 2 car attached garage, family room w/fireplace & white ceramic kitchen. Neighborhood park & close to Summit on the Park Golf Course. \$219,900 (03CAB) 734-455-5600



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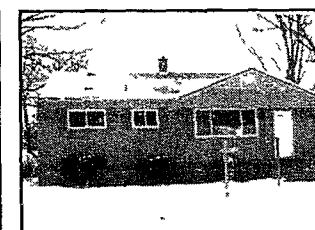
**GARDEN CITY** - Great Home for the Price. Most major updates done in last 3 years include roof, windows, siding, furnace & C/A. Full partially finished basement, 2.5 car garage \$136,999 (80CAM) 734-455-5600



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**DEARBORN** - Old World Charm & Character Spacious brick bungalow. Hardwood floors to Natural woodwork, leaded glass, 2 baths & kit updated. Most windows replaced. Newer furnace, C/A, roof, electric, insulation, hot water heater & sprinkler. Formal DR, FR, bsmt, 2 car garage \$247,000 (05MOR) 734-455-5600



**INKSTER** - Almost New Construction. Seller has updated this 3 bedroom ranch. Newer roof, furnace, A/C, siding & much more. Remodeled kitchen and newer carpeting make this home a must see. Home Warranty Provided. \$89,000 (11WOO) 248-349-5600



**BRIGHTON** - Country Club Living. Absolutely gorgeous. This 3 BR, 3 BA ranch will go fast. Hardwood floors. Master bedroom w/2 WIC. Finished LL w/wet bar, study, rec room, full bath & bedroom. FR w/built in entertainment center. Clubhouse w/pool, tennis, exercise room & 3 boats to use \$315,000 (44 VIL) 248-349-5600



**NOVI** - Northville Schools. 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial in great location. Attached garage, wooded yard, walk to downtown, 2 fireplaces, family room, living room & dining room. Updated kitchen. Great curb appeal \$289,900 (08WES) 248-349-5600



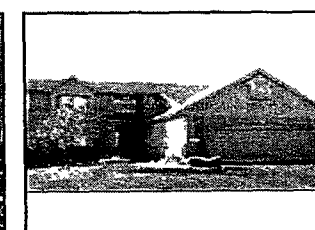
**CANTON** - Beautiful End Unit. 2 bedroom, 3 bath ranch w/attached garage, professionally finished basement, master suite w/Jacuzzi tub & separate shower, kitchen w/cherry cabinets & matching panels on stove & fng. Fireplace in living room, formal dining room. Home Warranty A must see \$167,900 (30COW) 734-455-5600



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**NORTHVILLE** - Location! Location! This stunning 3 bedroom cape cod 1996 built condo sets new meaning to prime lot. It is located on a gorgeous waterfront lot with a breathtaking view. Add a professionally finished w/o basement & large deck off great room. Sharp, clean & wow \$428,000 (38LAK) 248-349-5600



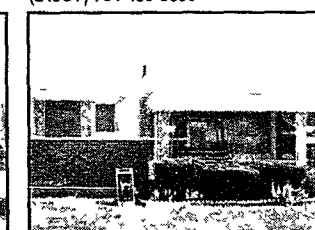
**WHITMORE LAKE** - Private-Peaceful. Perfect. Enjoy lake access with this sharp 3 bedroom ranch w/many updates. Move in to enjoy the summer. Many updates, hot water heater, 2.5 car garage, hardwood floors & the list goes on. Private fenced triple lot \$165,000 (49WAL) 248-349-5600



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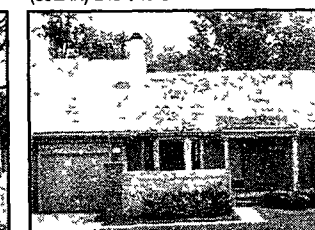
**WESTLAND** - Unique. 3 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow on large lot w/2 car attached garage, back yard fenced, deck off back & balcony off master bedroom, updated kitchen w/woodburning stove, fireplace in sunken living room. Home Warranty A must see \$167,900 (30COW) 734-455-5600



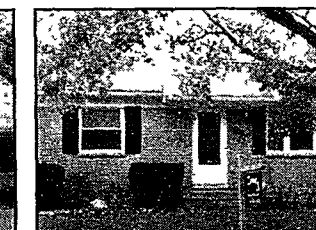
**WESTLAND** - Westland Brick Ranch. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home w/finished basement, newer windows throughout, family room, large yard w/gas BBQ. 2.5 car garage \$112,900 (41JUL) 734-455-5600



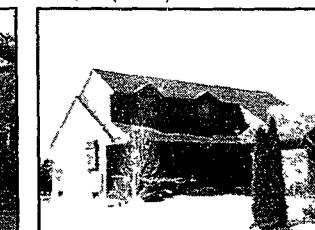
**LIVONIA** - Best Value In Livonia. Great place to start & easy to enjoy this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath w/garage, partially finished basement, updated kitchen, bath, windows, furnace & hot water heater, paver patio & fence. Master bedroom has library & .5 bath. Also home warranty included. \$144,900 (80OPO) 734-455-5600



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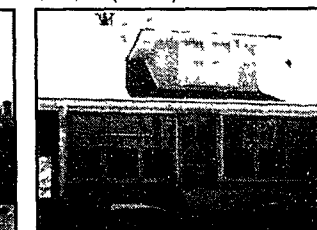
**LYON TOWNSHIP** - Lyon Township Cape Cod. Charming 1990 cape cod on approx 1/2 acre fenced lot. 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, great room w/fieldstone fireplace, formal dining area, beautiful oak kitchen, 1st floor MBR, first floor laundry, partially finished rec room, 2 car gar & neutral decor. Very sharp \$244,900 (51MAR) 248-349-5600



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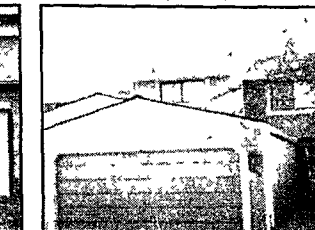
**DEARBORN** - Loads of Charm. Clean 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial w/partially finished basement, 2 car garage, newer roof, electric, copper plumbing & carpeting + remodeled upstairs. \$114,900 (73OXF) 734-455-5600



**NOVI** - Beautiful Custom Built all brick exterior. 1st floor master w/WIC. Huge jet tub. All bedrooms have attached baths. Kitchen has granite counters. GR has gas fireplace, 3 car garage, hardwood floors in foyer. Stone floor in kitchen. Gas log frplc. Dual zone furnaces, 9' ceilings in full basement. \$469,000 (50IOB) 248-349-5600



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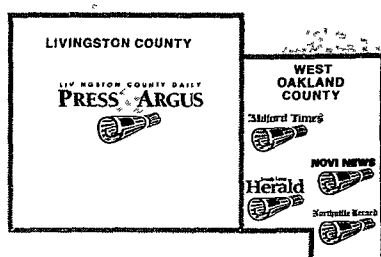
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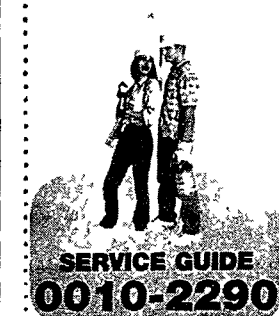
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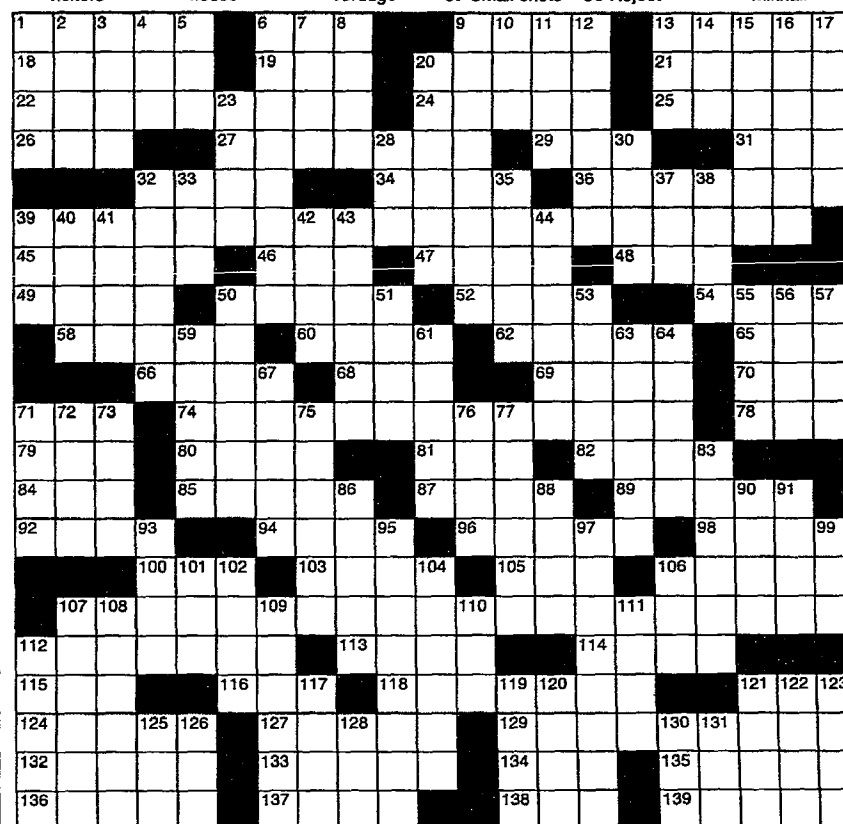
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40 Cheat  
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76 Leave port  
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86 Crystal of country  
88 Pants part  
90 Reject  
91 Florucci of fashion  
93 Generic grade?  
95 Hog hair  
97 Bewitch  
99 Clause connector  
101 Campy grp?  
102 — "It Up" (73 hit)  
104 Steak or lobster  
106 Memo letters  
107 Paradoxical  
108 Type of fastener  
109 North Pole sight  
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If qualified, email resume to hr@commerceindustries.com or fax to 248-344-7231

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**SELECTIONS COORDINATOR**  
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Office Clerical 5020

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May 1, 2, 3, 9-5

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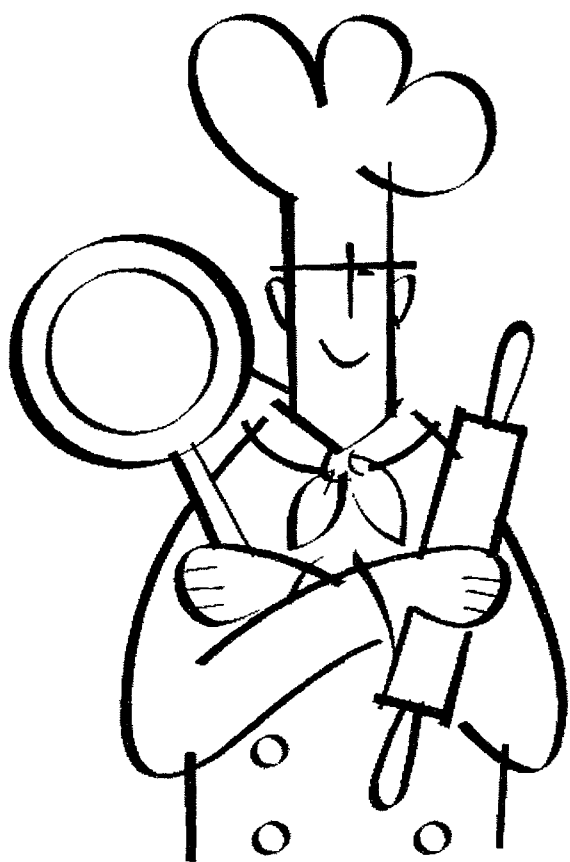
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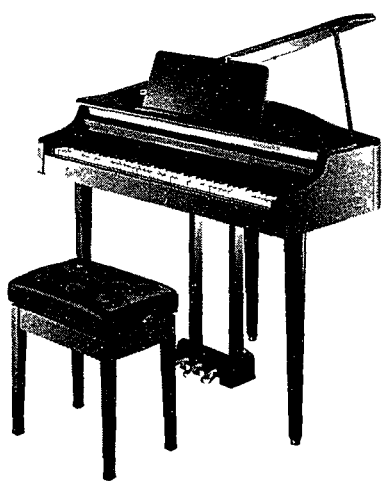
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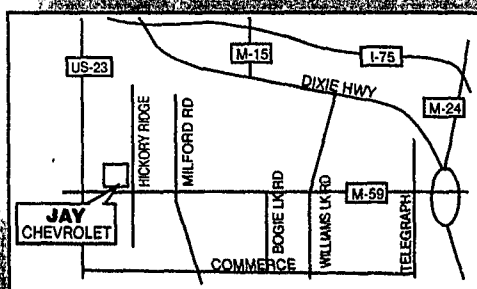
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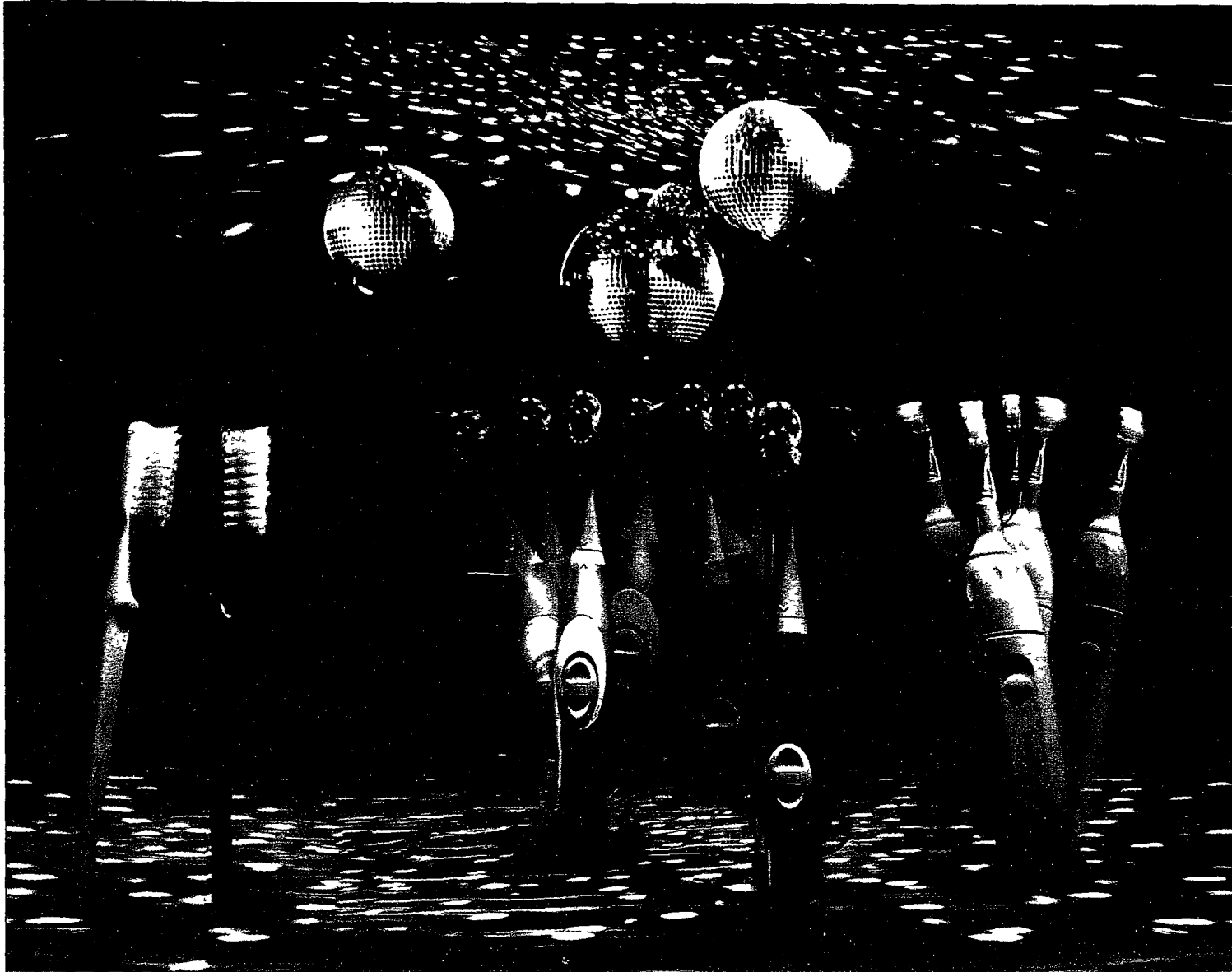


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# THE BRISTLE BOOGIE

Electric toothbrushes are becoming the norm, but are they the best choice?

By Jennifer Jones

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

**B**igger, better, faster, more. From household appliances to manly power tools, the gadgets that shine, spin and roar seem to grab the attention far better than their lack-luster standbys — and toothbrushes are no exception.

In comparison with state-of-the-art, Olympic-strength electric toothbrushes, old-fashioned ones seem so ... well, boring. But is "newer" really "improved"?

Of course, there are both advantages and disadvantages to using electric toothbrushes over a manual one.

"A disadvantage is that over the years sometimes it's difficult for the patient to go ahead and find replacement heads for the bristles, or malfunctions occur and some of these companies come and go," said Dr. Robert Austin, an Anderson, S.C., dentist.

"You see the advantages of that type of brush with any people who might be physically handicapped, or children who don't have manual dexterity needed for brushing."

Plus, if you've got a child who tends to pull a fast one by just rinsing the brush and calling it a night, an electric toothbrush could be a good motivational tool to make oral hygiene fun.

*"A water pic doesn't really remove plaque from the teeth. It's like using a garden hose on an oil slick in your driveway."*

Dr. Robert Austin  
Dentist

But, Austin said, the smaller the toothbrush, the better you can concentrate on brushing tooth-by-tooth and pay more attention to detail as opposed to brushing the teeth as a group.

"Sometimes the electric toothbrushes are a little more difficult to get into certain areas because of the bulkiness of them. It's almost impossible with the size of the bristles to get to the back molar areas," he said. "You think you're doing a good job because of the spinning action of the bristles."

Recent studies have shown electric and sonic toothbrushes can clean better than manual ones if

used properly, according to Cmdr. Kim Diefenderfer, a dental researcher at the Naval Dental Research Center. The key is to find the toothbrush that best suits one's needs.

Sonic-type toothbrushes tout several thousand brush strokes per minute and special attention to gum care. In fact, Dr. Mark Friedman, an aesthetic dentist and professor of clinical dentistry at the University of Southern California, said virtually all his patients using this type of toothbrush demonstrated better gum health.

Water pics are great for children and adults with orthodontia. Austin said, because the pulsating water stream is helpful in the removal of food particles trapped beneath wires and brackets. However, food removal is not plaque removal.

"A water pic doesn't really remove plaque from the teeth. It's like using a garden hose on an oil slick on your driveway," Austin said. "I'm into the 'Keep It Simple' principle: good old brush, floss, rinse."

Of course, water pics and electric toothbrushes cost a bit more than the standard kind (hundreds of dollars in some cases, although various manufacturers have introduced cheaper versions for less than \$10).

"In regard to cost-benefit, there are heads you have to change and some have batteries so that's an ongoing expense," Austin said. "Whereas patients come in here and they get a free toothbrush."

## An action plan for heart health

By Hilary Groutage Smith  
SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

Diet-loving Americans, more prone to buy into the latest fad than anyone else on Earth, are still the fattest people on the planet.

"When you look at the statistics, it is obvious that this is a nation that discusses its cholesterol level over a Danish pastry," says Joseph Piscatella, co-author with Barry Franklin of "Take a Load Off Your Heart: 109 Things You Can Actually Do to Prevent, Halt and Reverse Heart Disease" (Workman Publishing Company, \$14.95).

And besides that, we are way too stressed out. And that, he says, will kill us.

After having a heart attack at 32, Piscatella, then a busy hotel executive, revamped his life and dedicated himself to educating others, physicians in particular, about heart health. He wrote the "Don't Eat Your Heart Out" cookbook and "Choices for a Healthy Heart," which have sold more than 2 million copies. He recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of his bypass surgery by climbing Mount Rainier in Washington.

Piscatella, now 57, president of the Institute for Fitness and Health in Gig Harbor, Wash., calls his new book a practical approach to treatment and prevention of heart disease. Co-author Franklin is an exercise science, physiology and family medicine professor and director of the Cardiac Rehabilitation Program and Exercise Laboratories at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich.

Telling people to change their diets isn't working, Piscatella says. "We, as a nation, have never been fatter," he says, or more stressed. "When we are stressed, all roads lead to the refrigerator."

Piscatella offers the steps of stress management, diet and exercise. "It's pretty simplistic, but it's different than the way we've been doing it in the past. There is a much better chance for a change in the diet pattern, for making that happen for the rest of your life, if people aren't so stressed out."

Diet patterns are hard to change, he says, and if people start with a sensible exercise program, they are more likely to stick with changes in their eating habits.

Begin by learning that life and its events are neutral, he says. It is our reaction to those events that causes stress. Relaxation exercises can help, he says. Exercise by doing something — swimming, walking or even stretching — every day.

And watch the diet. "If fad diets worked, even one of them," he says, "we'd be a nation of skinny people."

### TIPS FOR A HEALTHY HEART

**Take time to relax.** Do it for yourself because no one will do it for you.

**Reserve judgment.** It's not the event that is stressful, it's the perception of the event.

**Focus on concerns, not worries.** A concern is a problem that can be addressed or a situation that can be changed. A worry, on the other hand, is immune to direct action.

**Expect the unexpected.** Instead of cramming your schedule, leave it at 80 percent, leaving 20 percent for traffic jams, family illness and other surprises.

**Turn off the television.**

**Tranquelize with exercise.** Some studies have found a 15-minute walk is as effective as a tranquilizer.

**Just breathe.** Deep breathing can promote relaxation. Here's how to do it: Breathe in through the nose, pushing out your stomach as you inhale. Hold the breath for a few seconds, and then expel it slowly through the mouth with the lips pursed.

**Get enough sleep.** Stress keeping you awake? Avoid stimulants, don't nap during the day, avoid heavy meals and relax your mind with meditation. Make the bedroom a peaceful place.

**Visualize life as you want it.**

SOURCE: JOSEPH PISCATELLA AND BARRY FRANKLIN, AUTHORS OF "TAKE A LOAD OFF YOUR HEART: 109 THINGS YOU CAN ACTUALLY DO TO PREVENT, HALT AND REVERSE HEART DISEASE"

## 'Pain is vulnerable'

Mix of treatments can conquer chronic pain, doctor says

By Susan Aschoff  
ST PETERSBURG TIMES

He is not a doctor who cringes when a patient walks in waving a stack of Internet research in one hand and a bottle of ginseng in the other.

James Dillard was an acupuncturist and chiropractor before he was a physician. He melds conventional and alternative treatments for patients willing to work at finding medical answers.

The New York doctor's specialty is chronic pain, an amorphous, crippling condition that afflicts more than 50-million Americans.

"If you've got diabetes, the critical thing to do is control that sugar and that insulin. There isn't a huge amount of complementary medicine to deal with that. But if you have pain, complementary and alternative medicine has its very best application," says Dillard, who teaches at Columbia University and is an attending physician at several Manhattan hospitals.

"Because pain is vulnerable. The key is finding the therapies that work for you."

Dillard is the author of "The Chronic Pain Solution: Your Personal Path to Pain Relief" (with Leigh Ann Hirschman, Bantam Books, \$24.95). The book is a step-by-step guide to relief by choosing from alternative and conventional

medicine.

Six myths keep people in pain from healing, Dillard writes. They include a conviction that "you just have to learn to live with it" and another's assertion that "it's all in your head."

The ultimate goal is to make life significantly better and more satisfying, Dillard writes. "Maybe you'll be able to play with your grandkids again."

Dillard suggests that those who suffer from chronic pain (pain that lasts more than six months) first write their "pain story." Who were you before the pain started, when did it start, when do you feel it?

Keep a pain diary, he says. "You end up wasting so much time with the doctor because you don't know your own story," he says.

The book includes sample charts for readers to use and lists therapies from hypnosis to the Alexander Technique, which is instruction on posture and movement.

"Lots of people don't want to do the work. Fine. I'll pull out my prescription pad," Dillard says. "But then they get to deal with the risks, they've got to live with the side effects" of powerful medications.

"It's really simple. You start some basic work. I hear from people that they're better. They're really better. That's why the book is imbued with a lot of hope."

## New styles turn up heat on old form of exercise

By Donnie Snow  
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Swimming in sweat in a 100-plus-degree room while straining through a workout is apropos for wrestlers, not so much, however, for your average exerciser.

That said, Hot Yoga, or Bikram Yoga, is drawing fans who want to bump up their regular yoga routine, in this case by cranking up the thermostat.

Bikram Choudhury, who operates Yoga College of India in Beverly Hills, Calif., began this new twist on a very old method of exercise, earning both praise and criticism.

Hot Yoga incorporates traditional though advanced yoga movements in a room heated to 110 degrees or more.

The trendsetter for Hot Yoga in Memphis is Dee Victoria, who operates the Edge yoga studio. Her Hot Yoga classes differ from Bikram's for proprietary reasons (Bikram copyrighted his name), and because of Victoria's personal preference.

"I believe people need more than 26 poses," Victoria said, referring to the set pattern of Bikram's workout. "Each class is a little different, and emphasizes a lot of upper body strength and joint mobility in addition to a firm foundation of rhythmic nose breathing."

Her class gets to about 100



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Dee Victoria leads her class in Bikram-based hot yoga in Memphis.

degrees, which is why she advises participants to "superhydrate" beforehand and have a working knowledge of traditional yoga poses, preferably as a result of taking several beginner classes.

Before class Victoria asks new students about their medical history to avoid potential problems with the poses.

In a warmer room there should be more flexibility, more sweat, hence more weight loss and more meditative calm — all of which makes it much more physically challenging.

"It's definitely for certain types of people," she said, "but you can say that for anything. At different places in a person's life, there are things that are going to be a better fit for them. I'm not aiming for somebody who's sedentary. That's why I have it as an intermediate class, because you need to have a fair sense of your body's limitations and also be able to communicate that to me as well as your expectations."

Victoria doesn't profess the amazing benefits about her classes that Choudhury does about his. He

and his adherents contend their Bikram Yoga helps ailments such as anemia and varicose veins; that has some health professionals advising caution.

"I wouldn't be all too excited about prolonged exposure to heat stress," said Dr. Karl Weber, director of the cardiovascular diseases division at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis.

"There is some data that relates (using) saunas to heart failure," he said, pointing out that the practice could be detrimental for someone whose heart doesn't work properly.

Bikram Yoga and Power Yoga, the other new high-intensity yoga gaining popularity, represent a trend toward more vigorous, forms of the Eastern exercise.

Researchers report yoga can benefit people with asthma, arthritis and high blood pressure. For inactive people, stretching can improve fitness, according to a Hahnemann University (Philadelphia) study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. The study showed that the formal Iyengar style of yoga helped with repetitive stress injuries.

"As a practice, yoga stimulates every part of your body," Victoria said. "Obviously, certain people are more receptive (to the extra heat.) If you have certain things going on in your body, heat will help, but with some, it won't."



# Plus

HomeTown

## Hints of hope for a hard-hit temp-job industry

By Julie N. Lynem  
SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

For Cathy Searby, CEO of Palo Alto Staffing Services, the past two years have brought more than a few headaches. First, the tech economy sank. Then came Sept. 11. A rash of corporate scandals last year rounded out the lot.

Needless to say, jittery Silicon Valley companies weren't too keen on hiring workers, even the temporary kind. Now, after many months of stagnation, there are glimpses of recovery.

"It's a most challenging time, but it's also the most rewarding time," said Searby, whose service specializes in full-time job placement and temporary staffing. "I am seeing companies starting to call back after two years."

The staffing industry is beginning to show faint signs of life, say industry experts and economists, who have traditionally looked at temporary staffing levels as a leading economic indicator. The logic goes that the temps are the first out the door and the first back in.

During the economic boom, businesses stepped up temporary hiring to fill employment gaps and meet customer demands. When the economy weakened and the labor market slacked off, companies put the brakes on temporary hiring.

"If the economy improves, then as we would expect, temporary agencies would once again feel the benefits of it," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo.

Right now, the best we can say is that the labor market has stabilized, and we can say the same thing about temporary help agencies."

It should be noted that temporary hiring is seen by economists as a mixed blessing, indicating a slight improvement in confidence but not a wholesale commitment from employers.

This particular cycle has proven employers to be altogether resistant to both temporary and long-term commitments.

Just the same, staffing industry experts believe recent data prove that better days are ahead.

But not everyone is convinced that a recovery is just around the corner.

Agencies throughout California, especially in the tech-heavy San Francisco area, were hit especially hard and may take longer to heal, said Deborah McKim, general manager of StarTemps Inc., based in Pleasanton, Calif.

"In previous markets, usually staffing survives," McKim said.

"Companies still work with contingency staff. But things are really tighter than we've ever seen them."

Many in the staffing industry are cautiously optimistic about what the future holds.

Brett Good, district director in Northern California for Robert Half International, which provides accounting and finance workers, said the recuperating economy combined with regulatory changes in the accounting industry may cause corporate accounting departments to scrutinize staffing levels, he said.

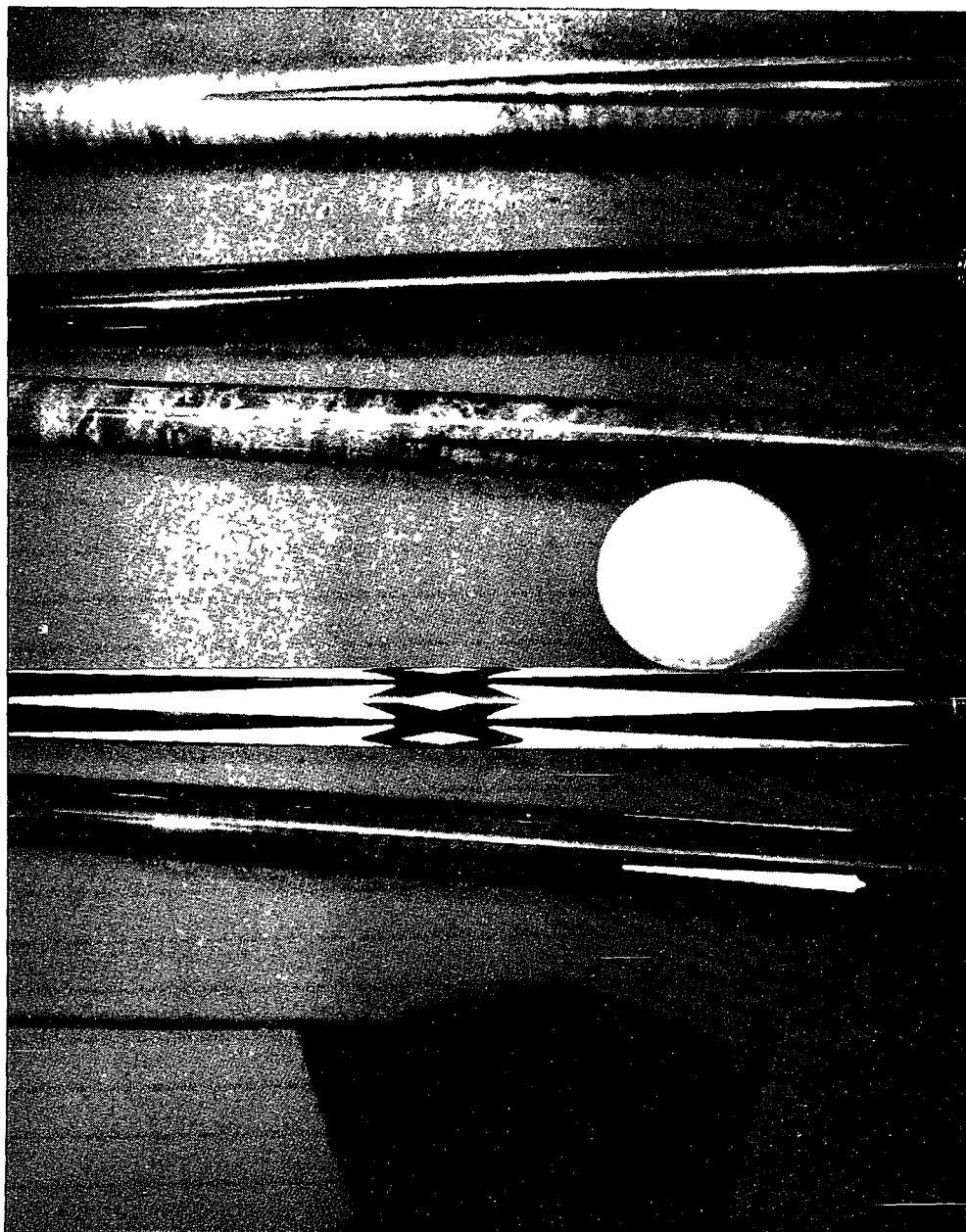
Priscilla Azcueta, vice president of business solutions for Manpower Staffing Services in San Jose, said many companies remain in cost-cutting mode and have slashed budgets for temporary hiring. Some have even started to request bids from staffing firms in an effort to snag the lowest price.

At Palo Alto Staffing Service, recruiters have had success placing clients in maternity leave and short-term assignments in reception and junior-level administration, said Kristin Anzaldo-Bohi, manager of temporary staffing.

These days, employers are keeping tight reins on the length of temporary work assignments, she said. "A lot of managers are saying, 'Get them in there and get what we need done,'" she said.

*"If the economy improves, then as we would expect, temporary agencies would once again feel the benefits of it. On the other hand, if the economy remains lousy, temporary help agencies will suffer."*

**Sung Won Sohn,**  
chief economist at  
Wells Fargo



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Some of David Rowell's custom cues, from the top: curly maple with ebony and snake-wood inlays, cocobolla, bird's eye maple with ebony and malakite inlays, ebony and ivory, and curly maple with ebony and ivory inlays.

# Cued Up

## Pool stick maker takes his talents professional

By Robin Clemow  
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

He just started his professional pool career, but several veteran players take their cues from him.

David Rowell builds custom pool cues, which he says are better because they're made to fit specific hands and styles of play. For more than 15 years, playing pool and crafting cues for league players and professionals has been a time-consuming hobby for Rowell, 42, whose most recent day job was.

But when Rowell was laid off from his job managing a freight yard last summer, he decided it was time to take his hobby to the next level. Since then, he has been traveling extensively to compete in professional tournaments and building up a stock of handmade pool cues. He plans to open a cue shop in his home outside Birmingham, Ala.

Rowell said he discovered a talent for and interest in pool as a high school student. "I used to play pinball with buddies of mine when I was about 15, and I would beat them at that. So one day they challenged me to a game of pool, and I beat them at that too."

By the time Rowell was 18, he was spending every evening at area pool halls beating everyone daring enough to challenge him.

Like most serious players, he bought his own cue and soon discovered that it wasn't indestructible. A hard break could damage the tip or loosen the ferrule, the band that wraps around the tip and the shaft to connect the two. Plus, sweaty hands left the shaft in need of cleaning after about a week.

"I guess it was about '82 when I started doing repairs," he said. "Nobody around here even put tips on back then. When you sent your cue off, it took six weeks to get it back. You can't do without your pool stick for six weeks."

Though Birmingham now has a few businesses that repair tips or ferrules, Rowell said he's the only area repairman who will also work on the shaft and repair inlays and handles.

By 1988, Rowell was making cues for league players, but the business wasn't enough to support him, so he picked up a job as a locksmith. Flexible hours allowed him enough time to contin-



Rowell lightly sands a cue shaft to take the nicks out of it. A custom-made cue can take six to eight weeks to make, because it takes time for the wood to gradually warp so it can be corrected into a straight cue.

ue playing pool, but the cue business fell by the wayside, except for the occasional repair or special order for friends.

For a decade, Rowell worked on perfecting his game. He began taking lessons in stroke mechanics, and he even had a few sessions with a therapist at Alabama Hypnotherapy Center, which he said helped him to focus and stay calm under pressure.

"Once you get to my level, a lot of playing is mental, because you play against people that are on TV all the time, and it kind of makes you nervous," Rowell said.

The lessons and the therapy were all geared toward qualifying to compete in the national amateur tournament. In 1999, he finished in the top nine out of 128 players in the semifinals to qualify for the tournament. A year later, Rowell took home a pool stick with an engraved silver plate that reads "2000 U.S. Amateur Champion."

The title not only gave him the clout and the confidence to compete professionally, but it also brought attention back to his custom cue business.

Rowell's cues start at \$350, while store-bought manufactured cues typically cost between \$80 and \$200.

"If you bought a \$350 cue versus a \$1,000 cue, the difference is just going to be in the extras, the inlays," Rowell said. "They're going to hit the same."

Since winning the amateur tournament, Rowell has made cues for a few other pros. He has several cues in progress in addition to outstanding special orders. He also has a Web site, [www.rowellcues.com](http://www.rowellcues.com), where customers can order cues online.

When he's not at home working on cues, Rowell tours the country, playing three to four professional tournaments a month. Most nights, though, potential challengers can find him at Bumpers Billiards in Hoover, Ala., where he runs monthly tournaments. Rowell will play for fun against most amateurs. Still, Rowell said he rarely loses to a local.

"There's rarely not anyone in Birmingham (who) plays even with me," Rowell said.



When he's not traveling to play in pool tournaments, Rowell makes and repairs pool cues in his Mt. Laurel home. The former National Amateur champion's cues start at \$350 and go up into the thousands.

## MONEY

## What to do when your manager manages to drive you crazy

By Bridgette A. Lacy  
RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER

A taskmaster. A control freak. Impossible demands and harsh words. Where have we heard these complaints before?

The complaints are among the most common in the work force, says Chris Chen, co-author of "New Supervisor Training."

Micromanaging tops Chen's list of top complaints. Also included are: not giving clear directions; taking credit for others' work; being abusive, and not treating people as individuals.

"They don't take the time to give personal feedback or to realize people have different needs and motivators," Chen says.

Rather than write off a host of bosses, we contacted three experts to see what employees might do. First is Jeffrey Fox, the author of "How to Become a Great Boss: The Rules for Getting and Keeping the Best Employees" (Hyperion, \$16.95). Then there's Jim Gray, associate dean for marketing and communications for Duke University's Fuqua School of Business. Finally, there's Jeff Justice, the humor director for Corporate Comedy, an Atlanta-based company that shows corporations how to use humor in the workplace to ease anger, relieve stress and improve employee relationships.

Here are the problems, phrased the way an unhappy employee might see it, and what Fox, Gray and Justice said.

■ **My boss micromanages me. How should I manage her?**

Fox: Do the work before she has a chance to tell you how.

Gray: Talk with your boss and come to a consensus on how to do the work.

Justice: With a sledgehammer.

■ **My boss never gives me clear directions. Where should I tell him to go?**

Fox: Figure out the right direction yourself and take your boss with you. Work independently.

Gray: Sit down with your boss and have him or her outline the most important goals. Have the boss spell them out clearly.

Justice: To the Rand McNally store to see if he can find himself.

■ **My boss doesn't understand that I'm not like everybody else in the office. Do I have to wear a dark suit and shut down my creative side?**

Fox: Just do great work and let the work speak for itself.

Gray: Make sure that whatever your difference is — dress or creativity — serves a business purpose.

Justice: Wear cut-offs and flip-flops and go for it.

■ **My boss berates me until it hurts. How should I protect my tenderoni?**

Fox: Stand up, smile and walk away.

Gray: Take your talents and leave the company.

Justice: With Teflon underwear.

■ **My boss takes credit for my work. How can I make sure he gets the credit he really deserves?**

Fox: Make sure the boss's boss knows what you are doing.

Gray: Just do the work; it doesn't matter who gets the credit.

Justice: Do the work like he would.

## Measure up for success

By Mark Watson  
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

To improve a company's results long-term, it must find ways to measure success in financial, operational, customer and human resource terms.

A performance measurement system "is ultimately the thing you end up hanging your hat onto as you prove a project forward," says Andrew J. Mohler, director of process innovation at Memphis-based Buckman Laboratories.

Developing such a system must start at the top management level for it to meet management's expectations.

"It's not easy, but you really have to roll up your sleeves and get in there and do it," Mohler says.

Virtually all companies focus attention on financial measures, and this is useful, Mohler says.

But this is a lagging indicator, driven by customer satisfaction. Inefficient operations can affect customer satisfaction and profitability, but this, too, can be a lagging indicator, largely driven by employee behavior, he says.

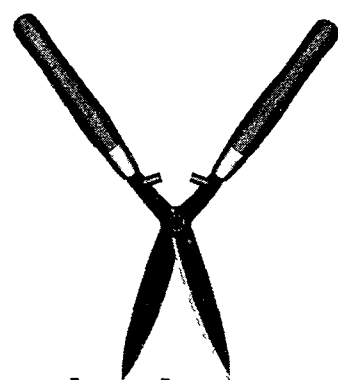
Buckman Laboratories has developed a "balanced" performance measurement system. "Key performance measures" include:

■ For finances: monthly sales totals and operating profit.

■ For customers: satisfaction survey scores and complaint rates.

■ For operations: the percent of all orders that are filled right the first time and the percent of all orders that are shipped on time.

■ For employees: survey scores and quality training attendance.



## Blade to order

By Kathy Barberich

FRESNO BEE

If your trees and shrubbery look a little worse for winter wear, it might be time to get some shears. Cutting off unwanted dead parts will give you healthier and better looking trees and plants.

Master gardener Lee Fanucchi, a volunteer at the Garden of the Sun demonstration garden in Fresno, Calif., recommends this to shears shoppers: "Buy quality and you won't have to buy as often."

He should know. He still has long-handled shears, or loppers, he bought in the '60s.

"If you take care of them, they will last," he says. "Don't leave them outside. And when you are done with them for the season, give them a shot of WD-40 to coat them so they won't oxidize (rust), then hang them until you are ready to use again."

Shears come in a variety of sizes for various gardening needs. Some are labeled for small hands, and some for left-handers.

Some shears are for use on flowers, while others are used on hedges, grass or trees. Most have stainless-steel or high-carbon steel blades, some of which are Teflon-coated.

There basically are two types of shears: anvil and bypass.

"Anvil (shears) have a solid piece of steel on the bottom with the cutting blade on the top," Fanucchi says. They make an angled cut.

Bypass shears have a curved cutting blade and make a straight cut.

"The blades are just made differently and cut a little differently," Fanucchi says. "I don't think one is better than the other."

Shears handles are made of wood, metal or plastic. Some are cushioned with rubber, and some have rotating handles.

"If you are disabled or not real strong, rotating handles are good because they are much easier to use," Fanucchi says. "You should also look for comfortable gripping handles with shock absorbers."

Most home-improvement, garden and hardware stores sell shears. Here are some options, with approximate costs:

■ Fiskars garden pruners: These are good for flowers. \$10.95.

■ Corona garden pruners: Can cut 1/2-inch plant material. They have cushioned grips and a bypass blade. They're good for small hands. \$15.

■ Corona two-handed pruners: Can cut 3/4-inch plant material. They have nonslip grips and shock-absorbing bumpers. They provide good leverage for gardeners with limited hand or arm strength. \$27.

■ Sanvik 16-inch loppers: Will cut up to 1 1/2-inch diameter limbs. They weigh less than two pounds and have shock-absorbing bumpers. \$40.

■ Fiskars power gear hand pruners: Their gear design maximizes leverage to reduce cutting effort and they have rotating handles. \$19.50.

■ Corona hedge shears: They come with hardwood handles and have a limb notch for easier cutting. \$12.99.

■ Fiskars 12-foot tree pruners: They feature a 15-inch coated saw blade, sliding hand grip, fiberglass pole and fiberglass-reinforced nylon composite head. \$34.

## Year of the Poppy and Bean

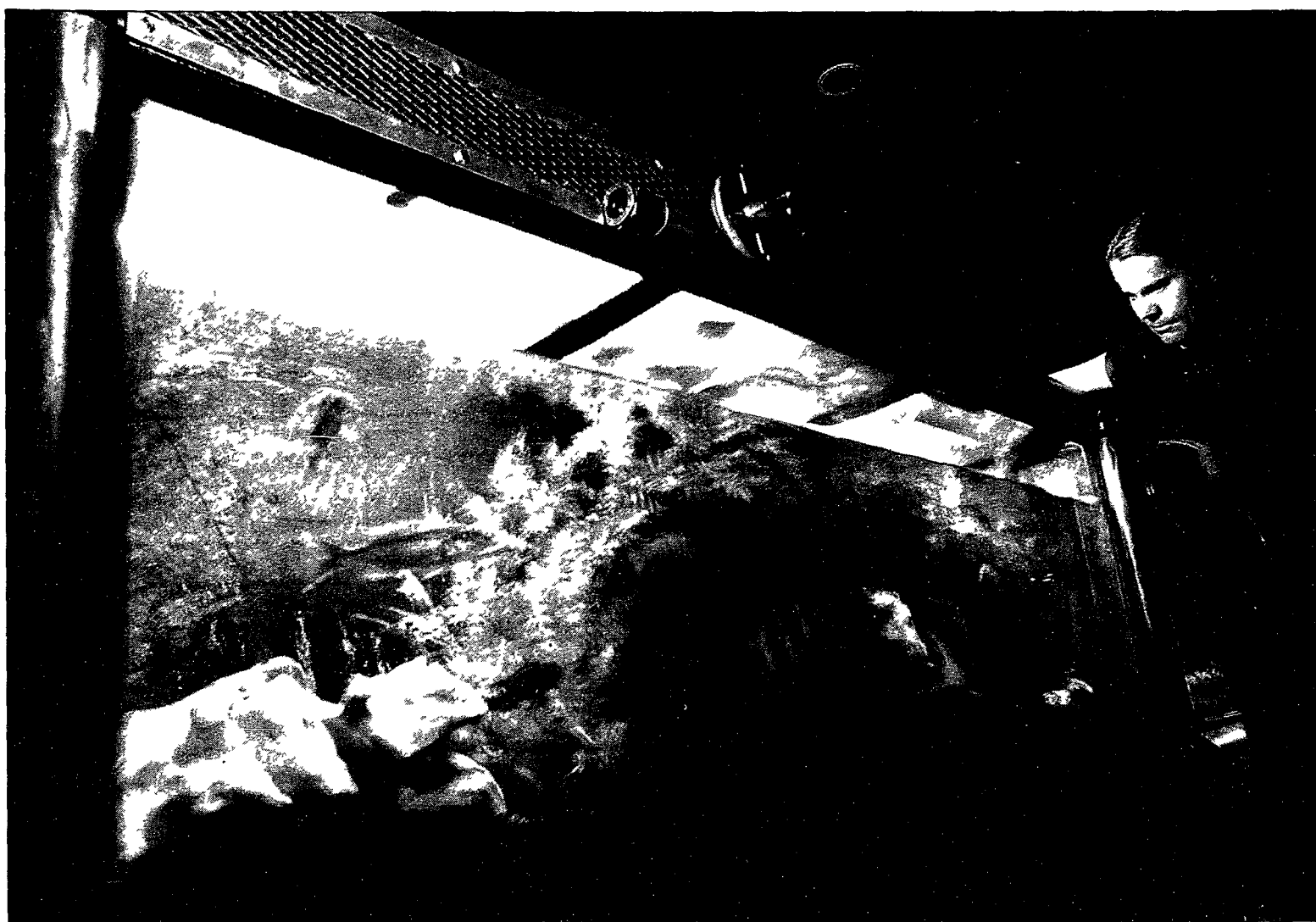
SACRAMENTO BEE

If you are looking for something to celebrate in the garden this year, plant beans or poppies. The National Garden Bureau is celebrating 2003 as the "Year of the Poppy and Bean."

The poppy is "quite probably the most popular wildflower in America," and beans are varied, easy to grow and versatile in the kitchen, according to the National Garden Bureau.

The NGB is a non-profit organization that distributes information on gardening from seed.

On the Web: [www.ngb.org](http://www.ngb.org)



Jesse Dammann cleans a 265 gallon aquarium at Freshwater Software in Boulder, Colo.

# Water Works

Aquariums can help de-stress home and office

Story By Kevin Williams ■ Photos By Mark Leffingwell ■ Scripps Howard News Service

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frican Cichlids. Clown Loaches. Marmalade Sunshine Peacocks and Blue Discus.

Like flitting pieces of a rainbow, these disparate fish play hide-and-seek among the African Root driftwood that decorates their homes.

"They're just so peaceful and mellow," says Jesse Dammann, nodding toward the Blue Discus that's swimming in a 220-gallon display in the meeting room at Freshwater Software in Boulder, Colo.

A self-proclaimed "aquarium technician," Dammann, 41, the owner of Aquarium Design, designs, builds, installs and maintains freshwater aquariums for businesses and residents in the Boulder area.

Porthole, meeting room and work station aquariums serve as soothing, picturesque dividers at Freshwater Software. Homeowners can use them the same way to split rooms and add relaxing splashes of natural color.

Freshwater is one of Dammann's biggest accounts and probably his favorite to date. That's saying something, since he's been immersed in the business for 25 years.

For this particular job, Dammann built the tanks on site. But he doesn't always have that luxury, he says. In some instances, he'll work out of his garage and take the finished product to its destination.

The tank at Freshwater Software is one of 73 in the building. If that sounds a bit fishy to you, well, it is — there are more than 800 fish swimming in nearly 6,000 gallons of water.

"It's been very conclusively shown to be calming, stress-relieving and peaceful," Dammann says,

"returning a person to a more relaxed state, more like they might have in nature."

For Dammann, the great outdoors was his initial link to aquariums. He loved hiking and playing in the creeks when he was young and wanted "to

underwater environment.

For Freshwater Software, he had to tap the depths of his knowledge since they wanted an aquarium for every work station. The result was a series of L-shaped tanks zigzagging across the room.

Many novices start with a 55-gallon tank, which is about 4 feet long and 1 foot wide. They usually run about \$300-\$500.

"Generally, every \$500 you put into it gets you a really nice bump up in quality."

After deciding how much money a person is willing to part with, it's time to make sure the chosen aquarium can fit in the space available.

Then there are the fish, which really should be the last part of the equation, Dammann says. "The rule of thumb is an inch of fish per gallon."

Even so, he tries to aim for two-thirds of that, so the tank isn't packed to the gills.

As for the environment inside the tank — which can include gravel, rocks, driftwood and lights — he looks at what's best for the fish before thinking about what's best for the humans viewing them.

"It's environment first, that's really what I base it on," he says. "Habitat, chemistry, then aesthetics."

Tanks should be cleaned once every three weeks and owners of aquariums should never change more than half the water at one time.

"As a form of art, their interest is more enduring for most people than a sculpture or painting," he says. "The fact that the fish move around and they're always up to something new makes this an



Dammann, who owns Aquarium Design, cleans the sediment from a 110 gallon fish tank mounted in a portal style display at Freshwater Software, one of 73 aquariums throughout Freshwater Software's office.

bring a bit of that inside to continue to be in contact with it."

At 13, he found his first commercial aquarium maintenance job. Since then, he's learned how to design and build tanks, create the aquarium interior, master the plumbing and maintain the delicate

# Exploring the fine art of conservation

By Michael Donahue

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

When she found an old, dark canvas in a frame at an auction, Anne Conrad felt there was more to the painting than met the eye.

She could make out only part of a face on the right side. The rest of the oil painting was black with dirt and grime. "It looked spooky," Conrad said. "You couldn't tell if it was male or female."

She bought the painting for \$200 and took it to an art conservator. "He said, 'I think there's something else under there. I can clean it for you, and we'll see.'"

Conrad was astonished when she saw the restored painting. "I thought he was giving me the wrong painting. Not only what turned out to be a lady was on the left-hand side, but there was a young girl holding a cat. It has all these details, and they have on beautiful gowns. You can see their jewelry. She has on an old matching bracelet and choker."

Dilapidated oil paintings, many from the 19th century, can be found at auctions, estate sales and antique malls. They range in price from \$10 or less to hundreds of dollars depending on subject matter, whether the painting is in a frame and the amount of damage, which includes holes, scratches and dirt.

Whether it's a portrait of an austere gentleman with half his face missing or a ripped-up landscape, art conservators can bring paintings

back to life. Restoration can run from \$100 to several thousand. But the results can be worth much more than the cost.

Randolph Jones Jr. and Kitty Sting are two Memphis conservators who specialize in restoring antique paintings.

Jones, who owns Fine Art Restoration, said he's restored oil paintings he "literally could walk through."

Many people prefer an antique painting to a new painting, even if it's in bad shape, Jones said. "They do have a certain look."

The subject matter often is different from that found in a newer painting, he added.

Rips are the first things Jones looks for when restoring paintings. He repairs these first because cleaning the painting first would make the rips bigger.

He then strips off the varnish to get back to the original paint. "I've been in the business long enough to forewarn people this is not going to look like it was when it was brought to me. After stripping off orange and yellow varnish and under filth, there will be bright colors. That's the problem with restoration. You really have to prepare the client 'cause it can be very shocking."

Jones uses a water-based paint to touch up oil paintings. "Anything I've added to it (the painting) cosmetically can be easily removed, and the original is right there again."



Kitty Sting goes about the job of cleaning a painting she says is by a Dutch Masters and dates to the 17th century in her art restoration studio in Memphis.

Photo by Dave Darnell / Scripps Howard News Service

The varnish he uses can easily be removed with mineral spirits. "I make sure everything I do is reversible."

Sting, who owns Kitty Sting Studio and Art Conservation Center, uses a microscope to analyze the pigments in the painting so she can match the paint. She mends tears with binding wax, little pieces of canvas and a special conservator's iron, which operates on low heat so she won't blister the painting.

As with Jones, everything Sting does to a painting is reversible. She also makes photographs of the work before, during and after restoration. A written report is given to the

owner of the painting after she completes the restoration.

Unless they're professionals, people should never try to restore a valuable painting. "If you find a painting, don't try to clean it with soap and water," Sting said. "It dries the pigment. It completely cracks the painting. It becomes brittle."

Art conservation can result in some surprises.

One painting of someone's mother-in-law was riddled with bullet holes, Jones said. "The mother-in-law was coming to visit for the holidays. The man said, 'I don't care what it costs to fix it, you fix it.'"





## FOOD

## Picking the perfect apple

By Bill Scanlon

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

An apple a day can keep the doctor away, provided it's the right apple.

Colorado State University researchers are searching for the perfect apple — a species that's easy on the taste buds and still has the maximum cancer-fighting properties.

It's not likely to be the Golden Delicious or any apples most popular at supermarkets.

"They're not very high on the antioxidant scale," said Dr. Cecil Stushnoff, director of the plant and biotechnology program at CSU's department of horticulture.

Problem is, most apples known to be loaded with helpful antioxidants are too bitter or astringent for consumers.

But by revisiting all the apples that sprang from the Caucasus Mountain region of southern Russia, the researchers are finding intriguing possibilities for super-healthy juices, ciders and even eating apples.

"I believe in food as a tool to realize optimum health," said Dr. Henry Thompson, a CSU cancer researcher focusing on food and health. He hopes the research into fruits and potatoes with the highest antioxidant properties will help farmers and medical experts enhance the food supply to help fight cancer.

A byproduct of breathing in oxygen is the formation of oxidation, which can damage cells, including the DNA within, Thompson said. The more oxidation, the greater the chance of mutations that can lead to cancer. Most fruits and vegetables are a relatively rich source of antioxidants, which can reduce the oxidation and help prevent cancer and cardiovascular diseases.

But the antioxidant qualities in fruits and vegetables vary enormously. For example, the Gingergold apple has a phenolic, or antioxidant, score of 15. By contrast, the Malus sikkimensis apple has a score of 7,181 — almost 500 times more — say Stushnoff and fellow CSU researcher A.E. McSay.

Most of the supermarket apples are closer to Gingergold than M. sikkimensis, "not very high for antioxidants," Stushnoff said.

"We're looking at samples of genetic diversity present for all the world's apples," Stushnoff said.

The goal is to let fruit growers know that there are healthier varieties out there, which they can use to make ciders, juices and applesauce, Stushnoff said. "What we'll be saying to the apple industry is that there's an opportunity to add value to your apple products by developing cider varieties that are high in antioxidants," he said.

The researchers have already found that apples high on the antioxidant index don't have to be brown, Stushnoff said. "There's plenty of room for improvement. Why not pink or red apple juice?"

CSU researchers will test the food on volunteers to determine how well the antioxidant qualities in the food translate into actually reducing oxidation at the cellular level.

## Caring for Non-stick

When Teflon was first introduced as a non-stick cooking surface in the 1950s, the hype was often greater than the actual in-home results. Since then, non-stick pots and pans have been improved greatly, and now they are a staple in millions of kitchens worldwide.

But even the best-made non-stick surfaces require special care, so what can you do to minimize damage when cooking with and washing non-stick cookware?

Jessica Parfrey is an assistant store manager with Sur La Table, a nationwide upscale kitchen and cooking supply store. Here she shares her expert opinions on using and caring for non-stick cookware:

■ Great results. Non-stick pans are popular because they are a great way of cooking sticky foods like eggs without using a lot of fattening butter or oil. Their slick surfaces also make cleanup easy.

■ Disposable cookware. According to Parfrey, many people think of non-stick pans as something to throw away after a year, when the surface becomes too scratched or chipped to perform well. But with the proper care on the stove and in the sink, non-stick can last just as long as other kinds of cookware.

■ Low heat. One way to protect your non-stick cookware is to use a low heat setting on the stove. High heat can damage the surface.

■ Avoid metal. Never use metal cooking utensils with a non-stick pot or pan. To avoid scratches, use wood or plastic spoons or spatulas.

■ Wash by hand. Parfrey advises against washing your non-stick cookware in the dishwasher. Wash it by hand in the sink, with a soft sponge or towel. As with cooking, never scrub the surface with anything metal, and avoid hard plastic scouring pads.

If you follow all of these rules, Parfrey says, you should be able to enjoy your non-stick cookware for years to come.

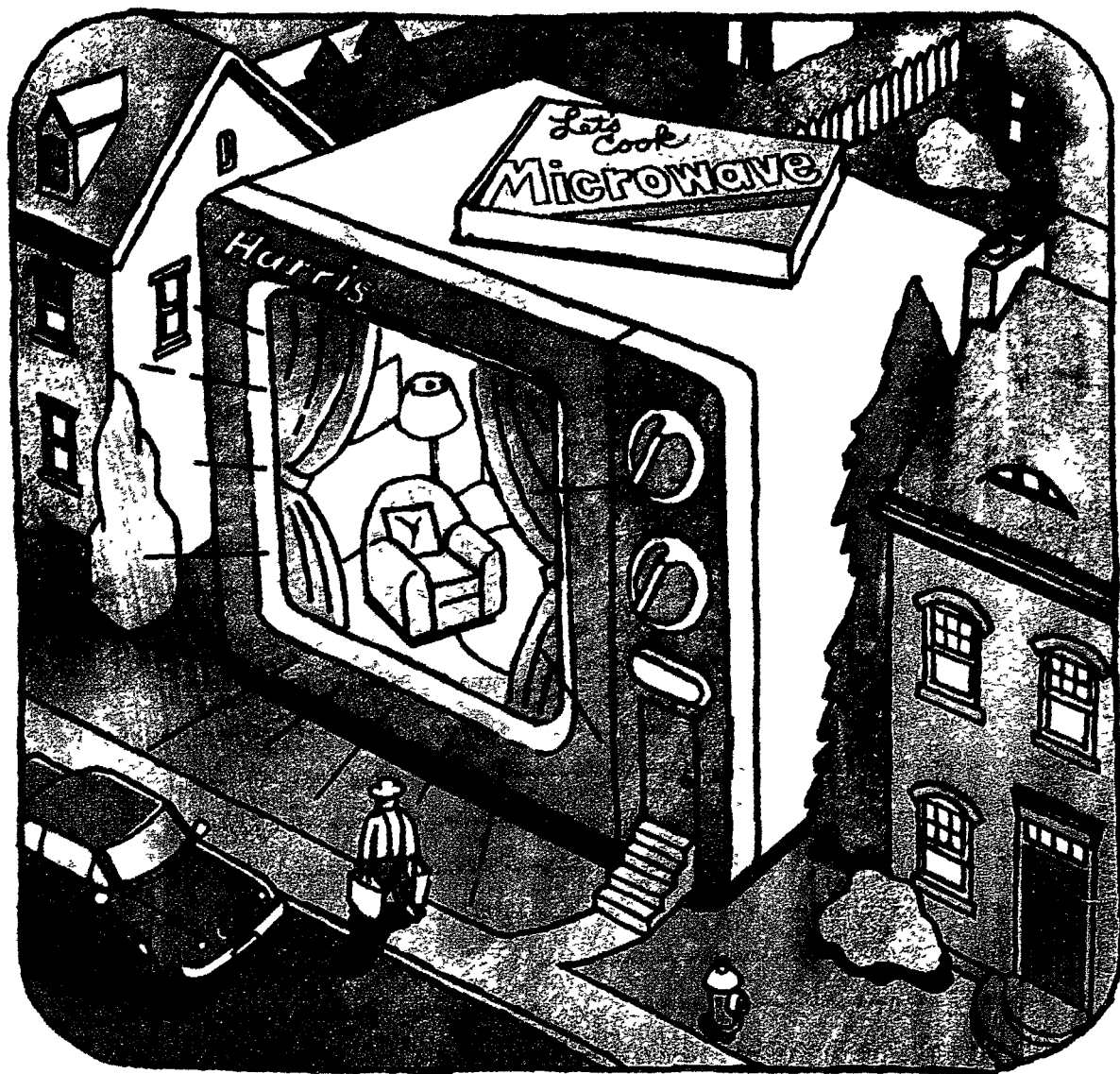
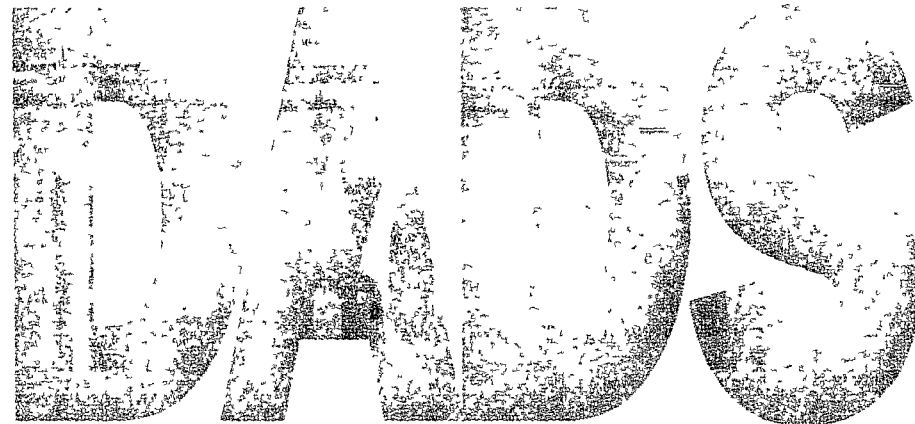


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# MICROWAVE



## The Adventures of Microwave Dad: One man's search for good meals to make at the touch of a button.

By Gwen Schöen

SACRAMENTO BEE

here are those among us who love to cook and love to eat. And there are those who think of food strictly as fuel — something necessary to sustain life.

Carl Paquin of Lake of the Pines, Calif., falls into the latter group. When he was downsized out of his job at Pacific Gas and Electric Co. in 1997, he decided to work at home managing his rental properties. The lifestyle change would give him more time with his two young daughters and allow him to help more around the house.

Then, much to his wife's amusement, he announced that he would also take on the weeknight dinner duties to give her more time with the girls and some flexibility to squeeze her home-based business selling dietary supplements around her work schedule at the Nevada Irrigation District.

"I do cook," says Sandra Paquin. "But my schedule is kind of unpredictable, so having Carl cook dinner on weeknights is a big help. Now I don't have to think about dinner even when I'm busy."

While cooking is not something Carl particularly enjoys, he is a good sport and tries to put a nutritious meal on the table every night. But like many parents, caught between shuttling his daughters from school to meetings and activities, and getting his own work done, there's not much time left for cooking.

"I want to get dinner on the table, everyone fed something fairly nutritious and the kitchen cleaned up in record time," says Paquin.

"It seems to me that the microwave oven should help accomplish that. The problem is, I find very few recipes for actual cooking in the microwave."

Finding new microwave recipes is not an easy task, since few cookbooks for the microwave have been published in the last 10 years.

The reason, says research by Amana, is that although 95 percent of America's households have a microwave, they are used primarily for popping corn, heating leftovers or frozen dinners or melting ingredients

for recipes.

"It is unfortunate that the microwave doesn't get more use in the home kitchen," says cookbook author Barbara Kafka in a phone interview from her office in New York. Her "Microwave Gourmet: The Only Microwave Cookbook You Will Ever Need" (William Morrow & Co., \$20), first published in 1987, is considered one of the best references around.

"People who use it most seem to be single men or people who used to cook for a big family and are now empty-nesters," says Kafka.

"I think the main appeal is that it is neat and tidy. You have a lot less

### Micro-managing tips for cooks

As with most things, the more you practice cooking with your microwave oven, the more success you will have. Here are a few tips from Kelly Thompson, senior home economist for Betty Crocker Kitchens, General Mills Inc.

■ Foods with tight skins, such as apples or potatoes, should be pierced or scored to release the pressure that builds up during cooking.

■ Foods that have an uneven shape, like chicken legs, should be arranged with the thick sections to the outside of the dish and should be turned over halfway through cooking.

■ Cut vegetables, such as carrots, into equal sizes for uniform cooking.

■ When using plastic wrap to cover foods, make sure you leave a vent to allow steam to escape.

■ Use waxed paper to cover items that might splatter. Paper towels can also be used to cover foods that might give off excess moisture.

■ Lids or covers help to contain heat and steam to speed cooking. They also help hold in the moisture of the food.

■ Because foods continue to cook after being removed from the microwave, stand time is important for quality, texture and taste.

cleanup and you can have good results without having to be terribly creative."

According to Kafka, one of the foods a microwave does best is vegetables.

"Things that do well with steam cooking are wonderful cooked in the microwave," Kafka says.

"It's not, however, a good tool for things that need to roast or turn brown."

"I just want something fast," says Paquin. "Not only is the microwave quick, it's also cool, which is important in the summertime. It's better than the barbecue on hot days."

We set to work finding help for our microwave dad. Not only was speed a priority, he also wanted "easy." We found recipes in several cookbooks, including Kafka's and two books by Carol Bowen, "The Microwave Kitchen Bible" (Southwater Publisher, \$19.95) and "The Complete Guide to Microwave Cooking" (Lorenz Books, \$14.95).

We realized we were working with a novice cook, so we backed up a few steps and gave him a handful of basic recipes. He and his kitchen sidekick, 9-year-old daughter Rose, proved to be enthusiastic recipe testers.

They started out with beef stroganoff made with ground beef (and a chopped fresh onion). For a snack, they made caramel corn in the microwave.

"We improvised with the stroganoff," Microwave Dad said.

"The recipe called for cooked noodles. That was too much work so we had it on rice, which I know how to cook in the microwave."

The next night they tried Pilgrim Chicken made with pineapple and cranberries. It got rave reviews from the family.

"I improvised again," says Paquin. "The recipe called for mixing up the toppings in a bowl. That seemed like too much work and I didn't want to wash the bowl, so I just layered it over the chicken and it worked fine. We really liked it a lot. It was the first time I've used boneless, skinless chicken breasts, and they worked out great. I'm going to try a few more recipes with them."

### RECIPES

#### CHEESY CHICKEN

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 7 minutes

Serves: 4

5 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted and divided  
1 cup crushed, cheese-flavored snack crackers  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves  
1/2 cup sour cream

Place 1 tablespoon butter in a microwave-safe pie pan and set aside. Combine cracker crumbs and pepper. Dip chicken in remaining butter, then spread with sour cream. Roll in crumb mixture.

Place in the pie pan and cover loosely. Microwave on high for 6 to 7 minutes or until chicken juices run clear. Let stand for 5 to 10 minutes before serving.

—Source: Quick Cooking magazine

#### CARAMEL CORN

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 3 minutes, 30 seconds

Makes 4 quarts

1/4 cup corn syrup

1/4 cup margarine

1/2 cup brown sugar

1/4 teaspoon soda

4 quarts popcorn, popped

Cook corn syrup, margarine and brown sugar on high for 3 minutes. Stir well. Add soda and stir until smooth. Cook 30 seconds longer on high. Pour over popcorn and mix until well-coated.

#### BEEF STROGANOFF

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 8 minutes

Serves: 4

1 pound boneless beef sirloin steak

1/2 cup chopped onion

1 can (8 ounces) condensed cream of mushroom soup

1/2 cup sour cream

1/2 teaspoon paprika

Hot, cooked noodles for 4 servings

Cut steak across the grain into slices about 1 inch thick. In a 2-quart microwave-safe casserole dish, combine beef and onion. Cover with a lid and microwave on high 5 minutes or until beef is no longer pink, stirring once.

In a small bowl, stir soup, sour cream and paprika until smooth and well-blended. Add to beef, stirring to coat. Cover and microwave on 50 percent power 3 minutes or until heated through. Serve over noodles.

—Source: www.primasoft.com

#### SPICED PORK CHOPS

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 13 minutes

Serves: 4

4 boneless loin pork chops, trimmed of fat

1 tablespoon lime juice

2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

2 tablespoons butter

1 teaspoon minced garlic

1/3 cup dried, seasoned bread crumbs

Pinch of cayenne pepper

1/4 teaspoon ground cumin

1/4 teaspoon oregano

1/4 teaspoon salt

Rub chops with lime juice and coat with cilantro. In a microwave-safe pie plate, microwave the butter and garlic for 90 seconds or until it sizzles.

Combine bread crumbs with pepper, cumin, oregano and salt. Dip pork chops in garlic butter, then in bread crumbs.

Place the chops in the pie plate. Sprinkle with any remaining bread crumbs.

Cover with waxed paper and microwave on medium power for 6 minutes.

Turn chops over and replace waxed-paper cover. Cook for another 6 minutes on medium or until center is no longer pink.

—Source: <http://the.cellar.jadezcafe.com>

#### PILGRIM CHICKEN

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Serves: 4

1 can (about 8 ounces) whole-berry cranberry sauce

1-1/2 teaspoons butter

2 tablespoons brown sugar

1 can (13.5 ounces) pineapple tidbits, drained

2-1/2 to 3 pounds chicken pieces

Combine cranberry sauce, butter, brown sugar and pineapple. Arrange chicken in a single layer in a microwave-safe baking dish. Pour cranberry mixture over chicken.

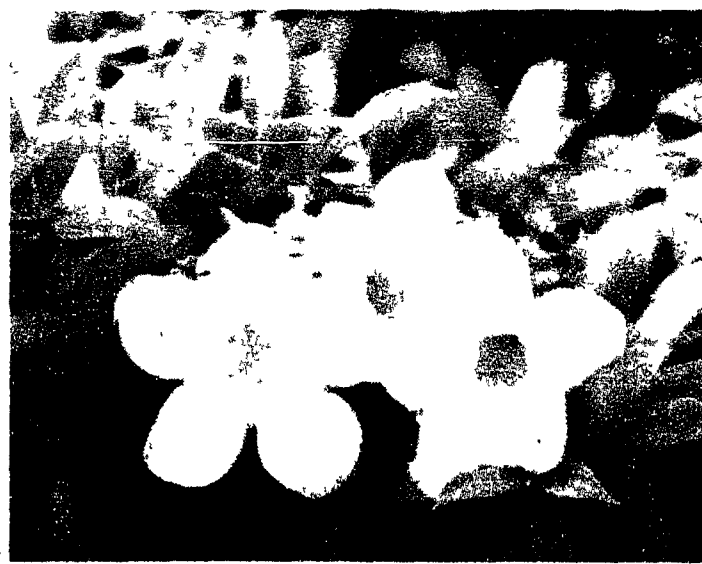
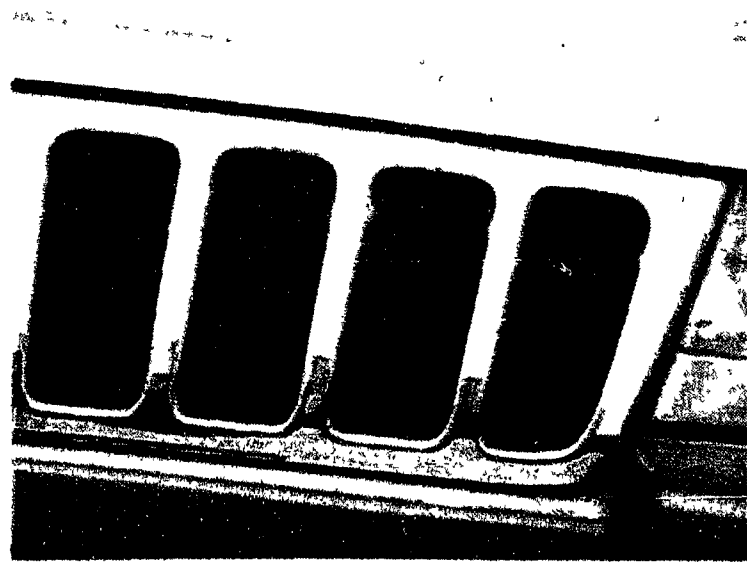
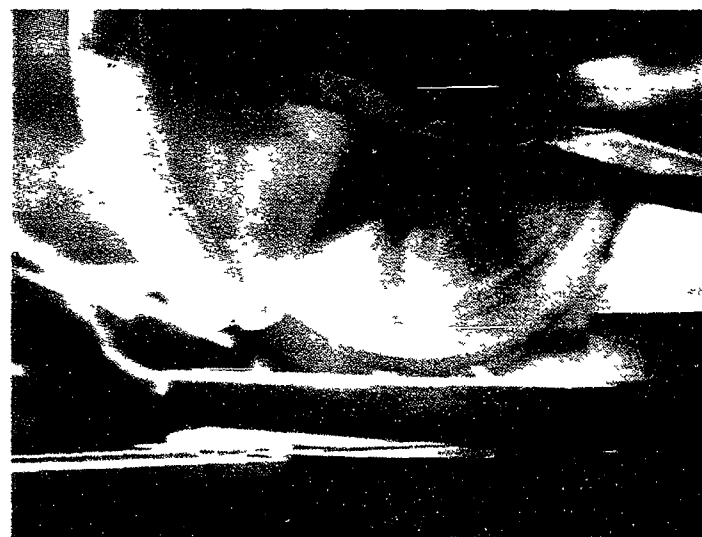
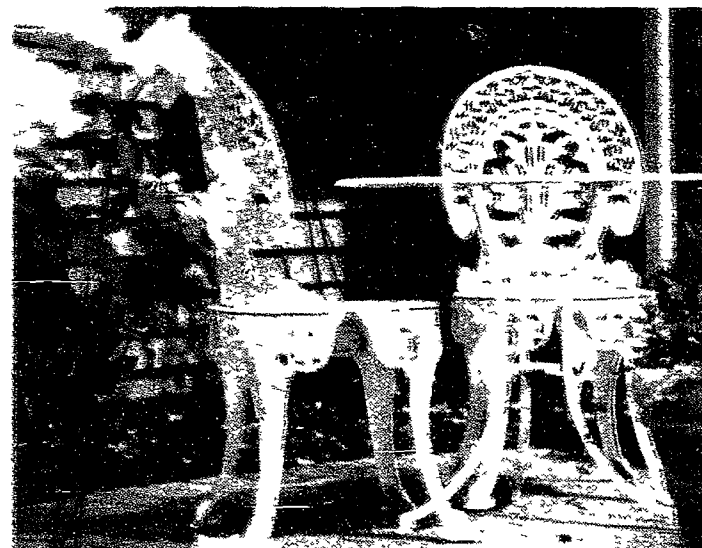
Cover the dish with waxed paper and microwave on high for 18 to 20 minutes, turning the dish after 10 minutes.

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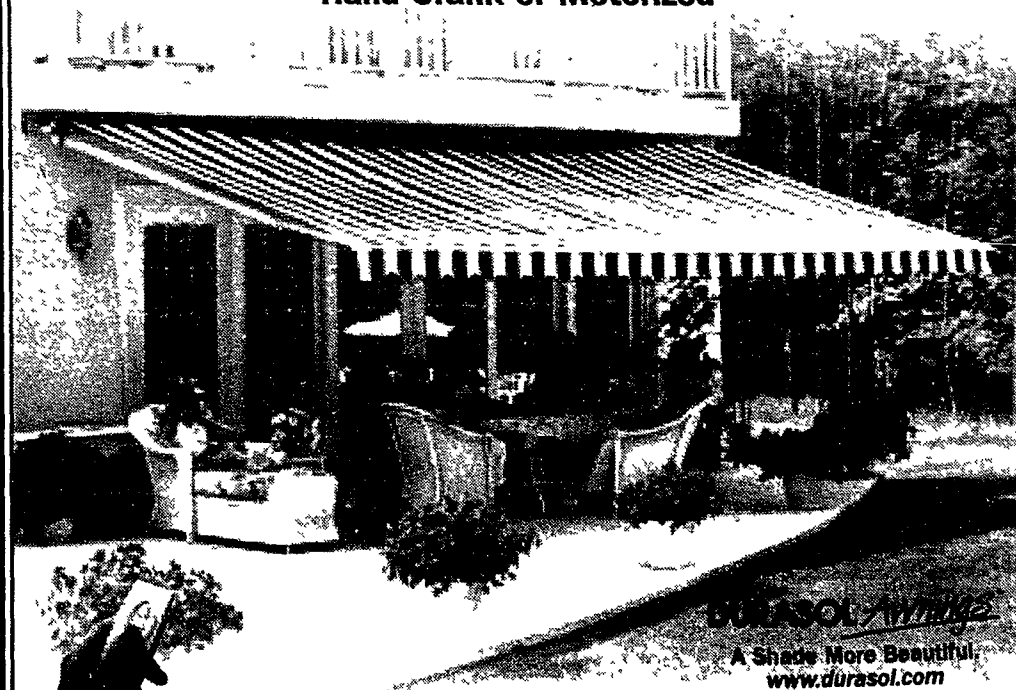
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# Tools of the trade

## Get right products before you dig into gardening

By Pat Stein

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Gardening is a growing trend.

At last count there were some 85 million gardening households in the United States, making gardening Americans' favorite pastime (even more popular than fishing). Whether you're a novice or a master gardener, whether you're cultivating a container garden on the deck or patio, growing veggies or flowers or landscaping your yard to transform it into a garden, there are certain basics that you need to get started.

"You need the right tools, the right soil and the right fertilizers to have a successful garden," said Mike Gettler, vice president of the lawn and gardening department for Lowe's nationwide chain of home improvement centers. "What you need depends on what you want to do in your outdoor living spaces. We suggest creating an overall gardening concept and doing it one step at a time."

As you dig into gardening, you will probably find yourself acquiring more specialized tools, but Gettler says the basic tools for getting started on a vegetable garden or bed of

flowering annuals or perennials can be purchased for about \$75.

"If you have a round point shovel, a spade, a hoe, a short-handled pruner, hedge shears, a rake for spreading mulch and soil, a lopper and a trowel you can handle most gardening chores," Gettler said.

A wheelbarrow or lawn cart is handy for moving mulch and soil around the yard. (Wheelbarrows range in price from \$30 to \$100 at Lowe's.) And a good pair of gloves is a must to protect your hands from thorns, calluses and chemicals.

Branded soils such as Bayer and Miracle Gro, which are sold by the bag, contain additives such as starter fertilizer and water retention characteristics so the soils are ready for planting. Gettler suggests adding Miracle Gro fertilizer every six weeks after planting.

Many garden centers now carry branded pony packs of starter plants that have been grown in properly amended soil. The branded packs also include directions for planting and information such as how far the plant will spread as it matures. They may be a little more expensive but the plants will be hardier and have better yields, whether they are flowering plants or vegetables, according to Gettler.

To prepare a vegetable bed, dig up and loosen existing soil to a depth of 8 to 12 inches. Add amended soil or amendments that are recommended for the kind of soil you have. Once the plants are in, put down a soaker hose before adding mulch.

"A soaker hose is the most economical and efficient way to water — much more so than watering from the top," Gettler said.

Mulch is the top layer and it is important for maintaining consistent temperature and maintaining moisture. It's also an aesthetic enhancement.

"Today there are many different kinds of mulches available, including some that are dyed for aesthetic appeal. Mulch that's dyed red is one of the most popular," Gettler said.

There's also a mulch that's made from recycled rubber tires.

"It has all the characteristics of other mulches but it lasts a lot longer. It costs about four times as much as wood chips or other mulches, but it's worth it because spreading mulch is time and labor intensive. If you only have to do it once every five years, you save time and effort. Plus recycling the rubber tires is good for the environment," Gettler noted.

For gardeners who have trees, Gettler sug-

gests buying an anvil lopper for cutting off dead or dry limbs and a bypass pruner for trimming live branches for purposes of shaping. Always use pruning sealer after trimming to prevent insects from invading the tree.

As you get into more advanced gardening, chances are you'll be in the market for a garden tool caddy, a special pair of gardening shoes, a gardener's vest, a variety of snippers and clippers, weeders, soil scoops and more. For hand tools such as trowels, experts suggest investing in cast steel or aluminum or forged steel rather than stamped steel, which may bend.

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# Healthy lawn good for environment

By Paul R. Huard  
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Feed it. Weed it. Mow it. Manicure it. And show it off.

The lawn is often the most pampered, even spoiled, member of a homeowner's family. It's a source of pride, the mark of just how well the owners care for their home and even an environmental asset in the suburbs.

It all starts with the grass. In the cooler northern part of the United States, favored species include Kentucky bluegrass, fine fescues, perennial ryegrass and turf-type tall fescue. Warmer climates allow landscapers to use even more varieties, including Bermuda grass.

So, which is the best for your lawn?

"This is the most frequently asked question by homeowners," said Bob O'Quinn, spokesman for Turfgrass Producers

International. "The answer depends on a number of factors, such as general geographic location for turf grass adaptation, cool season or warm season grasses, the amount of sun and shade, the amount of traffic or play, watering practices and the general level of maintenance.

The Lawn Institute ([www.turfgrassod.org](http://www.turfgrassod.org)), a nonprofit organization, maintains a Web page with exhaustive information about choosing the correct grass based on all the factors.

Not surprisingly, the organization says that a thick, lush carpet of grass does more than look good or increase property values. The institute, as well as the American Association of Lawn Care Professionals, says having a lawn helps the environment.

Take a look at your landscape the next time there's heavy rainfall. You'll notice a steady

stream of water running down the driveway into the storm drain. But you'll find very little water running off your lawn.

That's because healthy turf traps precipitation better than any other surface on earth. In fact, the average suburban lawn (about 10,000 square feet) can absorb more than 6,000 gallons of water before runoff will occur.

As that water is absorbed, the root system helps to keep the soil intact, reducing erosion. The soil and water combine to nourish all the plants in the landscape — trees, shrubs and flowers — before soaking through to recharge groundwater, the source of fresh water for many of our communities.

In addition, lawns help filter impurities that gather in rainfall. An acre of healthy grass can absorb hundreds of pounds of sulfur dioxide, for example, during one year.

Grass is also a primary collector of dust and

dirt, trapping an estimated 12 million tons each year that would otherwise contaminate the air.

Walk barefoot in the summer and you can immediately tell the difference in the temperature between the hot sidewalk and the lawn.

Studies show that turf remains a comfortable 75 degrees F when the sidewalk is at 100 degrees. Also, studies estimate that average lawns surrounding eight homes have the same cooling effect as 70 tons of air conditioning. (The average home air conditioning unit carries about 3 to 4 tons of cooling capacity.)

Photosynthesis converts carbon dioxide into oxygen, which means that the lawn outside your home provides most of the oxygen you breathe. A 50-foot by 50-foot area of healthy turf will provide enough oxygen for a family of four.

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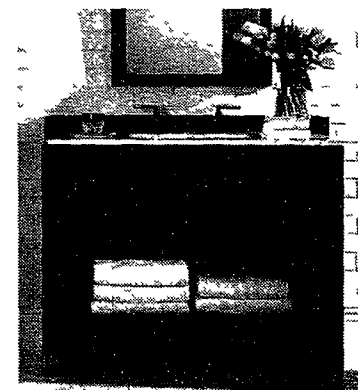
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- Plants that need less water should be on the outer edges of the garden where they endure more sun and heat.
- Curvilinear beds soften the look of the home. The new plants are grouped together according to their water requirements.
- Limit or eliminate lawns.
- Create drainage systems that supplement irrigation. (For instance, drainage from your driveway or rooftop can be channeled to areas of large plantings, using slopes and pathways.)

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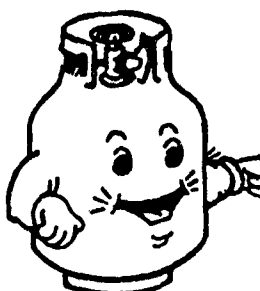
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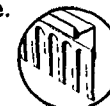
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# Right mower puts you on the cutting edge

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When it comes to mowers, the choices are as numerous — and daunting — as you would find at a new car dealership.

So, is it push or ride? Gas or electric? Rotor or reel?

## Selecting

The Web site [www.lawn-mowing.com](http://www.lawn-mowing.com) says these are the basics to keep in mind:

- Selecting the right mower for your lawn depends on how large your lawn is more than any other factor. You'll also want to consider the height level you will need to mow your lawn.

- Powered trimmer mowers are suitable for mowing lawns and higher grasses and weeds. Some models allow you to change blades to cut heavy brush such as small trees (3 inches or smaller). With the optional blade you can run through tough brush and grass with this mower. These are some of the most popular mowers available on the market today.

- Riding mowers are popular with homeowners and commercial contractors. Their

size varies from 24 inches to more than 60 inches in cutting width. Most riding mowers are rotary blade, but some reel-type models are also available. Prices range from about \$500 to more than \$10,000 depending on model and size.

- Walk-behind mowers are popular with both homeowners and commercial landscapers because of the ease of maneuvering in smaller lawns with lots of landscaped shrubbery. Even small models can be incredibly powerful. Prices range from \$200 to \$1,000.

- Reel mowers are used where the height of cut is needed below 1 inch. Most of the professional sports fields you see on TV are mowed with powered reel mowers. Golf greens are also mowed with reel mowers.

Powered reel mowers are not generally used by homeowners, as most models run into the thousands of dollars. The muscle-powered reel mower is still made by many companies, although modern materials have greatly decreased the yard tool's weight and bulk. Prices range from \$120 to \$300 for the hand-operated models.

- A general rule of thumb is mow no more than one-third of the grass blade's length.

- Determine your mowing schedule by the type and variety of grass you have in

your lawn. Also, grass usage (lawn, athletic, golf and ornamental) generally requires different mowing habits from the fully intense to the most lax. Creeping, low-growing grasses require less mowing and are mowed at a lower height because of the ground-hugging, dense-matting growth.

- Bunch-type grasses grow taller and generally coarser, so they must be mowed more often in some climates to keep the evenness of the lawn. Use as sharp a blade as possible because of their texture.

- Mowing also depends upon the amount of water and fertilizer the lawn receives. Early mowing in the spring will help to cut back some of the weeds that are preparing to seed out.

## Maintenance

As for maintenance, the Snapper Co. ([www.snapper.com](http://www.snapper.com)) recommends the following:

- Check your mower now. It should be ready to go if you emptied it of gas at the end of the season, cleaned it and sharpened the cutting blade, changed the oil, cleaned the air filter and lubricated the moving parts before you put it away for the year.

But, if you are like many homeowners who just parked it before the snow fell, you may be in for a surprise when you try to start it for the first time.

Have your mower serviced early by an independent power equipment dealer.

Service bays are slower before the season starts. If you wait you may be lining up with everyone else who didn't prepare their mower last fall as well as commercial cutters who rely on their machines daily. (Monthlong waits are not uncommon at the beginning of the season.)

Add accessories to add value and reduce your workload. If your mower is running well, maybe it's time to put it to work doing more than just mowing. Tractors, zero-turning radius mowers and rear-engine riders have the expected accessories — grass catchers and utility trailers — but there is much more.

Mulching blades, attachable fertilizer spreaders, aerators and lawn sweepers add value to your existing mower and help you get big jobs done in half the time. Even walk-behind mowers have accessory options that convert your existing mower into a more productive machine that can thatch, shred leaves and mulch.

Adding options like swivel wheels makes your older machine more maneuverable. Your dealer can help you find the accessories.

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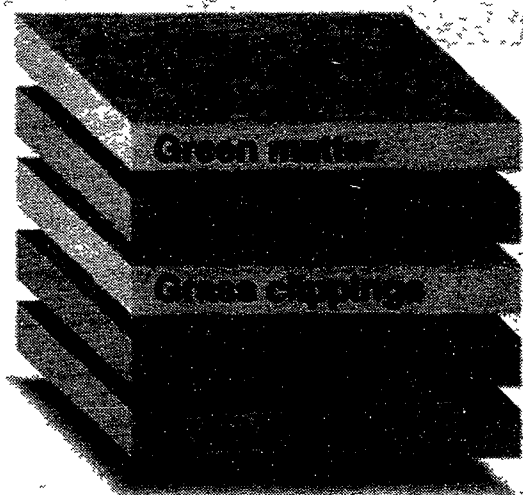
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# The heavenly hosta

## A 'punchy' plant with a competitive edge

By Lisa Coon  
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The leaf and stem of a hosta plant can be strikingly beautiful.

The deep green or blue leaf color, the yellow or white variegation or the curving lines of the leaves have turned many gardeners into hosta lovers.

Whether the leaf and stem are interwoven into a beautiful floral arrangement with other flowers and fresh fruit or displayed solo in a vase the hosta leaf certainly has come into its own.

"It's just a wonderful plant to use — it's punchy and big," said Michele Birkner, general manager and designer at Gregg Florist in Peoria, Ill. Her favorite variety is the Christmas Tree with its darkish, puckered leaf.

"We grow them for use here — between 30 and 40 varieties," Birkner said. The designers at Gregg Florist have been using hosta leaves in arrangements for about the past 12 years.

"But the major trend started in the last couple years, that's when we began seeing them at market and seeing them creeping into the silk lines with botanically correct varieties," Birkner said.

Dave Robson, horticulture educator with the University of Illinois Extension's Springfield Center, said hostas are showing up more in the mainstream because more and more people are growing them at home.

"They also last long as a cut specimen — several days to a week," Robson said. In addition, "the variety of different cultivars, shapes, sizes and colors lends them to a multitude of different uses ... from foliage in vases to leaves in bouquets. Even some — but definitely not all — of the flowers are attractive and can have a fragrance."

For Fay Heppe of East Peoria, Ill., the beauty of the hosta is one reason why she has about 175 varieties growing in her dozen-plus garden beds. The other reason: She has lots of shade.

She doesn't cut the leaves for use in arrangements, and she doesn't select stems and leaves for cut-leaf competition. She simply enjoys looking at the entire plant.

"There's not many I don't like. I like them all, they're just so easy to grow," Heppe said. "I think they hold up very well — the leaves, the color the variegation on them. ..."

For those who like to exhibit their hostas in cut-leaf competitions, Robson says there's an

art to selecting the right leaf.

"It has to be typical to the plant — not too big, not too small. If you show a leaf from a plant that is supposed to have leaves 12 to 20 inches in diameter and you show a 4-inch one, it's not true to type. Where, on the other hand, if you have a Tiny Tots variety, which has a leaf the size of a quarter, and you show a leaf the size of a dollar bill, it's atypical or not relevant to the plant."

A good leaf to show is in perfect, prime condition with no dirt, no floppiness or limpness, no bug holes or slug holes.

"A judge may pick up a leaf and hold it up to the light and see pin pricks, which may be indicative of insect damage," Robson said.

Since most shows are held during the day, Robson said he likes to cut his specimens the day before so there's time to condition and groom them for show.

"I like to soak mine in a bucket of water. There are times when I've filled up the bathtub and put them in there. The downside is you have to remember which leaf is which leaf. Some people just put stems in water, I like to condition the entire leaf."

After the leaves and stems have been soaking for a couple hours, Robson likes to sit

down on the floor with a big towel and start grooming the leaf. His toolbox is filled with tons of Q-tips, fine artist's paintbrushes, a good pair of manicure scissors to trim any browning at the top of the leaf, and an old-fashioned shaving brush, which has soft bristles that are perfect for cleaning. He makes sure all the dirt particles are cleaned out of the stem, especially at the point where the stem and leaf meet. This is an area where a lot of soil, dirt and insect parts get caught.

"I just try to make sure the leaves are presentable and in prime condition," Robson said.

Robson said competitors should select specimens that will stand straight up when displayed in the bud vase.

"When you stick it in the bottle you want to make sure it's presented properly. A lot of times the hosta exhibitor will wedge that leaf in to make it stand straight up. And there are some hostas that have a natural upright habit," Robson said. "The Krossa Regal, a blue hosta and my favorite of all time, has a perfect upright vase shape so when you cut a leaf from the plant, that leaf always stands at attention. If it's conditioned properly, it's going to be like a soldier and standing at attention. You just don't want a floppy leaf."

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# Entryway: Put your best foot forward

By Doris A. Black  
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The entryway of your home can make a lasting impression on visitors, potential buyers and even passers-by.

The doorway is a reflection of your family and your lifestyle. It says "hello" to everyone passing the threshold. First impressions are hard to forget, so make the best first impression you can.

Many people seldom use their front door to enter the house, so it is often overlooked as a place that needs improvement.

Evaluate your entry. Stand at the street and look at the whole picture. Ask yourself: Does the entry fit the style of the house? Does it make a statement? Does it have style? Is it bright and cheerful? Does it reflect my personality? Walk up your driveway and sidewalk. Are they in good condition? Is there anything you can do to improve their appearance? Perhaps flowers planted along the sidewalk will accentuate the gentle curve to the door.

The front porch has traditionally been a gathering place for friends and neighbors where life seems to move a little slower. Children gather for games or to share a cold drink on a hot summer's day. Parents find it a relaxing place to converse in the fresh air while keeping tabs on the kids.

As such, the front porch can get a lot of use as well as abuse, so regular maintenance may be required to keep it in top condition.

Take a good look at the steps. Are they in good repair? Are they littered with toys that could be tripped over? Safety should be the number one concern when it comes to stairs.

If there are more than three steps, a secure handrail should be provided. Cement steps should not be crumbling. Wooden steps should not have loose boards. If you need to replace the stairs, consider using brick as an attractive alternative that will last for years.

If your porch has a railing, make sure it is secure. Children love to climb and porches with railings are an attraction hard to resist.

If the railing is wooden with a natural stain, run your hand over it and make sure there are no rough spots that could splinter.

Painted railings should be touched up where the paint is cracked or peeling.

Look at the condition of the surface of your porch.

If you have a wooden plank porch, check routinely for protruding nails.

If you have a concrete porch, make sure the surface is even. An uneven one could cause someone to trip or fall. Repair any broken patches by filling with concrete.

Keep your porch free of debris like dead leaves and sticks.

Clean away spiderwebs and insect carcasses.

If you have a storm door, look it over

carefully. Is it visually appealing? Many storm doors are made of lightweight aluminum. They can be dented or damaged easily. Most are white, which makes every dirty fingerprint stand out. Wash the door thoroughly and look at it again. If it has been damaged beyond repair, it's time to get a new one.

Look closely at the doorframe. Is it covered in fingerprints and black boot marks? A fresh coat of paint will brighten it up and cover any stubborn marks.

To get ideas for decorating your entryway, leave a few minutes early one day and take a different route to work.

Look at the homes you pass for an entryway that catches your eye.

Notice what makes the entry attractive. Is it the color or style of the front door? Is it the way all the pieces fit together?

A well-furnished porch always calls attention to itself. Treat your porch as another indoor room. Furnish it with comfortable and sturdy pieces that fit the space.

Your porch may be large enough to hold a sofa, but a settee is smaller and may be more appropriate, allowing room for other pieces like a table for casual dining or matching side chairs.

Wicker is a traditional favorite, but any style will work. A rustic bench looks quaint for a country look.

Search garage sales, flea markets and auctions for unusual pieces.

Unify your space with color and lighting.

Paint the floor in a checkerboard pattern to catch the eye.

Add a rug for warmth or paint a decorative floor rug to accent a seating area.

Wrought iron chairs can be painted any color to coordinate with your color scheme.

For a soft mood, install a dimmer switch or add a lamp to a covered porch.

For a special effect, install a small chandelier.

Now that the basics are in place, bring in the details—accent pieces that will really show your personality. Again auctions and flea markets are the best places to look.

Perhaps a rusty metal plant stand could find new life with a paint job and a potted plant.

Maybe a reproduction of a painting you've always admired would look lovely hanging by the door.

Showcase colorful flowers or train a plant to climb up a column or post.

Hang a sturdy piece of trellis to support climbing plants at one side of the porch, provide privacy and act as a wind block.

Place groups of pinecones, bird nests and gourds as natural accent pieces.

Have fun with decorative accents; use them to add whimsy and humor whenever possible.

Remember the entryway is the first thing people will notice as they approach your home.

It tells a story about the occupants inside. Make it welcoming and inviting.

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# Transform home with color

By Doris A. Black  
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Color is the most obvious design element in a room.

One of the easiest and least expensive ways to change the atmosphere in a room is to change the color. White walls and ceilings are passé. Splash some color onto the walls to create a room with attitude.

Start by deciding how you use the room and how you want it to make you feel. Look through magazines and note how the photographs make you feel. If you find one with the impression you want for your room, analyze the colors. Reds and oranges are vibrant. Blues are cool and refreshing. Neutral and pale colors are serene.

Traditionally it has been thought that light colors make a room appear larger and dark colors make a room appear smaller. However, today some designers ascribe to the notion that dark colors actually appear to recede, making the room look larger. You may want to experiment with light and dark colors to form your own opinion.

Another method of selecting a color is to draw the colors from a favorite piece of fabric or painting. If possible, take the item with you to the paint store when selecting samples.

The way a color chip looks at the paint store may be entirely different than the way it looks in your home. For example, I once selected a lovely coral color for my dining room. I was so excited at what I was about to create that I went straight home and painted the entire room in what turned out to be bubble gum pink. Yuck! You may have experienced a similar scenario.

Don't be influenced by the paint names—they can alter your impression of the actual color. Pick 10 to 20 paint samples to take home. You'll narrow these down later.

Hang a few at a time on different walls in the room and notice how the shades change at different times of the day. Right away you'll spot those you don't like. Switch the remaining paint samples to different walls and notice how they look different than the way they did on the first wall. That's because light is reflected at different angles throughout a room, sometimes to the extent that you can't recognize the color.

The idea of selecting a paint color may sound easy, but you really should live with it for a few days before making a final selection.

Glazing and faux-finishes are all the rage now. If glazing is new to you, give it a try. It is a little more work—after all you'll be applying at least two coats, but layering paint will give the wall depth and dimension.

If you've chosen your colors well you'll be pleased with the extra effort involved. If it's not what you had in mind, don't panic. Just paint over it. That's what's so perfect about remodeling with paint; it's inexpensive and mistakes are easily corrected.

Don't be afraid to paint a worn piece of furniture. By painting it, you can give it new life.

Start with something small if you are hesitant. Pick up an inexpensive bookcase or chair at an auction to practice on. You

can even use a leftover piece of lumber that you may have tucked away in your basement or garage. It's a good idea to practice different techniques, including stenciling or sponging, until you feel comfortable enough to proceed. One of the newest ideas for painting furniture involves spray painting lace. Use the lace as a stencil, lifting the corners to check the pattern and re-spraying if necessary. It can give a worn, old cabinet a delicate new look.

Mother Nature provides ample design inspirations. Foliage and florals are traditional favorites, but don't stop there.

Consider animals. If your kitchen has a collection of mismatched wooden chairs, try painting all the seats in the leopard pattern. It will unify the chairs and surprise guests. Swans are elegant and gaining in popularity. Insects such as butterflies, ladybugs and dragonflies can brighten a child's room.

Mystical fairies are a big hit, too. Outline the figures with a black permanent marker to make them really pop. If you can't find a stencil of the object you like, consider making one or cutting a simple pattern from cardboard.

Use your favorite flower to embellish a table or stool. Maybe you have an artsy neighbor or coworker you could persuade to hand-paint a piece for you.

Children love murals painted on their walls. Whether you paint it yourself or hire someone, get input from the kids. Ask them to name their favorite colors and figures.

A friend of mine hired a professional muralist to paint a rainforest in her boys' room. It was an expensive project, but beautiful when finished.

I painted a life-sized comical knight, dragon and peasant soldier in my son's room by first drawing the figures on paper, then projecting them onto the wall with an overhead projector I purchased at a school sale for one dollar. It took some time but didn't break my pocketbook, and my son thinks they are so special he shows them off to everyone who walks in the house.

Remember to consider the ceiling and floor when changing the color scheme in a room. The ceiling and floor are two-sixths of the room's surfaces and shouldn't be ignored.

Although often overlooked, a ceiling can really tie the elements of a room together. Select a complementary color to the walls or use the same color at half strength with a pearl glaze over the top.

If you can't afford or don't want to change your carpeting (it might be in perfectly good condition and you're just tired of it), find an area rug that will reflect or complement the color you've chosen for the walls and ceiling. Notice how just laying the rug in place changes the atmosphere in the room. For a wooden floor, you may want to try your hand at painting a floor cloth. Like the walls, if the result is unsatisfactory, paint over it.

Color is a very personal element in design.

What you see as the perfect choice may not be seen the same way through someone else's eyes.

Consult with others in your household before making dramatic changes.

# Night Lighting

## Let these ideas light up yard

By Pat Stein

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Outdoor lighting extends the time you can spend in the garden, on the patio or deck, improves the security of your property and adds a dramatic touch to landscaping and the design elements of your home.

You needn't be an electronic wizard or hire an electrician to install outdoor lighting, according to Chris Rankin, author of "Garden Lighting for Outdoor Entertaining" (Lark Books, \$17.95).

Rankin has dozens of suggestions and directions for easy and practical lighting projects that add a festive, romantic air to outdoor living spaces.

He advises starting by assessing your outdoor lighting needs and creating an outdoor lighting plan.

Do you want outdoor lighting to improve the view from inside your house or to set the stage for arriving guests?

Will it be used to spotlight a new garden sculpture or fountain, to illuminate a dining area or table, or to extend the hours you can work in the garden or read outdoors on the patio?

Do you want a warm glow or a focused beam?

Do you want to emulate moonlight? If so, shine a light down.

Be sure your outdoor lighting doesn't annoy your neighbors. Mounting a light too high up in a tree can shoot the light past your property and into your neighbors' yard (or worse yet, into their windows), giving them unwanted illumination.

When planning your lighting, make sure you know where the light will fall, Rankin advises.

He also cautions against overlighting. Bright lights create an institutional effect and make unlighted areas seem even darker. Rankin recommends using a greater number of fixtures with less powerful lights for more pleasing illumination.

He suggests experimenting with temporary lights (such as clip-on lights) before committing to a permanent lighting plan.

In most yards and outdoor living spaces, access to electrical outlets is limited and overuse of extension cords is not only unsightly but dangerous, so Rankin suggests using candles, oil lamps or torches where there is no safe access to electrical power.

Here are some of Rankin's ideas for festive temporary outdoor lighting:

- Fill a strawberry pot with beach or river pebbles or gravel and tuck a tea light into each pocket. On the top of the rock- or gravel-filled pot, add as many tea lights as you wish, either leaving them in their metal holders or taking them out for a more natural look.

- Punch holes in cake pans to create metal sconces or twist copper wire into an elegant candle sconce.

- Cut deck posts to different heights, sink them in the ground and prop a large pillar can-

dle on each one.

- Wrap mini lights on the inside of a paper parasol. (Use hot glue to fasten the strand of mini lights to the ribs of the parasol in a circular pattern.)

- Add fizz to your alfresco dinner party by putting gel candles in champagne glasses.

- Create a mini-light topiary by winding a string of little colored lights around a wire topiary form.

- Light paths and walkways with white paper-bag luminarias rubber-stamped with seasonal motifs. Stamp the bags first, then fill each bag with at least 1 cup of clean sand. Place a tea light or votive candle in a clear glass holder in the sand inside each bag. Do not let candles burn unattended and be sure to extinguish them before going to bed or leaving the property.

- Impress guests with the bounty of your summer garden by making a "candelabra" of bright bell peppers from the garden. Arrange the peppers in a circle on a platter or in a flat basket, using candle adhesive to fasten the peppers to the plate. Poke a hole in the flesh with a nail and stick a slender candle in the center. (If you don't let the candle burn all the way down, the peppers can still be used for cooking.)

- Line stairways with 8-inch terra-cotta flowerpots filled with sand, stick a candle in the center and top the candle with a glass chimney. Decorate the outside of the pots by painting designs on them for a whimsical touch.

- Turn the plain market umbrella over your patio table into a lighted canopy by fastening one or two strands of mini lights to the ribs of the umbrella with floral tape.

- Decorate plain tiki torches with leather cords, beads and broom bristles attached to the pole of the torch with hot glue.

Rankin cautions that there are potential dangers in flames and electrical lighting outdoors.

Extension cords meant for indoor use are not suitable for outdoor use. Be sure the extension cords you use outdoors are waterproof. Outdoor electrical outlets also should be waterproofed.

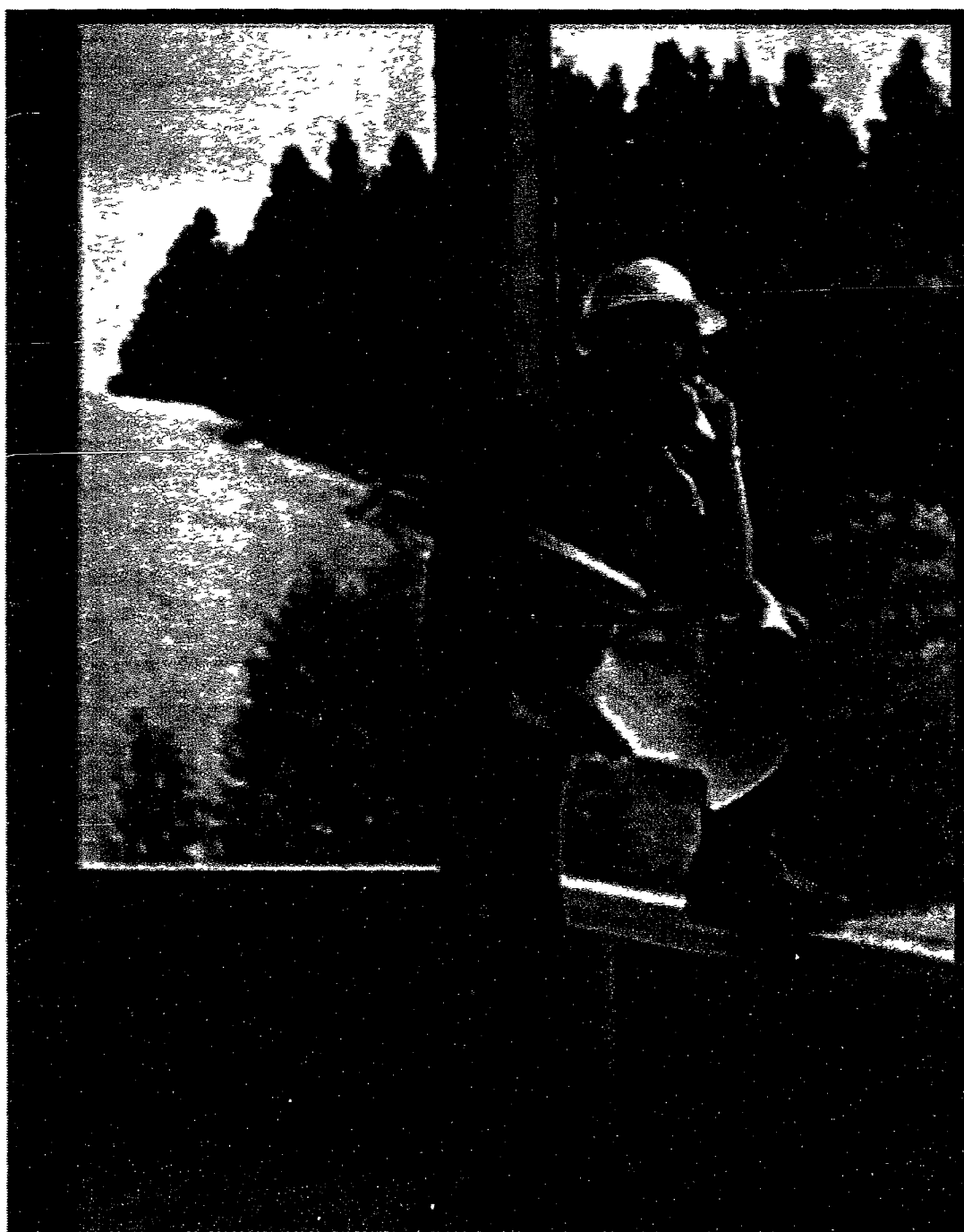
Candles should be kept away from anything that could catch fire. Candles and lanterns should be kept out of reach of children and pets and they should be placed on a steady surface where they are not likely to tip over. Keep an eye on candles as they burn lower and be sure to extinguish them before they reach the holder.

Strands of mini lights add a magical twinkle but be sure every socket has an intact bulb before turning on the lights.

Keep all light sets clear of combustible materials and turn them off before leaving home or going to sleep.

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# Garden color: Use plants to produce dyes

By Lisa Coon  
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Look beyond the petals or leaves of a plant and you'll find a range of hues.

Marigolds, sunflowers, goldenrod, yarrow and St. John's wort are just some of the plants used to produce natural dyes. But plants aren't the only source for dye. Cochineal bugs — a beetle that lives on cactus — and walnut shells also can be used in the dye-making process.

"But the color of a plant or other source is not always a good indicator of what color the dye is going to be," said Roseann Grosse, community garden coordinator for the Fondulac Park District in East Peoria, Ill.

For instance, the leaves of some plants, such as those from lilies of the valley, will produce a yellow or gold color.

Orange marigolds likely will produce a greenish yellow.

Even the cochineal bug, which is fuzzy and white when it's alive, is tricky. When dried and used in the dye-making process, it will produce a red hue. When mixed with other dye sources, the color can be changed to purple or orange.

When a mordant is added to any dye, the colors can deepen, brighten or change altogether depending on the type of additive used.

Most people probably think of indigo when they think of dyeing, but there isn't a true indigo that can be achieved easily. The indigo color is achieved only after a com-

## Follow tips for successful dyeing

### Equipment

The water you use for dyeing should be soft. Most tap water is too hard, and you should add a softener to it. If you are able to collect rainwater, that would be ideal.

The following items are useful for dyeing (do not also use them for cooking): Stainless-steel pot, such as a medium-size stock pot; strainer; stirrer; wooden spoon; measuring utensils, like cups and spoons; and kitchen rubber gloves.

### Wool preparation

When working with raw wool fleece, you must first scour the wool to remove the oil from the fiber.

For 1 pound of wool fill 3 to 4 gallons of water in a pot with detergent (like Dawn). Put the wool in and slowly simmer for 45 minutes. Cool, then rinse.

### Mordant directions

Dissolve the mordant in a small amount of hot water. Add 4 to 5 gallons more of water, enough to cover 1 pound of wool, and heat to lukewarm. Add the wool and

pligated and potent fermentation process, but natural dyers can produce a range of blues by using the false indigo plant.

simmer 45 minutes to 1½ hours. Cool and rinse.

### Dyeing time

Place wet wool in a lukewarm dye bath and slowly raise to a simmer.

Dyes from flowers, fruits, and tender leaves should simmer 30 minutes to 1 hour.

Dyes from tough leaves, roots, nut hulls and bark should simmer 1 hour to 2 hours. Cool and rinse until the rinse water is clear.

### Dos and Don'ts

- Never agitate the wool or it will felt. Lift and turn it gently in plenty of water.
- Never shock the mixture with extreme changes in water temperature.
- Do not wring or twist. To remove excess water, squeeze gently.
- Do not cover the pot when simmering, unless you are using chrome, which is light sensitive.
- Dye entire amount of wool needed for project in one bath.
- Soften wool by adding white vinegar (¼ cup per gallon) to rinse water.

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Although natural dyes pale in comparison, they age better than their synthetic, commercially produced counterparts,

Grosse said.

"Commercial dye didn't even come around until the beginning of the 19th century," said Grosse. "So people have to realize that any tapestry or clothing before that time, anything with any color to it, was done this way."

Dyeing typically took place at the end of August and September because that was "when your material was most abundant and they were able to work outside" since the dye process back then required large kettles of boiling water over open fires, Grosse said.

Her knowledge is firsthand. "I have a checkered past," she says. "When I started out as an art major, fiber was my major. I did the whole nine yards — sheep shearing, spinning my own yarn ... I really have an understanding of what it takes to produce a product like this."

It was her experience in fiber that got her interested in dyes. She became enthralled with finding the natural material to create a rainbow of colors.

Many people today, particularly needlepointers, crewel workers or weavers, like to dye their own yarn or wool because they get the softer, sadder colors that make their work pieces of art. But you don't have to plant your own dye sources.

"I purchase from a dye house — you can purchase 100 percent of what you need from dye houses. You don't have to grow your own," Grosse said.

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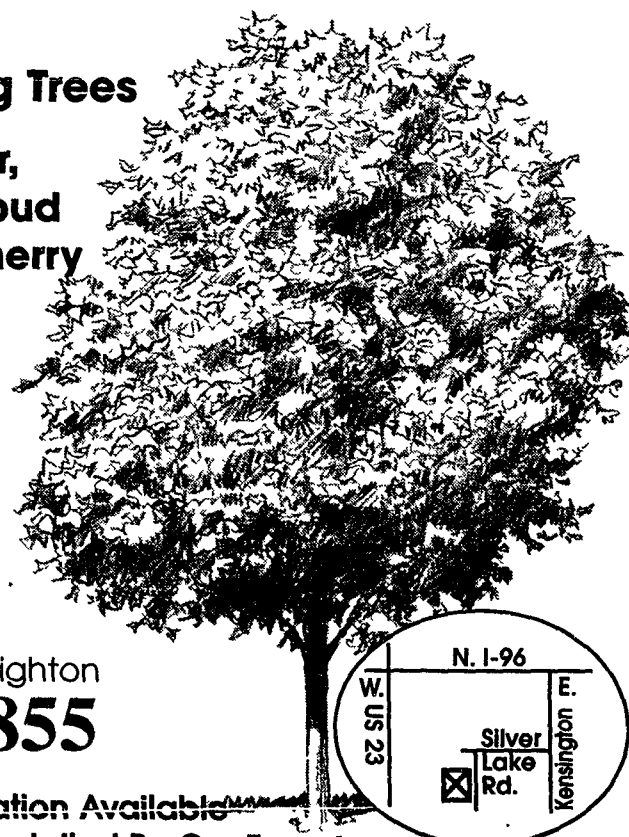
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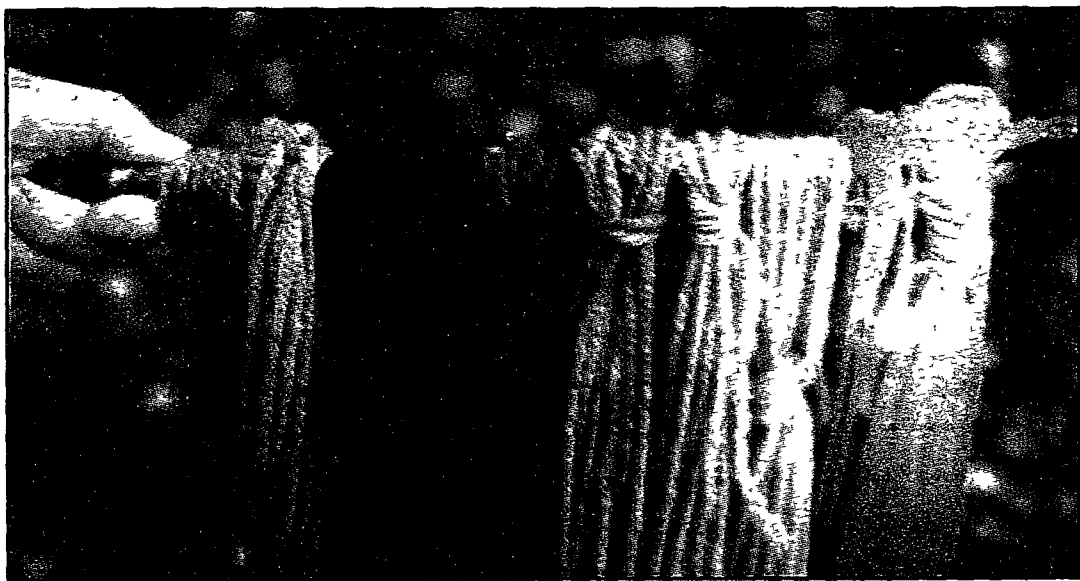


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A rainbow of colors can be created using natural dyes.

## Making natural dyes not hard

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Dyers must decide whether they want fast or fugitive dyes.

Fast dyes stay in the fiber and hold the color over time.

Fugitive dyes are somewhat temporary and turn brownish as they begin to oxidize.

"It smells wonderful when you're making natural dyes — the different plants cooking along with the wool," Grosse said.

If you're unsure what color a plant will produce, just experiment a little.

"People used to try everything. As Europeans came through the west, they didn't know what color a plant would yield," Grosse said. "A pioneer woman would try everything. Plants were your pharmacy, they colored your clothing and possibly even provided you your food. Back then people had a much better historical sense of plants."



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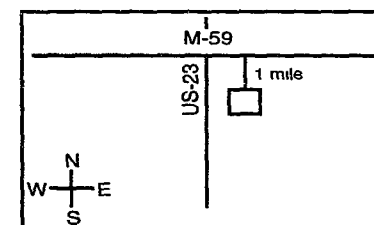


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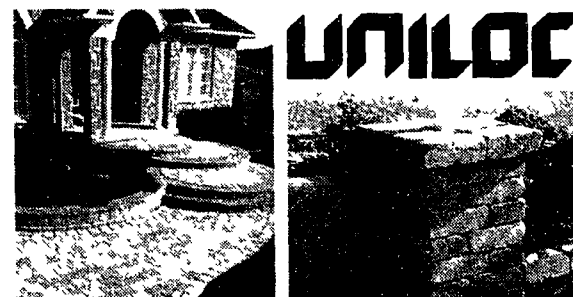
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# Warm up with an outdoor fireplace

By Deirdre O'Shea  
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In the American Southwest, lifestyles blend indoors with outdoors to savor and celebrate the wondrous weather — a nearly endless summer punctuated by a mild winter, a climate known in only 2 percent of the world.

Patios and decks are used year-round for entertaining and informal gatherings, which usually end with friends circling their chairs and stretching their feet toward an outdoor fireplace.

In California, one favorite is the chiminea, a Mexican clay fireplace used indoors centuries ago for warmth and to bake bread. Much appreciated for its functionality and rustic charm, today the portable, decorative chiminea is part of a trend reaching back yards throughout the U.S.

The desire to make the most of the home now extends to the deck, patio and garden, where the outdoor fireplace has become the new hearth.

Manufacturers have taken note and come

up with styles suitable for every budget and taste. If you haven't yet found a chiminea in your area, Final Touches' Chiminea Express Co. of North Carolina ([www.chiminea.net](http://www.chiminea.net)) has authentic Mexican clay chimineas from \$160 (there is also a mini version for \$55). To complete the experience, order fragrant pinon wood from the New Mexico Pinon Company ([www.chiminea-wood.com](http://www.chiminea-wood.com)).

BarBQue.cc ([www.barbque.cc](http://www.barbque.cc)), a subsidiary of the San Antonio, Texas, Backyard Store, sells an impressive cast-iron chiminea for \$400 with a pretty lattice-hinged front screen and decorative base. BarBQue.cc also has a cast-iron patio fireplace for \$400 that has airy lattice sides and a steel grate.

Another inexpensive option for those who want the smoke and crackle of a real fire is a circular fire dish. Cimarron Fire Dish Company, located in Corpus Christi, Texas ([www.firedish.com](http://www.firedish.com)), offers 30-, 40-, or 60-inch wood-burning fire dishes. Prices begin at \$275.

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# Turn your bathroom into a spa of luxury

By Doris A. Black  
MULTIAD BUILDER

Updating a bath has one of the highest returns of any home remodeling project.

So tear down that old wallpaper, rip out that tiny medicine cabinet, remove the particleboard cabinet and start anew.

What does the perfect bath look like to you?

Think about it.

Do you see a skylight?

How about piped-in music or a telephone?

Perhaps you envision a tub with soothing jets.

These may seem like ridiculous ideas, but keep them in mind. You may be able to work some, if not all, of them into your new bath.

Start by looking through magazines, paying attention to elements you admire most.

Maybe it's a color scheme or a set of highly polished fixtures that catches your eye.

Perhaps it's the curtains or the way the tub is positioned in the corner of the room that delights you.

Maybe it's just the feeling you get when you look at that photo.

Tear out pictures you like and keep them in a notebook. Use it to guide your choices when planning your new bath.

Start by determining how much money you can afford to spend on the project and stick to that budget.

There are lots of ways to get a high-end look without spending high-end dollars. Be a savvy and resourceful shopper.

Color is usually the first step.

Deciding on a color scheme may be a difficult task for you. Think about the colors that make you happy and relaxed. Try to imagine what a soothing room would look like and pull out those photos you clipped for additional ideas.

Once you've made a decision on color, think about the walls.

Choosing the right wall covering can be difficult. A wide range of paint finishes can be applied and the selection of wallpaper is outstanding.

Read the manufacturer's usage recommendations before purchasing wallpaper.

Wood paneling is another option. Beaded board gives a bathroom country charm and is readily available at affordable prices.

As soon as you have a wall covering in mind, consider the fixtures.

Are you looking for a bathroom with an Old-World feel or do you prefer a more modern look?

Antique dressers fitted with sinks are popular, taking the place of standard cabinetry, while a contemporary pedestal sink gives a sleek impression.

For large families or even a husband and wife, double sinks are practical.

Browse the Internet or your local home improvement store for a wide selection. It's

a good idea to familiarize yourself with what's available and the costs.

Faucet finishes can range from chrome to brass to baked-on enamel or gold plate. These can be brushed, polished or matte. Shapes, sizes and prices vary as well.

Lighting is another important feature in the bath. It should be both functional and aesthetically pleasing.

Try wall sconces or down lighting for a soft glow.

Cove lighting and a small chandelier can add a touch of elegance.

Candles can really set the mood, but be sure to observe safety precautions and never leave them unattended.

Flooring options are numerous, each with their own advantages and disadvantages.

Laminate flooring is very durable, easy to clean and can be installed over an existing floor, but once damaged, it must be replaced.

Ceramic and stone tiles are water and stain resistant as well as elegant, but they can be slippery when wet and are hard on the feet.

Hardwood floors have that warm look but are vulnerable to moisture.

Carpet is warm and comfortable, but absorbs moisture and can mold and mildew.

The choice is not an easy one.

Once you have selected the major components in the room, consider the finishing touches.

Mirrors add dimension to a bath and reflect light. If room allows, a full-length mirror is a good idea for that one final look in the morning before work.

In a large bath, try to incorporate a place for relaxation. A small, comfortable upholstered chair or a cushioned bench will find many uses.

For a country look, add a country cabinet to your bath for towels and appliances. If the one you have is a bit too rustic, go ahead and paint it to fit into your color scheme.

Include framed artwork or a favorite drawing one of your children made in school to personalize your bath.

Plants also add a nice soft touch to a bath. They help to balance a room with many hard surfaces. If you have a window and the extra floor space, add a tall ficus. It will appreciate the high humidity and you'll feel a unity with the outdoors.

Any plant will add a splash of color but observe their light requirements. If you don't have a window in your bath, choose a plant with low light requirements like Mother-in-Law's Tongue.

Creating the bath of your dreams may take some time, but if you use quality materials and pay special attention to details, you can achieve the results you desire.

Oh, and don't forget to add that telephone.

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# To create garden room, work from ground up

By Pat Stein

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The yard is no longer just the place where you mow the lawn and tend to plants. It's outdoor living space. We go outdoors to barbecue, dine, entertain, read, relax and meditate.

Garden "rooms" are worthy of just as much attention to detail and planning as indoor living spaces. And while flowers, trees and shrubs tend to take the outdoor spotlight, the garden floor sets the stage for landscaping, furniture, fountains, sculpture, birdbaths and other decorative elements typically found in outdoor living spaces. It also serves the practical function of keeping dirt off your feet (and thus out of the house), whether you're traversing a pathway or having a picnic on the patio.

Garden floors can be made with a wide variety of materials, depending on the atmosphere you want to create. Stone, brick, concrete, tile, ornamental gravel, decorative pebbles, pavers, poured concrete, recycled materials and wood rounds set in sand all are suitable for making garden floors. Glazed tiles set in a mosaic pattern create the look of a Moroccan garden. Flagstone and fieldstone have a natural look. Weathered brick has a rustic air. Or create a Zen garden with raked gravel, Japanese stone lanterns and bonsai plants.

"Garden floors, like their indoor counter-

parts, can define or redefine the entire character of a setting," says author Paige Gilchrist in "Making Garden Floors" (Lark Books, \$24.95). "Think of them as outdoor rugs that provide the foundation for your garden room."

Regardless of the atmosphere you want to create, the first step is planning the design. Gilchrist suggests spending some time strolling around your outdoor area and ruminating on how you want to use the space. Will it be a display area for an outdoor sculpture, a place to sit and read, a place for outdoor eating and entertaining? If it's to be an outdoor entertaining and eating area, consider placing the space near a door that leads to the kitchen and incorporate utilities such as running water and electricity into the plan as well as a spot for a grill.

Look at your personal lifestyle. When you entertain is it likely to be an informal gathering of families with children in strollers or folks in evening dress? If so, a gravel or pebble floor isn't going to be practical.

Do you want a low maintenance floor? How much do you want to spend? And do you want to do all or most of the work yourself?

Finally, study the characteristics of your site by walking around the yard at various times of day and under wet and dry conditions. If it slopes, a terraced floor with connecting steps might be the best choice. How

do you want the floor to relate to existing flower beds, trees and shrubs? How well does the soil drain? Where do people naturally sit, stand, gather or travel back and forth in your yard? Analyzing this will provide helpful clues on where to locate the floor of your new outdoor room and how to provide access to it, according to Gilchrist.

Based on what you've observed and pondered in your walking survey, make a scale drawing that reflects the measurements and location of existing structures and features such as drives, walks, planting beds and trees as well as utilities. Make several photocopies of the scale drawing and play with options on paper.

"Sketch design ideas. Start with rough concepts and refine them as you go. Then go back outside and evaluate your plans," Gilchrist advises.

The type of paving material you choose sets the tone of the outdoor living space. Brick is one of the most versatile materials. Because of its uniform size, it's easy to lay. It's easy to clean, provides good traction and is durable if it is of good quality.

Terra-cotta tiles are available unglazed or with brightly colored glazes. Because tiles are thin, they can't withstand much load and must be set in a well-prepared concrete foundation with expansion joints so they won't crack.

Ornamental gravel and pebbles are versatile and among the least expensive garden flooring materials. A loose stone floor is at

home everywhere from a formal garden to a meditative garden and has a sense of movement not present in fixed paving materials. It drains well and conforms easily to curving layouts and gentle slopes. It's also quicker and easier to install than mortaring pavers into place. However, you need to install edging around the floor area to keep it in place.

Concrete pavers are versatile, practical, relatively inexpensive and easier to install than stone. They come in a variety of shapes and some have stamped faux finishes that mimic stone or wood. Pavers can withstand severe weather and heavy loads.

Poured concrete is one of the most durable and inexpensive forms of garden flooring but it is also more time consuming and requires careful planning and specialized equipment.

In "Making Garden Floors," Gilchrist details how to create the garden floor foundation. (Different paving materials require different kinds of foundations.)

He also offers suggestions and how-tos on planting or otherwise filling in the gaps between the paving pieces, material purchasing tips, maintenance recommendations and a short list of necessary tools if you're planning to do the installation yourself.

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Simplicity and 360-degree viewing make the fire dish a great option for a small space. Cimarron also has natural gas and liquid propane gas versions (hardware and lava rocks included), which cost a bit more. The round dishes are supported by a scrolled wrought-iron base or straight pipe legs. With the gas models, the fire is smoke- and hassle-free, but the line to supply the gas will be visible.

Fire Science of Williamsville, N.Y. ([www.fire-science.com](http://www.fire-science.com)), has a novel solution to hide its inner workings. The Dancing Flame outdoor gas fireplace's (\$900) fire is held up by an opaque bottom section that houses a standard 20-pound LP gas tank, valve and gas lines. The Dancing Flame works with a push of a button and allows viewing from every angle. It's a more typical enclosed fireplace, 46 1/2 inches high, with a hexagon shape. For a more traditional look, Fire Science offers its lightweight Outdoor Hearth fireplace, which uses the company's patented, corn-produced Hearth Fuel. This model features tempered-glass sides and an adjustable flame. The Outdoor Hearth is offered in four colors for \$660 (stainless steel and copper are more). No tools are required for assembly, so it's simple to set up when an outdoor party winds down and you're hoping to entice guests to linger.

There is something to be said for the charm of

a true brick fireplace, and Hearthlink International of Randolph, Vermont ([www.hearthlink.com](http://www.hearthlink.com)), captures that aesthetic in the cast aluminum and masonry of its award-winning Adirondack (\$550). It looks a bit like a wood-burning pizza stove — it's hand painted with a gray dome topped by a red chimney. The mouth of the fireplace is lined with "red bricks" too. The Adirondack comes with a cast-iron wood grate, form-fitting mesh screen and chimney spark arrester. At 52 inches high, the Adirondack makes a statement, but its 26-inch footprint is not much wider than most patio fireplaces.

One of the more simple designs is the Backyard Firepit offered by Smith and Hawken for \$179. It features an extra-thick copper basin safety-tested to withstand high heat and a one-piece wrought-iron stand. The dome-shaped spark screen, made of heavy-duty coated steel mesh, adds security when children are present or surroundings are dry; it swings open for adding wood or roasting marshmallows. It's available at Smith and Hawken stores and online at [www.smithandhawken.com](http://www.smithandhawken.com).

After winter we long for the first thaw. Be ready to venture out early and stay out late with the addition of an outdoor fireplace. The primal appeal of having a fire will add much to the experience of being under the stars again.

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## Change look with fabrics

By Doris A. Black  
MULTIAD BUILDER

Tired of the way your family room looks? Does your bedroom lack pizzazz? Don't replace the furniture, order new carpeting or paint the walls. You can create an entirely new room just by changing the fabrics.

Start by determining what color and style you prefer. Choose fabrics dominant in your favorite color. By using layers throughout your room you'll create depth and interest. In addition, you'll have fun mixing and matching fabrics. For a successful layering look, choose fabrics with large, medium and small scale patterns to mix and match. For example, you might choose a large scale floral pattern for a couch, a medium scale stripe for curtains and a small print to cover pillows and a footstool. Remember to keep that dominant color running throughout the room.

Slipcovers can be purchased at traditional home stores as well as online. Some online sources are [www.surefit.com](http://www.surefit.com), [www.slipcover-seat.com](http://www.slipcover-seat.com), [www.1-800slipcovers.com](http://www.1-800slipcovers.com) and [www.slipcovershop.com](http://www.slipcovershop.com). It's fun to mix and match pillows with slipcovers. Even with the most basic sewing skills, you can make a pillow cover. Try combining a striped pillow and a solid color pillow on a floral slipcovered sofa. Or for a more traditional look, go with a restful plaid and small floral print over a solid color slipcover. You can buy ready-made covers and add your choice of trim to customize them for your home.

Customize pre-made curtains as well. For example, if you've found the perfect drapes but not in the right length, consider adding your own coordinating trim to the bottom. A jewel-toned velvet fabric adds a rich elegant touch to a medium-weight drape in a deep floral pattern. Add trim to the curtain width too, if necessary. Maybe

some leftover plaid fabric you used for a pillow will do. Remember, if you stick with the dominant color rule, your fabrics should look well together no matter where you use them.

For windows, consider this professional trick. Install a curtain rod above a window to make it look taller or buy an extra-long curtain rod if you want your window to look wider. Swag curtains are among the easiest to install. (It's almost criminal to say "install" because a long length of fabric is just draped over the curtain rod at either end. But it sounds like you went to a lot of trouble.) Tie a large knot at the tips of the rod. Use a sheer fabric to filter the light and let the swag hang all the way to the floor for an elegant look.

Tab-top panels over a fancy roll-type shade work well together. You can use any kind of curtain rod for tab-top curtains. I've even seen the knotty branch from a tree used for a rustic flare.

A tailored Roman shade is functional as well as smart styling. As with curtains, to make the window look larger, install the Roman shade on the outside of the window, overlapping the window on both ends. Do not use Roman shades for windows larger than six feet as the weight of the shade will make it difficult to raise and lower. Use more than one shade instead.

You might consider covering your Roman shade with a coordinating valance for a layered effect. A good rule of thumb for a valance size is one-fourth to one-third the height of the window. Trim your valance with fringe or tassels for added detail.

If you know how to sew, there are simple or complex patterns available for everything from Roman shades to valances and your choice of fabrics is infinite. There are no-sew methods for creating curtains and shades, too, by using fusible tapes and hot glue guns. Ask your local fabric store for details.



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# Here's how to work bugs out of garden

By Pat Stein  
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There's nothing more discouraging to a gardener than to find a plant gnawed off at ground level, its leaves riddled with holes or its fruit chewed up by opportunistic pests.

The temptation to blast the pests with chemicals may be strong, but most experts agree that in the long run natural management of garden pests is more effective.

"Chemical insecticides also kill beneficial insects that would attack and control harmful insects if left alone. They also seep into the soil and kill the nutrients needed for healthy plants," said Stephenie Caughlin, owner of Seabreeze Organic Farm in Del Mar, Calif., and an advocate of organic neighborhood, community and private "victory gardens."

The first step in preventing pests from destroying your plants is to develop healthy soil that can support healthy plants. Next are crop rotation or diversity in planting; planting to attract beneficial insects such as ladybugs, which can wipe out an aphid infestation, and using companion planting to discourage harmful insects.

"Insects are drawn to attacking plants that are suffering from poor growth or disease. Plants need nutrients from the soil, moisture and light (in order to thrive.) If they lack any of these they become easy targets for insect damage," say Elizabeth and Crow Miller,

authors of "Pests" (Workman Publishing Co., \$11.95).

Healthy soil is created not by adding chemical fertilizers, but by enriching the soil with compost, "green manure" and perhaps introducing earthworm castings (available at garden centers). Green manure is created by planting cover crops such as clover, which grow densely enough to discourage weeds and bugs. The roots of the cover crops improve soil drainage and deliver nitrogen to the soil and when you till the cover crop into the soil before it goes to seed it adds rich vegetative material.

Compost is one of the gardener's best friends and creating it needn't be messy, smelly or a big project. A compost heap can be nothing more complicated than a simple pile in a corner of your garden where you toss material such as lawn clippings, dead leaves, vegetables scraps from the kitchen such as peelings, seaweed, woodchips, sawdust and cow, horse, chicken or rabbit manure (avoid dog or cat feces). Keep the pile moist by spraying with a hose and turn it about once a week.

Planting repellent species next to plants that insects love is an effective pest control strategy. Marigolds repel pests when they are planted between rows in vegetable gardens or as borders in flower gardens. Marigolds will deter rabbits and Mexican bean beetles. The onion family (leeks, chives, onions, garlic and shallots) has great pest deterrents and need not

be restricted to the vegetable garden. Society garlic, for example, is both ornamental and an effective pest repellent.

Herbs can be effective in repelling insects. Summer savory, for example, protects all kinds of beans from the destructive Mexican bean beetle. Sage and mint protect cabbage, broccoli, kohlrabi, cauliflower and brussels sprouts. Mustard will attract the harlequin bug away from brassica (cabbage family) crops. Basil protects tomato plants against several pests.

Snails, a persistent problem, are best removed by hand and dumped into a pail of salted water, according to Caughlin. Put a saucer or shallow bowl of beer or cider among plants to attract and kill slugs.

"Fighting insects naturally is like guerrilla warfare. You have to catch the enemy in the act to know what you're up against. Most insects come out at night, so you have to go out into the garden with a flashlight and look under leaves and around the stalks of plants to find out what you're up against," Caughlin advised. "Cutworms come out at night and chew plants off at the base. The best way to protect plants against cutworms is to put a collar around the stalk or a ring of diatomaceous earth."

She often uses "kitchen remedies" such as a mixture of hot poblano chili powder and white flour (1/4 cup chili powder to 1 cup white flour) and runs it through a flour sifter to dust plants. She also puts coffee, garlic and

chili powder in a blender to make an insect repellent solution that she sprays on plants with a spray bottle. Aphids can be controlled simply by blasting them with spray from the garden hose.

If caterpillars and tomato worms are attacking your tomato plants, gardening book author Pat Welsh suggests enlisting the help of scrub jays by putting out unshelled peanuts to attract the birds.

"They'll take the peanuts, notice the caterpillars and come back for them," she said.

Welsh also emphasizes the importance of rotating crops in order to prevent pests from getting the upper hand.

"When you harvest a row, plant something different in its place to prevent pests from specializing as they can do if only one crop is grown in a particular spot," she said.

She suggests introducing beneficial insects such as ladybugs, lacewings and wasps, which are available at most garden centers. Unfortunately, there's no way to keep the beneficial insects confined to your garden, but Caughlin has found that allowing one plant out of a vegetable crop to go to flower may attract beneficial insects.

If you have questions about natural pest control or sustainable agriculture in general, log on to [www.seabreezed.com](http://www.seabreezed.com) and Caughlin will e-mail answers to your queries.

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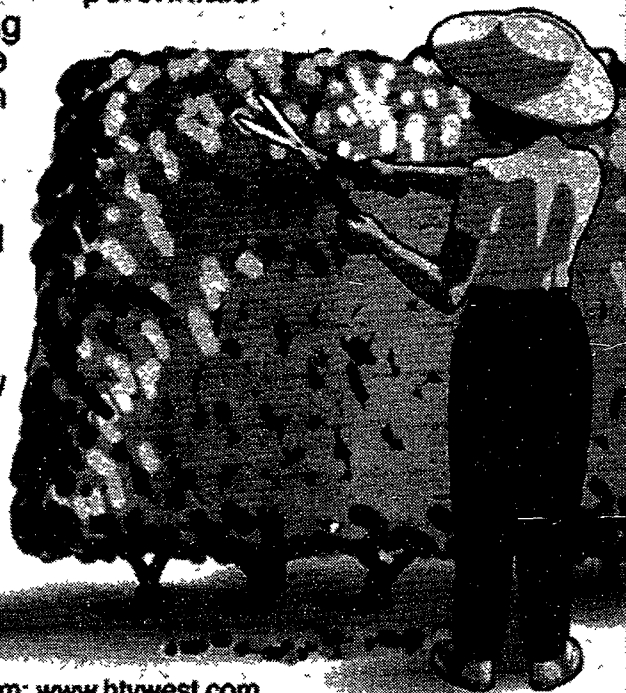
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■ Trimming hedges to a wedge shape and to head height will ease maintenance. This includes leylandii, which should be allowed to grow to more than a manageable height.

■ A well-fed and watered rosebush will suffer less from disease.

■ Dead head throughout the summer to encourage extra flowering. This is the same for all shrubs and herbaceous perennials.



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# For sweet smell, choose plants that make scents

By John O'Connell  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

If your garden doesn't smell as your grandma's once did, there may be a reason.

While hybridizers have successfully crossbred plants for better form, texture, color and disease-resistance, fragrance seems to have taken a back seat.

In plant hybridizing, sometimes natural fragrance has been lost in the process.

"When planting a garden, color is a very important factor, but fragrance is equally important," said Genny Gibbs, a horticulture technician at Illinois Central College in East Peoria.

"When I see people walking in our gardens here, I often hear them talk about how wonderful certain flowers smell."

Smell is often considered the forgotten sense, because it doesn't seem to be necessary for our survival the way other senses are.

But it can be a very potent force. In a garden, smell can evoke inner feelings and memories of past places.

The sweet fragrance of a rose or lilac naturally draws us closer to the plant.

Gibbs has seen firsthand the power of fragrance. She recalled setting up a variety of therapeutic gardens for Easter Seals' campers several years ago.

"Some children who normally didn't open their eyes, opened them to the response of the fragrance of the plants they were hold-

## Consider these plants for sweet smell

### Annuals

- Sweet alyssum (*Lobularia marima*): An often-used edging plant that has a sweet fragrance.
- Lemon marigolds (*Tagetes*): Unlike other marigolds, this one has a pleasant citrus smell.
- Carnation (*Dianthus*): Nothing compares to its distinctive spicy fragrance.
- Scented geranium (*Pelargonium*): Among the best are peppermint (*P. tomentosum*), apple (*P. odoratissimum*), and rose (*P. graveolens*).
- Nicotiana (*N. alata*): Tube-shaped blossoms that hummingbirds love. Fragrance is most noticeable in the evening.

### Perennials

- Anise hyssop (*Agastache foeniculum*): An herb that has a licorice scent. Another favorite of hummingbirds and butterflies.
- Day lilies (*Hemerallis*).
- Hosta (*H. plantaginea*): Royal Standard

is particularly fragrant.

- Lily of the Valley (*Convallaria*).
- Lavender (*L. angustifolia*).
- Phlox (*P. paniculata*): White varieties are most fragrant.
- Sweet Woodruff (*Galium odoratum*): An herb that is a very useful groundcover in moist shade under trees. Smells like freshly mown grass.

### Shrubs

- Mock orange (*Philadelphus Coronarius*): A very sweet spring fragrance.
- Clethra (*C. anifolia*): Blossoms in mid-summer and lasts for a long time.
- Roses (*Rosa rugosa*): Unlike their more tender relatives, these are hardy shrub roses. The blossoms have a spicy scent and appear off and on all summer.
- Lilacs (*Syringa*): Miss Kim is a good choice.

Source: Northern Gardening article  
"Planting for Fragrance" by Terry Yockey

You need only follow your nose to find fragrant trees, shrubs, bulbs, annuals and perennial flowers.

"People are getting back into fragrance," Gibbs said. "Aromatherapy is very big now and that certainly is plant based."

The fragrance of flowers is an attractant to nectar-feeding insects.

But not all scents come from blossoms. A plant's roots, bark, oils, leaves and stalks may also provide scent.

One of Gibbs' favorite perfumers is Rosa virginiana. This rose shrub has a delicate pink bloom with a scent of old-fashion rose water and glycerin hand lotion.

"It has a classic rose fragrance," the horticulturist said. "You smell Rosa virginiana before you see it. If you get within 30 feet of it, you will smell it."

Another of her favorites is heliotrope, a tropical plant that is considered an annual in warm climates.

"This flower has a rich vanilla smell," Gibbs said. "It's a very good plant to have in the garden. It blooms all summer until frost. It has nice texture. Plus, it attracts butterflies. Another natural for a fragrance garden is lavender. And some varieties of irises in early spring are very fragrant. Like purple petunias, purple irises always seem to smell sweet."

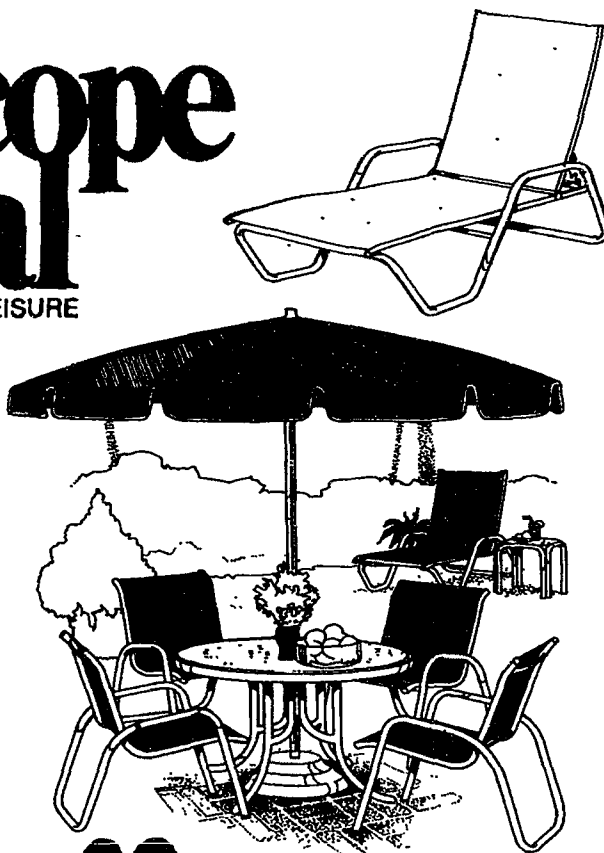
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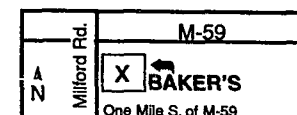
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# New furniture for yard sports indoor attractions

By Cathy Lubenski  
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The days of white plastic patio furniture may be numbered.

The biggest trend in outdoor furniture is indoor furniture: Homeowners want interior decor that flows right outside into their newest living space, the great outdoors.

"More and more consumers are identifying the adjacent space outside their homes as livable space," said Jackie Hirschhaut, vice president of public relations for the American Furniture Manufacturer's Association in High Point, N.C.

Furniture makers are more than happy to accommodate this back-to-nature trend with lines that could look just as good in as out, including portable wet bars, dining tables, game tables, rolling carts, serving tables and other furnishings.

"We're also seeing more pieces for entertaining, like buffets and servers to give you more space for food or dessert," Hirschhaut said. "You can get a dining table for your patio or deck that seats eight comfortably."

Wicker, rattan and teak are just a few of the materials used in outdoor furniture because "these materials are treated with finishes that allow them to age beautifully. Rainwater will just bubble off them," according to

*"Florals, printed fabrics like paisley and other fashion fabrics are dominant."*

—Jackie Hirschhaut

Vice president of public relations for the American Furniture Manufacturer's Association in High Point, N.C.

Hirschhaut (who admits to being a very conservative consumer: "I'd cover mine if I expected a storm or adverse weather").

In addition to all that wood, Hirschhaut said, "Metal in tandem with natural materials is also very popular. A cocktail table might have fossils or stones on the top with glass overtop. The contrast of the glass and metal legs with the stone gives it a great visual interest."

Seat cushions are covered in colors that could have been lifted right out of a painting by 19th-century landscape artist Thomas Cole.

"There's a tremendous return to natural colors and maybe that's because of the natural-color wave that's been so dominant in interior furniture," Hirschhaut said.

Pastels, and that old standby, ticking stripes, are out.

"Florals, printed fabrics like paisley and other fashion fabrics are domi-

nant," according to Hirschhaut. "Think materials that are soft to the touch in exciting patterns."

As well as having visual appeal, new patio furniture is also practical — it's adjustable so that one piece fits all.

"It has multiple settings so that it's comfortable for a variety of people," Hirschhaut said.

And, just like so much indoor furniture, it comes in different heights.

"I don't live on a lake and I don't have a deck, but people who do would appreciate having a table and chairs that could be elevated so they could see over the deck railings."

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**Today's outdoor furniture is as elegant as indoor furniture and comes in a variety of styles, fabrics and colors.**



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# Flowers can make the outdoors smell sweet

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Pine and spruce trees have pleasant odors, as do fruit trees like cherry and apple, which provide sweet smells when in spring bloom.

And in the fall, loaded with apples, the scent of cider may waft from the branches.

Not all beautiful flowers have fragrance. Hibiscus and bird of paradise don't have much aroma to go with their good looks.

And some are down right nasty.

Consider cleome, the spider plant. It has a spectacular, colorful bloom.

"Cleome draws you in with its beautiful color and then hits you with its stink," Gibbs said joking. "It really smells like a skunk."

For best results, locate fragrant plants around patios or decks or even windows.

Those planted beneath windows can carry their perfumes throughout the home. But be careful what you plant.

"We have boxwoods beneath our windows at home," Gibbs said. "Normally you don't notice them, but this year their blooms were very potent. They can have a smell like cat urine. That's not very pleasant to wake up to."

Herbs and vegetables provide their own unique garden fragrance.

Herbs release their scents when the leaves are brushed. They are ideal along a walkway.



Photo by LESLIE RENKEN /COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

The aroma of the Virginia Rose reminds horticulturist Genny Gibbs of her grandmother's rose hip-scented hand lotion. Through hybridization, many flowers have lost their wonderful smell. Today, flower hybridizers are breeding to bring back long-lost common scents.

"Sage is an herb with a very good fragrance," the horticulturist said. "When I give tours, I pass out sage to our visitors and ask them what the odor reminds them

of. They almost always say Thanksgiving."

Basil is another herb to consider for fragrance. There are varieties of basil that smell like cinnamon, anise and lemon.

"What I really like is the smell of tomatoes in a garden," Gibbs said. "It reminds me of summer and makes me hungry for salads."

The degree of fragrance can vary from time of day to time of year.

Petunias are sweetest when the sun first hits them.

Roses smell their best in mild, damp mornings.

While many flowers lose their fragrance when the sun goes down, there are others that save their scent for evenings.

Gibbs advises planting some whose fragrance is especially prominent at night.

"Most of us are gone all day and enjoy our gardens in the evenings," the horticulturist said.

Flowering tobacco may be used as a bedding plant for daytime color, but it depends on night-flying moths for pollination and so reserves its perfume for the evening, according to an article on the New York Botanical Garden Web site.

Other flowers most fragrant in the evening include evening primrose which features sweet scented blooms; night phlox, with flowers that open at dusk releasing a honey-vanilla odor; and certain varieties of day lilies like Moon Frolic and Toltec Sundial.

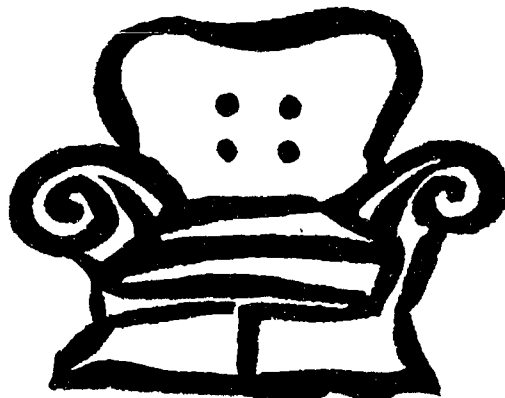
"I have night-blooming lilies in my pond at home," Gibbs said. "It's very relaxing to sit by the water garden in the evening and just enjoy the pleasant fragrances."

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## Getting The Garden Ready

By Greg Brainer

Soil preparation is the fundamental necessity in gardening. Prior to spring planting, you should assess your soils condition. Digging down 8-12 inches, determine the following:

1. Is your soil consistent in texture and freely unclumps?
2. Is the color medium brown to a dark brown?

If you answer yes to both questions, your soil is in good planting condition and should only require a weed preventative and time released fertilizers.

Many residents in southwestern Oakland County are plagued with heavy clay filled soil. This type of soil is a gardening challenge and need be rehabilitated each year. Clay based soils generally have drainage difficulty. Therefore, adding peat to the soil will only compound the lack of drainage.

### Steps to conditioning clay based soils:

1. Remove 6-8 inches of the existing clay base.
2. Add in 3-4 inches combination of sand/pea gravel and gypsum. Thoroughly work this mixture into the clay based soil 10-12 inches from ground level.
3. Add 1 part composed manure and 1 part screened top soil so that your area is 1-2 inches above the initial ground level.
4. Lightly turn all components to achieve a semi-mixture.
5. Add weed preventative and time released fertilizers lightly working them into the new soil.

Annually reassess your clay soil beds. The above process is a lengthy initial step. Thereafter, adding 1 part play sand to 2 part compost or topsoil should be sufficient. In severe cases, it may be necessary to have a contractor install drain tiles if marsh like conditions persist.

### Steps to conditioning Sand Based Soils:

1. Remove 2-4 inches of the existing soil.
2. Add 1 part Canadian Peat to 2 parts screened topsoil or humus compost 1-2 inches above the previous soil level.
3. Work mixture thoroughly 6-8 inches below the previous soil level.
4. Add weed preventative and time released fertilizers lightly working them into the new soil.

Annually assess your sandy soil. If needed, alternate yearly additions of Canadian peat and top soil.

## When Can I Safely Plant?

By Martha St. Louis

The million dollar question! Farmer tales state our last chance of frost is the last full moon in May. Being Michigan, this has been proven wrong by Mother Nature.

Ideally, soil temperature should be at a constant 60 degrees. Planting garden center forced annual plants in soil temperature below that will only make them go dormant and slow your gardens growing process.

If you choose to be the risk taking early bird, be prepared to have the ability to cover any annual plants if temperatures are predicted to drop below 40 degrees. We all desire that quick fix of color when the season initially breaks. This does not mean the existence of frost is behind us. For that quick

fix, consider utilizing annual plants such as containers

or hanging baskets which can easily be moved to a protected location during unexpected frost periods.

Frost damage occurs when the sun rises and strikes the frosted plants. If by chance you were not able to cover or protect, washing the frost off your plants just prior to sunrise may salvage them. Only rely upon such tactic as a last resort.

Perennial plants are somewhat more resilient to frost damage. It is still a good idea to protect new plantings of the more tender perennials such as Hosta, Astilbe, and Bleeding Hearts.

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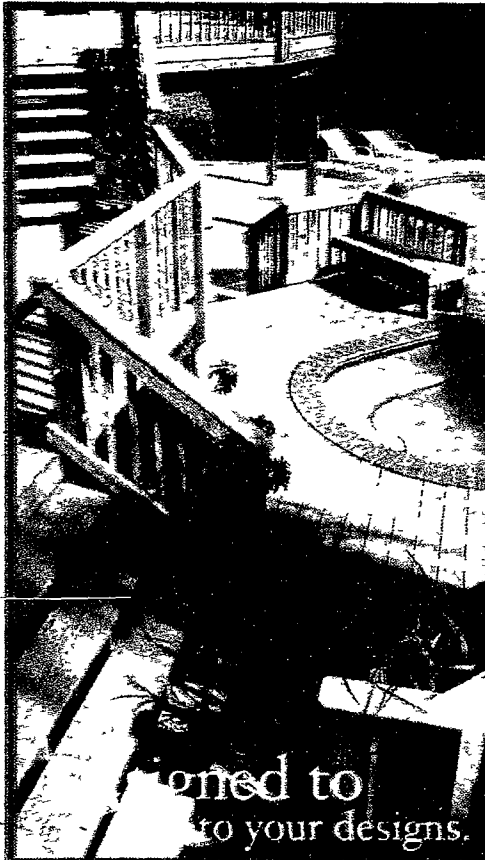
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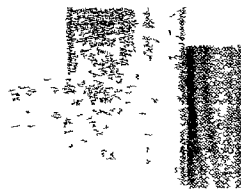


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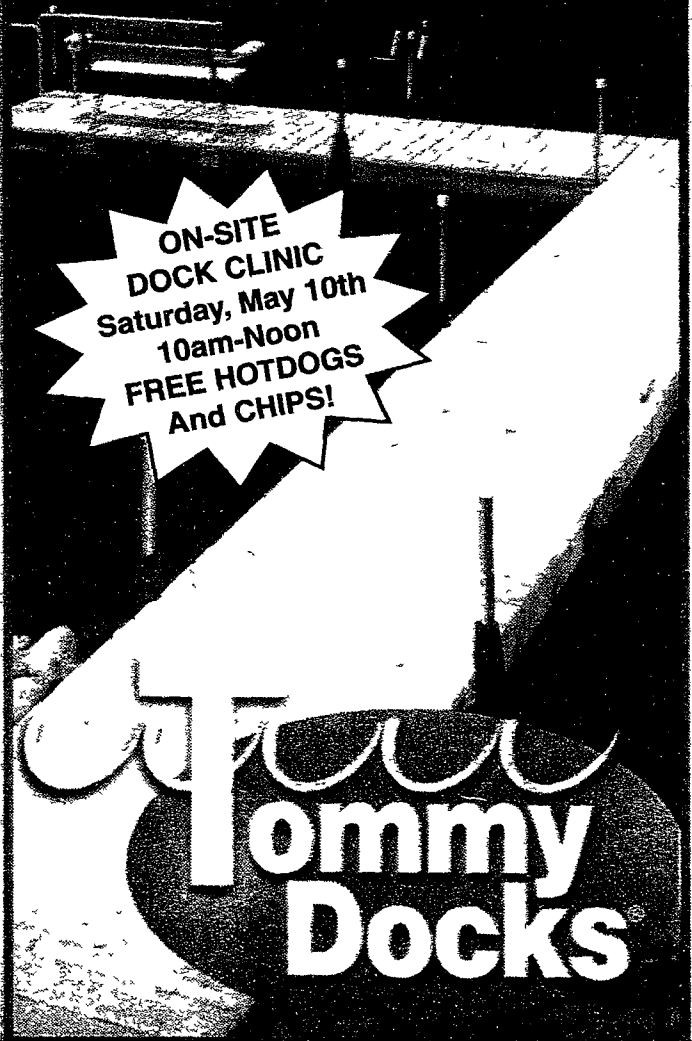
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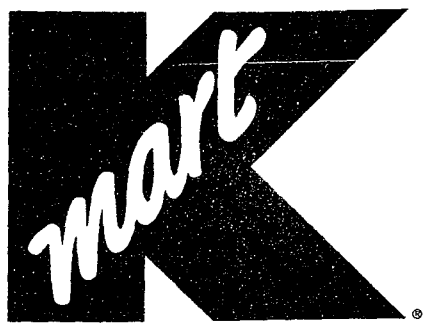
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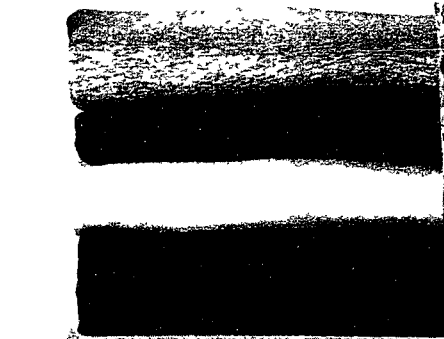
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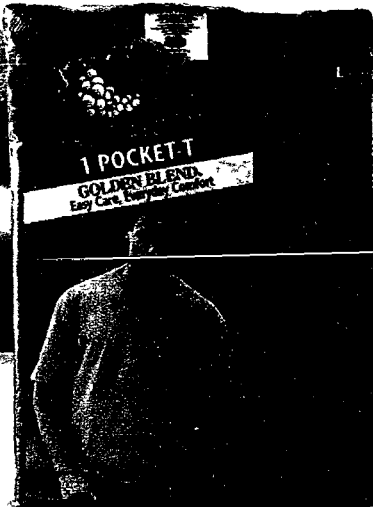
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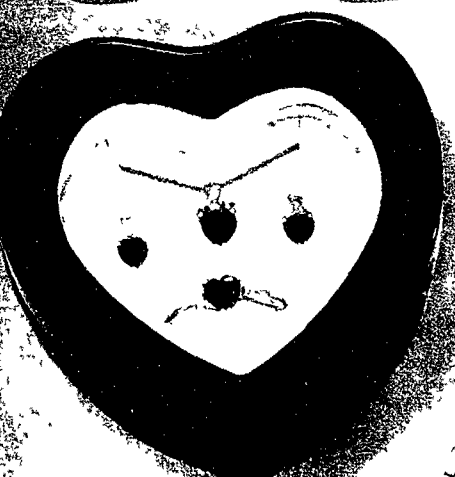
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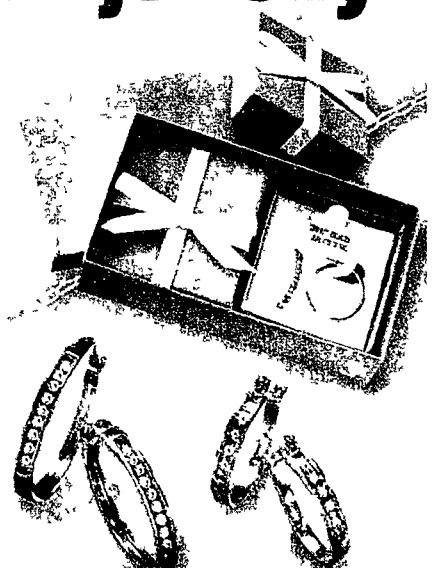
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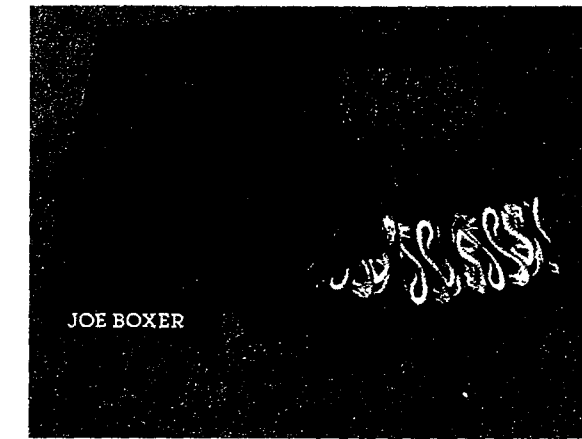
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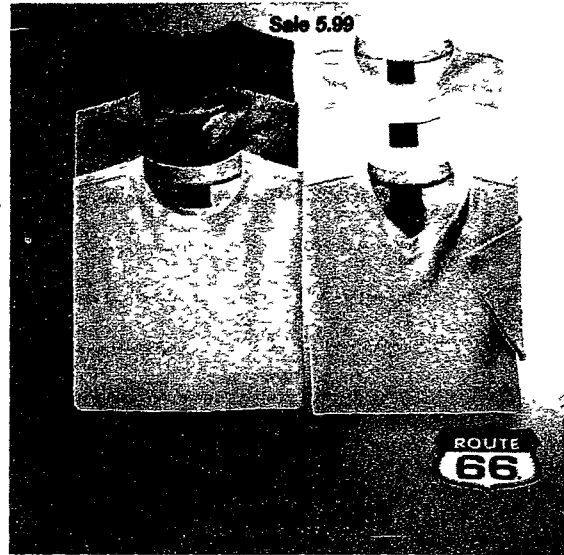
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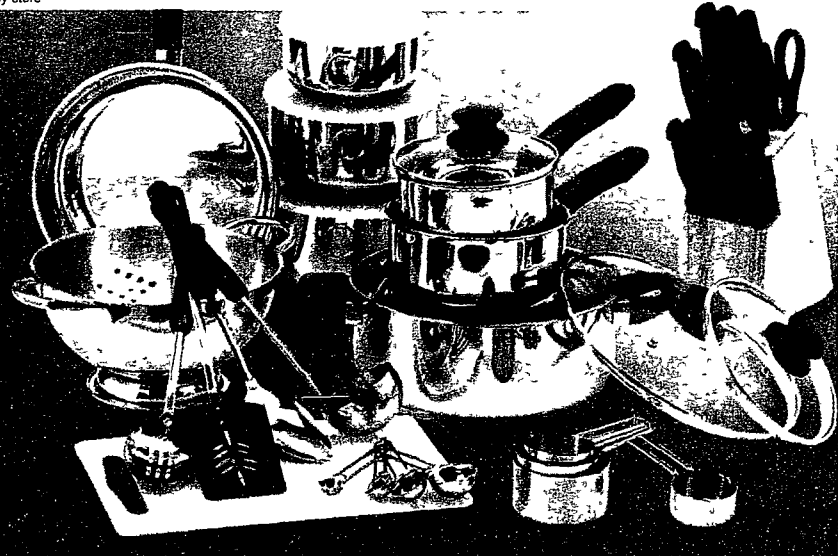


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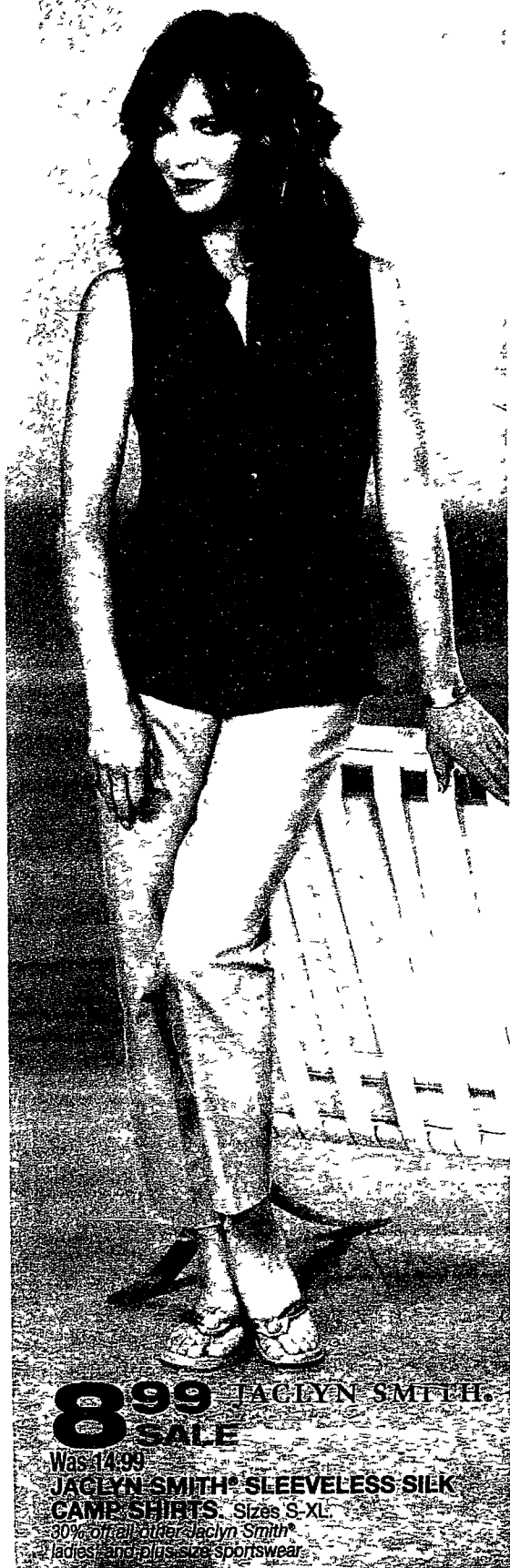
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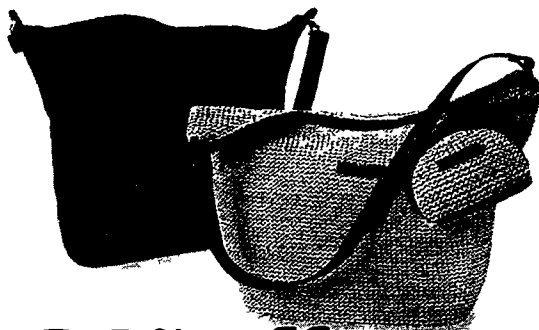
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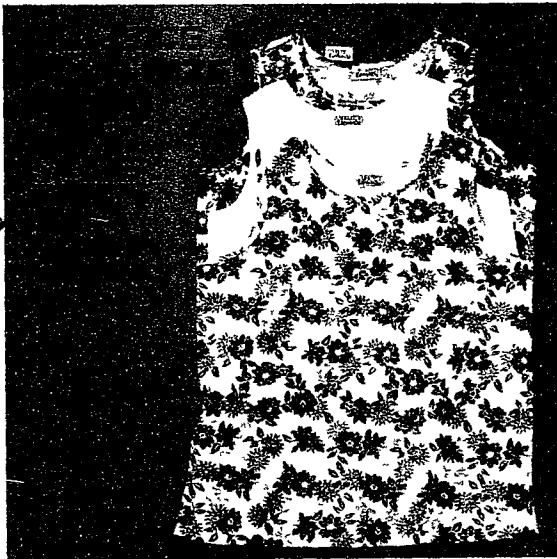
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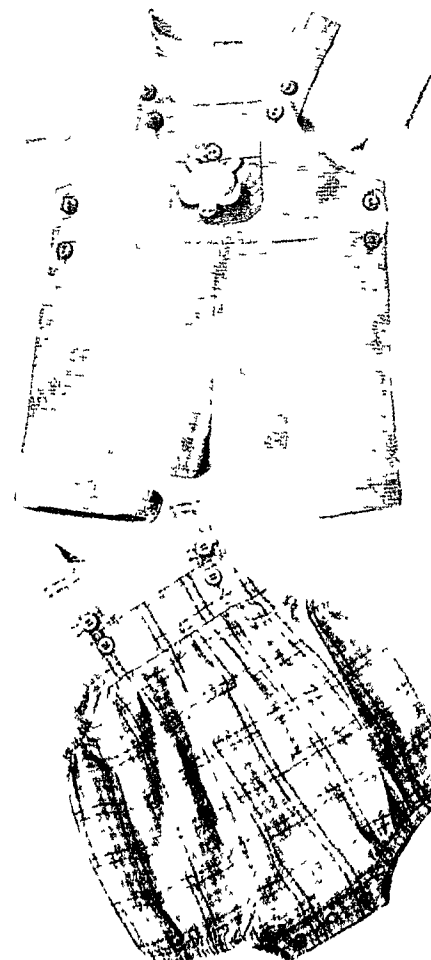
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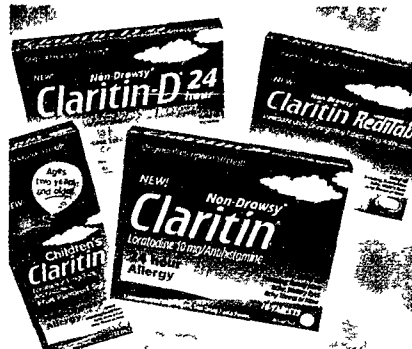
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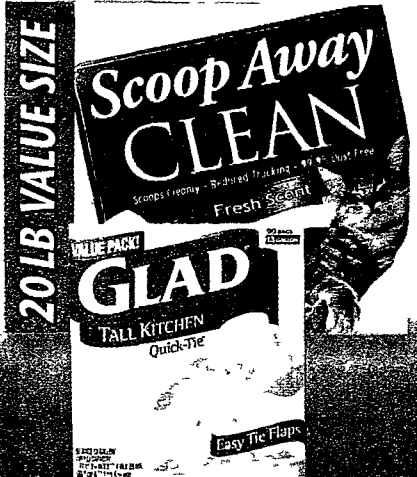
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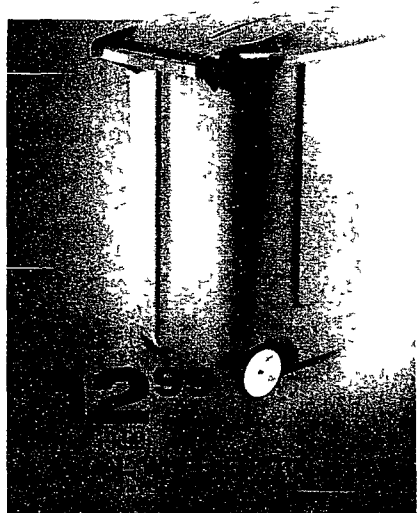
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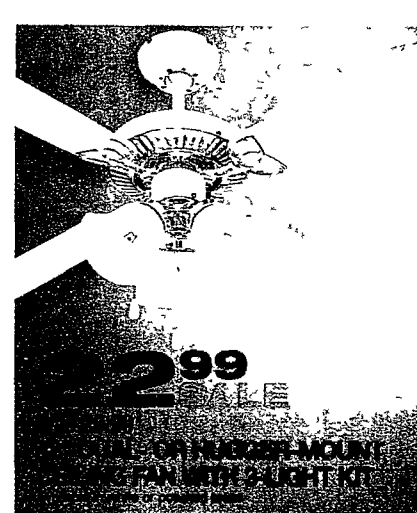
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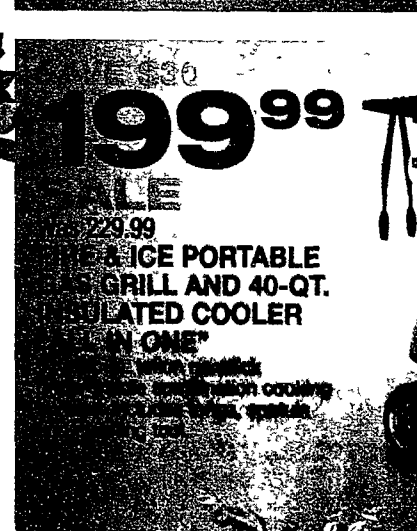
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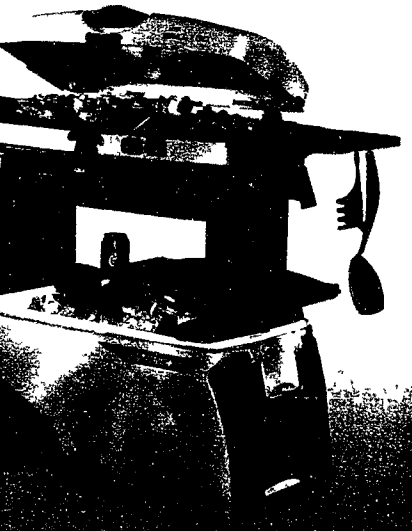
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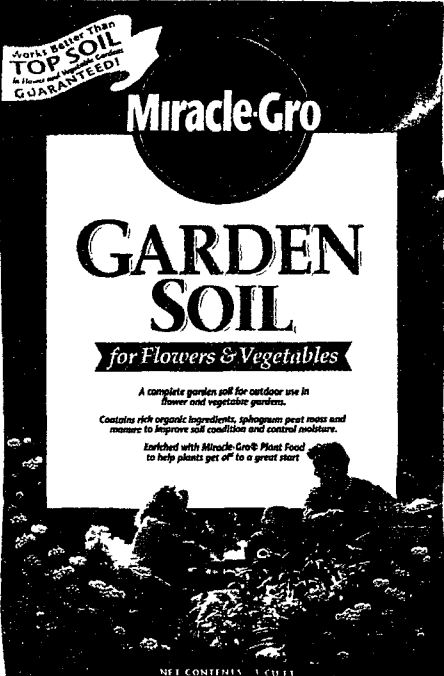
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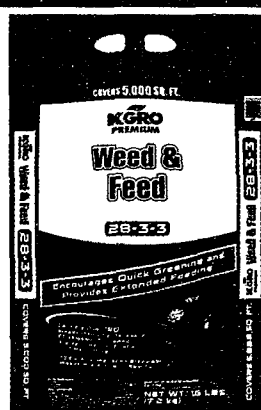
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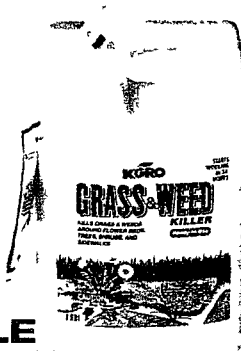


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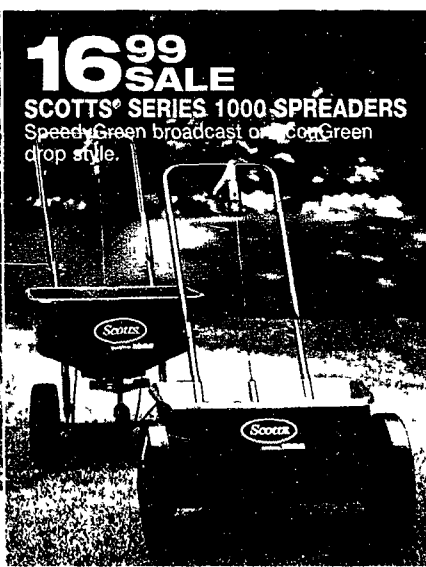
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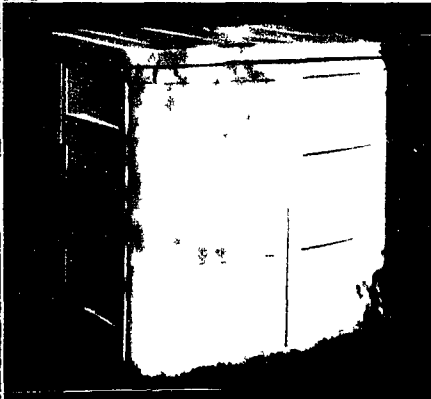
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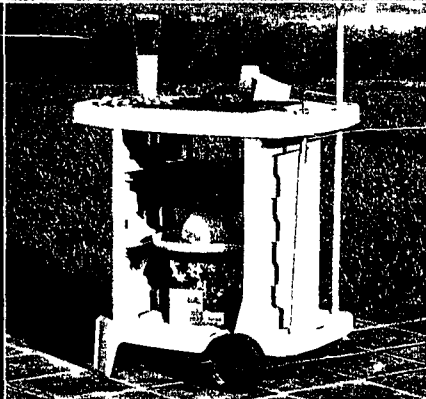
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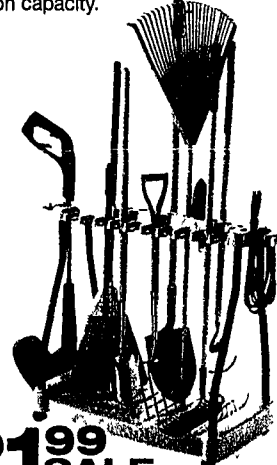
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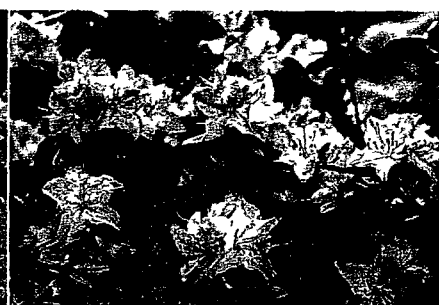
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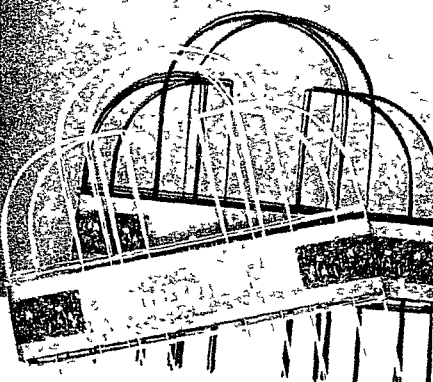
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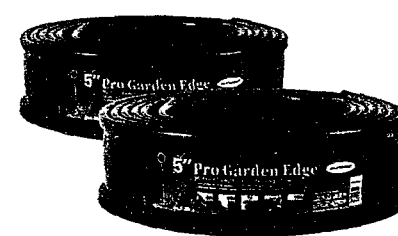
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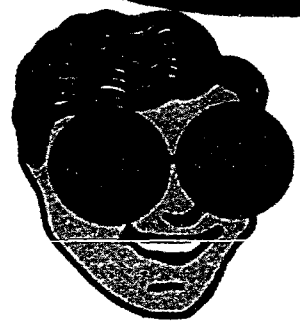
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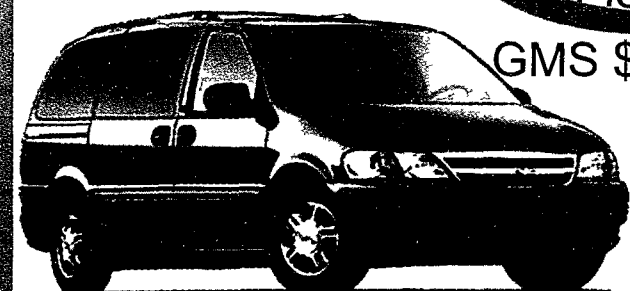
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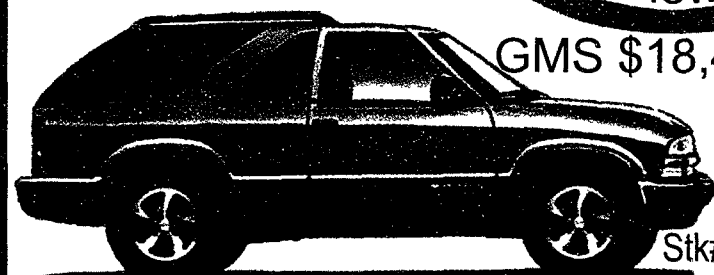
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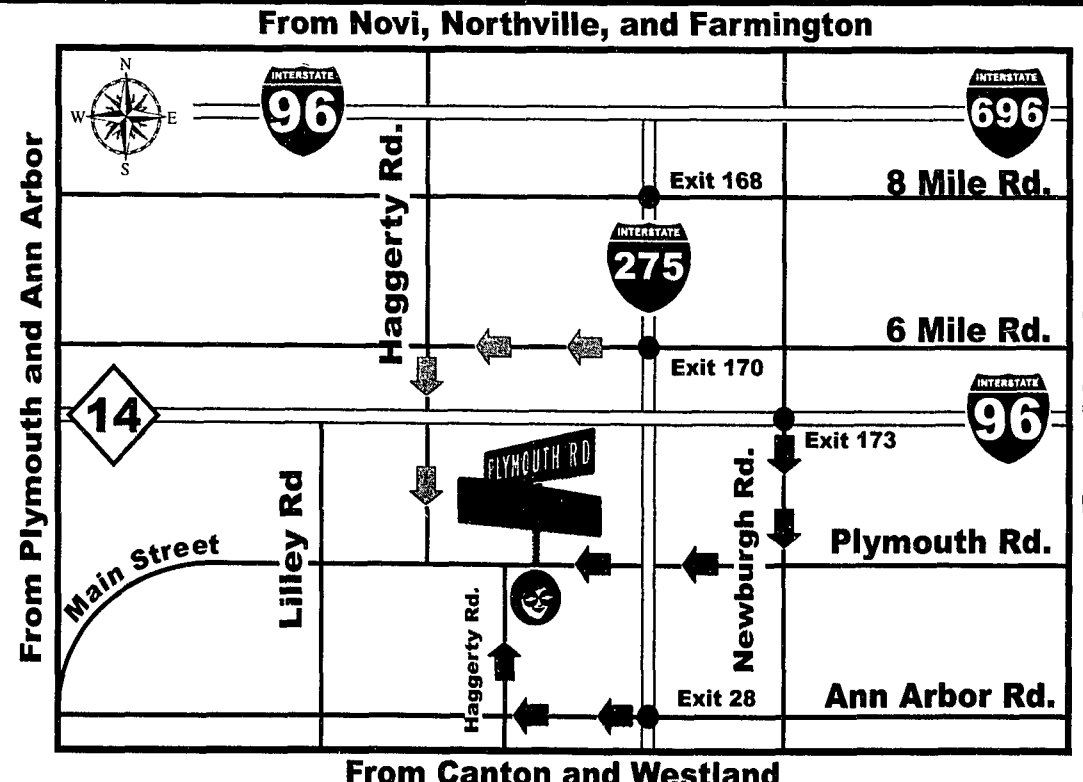
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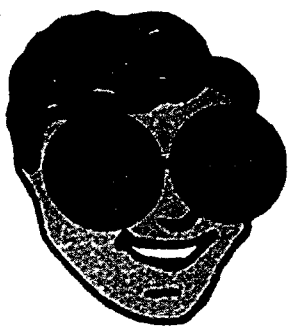
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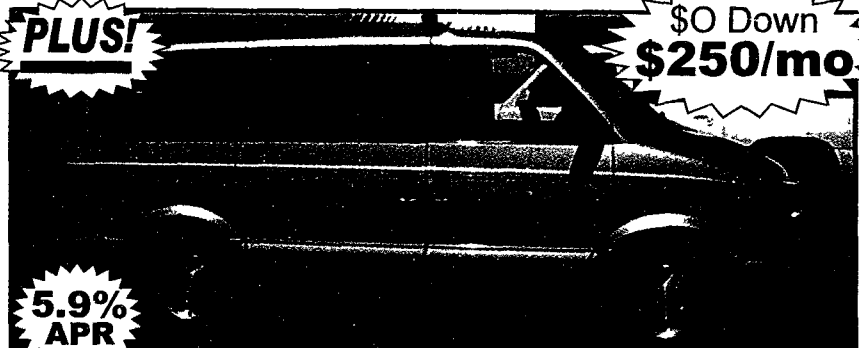


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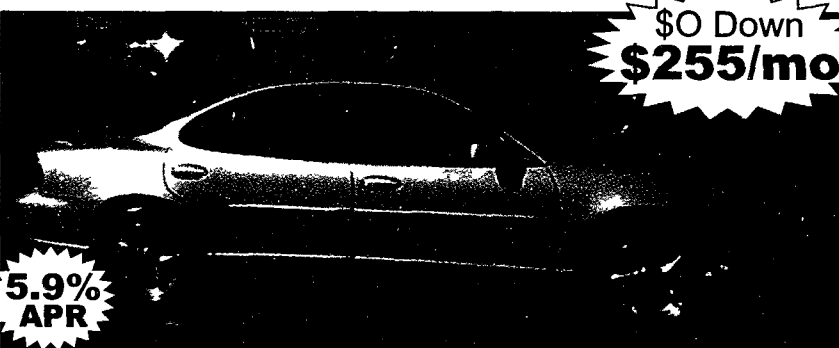
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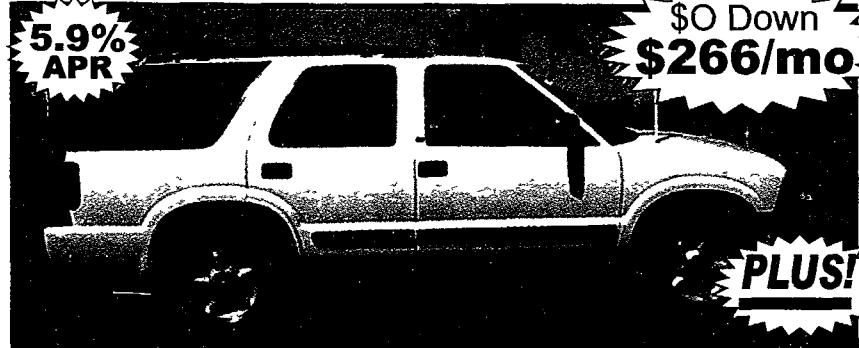


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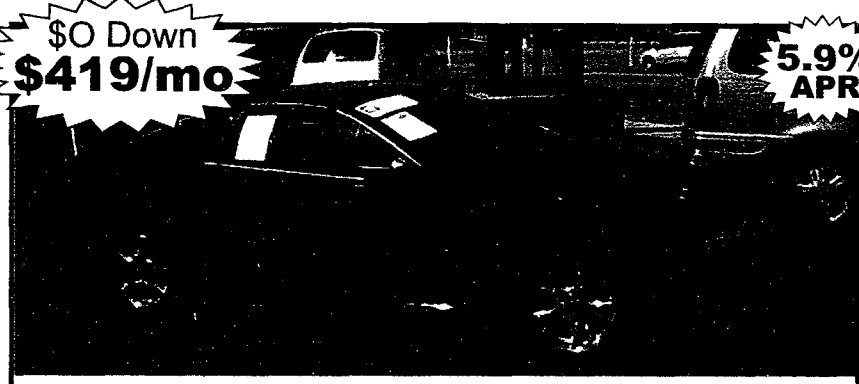


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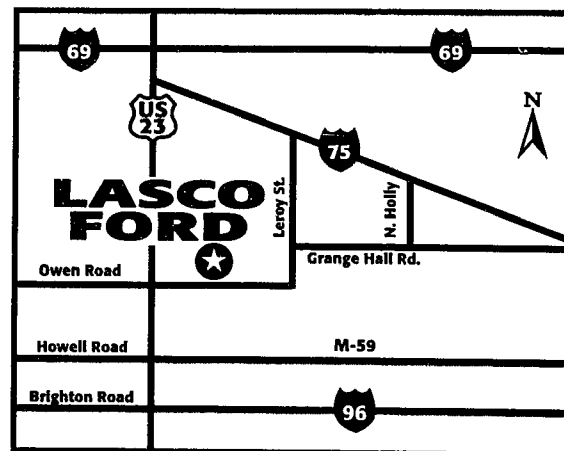


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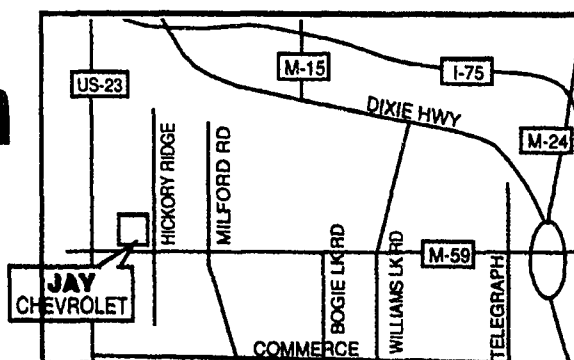
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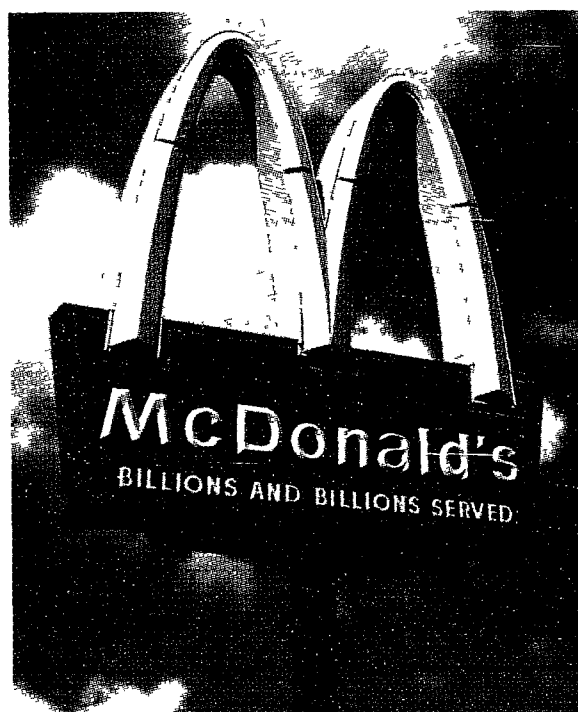
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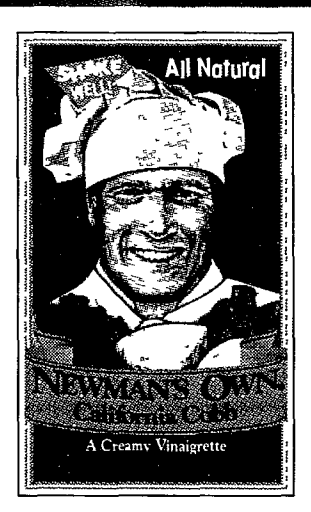
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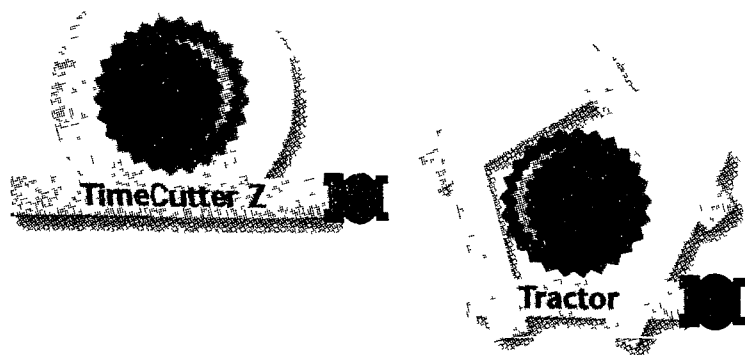
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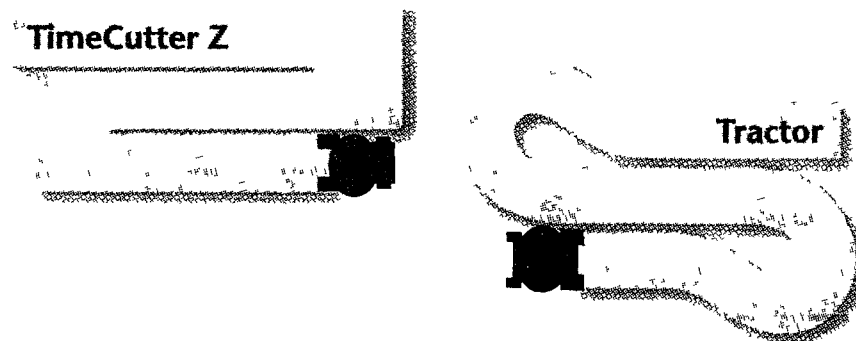
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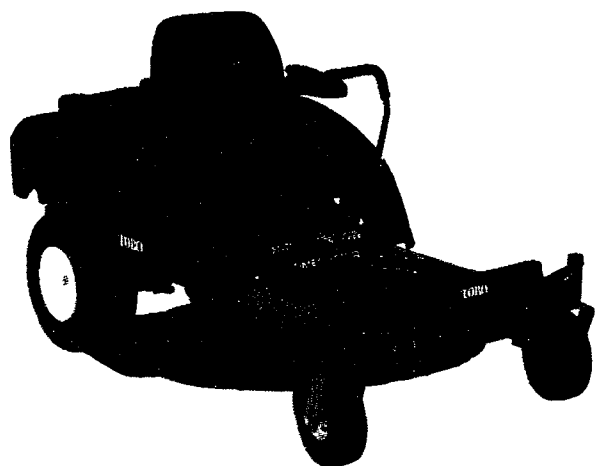


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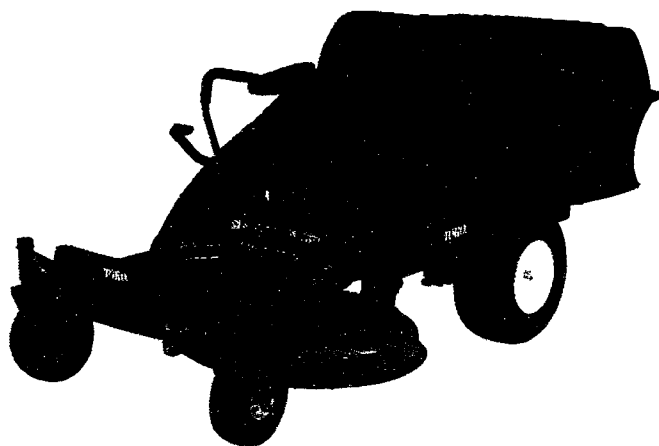


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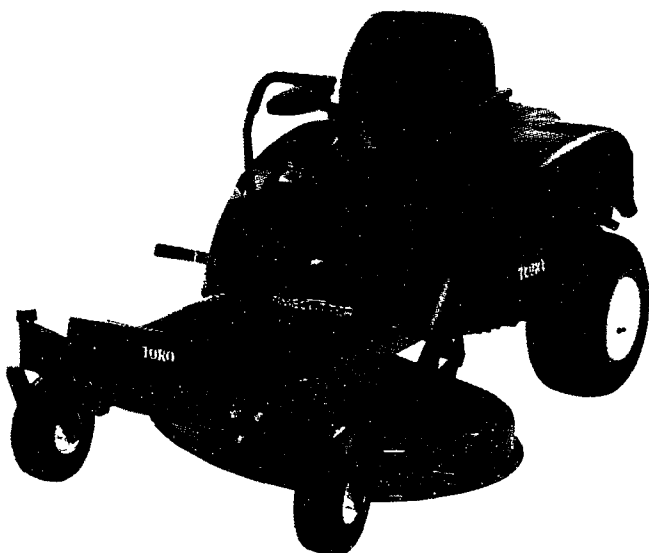


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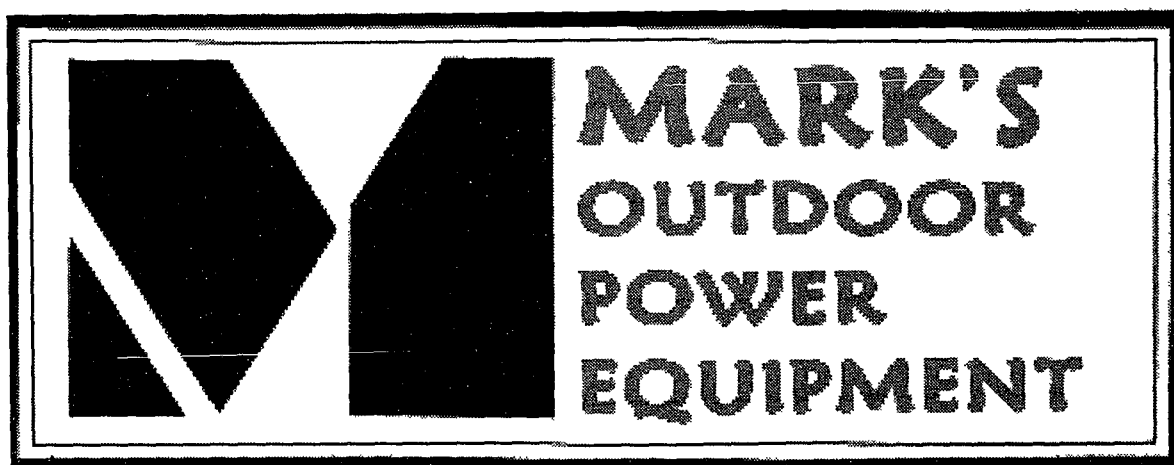
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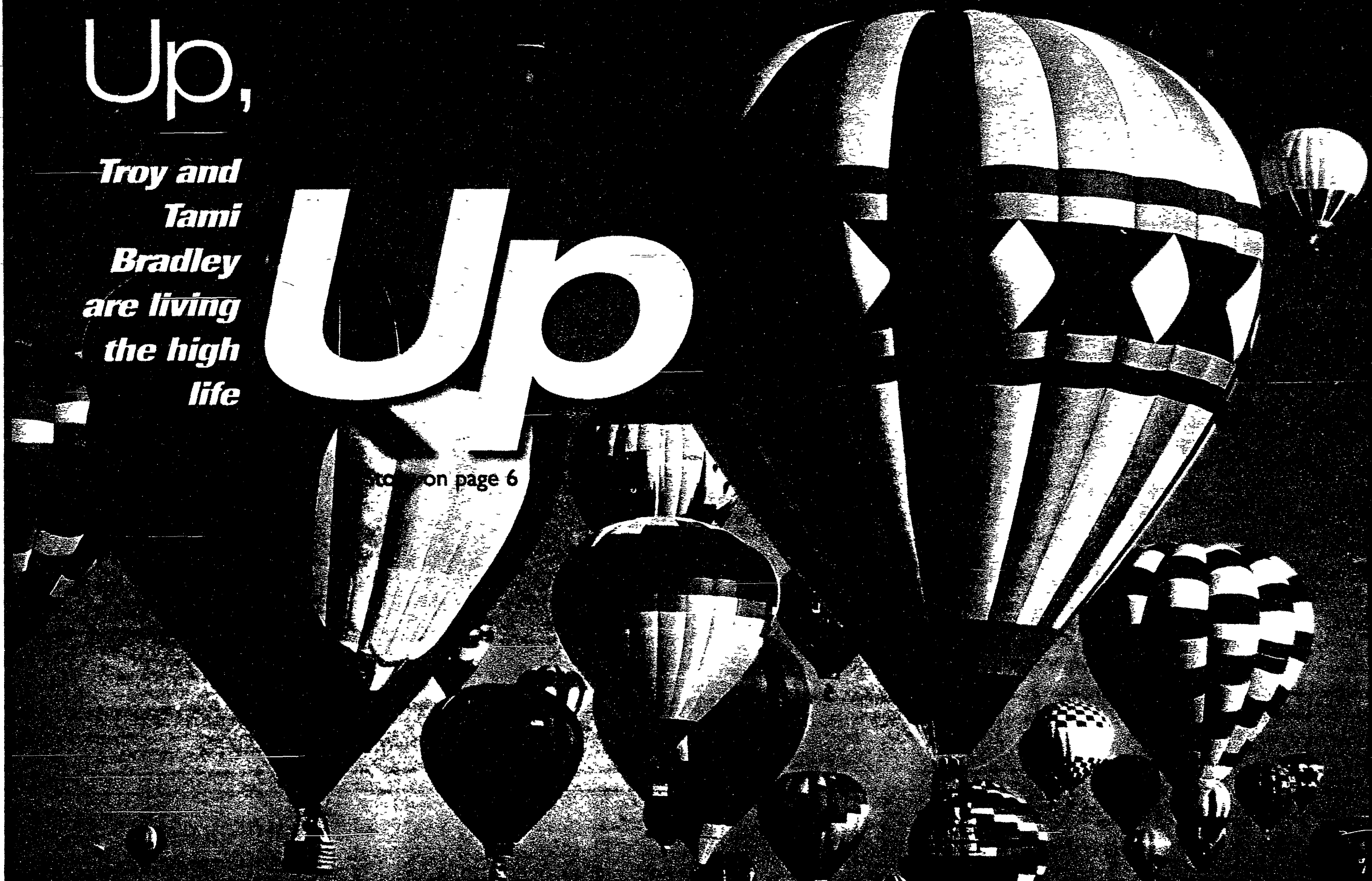
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*Troy and  
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are living  
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# Ask American Profile

**Q** I'm wondering when Avril Lavigne's next album is coming out. She is one of my favorite singers.

—Cassie J., South Dakota

The 17-year-old singer recently started her first major tour behind her current album, *Let Go*, and no release date has been set for another album. For one, she's got to find the time to write some new songs for it. Success has made her extremely busy—doing interviews, appearing on TV, and performing on one award show after another. A lot has happened in a short time for the Napanee, Ontario, native, who says she always knew she wanted to sing. From belting out songs at the top of her lungs as a kid in her bedroom, she moved on to singing gospel at church and country at fairs and talent shows. She taught herself how to play guitar when she was 12, and before long was making trips to New York City to pursue her music career. Discovered at the age of 16, she was signed by Arista Records and started work on her first album. She writes her own songs, too. "I never worry about what others think," she says. "I'm gonna dress what's me, I'm gonna act what's me, and I'm gonna sing what's me." Her insistence on staying true to herself has paid off. *Let Go* has sold more than 4 million copies.



Success seems to suit Avril Lavigne.

also won a Golden Globe for his score for Oliver Stone's *Heaven and Earth*, the final movie in a trilogy about Vietnam. His music can be purchased anywhere that sells Domo Records, or you can buy directly from the record company at [www.domo.com](http://www.domo.com).

**Q** My favorite actress is Tiffani Amber-Thiessen. Can you tell me what she is currently involved in and a little about her background and private life?

—Michael M., New Mexico

First, the 29-year-old actress has dropped the "Amber" and goes by Tiffani Thiessen. You can catch her on the show, *Fastlane*, on Fox, in which she plays an undercover cop opposite Peter Facinelli, who just happens to be married to her best friend and *Beverly Hills 90210* colleague Jennie Garth. She's engaged to

actor Richard Ruccolo, who she met when she worked on the now-defunct series *Two Guys and a Girl*. A native of Long Beach, Calif., she started modeling at age 8, and won the Miss Junior America pageant at age 13. She got her big acting break when she was cast as a good-girl cheerleader in the teen show *Saved By The Bell*, and years later proved herself as an adult actress playing the vixenish bad girl Valerie in *Beverly Hills 90210*. A long-time fan of kickboxing and karate, she gets to use some of her moves in the new series.

**After a stint in *Beverly Hills*, actress Tiffani Thiessen enjoys a much 'faster' pace.**



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—Betty M., Oregon.

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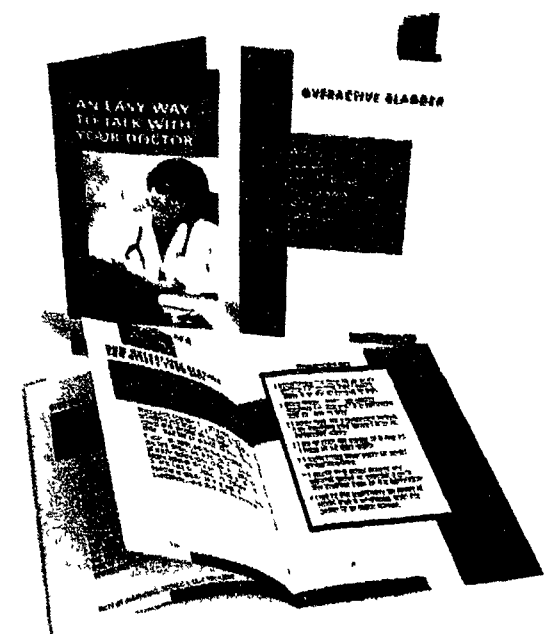


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# Hometown Hero

by VICKI COX  
Photos by Don Frazier

## The Best Medicine Is TLC

**Nurse Jeanne Heise dispenses the same medicine** to all her patients: equal doses of kindness and concern—whether their pain is a broken bone or a broken heart.

"She's not here just to put on Band-Aids," says Julia Jorgensen, librarian at the high school where Heise is school nurse. "Band-Aids won't fix what's wrong with today's high school students or today's teacher."

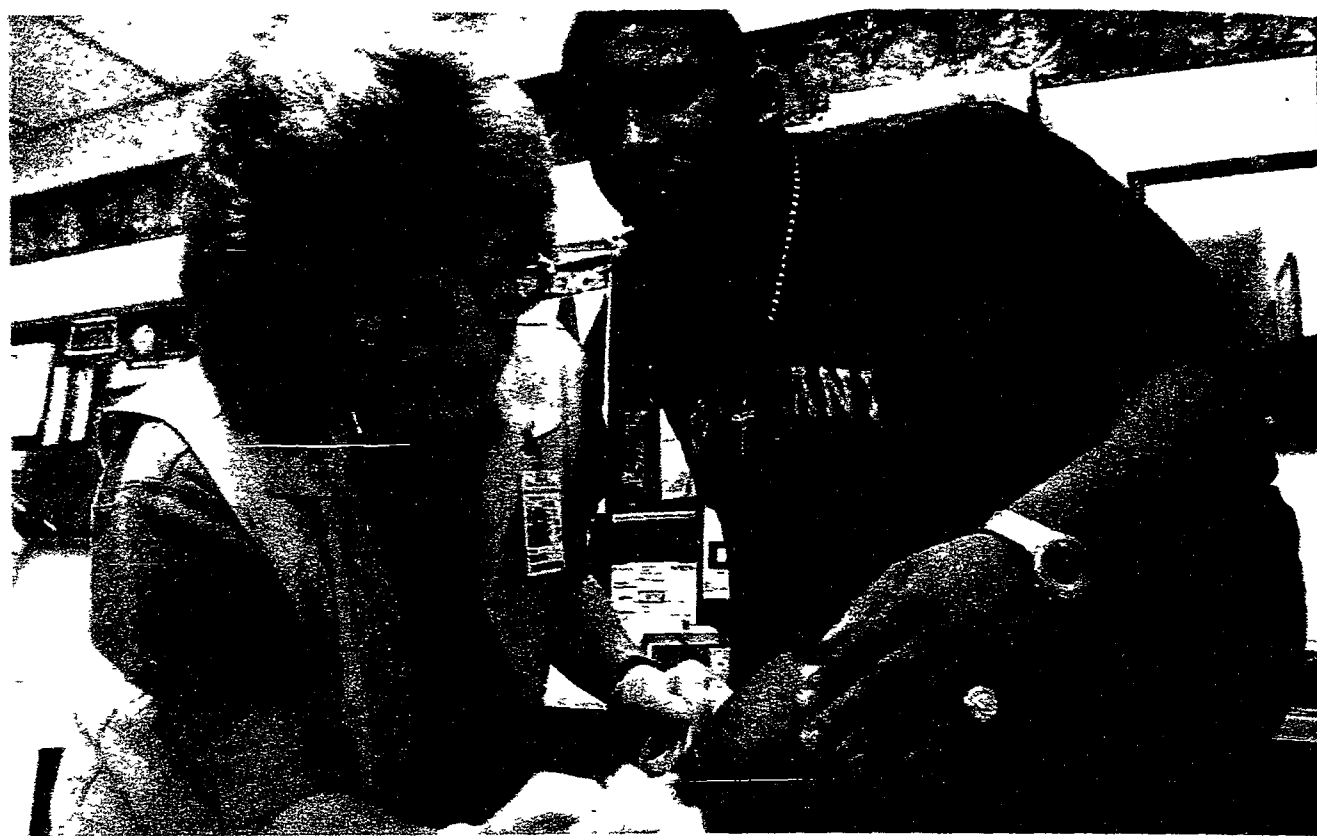
As students sign the daily log in her tiny office, Heise assesses their complaints for what's not being said as much as what is. Though Jeremy Patrick's physician attributed his frequent trips to Heise's office to chronic fatigue and his dizziness to new-school nerves, Heise wasn't convinced.

"You learn to be a detective. I knew something was not right," says Heise, 54, who has worked at Central High School in Cape Girardeau, Mo., (pop. 35,349) since 1980. "I firmly believe in standing up for our kids and making them heard."

Her repeated calls to Jeremy's mother and physician paid off when the doctor discovered a 90-percent blocked artery in the boy's chest.



Blood pressure checks are routine.



Jeanne Heise treats 10,000 students a year, including Ricky Williams and his skinned knee.

"If it had closed," Jeremy says. "I'd have been paralyzed from the waist down. She's the most caring person. She'll do anything to help you."

To the student angered by another teacher, Heise offers mediation. To the prankster who stuck candy up his nose, she gives reassurance. For the quarterback's upset stomach on "big game" day, she administers encouragement. She finds funding for a student needing glasses and a vacuum cleaner for a teen moving into an apartment.

"Their problems are so complex," Heise says. "When I was in high school, I would never have thought of having a job, or trying to live on my own, or having a baby and juggling motherhood."

Like 20,000 school nurses nationwide, Heise may be the only medical contact for some students or their families. Working as a liaison between physicians, parents, and the community, she connects student needs to organizations that can help.

"Some kids fall between the cracks," Heise says. "If there's a need, I get the money for whatever needs to be done."

Students see Heise for splinters or labor contractions. She monitors medications and blood sugars. She assesses fractures and treats allergic reactions. Evaluating one student every seven minutes, she treats 10,000 over a school year. In addition, she screens for head lice, fills out 13-page assessments on new students, and conducts vision and scoliosis tests. With Cape Girardeau located so near the New Madrid fault, she also organizes earthquake drills.

Heise sponsors several student-run organizations. "Puppet Mania" dramatizes safety lessons to elementary students. High schoolers in PSI (Preventing Sexual Involvement) encourage abstinence among junior high teens. "Team Spirit" members educate peers against alcohol and drug use.

"Jeanne is a very pro-active nurse," Principal Mike Cowan says. "She fills the role of adult confidante and she's involved in support and intervention programs on our kids' behalf."

Heise serves on the Southeast Missouri Network Against Sexual Violence board. Rather than send victims to several agencies throughout the state, the volunteer-run center treats them in one location. She also quietly coordinates faculty and community donations for coats, shoes, or supplies students lack. She organizes food baskets and Christmas presents for needy students.

"She'd never tell you about two special education students who died in a house fire with their whole family," says Bill Springer, English instructor. "She and their teacher raised money for their funerals and headstones. That goes beyond a school nurse's job."

Heise's work day ends after follow-up phone calls, paperwork, and committee meetings. Even at home, puttering in her herb garden or weaving baskets, she's available to Central High's 1,200 students and faculty. Former students and grateful parents write notes; current students and faculty call her at home. While Heise refers their medical questions to doctors, her advice is tempered with the medicine they need most: tender, loving care.

"Nurse Heise is multidimensional," Jorgensen says. "That's what an extraordinary school nurse should be." ✧

Vicki Cox is a freelance writer in Lebanon, Mo.

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## Tidbits

### Did You Know...

**ILLINOIS**—In 1779, Haitian immigrant Jean-Baptiste Point du Sable established a trading post near the mouth of the Chicago River, creating Chicago's first permanent settlement.

**INDIANA**—In the early 1940s, a large pond on the George Colglazier farm disappeared overnight in a heavy rain to reveal the entrance to Bluespring Caverns near Bedford (pop. 13,768).

**IOWA**—The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library in Cedar Rapids is the nation's leading repository for collecting, preserving, interpreting, and exhibiting objects of Czech and Slovak culture and history.

**KANSAS**—The buffalo, which can weigh 2,000 pounds and stand nearly 6 feet high at the shoulder, was designated the state animal in 1955.

**MICHIGAN**—While repairing the original floor in the 1848 Lightkeeper's House in Copper Harbor in 1997, workers uncovered a crawlspace containing more than 500 artifacts, including bottles, china, thimbles, and a whittled toy boat.

**MINNESOTA**—Initially nicknamed New York Fats for his state of birth, pool hustler Rudolf Wanderone (1913-1996) dubbed himself Minnesota Fats after the 1961 movie *The Hustler* portrayed a character by the same name who was strikingly similar to himself.

**MISSOURI**—During World War II, Gen. Omar Bradley, born near Clark (pop. 275) in 1893, commanded 1.3 million troops, the largest American force ever under one man's leadership.

**NEBRASKA**—The Hormel Foods Corp. plant in Fremont (pop. 25,174) is one of only two U.S. locations where SPAM luncheon meat is produced. The other is in Austin, Minn.

**NORTH DAKOTA**—In 2002, the state's 221 public school districts enrolled 103,013 students.

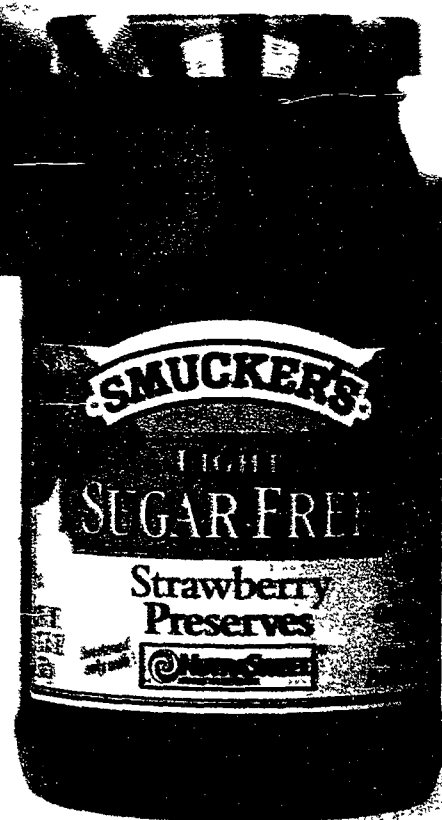
**OHIO**—Ohio was the site of two Civil War battles—Buffington Island and Salineville—both precipitated by a Confederate raid led by Brig. Gen. John Hunt Morgan.

**SOUTH DAKOTA**—On Jan. 1, the 280-member marching band at South Dakota State University in Brookings (pop. 18,504) became the state's first college band to perform in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, Calif.

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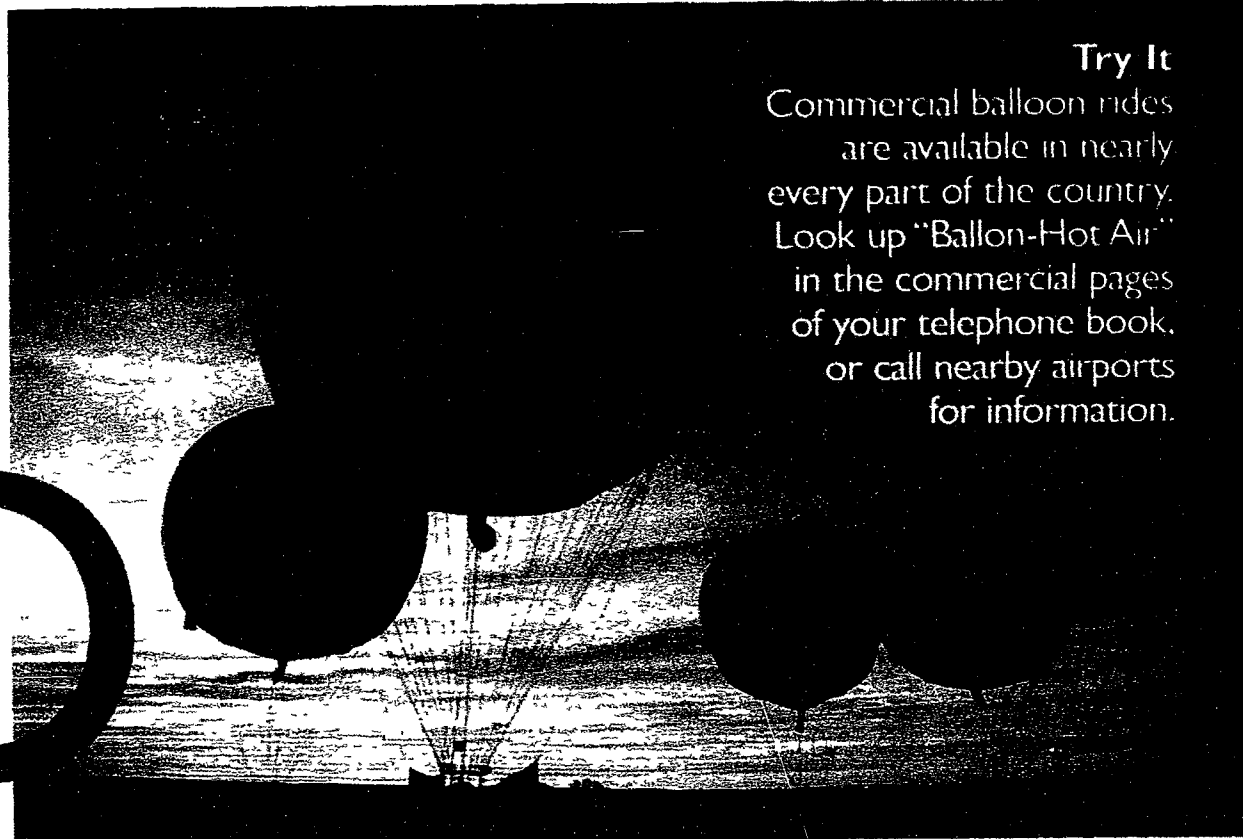
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loomed ever closer, leaving Troy and Tami Bradley a decision at 10,000-feet—risk the storm or cut a long-distance balloon race painfully short.

A lightning strike could ignite the hydrogen-filled envelope keeping them aloft, fatally ending their first race together since the birth of their two children.

They relied on experience. Troy Bradley had earned 46 world records and both had been flying for years. "I'm willing to take a risk," he says. "But, I want to be pretty sure I come out on the right side."

They safely landed their balloon in New Mexico after only 80 miles, far short of the winning team's 1,738-mile trek, but days after the race neither seemed to mind. Ballooning represents far more than competition for them. It's about beauty, adventure, and perhaps more importantly, family.

The couple lives in Albuquerque, considered home to United States ballooning because of predictable winds flowing down from the Sandia Mountains and across the desert. Each year the city hosts the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, which lured 750 balloons and thousands of spectators last fall.

Days after his race, Troy Bradley walks the field where crews inflate special shaped balloons for the festival—an armada of flying cows, pigs, houses, and aliens. Other balloons, guided only by the wind, will soon float in, pilots carefully

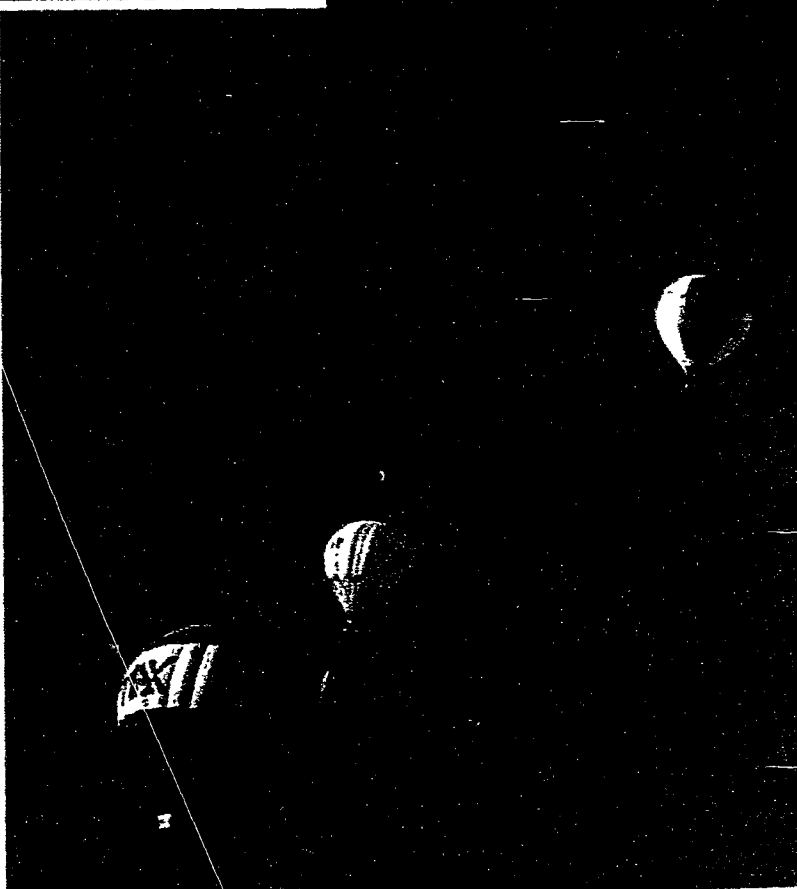
gauging the breeze to dip down in hope of snagging an envelope from a 25-foot pole and winning a new sports utility vehicle.

Bradley, 38, learned how to fly from his grandfather outside Denver, then earned his pilot's license at 16 and a license to fly commercial hot air balloons at 18—the youngest ages possible.

"Initially, it was just the beauty of it," says Bradley, who admits the sport also fueled a sense of adventure, a willingness to push the envelope.

He moved to New Mexico, worked as chief pilot for a ballooning company, and pushed both hot air and gas-filled balloons about as far as anyone ever had. Hot air balloons use the flame from propane burners to heat the air inside a balloon and create lift in the cooler surrounding air. Gas-

The Bradleys prepare their hydrogen balloon for ascension.



filled balloons represent the sports' adventure—some edge, relying on gases such as hydrogen to keep the craft aloft for long-distance flights.

In 1992, Bradley was part of the first transatlantic balloon flight from North America to Africa. In 2002, he set a distance record for small gas-filled balloons, flying 1,200 miles while cramped into a gondola little bigger than a large trash can. The trip surpassed a record of about 500 miles set in 1922.

Other records fell (some since broken by others), but ballooning brought far more than competition. After moving to Albuquerque, Bradley became an instructor to Bob Stevenson, the owner of a laundry store chain and a man fascinated by ballooning.

As their friendship blossomed, Stevenson's teenage daughter didn't always approve.

"I was a daddy's girl and I was jealous because he and my dad had become such fast friends," says Tami Bradley, now 28, who earned her license to pilot hot air balloons when she was 17.

## Flying High

The annual Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, in its 32nd year, attracted 750 balloons and thousands of spectators last fall. It will be held this year from Oct. 4-12. For times and activities, log on to [www.aibf.org](http://www.aibf.org).

A mile-high snapshot from a Bradley ballooning adventure.

logos for their dry cleaning company and a real estate agency, and thus turn flights into advertising opportunities. They've also started a hot air balloon ride business, Skyspan Adventures. "We did that so Troy can still be in the air," she says.

While he still plans to assault additional records, Bradley says he enjoys every aspect of the sport, even initiating newcomers to their first balloon ride. "I still get just as excited as I did 20 years ago."

Meanwhile, the grandfather who taught Troy to fly, James Dutrow, 76, runs his own balloon ride business in Colorado and visits Albuquerque for the balloon festival with his wife, Helen, 85.

"It keeps me in the air," he says.

As the Bradleys drive onto the balloon festival grounds, a flame momentarily flares in the pre-dawn sky, a gas-powered burst meant to slowly inflate one of the brilliantly colored hot air balloons soon to fill the grassy expanse on the outskirts of Albuquerque.

After high school, she left New Mexico for college in New York, but when her father was diagnosed with brain cancer she returned to Albuquerque where Bradley waited to help. Tami embraced her father's wish to compete alongside his friend in the World Gas Balloon Championship.

"We knew he was going to be too sick to fly, but we didn't want him giving up," she says. "We told him I'd train to be his back-up."

Stevenson died, but the experience of working together left a lasting bond between Bradley and Tami.

"From tragedy came something truly spectacular," Bradley says.

Tami returned to college, but agreed to hear Bradley give a lecture in St. Louis. In a room filled with balloonists, he presented a slide show of his flight across the Atlantic. "The last slide read 'Tami, will you marry me?'," she says. "It was in front of 200 people."

Nuptials and adventure followed. They settled in New Mexico, and, in 1998, a race that began at their home city's balloon festival ended in spectacular fashion when strong winds just after launch carried them north in an express ride toward Canada. They flew across Fargo, N.D., traveling 200 feet up at 60 mph.

Race organizers contacted Canadian authorities, who approved a flight path into the country's airspace and lofted a search plane. The couple finally landed in the Canadian wilderness, about 1,300 miles after launching and 75 miles from the nearest road.

A search plane found them within four hours. "It was total adventure," Bradley says.

The couple now has two girls—Savannah, 2, and Bobby, 1—but they still find time to fly. Autos won't fit in their three-car garage, only balloons and equipment. Some of their balloons sport

Balloons got Troy and Tami together.



Courtesy of Tami Bradley

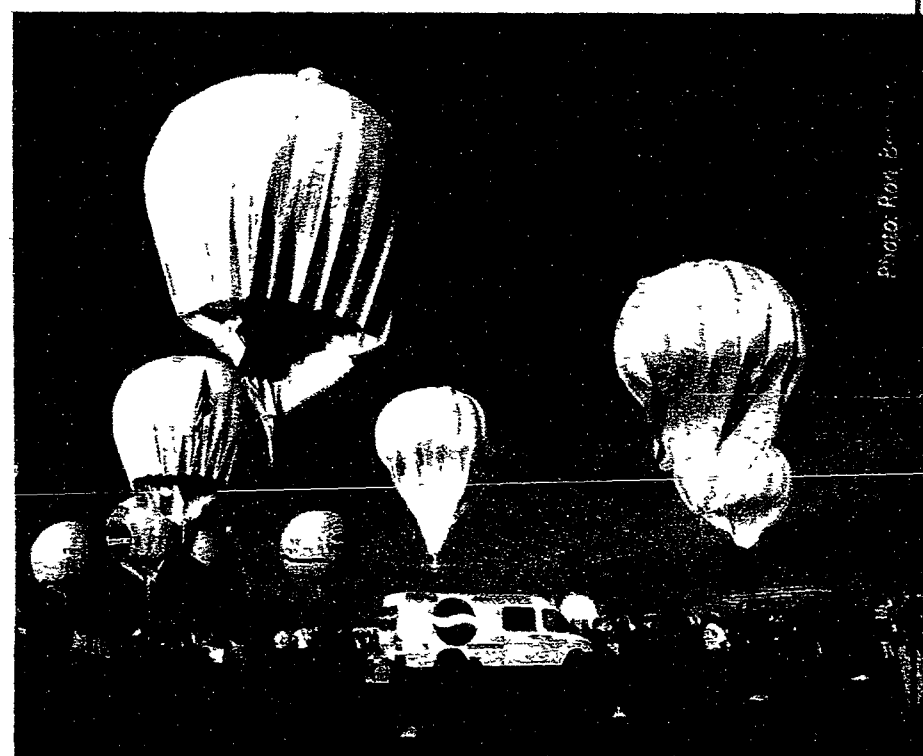


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The flash catches daughter Savannah's attention. "Fire, fire," she says in a sleepy singsong from the back of the van driven by her father.

"And what does the fire make the balloons do?" asks her mother.

"Makes them go up. Go up," comes the reply of experience from a half-dozen flights. "She's pretty obsessed," Tami Bradley explains.

Dutrow gave Savannah her first ride when she was 6 months old, a great-grandfather continuing a legacy. And the Bradleys hope Dutrow also initiates their youngest, Bobby.

"Kids are a huge part of the experience," Troy Bradley says. "Colorful balloons and colorful people." ★

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# Hometown Spotlight

by MICHAEL DEPP  
Photos by Jon Giffin

## Mississippi's Cream Pitcher

The sun-beaten rim of southern Mississippi lends itself to images of vast, white-ruffed cotton fields, ancient bluesmen strumming out laments on weathered porches, an entire landscape bathed in a sultry fog.

You might not picture dairy farming—but milk is the bread and butter of Walthall County.

While Mississippi produces a small fraction of the nation's milk supply, the dairy industry is an economic engine in Walthall County, which produces more milk than any other part of the state. This earns it the unlikely distinction of being "The Cream Pitcher of Mississippi."

So how is it that cows don't wither away in the region's seemingly infinite flatlands and all-encompassing summer heat? Well, for one thing, not all of southern Mississippi is delta: some stretches of gently rolling hills go on for miles. Also, the region has a temperate climate with cool, even cold, winters perfect for growing rye grass, a major staple for cows.

But farmers in Walthall County weren't always in the cow business. Until the mid 1950s, most were cotton growers, according to Lamar Adams, county agriculture agent. They were accustomed to plowing with mules and picking cotton by hand—but as the industry became more mechanized, many found themselves unable to foot the bill to keep their farms viable.

"Rather than go to the expense of getting all that equipment for cotton, they converted to dairy farming," says Adams, who adds that the farmers already had a built-



Jessica Bacot, 9, feeds a calf not old enough to graze on her family's dairy farm.

in market, the so-called "New Orleans milk shed"—a metropolitan area relatively nearby with a large consumer base. A good interstate system wasn't yet in place, and refrigerated trucks lacked today's technical reliability, so Walthall County found itself in the lucrative position of being able to supply its neighboring city with lots of fresh milk.

By the mid-1970s, around 400 dairy farms operated in the county, most of them small family farms milking 35 to 40 cows each, Adams says. As the industry grew, many smaller farms went out of business, as other farms bought up their cattle and expanded. Today, the county has 62 Grade-A dairy farms, meaning that they primarily supply only drinking or "fluid" milk.

"All of our dairies are still family-type farms," generating up to \$16 million annually, says Teresah Ponders Caire, a conservationist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Tylertown.

Walthall County celebrates its dairy heritage each June during National Dairy Month with a festival (held the first Saturday of June), a farmer appreciation banquet, an invitational dairy show, and an annual farmers' field day.

People also know the work ethic and values that farming instills in their lives.

"You still have so many people here who were raised on a family dairy farm," Caire says. "They got up in the morning and helped milk the cows before they went to school, and they've talked about what a good experience it was for them learning the value of work and responsibility."

Those lessons are being passed on now to 9-year-old Jessica Bacot and her two brothers. Jessica's parents, Lori and Jay, have been dairying for 14 years, milking more than 200 cows three times a day with the help of only a small, tightly knit staff.

"You basically have to leave home to take a day off," Lori Bacot says, but the hard work and discipline of dairy farming have been essential in her family's lives. "There's no better way to raise your kids."

In each of her children, Bacot says the life has taken hold. And for one family dairy in Walthall County, the future already may be decided. "My daughter says that when she grows up she wants to be a farmer," Bacot says. ☆

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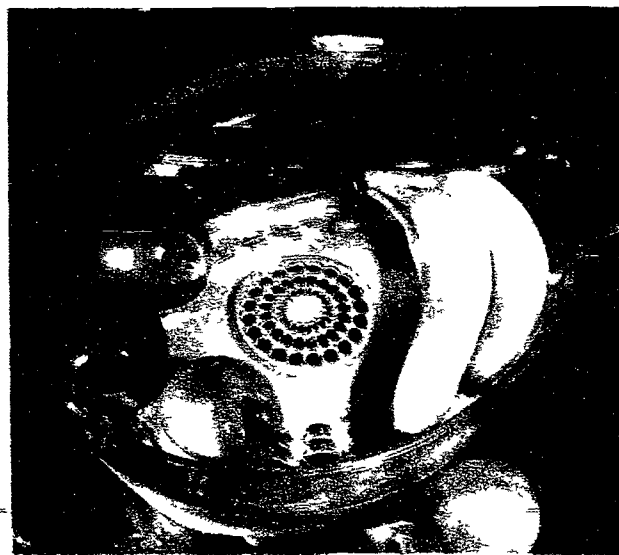
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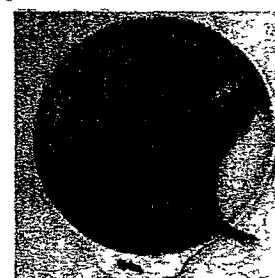
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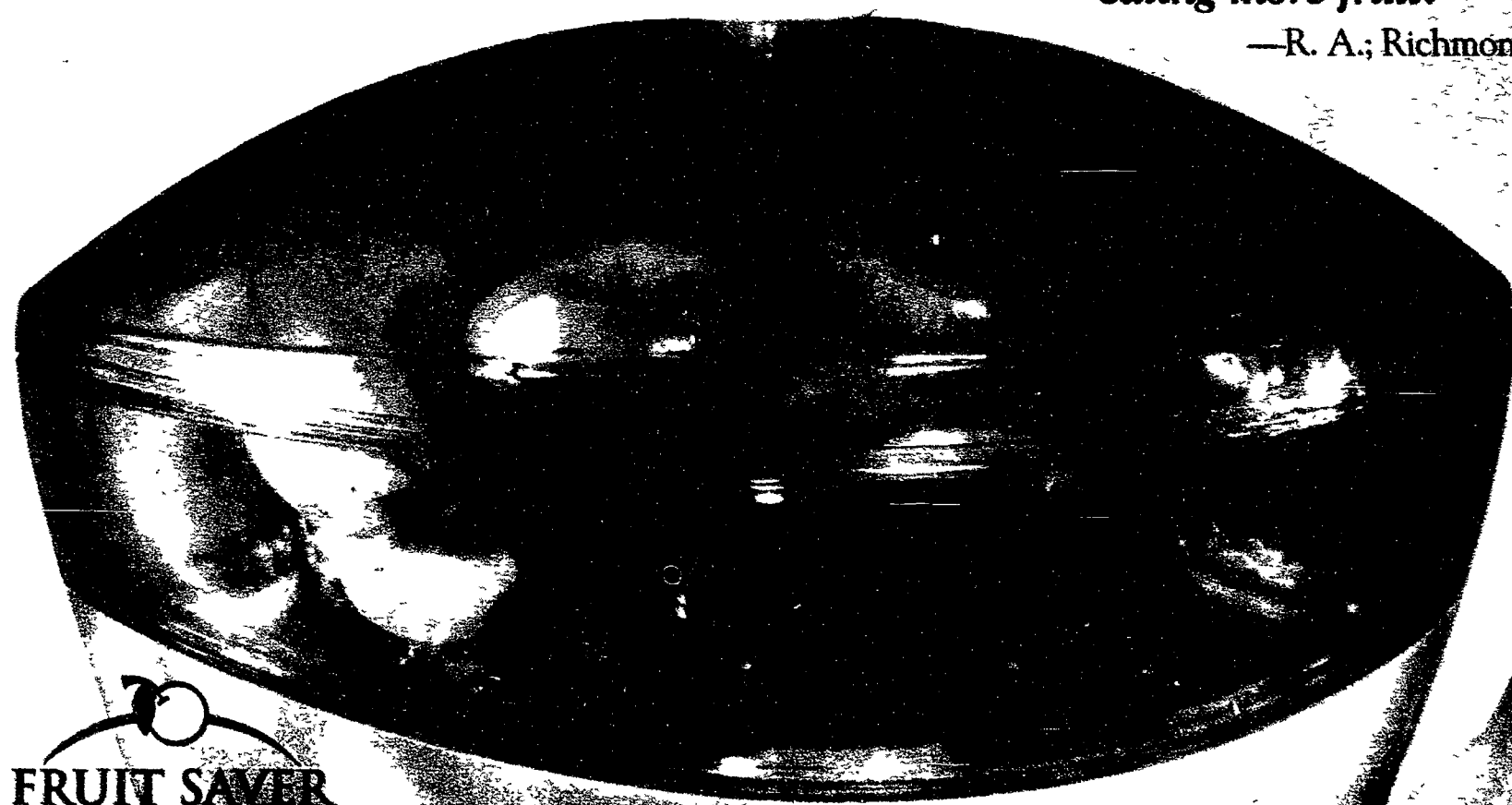
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## Let There Be Light

**Light fixtures needn't be boring.**

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Houses need a combination of general, task, and accent lighting which allows people to perform daily tasks easily while making them feel comfortable and safe.

General overall lighting creates a low level of light throughout a room and provides diffused background illumination for moving around. Task or local lighting is needed wherever there's activity, such as preparing food, personal grooming, paying bills, or studying. Accent lighting calls attention to an area, creates a mood, and works with general and task lighting to make a comfortable and appealing atmosphere.

General lighting is provided by built-in ceiling and wall fixtures controlled by wall switches. In bedrooms and hallways, the fixtures are close to the ceiling, while in a dining room it's often a chandelier that hangs in the center from a cord or chain.

Wall sconces, also called wall lights, often are found in halls and stairways. A built-in recessed fixture over a kitchen sink provides task lighting for food preparation. A fixture over the bathroom tub assures safe light when bathing and showering. Over a bed, it provides light for reading.

### Cost and function

A plain ceiling fixture for the bedroom can cost as little as \$10, but a better quality one costs upwards of \$40. A stylish chandelier sells for \$100 or more. To have one installed you can hire an electrician, do it yourself, or choose the installation service offered by the retailer where the fixture was purchased. You'll see two tags—a price tag and one that includes the labor for installation.

A table lamp or floor light combines function with fashion and provides task and accent lighting. Both provide illumination for any work requiring good light.

Accent lighting includes spotlights mounted on walls or in the ceiling and is used to showcase art. Miniature track lights concealed inside a cabinet can highlight its contents.

A combination of fixtures that are built into the walls and ceilings and stand-alone lamps and floor lights offer the best lighting. And remember, you can add dimmer switches to control light levels. ☆

Gene and Katie Hamilton are the authors of 14 home improvement books.

# Home

by CAROL  
BOUSQUET  
CHOP

## GET Started Redecorating

The most frequent question in decorating a home is, "Where do I begin?"

If your living room needs a new look, or you want to turn that guest bedroom into an office, the best place to start is before you choose paint colors. A little preliminary work can make the project—whether it's one room or several rooms—go much smoother.

**Get ready to redo.** Create a folder to contain information such as room measurements, color and fabric samples, photographs, and your own ideas. Sketch the room's doorways, windows, electrical outlets, telephone and cable jacks, vents, and other "vital statistics."

**Measure each room.** Record window widths, spaces from floor to sill, mantel to ceiling, wall areas, air vents, and so forth. Keep these in the folder to refer to them easily while shopping.

**Brainstorm.** Browse through interior design magazines, ask family and friends, and think about features you've liked in others' houses. Combine the best of all these ideas and think about how you'll work them into your room. Without compromising the overall plan, work around what you already have, especially if you like a particular painting or chair. Also take into account solid colors such as flooring, tile, and countertops when you're considering patterns and color.

**Arrange.** Try several furniture arrangements to find what works best for you. Place large furniture pieces before worrying about small ones. Arrange tables or flat surface areas near each major seat and avoid putting all the furniture against walls. Make sure lamp heights are higher than your eyes (when seated) to prevent shadows.

**Choose patterns and colors.** Unless you're set on a particular color or pattern, shop around for a wallpaper fabric, piece of art, or area rug you can't live without to help determine other patterns and colors in the room. Consider patterns with both warm and cool colors to reinforce warm tones for winter and cool ones for summer. Select patterns that match activities. For example, a living room may have a lighter carpet than the dining area, where things get spilled. Carpets with several colors camouflage stains and wear and tear.

**Do a room analysis.** Decide where the center of interest will be and view it from the main entrance. Use contrasting colors and textiles for items to show up or, for a more spacious appearance, blend colors. ★

Carol Bousquet Chop is a Florida interior designer.



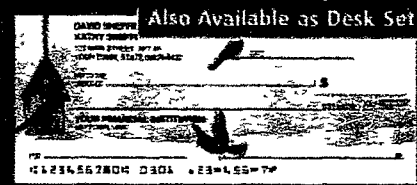
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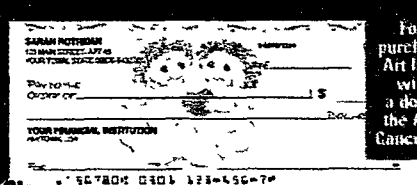
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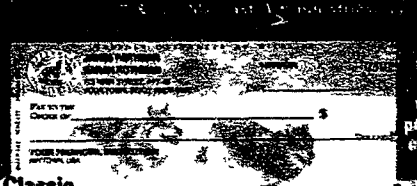
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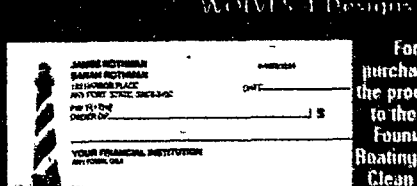
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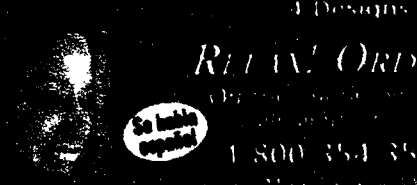
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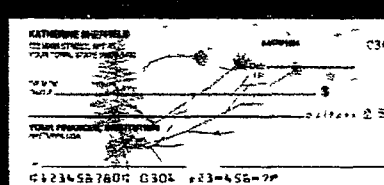
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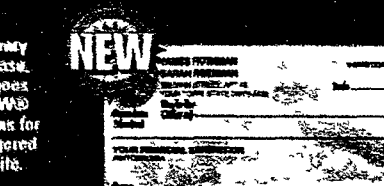
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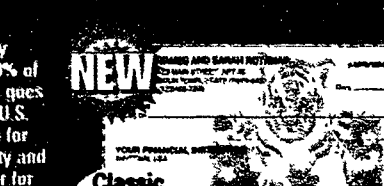
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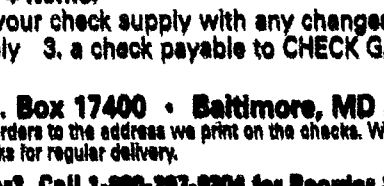
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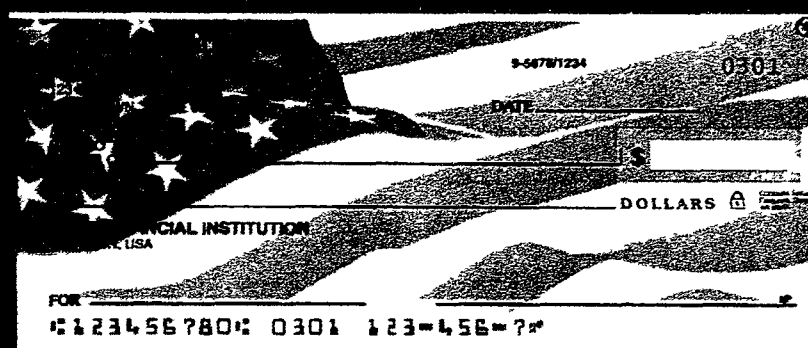
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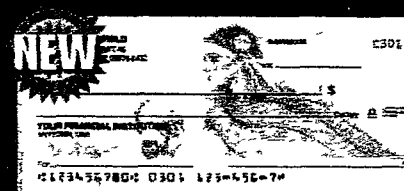
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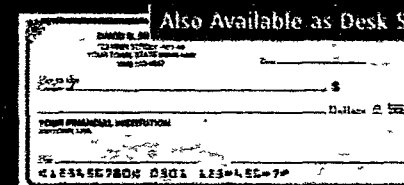
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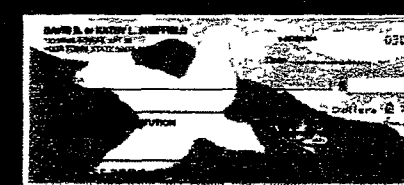
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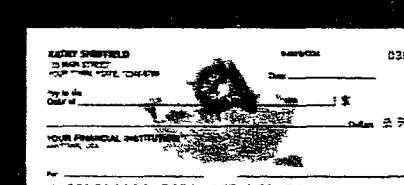
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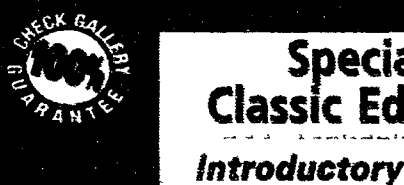
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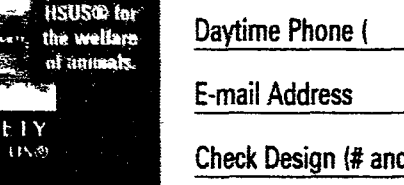
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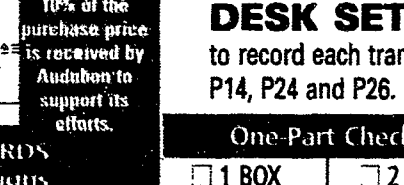
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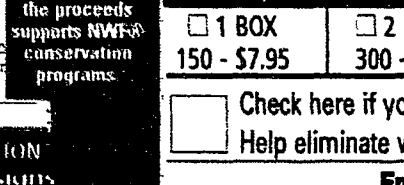
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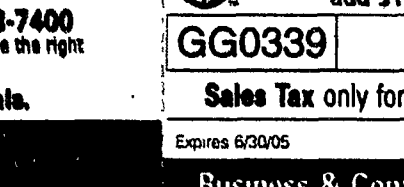
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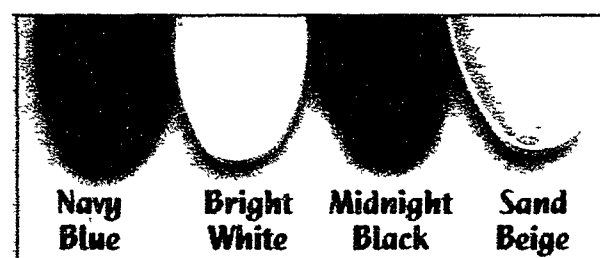
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# Hometown Recipe

from NANCY CHOP

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- 1 8-oz. can mandarin oranges with juice
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup oil or margarine
- 1 16-oz. container non-dairy whipped topping
- 1 box instant vanilla pudding
- 1 16-oz. can crushed pineapple, drained

Combine cake mix, mandarin oranges, eggs, and oil. Beat on medium speed for 4 minutes. Pour into three greased layer cake pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes. Mix whipped topping, pudding mix, and crushed pineapple together to fill and frost cake.

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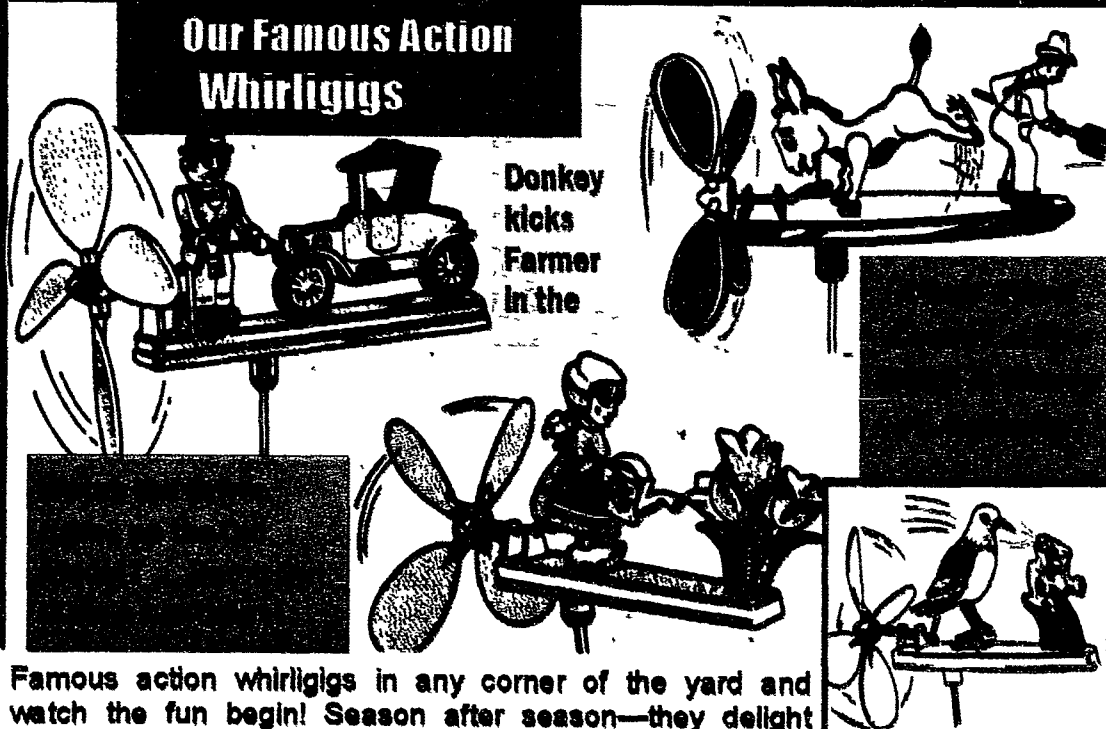
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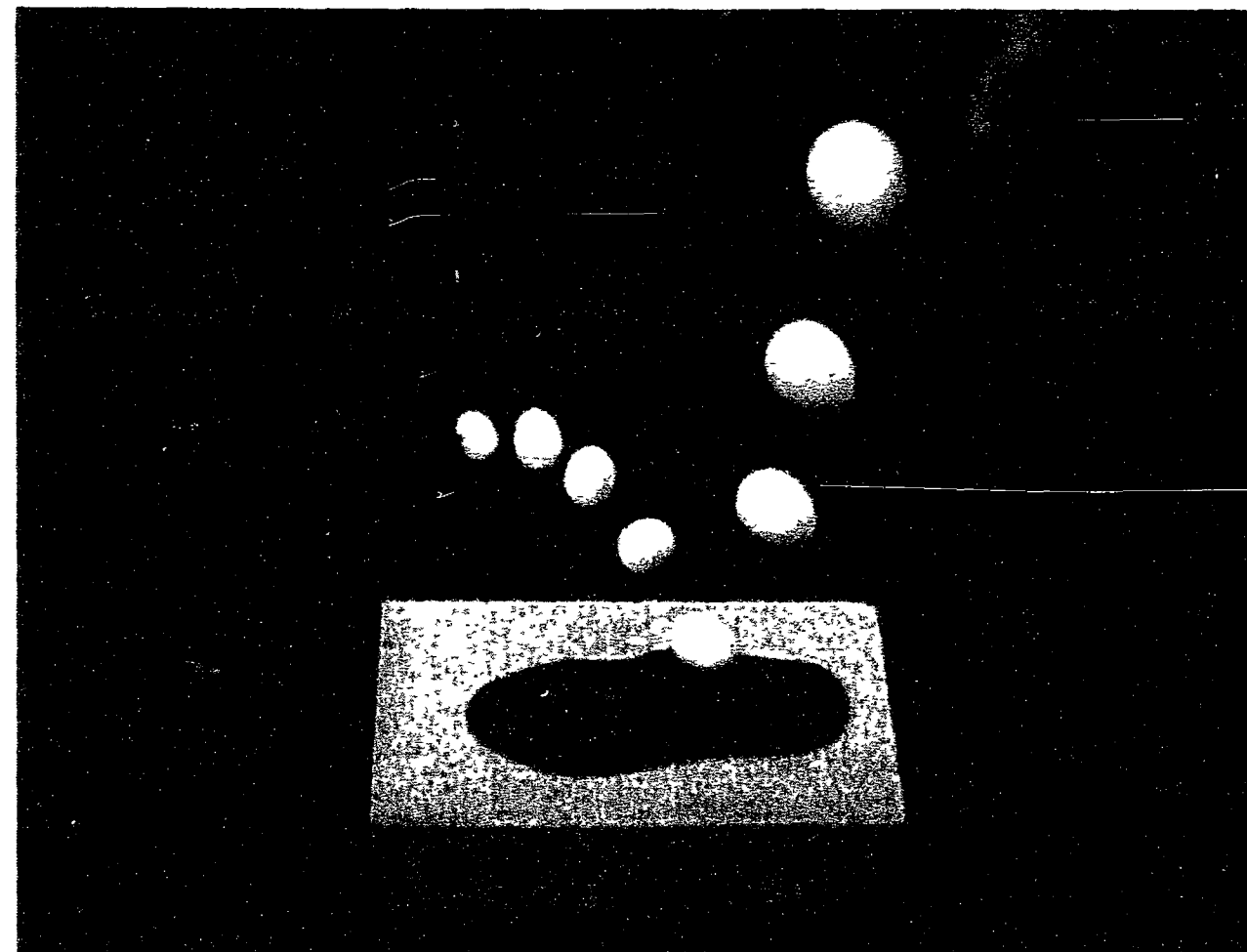
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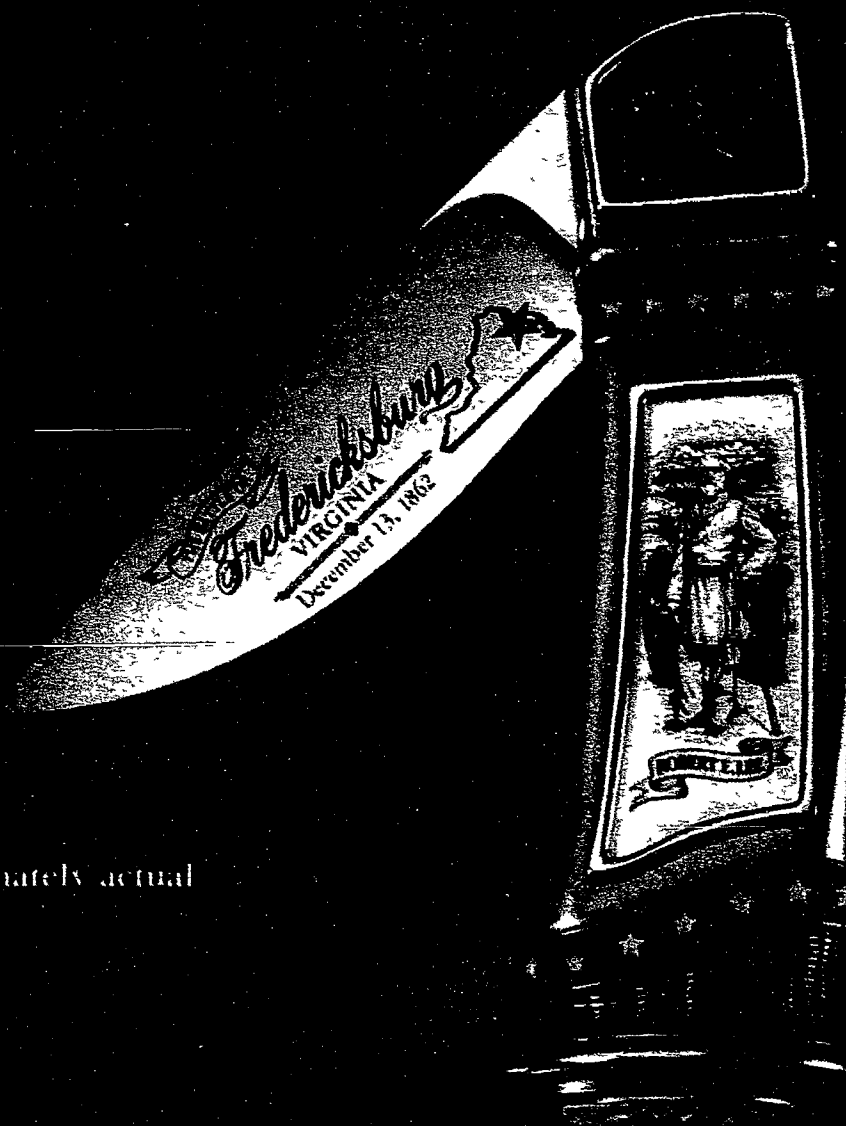
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