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Wondering how he got those playing cards in the balloon and the one that she wrote her name on - out, Moraine Elementary School student Adrianna Fosati assists Doug Scheer in a magic trick during his "Pollution Solution" visit last Wednesday afternoon.

SCHEER DELIGHT

Moraine gets lesson on pollution at special assembly

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

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Pollution is no laughing matter. Just ask Doug Scheer. But when it comes to teaching youngsters about contamination sources and preventative safeguards, Scheer believes humor is a surefire way reach to his audience. Scheer, a Commerce Township resident and educational presenter, utilized a combination of magic and comedy at Moraine Elementary School April 30, as he presented "Pollution Solution," an interactive lesson on ecology and the environment.

"We talk about the small thing kids can do to make a difference when it comes to the environment," said Scheer. Using a variety of costumes and magic tricks, Scheer educated students on ways to protect the environment and how contamination can occur. "Kids know about pollution, but

they think it's so big it's beyond their control," he said. Scheer armed students with ways to conserve energy—such as recycling—and suggested simple tasks at home to lessen ecological pollution. "These are baby steps to make a difference," he said. "Pollution Solution" is one of 10 shows offered through "Scheer" Genus Productions. For Scheer, conducting informative presentations in schools has become a routine. "I perform in 10 schools every week," he said. "It's a lot of fun. It

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City stacks the deck on parking

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Price-per-parking space estimates, land acquisition costs, net slots gained, and proximity to slated development will be specific subjects of a conversation among city leaders soon. Northville city council members for about an hour Monday night reviewed conceptual considerations for constructing a new parking structure downtown. They concurred that meeting with planning commission and Downtown Development Authority members should be the next step in the process. Led by Matt Jobin of the city's architect Rich and Associates, the council members listed to pros and cons of two site options. Rich designed the decks for the MainStreet 1993 Program. Up to two-and-a-half-story structures were proposed on city Lot No. 2 on the east side of North Wing Street between Main and Dunlap, and on city Lot No. 3 on Dunlap, behind the Marquis Theater. The architect led the council to net numbers of spaces added by each scenario by considering slots created, slots currently available, and slots that would be

"We do want to make these garages as user-friendly as we can."

Matt Jobin
Rich and Associates

required if additional homes or businesses were constructed in adjacent areas. Plans A through E added between 82 and 222 new spaces. The tallest structure Jobin described, which would be behind the theater, was approximately 38 feet. City officials are targeting construction next year, with the additional spaces available in time for the start of the Christmas shopping season — around the start of October 2004. Preliminary cost estimates for the proposed project are between \$4 million and \$5 million. The number of floors, doing with or without a basement and footprint of the building account for most of the range in price.

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Dog park prep begins today

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Thirty minutes in a classroom this week will lead to countless hours of future fun for pet owners and their pups. Today at 10 a.m. the Northville Parks and Recreation Department is hosting at the Hillside Recreation Center the first of four seminars to acquaint residents with procedures to obtain a Northville Dog Park pass. Beginning June 1, the tempo-

rary dog park will be located behind the Senior Center at 215 W. Cady Street. Attendance by a household member at one of the education seminars is mandatory. In addition to this morning, seminars are scheduled: * 7 p.m. tonight, May 8, at Northville Community Center. * 10 a.m. Saturday, May 10, Recreation Center at Hillside * 7 p.m. Thursday, May 15,

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Students get up-close look at world of law

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

A large group of Hillside Middle School students received a inside look at the American justice system as they toured 35th District Court late last month. As students were led through the

courthouse during Law Day, they stopped to listen to actual court proceedings, observe a patrol car demonstration and even experience a brief stay in the "lock-ups." Students also had the opportunity to speak with judges, the magistrate, a prosecutor, probation officers and a court-appointed attorney.

Debbie Palka, special projects coordinator for the 35th District Court, said students rotated through six separate stations at the courthouse. Each station lasted approximately 25 minutes. According to Palka, Law Day enables students to gain a unique perspective on courts from the

inside out. "They see first hand what we do and how the system operates," she said. "It's all informational and educates them on the justice system." Tim Purcell, an eighth grade instructor at Hillside Middle School, shared a similar vision of Law Day's purpose for students.

"It gives them an idea...of the court system and how everything works together," he said. "It's kind of awe-inspiring for these kids. It's the first time they're seeing the courts in action."

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For smallest learners, Jarvela tops the list

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Novi resident Sue Jarvela, has been selected as May's "Feature Teacher" in a monthly Northville Record contest recognizing excellence in Northville educators. Jarvela currently instructs three-

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Northville Cooperative Pre-School teacher Sue Jarvela looks with delight at her 'hand'-painted flower pot that was given to her by her students Monday morning.

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Volunteers dig in to spruce up Thayers Corners

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

They came with work gloves, rakes and enthusiasm. They left behind a gently groomed natural setting, serene to view and easy to traverse.

More than 50 volunteers — many of them Troop No. 755 Boy Scouts and their dads — spent five hours last Saturday creating trails, transplanting trees, and clearing debris at Thayer Corners Park on Napier Road, just north of Six Mile Road. Freshly green with spring growth, the approximate 60-acre site features ponds, seedling through landmark trees, and pristine meadows.

Representatives from Northville Township, and Friends of Northville Parks and Recreation were among the adults digging in, literally, moving wood chips, placing donated wetland plants, and pulling rubble from the grounds surrounding the 1968 house and seamed-steel outbuilding on the site.

Marv Gans, township trustee and Friends chair, coordinated the activities during the almost-60-degree, off-and-on-sunny day. As the volunteers munched on chips and hot dogs toward the end of their work day, he thanked them for their efforts.

"You did a great job," he told the group, citing the many projects accomplished. "It was great to have this many people come out."

Gans said he envisions eventually a Thayers Corner walking center, complete with nature trails through the whole property, accessible gardens, pond ice skating and fishing, and cooperative ventures between scout and school groups.

Dan Engel, scoutmaster of Troop No. 755 sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church, complimented the efforts of his charges. One of the older scouts

was eyeing the pond area as a potential site for a handicapped dock or bridge that might earn him the coveted Eagle rank.

"This is all voluntary — as part of their rank advancement," Engel said. "They're getting a good feeling from what they're getting accomplished here."

"I've heard lots of comments from them, surprised by what they've produced so far," Engel said. "They're getting a good feeling from what they're getting accomplished here."

The township purchased the property approximately four years ago from the Clark family that farmed and lived on the now-park land. The inspiration for the park name came from land grant records that, like the cemetery at the Six Mile/Napier corner, bear the Thayer name.

Northville resident Nancy Couch Nowak, a distant relative of the first Thayers who arrived in the area in the late 1800s, was among the park visitors Saturday. The timing of the cleanup coincided with her binders-full pursuit of her family's genealogy.

"I thought it would be nice to see the property that some distant cousins were on," she said.

Dick Allen, who successfully



photo by MAUREEN JOHNSTON

Volunteers pitch in and help clean up Thayers Corners Park last weekend.

presented to the township board his research as a case for naming the park for the founding Thayer family, also donned work gloves Saturday.

"I was raised with history," Allen said. "To me, any commu-

nity that walks away from their history is making a mistake."

"We don't have much family name preservation in the township," he said. "Once it's gone, you can't get it back."

Janet Bernadino of the Johnson

Creek Protection Group admired the vintage natural growth on the site. In fact, three species of trees behind the house would rank a 9 or 10 on the Department of Natural Resources Floristic Quality Assessment scale, she

explained, meaning they are very faithful to pre-European development.

"This site is relatively undisturbed," Bernadino said. "Very special."

The volunteers carefully transplanted 300 May apple trees to clear a path from the house to the pond. Bernadino helped select an appropriate sun-shed location for the donated 200 wetland plants that will add color around the pond.

"Hopefully, they'll reseed themselves," Gans said. The plants are intended to attract dragonflies to eat mosquitoes, he said.

Behind the house, the scouts helped pick trash and dead wood to clear the trails. They helped heap old fencing, parts of an old tree house, tires, old tanks, concrete chunks and other debris onto the mound that filled the dumpster by the end of the day.

Township clerk Sue Hillebrand said she could not believe the change in the site from when she saw it a year ago.

"This is a 1000 percent better already," she said.

Maureen Johnston is a reporter for the Northville Record. Reach her at (248) 349-1700 or at mjohnston@ht.homecomm.net.

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City debates what to do with parking

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Jobin stressed that the cost estimates were approximate for perspective. Mayor Chris Johnson relayed the committee conclusion that decks at both locations would be too costly.

City manager Gary Word's memo to the council described proposed financing through the issuance of a 15- to 20- year limited tax obligation bond. Bond payments would be made through the capture of tax increments within the DDA district, use of the parking fund and payment of parking credits.

Johnson said Monday night's presentation was intended to acquaint council members with the thinking behind proposals to address the city's long-term need for parking close to downtown.

The only formal action related to the possible parking structure was to contract professional land survey services. The council asked public works director Jim Gallogly to gather the information required for the design process for both locations being considered.

Jobin, assisted by DDA director Lori Ward, presented a series of site

plan, layout and elevation concept boards to the council. The five renderings and many hybrids were among the dozens considered at committee meetings during the past several months.

"There was no clear-cut answer," Ward said. There were pluses and minuses to every combination of ideas, she said.

A parking structure or expanded surface parking were considered for Lot No. 3, Jobin said. Both scenarios would require the acquisition and demolition of the Edward's Caterer building, he said.

In his elevations, Jobin said he did not portray architectural style because it is so early in the design process. He did show the council photos of parking structures Rich recently created for other communities.

"We do want to make these garages as user-friendly as we can," he said. In addition to appearance, they consider openness, clearance, and lighting.

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MILL RACE MATTERS

Date	Time	Event	Location
May 8	9am - 1 pm 9:15 a. - 3 pm 3:45 pm - 5:30 pm 6 pm - 7 pm 7 pm - 8 pm	Archives Open to the Public School Tour Brownie Scout Meeting Relay for Life Meeting Rehearsal	Cady Inn Wash-Oak School Cady Inn Cady Inn Church
May 9	9 am - 1 pm 9:30 am - 1:30 pm 9:15 am - 11:00 a. 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Archives Open to the Public School Tour SUM Scout Meeting Rehearsal	Cady Inn Wash-Oak School Cady Inn Church
May 10	12:30 pm - 2:30 pm 4 pm - 6 pm	Wedding Wedding	Church Church
May 11	10 am - noon 4 pm - 5:30 pm	Mill Creek Community Church Venture Scout Crew #8	Church Cady Inn
May 12	9 am - 2 pm 4:30 pm - 6 pm 6:30 pm - 9 pm	School Tour Brownie Scout Meeting Lion's Club	Wash-Oak School Cady Inn Cady Inn
May 13	9 am - noon 9:30 am - 1:30pm	Stone Gang School Tour	Village & Cady Inn Wash-Oak School
May 14	9:30 am - 1:30 pm 9:30 am - 10:30 pm 4 pm - 9 pm	School Tour Kodak Film Workshop Mill Creek Community Church Prayer Service	Wash-Oak School Church, Cady, Smithy Church
May 15	9 am - 1 pm 9:15am - 3 pm 11:30 am - 6:15 pm 4 pm - 5 pm 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Archives open to the Public School Tour Kodak Film Workshop Rehearsal Northville Historical Society Board Meeting	Cady Inn Wash-Oak School Church, Cady, Smithy, School Church Cady Inn

The Docent Luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 31st at noon in the Cady Inn. All interested in becoming docents (tour guild and host/hostess of our various buildings) are welcome to attend. Call the office for information and to R.S.V.P.

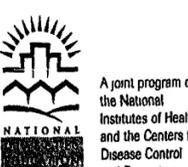
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WEDDINGS

David Somershoe of Northville and Missy Lemmen of Royal Oak were married Feb 21 in Maui, Hawaii.

The groom is the son of Alan and Judy Somershoe of Northville. He is a graduate of Northville High School and is employed by Journal Broadcast Group. The bride is the daughter of Michael and Marilyn Lemmen of Royal Oak. She is employed by Guaranty Bank. Witnesses to the marriage were Michelle Lemmen and Lauren Bauerschmidt.

The couple honeymooned in Maui and now reside in Milwaukee.



Somershoe-Lemmen

Dina Burghardt of Northville and Declan O'Donohue of Dearborn Heights were married July 4 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Detroit.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Lia Burghardt. She is employed by Ford Motor Company. The groom is the son of Gerry and Jeannie O'Donohue. He is also employed by Ford.

Christina Burghardt served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Leslie White, Barbie Sullivan, Krista Surowiec, Lisa Milligan, Karen Rehauer, Kelly Walro and Kristin Sands. The best man was Brendan O'Donohue. Groomsmen were Liam O'Donohue, Garrett O'Donohue, Kian O'Donohue, Nate Butki, Michael Dorrington, Kevin Erskine and James Lance. The ringbearer was Alexander Milligan, while the flower girls were Bridget Dolowy and Colleen Herrmann.

The couple honeymooned in Aruba.



Burghardt-O'Donohue

NHS helps clean up Detroit



By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

A multitude of Northville High School students headed to Detroit's Cass Community Social Services Scott Building last week, armed with paintbrushes, cleaning supplies and a spirit of volunteerism.

Ed Hingelberg, development director for CCSS, said approximately 70 Northville High School students participated in several groundskeeping, cooking and painting projects.

And he couldn't be happier. "They were everywhere," said Hingelberg. "They did a great job."

The student volunteers were participants in the high school's "Paint the Town" program, an annual civic activity that encourages community service and beautification.

Hingelberg said NHS students painted a total of six murals at the Scott Building. The largest mural, which featured the CCSS logo, was painted on a basement cafeteria wall. Officials said five smaller murals were created throughout the building depicting Detroit landmarks and the city's skyline. Stairwells, hallways and ceilings were also given a fresh coat

"They all left saying, 'I hope we can come back again'."

Ed Hingelberg

Cass Community Social Services Scott Building director

of paint.

In addition, Hingelberg said students went to work cleaning the grounds of the Scott Building, spreading mulch and cleaning up trash.

"These kids really cranked," he said. "They had a number of adults that came that were working just as hard as them."

During the project, student volunteers also made 2,400 sandwiches for the CCSS Detainee Meals program. Students also brought a barbecue and cooked chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs. "I was really impressed,"

Hingelberg said. "I wish we could make this a monthly event."

According to Hingelberg, CCSS is a non-profit agency, providing services for the hungry, down-trodden, homeless and developmentally disabled. An extensive food program is also available.

"We try to be a safety net for the city of Detroit," he said.

Hingelberg also lauded the student group and volunteers for their efforts.

"This is a big undertaking," he said. "There was a lot of purchasing they had to do. They were real

submitted photo
Volunteers from Northville High School help dress up the walls at the Cass Community Social Services Scott Building last week.

troopers. It is appreciated. Many hands make for light work and that's certainly true here. To have groups come here and do work, it's a true God-send. It's much needed work."

"They all left saying 'I hope we can come back again.' I think they enjoyed coming here. It was a new experience for them to venture into the heart of Detroit and to work with side by side with the homeless. I think it was good experience for them."

The Cass Community Social Services Scott Building is located at 11850 Woodrow Wilson in Detroit. To learn more about CCSS, visit online at www.cass-community.com

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OBITUARIES

Denver Anne Priebe

Denver Anne Priebe died April 28, 2003 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was 50.

Ms. Priebe was born July 6, 1952, in Annapolis, Md. A circulation carrier for the *Detroit News* at the time of her death, Ms. Priebe relocated to Northville in 2000 from Plymouth. She was preceded in death by her father, Thomas N. Vinson.

Ms. Priebe is survived by her mother, Harriet Vinson of Northville; her children, Michelle (Paul) Rutherford of San Diego, Lynn, Kate, Ali and Gabi Priebe of Northville; her brother, Thomas N. Vinson, Jr., of Plymouth; and her granddaughter, Haili Rutherford.

A memorial service for Ms. Priebe was held May 1 at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville, which handled funeral arrangements. Rev. Eldon Beery officiated the service. Interment will be at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Dorothy M. Biddle

Dorothy Biddle of Summerville, S.C. died April 19 in Summerville. She was 87.

Ms. Summerville was born Dec. 17, 1915 in Washington, Ind., to Rufus Grubb and Mattie Peed. She later married Vernon Biddle, who preceded her in death in 1984.

A Northville resident for 50 years before relocating to Summerville, Ms. Biddle was active in the Ladies Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4012 in Northville. She worked as an assembly line employee at Burroughs.

Ms. Biddle is survived by her children, her children, Larry Biddle and Verna Foote; 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her children Richard Dietz, William Dietz, Thelma VanBuren and William Muntan.

A memorial service was held April 25 at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville, which handled funeral arrangements. Pastor Jonathan Wilkes of First Baptist Church of Northville officiated the service. Interment will be at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens of Novi. Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Heart Association Midwest Affiliate, Memorial and Tributes

Program, Dept. 77-3968, Chicago, Ill., 60678; or the American Cancer Society, 18505 W. Twelve Mile Road, Southfield, Mich. 48076.

William Joseph Jakobcic

William Jakobcic died May 3 at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital. He was 59.

Mr. Jakobcic was born Dec. 5, 1943 in Detroit. A dental technician, Mr. Jakobcic was a member of American Legion Post No. 147.

Mr. Jakobcic is survived by his son, Jeffrey (Jeanine) Jakobcic of South Lyon; his former wife, Susan Jakobcic of Northville; and

his siblings, Rudy Jakobcic of Coopersville and Phyllis Albers of Westland. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Jennifer Ann Jakobcic; and his parents, Joseph A. Jakobcic and Margaret Beck Jakobcic.

A funeral Mass for Mr. Jakobcic was celebrated May 7 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville. Father Jack Quinlan officiated the service. Interment will be at Rural Hill Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the giver's choosing.

Students get a look at law world

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come here and see it in person, it gives them a real sense of the importance of civil government."

Students listened attentively as attorneys, defendants and plaintiffs testified and argued their positions before Judge Michael Gerou.

"They can see these are people with real lives and real circumstances and real consequences," said Purcell, adding that students appeared to enjoy the outing. "They're really getting into it."

Eighth grade student Bridget

Dalton was one of many students who ventured through the courthouse last week.

Dalton said she enjoyed the experience.

"It's neat seeing actual court going on," she said.

Her classmate, eighth grader Josh Ermatinger, said he impressed watching genuine court cases take place.

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1957
American Bar Association President Charles S. Rhyne, a Washington D.C., attorney, envisions a special day for celebrating our legal system.

1958
President Dwight D. Eisenhower establishes Law Day USA to strengthen America's heritage of liberty, justice and equality under law.

1961
May 1 is designated by joint resolution of Congress as the official date for celebrating Law Day.

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PHONE: (248) 348-1845

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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.
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WHEN: The group meets every third Monday, except in January, July and August.
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ON CAMPUS

Northville resident Jeffrey D. Kruszewski was elected to the Alpha chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Michigan.

The following Northville residents were recognized at the March honors convocation at the University of Michigan: Sarah Adamson, Mounen Asbahi, Kathleen Banks, Ashley Chandler, Caroline Cozza, Lindsay Crammond, Laura Cunningham, Beth Duey, Abdul Elsaadi, Laura Elsesser, Jeffrey Fielhauer, Benjamin Finch, Scott Foley, Rebecca Gian, Alison Gillett, Eric Grezlik, Brent Habitz, Kevin Hagedorn, Amanda Halash, Janel Hasse, Meredith Hassee, John Hiemstra, Carrie Hosman, Sirui Huang, Katherine Johnson, Jennifer Kaczmarek, Erin Kelley, Jeffrey Kruszewski, Joanna Lee, Esther Ling, Michael Linker, Cara Locklin, Zubin Malkani, Ivana Maulsev, Melinda Marburger, Shannon McBride, Lauren McCausland,

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Northville resident Christine Pilarz was among the graduates of the University of Michigan-Dearborn during April commencement exercises.

BIRTHS



Hadley Kathleen Bugar

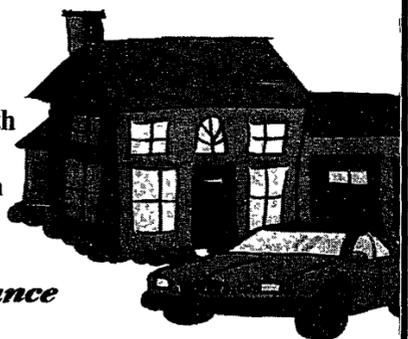
Hadley Kathleen Bugar was born March 13 to Robert and Jennifer Bugar. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 22 inches at birth.

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Hello, birdie: best of bandminton hits town

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Next weekend, plenty of birdies may be cruising at speeds of 200 mph inside the Recreation Center at Hillside. Just don't expect these birdies to chirp.

The 2003 Stephen Race Memorial Badminton Tournament is planned to take place May 16-18.

This second annual event is sponsored by Northville Parks and Recreation and is sanctioned by U.S.A. Badminton.

"Badminton has really picked up in this area," said Joe Barberio, athletic supervisor for Northville Parks and Recreation. According to Barberio, Stephen Race was a badminton player who was instrumental in building the game's popularity in the Midwest.

And the event promises to provide plenty of spectator entertainment.

"I think people should come out and watch this," said Barberio. "If people haven't seen indoor badminton, they should come out and watch. It's a completely different game from outdoor badminton. It's so fast. There's no wind influence and the birdies are hit so hard. They tell me an Olympic player can hit the birdie up to 200 mph. It can travel 200 mph coming off the racket."

Barberio said during last year's event, 91 players participated from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana. Some players even traveled from Canada and England.

This year, the event is expected

CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 349-0203
PLACE: Recreation Center at Hillside, 700 W. Baseline Road
DATES: May 16-18
FORMAT: Open ABCD drop flight (any age); Senior: Open ABCD drop flight (35+, 50+) Each draw limited to 32 entries. Entrants limited to six events.
COST: \$20 for the first event, \$10 for each additional event, late fee after May 9 is \$5.
DEADLINE: Must be postmarked by May 9

SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Friday, May 16

All Open ABCD, Senior: Singles (including finals) starting at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 17

Senior Doubles (including finals) starting at 9 a.m.

All Open ABCD, Doubles (including finals) starting at 11 a.m.

Badminton Clinic begins at 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 18

All Open ABCD, Mixed Doubles (including finals) starting at 9 a.m.

Senior Mixed Doubles (including finals) starting at 10 a.m.

Send entries and make checks payable to Northville Parks and Recreation 700 W. Baseline, Northville, MI 48167. Ann. Race Memorial Badminton Tournament

to draw approximately 120 participants.

Barberio said the event is open to the public. There is no charge for admission.

Prizes will be awarded to the first- and second-place teams.

During the event, badminton matches consisting of singles, doubles and mixed doubles will take place. Barberio said those three groups will include different age

brackets.

For more information on the second annual Stephen Race Memorial Badminton Tournament or to register to participate, contact Joe Barberio at (248) 449-9947.

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A taste for helping others

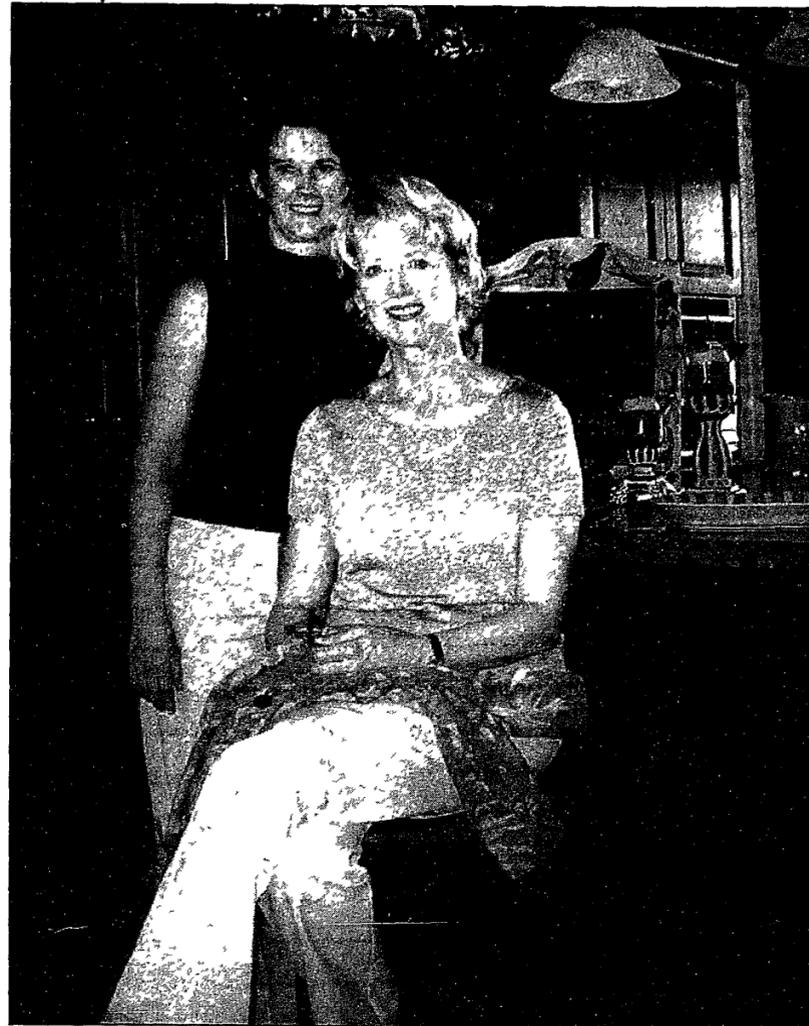


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Colette Rizik of Northville (left) joins Nancy Sutherland of Southville. Nancy decorated the Rizik kitchen for the First Annual Northville/Plymouth Kitchen Tour to benefit O.U.R. Camp, a summer day camp for children with special needs.

It's Scheer energy at assembly

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really is. The kids are little sponges. I can bring resources to schools that teachers can't."

Scheer added that he believes the show's themes serve an important purpose.

"My goal is to teach something," he said. "Anything I can do to touch an emotion in the show...it helps the information stick."

For booking information, contact Doug Scheer at (248) 960-

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WHEN: Once a month, September through May. Meeting dates vary. Social interest groups meet once or twice a month.
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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.
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ON CAMPUS

Northville resident Jeffrey D. Kruszewski was elected to the Alpha chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Michigan.

The following Northville residents were recognized at the March honors convocation at the University of Michigan: Sarah Adamson, Mousen Asbahi, Kathleen Banks, Ashley Chandler, Caroline Cozza, Lindsay Crammond, Laura Cunningham, Beth Duey, Abdul Elsaadi, Laura Elseser, Jeffrey Fielhauer, Benjamin Finch, Scott Foley, Rebecca Gian, Alison Gillett, Eric Grezlik, Brent Habitz, Kevin Hagedorn, Amanda Halash, Janel Hasse, Meredith Hassee, John Hiemstra, Carrie Hosman, Sirui Huang, Katherine Johnson, Jennifer Kaczmarek, Erin Kelley, Jeffrey Kruszewski, Joanna Lee, Esther Ling, Michael Linker, Cara Locklin, Zubin Malkani, Ivana Maulsev, Melinda Marburger, Shannon McBride, Lauren McCausland,

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Northville resident Christine Pilarz was among the graduates of the University of Michigan- Dearborn during April commencement exercises.

BIRTHS



Hadley Kathleen Bugar

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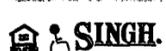
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Hello, birdie: best of bandminton hits town

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Next weekend, plenty of birdies may be cruising at speeds of 200 mph inside the Recreation Center at Hillside. Just don't expect these birdies to chirp.

The 2003 Stephen Race Memorial Badminton Tournament is planned to take place May 16-18.

This second annual event is sponsored by Northville Parks and Recreation and is sanctioned by U.S.A. Badminton.

"Badminton has really picked up in this area," said Joe Barberio, athletic supervisor for Northville Parks and Recreation. According to Barberio, Stephen Race was a badminton player who was instrumental in building the game's popularity in the Midwest.

And the event promises to provide plenty of spectator entertainment.

"I think people should come out and watch this," said Barberio. "If people haven't seen indoor badminton, they should come out and watch. It's a completely different game from outdoor badminton. It's so fast. There's no wind influence and the birdies are hit so hard. They tell me an Olympic player can hit the birdie up to 200 mph. It can travel 200 mph coming off the racket."

Barberio said during last year's event, 91 players participated from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana. Some players even traveled from Canada and England.

This year, the event is expected

CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 349-0203
PLACE: Recreation Center at Hillside, 700 W. Baseline Road
DATES: May 16-18
FORMAT: Open ABCD drop flight (any age). Senior: Open ABCD drop flight (35+, 50+) Each draw limited to 32 entries. Entrants limited to six events.
COST: \$20 for the first event, \$10 for each additional event, late fee after May 9 is \$5.
DEADLINE: Must be postmarked by May 9

SCHEDULE OF PLAY
Friday, May 16
All Open ABCD, Senior: Singles (including finals) starting at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 17
Senior Doubles (including finals) starting at 9 a.m.
All Open ABCD, Doubles (including finals) starting at 11 a.m.
Badminton Clinic begins at 1 p.m.
Sunday, May 18
All Open ABCD, Mixed Doubles (including finals) starting at 9 a.m.
Senior Mixed Doubles (including finals) starting at 10 a.m.

Send entries and make checks payable to Northville Parks and Recreation 700 W. Baseline, Northville, MI 48167. Attn: Race Memorial Badminton Tournament.

to draw approximately 120 participants.

Barberio said the event is open to the public. There is no charge for admission.

Prizes will be awarded to the first- and second-place teams.

During the event, badminton matches consisting of singles, doubles and mixed doubles will take place. Barberio said those three groups will include different age

brackets.

For more information on the second annual Stephen Race Memorial Badminton Tournament or to register to participate, contact Joe Barberio at (248) 449-9947.

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A taste for helping others



photo courtesy CATHY PELTIER

Colette Rizik of Northville (left) joins Nancy Sutherland of Southern Living at Home. Nancy decorated the Rizik kitchen for the First Annual Northern/Plymouth Kitchen Tour to benefit O.U.R. Camp, a summer day camp for children with special needs.

It's Scheer energy at assembly

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really is. The kids are little sponges. I can bring resources to schools that teachers can't."

Scheer added that he believes the shows' themes serve an important purpose.

"My goal is to teach something," he said. "Anything I can do to touch an emotion in the show...it helps the information stick"

For booking information, contact Doug Scheer at (248) 960-

4422 or visit online at www.assemblyshows.com

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Panicked over Mother's Day? Don't worry

Northville merchants stock abundance of gifts for moms, even for absentminded last-minute shoppers

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Stress-relieving heat wraps, lip-stick-shaped chocolate, personalized jewelry — there are all types of treats for Mom on her special day Sunday.

Sons, daughters or dads who postponed their decision until these final three days need only to travel downtown to find a variety of items, in a range of prices. That is, if gift givers are opting to add to the phone call, no-charge affection, well-chosen card or home-made creation.

As alternatives to the perennial-favorite flowers, many merchants are offering some rather original options. Some suggested the convenience of gift certificates — for restaurants, salon services or home accessories — that leave part of the decision up to Mom.

Here is a sampling of last-minute ideas from a handful of local businesses.

Across the Street 102 E. Main.

"We have a lot of really great jewelry that's not expensive," said sales associate Sandy Fisher. There are bracelets that say "#1 Mom" or "#1 Grandma," for example.

Other suggestions include pajamas decorated with flamingos or tropical drinks, vintage-look t-shirts, and bookmarks.

"A bookmark is a good gift for someone who likes to read and is hard to buy for," Fisher said.

Chocolate's by Renee 118 E. Main.

"Probably what we've sold the most of today is one- and two-pound boxes," said sales associate Val Shock.

Renee specialty items include chocolate roses and tulips, a "Dirt Pie" kit, body paint, white chocolate popcorn, and a box made of chocolate filled with a variety of chocolates.

"Everything is edible," Shock said.

She also described a clear box tied with ribbon holds an apple dipped and re-dipped in chocolate, caramel and nuts that serves as many as six people.

"Basically, we can do anything they want," Shock said. Unique shape candy molds include lipstick, "Mother" plaques, apples and hand-cuffs. The store also features a gourmet selection of soup, pasta sauce and cake mixes.

Forget Me Nots 124 E. Main.

On sunny Tuesday this week, co-owner Sandi Hulbert helped many patrons with Mom gift selections, including jewelry, food products, angels, floral containers, and books.

"Some of them are serious," she said. "Some of them are whimsical and fun."

In recent weeks, the merchant supplied shop visitors with "wish list" forms.

Hulbert's other suggestions included her specialty beverage mixes, "Special Mom" angels,

teapots, and lavender aromatic and stress-relieving products.

The store owner said she knows to stock a wide price range of products for Mother's Day.

"We have kids who come in here, too."

Kitchen Witch 134 E. Main.

The store is filled with gift ideas, such as a microplane for grating cheese or chocolate, and zesting lemons, said sales associate Virginia Wojay. Some local moms will receive Casa Fina brand dishes on Sunday, she said.

Kitchen Witch caters to "the mom who likes to cook," Wojay said.

"They come in to shop for gadgets," she said.

Orin Jewelers 101 E. Main.

"Heart jewelry is the biggest thing for Mother's Day," said manager David Beyer. He pointed out pendants, necklaces and earrings amidst pink "Remember

Mom" signs in the showcases.

"And pearls," Beyer said. "That's brought a standard thing throughout the years."

Van Dam's 111 E. Main St.

"We think we have some really unique jewelry," said sales associate Doris Miank. "And of course, our clothes."

The VanDam's staff knows how to glean the information that helps lead

to a selection Mom is sure to like, Miank said.

"We ask them about the type of person, what their likes and dislikes are, age, style."

The shop also has a lot to choose from in hats, purses, scarves and sweaters, she said.

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By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Seniors looking for a nicer place to spend their leisure time in the golden years cleared another major hurdle Monday, when the Northville City Council voted to support a \$2.89 million plan to renovate the Community Center on Main Street.

The plan seeks to create 6,000 new square feet of leisure and educational area for area senior citizens.

The Northville Parks and Recreation Department project represents a cooperative effort between the city and Northville Township to finance the project, as well as provide senior programming. The township board April 17 approved the plan.

Recreation director Traci Sincock will make her third and final presentation later this month to the Northville Board of Education. Approval by the school district, which owns the 1953 building, would kick the project toward its targeted completion next June or July.

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Kevin Hartshorne
Northville city council member

Architectural renderings show the westward addition to the approximate 2,000-square-foot existing gathering space. A step-up from the seniors' "temporary" location in the old Scout building on Cady Street, the relocation would provide new multi-purpose meeting rooms, offices, living room with fireplace, computer lounge, and a gathering area for large-group activities.

Sincock and senior adult advisory council member Jim Nield led the council through a descrip-

tion of the project considerations, proposed layout, and the financing plan. Council members gathered around Nield's detailed three-dimensional scale model of the future facility.

Council member Kevin Hartshorne cast the lone "no" vote. He said he supported providing the facility for the seniors, but not the way it was funded.

Like the Hillside project, the city and township will equally share the cost of the project — \$722,500 each — with the township loaning the remaining 50 percent of the project cost to the Parks and Recreation Department with repayment over a 15-year period. Fees generated by building rentals will repay that no-interest loan, she said.

"I can't see a 50-50 split," Hartshorne said. "I feel like city residents are getting the short end of the stick."

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Novi resident at forefront of covering war with Iraq

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

"He just enjoys doing many different things," said Danyanti Gupta, the mother of Dr. Sanjay Gupta, a Novi High School graduate and valedictorian of his 1986 class. Actually, the quote is an understatement. The doctor has made quite a big name for himself doing many different things, like becoming a neurosurgeon, a CNN medical correspondent, a White House Fellow, a writer, a sportsman, an actor, a singer and TIME magazine health journalist, just to name a few.

Considered a Novi hero by many, Gupta was named as one of the most eligible bachelors in the country by Cosmopolitan and People magazines. His work at

CNN led him to Iraq when war broke out. As the only neurosurgeon in the area, Gupta took on double duty as a CNN correspondent and a doctor when he was asked to perform surgery on a 2-year-old boy who was shot in the head. He performed the surgery, but the boy passed away shortly after because of many other gunshot wounds to his body.

"Sanjay has been doing all of these things for a long time and he is a very brave and kind-hearted person," Danyanti said. "Since then he has performed some more surgeries over there and all of them were successful. I think he has been doing a very good reporting job and at the same time, being a neurosurgeon, he was able to help some people, which was very nice."

According to his mother, Gupta was in Iraq for about one month at the start of the war. Before that he was in Kuwait for two weeks to check out mobile hospitals. After high school he was admitted to the Interflex program, which is a direct medical program at the University of Michigan. He earned his MD from there and was admitted into the neurosurgery program.

One of 15 White House Fellows chosen, Gupta worked with Hillary Clinton on health care policies. He wrote speeches for her and traveled with the President and the First Lady on Air Force One on several occasions.

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Police launch search for robbery suspect

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

The investigation continues for a man wanted in connection with a Monday afternoon Novi bank robbery.

"No arrests have been made and the matter is still under investigation," said Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer. "We did find his clothing where he took them off in the wooded area east of the bank."

Shaeffer said the clothing found matched the description of what the bank robber was wearing.

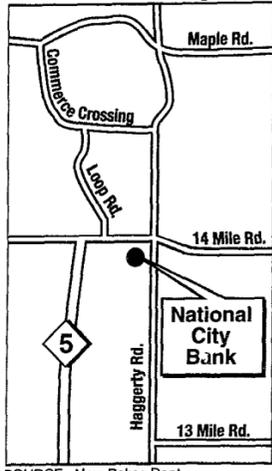
Police said on Monday a man walked into National City Bank just west of the 14 Mile and Haggerty roads intersection shortly before 4 p.m. demanding money from an employee.

Shaeffer said the suspect walked up to a teller, gave the employee a package and said it was a bomb before leaving with an undetermined amount of cash. Investigators said no one from the bank followed the unknown man outside, but it is believed he fled by foot to the wooded area behind the bank.

Employees fearing what they believed to be a bomb left behind by the suspect immediately called authorities.

Shaeffer said the Michigan

Bank Robbery



SOURCE: Novi Police Dept

foot 4 inches to 5 foot 6 inches. The suspect was said to have sandy colored short hair, blue eyes and a ruddy complexion. Police said he was wearing a baseball cap at the time of the robbery.

Murder investigation

The Novi Police Department also continues its investigation into the murder of a 26-year-old Novi male found April 14 near a DTE transformer site located between the south side of Twelve Oaks Mall and Interstate 96.

"We are still conducting interviews and awaiting the results from the lab analysis of physical evidence gathered at the scene," Shaeffer said.

Police believe Cameron Wade Sanders died from a gunshot wound to the head, and they suspect the motive may have been robbery.

Sanders' wallet was found open and empty next to his body.

Anyone with information about either case is asked to call the Novi Police Department at (248) 348-7100.

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State Police Bomb Squad arrived shortly after and evacuated the building. The heavily-traveled intersection was also blocked off to all traffic during the rush-hour commute.

"At the time we did not know if it was real or not," Shaeffer said.

It was later determined, the package was not a bomb.

Witnesses described the suspect as a white male, in his 30s, standing somewhere between 5

Rotary seeking home for Mexican exchange pupil

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER



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Paulina Rodriguez, who will be coming to Northville as part of the Northville Rotary Club's exchange program, is looking for a home.

Seventeen-year-old Paulina Rodriguez needs a home.

Rodriguez, a native of Mexico, will be coming to Northville in August as part of the Rotary Youth Exchange program.

Joanne Inglis, Rotary Youth Exchange coordinator, is looking for three host families willing to house and care for Rodriguez during her stay.

Rodriguez, who currently resides in the Mexican state of Michoacán, will attend Northville High School as a twelfth grade student during the 2003-2004 academic year.

"We're in the hunt for families," said Inglis. "It really is a wonderful experience for the families to open their home to another person and learn about them."

Inglis said exchange students have a counselor available through the Rotary club and the organization plans activities for the student to participate in.

Volunteer families would be required to host Rodriguez for a minimum of three to four months during her stay.

"If we don't get host families, she won't be able to come," said Inglis. "It would be denying her the opportunity

to come." Inglis said the interaction between a foreign student and a local family allows for tremendous learning potential for all involved.

"It's so much more about what the host family gains from the experience," said Inglis. "[The student] brings things from their families. Your family learns from that. It's like a new family member who becomes part of your life forever."

Host families are required to provide shelter, meals and love, said

Inglis. She added that Rotary International supplies health insurance for the student and the Northville Rotary provides a monthly stipend for the student.

Rodriguez will celebrate her birthday Aug. 21.

For more information on hosting an exchange student, contact Joanne Inglis at (248) 349-8030 or (734) 462-6422.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

PARSONS VISITS ATRIUM GALLERY

Northville's Atrium Gallery is preparing to present American Expressionist artist, Chuck Parsons, on May 10 from noon to 4 p.m.

Known for using rich, saturated

color, Parsons has become prominent throughout the United States and Europe for creating engaging, textured canvases.

This show will feature new paintings by the Michigan artist and an opportunity to meet Parsons in person.

The Atrium Gallery is located at 109 N. Center St. in downtown Northville and may be reached at (248) 380-0470. For more information, contact Kathryn Savitskie or Molly Nuzzo.

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Seniors cut the rug at special Hillside dance

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Opposite ends of the generational spectrum headed to Hillside Middle School April 30 for an evening of dining and dancing during the 13th annual Senior Citizen Prom.

New this year, the event featured a puppet show, which included a variety of student-made puppets. Afterward, seniors were escorted to the cafeteria for music, dinner and dancing.

During the event, the eighth grade women's select choir performed along with the Northville High School Jazz Ensemble.

Assistant principal, Laura Kelly, said the members of the Student Council were heavily involved in making all of the decorations, greeting and escorting the seniors, serving the food, and dancing with the elderly.

"Each grade level has their certain jobs," she said. "It's a way to showcase some of the work that the kids are doing."

This year's prom was themed "A Hawaiian Evening."

Kelly estimated that 100 students participated in the Senior Citizen Prom festivities. However, several

hundred students 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 made invitations. "Leading up to it, we have 400 students participate in some way."

Seniors residing in Novi and Northville were invited to attend.

Mike Leja, a sixth grade Hillside student and member of the Student Council, said he was pleased with the event's outcome.

"I think it's really neat," he said. "If I were a senior, I'd love it."

Leja said the selected Hawaiian theme did not go unnoticed by the area's elderly.

"Some of the seniors are saying 'it brings the cold weather warm,'" he said.

Hillside principal, James Cracraft, said last week's event was successful due to the efforts of the assistant principal and the students.

"They've really gone all out for Northville seniors and it shows," said Cracraft.

Long-time Northville resident, Bruce Turnbull, said he has attended

several of the senior proms in past years.

"[This is] the 10th one I've been to," said Turnbull. "From what I've seen, it's going to be the best one yet."

Northville township resident, Patti Harboure, shared a similar opinion.

"I think it's darling," she said, after exiting the puppet show performance. "It was really cute. I'm sure they worked really hard at doing that. It's very nice."

Hillside teachers prepared the menu items, which included pasta, rolls and salad. Dessert and punch were made by the students.

The prom decorations were made from scratch and included a tiki hut and a waterfall. The cost of the event was paid for by student council fundraisers or grant funds.

Novi resident Elaine Keefer, said this was her first time attending the annual event.

"I think it's great," she said. "I've known about it for years, but I never came."

Other senior citizens also saved over the event's festivities.

Anna Smith, 96, and a resident of Anna Terrace in Northville, said, "I like this party"



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Hillside Middle School student Carolyn Ford walks arm-in-arm with Iris Antuna last Wednesday afternoon, escorting her to the school's Senior Prom.



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• THIS WEEK •

Collection of worn American flags for Girl Scout Silver Award project

DATE: Ongoing through June 12
LOCATION: Northville Hall (215 W. Main Street) / Community Federal Credit Union (400 E. Main Street)
TIME: Call for info
DETAILS: The flags are being collected for a local Girl Scout's Silver Award project. The Silver Award is the second-highest honor able to be earned in Girl Scouts.
PHONE: (248) 344-4635

Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall stage presentation of "Motel Murders"

DATE: Various dates through May 31
LOCATION: Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall (108 E. Main Street)
TIME: Various showtimes
DETAILS: The show is an interactive performance about being caught in the wrong place at the wrong time. Call for dinner theater prices.
PHONE: (248) 349-0522

Stage presentation of "Broadway and Vaudeville Tonight"

DATE: May 9-11
LOCATION: Marquis Theatre (135 E. Main Street)
TIME: 8 p.m. (May 9, 10); 2:30 p.m. (May 11)
DETAILS: Songs from "Oklahoma!" Cole Porter, Irving Berlin and others will be performed. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. The show is not recommended for children under age 8.
PHONE: (248) 349-8110

Student Fine Arts Show

DATE: Runs through May 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.

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Education seminars for off-leash dog park permits

DATES: May 8, 10, 15
LOCATION: Rec Center at Hillside (May 8, 15); Northville Community Center (May 8, 10)
TIME: 10 a.m. (May 8, 10); 7 p.m. (May 8, 15)
DETAILS: Attendance by a household member at one of the education seminars is mandatory to be eligible to purchase a dog park pass. Park rules and procedures will be reviewed in the seminar. Passes will be sold beginning May 27 at \$30 for the first dog and \$8 for each additional dogs (maximum three dogs per household)
PHONE: (248) 449-9941

Divorce Recovery workshop

DATES: Begins May 8; runs through June 5
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)
TIME: 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
DETAILS: Facilitator Pam Jacobs will address the topics of honesty, trust, loneliness, depression, intimacy and self-esteem. The cost of the workshop is \$38 before May 5 or \$43 thereafter. Child care is available, but should be scheduled four days in advance of participation.
PHONE: (248) 349-0911

Center Stage Dance Company presentation of "Annie"

DATE: May 10
LOCATION: Northville High School auditorium (45700 Six Mile Road)
TIME: Call for info
DETAILS: Tickets are \$7 and are available at the studio or by mail.
PHONE: (248) 380-1666 / 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

Classic car cruise-in

DATE: May 10
LOCATION: Cady / South Wing streets
TIME: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
DETAILS: Classic cars of all kinds will be available for viewing at the lot.
PHONE: (248) 349-7640

Mother & Son Dance

DATE: May 10
LOCATION: Northville Recreation Center (300 W. Main Street)
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

• COMING UP •

Fundraiser dinner to benefit Northville High School's Class of 2005

DATE: May 15
LOCATION: Rio Bravo (19265 Victor Parkway, Livonia)
TIME: All-day event
DETAILS: Rio Bravo will make a 20 percent profit donation from patrons of the restaurant who mention they are dining on behalf of NHS's Class of 2005 fundraiser. Patrons are required to notify their server of their purpose in order for money to be contributed. Proceeds go toward covering the cost of various high school events for the Class of 2005.
PHONE: (248) 347-3534

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

Northville Parks and Recreation badminton tournament

DATE: May 16-18
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TIME: Call for info
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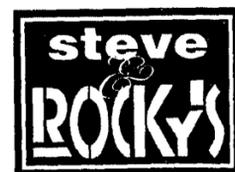
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Johnson Creek Day 2003
DATE: May 17
LOCATION: Call for info
TIME: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
DETAILS: A nature walk, river cleaning and trout release will be part of the day's events. Registration is required.
PHONE / E-MAIL: (734) 761-1010 / mwest@aim.com

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.
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Sarah Ann Cochrane Northville Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meeting
DATE: May 19
LOCATION: Call for info
TIME: Noon
DETAILS: Call for info
PHONE: (734) 455-2864

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.
PHONE: (248) 349-1300

Mill Race Village docent luncheon
DATE: May 31
LOCATION: Mill Race Village (west of Griswold Street, north of Main Street)
TIME: 8 a.m. - noon
DETAILS: All persons interested in becoming docents are welcome to attend. Registration is requested.
PHONE: (248) 348-1845

Northville High School Rotary Interact Heart N' Sole race
DATE: May 31
LOCATION: Hillside Middle School (504 W. Eight Mile)
TIME: Starts at 8:30 a.m.
DETAILS: Proceeds from the event benefit Children International.
E-MAIL: nhsrotaryinteract@yahoo.com

Northville Lions Club pancake breakfast
DATE: June 1
LOCATION: Bonfire Bistro (39550 Seven Mile Road)
TIME: 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.
DETAILS: Tickets are \$6.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children through age 12. Tickets are available at the door or at The Kitchen Witch. Proceeds benefit the Lions' efforts to assist blind and deaf persons.
PHONE: (248) 349-0295

Northville High School Class of 1993 reunion
DATE: June 7
LOCATION: E-mail for info
TIME: E-mail for info
DETAILS: Daily events will include a golf tournament at an area course
E-MAIL: robertskukainis@hotmail.com

Wynton Marsalis / Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra benefit performance
DATE: June 18
LOCATION: Novi High School Fuerst Auditorium
TIME: 7:30 p.m. / 9:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Tickets are \$35, \$40 and \$50. Proceeds benefit Novi Rotarian charities, which will help search for a cure for polio
PHONE / WEBSITE: (248) 348-8500, ext. 406 / www.veeland.com

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Northville Community Center. Members of the Dog Park Organization Committee will review the park rules and procedures during the half-hour sessions, said recreation director Traci Sincok. No reservation is necessary for the sessions. The classes are for handlers only.

Tom Swigart, Northville city councilman and one of the seminar trainers, said he was looking forward to enjoying the park with his own pet, Bernie.

Steady use of disposable "mutt mitts" currently provided at city parks show that the dogs and their owners are out exercising in open areas, he said. In fact, a dog park committee report cites a minimum of 8,800 members of dog households in the community.

The proposal to create the park described social and physical benefits to pet, owner and the community as a whole. Swigart described the committee's visits to other communities with successful dog parks and the growing local support as people became familiar with the concept.

"It's whatever people make of it," Swigart said. "A dog park becomes a senior center in the daytime. It's almost a replacement for a singles bar in some areas."

The park serves many lifestyles by being available during daylight hours, 365 days a year, regardless of the weather, Swigart said.

"It's all positive," he said. "So

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RULES FOR FIDO (AND HIS OWNER)

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- Hours of operation are from dawn until dusk.
- Dogs must have a current license and be up-to-date on vaccinations.
- No dogs allowed that are less than four months of age.
- No dogs in heat are allowed.
- Dogs must be kept on a leash until inside the enclosure.
- Only three dogs per visitor.
- No consumption of food within the park.
- Dogs must be accompanied by individuals older than 14.
- Owners are responsible for their dogs at all times. Off-leash doesn't mean out of control.
- Unruly dogs will be asked to leave.
- Pay attention and clean up your dog's waste.
- It is recommended that your dog be on parasite preventative.

Two hundred and fifty park passes will go on sale May 27 at the recreation offices in the rear of Hillside Middle School, 700 West Baseline Road. Office hours are 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The passes are \$30 for the first dog and \$8 each for any additional dog, up to three dogs per household. Passes will be valid for 18

months, the trial period authorized April 21 by the Northville City Council.

That term will demonstrate whether the concept will work for the long-term in the community, Swigart said. He discounted fears about dogs fighting or continually barking.

Among the rules listed on the sign erected at the park site are:

- Park use hours are dawn to dusk

- No dogs in heat allowed.
- Owners must clean up their dog's waste and dispose of it properly.
- Owners are responsible for their dogs at all times.
- Unruly dogs will be asked to leave

Pass applicants must provide proof of vaccinations, current license and attendance at one of the seminars, Sincok said.

Dog park passes are available only to residents of the Northville community, including the school district. If more than 250 residents attend the education seminars, passes may be distributed by lottery, the recreation director said.

User fees will cover the costs of maintaining the less than an acre temporary Cady park, as well as completion of fencing.

Pending the reception to this temporary dog park, additional, permanent sites were proposed at Northville's Ford Field, east of Griswold and at Community of Millennium parks.

For more information, call Sincok at (248) 449-9941.

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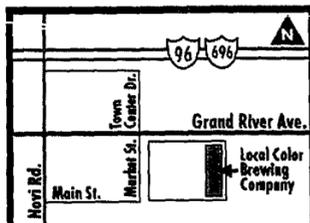
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Parking deck offers real hope

Don't start ignoring those familiar orange dot spaces quite yet.

At the same time, if you're the type who's frustrated with the city of Northville's parking quagmire, you can breathe a little easier, knowing that help appears to be on the way — quite possibly in the form of a new parking deck.

Exactly where this addition to Northville's infrastructure will be placed hasn't quite been determined yet, but what is certain is that city leaders last week acknowledged the frustration business owners, employees who work in downtown businesses and visitors alike have been articulating for quite some time: parking in Northville isn't easy.

That acknowledgment came when city council members listened to the first wave of reports on a new parking deck proposal. And though it'll be quite some time before steel beams and concrete start showing up, what we heard Monday is very encouraging.

To be fair, Northville isn't exactly supposed to be the kind of community that offers pull-right-up-to-the-front-of-the-store kind of business. It's a pedestrian-oriented downtown geared toward casual meandering. Traditionally,

there's been an expectation that getting from Point A to Point B will mean hoofing it for a block or two.

But like so many other elements of Northville's history, tradition is having to make room for modern expectation. When those two forces collide, the clamor for additional parking spaces starts up.

Modern expectation is only part of the story, though. Larger-size businesses and offices which have been built or expanded in the downtown area have taken advantage of the city's parking credit program, which effectively allows them to pay a luxury tax of sorts for eating up spaces devoured by the bricks and mortar of expansion. Eventually, the whittling-away of those precious spaces will add up. That, too, is contributing to the sea of parking lot polka dots.

Relief for the parking-weary won't be cheap — estimates have the deck pegged at around \$4 to \$5 million — but for those who can hold on and walk a few extra steps for the next 18 months, there's a good chance the holiday shopping season of 2004 could be a merry one for everyone.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Michigan's First Gentleman Daniel Granholm Mulhern, shown here with Northville Youth Assistance Director Mary Ellen King, addressed the mentoring group last Tuesday evening at the Buckhave Center in downtown Northville during its night to recognize its volunteers.

LETTERS

Thanks for help with senior Hawaii evening

On behalf of the Seniors of the Northville community I want to thank the students and administrators for inviting the Seniors to the "Hawaiian Evening," the 13th annual senior prom. The puppet show, choirs, jazz ensemble, dinner and dancing provided a totally perfect, exciting evening.

The entire program reinforces our confidence and pride in the Northville school system and our young people. We hope they realize their good fortune in being a product of that system.

Our sincere thanks to all concerned.

Bob Russell
Chairman

Senior Citizen Advisory Council

flawed thinking What leadership message are we sending to our young adults? We have other teams for the younger girls to be a part of and squads to aspire to. Instead, three senior girls were robbed of their last opportunity to play their sport for their school. Coach Calabrese didn't even talk to the seniors prior to posting the 2003 team on the athletic director's window. Again, great leadership.

Since Larry Taylor, the athletic director indicated that Northville doesn't really have a "philosophy" in the athletic programs. I consider this to be a clear case of ignoring his responsibilities to lead as an athletic director. I feel it is his job to set the tone, and his *laissez faire* approach will lead to further disappointment and confusion on the part of parents and kids. Perhaps his replacement will create a philosophy that makes sense, is fair, and we as a community can be proud of.

This is merely a bump in the road for my daughter. I know she will go on to achieve great things in life.

Cheri Jones
Northville

Imagine how life could be if laws were changed

Bills moving through the Michigan Legislature would make a fertilized egg legally a person — a person without a name, perhaps, but still a person. I am used to the idea of a person having a name and I am conservative enough to like having a person's life span measured from birth to death. It bothers me to think of re-engraving dates on all the tombstones and having young couples paying for proper funeral and burial expenses for all the fertilized eggs that die before birth. You see, between 50 and 80 percent of all fertilized eggs die during the week or two before pregnancy is recognizable and about 10 percent between that and birth. However, on the good side, business for undertakers could increase. Job creation for the clergy is also in the picture not only for conducting the funerals but perhaps also for adding baptisms.

If baptisms were required by law to be within 24 hours of mating, which is about when fertilization occurs, then not only would the new persons have proper names to go on all their tombstones, but birth and death registrars would need assistants to record matings with possible fertilizations. Added fees could reduce the state's deficit. A downside to legally turning all fertilized eggs into persons is that the average life span of persons in Michigan would be reduced to the shortest in the whole world, and that might discourage business and tourists from coming here.

Bent G. Boving
Northville

Seedling giveaway went beyond township

Regarding the coverage of the "Seedling Giveaway" which appeared on the front page of the May 1 edition of the *Northville*

Marie J. Barr
Chairperson

Northville Township Beautification Commission

Foley's column on CC was antagonistic, bitter

Trees "is" "trees and fair" is" fair according to [Novi News reporter] Mr. [Phil] Foley. In a conversation with him, I asked him to explain his position. He informed me that he is for a strict interpretation of the Constitution, laws and ordinances. He stated "...there should be absolutely no deviation from them even in extenuating circumstances. He cited the causes of city problems are tax abatements and sundry considerations given to big business and big non-profits. He stated that they forget the city once they are established. In other words, they contribute to the wear and tear of roads, traffic congestion, over use of city facilities and give nothing back." I found this discussion disturbing.

The Novi planning commission should be viewed as a responsible, professional board which assists and advises the city council in interpretation of its laws and ordinances. I certainly hope it isn't mean, petty, vindictive, malicious and antagonistic as Mr. Foley implies in his *Record* column. (Fr. Elmer will quake as a worm in summer at his next appearance).

If Catholic Central's appearance before Council was inappropriate, the members would have refused the hearing. It didn't, thus the hearing wasn't tainted. Catholic Central sought an extension of time not an elimination of its duty to replace trees. I'm sure Novi "...will see many squads of C.C. students fanning out across the city leaving behind leafy, tree lined avenues..."

I questioned and requested names of small non-profits damaged by decisions of the Planning Commission. He named Seeley Sanctuary which will have a \$180,000 cost for tree replacement. This religious group did not, however, request a variance, although the cost of tree replacement may prove a hardship. Here is where a good attorney would have earned his fee.

Mr. Foley, in his article, demeaned and insulted attorneys as creatures incapable of virtue or morality. Not so! Good advice and good results go hand in hand. One gets what one pays for.

Rest assured, Catholic Central will not disappoint the citizens, council or planning commission.

No, I'm not a spokesperson for C. C., nor a parent, just someone who has faith in the system.

Mary Braddock
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I've been reading up on the FBI

In the good old days, if the FBI wanted to snoop into what books folks were checking out from the local library, it had to get to a formal subpoena signed by a judge.

But in the post-9/11 frenzy of patriotism, Congress passed something called the USA Patriot Act. The Act allows FBI agents to walk into libraries or bookstores and demand a list of books obtained by anybody or to see computer records indicating which Web sites they had looked at. Sure, the government has to assure a judge that



Phil Power

this information is required for an investigation into terrorist activities, which is a nice way of saying that all the FBI needs to do is assure a judge of its good intentions and go on its happy way.

Worse, the Act forbids the library or bookstore from telling a patron they're being investigated by the FBI.

Let's you think this is some abstract problem cooked up by some liberal lawyers working for the ACLU, consider the e-mail message I got last month from Charlene Huget, director of the Brighton District Library, which is used by around 5,000 people each month:

"The thing that has my board anxious is that if the FBI came into the library, took all our computers out and looked into our circulation lists, I could not tell my board they had been in. Staff who were present and observed the FBI being here ... could not go home and tell their spouses. Currently, in the library world, it is believed that 175 libraries have been visited — all rumor, of course, because this information cannot be made public."

I called Kathleen Zaenger, director of the Howell Carnegie District Library, to ask

her how all this makes her feel. "Very uncomfortable." How come? "Because it doesn't comply with the intent of our Constitution about individual privacy and because it keeps secret what information our government is gathering."

In Michigan, with the largest concentration of Arab-Americans in the country, the possibility that federal agents are secretly looking into the circulation lists of libraries in Dearborn is hardly an abstract worry, either.

The Justice Department has to say how many libraries have been asked for information about their patrons' reading habits. But a survey conducted by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, concluded that some 550 libraries around the country had been asked by federal or local investigators about what some of their patrons are reading.

Steven Kershner, the executive director of the Michigan Library Association, says that local librarians are put into a bind by the provisions of the Patriot Act. The Michigan Library Privacy Act, for example, says librarians may not disclose the records of who takes out what book, except upon a written order from the court or permission by the individual in question.

The MLA is working to let librarians and library board members know what they can and cannot do with panels and workshops, posting frequently asked questions on its Web site, and so forth. Kershner says the FBI agent in charge of the Detroit office has been pretty sensible about the agency's new powers, preferring to get court orders or search warrants instead of "barging into innocent libraries."

But he's concerned. "It's important for citizens to know that libraries take very seriously the issue of privacy for library users, whether it has to do with books taken out or computer use and Web sites. Libraries will comply with the law, obviously, but at the same time we will be advocates for individual rights and privacy."

I asked the librarians I interviewed if lots of their patrons had been worried about the Patriot Act. It seems almost nobody knows about it, which goes to prove that what is

done in the dark of public ignorance may be the most dangerous things of all.

For example, there is evidence the U.S. Justice Department has prepared for introduction to the Congress an 86-page Domestic Security Enhancement Act of 2003 that would, among other things, strip Americans of their citizenship for giving "material support" to a group designated as "terrorist." This could mean sending a check to help fund an organization's lawful activities without knowing of its other acts could lose somebody their right to have any rights at all.

And, according to the *New York Times*, the Bush Administration tucked a surprise proposal into the intelligence authorization bill to give the CIA and the military the authority to issue administrative subpoenas — that require Internet providers, credit card companies, libraries and other such organizations to produce material like phone records, bank transactions and e-mail logs.

Benjamin Franklin was right when he observed that, "Those who give up essential liberties in order to secure a little temporary safety deserve neither safety nor liberty."

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.

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Tales of the non-prom goers

By all accounts...
...okay, by most accounts...
...I turned out just fine, despite having never attended my senior prom.

GASP
As you recoil from the impact of learning I steered clear of the high school social life equivalent of a baptism, I'd like to tell my story. A story, might I add, that I stumbled on while talking to my office partner, *Novi News* editor Cal Stone, who, like me, was n't at Waterford Kettering's grand spectacle of 1977.

I'm sure the banter throughout the high school hallways is the same now as it was when I was knee-deep in trig and U.S. government at Novi High. *Awwww, you oughta go to prom — even just as friends! It'll be fun!*

What killed me — and what continues to kill me — is that phrase, "even just as friends." Taking conservative estimates, I'll wager that a sizeable chunk of

dough is going to be forked over for the prom tickets, the attire, the corsages, the limousines, and the scores of other Coming Out Party frills that make the event what it is.

My response today is the same as it was back then. *Go 'just as friends'? Are you kidding? I've got plenty of 'friends' that I don't spend that kind of money on!*

In the end, about four or five of my friends piled into a car and rumbled down the Ohio Turnpike to Cedar Point, where we spent 12 hours twisting and turning our lives away on the rides and turning our brains into roller coastered goo. And might I add, at a price substantially lower than many of the people we knew who were bound and determined to go to prom, come hell or high water.

I may have been a bit sunburned and my throat somewhat raspy, but dollar-for-dollar, I strongly suspect the enjoyment I derived from the money I plunked down the hours I put in was just as well-spent — if not better-spent — than a lot of the folks who went to the prom *just as friends!*

Why am I bringing this up now, on the eve of the biggest social event in a teen's life to date? Just because I know that for every limousine filled with tuxedo- or dress-wearing students, there's a house with someone in it who'll be spending this weekend putting in hours at a part-time job or playing a pickup game of basketball.

And for those people, I can tell you with pretty solid certainty...you'll survive not being There.

Hey, I'm not trying to rain on anyone's parade. I'm sure there will be armies of students who have the time of their life this weekend and will say the prom ranks up there with scoring front-row tickets to the concert of their dreams in terms of the excitement value. To such people, I offer my congratulations and hope the event is everything you expect it to be.

But for The Others — those who will be wearing T-shirts and shorts instead of the traditional prom outfits — let me assure you that life *will* go on. Cal and I both made it, and neither of us got weird stares from people, like we're wearing the Mark Of The Beast Of Non-Prom. (We get looks for other reasons.)

Enjoy yourselves this weekend, folks. Enjoy yourselves, be safe, and come back Monday refreshed and energized. Whether you're bound for the world of helium balloons and keepsake photos or the world of popcorn and Coke at the local movie theater, it's a time to have some fun.

...but there's more to life than just those things.

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I would like to be able to write this week's column and provide readers with my fond memories of prom night, that glorious event that culminates the high schooler's year.

Unfortunately, I can't. I didn't go to mine. In fact, I never went to a single high school event during my three-year tenure at Waterford Kettering.

No football games. No basketball games. No plays. Nothing. Sure, I had a pretty boring life,

huh?
Actually, I didn't see it that way at all back then. I was more than happy hanging with my older brother and his friends, going to concerts and movies.

Chances are pretty good that back in 1977, while most of my classmates were sporting powder blue tuxedos and feathered hair, I was probably catching Iggy Pop or Patti Smith in Detroit on prom night.

But, with my 20/20 hindsight in focus, I might do it differently if I could.

Sure, I had great times, and plenty of fond memories of a different sort. But prom night is rare. How many

opportunities does a young person get like that? A couple at best. This Saturday, Novi's high schoolers will gather at Burton Manor in Livonia for their prom. Well, many of them will.

Some will be like I was and choose to do something else or just stay home.

If you're reading this and you're one of the latter, you might want to reconsider.

So you don't have a date. So what. I never had a single date in high school, and that's probably one of the reasons I never went to any school events either.

But I'm guessing that you don't have to go with "a date" to have a good time. Friends and classmates will be there, so just look at it as a night of fun.

On the flip side of the coin, for those of you who are going with dates, I wouldn't put too much pressure on myself to make the prom more than it is.

Don't be pressured into doing something you wouldn't normally do just because it's the prom. Just have fun being a teenager.

And remember, whatever band or movie is playing Saturday night, you'll get the chance to see again. But prom? Well, I'll bet years from now you'll wish you went.

I'll take this opportunity now, on behalf of the Novi Rotarians, to thank Blair Bowman and John Bowden at the Novi Expo Center and the City of Novi for allowing our group to post our upcoming concert on the Center's marquee that faces I-96.

We've been trying to figure out ways to spread the word about the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis concert June 18 at Novi High School, and this will help tremendously.

John tells me that around 275,000 cars pass that sign daily. That's some serious exposure, and I don't believe tickets will last too long once people find out.

Local music students may want to take note. Victor Goines, who plays saxophone and clarinet in the LCJO, will be giving a free workshop to students from 2-3:30 that same afternoon. Students are invited to attend a Q & A immediately after in the auditorium, where the full band will be wrapping up their soundcheck.

Goines is the director of The Juilliard Institute for Jazz Studies in New York. His instructing talents are right up there with his playing, and I can't imagine a music student who wouldn't benefit from this workshop.

I'm in the process of coming up with a bit of a contest for music students as well. More on that next week....

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
2003-04 PROPOSED CITY BUDGET

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PROPOSED 2003 MILLAGE RATES. The following statements are provided, as required by State statute, concerning the 2003 proposed millage levies for the City of Northville.

The 2003 tax rate for the City Operating Millage is proposed to be 13.30 mills, reflecting no increase or decrease from the 2002 Operating Tax Rate of 13.30 mills. The City Council has authority under the City Charter to set the Operating Millage rate within the its maximum allowed rate of 14.628 mills, as adjusted by the Headline roll-back formula.

The 2003 levy for the Street Reconstruction Program, which involves a bond issue approved by the voters in 1990 is proposed to be 0.5627 mill, compared to 0.6034 mill in 2002, resulting in a decrease of 6.75%.

The 2003 levy for the Improvement Program for Streets, Drainage and Sidewalks, approved by the voters on March 4, 1997, is proposed to be 1.8090 mills, compared to 1.8209 mills in 2002, resulting in a decrease of 0.65%.

The 2003 levy for the 2000 Public Safety Debt, which involves a bond issue approved by the voters in 2000 is proposed to be 0.1572 mill, compared to .1705 mills in 2002, resulting in a decrease of 7.79%.

The total City millage for operating, debt, and improvements is proposed to be 15.8289 mills in 2003. Compared to the 15.8948 mills levied in 2002, the decrease is 0.0659 mills, or 0.42%.

ANTICIPATED EQUALIZATION FACTORS. The 2003 equalization factors for both Wayne and Oakland County are expected to be 1.00 for all classes of property.

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NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

CANDIDATES FORUM

The Legislative Action Network of the Northville Council of PTAs is hosting a Candidates Forum on May 20 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Forum Room at Northville High School.

Voters will have the opportunity to meet the candidates running for the Northville Board of Education and hear their perspectives on the issues facing public education.

For more information, contact Jane Reitman at (248) 596-9067 or Barbara Moroski-Browne at (734) 420-0466.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

Northville High School student, Sarah Engel, recently enrolled in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine taking place in Chicago from June 22 to July 1. Engel said she will be attending the forum with Amber Moore, another Northville High School student.

Throughout the ten day forum, NYLF/MED will introduce participants to a variety of concepts in public health, medical ethics, research and general practice, including site visits to medical

facilities and clinics. Students will engage in a simulations using problem-based learning, an educational method in which students will be presented a fictional patient's case history and must diagnose and develop a treatment plan for the patient.

In addition, to site visits to medical schools and clinical facilities, students will have the opportunity to hear from and interact with leaders within the medical field. Students have up-close personal contact with physicians, surgeons, researchers, scientists and medical educators as they go behind the scenes to view these professionals at work.

For more information, visit www.nylf.org

NORTHVILLE MONTESSORI-NATIONAL CHAMPS

Students from nearly every state, and countries such as Japan, South Korea and Peru competed March 19 in the 29th Elementary Knowledge Master Open. The teams, consisting of students up through sixth grade, used computers to answer 100 questions from all areas of curriculum.

A team of 11 students at

Northville Montessori Center finished as National Champions in the under 200 enrollment division.

Students on the team include Etienne Lussiez, Mike Fox, Andrew Ray, Nina Dutta, Fanny Parrinello, Maria Sztatowski, Robbie Kaylor, Briana Combs, Ayana Garcia, Lauren Perugi and Shamik Ganguly.

The Knowledge Master Open was designed to stimulate enthusiasm for learning and recognition for academic accomplishment. The contest runs on classroom computers to allow all students the opportunity to compete in a large academic event without the expense of traveling to a central site. Contest results and example questions are available at www.greatauk.com

ETIENNE LUSSIEZ LAUDED

Etienne Lussiez, a sixth grade student at Northville Montessori Center, finished in first place for Wayne County in the Michigan Math League Competition. He successfully answered 39 out of 40 word problems. Lussiez finished fifth in the state out of all sixth graders who competed.

BAND CONCERT MAY 21

The final band concert will take place May 21 at Hillside Middle School. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. This will be a combined grade level concert for students in grades 6, 7, and 8. This year's concert will be hosted in the gym.

UPCOMING OLV ASSEMBLIES

Jerry Jacoby, from Lifesong Entertainment, Inc. will perform two programs for Our Lady of Victory students May 22. The first assembly, Real Character Is No Accident!, will be performed for grades K-4 at 1:10 p.m. The second assembly, Junior High: The Best Ten Years of My Life, will be performed for grades 5-8 at 2:10 p.m. This activity is funded in part by Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and Michigan Humanities Council.

RECORD SEEKS OUTSTANDING TEACHER NOMINATIONS

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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.

The staff of the Record will make each selection. The winning teacher will be featured in the Record on the second Thursday of the month.

ALL NIGHT PARTY

Tickets to Northville High School's 2003 Senior All Night Party are on sale. Ticket prices for the night of events for graduating seniors is \$75.

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

For more information, call (248) 349-6294.

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Prayer Breakfast slated for next week

National Guard Brigadier General Carol Ann Fausone will talk about the power of prayer in her life at a special breakfast event next Wednesday.

The Northville Community Foundation and area churches are hosting the talk at 7:30 a.m., May 14, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Drive, between Newburgh and Haggerty roads in Livonia. The \$18 tickets still are available at all area churches, the Northville Community Chamber of Commerce, 195 S. Main St., and the Foundation office, 321 N. Center, Suite 130.

Local pastors and merchants, who decided by committee to invite the career officer, expect up to 200 to attend, said Foundation executive director Shari Peters. Fausone credits her deep faith for seeing her through many trying times, she said.

"She's a very, very kind person," Peters said. "She's an enormously good person."

In April last year, Fausone was promoted to her current rank, the first woman in the 163-year history of the Michigan National Guard to attain the rank of general. Fausone is the assistant for mobilization and reserve affairs working directly with the deputy assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, force health protection and readiness.

Serving in this capacity, she assists in developing and implementing programs, policy, and operations for reserve affairs.

After her college graduation in 1975, Fausone in 1977 received her commission in the U.S. Air Force as a medical officer. She served on active duty in various nursing staff positions.

In late 1981, she transferred to the Michigan Air National Guard and served in various staff and command positions at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

In 1995, Fausone transferred to the 110th Medical Squadron, Battle Creek Air National Guard Base and was assigned as the medical squadron commander. Three years later, she was selected as the Air National Guard assistant to the Air Combat Command nurse at Langley Air Force Base, Va., and served as liaison between the Air National Guard and the Air Combat Command providing guidance for medical training, policies and programs.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF BUDGET

FY 2004 CITY BUDGET The budget for the various Funds of the City of Northville are proposed for the year ended June 30, 2004 as follows:

GENERAL FUND		Revenues	Administration	Expenditures
Property Taxes	\$4,130,359	976,433	Buildings and Grounds	349,815
Licenses, Fees and Permits	274,050	2,142,793	Police Department	290,299
Grants	5,800	665,553	Fire Department	195,020
Racetrack Breakege/Police Service	175,863	86,285	Technology	576,720
State Shared Revenue	665,553	111,100	Department of Public Works	193,259
Sales and Services	86,285	89,820	Planning, Zoning and Inspection Services	194,318
Fines and Forfeitures	111,100	308,392	Shared Services	439,476
Miscellaneous	89,820		Contributions to Other Funds	266,143
Interfund Transfers	308,392		Debt Service	202,946
			Insurance, Central Supplies and Unallocated Reserve	\$5,847,222
General Fund Total	\$5,847,222			

STREET, DRAINAGE, AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT FUND

Property Taxes	\$526,956	Expenditures	\$528,646
Other	1,690		
Major Street Fund Total	\$528,646		\$528,646

MAJOR STREET FUND

Gas and Weight Taxes	\$249,718	Expenditures	\$325,458
Local Contributions	75,740		
Major Street Fund Total	\$325,458		\$325,458

LOCAL STREET FUND

Gas and Weight Taxes	\$106,034	Expenditures	\$702,964
Local Contributions	596,930		
Local Street Fund Total	\$702,964		\$702,964

OTHER FUNDS

	Revenues	Expenditures
PARKING FUND	\$79,377	\$79,377
BEAUTIFICATION FUND	\$8,390	\$8,390
ARTS COMMISSION FUND	\$34,183	\$34,183
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	\$987,004	\$987,004
DDA DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$393,508	\$393,508
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$618,836	\$618,836
FIRE EQUIPMENT & REPLACEMENT FUND	\$80,262	\$80,262
HOUSING COMMISSION FUND	\$1,834,604	\$1,834,604
GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT RETIREMENT FUND	\$103,485	\$103,485

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TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS As provided in State statute, the general appropriations resolution is proposed to allow the City Manager to transfer up to ten percent (10%) of each appropriation to any other appropriation within each fund and up to ten percent (10%) of the total salary and fringe appropriations for distributed Public Works Labor and Equipment Rental between the General, Major Street, Local Street, Equipment, Refuse and Recycling and Water and Sewer Funds. All other inter-fund transfers require approval of the City Council.

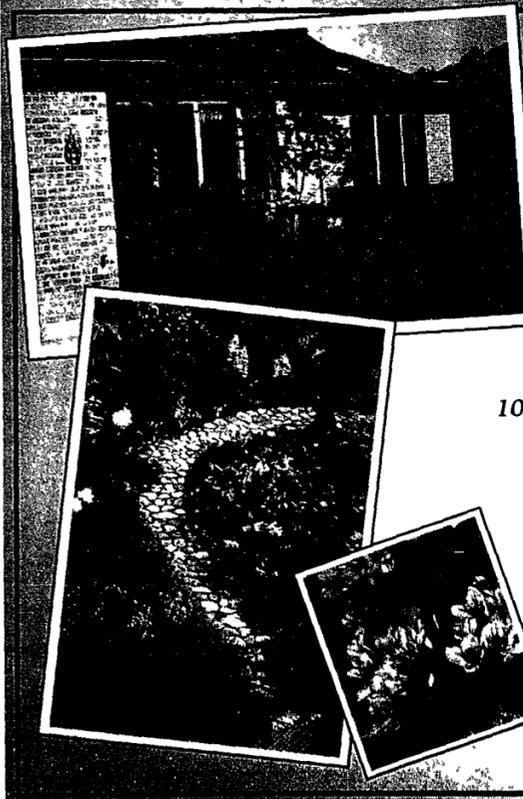
BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND As provided in State statute, the City Council has established a Budget Stabilization Fund to receive surplus operating funds which may occur from time to time, as a reserve against unanticipated or emergency expenses or revenue shortfalls in the future. No contribution is anticipated from the 2003-2004 operating year due to the current financial position of the City.

COPIES OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET AVAILABLE A complete copy of the 2003-2004 City Budget Document will be available for public inspection beginning May 8, 2003 at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours. In addition, a limited number of copies are available to be signed out for review by City residents at home.

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JUNIOR BOOKS, CHAT, & CHOW

Kids in the fourth grade and up are invited to this fun monthly book discussion group. Join us for great reads and lively discussion, with treats provided. At the next meeting on May 28, we will talk about Caroline Cooney's novel, "The Ransom of Mercy Carter," starting at 4:15 p.m.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Northville District Library Board of Trustees will be on May 22 at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings, which are typically scheduled on the fourth Thursday of the month.

Jarvela named Feature Teacher

Continued from 1

year-olds at the Northville Cooperative Preschool. She was nominated by a fellow parent, Christina Obermaier.

Jarvela is finishing her ninth year of teaching at NCP. Prior to teaching in Northville, she served as an instructor for 11 years in Midland.

"I feel very honored that my preschool thinks so well for me," said Jarvela. "It's very nice of them and we have a wonderful cooperative spirit there."

Unlike traditional academic facilities, the preschool operates solely on parent involvement, said NCP president, Marnie Mertz.

The independently operated school has been in existence for 51 years and is located at 21260 Haggerty Road.

Jarvela said, "It's a cooperative preschool, so every parent helps and participates. It's been wonderful being able to work with all the parents from year to year. I appreciate that they thought well of me to honor me with this."

The preschool has three teachers on staff and is equipped with an army of parent volunteers.

Mertz also said a 12-person board of volunteers meet monthly to conduct all school business matters.

"Our reputation is built on the commitment of parents and the reputation of our teachers," said Mertz. "That's where people find out about us."

Mertz also said that Jarvela's notori-

ety has been an asset not only to the school, but to her students.

"Three-year-olds can be a bit of a challenge," said Mertz. "She makes each of them feel special and validated. I've never seen her lose her temper."

"She's always coming up with new ideas and new ways to improve the school. There's nothing she won't try. She just thinks preschoolers are the greatest little people in the world."

In her winning nomination, Obermaier wrote, "Sue's biggest strength as a teacher is that she takes the time to analyze and evaluate the particular needs and issues of each child in her care. Sue also extends herself to the parents who participate in her classes. She takes very seriously the job of parent education on early childhood development. She is always available to talk to whenever we need, whether it is for ten minutes at the end of the school day [or] for half an hour over the phone when the children are finally in bed for the night."

"Sue Jarvela goes above and beyond the call of duty in support of her students, parents and the Northville Cooperative Preschool. She is a gem and Northville can be grateful for all she does for our children and our community."

Jarvela said news of her newest accolade left her feeling humbled.

"I very much appreciate the honor," she said, adding she loves the age of her students. "It's a joy. The other teachers and I talk about how we get to go to a job we enjoy."

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LET'S TALK

WITH **GARY S. WEINSTEIN** GEMOLOGIST

BLUE AS THE DESERT SKY

It is ironic that the name turquoise means "Turkish stone," owing to the fact that the trade route through Turkey brought it to Europe, because turquoise is considered to be an all-American stone. With its roots deeply ingrained in the American Southwest, turquoise is as undeniably all-American as jeans, cowboy boots and turquoise-and-silver jewelry. Native Americans first wore the blue-green mineral centuries ago, while their modern descendants are also working with turquoise and silver, creating bold earrings and bracelets that complement versatile fabrics like denim, as well as today's folkloric embroidered styles. Pair a signature turquoise piece with jeans or a suede top for a prairie-chic look. Don't forget! Sun May 11th is Mothers Day. Here at Weinstein Jewelers of Novi you will find an array of gifts to brighten her day. Personalize it with her own 14 Kt gold family tree pin or say "Thanks mom" with a long stem rose preserved and dipped in 24 Kt gold. We're here for you Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs., 10 am - 6 pm, Fri. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. And for those last minutes Sat 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. We are "The name you know, the name you trust." Happy Mothers Day to all you moms.

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Division champs!

Girls' golf team seals the deal, discovers they don't have a leading player — they play as a team

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The sweet taste of victory — it's like the world's finest chocolate dancing across your taste buds.

The Northville Mustangs girls' golf team must feel as though they are at a buffet of such chocolate, as they secured the Western Division title in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The title came on the back of hard work and wins throughout the season to this point, most recently over Livonia Franklin and Livonia Churchill.

Against Churchill April 30, the Mustangs pounded out an impressive 182-230 victory at Whispering Willows.

"If I have it right, and I double checked with the A.D., by beating Churchill we won the division," Northville coach Trish Murray said. "I haven't told the girls yet because I wanted to double check. I'll give them this little piece of information probably sometime this week."

Shooting a 182 on the road isn't a bad showing, especially in the conditions the Mustangs were playing. Wet, soggy fairways and damp greens made it difficult for the girls to take the shots they wanted, or to get the ball movement they would normally see on a dry course.

Coming out on top for the Mustangs, and medaling in the match, was junior linkster Andrea Fillipps, who shot a 42 on the day.

"I believe that's a low for her on the year in matches," Murray said.

Therese Juthage had a nice showing against the Chargers as well, collecting a 46 in the less-than-perfect conditions. Right behind her were Shannon Lewicki and Layne Scherer with both recording a 47.

Also shooting, but not counted in the scores, were Kelly Harrison and Andrea Gorecki. Harrison shot a 51 while Gorecki collected a 55.

"All of the girls were kind of able to pick apart where they lost strokes," Murray noted. "That's good, because that means they are really thinking about their game. It all comes down to where they are picking up the strokes and where they can lose them."

One of the first things that fans notice, if they have been following the golf team this year, is that there is no clear-cut leader on the squad. All of the girls are turning in nice numbers, and it's a coin toss on who is going to lead the team on any given day.

"Everyone is fighting to get in there," Murray said. "They are kind of vying for the drivers seat. That's good though, it keeps everyone competing, even if it's against each other."

Murray said that it's good to have competition on a team.

"There's nothing wrong with that," she said. "It brings the kids to a higher level. I always encourage

the kids to play competition that is better than them. It raises their level while they are out there. Fortunately, they are doing it with each other on the team."

Though many of the girls are good friends on the golf team, Murray said that they are well aware of who they play well with and who they don't.

"It's never anything personal," she said. "I've actually had girls that are good friends say they don't play well together. Some kids just don't play well with other kids."

The Mustangs will be gearing up for their Regional soon, which is a week from today. Even though Murray preaches for her girls to take one match at a time, she said that she is well aware that they are thinking of things to come.

"They do their own research," she said of her girls. "They will say that a certain team shot something and then I have to ask them 'Who are you playing today?' We have to worry about one team at a time. I really push them for taking one shot and one match at a time. The only certain thing about golf is that it's very uncertain."

Northville 176, Franklin 219

In a home meet, the Northville Mustangs helped secure another point towards their conference standing as they topped the Livonia Franklin Patriots at Tanglewood April 28.

The meet, which found the girls playing on the north end of the course instead of their normal south, found Lewicki taking the medalist position with an impressive 43. Scherer and Harrison also had impressive showings on the day as both girls recorded a 44. Fillipps rounded out the counted scores with a 45.

Juthage and sophomore Marie Defer played as well, though their final numbers weren't counted. Juthage shot a 46 and Defer turned in a 53 on the day.

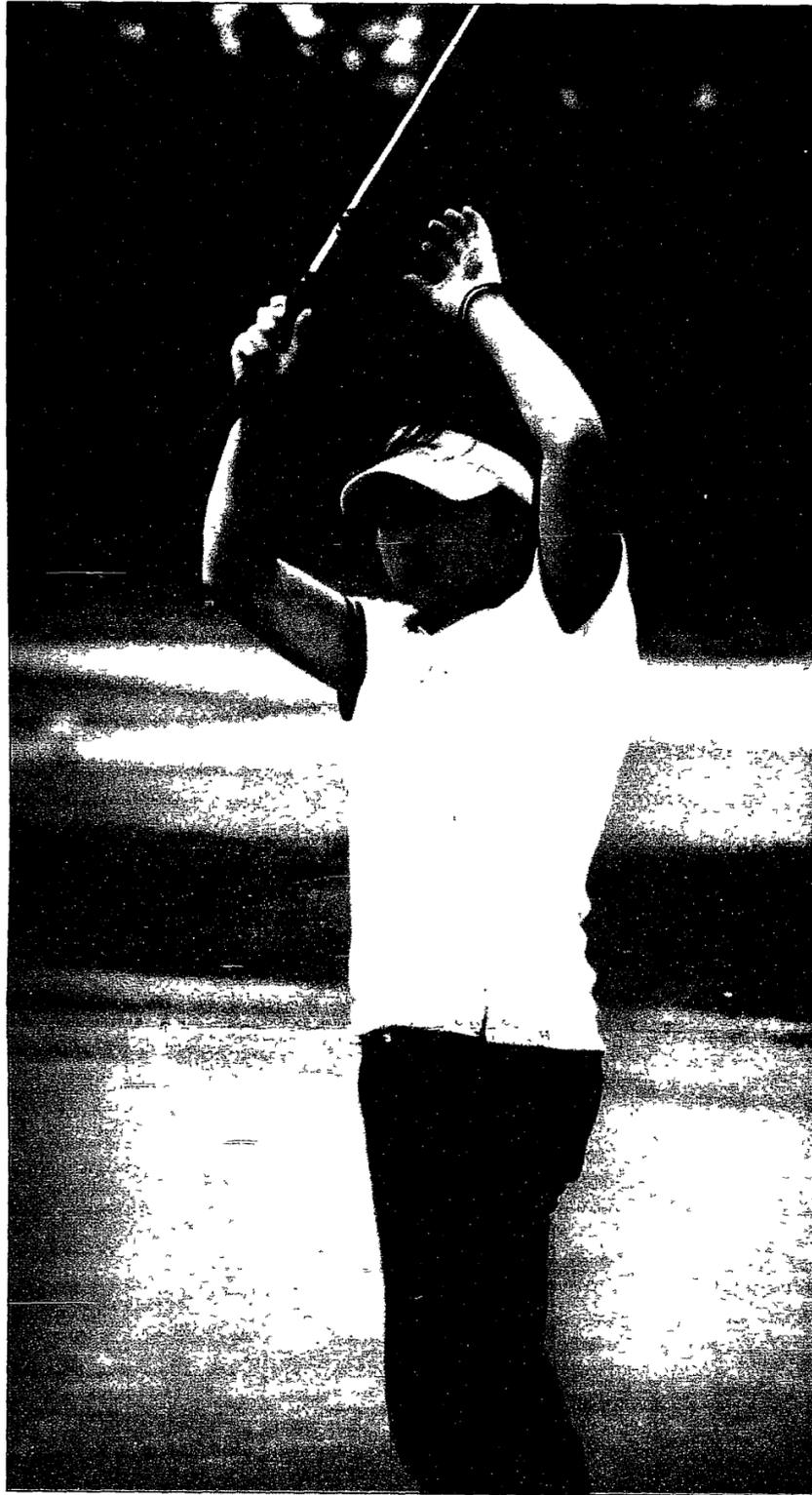
"Shooting a 176 was good," Murray said. "We played the north that day, but shooting a 176 anywhere is great shooting."

The Mustangs' showing came on the first day after the school's Spring Break, but it didn't seem to faze them any.

"We actually had a group of kids that played golf over Spring Break," Murray said. "Three of them went out for a practice round for the Regional on Friday, and a couple even played while they were away on vacation."

As a coach, she said that the girls coming back ready to play golf was always something that seemed to come up.

"You always have it in the back of your mind," she said. "When they are away on vacation, they are probably not thinking about golf during that time of year."



Northville junior Layne Scherer raises her hands in reaction to sinking a difficult, long-distance putt as the Mustangs topped Livonia Churchill.

Photo by SAM EGGLESTON

Someone please explain it

Can someone, please, explain to me what drives a student-athlete to get themselves kicked off their sporting team?

Be it alcohol, drug use or other crimes and incidents that violate the school's code of conduct, it seems that more and more kids are finding ways to get removed from the teams that they tried so hard to make.

Now, I can't say that I was immune to all of the pressures of growing up in a public high school, nor the lure of "fun and exciting" things. I was, however, smart enough not to do anything that would find me getting booted off of my sports teams or suspended, or possibly expelled, from my high school.

Just like every athlete on every varsity sports team at Northville and Novi High School, I had to work hard to be good at the sports I played. That hard work paid off to a starting position, and I had to work hard to ensure that each and every week, that spot would still be mine.

I know the hard work that goes in to being an athlete. I know what it takes to be a starter. I know what kind of off-season schedule our local boys and girls keep in order to be competitive when their seasons roll around.

What I don't get is how, and why, one of these athletes could then go and throw it all away.

Was it fun? Was it exciting? I sure hope it was, because the price that was paid above and beyond a little slap on the wrist hurts more than just the athlete who decided to be thick headed. Instead, it damages the morale of a team, the strategy set forth by the coaching staff, the chances a squad has at winning and the hopes and goals of those who also worked hard to make that squad. To go out and get removed is not just a dumb move, but it's also darn inconsiderate.

For some, the move will be much more painful than a slap. Instead, it could lead to criminal charges being pressed, and that's not a pretty shadow to have looming over you.

Since my arrival in this area, I've heard plenty of stories of kids being removed from their squads and disciplined for dumb mistakes. That's what I passed them off as — just kids messing up. I messed up to. I got in trouble and I took my punishments in stride. And, like many of you, I learned from those mistakes.

I came from a pretty small school compared to Northville and Novi, and I know that I probably had a much better chance of hearing about and witnessing the dumb moves that my friends made. In all of my years of athletics at that school though, only one kid was ever removed from the team for breaking the code of conduct. A lot of us messed up, did stupid things and were on the end of a disciplinary action because of it — but we were also smart enough to learn from other peoples' mistakes.

I guess my question to those who have been removed from their varsity teams — and JV and freshman teams for that matter — is a simple one: Why? Didn't you work hard to get there? Didn't you have to strive to be the best among your peers to land that spot?

I guess it could come down to your upbringing, right? Maybe you're so used to things just being handed to you that you figured this couldn't possibly be a bump in the road for you? No — I won't do that to your parents. I wouldn't want someone pinning my troubles on my folks either. And why should they take the blame for your mistakes any way? I doubt you'd take the blame for any of theirs.

I applaud the high schools for their efforts to stymie the growth of youth use of drugs and alcohol, as well as their efforts to cut off criminal activity on their property.

And, before any one calls and complains to me, I just want to say that I know kids make mistakes, and I'm a full believer in forgiving them. My complaint isn't these kids were on the wrong end of a bad move, it's that they were inconsiderate enough to hurt the team in the process.

GAME OF THE WEEK

Northville Mustangs

What's the point?

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Soccer takes first loss of the season



Photo by John Helder

Mustang Kate Thomas looks to pass the ball off as she races upfield in a home game in late April.

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Every team has to eventually feel the sting of a loss — and it's better that it comes now than in the first round of the playoffs.

The Northville Mustangs girls' soccer team took a 3-0 loss against a powerful Plymouth Canton squad April 28 before returning the favor against Livonia Franklin 2-1 and Berkeley 4-0 in the following days.

Against Canton, the Mustangs kept the game tied at 0-0 until the opening minutes of the second half when the Chiefs were able to notch a quick score.

"After that, the girls were on their heels for the rest of the game," Northville coach Ron Meteyer said. "They only had six shots on goal and we had seven. In fact, we led every category statistically, but the difference was that three of their shots went in and none of ours did."

Canton ended up notching two more goals throughout the remainder of the half with a good showing of conditioning — even in the first day back from Spring Break.

"It's no excuse," Meteyer said of the break. "Our girls ran out of energy in the second

STREAKER DISRUPTS SOCCER GAME

A streaker found himself apprehended by Northville principal Dennis Colligan and athletics director Larry Taylor after choosing to interrupt the Northville/Livonia Franklin soccer match. The youth, who is not from the Northville community, has been turned over to his high school authorities. See complete story, page B4.

half, and we weren't at the top of our game."

Afterwards, Meteyer said he and his team had a long talk about decisions, dedication and reaching their goals as a team.

"The goal of winning the league was much more realistic than winning the state title," Meteyer said, and noted that their chances of winning the league are pretty much dashed because of their loss to the Chiefs. "Now that we can't win the league, we're going have to refocus and finish up the rest of the season."

Northville 2, Franklin 1

The Mustangs found themselves in a bit of a strange position April 30 when they were ahead of the Franklin Patriots 3-0 before lightning forced the game to be delayed and eventu-

ally canceled.

Instead of finishing the contest where it left off the following day, the Mustangs were forced to start the game over against their WLAA rivals, and still ended up prevailing in the contest despite Franklin being able to adjust to their offensive scheme.

"It was not as close as it sounds," Meteyer said of the score. "We had 18 shots on goal and they had two. We forced them to take 21 goal kicks and we only took four. In corner kicks, we had five and they had one."

The Mustangs did indeed dominate the contest, and took a 1-0 lead in the first half of play as senior Nicole Cauzillo took a shot off her left foot and found the back of the net from 25 yards out for the score with 14:39 left in the half.

"It was quite a shot," Meteyer said. "It was a bullet into the upper-left corner that beat their goalie."

In the second half, Lauren Hill notched the second goal of the game as she took a pass from Cauzillo and buried it from eight yards away with about 8:40 left in the contest.

With about six minutes left, the Patriots scored on a free kick by sophomore defender

Lacrosse notches two more big wins

Squad brings down Ypsilanti Lincoln, Tecumseh in division play

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

There is one thing that a team has to do when they are on a hot streak — never quit applying pressure.

The second a team does is when they usually lose, and such a loss can be the difference between a top seed in a tournament and a third seed. The Northville Mustangs lacrosse team seems well aware of their pressure-applying responsibilities. Not only did they squeeze out a 7-5 victory over Ypsilanti Lincoln May 1, they also edged Tecumseh 5-4 just two days prior.

Against the Lincoln Rail Splitters, the Mustangs found themselves starting out with a player already sitting on the sidelines on his knee. The penalty, assessed by the officials, came due to the improper size of their home field — but it wasn't enough to deter the Mustangs, nor was the rain that came on and off.

Lincoln wasn't able to collect a shot on goal until after Northville had fired off five promising chances and junior attack Richard Grajewski slammed home a goal for the Mustangs for a 1-0 lead.

The close contest stayed that way until after the half, when the Rail Splitters evened the contest in the opening minutes after working their way around some stiff defense by senior defenseman Will Holden and goalie Dan Schaumann to tie the game at 1-1.

Sophomore middle Mike Monticciolo was quick to respond — in deuces. The sophomore took a nice leading pass from senior middle Rick Riegner and sent a nice, low shot into the net. A minute later, he notched a second score for a 3-1 lead. As time slid off the clock in the third quarter, Monticciolo decided to go ahead and make it a hat trick as he gave the Mustangs a 4-1 advantage over their division opponents.

Lincoln was far from about to give up though, and with some rousing talks from their coaches and captains, they came out ready to play. Late in the third period, and with time quickly expiring, the Rail Splitters earned a tough goal to pull the score within two.

The fourth quarter found the Mustangs being slammed with a couple of penalties and Lincoln was quick to take advantage of the man-up situation and

slammed home an early goal to cut the Northville lead to 4-3.

Not long after, Monticciolo took control of the situation once again, feeding a nice pass to sharp shooting sophomore Max Lenn, who rocketed in a goal from long range to pad the lead.

But, once again, the Rail Splitters to quick advantage of a penalty and notched a score to keep the Mustangs within reach at 5-4.

Northville responded with a nicely designed strategic play. With quick, sharp passing from senior Mike Dawson to Riegner to freshman Nick Thurber, the Mustangs were able to spread the

defense wide enough to allow Thurber to fire home a low shot at dead center on the goal to put the 'Stangs up 6-4.

The Mustangs followed up with even more strategic passing as senior middle Justin Ferriman and junior middle Steve Houren made sure Riegner was able to

keep his scoring streak alive with a nice feed to the middle which the senior launched into the back of the net for the score.

Lincoln wouldn't quit though. Despite some strong goaltending and stiff defense from seniors William Crawford and Alex Karchon, the Rail Splitters managed to notch a final goal to close the game in the waning seconds of the game to cut the Northville lead to 7-5 and to ice the scoring on the night.

Tecumseh answered swiftly and firmly though, notching two goals back-to-back for the 2-1 halftime lead.

The third quarter would be the deciding factor though as Monticciolo notched a quick goal in the opening minutes to knot the game up. Not long after, Lenn collected his first goal of the night to put Northville up by one before scoring leader Riegner notched his second for a 4-2 lead.

Lenn wouldn't be outdone though, and matched the senior middle's play, as he collected his second goal of the night for a 5-2 advantage.

The Tecumseh squad made a strong run in the fourth, but fell just short after collecting the only two goals of the quarter to seal the game at 5-4 in Northville's favor and to cap the scoring on the night.

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Senior middle Rick Riegner (No. 36, right) and freshman attack Zach Elker prepare to swat an Ypsilanti Lincoln Rail Splitter pass to the ground in the third quarter of play May 1 at Northville Community Park.

Northville 5, Tecumseh 4

The Northville Mustangs are well aware that to get the best seeding they can get in the Don Sills Memorial Tournament, which is basically a state-finals tourney for their division, they have to win as many games as they can. Well, they are doing just that.

The Mustangs found themselves in a defensive struggle in the first quarter before falling behind 2-1 in the second. The Mustangs were the first to get on the board as Riegner took home the score unassisted for a 1-0 lead.

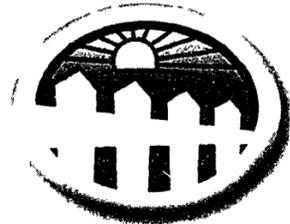
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Girls' 3,200 relay team sets meet record

Spring Break takes its toll on Northville's track and field team

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It's nice when you turn in a great performance — it's even nicer when that performance earns you a place in the record books.

The Northville Mustangs found the team of Lisa Bowen, Kate McClymont, Katy Miller and Lisa Bowen breaking the Charger Invitational record April 29 in the 3,200-meter relay.

The record-setting performance came as the Mustangs finished second with 115 points behind a tough Woodhaven team after they traveled to Dearborn Heights Crestwood to compete in the 10-team event.

"I was really pleased with the results today after coming back from Spring Break," Northville coach Nancy Smith said.

The Mustangs' 3,200-relay team finished in first at the meet, completing the event in an impressive time of 10:12.

Besides the relay, Bowen also had a nice showing in the 800 as she took first with a season and career best time of 2:29. Megan Keiffer was fifth in the event with a 2:42.

"Lisa Bowen continues to improve and get stronger each week," Smith noted.

Bowen was also part of the 1,600-meter relay team that captured first in a time of 4:24. Her teammates in the event were Andrea Watts, Miller and Julia Williams.

Williams was also part of two third-place teams. In the 800-meter relay, she teamed up with Angela Neihoff, Keri Oshanski and Emily Weaver for third. In the 400-meter relay, Williams was joined by Erica Dobson, Weaver and Courtney Bzymek for a time of 54.1 seconds, which was also good for third.

The Mustangs also had some nice individual performances. In the 400-meter dash, Rupley was first with a time of 59.6 — a season-best for her. Heather Moehle was first in the two-mile run with a season-best time of 11:58, while Molly Gavin took second with a 12:31.

"Heather Moehle looked strong today and got below the 12:00 mark," Smith said. "She finished way ahead of the other runners."

Watts and Oshanski continue to

show improvements in the hurdles. Watts took four in the 100 hurdles with a time of 18.1, and notched a second-place finish in the 300 with a 50.2. Oshanski rolled three in both events as she took third in the 100 with an 18.0 and third in the 300 with a 52.6.

The Mustangs will return to action today at 5 p.m. for their final home meet. The seniors will be honored at 4:45 p.m.

"This will be the last home meet for a group of talented seniors who have had four great years competing for Northville," Smith said. "They will be missed next year."

Salem 93, Northville 44

The Mustangs felt the sting of a tough conference loss as they fell to the always-powerful Salem Rocks May 1.

"I think Spring Break caught up with us today, and also running on Tuesday may have taken a toll on us," Smith said.

The loss to Salem dropped Northville to 1-4 overall and 1-2 in the Lakes Division.

The toughest events for the Mustangs seemed to be in the field, where they placed lower than they normally have this season.

"In the field events today, we only managed to score six points, which hurt us," Smith said.

Jenna Seiloff took third in the discus for the Mustangs with a hurl of 82-feet-9.

"Jenna had a great throw today and a career-best toss," Smith said.

In the high jump, Watts took second with a leap of 4-8, while Amanda Crawford took third in the pole vault. In the long jump, Nicki Probst went 12-10, which was good for third place.

The trouble wasn't just in the field events either — it seemed to be something that was messing with everyone's tempo.

"In the running events, we didn't perform as well as we usually do," Smith said. "We need to work on finishing in the races. We stopped before the line today and, at times, walked across, which was disappointing."

There were bright spots, how-

ever. The 3,200 relay team of Rupley, McClymont, Miller and Bowen took first with a time of 10:06.

Oshanski had a nice showing in the 100 hurdles as well, taking third in 18.3 seconds.

Making her first racing debut of the season was senior Shannon Hogan, who took third in the 100 dash and second in the 200.

Rupley continued to dominate in her specialty events. In both the 400 and the 800, she was the first across the line.

Watts had an impressive showing in the 300 hurdles as she notched a first place finish with a time of 51.1 seconds.

Moehle had the grittiest performance of the day. Trailing behind Salem's top distance runner in Lauren Kane, the Northville senior kicked it into high gear to overtake her with two laps to go and to eventually win the race.

Stevenson Invite

Though no team scores were kept in the Invitational, there was

plenty of competition to be had nonetheless.

Brighton, Churchill, Stevenson, Canton and Farmington Mercy joined Northville May 3 in hopes of earning some qualifying times for the Regional tournaments.

Erica Dobson started the day off on the right foot for the Mustangs as she took third in the long jump with a season-best leap of 14-7.

Once again, the 3,200 relay team reaped the rewards of a first-place finish as Rupley, Bowen, Miller and McClymont completed the run in a season-best time of 9:56 — a full 12 seconds ahead of their nearest competition in Stevenson.

"These four girls ran great today and are looking to take a trip to the state meet in the 3,200 relay," Smith said.

Miller ran her leg of the race in an impressive 2:29, and Bowen's split came in at 2:26.

"These are great splits, and from week to week they drop time," Smith said of the two girls. "9:55.9 is the mark the need in two weeks at the regionals and I

have confidence that they will break that."

Last year, the team was close, but no cigar — they missed a trip to Brooklyn, Michigan by .005 seconds.

In the 400, Bowen had a nice showing with a time of 1:03, which was good for third, while Watts took fifth in the 300 hurdles with a time of 49.7 — her career and season best finish.

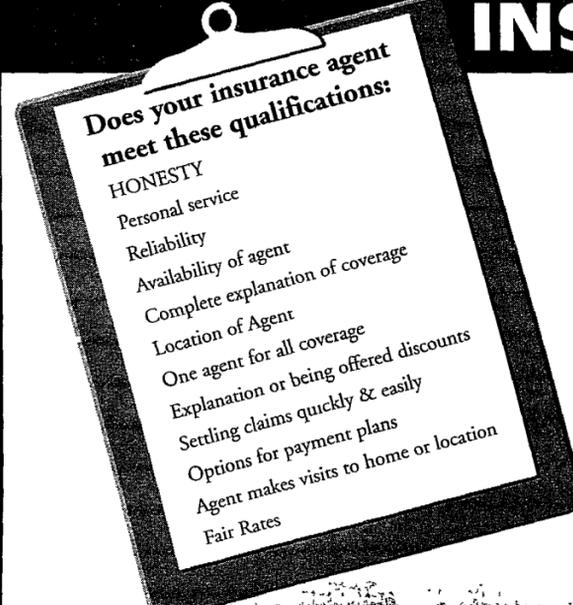
Rupley continued to dominate in the 800 as she shaved seven seconds off her best time for first place, finishing the run in 2:20.

In the 100-meter dash, Bzymek ran a 13.4 for her season-best time.

To finish off the day, the 1,600 relay team of Rupley, Bowen, Watts and Williams took third in a time of 4:22.

"I was happy with the performances today, especially after the Salem meet," Smith said of the third meet Northville participated in over a five-day period. "We got some great times today, which will help with our regional seeding times."

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Mustang Loren Tacconelli inbounds a ball during an April game against Walled Lake Western.

Soccer: Team takes loss

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Renee Farrell to pull within 2-1, but that was all the offensive production they would be able to produce as Northville bounded away with the win

Northville 4, Berkeley 0

Domination was the name of the game May 3 as the Northville Mustangs simply blasted Berkeley in a non-conference game.

The Mustangs didn't allow a single shot on goal while they found four different Northville kickers notching goals on the day.

Hill, who is a freshman, scored on a pass from Kelly Long with 12:49 remaining in

the half before Berkeley tightened down their defense.

"They had much of the same defense that Franklin used against us," Meteyer said. "At times, they would have eight or nine or 10 players inside the 18-yard line"

Though Berkeley didn't use such a large number of players behind the line, they still managed to hold Northville to 18 shots on goal — many of which were from long range, but that didn't stop the scoring

Junior Lynne Raymond notched the second Northville goal of the day off a left-footed shot from nearly 25 yards out to put the Mustangs up 2-0.

The Mustangs added another goal to the final as Brooke Richard scored on a pass from

Jennifer Krutch before Krutch herself was able to notch a goal for the final tally. The assist on the final goal of the game went to senior Lindsay Miglio, who fired the ball in and found Krutch scoring off a header.

The Mustangs were able to get Nicole Horn into the game after a torn leg muscle had found her on the sidelines for the entire season to that point. Also, Jamie Somerville was able to get some game time in after a bout of mono kept her sidelined until the contest against Franklin.

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Streaker disrupts Northville soccer game

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Though some may smirk at the idea of a streaker taking to the field of an athletic event, the first thing that should be made clear is it's far from a funny situation.

Northville principal Dennis Colligan and athletics director Larry Taylor found themselves in the role of apprehending officials as they caught and detained a streaker who ran through the middle of the Northville Mustangs and Livonia Franklin Patriots girls' soccer game.

The streaker, who was identified as a male Detroit Catholic Central student, came running onto the pitch wearing a rabbit hat and an athletic supporter. After performing a cartwheel in the middle of the field, and having his hat fall off, the streaker picked it up and ran away.

Colligan and Taylor said they observed some boys who were not from Northville High School returning to the soccer stadium not long after the occurrence.

"We saw them returning to the stadium and followed them out to the parking lot," Colligan said. "We figured it was them, or at least the person who did it, and it was. It was a fluke that we caught him."

Colligan and Taylor apprehended the streaker and two other students who were traveling in the same vehicle.

At that point, the only thing that Colligan said he was concerned with was the possibility of copycats.

"My biggest worry is that people are going to look at something like this and think of it as funny," Colligan said. "We don't want someone trying to copy this at other events."

In fact, Colligan noted that those considering streaking themselves would find themselves in a lot of trouble. According to Colligan, the youths who were apprehended have been turned over to their own high school officials, where Colligan believes the situation is best taken care of.

"If I were in that situation, I would like to deal with a student at my school who did that. I can tell you that I would not be very kind."

And neither will Catholic Central. According to Father Richard Elmer, the school's president, the punishment for such an action would be "severe."

An investigation as of Monday had found that the officials at Catholic Central were not aware of any students who

had been accused of such actions, but Elmer said they school officials were planning on looking further into the situation.

Colligan said that the youth responsible for the spectacle wasn't even from the Northville community, but rather from Livonia. There was, however, familiarity between the youth and some members of the Northville soccer team.

"Apparently, some of the girls on the team are their friends," Colligan said. "We think that they have been to some games in the past, but they've never tried anything."

Friends or not, Colligan noted it was a bad move in the first place.

"They have no right to interfere with a contest," Colligan said. "I don't think anyone has the right to do that. It's wrong to try and draw the attention away from our athletes and it's not smart to make a decision to do that. People are there for the pleasure of the game, not for some side show."

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'Stangs earn big wins

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Two games and two wins. There's definitely no complaining allowed about that one.

The Northville Mustangs baseball team is far from complaining though, and are probably closer to ecstatic after they slipped by the Wayne Memorial Zebras 5-3 before blowing out Walled Lake Western 8-1.

"They were 5-3 coming into the game," Northville coach Mickey Newman said of the WLW Warriors. "They had pitched their ace (John) Sowders the day before, so it was a nice break for us. We just had to face their number two."

And not only did they face the second-best pitcher on the Western squad, they pounded him too.

With the game all tied up at 0-0 after four innings of play, the Mustangs found themselves coming back with a vengeance in the fifth as they collected six runs.

The flurry of scoring was keyed by a safety squeeze that found Steve Besk laying down a perfect bunt to score Jimmy Riehl.

"At the end of the play, we had runners at second and third," Newman said. "The play kind of caught them off guard, and they didn't cover. We just kept running."

Matt Williams, the hottest bat on the team right now, was up next and he made it work nicely. The sophomore earned two RBIs as he singled before Brian Barton drove him home with a double.

Senior Scott McNeish earned

a double to put Barton in scoring position before Riehl stepped up to the plate and cranked out a two-run double for a 6-0 lead.

The Mustangs were able to add two more runs in the sixth on a two-out

Baseball

pinch-hit single by Brett Asher before the Warriors scored their only run of the game in the seventh inning.

Earning the win was junior Mark Sorensen, who threw a complete game with four hits, one walk and eight strikeouts. The win puts him at 3-0 on the season.

Riehl and Williams were holding the hot bats for the day as they both went 2-for-3. Riehl knocked in two runners while Williams scored two in him too.

Newman noted that he was happy with the way the guys played — as well as their defense.

"I tell you, against Walled Lake Western we had some incredible defense," he said. "Early on, Mark didn't strike many out, but our defense was great. We didn't have any errors on the day."

Newman noted Brendan Buckley had a nice game at the shortstop position, while Alex Richard had a fantastic day at third base.

Northville 5, Wayne 3

The Northville Mustangs continued their good defensive

play as they took on and defeated Wayne Memorial in a Western Lakes Activities Association contest.

The Mustangs jumped out with a three-run lead in the first inning as Richard singled in two runners and McNeish singled in the third scoring run.

Wayne came back with a single score in the second, which the Mustangs answered as Buckley walked before stealing second. Barton doubled him home for a 4-1 lead.

The Zebras, who are coming off of three 20-plus win seasons this year, earned two more in the third inning before the Mustangs tacked on the final run of the game in the bottom of the third. Richard doubled with a solid hit before Joe Zumstein doubled him in for the 5-3 final.

Tyler Carter earned the win on the mound, though he had a slightly rough day. The senior hurler walked five, threw four wild pitches and hit a batter. Riehl came in for the save, throwing a strikeout and picking a runner off on a double steal attempt by the Zebras.

Offensively, the Mustangs looked to Richard, who had two RBIs on the day, while Williams went 2-for-3 and stole a base as well as scoring a run.

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

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YOUTH RESULTS

It's that time of year again, and our young athletes are taking to the fields across the community in hopes of having fun and learning the intricate nature of sports while they're doing it.

Boys' Soccer

The U-11 Northville Cosmos boys' soccer team took a trip to Midland, Michigan and found themselves having one heck of a time. The squad earned two victories on the road trip and took a very close losses to tough teams.

There were five goals scored by the Cosmos throughout the tournament as Jullian Todor, Cory Borawski and Blair Robinson notched one each and Alex Zimmer collected two.

The tournament Most Valuable Players for the Cosmos were Danny Ritenour with his two assists, and Daniel Jouppi with some excellent defensive pressure.

Girls' Soccer

The Hot Spurs girls' soccer team notched another victory when they took on and defeated Livonia 3-1.

Scoring for the Spurs were Marissa Allen, assisted by Jessica Accardo; Jessica Accardo, assisted by Erin Hettala; and Kendall Biek, assisted by Marissa Allen.

MVPs for the game were Kendall Biek and first-half goalie Nikki Metrusias.

Playing with only nine hard-working girls, Northville's U-12 United girls' squad took a tough 4-2 loss against a strong Novi team.

United came back from a 0-2 halftime deficit to tie it up 2-2 in the second half but the lack of substitutions caught up with them and Novi took the lead and then sealed it with an insurance goal for the win.

Chelsea Atzinger scored both goals for United, but all nine were MVPs: Nara DeMuro, Emily Reichard, Sarah Jehnska, Callan Van Herent, Johanna Poterala, Samantha Curry, Nora Naughton and Nicole Allman.

Northville United turned things around and slid through the mud in Plymouth to come home with a 5-3 victory. Sarah Ruth Dobson and DeMuro made numerous saves as first-half and second-half goalies, respectively. On offense Hannah Deacon, Allman and Sam Mustonen lit up the scoreboard with a goal each while Atzinger added two scores in the winning effort. However, MVPs were Curry and Poterala, who provided excellent ball control and dominated the field for United.

Ruggers have a need for speed

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

What the Northville-Novu Knights need is either there or isn't. Unfortunately for the Knights, it isn't.

The Northville-Novu rugby football club lost a defensive 11-5 tug-of-war to the Birmingham Buccaneers April 30.

The Buccaneers scored an early try in the game, touching the ball down for five points, but were unable to score the point-after attempt.

The Knights, who have been a very defensive-minded club this season, found themselves knocking the game at 5-5 as Andrei Mellas took the ball into the try-zone with an aggressive run that found him putting the ball on the grass for the score. The Knights, much like Birmingham, were unable to get the extra points kick to slice through the uprights.

The Knights and Buccaneers continued their defensive struggle throughout the remainder of the half, but neither team could gain the advantage as they tro-

ted into halftime with the 5-5 tie and both teams wore down to the bone.

The second half found the Buccaneers getting the advantage off of two penalty kicks that found their way through the uprights for six total points — and it proved to be all the points the team would need to win the game.

In the end, it proved to be a defensive battle that Birmingham had what it took to win. The Knights were without an offensive play-maker that could cut through the strong defense provided by the Buccaneers. The same could easily be noted about Birmingham, which found the majority of the winning points coming off penalties.

Both teams were tough when it came to the defensive end of the ball, but neither had the offensive production to run away with the victory.

For the Northville-Novu Knights, young mistakes led to the beginning of the end in the form of penalties, which led to the Birmingham victory.

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Photo by John Heider

A Knight tackles a ballcarrier in a home meet against a rugby team from Washtenaw Co.

and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

Softball is proving to be on the right track

By Michael Zerkich
SPECIAL WRITER

The Northville girls softball team is like the little engine that could. Its climbing a mountain, spinning its wheels sometimes, but never forgetting to say "I know I can." And, inch by inch, the Mustangs team is beginning to make their climb to respectability and as winners.

Not everything on the tracks can be wins, though.

Northville had a wheel come off the tracks a week ago Monday against Livonia Franklin losing 8-2. Then, it was Wayne Memorial turn the next day but this time there was more coal in the boiler and the Mustangs won 12-2. Then last Friday (those darn wheels!) they played the highly ranked Walled Lake-Western squad and lost 3-0.

Given the caliber of the teams they played one could say that the whistle of better days ahead is not far from the station.

Northville's, and head engineer, Jean Calabrese can see that her program has turned the corner and is starting to produce more power than smoke.

"We started out the week a bit sluggish. Franklin was our first game on Monday straight back from Spring Break. All but 3 of our players were gone so practices didn't exist. It definitely showed. We were rusty in the field to start the game and made some bad decisions on plays. We spotted Franklin 7 runs in the first couple of innings and just couldn't recover."

"All was not so bad though when we looked at the second half of the game. We outplayed Franklin in the last 4 innings and won that part of the game 2 - 1. Unfortunately, that's not the entire game and we lost."

"Franklin thought I made a very solid game and didn't play defensive mistakes. That was the difference between us and them."

Now the Wayne Memorial

game. The coach is starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

"We played Wayne with renewed vigor! The team knew they needed to play better and the Franklin game was not representative of the capabilities of the team members. They came back and beat Wayne 12 - 2 in 6 innings."

"Defensively we made the plays. The couple of lapses didn't cost us because we were able to get refocused quickly and play our way out of the innings. Kim Larson and Allison Long made great catches in the outfield to save runs from scoring on a number of occasions."

"Jane Kruszewski continues to pitch strong getting 9 strike outs a game and walking barely 2. She is doing everything that we are asking. Jane is learning to actually pitch the game instead of throw the 'game. This week we started to call all of her pitches and the locations. For Jane and this team this is very new. In the past Jane would go out to the circle and just throw as hard

as she could and occasionally throw a change. She'd be successful against most teams but not all. Now that she's learning to pitch, she'll be in a better position to keep hitters off balance. Considering Jane is only a sophomore this is a great situation. Many pitchers don't learn to pitch until junior or senior year. Jane's getting the experience and confidence she needs to help carry this team."

"Offensively against Wayne, we hit and then we hit some more. Candra Nabozny had a game at the plate that many players only dream of. She was 5 for 5 with a home run, triple, 3 singles, and 4 rbi's. She just pounded the ball. Laura Zima our freshman third baseman had 3 singles, Lauren Karney had 2 singles, and our sophomore shortstop Katie Marshall had a triple. We took extra batting practice before the game and it paid off."

Then there was the Walled Lake Western game.

"We weren't too sure of what to expect because they have been

ranked very high in the state and nationally. From my days as an assistant coach at Canton, I knew that they have had great hitting and we had heard that their pitcher was pretty good. We knew defensively we'd have to play well. Offensively, I wasn't too worried. Northville has proven it can hit all year. We were right on a couple of weeks.

Northville made contact with the ball. Suzie Boll got our one hit for the game but we also got 3 walks, took some bases on wild pitches, and hit the ball. Sometimes when you hit the ball you get a hit and other times you don't. Friday we hit the ball — just not for hits. Jane pitched very well and is getting use to having pitches called for her and more of the strategy of the position. She had 6 strikeouts and only 3 walks. Western couldn't hit her

effectively. They had one hit to the outfield and 2 bunt hits. They attempted the bunt all day. Once we proved that we could field it and played the bunt properly, we stopped WL Western's progress."

"So on Friday we scored a moral victory! For most teams that wouldn't be good enough and for us we would have preferred to win but we accomplished something Friday night in terms of the development of this team and the Northville program that I am very proud of."

Today the Mustangs play at Livonia Churchill and then in the Canton Tournament this Saturday. At this tournament they will play Trenton, Garden City, and Belleville.

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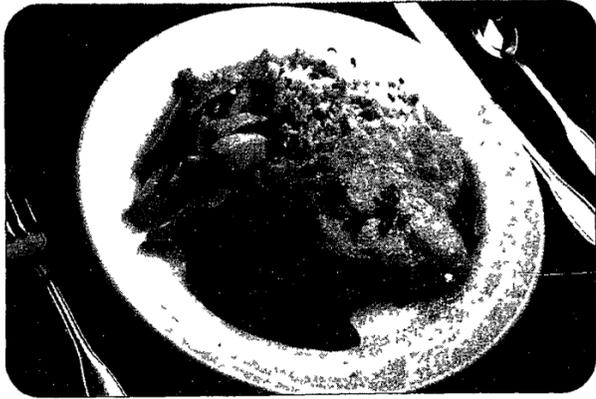
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PRESENTATION

Baked salmon Rio Nuevo

6 6-ounce salmon filets
1/2 cup tomatillos, finely diced
1/4 cup chopped cilantro
1 cup finely diced tomatoes
1 teaspoon finely diced serrano chiles
1 teaspoon finely diced jalapeños
1/4 cup finely diced green onions
1 cup enchilada sauce
1 tablespoon lime juice
2 ounces butter
Salt
White pepper

Melt the butter in 1/4 cup of water and spoon over the fish portions. Season the fish with salt and white pepper and bake until done at 350 degrees for 12 minutes.

In a stainless-steel bowl, combine the tomatillos, cilantro, onions, tomatoes and chiles. Mix in the lime juice and season with salt and pepper. Heat the enchilada sauce and add the chile mixture.

Simmer 3 minutes. Serve over salmon.

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Apple tantan

4 Granny Smith apples
2 ounces butter, unsalted
4-1/2 ounces granulated sugar
1/2 sheet puff pastry

Roll out the pastry until very thin, dock or fork the dough and chill for 30 minutes. Then cut into 4 circles 4 inches across. Peel and core the apples. Cut each apple into 4 pieces.

Caramelize the butter and sugar in a saute pan. Add the apples and cook on low heat for 20 minutes.

Butter 4 pudding molds about 3 inches in diameter or large enough to hold an apple. Place 4 apple sections in each mold and cover with a disc of puff pastry. Tuck in the sides of the dough.

Bake at 400 degrees until pastry is browned.

To serve, turn each pastry out of the mold onto a plate. Add small scoop of ice cream. Decorate with caramel and/or blackberry sauce.

(From Rohan Wirasinha, Westward Look Resort, Tucson)

By Kristen Cook

ARIZONA DAILY STAR

Forget what your mama told you — looks do matter. Especially when it comes to food. "If it looks good, chances are it's going to taste a little bit better," says Albert Hall, executive chef at Hacienda del Sol in Tucson, Ariz.

All you need are some chefly secrets. First and foremost: "The key to beautiful presentation is using different textures, different accents, using different things to bring the food off the plate," Hall says.

And that's just the tip of the iceberg lettuce.

Consider this as Plate Presentation 101. Cooking school is now in session.

Another thing your mother probably told you not to do, but Hall says you should tinker some.

"Move it around on the plate," he says. "It doesn't have to be exactly center. You want to make the protein portion of the plate the highlight, and then you want to accent with different vegetables as an accent or as a garnish. ... I tell people it's just food — have fun with it."

Height is good. Flat food is boring food.

"Try to create some elevation by stacking the food a little bit," says Tom Gerlak, executive chef for the Doubletree Hotel in Tucson.

Presentation is the name of the game at the hotel, where lavish buffets showcase dozens of dishes, from mussels to cheese blintzes.

Gerlak's partial to PVC pipe, just like you can buy at home-improvement stores. Not only does it let you pile food to Empire State Building heights, it's also dishwasher-safe and comes in all sizes.

He once stuffed saffron risotto into a piece of PVC and pushed it onto a plate, stacked a zucchini ring on top and then filled the ring with a melange of vegetables. "That thing stood at least 5-1/2 inches tall," says Gerlak of the creation that landed on the cover of a national culinary magazine.

Hall likes to add fried garnishes for height and dimension. He'll julienne leeks and flash-fry them in hot oil. Another favorite is asparagus peelings that are slowly fried until they turn a vibrant green.

Rohan Wirasinha, executive pastry chef at the Westward Look Resort in Tucson, doesn't so much make dessert as create works of art. The paints for his palette: fruit purees, melted chocolate and caramel sauce.

At home, a bottle of store-bought chocolate sauce could be your new best friend. Just use it to

outline designs onto your plate and drizzle on fruit purees.

Wirasinha likes to use a few pints of raspberries or blueberries, bring them to a boil, add corn syrup and corn starch and let the whole thing thicken.

"You get a nice thick sauce," he says. "It's not runny."

That way it won't slide all over the plate — another important consideration for nice presentation.

A simple dessert like a poached pear is elegant on its own, but core it and fill the center with white chocolate mousse and surround the fruit with raspberry puree and you've got a swoonable dish that looks as great as it tastes, Wirasinha suggests.

Tricks of the Trade

To make like a chef at home, here are some pieces of equipment that will make your plates prettier:

Empty cans or PVC pipe: Use these for stacking foods. Just pile the food in and push it out onto your plate. Food Network personality Ming Tsai likes to use water chestnut cans.

Squirt bottles: Available at restaurant-supply stores, these clear bottles are perfect for turning chocolate or fruit sauces into arty designs.

Cookie cutters: Use them to cut out shapes, such as for creme brulee or bread or cheese just about anything.

Melon baller: Cubes are fine, but circles of melon look even better.

Shakers: Fill them with powdered sugar or cocoa and sprinkle onto desserts for added oomph.

Stencils or doilies: Set them on top of a plain chocolate cake and shake powdered sugar all over. No need for icing.

Regular, old kitchen knife: Cut food on the bias, which is fancy food talk for cutting at an angle. It can gussy up boring chicken breasts or even tortilla wraps.

yummy, but it usually comes in a round ramekin. Ho-hum. Hall cuts his creme brulee into shapes.

Wirasinha relies on tuile cookies for edible flair. The crisp, thin French treats can be rolled into cigarettes or cut into shapes.

For entrees, try fanning vegetables or fruits. Gerlak poaches chayote (a gourdlike fruit), peels and seeds it. He cuts the pale green chayote in half and then starts slicing, but he doesn't cut all the way through so that it stays intact at one end. Then, Gerlak fans it out. On the opposite end of the plate, he'll do the same thing with a mango.

If you want your meal to be a knockout, then make sure your dinnerware's not competing with the food. Opt for simple, clean patterns or none at all.

"We use only white plates," Hall says, "because we let the food do the talking."

Chocolate-caramel torte

6 large eggs, separated
4-1/2 ounces semisweet chocolate, melted
1-3/4 ounces sugar (for yolks)
3/4 ounce sugar (for whites)

Spray 2 6-by-8-inch pans with nonstick cooking spray. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Melt chocolate in a bowl over a water bath. Chocolate should be tempered.

Whip yolks with 1-3/4 ounces of sugar until thick and pale yellow. Whip whites with 3/4 of an ounce of sugar until stiff peaks form. Fold yolk mixture into chocolate and then fold in egg whites. Divide into the pans, spread evenly. Bake about 8 minutes. Cool and refrigerate.

Caramel layer:
7-3/4 ounces sugar
3-1/2 ounces honey
1-3/4 cups cream
1 ounce butter

Combine first three ingredients in 2-quart pot. Cook on medium heat. Mixture will foam up slightly. Cook, stirring occasionally until candy thermometer reads 220 degrees; stir constantly until thermometer reads 240 (soft ball stage).

Remove from heat, stir in butter. Pour over one of the chocolate flourless cakes.

Stack second cake on top.

Chocolate-caramel Mousse

4-1/4 ounces chocolate chips
1-3/4 ounces butter
5-1/4 ounces sugar
3-1/2 ounces heavy cream, hot
12 ounces whipping cream

Melt chocolate and butter together in bowl over a water bath.

Cook sugar with 1 ounce of water in a large pot until it's a dark caramel. Add hot cream to caramel; this will foam up. Stir well, strain over chocolate/butter mixture. Cool slightly.

Whip 12 ounces of whipping cream to soft peaks, fold into chocolate mixture. Spread on top of cake. Refrigerate 30-45 minutes.

By Marty Meitus

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

A lot of my friends are empty-nesters now, which means the SpaghettiOs are sitting in the back of the cupboard.

Because I'm not there yet, I tried to look at "Gourmet's Five Ingredients" cookbook with the eyes of someone who knows that her kid wouldn't touch Chilled Tomato, Basil and Goat Cheese Soup no matter how many ingredients it has.

Whip up Potato Gnocchi with Brown Butter and Sage? I don't think so.

Nevertheless, the book, drawn partly from the Every Day section of Gourmet and partly from recipes designed for the cookbook, has many quick and easy recipes, such as Soy Balsamic Chicken Thighs and Spaghetti Sauce.

Five ingredients doesn't always translate into speed, as in Cider-Braised Pork Shoulder With Caramelized Onions, which takes 30 minutes to prepare and three hours from start to finish.

Given that it's a Gourmet production, you'll find a who's who of trendy ingredients — goat cheese, pancetta — and happening recipes — Ricotta Gnocchi With Roasted Tomato, Mustard Greens Risotto, Polenta With Sauteed Mushrooms.

If I don't reveal to my family what I'm making, I may give the Cheese Ravioli With Tomato-Olive Sauce a go or, if I think ahead, Soy Balsamic Chicken Thighs. Otherwise, it's SpaghettiOs all around.

SOY BALSAMIC CHICKEN THIGHS

(Serves 4)

1/4 cup soy sauce
3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
2 tablespoons sugar
2 garlic cloves, minced
8 chicken thighs (2-3/4 pounds)

Stir together soy sauce, vinegar, sugar, garlic, 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon black pepper until sugar is dissolved, then combine with chicken in a large sealable plastic bag, forcing out excess air. Marinate, chilled, 24 hours.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Transfer chicken and marinade to a shallow baking pan that can be placed on a stove and large enough to hold thighs without crowding, then roast in middle of oven, turning twice, until chicken is cooked through, 35 to 40 minutes.

Transfer chicken to a serving dish and skim fat from pan juices.

Straddle pan across 2 burners, then add 1/3 cup water and deglaze pan by simmering over moderately high heat, stirring and scraping up brown bits, until reduced to about 1/4 cup, about 2 minutes.

Serve sauce spooned over chicken.

CHEESE RAVIOLI WITH TOMATO-OLIVE SAUCE

(Serves 4)

1 (28-ounce to 32-ounce) can crushed tomatoes
3 garlic cloves, minced
1/4 cup finely chopped Kalamata or other brine-cured black olives
3 tablespoons fresh orange juice or to taste
1-1/2 pounds frozen cheese ravioli or tortellini

Simmer tomatoes, garlic and olives in a 3-quart heavy saucepan, uncovered, stirring occasionally, until slightly thickened, 10 to 15 minutes.

Remove from heat and stir in orange juice, salt and black pepper to taste and keep warm, covered.

Cook pasta in a 6- to 8-quart pot of boiling salted water until tender, and drain in a colander.

Serve immediately, topped with sauce.

The hidden (and tasty) world of tofu

By Olivia Wu

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Thirty years ago, when soybeans were the second largest farm crop in the country, nobody knew about tofu, the main food produced from soy.

Today, U.S. farmers grow the largest crop of soybeans in the world and export half of it. Three percent of the 70 million acres grown is made into food.

Now, soy milk products are stacked onto the shelves of every mainstream supermarket in the United States.

The growth is fortified in large part because Americans have come to realize that soy milk and the products made from it are nutritious. Last year the Food and Drug Administration allowed health claims on labels of soy products stating that soy protein, in a diet low in saturated fat, can lower total cholesterol, as well as LDL, or bad, cholesterol.

In addition, research suggests that soy may lower the risk of chronic disease including some cancers and osteoporosis, and can ease menopausal symptoms.

Soy milk sales alone grew by 2,000 percent last year, largely because Dean Foods, the biggest dairy conglomerate in America, bought out White Wave, makers of Silk, a popular brand of soy milk products.

The move clearly signals that Dean Foods is "buying for the future," says William Shurtleff, co-author of the seminal 1976 "Book of Tofu," and the founder of the Soyfoods Center in Lafayette, Calif.

While the dairy shelves in groceries are teeming with the ersatz soy milk, cheeses and other faux dairy, a separate and parallel tradition of soy-milk foods thrives in Chinese and other Asian traditions. Soy milk and its subsequent product, tofu, are a food in a category by itself — not as an alternative to animal food. And tofu offers multiple, even infinite, variants.

Tofu morphs into a whole range of products in much the same way that, in many Western countries, cow's milk is made into fresh and aged cheeses. The two processes are similar, and so are the roles they play in Eastern and Western diets. In a very fundamental way, tofu has anchored nutrition and cuisine in the East, just as dairy milk has in the West.

"The parallels between the two are nothing short of amazing," says Shurtleff. "It's astonishing that you could get from a plant what you get out of an animal."

American tofu-makers, with the help of new technology, have created soy milk that tastes and feels in the mouth more like cow's milk, and put their ener-



Photo by Lacy Atkins/San Francisco Chronicle
Workers pour tofu into molds at the China Tofu factory in Hayward, Calif.

gies toward making dairy-like yogurt, cream, cheese and ice cream.

They also focus largely on one product, firm tofu, because the American dietary goal is protein and that protein — usually a hunk of meat — takes the center of the plate. They research various ways to flavor that one variety of tofu. Baked, firm tofu is sold with peanut, teriyaki and Thai flavors, for example.

On the other hand, Asian cultures make endless varieties of tofu, much like American and European

cheesemakers make a variety of cheeses. Everything from young, bland types such as ricotta or cottage cheeses to the aged, highly fermented types such as the blue cheeses, such as Gorgonzola, have cousins in the Chinese family of tofu products.

Tofu is stir-fried, deep-fried, braised, poached, and cooked in soups with as many ingredients and flavors as there exist in the Chinese culinary constellation, often combined with some animal product for flavor.

The method of making tofu hasn't changed much since it was first created, although scale of production has. Tofu is made through a process of coagulating the proteins in soy milk, just like dairy milk. That creates curds, which are separated from the watery whey. In cheese making, rennet is the curdling agent. In the tofu process, calcium sulfate or magnesium chloride (also known as nigari) is used.

After the soybean is soaked, ground and squeezed for its white liquid, soy milk is morphed creatively into products that can be likened to fresh and aged cheeses. Soymilk and tofu look, act, respond and support nutrition as milk and cheese do.

As in the dairy process, the curds are skimmed off and left to drain and compact while the curds are pressed to form the tofu.

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the best in Garden Books

Separating the wheat from the chaff in garden books

PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

Here's a list of some of the best new (and old) garden books. Prices listed are for hardcovers; many also come in paperback.

"Insects and Gardens"

By Eric Grissell with photographs by Carl Goodpasture. (Timber Press, \$29.95)

Grissell, a research entomologist, has made his own fascination with insects contagious. He tells us why insects are an important part of life on Earth and in garden ecology. Spend a little time with Grissell and you'll find a whole new world right in your own back yard. And you certainly will never look at a bug the same way again. The photographs by Goodpasture are a stunning accent to Grissell's witty and intelligent prose.



"Green Thoughts: A Writer in the Garden"

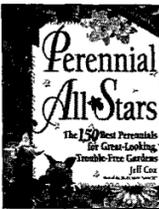
By Eleanor Perenyi (Modern Library Gardening Series, \$13.95)

Eleanor Perenyi's book of essays on gardening is still my absolute favorite garden book of all time. She has a sharp tongue and strong opinions. Caustic tongue or no, her book was the first one that actually spoke to me about what gardening really meant. Eleanor got it. And she got it so well that I have never been without a copy of this book.

"Perennial All-Stars"

By Jeff Cox. (A Rodale Organic Gardening Book, \$29.95)

Sometimes a book has such a simple premise that you almost wonder why nobody's done it before. Cox, host of HGTV's "Grow It!", gives gardeners a list of the most fragrant, beautiful, long-blooming, pest- and disease-resistant and easy-to-care-for perennials on the market — 150 of them to be exact. These plants are sure performers. The book gives information on proper growing conditions along with helpful tips and a list of nurseries that sell each plant. It's a wonderful resource for all gardeners.



— SUSAN BANKS

"Deep in the Green: An Exploration of Country Pleasures"

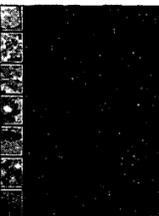
By Anne Raver (Vintage Books, \$13)

Everyone has a favorite author. For me, it's Anne Raver, gardening columnist for The New York Times. She's more than an expert on plants; she loves to tell stories, either from her own experiences or through her subjects. Her book is a compilation of short, utterly captivating essays. From her heartfelt obituary of her cat to stories of her family farm, Raver makes us care, because most of us have been through similar situations.

"The American Horticultural Society's A-Z Encyclopedia of Garden Plants"

Edited by Christopher Brickell (DK Publishing, \$56)

At more than 1,000 pages and listing 15,000 plants, it is an invaluable resource when researching a plant. Entries usually include a photograph and explain how to grow and propagate the plant, list common pests and diseases and detail outstanding varieties.



— DOUG OSTER

"Designing With Plants"

By Piet Oudolf and Noel Kingsbury (Timber Press, \$34.95)

Oudolf is at the forefront of the movement called New Wave planting. Oudolf urges his followers to consider the forms, textures and shapes of plants, and then combine them in sculptural planting schemes. He stresses the importance of plants that "live well and die well" — those which add importance and structure throughout the growing season, not just when in bloom. Best of all, Oudolf shows just how easy this is to achieve through detailed planting guides and graphics.

"The Essential Earthman"

By Henry Mitchell (Houghton Mifflin, \$16.95)

Writer of "Earthman" columns in the Washington Post, Mitchell might well be the best gardening columnist who ever was. He died in 1993 while helping a neighbor plant daffodils, which his fans suspect is exactly the way he would have wanted to go. Read this collection of columns for the knowledge Mitchell imparts, read this for the wry and not-so-gentle humor of a lovable curmudgeon, but most of all, read this with the understanding that as well as Mitchell knows gardens, he knows gardeners better.



"The Well-Tended Perennial Garden"

By Tracy DiSabato-Aust (Timber Press, \$29.95)

The majority of gardening books offer little more than pretty pictures and plant profiles, but DiSabato-Aust takes a more scientific, specific approach to garden literature. Starting on how to build great garden soil, she delves into the art of pruning herbaceous plants. Most useful is a large index of typical garden perennials and how to care specifically for each one.

— KIM CROW



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What do buyers want?

By Richard Paoli

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Like some amorphous science fiction creature, the design of new homes is growing and shedding features at a fast rate. Bathrooms and kitchens are the hot-button spaces this year, getting the most attention from buyers of new homes, according to an annual survey by National Association of Home Builders.

Similar findings are supported by a Better Homes and Gardens magazine poll of buyers. With a sorcerer's apprentice hand wave, the magazine adds that kitchen "appliances are multiplying."

"And bathrooms are becoming larger, with more bathrooms per house," said Joan McCloskey, building editor for the magazine.

The gathering of appliances in the kitchen is an offshoot of the fact that "kitchens are getting bigger and people are spending more time in the kitchen," McCloskey said.

While the "great room," the combination kitchen and family room, is growing, the formal living room "is an endangered species. It may disappear," said Gopal Ahluwalia, vice president for research for the NAHB.

The impact of buyers' preferences goes beyond simple allocation of space by architects and builders. Houses now come loaded, as the car ads often say. Folded into the cost of a new house, and thus a part of the mortgage, are high-end, professional-quality kitchen appliances and bathroom fittings.

The impetus to add more expensive equipment and finishes is found in the way many model homes are decorated and furnished — cooktops with six burners, double-door refrigerators large enough to chill a bathtub full of milk, walk-in, glass-fronted showers, tubs for six that bubble away while colored lights dance in the background, and much more.

The list of upgraded appliances and surfaces can add 10 or 15 percent to the cost of the home.

Perhaps, as the NAHB survey data suggest, prospective buyers of new houses are younger and expect a home to have the amenities their parents' home had — but more so.

"Gen-Xers are embracing a lifestyle with big tables and communal dining," said McCloskey.

"The coming generations have high expectations regarding homes and lifestyle, but they may not have the income to support them," she said.

Furthermore, some prospective buyers might seriously consider how often, particularly with smaller families buying homes, all these food toys will be used.

Bathrooms, particularly master baths, which have grown even more than kitchens, are changing the allocation of floor space.

Oval tubs set in corners next to windows are to be found in most average- and higher-priced new homes. Walk-in shower stalls, with enough nozzles to rival a car wash, are fronted or wrapped in glass or glass brick.

When it asked about the factors most influencing new home purchases, the NAHB survey found price and location at the top of the list, but more than 10 percent of the respondents said amenities — which include appliances ranging from high-end dishwashers and warming trays to patio grills — were the most important factor.

Must-haves in new homes

"Location" may be a key word in the real estate lexicon, but buyers' perceptions of what should be in a new home drive the building industry.

It's clear from the National Association of Home Builders' annual home buyers survey that buyers keep adding to the list of what a home must have — and their wants are just as strong for those plunking down cash for an average-price home as those who want and will pay for upscale residences.

Expectations range from the absolute requirement for a built-in microwave to a preference for separate showers and bathtubs.

What separates the average from the upscale?

About 2,000 square feet, according to the NAHB survey. Respondents said the average home should have 2,300 square feet of finished space. Upscale buyers are looking for 4,000 square feet.

Features that most buyers said they must have include kitchen islands, laundry rooms, dining rooms and walk-in pantries.

Among features deemed necessary or preferred:

- More than 20 running feet of kitchen counter space.
- Ceramic tile on bathroom walls.
- Light-colored toilets, tubs and showers.
- Front porches and entry foyers.
- A bidet and jetted bathtub in the more expensive houses.
- A linen closet.
- Location near a park, playground, walking or jogging trail, and community open space.

— RICHARD PAOLI

Mayo heirs planning an atypical exurban development

By Linda Mack

MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

Ian McPhail and Ellen Remstein could be seen as a typical professional couple in Rochester, Minn., but they're planning a move to what could become America's most atypical subdivision.

The Mayo Clinic doctors and their growing family are trading their 1936 colonial house near one of Rochester's ultimate addresses for a lot in Mayo Woodlands southwest of town.

There, farm fields won't be plowed into lawns with mini-mansions, but will be planted with prairie grass punctuated with simple modern houses. What lawns there are will be carved from the 5-foot-tall grasses. Long rows of pines will break the wind and create privacy, although walking paths along the trees will foster neighborly exchanges.

McPhail, a cardiologist, praised the poten-

tial for both privacy and community.

"I'd far rather be in a setting like this than crammed into some McMansion next to another McMansion and no one's outside," he said.

The atypical developers are the six grandchildren of Dr. Charles Mayo, the innovative co-founder of Mayo Clinic. They grew up playing in the barns and fields of "Dr. Charlie's" original 3,000 acres, and jointly own the remaining four farms.

Maria Donovan, the last relative to live in the nearby family mansion — Mayowood — is managing the project with her husband and her brother.

Three years ago the family hired an engineering firm to plat a piece of high land south of the mansion and the Zumbro River. The plat preserved a 255-acre woods and divided the remaining 220 acres into a combination of typical large lots of 2 to 5 acres and small-

er lots averaging half an acre.

That combination was the most unusual thing about the development plans until Minneapolis landscape architect Shane Coen got involved, said Roger Ihrke, who reviewed the project for Rochester Township. "Now it's even more innovative," he said.

Coen and architects David Salmela of Duluth, Minn., and Tim Alt of Minneapolis pushed Mayo Woodlands even further from the ubiquitous suburban model.

Some of the lots may be large, but the lawns will be relatively small. The streets will look like typical cul-de-sacs, but the long, narrow houses will be arranged on an east-west grid to maximize exposure to the southern sun. Walking paths will follow the half-mile-long windbreaks of pine trees and smaller stone walls and fences.

The houses are envisioned to be even more unusual, simple stucco and wood with flat or

peaked roofs and proportioned to fit with the landscape and each other. The architects want metal roofs with towers looking out over the landscape.

They want detached garages. And they've even suggested that the houses in the south part of the development be lighter in color than those in the wooded north portion.

McPhail and Remstein are just the sort of homeowners the developers imagined — educated, sophisticated and open to something different. They were looking for a modern house but couldn't find anything to their liking in the area.

McPhail said they relish the chance to join a carefully planned community "that's sensitive to its site and with a certain — not architectural uniformity, which you can find in any tract housing — but a certain attention paid to the design of the homes and the streets and the surroundings and the landscape."

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SOUND INVESTMENT

By Mike Osegueda

FRESNO BEE

Hey, you. Caveman, with the boom box. Put it down. Slowly. Gently. There's no need to be a Neanderthal about sound. It's a world of integration, where receivers, televisions and speakers all work together to produce a sound that makes your box sound like Fisher-Price's My First Tape Recorder.

You looked scared. Don't be.

Home theater is the future. We're talking Surround Sound, high-definition television, planes zooming over your head while you sit on the couch; front-row center on the same couch as your favorite orchestra plays your favorite symphony.

Roger Torres is in tune with the evolution. The 30-year-old Reedley, Calif., resident is in the process of equipping his home. It all starts with his high-definition TV, the cornerstone of what will be his sound system.

He's building around it, a fairly common tactic for those just stepping into the new age of sound or who don't have thousands of dollars to plunk down at one time. "I want something not too expensive that's going to run good and sound good," Torres says.

Expense can vary from a couple of thousand dollars for a basic setup to hundreds of thousands of dollars if someone wants to turn his house into something from MTV's "Cribs."

By purchasing the separate pieces, as Torres is doing, it costs a couple of hundred here, a couple more there — until all the pieces are in place, which he figures will take six months.

First on Torres' list is a receiver, followed by a DVD player. He intends to keep adding.

Boy, are there options. Different brands, different numbers and wattages, different uses and purposes. It might be overwhelming. "There's just too much to choose from," Torres says.

Whatever your aim, the process is pretty similar. "It's like the car business," says Jim Richards,

president of Fresno's Future Home. "There are some cars that are \$9,000 or \$10,000 and right across the street there are cars that are \$100,000. It's the same in our business."

Future Home sells, plans and installs anything and everything home theater. Jobs range from basic installation of Surround Sound systems to extravagant systems that cost more than what many people make in a year.

Getting started

Before you get ready to max out the credit card and spend the day setting up a home theater, here are a few things to remember:

First, setup can be critical, especially for speakers. "They end up in all kinds of odd places," says Jim Richards, president of Fresno's Future Home.

Center channels should always be above, below or on the television. The primary left and right speakers should have adequate separation.

Some people like to mount speakers or hide them for aesthetic purposes, but Richards warns that the best sound is achieved when speakers are at ear level, not mounted in the top corner of a room.

You can try smaller speakers, or white speakers that don't stand out as much. It's a trade-off: aesthetics vs. sound.

Also, keep compatibility in mind. You can have the best TV or DVD player and speakers on the market, but if you don't have the right receiver ...

Finally, do your homework. Richards recommends reading audio review magazines to get unbiased reports on which products are best and worth the price. Stay informed about the ever-evolving world of home sound.

Because you never know what's next to be buried next to the boom box in the sound graveyard.

Richards says the most common system Future Home sells and installs runs about \$12,000, including a \$4,000 digital projection TV, DVD player, Dolby and DTS receiver and speakers.

That's not the only way to go. Planning a home sound system isn't as intimidating as it may seem. Piece by piece, a basic system usually can be built for between \$2,000 and \$4,000.

Richards says the first thing to look for is a receiver — the system's brain — but it's important to know what you want to do. A two-channel receiver might be cheaper, but a five-channel receiver allows for more growth.

Numbers and words to look for are 5.1 (allows for five channels and a subwoofer) and Dolby and DTS compatible (if you want the latest in audio technology).

A good receiver, at least good enough to build around, starts near \$300 and can cost up to \$7,000.

Next are speakers. Remember, bigger is not always better for speakers (except for subwoofers). Smaller speakers are available that can produce the same sound as gigantic ones.

Richards says a general rule is to spend as much on speakers as on a receiver.

Like the entire system, speakers also can be built up. Two speakers are fine to start with and more can be added as a budget allows.

You've got the basics, but don't forget about accessories: plasma TVs (they use gas in a plasma state to deliver rich color), DVD players, CD players and more

adventurous products that will have you digging into your wallet.

One gadget is a multi-source media server. It's like a server from which a network of computers operates, only this server

plays music. A popular one is made by Audio Request and sells for about \$3,000.

You can store all your music on the server and never have to change CDs. It automatically categorizes music by genre and artist. It works with a touch screen that mounts on the wall like a house alarm but has immediate response like an ATM screen.

Individual controllers sell for \$3,000 and can be placed anywhere in the house for ultimate control.

A convenient and not-too-expensive option is a universal remote control. Unlike some confusing remote controls, this has no buttons and is programmed to only give the user options that are necessary. As you do with a personal digital assistant, you touch the monitor to make selections. Cost: about \$400.

GAME REVIEWS

★ = Poor ★★★★★ = Excellent

Line of Sight: Vietnam

Publisher: Infogrames

Platform: PC/Windows

Genre: Action/Shooter

ESRB Rating: M for Mature

★★★★★

Crawling through the mud. Sticking to the shadows. Making darkness your best friend (next to your starlight scope, but more on that later). These are tactics soon to become second nature if you want to thrive and survive in Line of Sight, a solid first- or third-person shooter set in the menacing jungles of Vietnam during America's ugly battle against the ever-elusive Vietcong. To hit your targets and survive, you'll have to outfox unconventional soldiers with every trick and gadget at your disposal.

Speaking of gadgets, you're loaded with 'em. They may not be as fancy as today's GPS-controlled bombs, but it's amazing how effective a few grenades are from short distance. If you can't get close, use the scope in "sniper mode" for real precision. If it's dark, the night-vision starlight scope puts you in business. And if silence is key, you always have a trusty buck knife for the wet work.

While your missions are always tense and full of surprise encounters with a well-hidden enemy, there's not much variation here. Basically, your job in every mission is to sneak up on the bad guys, get them out of the way and get out without getting killed. However, the in-mission action is so solid that you'll be able to repeat the aforementioned scenario for at least six or seven missions without getting bored. The sniper mode is where it's at for the best action, but there are plenty of opportunities for old-school fire-fights to satisfy those so inclined.

Quality graphics, including driving rain and lush environments (complete with leaves that crunch under you, so watch your step) set a good background for a realistic experience in LOS. The enemy's AI is pretty crafty and will sneak up on you rather than just rushing at you en masse, and there are more than enough booby-traps to keep you from running full speed into the bush.



Jurassic Park: Operation Genesis

Publisher: Universal Interactive

Platform: PC/Windows

Genre: Simulation/Builder

ESRB Rating: T for Teen

★★★★★

Maybe the only thing as cool as having your own pet dinosaur would be if you had 50 dinosaurs. Even better, how about if you could build a park and charge people all kinds of money to come and see said dinosaurs? That's basically the job in Jurassic Park: Operation Genesis, a SIMS-style builder that lets you re-create many of the best moments of the blockbuster "Jurassic Park" movie series, as well as few scenarios never tackled in the films.

As in life, it's all about the money. If your park isn't profitable, the parent company will shut you down. How do you stay profitable? Two requirements: Keep your guests happy and keep your dinosaurs healthy.

To accomplish these two tasks, you'll have to be a million places at once. Luckily, the map screen lets you jump around your island with a click or two. Whether it's a broken-down bathroom or a rampaging T.rex, you've got to be on it. You have helpful assistants who will alert you to problems and help you succeed by digging for valuable dino-DNA (so you can create new attractions), developing new vaccines for your dinosaurs and keeping an eye on your guests. While invaluable, the amount of messages you receive gets out of control as the park nears five-star status, to the point where you spend most of your time answering messages. Not a deal-breaker by any means, but annoying nonetheless.

The key to keeping the guests happy is to know what they want. Some will want to see cute and cuddly herbivores, while others are only looking for the carnage of the carnivores, which include both the massive T.rex and the crafty Velociraptor. Also, they want good food (at decent prices), clean bathrooms and good views of the dinosaurs. Craft your park accordingly, and you're sitting on a gold mine.

The graphics are pretty surprising here. While much of the action will be viewed from above, SIMS-style, if you want to zoom in, a smooth, responsive, rotating camera lets you "follow" a dinosaur or a guest and see what they're up to. What was the most impressive was the detail in the giant reptiles; the T.rex looks powerful and menacing, while the gentle Brachiosaurus looks serene and moves gracefully despite its enormous size.

There are a number of gameplay options, including shorter missions that require you to complete increasingly complex tasks, tutorials (a must for all beginners) and Operation Genesis, which requires you to build the park from scratch into a five-star theme park.

— By Kelly Martin, SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE



Illustration by Bob Campbell / Fresno Bee

Software helps presentations get the point across

By Carol Wersich

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Today's PowerPoint presentations have changed the way students, corporations and community organizations get their points across and they've also changed family life.

Vella Goebel, an English teacher at Signature School in Evansville, Ind., and mother of two grown children, remembers making late-night runs to Wal-Mart for more poster board when her children were working on school projects before PowerPoint's arrival.

Once their handmade posters were completed, there was no guarantee they would arrive at school in a presentable condition, she said. If the poster got rained on, or if it got crumpled on the school bus or, worse yet, if a little brother got sick and vomited on it, the project was botched.

Nowadays her students simply prepare portions of their book reports, science lessons or some other exercise on floppy disks and present their programs electronically over computer monitors or large projection screens.

"The PowerPoint presentations generally capture their attention," Goebel said.

She said she has found the system lets the students — and her — include more artwork, animation and audio. It also allows them to clarify and streamline report outlines.

Goebel credited PowerPoint with making teachers and students more productive and self-confident. But, she said, the technology isn't without glitches. For example, a problem may arise when a student arrives in class with his floppy disk, thinking he has his project in hand, only to discover he saved it on his computer hard drive at home.

Michael K. Russ, director of technology for the Evansville-Vanderburgh (Ind.) School Corp., applauds PowerPoint as an alternative to paper presentations and other means of communication. But he's concerned that society is sometimes too reliant on PowerPoint.

"A person must be careful not to just dump everything, including entire boring talks, into the presentations," he said, advising close editing.

PowerPoint users should present only aspects that make a topic easier to understand, he said. He discourages the use of a variety of fonts, designs and sounds just to jazz up a

report that lacks substance.

"Teachers need to be careful in evaluating a student's PowerPoint presentation and not be overly impressed with how words run across the screen," he said. "Fancy technology alone doesn't cut it, but it can be hard to look past glitz for substance. It takes a little more pizzazz to get a person's attention, but pizzazz won't hold the attention if there isn't anything else."

Russ said the mark of a well-done PowerPoint presentation is when it is so well integrated that the audience forgets it's being conveyed by PowerPoint. Everything just flows naturally.

Evansville Day School students enjoy learning PowerPoint as part of the school curriculum and at home for fun on their own, said Ben Hebebrand, head of the school.

"The key is having a willingness to understand the need for it and learning it through a lot of trial and error."

He cautioned against expecting a first or second PowerPoint presentation to be a person's most exciting. The presentations will get better with time, he said.

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DEALING WITH ALLERGIES

Allergy sufferers face irritating problems year-round, provoking serious reaction within the medical community

By Andrea Todd
MODESTO BEE

Ah, spring. Fresh green grass, trees in bloom, cuddly litters of adorable puppies and kittens. Weekly appointments with the allergist.

"It's always our busiest time of the year, without a doubt," says Dr. Gregory Bensch of Modesto, Calif. "Fall is also busy, but allergy symptoms are much more intense in the spring."

Andrew Kuhn, 15, has been coming in for seasonal shots since he was 18 months old. His brother, Brian, 18, was not so "lucky" (in his words) — he had tubes in his ears for three years and didn't begin immunotherapy until age 6.

Mom also gets shots. Experts believe that allergic reactions are determined genetically, although they are learning that other factors may come into play.

"I have four children, and the only one who doesn't suffer from allergies is the one I breast-fed the longest," says Susan Kuhn of Manteca, Calif., who has suffered from allergies since age 9.

She's relieved that experts are taking allergies seriously. "There's better treatment available than when I was growing up ..."

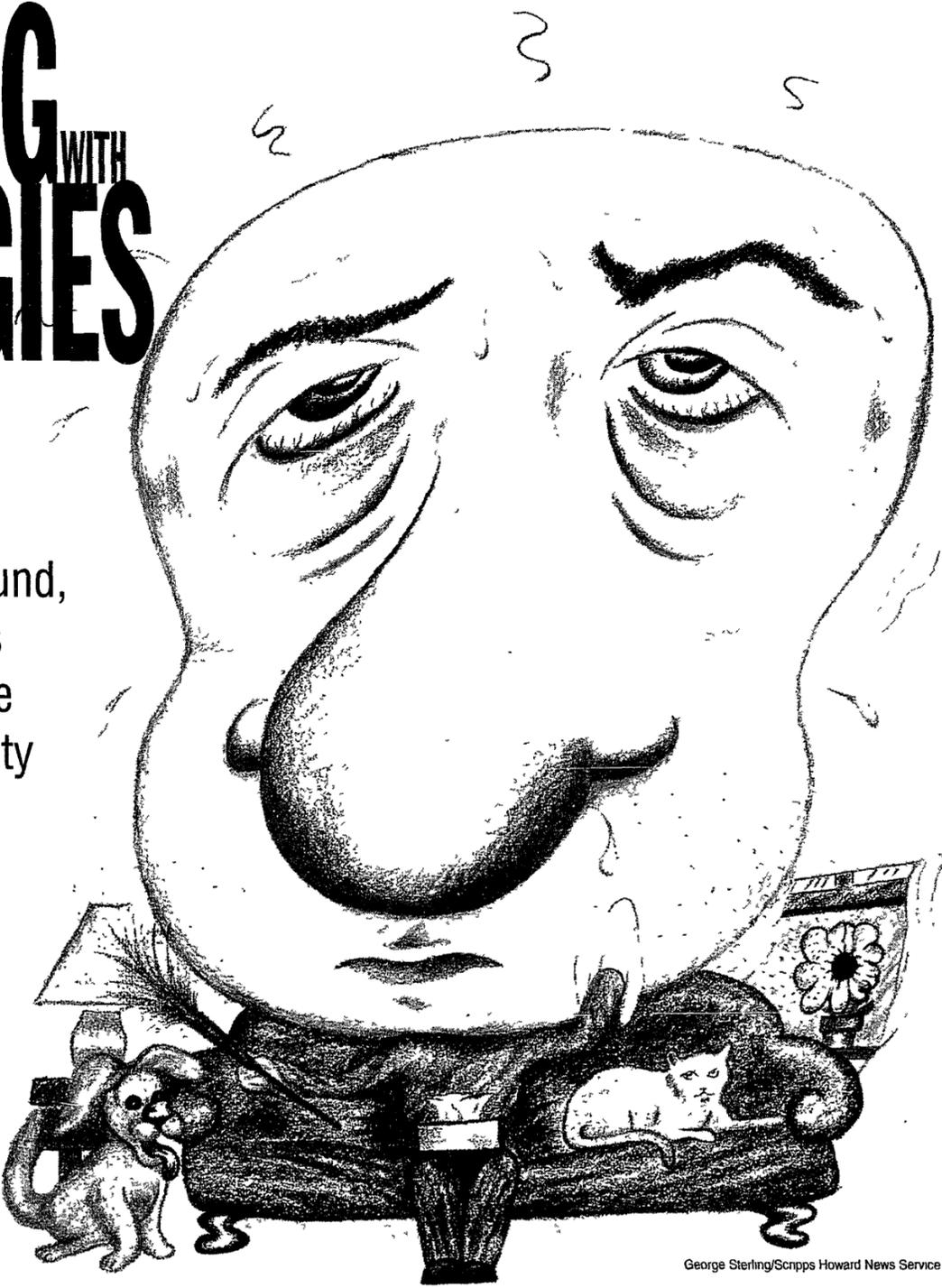
And those are just the seasonal allergy sufferers.

"Patients who suffer from perennial allergies — to pet dander, dust mites or mold — find that their symptoms are usually exacerbated by seasonal allergies, and vice-versa," Bensch says.

The home can harbor other irritants: Tobacco smoke, strong perfumes, talcum and face powders, paint and cleaning solution fumes and even strong cooking odors can trigger a reaction and irritate allergies. Wood and field burning and barbecues or campfires also can cause allergy symptoms, especially seasonal ones, to resurface at any time of year.

Besides being extremely uncomfortable if left untreated, allergy symptoms can lead to serious, chronic conditions, including severe infection, permanent respiratory damage (loss of sense of smell or taste, for example) and asthma.

"Over-the-counter drugs can help," says Bensch, adding that the biggest allergy-relief breakthrough has been the over-the-counter-availability of Claritin (also known by its generic name, Alavert), which sufferers can take once a day without experiencing drowsiness. Other prod-



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ucts, including nasal sprays and decongestants, can work to quell a severe attack.

But those products, too, can be irritating, and the body can become resistant to them, Bensch says. When allergic reactions — seasonal or perennial — become impossible to live with, sufferers are wise to see an allergist, who can determine the specific allergy and treat the reactions with more effective prescriptions or immunotherapy.

Allergy shots increase a patient's resistance to the protein that causes the reaction, increasing their immunity to it, he says. "Things almost always improve with immunotherapy."

DEBUNKING MYTHS

Many people assume they are allergic to dogs and cats but, in fact, are not, says Dr. Gregory Bensch. And some may give up a beloved house pet needlessly. Sufferers should always confirm a pet allergy, he says.

"Sometimes it's the endotoxins — or dirt — the pet carries into the house," he says.

"The second thing patients need to understand about a pet allergy is that it's not the hair that causes the allergic reaction, it's a protein produced by the animal; a protein present in the skin, the saliva and the urine of the animal," says Bensch.

While bathing and brushing the pet can solve part of the problem, it won't eliminate it. (Nor will investing in rare, hairless breeds of animals.)

Bensch works with people who want to keep their families intact.

"For most people, it's too much of a social issue to give up the pet. In these cases, we suggest removing the pet from the house, not the home, and there are ways patients can do this," says Bensch.

Patients come in for shots usually once a week, each week for a month, and taper off. They are required to wait 15 to 20 minutes after each injection, in case there is a reaction. Reactions can be as mild as localized swelling or as severe as anaphylactic shock (the patient can't breathe).

But for the most part, the shots are hassle- and pain-free. Most kids are treated while their parents wait in the car.

"It's just a little sting," says 13-year-old Kyle Lang, shrugging. "And I can play baseball all season."

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR ALLERGIES

What's outside the home may cause your seasonal allergies, but what's inside the home may be making them worse — and causing other allergic reactions year-round.

- Replace carpet with hardwood floors, linoleum or tile in the bedroom and throughout the house, if possible. Wash throw rugs instead of airing them outdoors. Never use carpet in damp areas (bathrooms, basements)

- Wash all floors with a damp mop, and dust with damp rags (dry rags and brooms can send airborne particles flying). Vacuum daily, with a high-efficiency filtration system. Vacuum mattresses once a week.

- Use curtains made of synthetic, as opposed to cotton, materials that can be washed often. Replace Venetian-style blinds, which collect dust.

- Encase all bedding (pillows, down comforters and mattresses) in dust jackets. Bedding should be washed each week in hot (130 degrees) water.

- Clear shelves of clutter (old magazines, figurines, etc.), because it collects dust.

- Clean and replace air conditioner and heating filters every month.

- Never use HEPA air filters on rugs, they can draw allergens into the filter. Only use HEPA air filters on bare, clean floors.

- Clean mold with a bleach and water solution. (If wallboards have been mold-penetrated, they may have to be replaced.) Clean tiles and grout. Consider using a dehumidifier in damp areas of the house.

Ready, Set, Walk

By Beth Francis
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Joining the Naples (Fla.) Walking Club helped Carol Greenberg get fit and gave her a whole new group of friends.

She's one of about 50 people who are part of a group that meets every Saturday morning at 7 to take part in a three-mile walk.

"It challenges me as far as my physical durability goes, and the fellowship with the other walkers is so nice," Greenberg said. "A lot of us seem to share the same interests."

Greenberg, 57, said she's in the best shape of her life after joining the club two years ago. In addition to the formal walk with the club every Saturday, the walking habit has become so ingrained that Greenberg walks her own neighborhood most days, too.

Club members meet at a local restaurant, then take a three-mile walk through a nearby park, then meet back at the restaurant for breakfast. There are also walks three times a week.

Henry Johnson, 65, a retired supermarket executive, has been a member of the Walking Club for seven years.

"We have some speed walkers, but I don't try to do that. Everyone goes at their own rate; the average person probably does a 15-minute mile," Johnson said. "You tend to seek out people who walk the same pace as you to walk with. Quite a comradeship develops among the walkers."

Like Greenberg and many club members, Johnson also walks alone on days the group doesn't meet. "Walking alone is a great time to do some thinking and sort out life's situations," he said.

Dorothy Burgess, 61, a retired nurse, takes her walking seriously. Burgess, who is the group's president, is a race walker. She won a gold medal in her class in the Michigan Olympic Games in August. She's been a member of the group for 10 years.

"I find that walking is the easiest way to stay in shape and you can get your exercise in a hurry," Burgess said. "I get up and walk first thing every morning and then I'm good to go. I don't have to think about exercise the rest of the day." Burgess said she took lessons to learn the technique for race-walking.

"You must have a foot touching the ground at all times and you bring the knee of your supporting leg straight under your body, not bent. It makes you walk with a little wiggle, but it's the fastest way to walk," she said.

"I think walking is the best way to go," she said. "It doesn't put as much weight on the joints as jogging or running."

No-grumble workouts? What a stretch!

By Blake Fontenay
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

It's not the kind of scene likely to send Jane Fonda, Richard Simmons or any other fitness guru running for the bankruptcy courts.

As the sun begins peeking over the horizon each workday, scores of burly yellow-vested construction workers assemble at the downtown arena site for their stretching exercises.

Despite the hour and cold, many seem to take the ritual in stride. On a recent day, they laughed and joked as they loosened up their backs and wrists.

It's a good thing they don't seem to mind — because they really don't have a choice.

M.A. Mortenson Co., general contractor for the FedExForum in Memphis, requires all workers at the site, including people employed by other companies, to participate.

Although common in workplaces in Japan, morning exercise programs are somewhat unusual in the United States.

John Wood, Mortenson's senior vice president, said mandatory stretching is one component of the Minneapolis-based company's safety program. "It really creates an opportunity for everyone on the job site to start the day with a focus on safety," said Wood, who participates when he's in town.

Mortenson started the stretching exercises a few years back.

Dave Mansell, Mortenson's general superintendent at the FedExForum, said the results from that experiment were dramatic. "We went from two or three injuries a week to none," said Mansell, who frequently leads the five or 10-minute sessions.

Mortenson made the stretching mandatory at all job sites about three years ago. Wood and Mansell admit the reaction from subcontractors is sometimes less

than positive, at least in the beginning.

"Initially, you get resistance," said Mansell. "Like everything else, it's new and people don't like change."

The stretching is intended to reduce the odds of soft tissue injuries like strains and sprains. But Wood said the gatherings also serve as daily reminders that workers need to look out for each other.

George Maxwell, a carpenter for Mortenson, likens the 7 a.m. sessions to a cat stretching right after it wakes up. "The first hour of a workday is when people are most likely to get hurt," he said. "They aren't loose, and they aren't focused."

Les Sanders, a foreman for an electrical subcontractor, said he's never had to participate in stretching at a job site before, but he's not complaining.

"A lot of people, when they first come up and see it, they laugh," Sanders said. "Once they do it, it's a morale thing. Everybody is laughing."

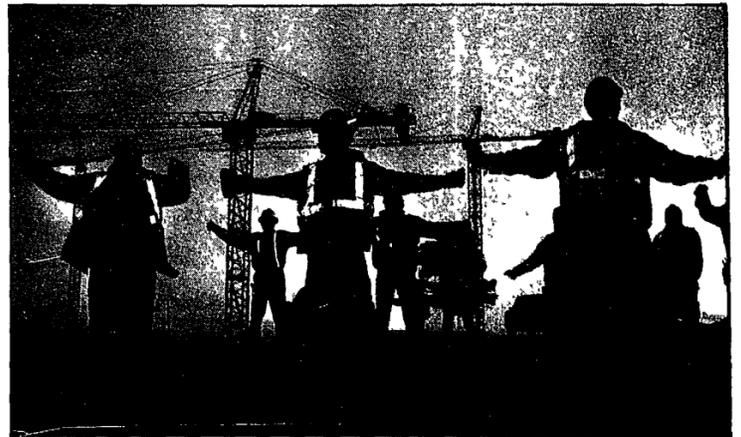


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Construction workers participate in a mandatory callisthenics program before starting their day. Construction companies claim on-the-job injuries have been reduced since they have begun the practice nationwide.

REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

JACK FARRIS

There it was, on the cover of the April 13 Washington Post Magazine: "Why is the father of the world's richest man trying to make all those rich people so uncomfortable?"

The man in question is William H. Gates, Sr. and he's become a leading advocate for preserving the Death Tax.

And those "rich" people are in favor of permanent repeal of the Death Tax. The Post quotes Mr. Gates as saying "Americans have been convinced that the estate tax, which affects only the wealthy few... should be repealed."

Let's face it, the Death Tax affects people who by any reasonable definition would not be considered the wealthy few. In fact, more than half the Death Tax revenues come from estates of less than \$5 million. And that's not money stuffed under a mattress or in the bank - that's the value of all the assets of the business - the property and equipment to keep a company operating.

For a small business, assets like a storefront, a warehouse and some delivery trucks can quickly add up to millions of dollars locked up in an enterprise that turns only a middle-class profit.

Only the wealthy few? "That's like saying cancer only affects those who die from it," said Frayda Levin, a small-business owner in Hackensack, New Jersey. In a letter to the local newspaper, she pointed out "much of the burden Death Taxes impose does not show up in tax receipts, but in needless lawyer and accountant bills, wasted time and personal anguish."

Levin's family has spent \$50,000 in attorney fees for estate planning and continues to spend thousands of dollars more each year for accountants and insurance.

Mike Nobis of Quincy, Illinois doesn't consider himself one of the wealthy few either. He told reporters on Capitol Hill, "My last name is Nobis. Not Rockefeller. Not Gates."

Nobis, part of three generations working in the family business, lost both parents in a tragic auto accident. The Death Tax took \$300,000 that the family had planned to use to expand the business and create more jobs in Quincy.

Karen Brown and her late husband were in business in the Midwest for 18 years. When her husband died in March 2000, she found herself a 38-year-old widow with two daughters, ages six and eight. Fortunately, prudent estate planning saved the businesses but Karen worries that those businesses might not survive the six-to-seven million-dollar tax burden in the event of her death.

"I am looking for the best way to pass on the family business to my girls," says Brown. "The Death Tax would wipe out literally everything my husband and I have worked for."

Congress took steps to repeal the tax in 2001, and it is being gradually reduced until it expires in 2010. But it is reinstated in 2011. In the meantime, small-business owners (aka the wealthy few!) must continue to pour thousands of dollars a year into estate planning to avoid losing that to which they devoted a lifetime.

No, Mr. Gates, the Death Tax doesn't target the rich. It reaps its grim benefits from the entrepreneurs of America and prevents them from devoting time and resources to building businesses and creating jobs.

Congress can fix the mess by simply repealing the Death Tax now—and forever.

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One of Raney's many greenhouses, this one filled with impatiens.

Raney's Rainbow Gardens grows it all

By Elizabeth Heer
SPECIAL WRITER

What makes a trip to Raney's Rainbow Gardens so special is discovering what an incredible variety of bedding plants and flowers are waiting for your garden. Without a doubt, you just can't find a bigger selection. The reason is fairly clear when you visit the huge garden center on Ten Mile Road just west of Milford Road - Raney's grow it all in their 50 greenhouses, sprawling across more than three acres.

"We grow everything from seedlings, starting as early as September for spring sale," said Tony Raney. "We also grow many unusual things not easily found in other stores, and we're one of the largest growers of the

giant Coleus that grows three feet tall," he added. Raney points out that they grow every imaginable variety of annual and perennial - from a to z - plus nursery stock, bedding plants, baskets, four-inch material, and Proven Winner brand plants for combination planters and gardens.

"But, because we grow it all ourselves, we can grow just a few of this or that just because it's different or unusual, whereas other stores just can't do that."

Another advantage for gardeners, Raney points out, is that they have what you want on hand. "It's available here because it is grown here, and it's the highest quality," he said. "We also have one of the largest selections of perennials as well."

Besides supplying their own

retail garden center, Raney's also supplies many high-quality, independent garden centers throughout southeastern Michigan.

Raney's Rainbow Gardens can also provide home gardeners with all the necessary tools, fertilizers, pots, soils and gardening supplies that they need. Landscaping and florist services are also an essential part of the business. And home gardeners can rely on finding expert advice and assistance in determining what will grow where for the best floral display.

Raney's is a family business spanning more than 50 years. Tony's parents, Ray and Irene Raney, began the business in 1951. Tony took over the greenhouse operation about 30 years ago

"I've literally been growing plants all my life," he said. "We were produce farmers first, though, for many years before starting the greenhouse. In fact, my grandfather started produce farming 90 years ago." Raney notes the family's original farm was located in Novi, but "we have always been in this area, and we started growing produce in South Lyon in 1948."

While Tony handles the growing end of the greenhouse business along with his sister, Mary, other Raney siblings work the retail store, florist area, and landscaping business - each in their own area of expertise. Paul Raney heads up the landscaping side of the business as well as working in the nursery, and Mike and Ann manage the retail garden area, flower shop, and store. Some of the next generation has found roots in the business as well.

The longevity of the business and the dedication of the family who runs it naturally provide a high level of expertise.

"We have probably 250 years of combined experience and knowledge here," Tony laughs. "With four master gardeners on staff, and my brother who has a degree in horticulture marketing, any question that comes up can be answered. And if we don't know, we'll find the answer because we have the resources," he said. "We've attended the seminars on the emerald ash bore, for instance, and we are always taking classes on new things coming out and continually learning."

That knowledge is incorporated in the high-tech operation of the greenhouses where Tony can grow up to 10 million seedlings at a time. Using the newest techniques, such as automated seeders and transplanters, and drip irrigation systems and low-vol-

DETAILS

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How to turn your piece of art into a masterpiece

By Annette Jaworski
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then selecting the perfect frame can make it priceless.

Choosing the proper mat, glass and framing has a tremendous impact on your art or photos, said Anita Farrar, owner/artist of Artfully Done in Brighton.

"When properly done, you should first notice the artwork, not the frame," Farrar said.

First and foremost, she lets the style of the artwork be her primary guide when framing, although personal preferences and décor should also be taken into account.

"The artwork should be the focal point — everything else should enhance the artwork," Farrar said.

Matted down

For Farrar, the task of framing begins with selecting the mat. She prefers an artistic style with a slightly unpredictable approach, as keeping the perspective unique and fresh adds excitement to the piece.

Your first consideration is choosing the color of the mat.

"Color can work miracles or it can kill the print," Farrar said. "Colors can be manipulated to create a totally different effect."

Don't think of the first or second most dominant color, Farrar advised. Instead, try the third or other accent colors. Her reasoning is that you already will notice the dominant subject, so use other colors to create interest. Using several mats in different colors can also add movement to the picture. Also, don't layer the same color next to each other — this only serves to make the picture dull.

"Don't think just two mats — up to three or four can be used — in different colors, and some wider, some thinner," she suggested.

How wide is wide?

Don't hesitate to go with a large mat. This helps your artwork to make a stronger, bolder statement.

Although many framers go for the same width all the way around, Farrar prefers to raise the bottom of the mat (refer to picture at right). This helps the print to stand out, as opposed to "droop."

"It give you a different perspective, it gives a more dynamic feel to the print. It looks more artistic," Farrar said.

Although some customers are sometimes reluctant to try that approach, in 99 percent of her jobs they are pleasantly surprised and happy with the results.

In the same vein, if you have two or three prints in a grouping, the temptation is to line them up like soldiers in the mat. In some cases it's a good choice, but again, consider the unpredictable by not center-

ing every object. This can make the piece more interesting.

When choosing the mat, make sure to have your framer use cotton or rag mats with low acidity. These will last longer and preserve your artwork, Farrar said. They're also colorfast and won't fade, and although it's pricier, it's worth it in the long run.

I can see clearly

There are actually more options when it comes to glass than you may think. Most commonly the choice is between clear and non-glare. The selection depends on where you plan to hang the piece. If the artwork will be displayed where there's a lot of natural or artificial light, then non-glare glass would probably be the better choice. If it's in a darker room or hallway, clear glass would be preferable, because it doesn't contain the coating found on non-glare. This allows truer, more vivid colors to show through.

Anti-reflective glass is the perfect solution for both situations, as it has clear glass but no reflection. However, this option is more expensive.

Clear and non-glare come in conservation form, which again, helps to preserve the artwork. Conservation clear products are more costly but help to protect your investment in the long run, Farrar said. A good framer will be familiar with these options and should discuss them with you.

Frame work

The largest part of your framing investment will be for the frame itself. Farrar sums it up in two basic options: Metal or wood. She points out that in most cases the metal frames aren't just the plain basics that might come to mind. Many customers are pleasantly surprised at the variety and the beauty that's available in metal. These frames have different profiles, designs, and patterns with an elegant brushed-metal look, and are usually the most cost-effective choice.

Wood also comes in a wide variety of choices, like silver, blue, green, yellow, black or plum. When it comes to the woods, anything goes, from the simple and clean to gilded and ornate. The artwork and your home décor will probably dictate the style of framing you choose.

Here again, Farrar urges her customers to be open-minded to trying something out of the ordinary to add impact. "I've seen something contemporary framed in something very ornate," she said.

Last but not least, when hanging your new masterpiece, consider where it will be best displayed. If it's in a hallway or somewhere you normally stand, hang the portrait higher than in, say, a dining area, where people are generally seated.

Anita Farrar, artist and framer of Artfully Done, can be reached by calling (810) 229-6000.



Photo by ANNETTE JAWORSKI

Anita Farrar believes that carefully choosing the mat, glass and frame can make a huge difference in the presentation of artwork or photos. Proper framing should enhance, but not overwhelm, the artwork. Notice that the mat of the picture in Farrar's right hand has a raised bottom, which can help the picture stand out and lend a different perspective.



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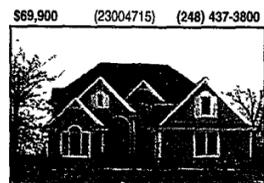
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NOVI - Gorgeous split-level on 1/2 acre wooded lot! 4 bedroom, 3.5 baths, finished kitchen with island, 2 fireplaces, 4 skylights and spacious rooms



MILFORD - Why rent when you can own? \$91,900 will buy this lovely condo in Milford Updates include: carpet, a/c, furnace, appliances View of Moore Lake, secluded tree area



SOUTH LYON - Nothing was spared in this Custom Dream home A sprawling FP, soaring ceiling, spacious gourmet kitchen, dual decks w/hot tub, oversized 3 car garage, finished basement, & 5th bedroom/office suite Private all sports lake This is a must see!



NORTHVILLE'S BEST CONDO VALUE! - Walk to town from this terrific 3 bedroom Lexington Condo with view of meandering stream Finished walk-out lower level with huge family room Neutral decor 2-car garage immediate occupancy!



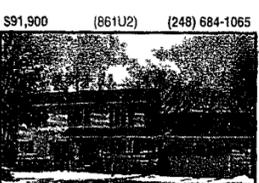
COMMERCE - Spectacular views surround gorgeous home! 3372 SF, 3 bedroom, 2.5 baths, hardwood floors, ceramic, woodwork, cathedral ceiling throughout, floor to ceiling windows, island kitchen, great room with stone fireplace, master with 2 walk in closets & fireplace, deck & paver sidewalks



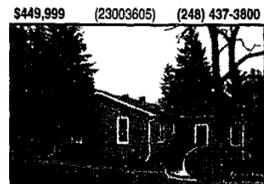
SOUTH LYON - Immaculate condo in great location! Spacious living room, nice sized bedroom, master has walk-in closet, kitchen & dining room Neutral decor & move-in condition Close to x-ways, walk to town Pool in complex & one pet allowed



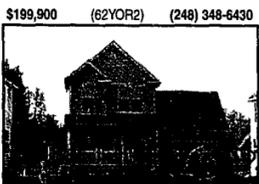
NOVI - Chase Farms beauty on 2/3 acre! Outstanding 4 bedroom Colonial with open floor plan Large kitchen w/island & corian countertops 2-story foyer & great room, finished lower level with new berber kitchenette, half bath & huge rec room! Cul-de-sac location!



HIGHLAND - Beautifully landscaped & well maintained custom colonial w/1st floor master! 3 bdms, 2.5 baths Huge great rm w/vaulted ceiling FP, large lot & quiet setting on dead end street in Bretton Meadows! CO/A, all appliances stay w/1 year home warranty! Very clean quality built home ready to move in!



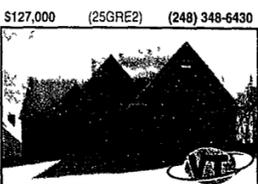
MILFORD - Cozy ranch on an acre of a natural setting of rolling land & tree lined privacy welcomes you home to nature around 2 car detached garage w/workshop Large vaulted family room, kitchen, dining room, computer area and first floor laundry



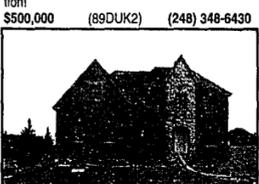
BRIGHTON BEAUTY WITH LAKE VIEW! - Bright new 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial with large inviting porch! Island kitchen, powder room with pedestal sink, master with walk-in closet, 2nd floor laundry Move-in condition!



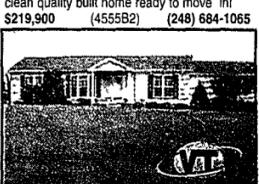
SOUTH LYON - This home sparkles with perfection! Charming 3/4 bedroom, 2 bath home with many updates including carpet, windows, paint, landscaping, light fixtures & wall plates Transferees hate to leave!



NOVI - Custom home with many upgrades! Superb 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 3,000 plus SF, chef's kitchen with Jenn-Aire, corian & cherry cabinets Bonus room (27x10), walk-out basement, fireplace, furnaces & 2 AC units Buy now and make selections



NORTHVILLE - Fabulous home with every amenity 4 bedroom, 3.5 baths, master suite with sitting area & luxury spa bath Wood floors, stone mantle, arches, bay window & granite 2nd floor laundry & daylight basement



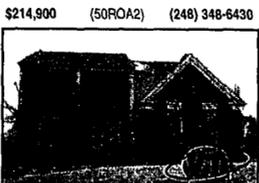
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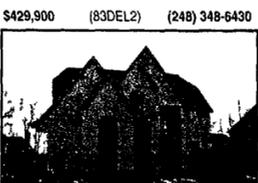
SOUTH LYON - Beautifully maintained home on quiet Cul-De-Sac in family neighborhood Formal dining room, spacious family room with fireplace & French doors leading to custom brick patio Vaulted ceilings, pergio flooring, walk-in closets in master, oak cabinets



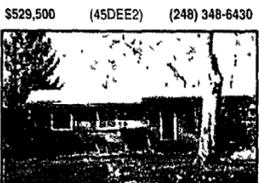
NOVI - Multi-use gem on 1.5 acre, corner lot! Distinctive 3,680 SF, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, brick home offers spacious rooms, hardwood floors, many upgrades, partially finished walk-out basement, 3-car garage & wheelchair access.



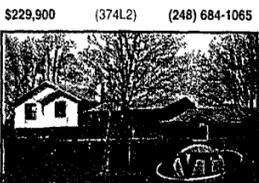
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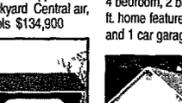
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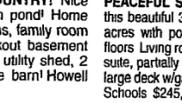
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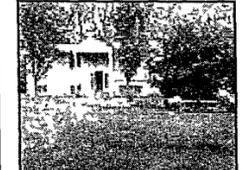
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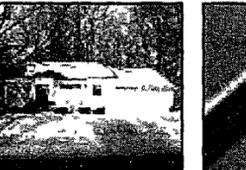
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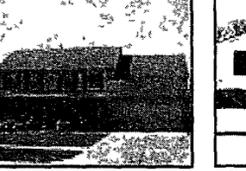
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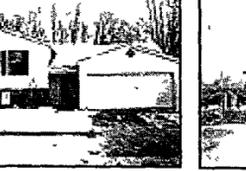
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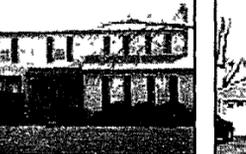
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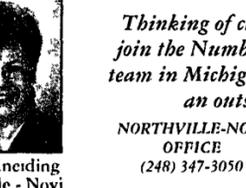
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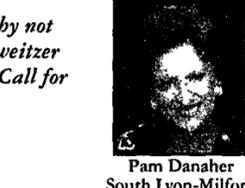


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FOWLERVILLE SCHOOLS,
in the Village of Fowlerville
you'll find this nice 4 bed-
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1910 this 1,912sq ft home
features updated baths, fin-
ished basement and 1 car
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Real Estate, (810)632-7427

PRIVATE country setting on 5
acres w/2 ponds, beautiful
cedar home w/extras 3 full
baths, possible 5 br., open
stair case, master br suite
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ings, parket floors kitchen/din-
ing room Open floor plan
Attached 2 car garage
Finished walkout, pole barn
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Howell in a beautifully remode-
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home will go fast 3 br.,
attached garage, w shed, CA,
new roof, many more extras
This home is a doll house & 2
blocks from restaurants &
movie theater, corner fenced in
large lot, this is not a drive by.
Hardwood & ceramic flooring
Make this home a steal
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3 BEDROOM, 2 bath 1425 sq
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1647 sqft, 3 bedroom
\$230,000 248-486-4593
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Walk to town!
\$170,000.00 4 BR,
Great family neighbor-
hood! 2 walks to town
location! 2 bath, deck,
2 car garage. (L7690)

1825 sq.ft. 4 bedroom, 1 1/2
bath colonial on 1/2 acre
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QUALITY 2500 sq.ft. 4 br, 2 1/2
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Sub, Brighton schools
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LARGE 3 bedroom brick Ranch
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2650 sq ft, 2 1/2 baths, 4 bed-
rooms, family room & den
Move in comfort with new
carpet, Andersen windows &
dimensional roof 1st floor
laundry, full finished basement
w/ billiard & exercise room
French doors to formal living
& dining room Private yard
with in-ground heated pool &
cedar deck. Open Sat. & Sun.
May 10 & 11, 1-5pm 45562
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\$199,500.00 Conven-
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maintained, large treed
lot. 2 BR. 80x12 deck.
Heated garage Great
privacy. (L7634)

3 BR. RANCH 1 bath, all
appliances, washer/dryer, CA,
deck, sewers, lake access
200x80 lot. Close to town Pre
approved only. No realtors
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4 BEDROOMS, 2.5 BATHS,
Living, dining, family room,
Fireplace, garage \$259,900
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3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath
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Secluded 5 acres just outside
Howell 2001 Cape Cod, 3
bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 3 car
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TOTALLY UPDATED RANCH
2400+ sq ft., wide-open floor
plan, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 1/2
acres Call 800-800-7297

White Lake 3450
HOME WARRANTY
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\$205,000.00 Immacu-
late! 3 BR ranch, fenced
& wooded yard. Deck,
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Move in comfort with new
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Oak Pointe \$254,900.00
3 BR, 3 bath end unit.
Finished basement.
Deck. 2 car garage Golf
course community.
(L7664)

PLYMOUTH. No disappointment here!
Built in 2000 this home is elegant and spacious
with 1st floor master suite, 2 bedrooms up +
loft, exercise or computer room, formal
dining, large hearth room with 2-way
fireplace to great room, spacious kitchen with
center island and granite countertops and 4
car garage \$524,500 (D57 H1)

SOUTH LYON. You'll fall in love with this
charming 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial on
country-like cul-de-sac setting Home is well
maintained with neutral decor! Features your
own quiet and private backyard Relax on
beautiful deck with enclosed gazebo and hot
tub Home has many updates, inbuilt fence
and plenty of storage \$234,500 (D21 Kes)

PLYMOUTH. Beautifully decorated 2
bedroom condo, freshly painted in neutral
tones Light and bright entry with skylights,
Anderson windows, and all appliances
included! Great advantage is carport directly
across from unit. Walk to downtown and
low maintenance fee \$138,900 (L91 Pn)

PLYMOUTH. Great 3 bedroom colonial
with large bay window in living room, hardwood
floors and wainscoting Updated kitchen with
oak cabinets and newer appliances that all
stay Natural fireplace in spacious family
room Large master with his and her closets
\$194,000 (L23 Woi)

LIVONIA. Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2 1/2
bath colonial with 2-story foyer and curved
stairs. Natural fireplace in family room with
oak mantle. Finished basement with full bath,
room, and 2 bedrooms Enjoy the in-ground
pool! Updates include 1/2 vanity and sink '02,
roof shingles, vinyl windows '98, furnace '03,
and much more! \$309,900 (L50 Var)

WIXOM. This unique home is situated on a
3/4 acre lot with mature tree and a pond
Spacious master suite with fireplace, jet tub
and vaulted ceilings Oak kitchen, family
room with fireplace and vaulted ceiling
pool! Updates include 1/2 vanity and sink '02,
Basement has 9' ceilings + daylight windows.
Oversized 4 car garage Completely rebuilt in
1998 \$257,500 (L21 Pot)

4 BR \$259,900.00
Country atmosphere, 1
acre sub setting. EZ X-
way access, in-ground,
fenced yard, a/c, fire-
place Basement, 2 car
garage. (L7697)

New Construction
\$269,000.00 3 bed-
room + library/living
room, oak floors, fire-
place. Ceramic baths.
Treed 1/2 acre, cul-de-
sac setting. (L7639)

4.87 Acres, Pole barn, 2
houses! Use one for
rental! 3 BR brick ranch,
walkout, detached
garage. Wooded setting.
(L7683)

Ranch Condo \$389,500.00
End unit ranch in Oak
Pointe Overlooks the
golf course. 3 BR, cathe-
dral ceilings, fireplace, 2
decks, finished walkout,
2 car garage. (L7679)

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Great home, great location,
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2.6 ACRES, 2350 sq ft, 2
story Built 1998 \$289,000
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city lot, perfect starter home
\$0 down \$944/mo
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room w/gas fireplace, 2 car
attached garage, o/a, large cor-
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No agents (517) 546-3036

SPARKLING COLONIAL
4 Bedrooms, 2 baths, and
a first floor study (w/ closet)
Open floor plan has family
room w/ natural fireplace,
formal dining room and 1st
floor laundry Clean as a
whistle and situated on a nice
sized lot in Novi w/ Northville
schools
Hurry, it's only \$319,900
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A MUST SEE. Ranch built
in 1999, 1,440sq ft, 2 car
attached garage, 3 bedroom, 2
bath, cathedral ceilings, alarm,
finished bsmt area, 1st floor
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LUXURY CUSTOM HOME -
Severe price reduction due
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Northville-6000+ sq.ft-90%
finished-wooded/hilly/private-
\$865,000.
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Airy Open Floor Plan
41287 Rayburn Drive
Beautiful 3 bedroom, 3 bath
brick ranch. Great room
w/cathedral ceiling & brick
fireplace. Sunshy kitchen
w/breakfast nook open to
deck. Finished basement
w/full bath & possible 4th
bedroom Great home!
\$319,900 (734) 420-2246

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COLDWELL BANKER
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Village of Milford-Sharp mod-
ified home that's loaded with
charm & character Natural fire-
place in living rm, elevated fire-
place in Lvrng rm, elevated for-
mal Dining rm w/cathedral ceil-
ing & skylite, hardwood floors,
dent with bay window, rear deck
w/gazebo & mechanics pit in
garage \$185,000 (C-425)

Novi - Like a Model
Decorated by Perimeter & Frie-
walled, this former model in Broadmore Park
has all the "bells & whistles" Over 4000 sq ft with an impressive exterior of
brick & stone, it has lots of curb appeal. Birch Shaker style Kitchen cabinets w/
huge center island Wonderful Master Suite. Bonus room w/ skylights.
Screened porch. \$649,900.

Northville - Woods of Edenderry Wow!
This home has it all. Owner/builder spared no expense in building this one-of-
a-kind 20+ ceiling in GR & masonry fireplace, crown moldings.
Fabulous Kitchen w/Legacy cabinets, center island, granite counters Fantastic
1st flr Master suite, Over 4100 sq ft, 6 BR, 4 1/2 BA, Fin bsmt. 4-car garage.
It's a fantastic buy for the money \$849,900.

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Milford Colonial, 1 Acre, Horses
Welcome- You'll love the Country
Kitchen with custom cabinetry, a
wood stove in the Family Rm to
relax by during the winter and the
large back deck for summer enter-
taining Unique 1 acre parcel with
barn allows horses Also potential
for a home office, retail or service
\$299,000 (M-1646)

Milford Cape Cod on 2.21
Acres- 4 Bdrm, 2 1/2 Bath with
over 2000 sq ft! Huge Great Rm
w/10' ceilings, crown moldings
& nat fireplace Kitchen w/oak
cabinets & hardwood flr First Fl
Master, 15x12 Ldry Rm, finished
basement & huge pole barn
\$349,900 (M-1519)

Highland Ranch on 2.6 Acres-
Completely updated w/new cen-
tral air & furnace 2 sided fire-
place overlooking Kitchen/Dining
& Living Room Horses welcome
- fenced pasture & 24x32 pole
barn Located at end of a private
road w/lake privileges to
Woodlark Lake \$254,000 (F-535)

Northville - Terrific Condo
Just listed - When you drive up to this condo it will remind you of a
Brooklynstone. If you are looking for class & charm, a unique floor plan, a Fabu-
lous Kitchen and a location that overlooks the woods, this one's for you! Built in
2002, it has everything you need in Great Rm. Also it has basement &
1-car garage. Hurry, it won't last! \$219,900

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place, skylights & spiral staircase
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nook Master suite w/Jacuzzi tub
& separate glass shower Over
2400 sq ft! \$334,000 (C-2337)

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Great area close to the Village
\$239,900 (H-4233)

Highland Twp Ranch on 1.5
Acres- Quiet, private & peaceful
Gorgeous 15 acre treed &
fenced lot Views of Silver Dollar
Lake & lake access to Rowe
Lake Hardwood Dining in 1st
floor Bedroom, Dining & Living
rooms New boiler, hot water
heater & water softener
w/reverse osmosis system
\$147,000 (E-2911)

White Lake Colonial- 4 bedroom,
2 1/2 bath w/hardwood floors
throughout, top of the line lighting
package & wired for phone & cable
everywhere! Gas fireplace in
Heath Rm & Lower level Fam Rm
French doors access Formal
Dining/Den, 500+ sq ft Master
Suite \$299,754 (R-1310)

Northville - In-town Charming
Just listed - a custom built luxury home on 2/3 acre in prestigious
Edenborough backing up to woods. It has all the bells & whistles - quality
construction, wonderful floor plan, beautiful oak woodwork, sunny octagonal
Breakfast Room, 3 fireplaces, fabulous \$70,000 basement with bar, hot tub &
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BRIGHTON All sports Fonda Lk \$379,900 2100sq ft, 1.5 bath, 4 br, 2 car garage, 80x220 lot (810) 220-8242

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Condos For Sale 3720

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Condos For Sale 3720

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HOWELL Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1055 sq ft, fireplace, all appliances, garage \$125,500 (517) 540-9779

HOWELL. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, appliances included Sale or lease \$82,900 517-548-1112

HOWELL. 2 bedroom, 1 bath Approx 1,000sq ft, great condition \$87,000 517-552-0962

Condos For Sale 3720

NORTHVILLE - By owner 3 bedroom perfectly located in Highland Lakes sub w/access to clubhouse, pool, lakes, historical downtown & fabulous schools 248-349-2826

NOVI - Island Lake of Novi End unit, built in July 2002 2 bedrooms & sitting room, 2 1/2 bath, 1960 sq ft 2 story living room & foyer w/ vaulted ceilings Corner jacuzzi tub, granite kitchen counters, granite fireplace, cherry hardwood floors & cupboards Beach & clubhouse access Daylight window in basement Beautiful view! \$334,900 (248) 349-5756

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Condos For Sale 3720

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MILFORD - c/a, 5 appliances, very clean, quick move in Great park #620 Crest, (517) 548-0001

NOVI - Highland Hills Estates Novi Blue Ribbon Schools Lake new, 4 yrs old 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1,200sq ft, premium site, great neighborhood \$50,000 248-442-4754

NOVI - Single & big expando, lot of Oak, fireplace, big lot, immediate move in \$5,000 #643 Crest, (517) 548-0001

PINCKNEY SCHOOLS Beautiful 3 bedroom ranch, many custom features, priced LOW #646 Crest, (517) 548-0001

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FOWLERVILLE good perk! Two 10 acre parcels, \$79,900 each (517) 223-7472

FOWLERVILLE - 1.95 acres, surveyed, good perk, partially wooded, small pond, paved Nicholson Rd, gas at street \$54,900 Will include modular ranch on full basement for \$159,900 Crest, (517) 548-0001

GREGORY - Beautiful hilly & wooded 5 acre parcel Build your dream home Surveyed & perked \$77,500 Preview Properties, (810) 220-0000 or Beth direct, (734) 231-4601

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HARTLAND SCHOOLS 3.3 acre parcel, beautifully wooded, secluded Off small private road, ready to build \$89,500 (810)629-1036

Hartland Schools 3.01 wooded acres w/walk-out site. For details, call 1-800-311-7253 and enter property id# 1026

HARTLAND/FENTON This is it! 5 Fantastic acres w/a beautiful view! No standing water Rolling, wooded, & meadows Hardwoods, fruit trees, evergreens Pretty, tree free lane for drive! Prime walkout, exc perk. If you have searched for the perfect property, here it is N of 59, E of 23 Come see! Call Dave 248-866-2435

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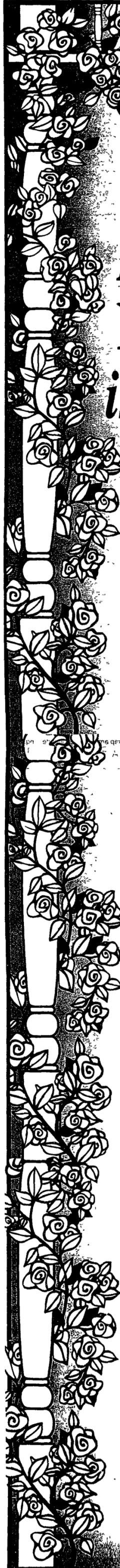
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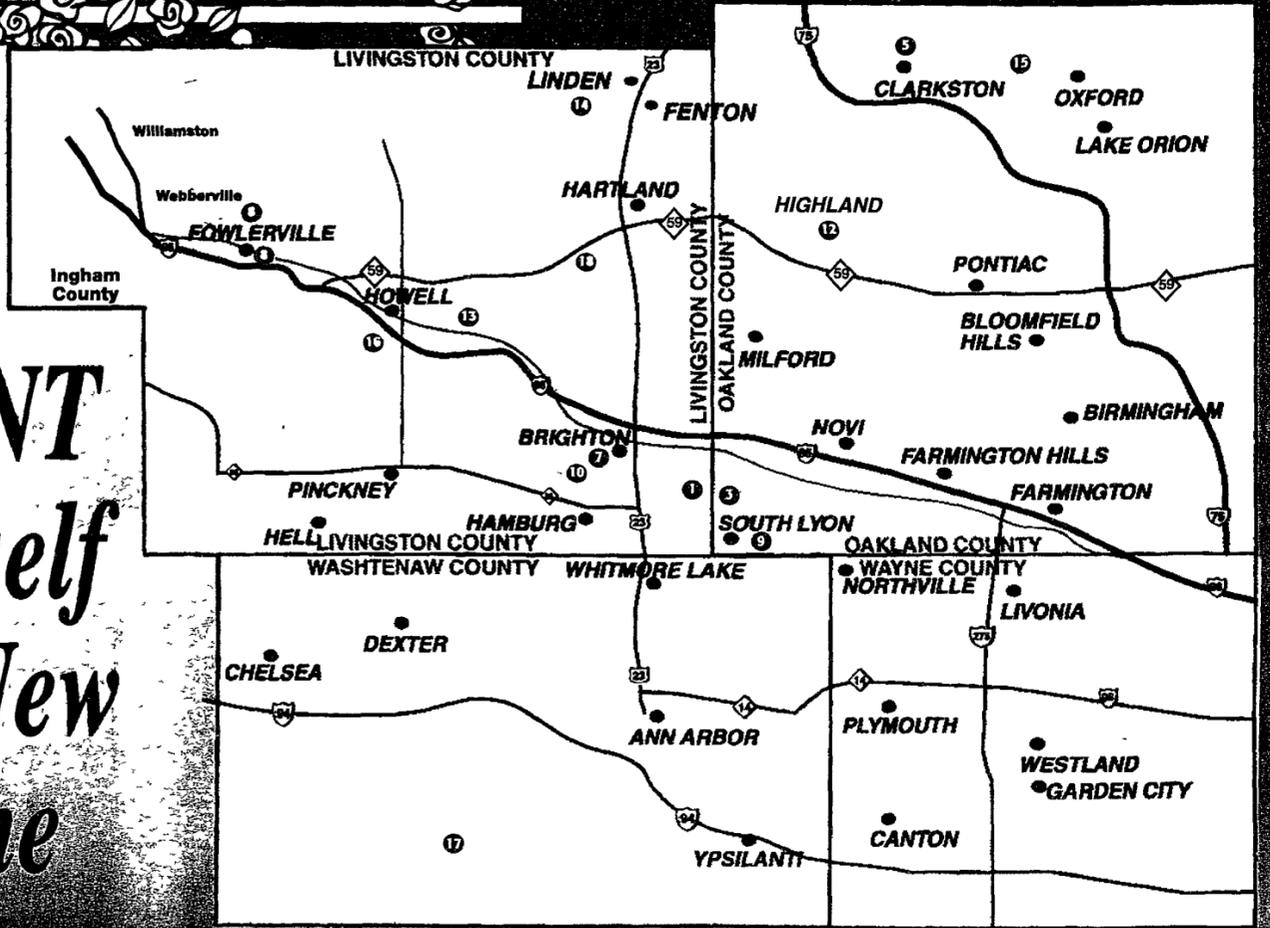
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BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$131,900
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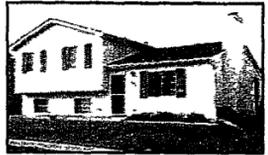
HOWELL SCHOOLS \$144,500
Singles, retirees, newlyweds take note! 1 bedroom ranch on a low maintenance lot w/fireplace and office or den looking over beautiful Triangle Lake. This could be a nice cabin or year round home. 1 year home warranty. (23029704)



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BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$159,900
Fabulous opportunity in the city of Brighton. Current single family home, was a 2-unit rental w/separate access. Second kitchen located in the upper level. Extensive recent updates include shingles, landscaping & interior remodeling. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. (23027686)



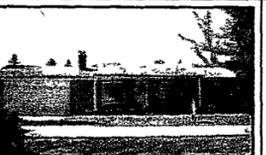
PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$163,000
Great family home in Village Edge Sub. Country living close to a big city. Eat-in kitchen has oak cabinets, doorway to fully fenced backyard. Pergo floors on entry level, newer Berber carpet, and A/C added in 2002. 3 bed/1bath, 1,400 sq ft. Home warranty included. (23027076)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$164,900
Great location! This 3 bedroom Bungalow has lots of storage & a newly finished basement with rec. room and daylight windows. Many updates oversized 24x32 mechanic's dream garage, large private yard w/beautiful trees. Home warranty included. (23022758)



FOWLERVILLE SCHOOLS \$169,900
Fabulous opportunity, unusual "home" & property. 4 structures all w/electric. Per seller property is splitable. Home pasture partially fenced. Barn #1 (37x113), Barn #2 (80x80), Barn #3 (65x35). Endless possibilities. Corner property w/paved road access. The home is 2 BR, 1.5 BA, & 1,700 sq ft. (23011914)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$174,900
Well-built quality ranch w/Thompson Lake across street. Skylight, appliances in kitchen included. All window treatments stay. Bow windows in living room & dining room ("L" shaped). Partially finished basement w/rec room. Washer & dryer included. Home warranty included. (23016450)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$183,900
Large Cedar log-sided ranch w/almost 5 acres to roam. Features 1,530 sq ft., 3 bedrooms (including a master suite), 2 full baths, 30x40 pole barn, outdoor hot tub, and a 2nd barn with a workshop. (23034168)



SOUTH LYON SCHOOLS \$184,900
Darling updated ranch home, canal front on chain of 4 lakes. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1st floor laundry. Third bedroom in finished lower walk-out level. Fabulous views from deck! Lakes include Lmekin, Sandy Bottom, Dollar, and Fish. This one won't last! (23009897)



SOUTH LYON SCHOOLS \$197,500
Lots of updates in this well maintained home. New kitchen remodeled oak cabinets, new carpeting on 1st floor, bsmt finished w/drywall & Berber carpeting. Wood floor in foyer leads you to an open floor plan. Central air new in 2002. Fenced in yard & house is on cul-de-sac. Great location! Home warranty. (23032527)



WALLED LAKE SCHOOLS \$199,888
Newer condo w/2 master bedrooms w/2 private baths. Neutral colors, oak kitchen cabinets, golf course community. Ready to move into! Immediate occupancy. One year home warranty. 1,250 sq ft., 1 car attached garage, and more. (22104521)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$209,900
5 bedroom, 2 full bath, 1,976 sq ft. farm, 18x60' 2-story barn located on a secluded 2 acre lot. 28' round above ground swimming pool. Bonus room upstairs. (22072129)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$209,900
Wonderful updated ranch on just over a wooded 3/4 acre lot located in beautiful Meadow View Hills Subdivision. This home has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, neutral dcor, partially finished basement, updated kitchen, and much more! This is not a drive-by! Home protection plan included. (23031960)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$213,900
Great 3-story townhouse. This is worth a look! Nice dcor & very nice floor plan. Whirlpool tub in master, great Florida room (20'x14'). Fireplace in great room, finished rec room in basement, plus loft library. Seating 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 1,800 sq ft. walkout basement. Pets okay. (23029621)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$219,900
A very stunning contemporary condo overlooking pond. 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, built-in stereo, nice light colors & beautiful stained woodwork. Pickled kitchen cabinets & ceramic tile. Premium appliances finished walkout lower level, end unit, rock climbing wall, & more. (23014955)



SOUTH LYON SCHOOLS \$224,900
Great country setting! 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath ranch, recently updated windows, furnace, central air, & carpet. All new kitchen, Pergo floor, & oak cabinets. 31x12' Florida room w/hot tub. Family room w/wood burning stove & skylight. Large fenced lot w/2 car garage. (22028042)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$244,900
Inviting country setting. 2.2 treed acres located on a cul-de-sac. Open floor plan, new oak kitchen, large dining area, cathedral ceilings in living & family rms. Rec rm & 2 den/offices in the LL. 48'x36' finished pole barn. Great location with easy highway access in a quiet neighborhood. (23028029)



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PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$249,900
Super location, well maintained 3 bedroom, 2 full bath ranch on 2.51 acres. Paved road, open floor plan, many updates, 24x32' pole barn with cement floor and own meter. Home warranty. (22079469)



FOWLERVILLE SCHOOLS \$249,900
Picture perfect ranch on 3 country acres. Great room w/valued ceilings. Open floor plan. Quality throughout. Pleasing neutral dcor. Wrap around porch and decking. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 1,800 sq ft. (22105845)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$258,900
Great 2,000 sq ft., 3 BR, 2.5 BA farm style home w/wrap around covered porch, situated on a 1.5 acre lot in the peaceful village of Pinckney. Living rm w/mineral FP, hardwood entry, kitchen w/appliances, recessed lighting, & atrium doors to 320 sq ft deck overlooking pond. (23030584)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$259,900
Well maintained lakefront home. Vaulted wood ceiling with scenic views of water. Brck fireplace. Garage is insulated & finished. Unique & private location at the end of the street, surrounded by water. Home warranty. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 1,500 sq ft., ranch. (22111351)



HARTLAND SCHOOLS \$259,900
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HOWELL SCHOOLS \$264,500
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HOWELL SCHOOLS \$265,900
Fabulous new Colonial! 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, fireplace in family room, hardwood floors, ceramic baths, formal living room & dining room. Deluxe kitchen, great new sub City water, sewer, sidewalks & more. Super lot overlooking park. (22110802)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$268,900
Enjoy nature from this 1,800+ sq ft. home on 3+ wooded acres with Ore Creek River running through the pond on the property in back. Many updates, move-in condition, 1-year home warranty, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, & more. (23025079)



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HOWELL SCHOOLS \$279,900
Beautiful new construction! Dramatic 1.5 story design. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, great room, volume ceilings, deluxe kitchen, private master suite, glamour bath, great lot overlooking park. (22110594)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$289,000
Attractive country Colonial, construction almost complete, still time to choose flooring. 1,876 sq ft, 3 bedrooms, plus 16x12' bonus room, very open floor plan, maintenance free. Backs to private wooded lot, daylight windows in lower level w/9' ceiling & prepped for 3rd bath. (23022723)



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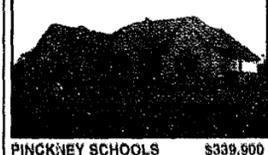
SOUTH LYON SCHOOLS \$319,900
Contemporary brick Colonial built in 2000. Private wooded backyard with deck and patio. Hunters Creek Sub. Large rooms, vaulted ceilings, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, over 2,500 sq ft., 2 car attached garage. (23033618)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$329,900
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PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$329,900
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PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$339,900
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HARTLAND SCHOOLS \$342,900
5 secluded gorgeous acres. 5 bedroom Cape Cod. 1st floor master suite, spacious living room, huge kitchen, 1st floor laundry and mud room. Fantastic indoor swimming pool for year round enjoyment. A lot of home for the money! (23032305)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$369,900
Outstanding brck/vnly ranch featuring 3 bedrooms, & 2 1/2 baths, walkout lower level, 3 car attached garage. Fireplace in great room. One acre lot. (22064300)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$374,900
Beautiful new construction in a great sub. This home features quality upgrades, and the finest amenities throughout. Finished bonus room could be 5th bedroom. Master suite features walk-in closet, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2,652 sq ft. (23013643)



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BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$429,900
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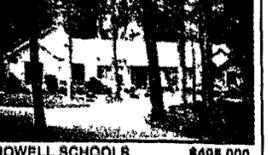
PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$449,000
Beautiful home on 10 acres. Neutral dcor throughout. Vaulted ceilings, skylights, fireplace, breakfast nook, full finished walkout w/kitchen, 16x12' bedrooms, full bath. Magnificent Florida family room. Extensive 2 tiered decking. 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, over 2,000 sq ft of living space. (23032813)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$459,000
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BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$479,000
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HOWELL SCHOOLS \$498,000
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LIVONIA - Super sharp 3BR ranch with updated kitchen, bath, windows and roof. This charming home has hardwood floors, coved ceilings and a huge fenced in yard. Must see \$154,900 (91FLO) 248-349-5600



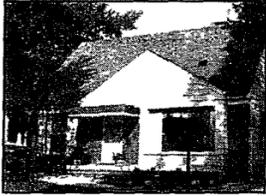
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REDFORD - Super clean ranch! 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath must see! C/A, newer bath, kitchen, windows, basement w/glass block windows, newer garage door w/opener, neutral decor, all appliances stay & Home Protection Plan \$115,900 (65BRA) 734-455-5600



REDFORD - Sharp brick ranch! Great 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial has oversized master suite w/bath & hardwood floors, formal living room, dining room, family room w/fireplace open to kitchen & basement, located on a cul-de-sac Allen Park schools \$245,000 (00NOR) 734-455-5600

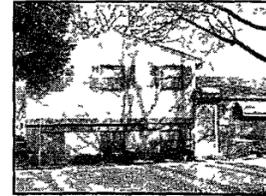


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LIVONIA - Wonderful Livonia sub Fantastic 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick home with loads of updates Newer roof, windows, furnace & central air Hardwood floors under carpet in bedrooms Oversized heated 2 car garage \$174,900 (44SUN) 248-349-5600



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DEARBORN - Dearborn bungalow This home has received 2 city beautification awards You'll love the updated kitchen w/ample cabinets & doorwall to porch Steel door, vinyl windows, coved ceilings & ceramic tile Finished basement, 2 car garage & home warranty \$172,610 (11EDI) 734-455-5600



REDFORD - Beautifully maintained 3 bedroom ranch Hardwood floors, vinyl windows, plaster walls & coved ceilings, updates include roof, furnace, C/A, electric & carpet Neutral colors, ceramic tile in kit, lg bsmt for added space 2 car garage has 1 car door & South Redford schools. \$132,000 (73ORA) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN - Spectacular Home at TPC Luxurious gated community offers hardwood floors in spacious foyer, library & gourmet kitchen which has white cabinets, wine rack & built-in appliances, basement Rec room & 2 car attached garage All this offered in this 3 bedroom, 3 full & 2 half bath \$559,900 (36TUR) 734-455-5600



CANTON - Quality family living 4BR, 2.5BA colonial. Master bath w/WIC Hardwood foyer, hall, kitchen-03 Family room w/fireplace Kitchen offers rich looking oak cabinets Wood patio w/2nd story balcony off master bedroom Grill in your private backyard and take a dip in the pool. \$249,900 (79KNI) 248-349-5600



HOWELL - Overlooks Lake Chemung Charming 3 bedroom, 1 bath home on a double lot w/newer roof, furnace & well Access to private all sports Lake Chemung \$225,000 (30SUN) 248-349-5600



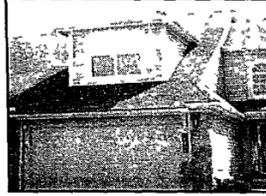
DEARBORN - Brck Bungalow w/3BR, 1BA Oak kitchen w/stainless steel sink w/disposal, replacement windows, hardwood under carpet, gas forced air, furn, updated breaker, glass block in basement, awnings & 1 car garage. \$144,900 (01LAP) 248-349-5600



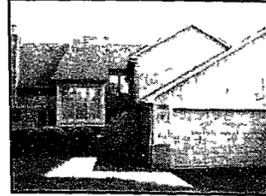
CANTON - Updated 2 bedroom condo Great location facing serene courtyard Open flowing floor plan, new oak kitchen & bath, spacious living room w/new carpet & door to balcony Master bedroom w/walk-in closet \$109,000 (35FRA) 734-455-5600



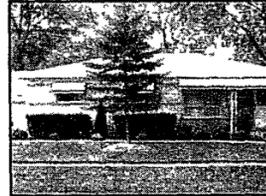
DETROIT - Warrendale brick bungalow. 3 bedroom home w/large upper master suite, dining room w/beautiful bay window, hardwood floors under carpet + newer windows, roof, furnace & hot water heater. Huge garage w/electricity. Close to shopping & schools \$109,900 (67PIE) 734-455-5600



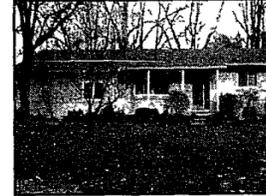
CANTON - Backing to woods sets the stage for newer 2 BR condo! 1st floor master suite w/glamour bath, hardwood floors in foyer, kit, DR & powder room. Great room w/cathedral ceiling, 2-way frplc to FR, 2 doorwalls access large deck. Sound system, alarm, 2 WIC w/Calif organizers! \$265,900 (41WEN) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Large condo with a view Private end unit on premium lot w/2BR, 2.5BA. Courtyard, marble foyer, DR, large oak kit, FFL, frplc, fin bsmt & wet bar MB w/2-WIC's cedar WIC, garden tub New carpet-03, cath ceilings, crown moldings, attached 2 car garage & all appliances \$234,900 (76LAU) 248-349-5600



REDFORD - Wonderful Redford ranch. Don't miss this new offering. Brick w/alum trim, 3BDR, 1.5BA, large oak kit, fin rec rm, C/A & huge 2-tiered deck. 2.5 car garage, neutral decor & private fenced & treed lot. \$136,900 (24SAN) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON - Cozy family home. Move right in & enjoy this wonderful ranch Hardwood floors, family room w/frplc. Newer window (2002). Eat in kitchen. 2 full baths Large lot Appliances in kitchen stay. Farmington schools. \$284,900 (70WES) 248-349-5600



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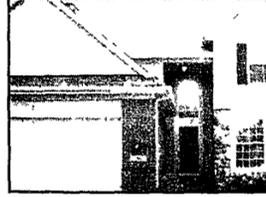
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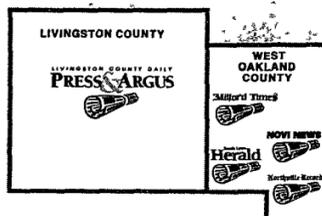
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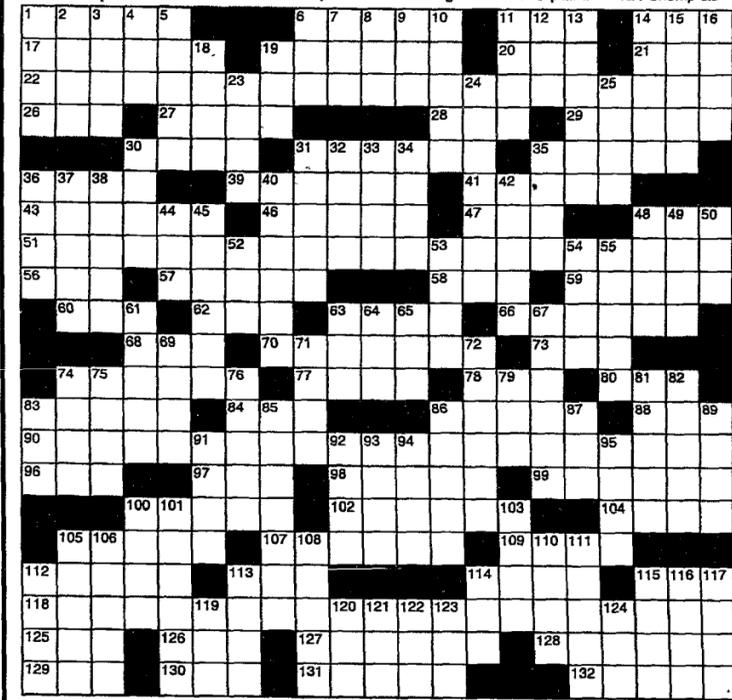
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Kimberlee Mezzell Sp. #6 2 household furnishings, 32 misc boxes/bags, 2 other misc items

Cynthia Kilson Sp. #42 1TV, 3 household furnishings, 1 toy, other misc items

Christopher Senter Sp. #131 1 freezer, 2 misc small appliances, 2 household furnishings, 13 misc boxes/bags, 3 lawn care equipment, 2 exercise equipment

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Peter Castle Sp. #224 1 refrigerator, 6 household furnishings, 10 misc boxes/bags, 6 hand tools, 4 recreational equipment, 1 office equipment, 3 exercise equipment

Duane McFarlane Sp. #248/249 5 household furnishings, 20 misc boxes/bags, 10 hand tools, 15 recreational equipment, 1 exercise equipment, 1 misc small appliance, 1 office equipment

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(Space No. 196) Terry Hamilton 60 misc boxes/bags, 2 rugs, 6 household furnishings

(Space No. 553) Eijke Okoli 1 beauty supply equipment,

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(Space No. 637) Deborah Stearns 1 misc boxes/bags, 1 household furnishings

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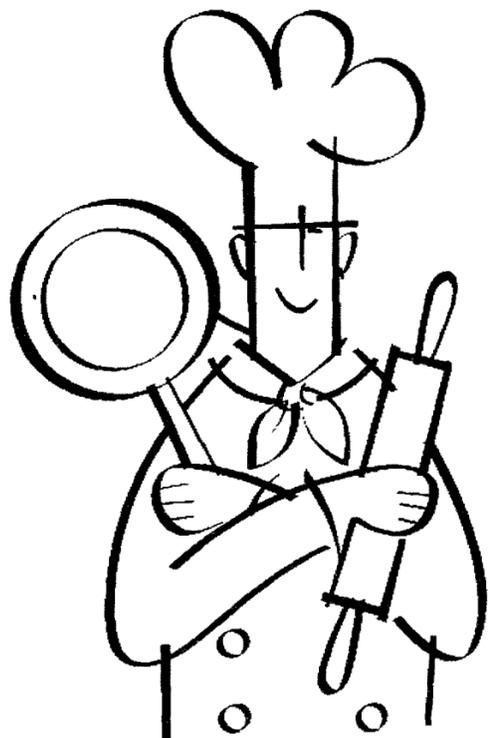
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NOVI CHURCH Rummage Sale May, 8, 9, 10, 9am to 6pm 44400 W Ten Mile St. \$1 00 bag, 9am to Noon

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HAMBURG Subdivision Garage Sale Sat, May 17, 9-3 Huron River Highlands W M-36 & Chilson

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HIGHLAND Sat, May 10, 9-4 Kids clothes, bikes, toys, Household, misc, 312 Lone Tree, 2 mi S of M-59, off Milford Rd by Milford High

HIGHLAND May 8, 9, 10 10am 150 John St M-59 & Milford Rd Clothes, furniture, misc

HIGHLAND 3217 Beaumont Dr off Duck Lake Rd May 10, Sat, 9-4

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Moving Sales 7130

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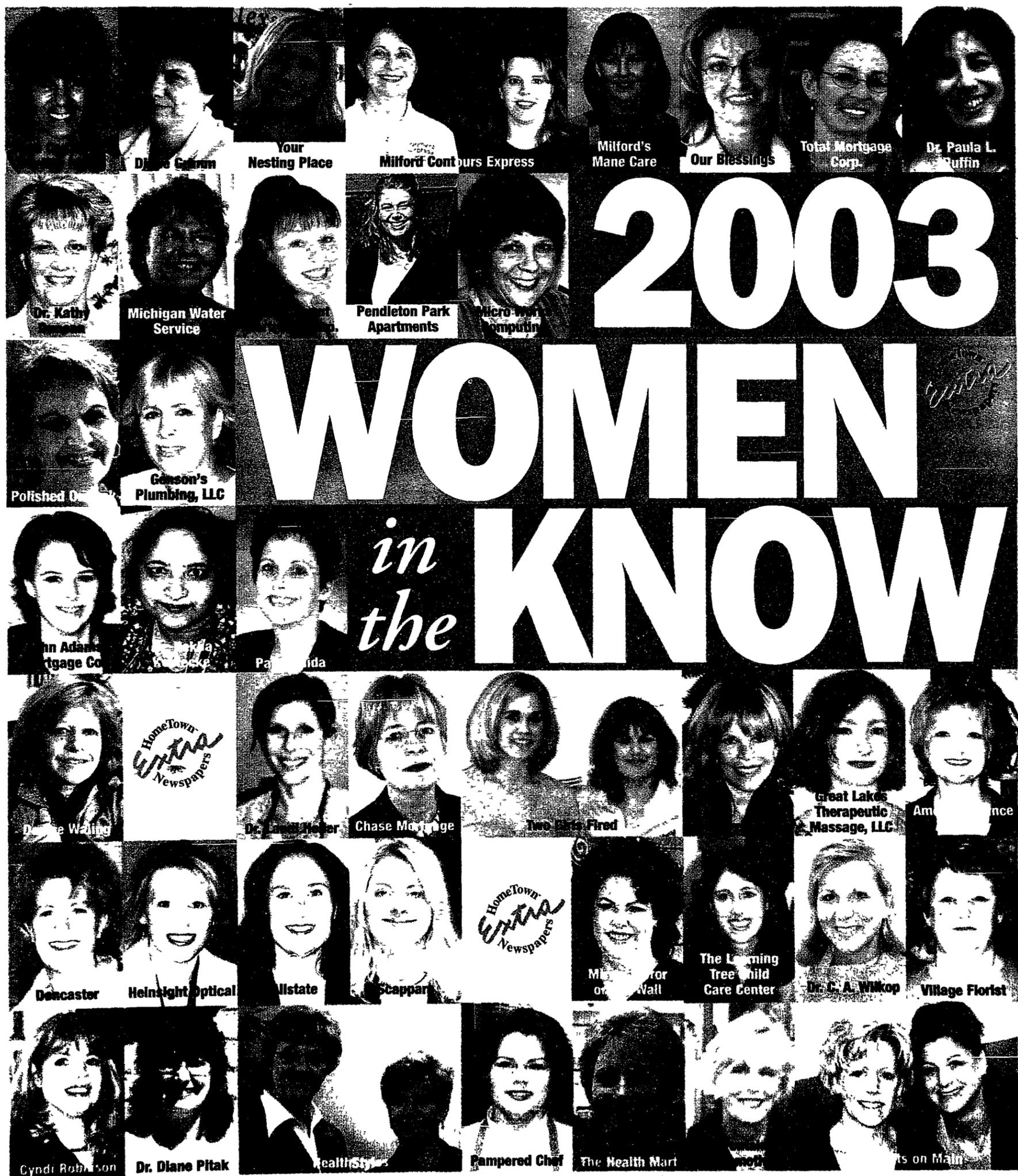
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MICHELLE WILSON

Age: 33

Last books read: Harry Potter series, John Grisham books

Relaxes by: Playing softball and volleyball

Family: Husband Mark is a firefighter and children Gunner, 3, and Brandi, 2

Michelle Wilson, senior loan officer with Total Mortgage Corp., decided to go into the mortgage business after purchasing her first home 10 years ago.

"I felt I was misled when I bought my home," she explains. "I chose this career to prevent that from happening to other people."

The choice was a good one.

"I get so much satisfaction from helping people buy their dream homes, and also saving them on refinancing," she says.

With so many new mortgage options available, customers sometimes need guidance to choose a pro-

gram that's best for them and this is where Wilson feels her service and experience are needed.

"There are a lot of people in the mortgage business and many of them are new to the field and might not know the best options for a customer," says Wilson. "I make sure I give my customers all the information they need to make a good choice."

Wilson notes that her customers receive excellent service long after their loan closes.

"I keep all customer information on file and will call my customers to refinance when I can lower

their rates," says Wilson. "Because I keep this info on file, I can keep the refinancing costs low so I can save my customers even more."

Wilson handles all types of mortgages, and specializes in home purchase loans.

Total Mortgage Corp. has offices in Brighton, at 7305 Grand River Ave., and in Livonia.

Call Michelle Wilson at (248) 408-9900 to make an appointment. She is available anytime to meet with customers.

For more information, visit her Web site at www.michellewilson.net.

— By Carol Palmatier



Photo by CAROL PALMATIER

Michelle Wilson confirms loan arrangements with a customer at her Brighton office.

Heirloom Oriental Rug Gallery and Heirloom Accents

(810) 227-4751

An interest in art and textiles and a mother's encouragement to follow her dream was all it took for Mondie Miller to open Heirloom Oriental Rug Gallery. And all it took for Barbara Denton to join her with Heirloom Accents was a little encouragement from Miller. The result is Heirlooms, a decorative arts gallery on Main Street in Brighton.

The open, well-lit space is the perfect setting for hand-knotted oriental rugs, inlay screens, textile hangings, oil paintings, furniture, bronze and marble sculpture and much more.

"People are surprised at the variety," say Miller and Denton. "Interior decorators and home owners come here because they can find the rugs and accessories they want, plus we carry unusual pieces that are often just what is needed to complete a room," adds Miller.

The owners are passionate about art, interior design and customer service.

Customers can even take rugs and other pieces home to see if they fit an existing space or décor.

Both Miller and Denton will travel to customer's homes to assist with selection and placement if needed.

"We know that purchasing a hand-knotted rug is not an impulse buy. It takes time and we enjoy helping people with



Photos by REBECCA FOSTER

Barbara Denton, left, and Mondie Miller offer their professional advice — either in the store or at home — to each of their clients.

that decision," says Denton.

Special orders can also be accommodated in order to find just the right item.

Several vignettes featured in the store provide examples of how to combine texture, shape and color to tastefully decorate a room or wall.

Even the space near the

staircase is used to show how that often-difficult area can be beautifully enhanced with a well-placed table, vases, marble bust and other accessories.

Heirlooms will be offering educational seminars in interior decorating this spring and summer — call for more



Photo by JAMES JOSEPH JR

MONDIE MILLER

Favorite Movie:

"One Fine Day"

Relaxes by:

Traveling, reading and going to museums

Family: Married to Mac Miller for 25 years with two sons in college

information.

Heirlooms is located at 307 W. Main St., in Brighton. Store hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

BARBARA DENTON

Favorite Movie:

"An Affair To Remember"

Last books read:

"Quentins" by Malive Binchy

Relaxes by:

Reading, gardening and watching HGTV

Family: Two grown sons and one daughter at MSU



Heirlooms offers a variety of home accessories, artwork and quality rugs to turn your house into the home of your dreams.

— By Rebecca Foster

New Hudson Chiropractic Wellness Center • Dr. Paula L. Ruffin

(248) 486-5684



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Dr. Paula Ruffin enjoys helping people improve the quality of their lives through chiropractic care.

When you want something, you should go after it.

That's the advice Dr. Paula L. Ruffin learned from her older sister and it's advice she passes along to women today.

"(My sister) inspired me to work hard and to know you don't have to settle for second best. She also taught me that discipline is the best way to fulfill your dreams," said Dr. Ruffin.

And, it was that encouragement that helped Dr. Ruffin follow her own dreams to become a chiropractor.

"I wanted to help people

improve the quality of their lives," she said. "To give people hope and a vision of a greater life because of greater health."

Since opening her own practice, located at 30033 Shefpo, New Hudson, Dr. Ruffin is able to help people of all ages. She said children who receive regular chiropractic treatment are generally sick less often and grow up to be healthier adults.

Although she was hesitant about taking a risk and opening her own practice, she's glad she took the chance.

"My practice has grown tremendously and I could-

n't be happier," Dr. Ruffin said. "This experience has taught me to not be afraid and to go after what I want. Failure is not a part of my life. I learn lessons from all my experiences."

And, Dr. Ruffin enjoys sharing her lessons about health and wellness with her patients.

Dr. Ruffin is also an injury prevention specialist and helps companies train employees to use their bodies correctly, thereby reducing the chance for injury.

Contact Dr. Ruffin to start your family on the road to greater health.

— By Candy Parent

DR. PAULA RUFFIN

- Age: 36
- Favorite movie: Austin Powers' movies — "At the end of the day, I will always choose a movie that will make me laugh."
- Last book read: "The Monk Who Sold His Ferrari"
- Relaxes with: Reading and mountain biking

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Patti Maida enjoys helping her community.

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When Patti Maida decided to change careers after 21 years in the printing business, she took the advice of her husband and earned her real estate license.

"My husband thought it would be a good career choice for me," explains Maida, a licensed Realtor at RE/MAX 100 in Novi. "I wasn't so sure. It was definitely scary to move out of my comfort zone and away from a regular paycheck."

As it turns out, her husband was right — Maida's ability to relate well to people has been a big asset in her business.

"The best part of the job is seeing the smiling faces of my clients at the closing and knowing I've helped them find the home of their dreams," says Maida. "I love being able to guide people through one of the biggest decisions of their lives."

Helping others comes naturally to Maida and she is able to find a good balance between work and community involvement. An active chamber member, Maida also works with several community organizations including the Community Support Team, Active Faith and the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Her volunteer work led to her being named "Citizen of the Year 2003" by the South Lyon Herald, an honor that delighted and surprised Maida.

"My volunteer work comes from the heart," says Maida, "and I'm lucky to have found a career that fits so well with my life."

RE/MAX 100 is located at 39500 Orchard Hills Place, Suite 130, in Novi. Maida keeps flexible business hours. She is available by appointment — including evenings and weekends. Contact her at (248) 921-1080 or via e-mail at pmaida@remax.net.

— By Carol Palmatier

"The best part of the job is seeing the smiling faces of my clients at the closing and knowing I've helped them find the home of their dreams."

—Patti Maida
RE/MAX 100

Milford's Mane Care • Linda Richards

(248) 685-0643

LINDA RICHARDS

□ Age: 41

□ Favorite movie: "Ladyhawk"

□ Favorite book: Historical romance novels

□ Relaxes by: Gardening, camping and visiting relatives

□ Family: Husband Bob, two sons: Ryan, 13, and Justin, 10

When you book an appointment at Milford's Mane Care you're in for more than a chic hairstyle or captivating color.

New owner Linda Richards' goal is to ensure that the hair salon's clients have fun while there.

Richards sets the tone with her friendly, attentive personality and that spills over to her 14 hairstylists and two receptionists. She knew she wanted to be a hairstylist after taking a career class when she was 13.

"Hairstyling brought me out of my shell," she explains. "I went from being shy to really having a personality."

Richards loves meeting new people through her work and making people feel good about themselves.

"I allow a lot of independence with the staff and that has fostered a care-

free and comfortable atmosphere that not only we appreciate, but our clients appreciate."

The Mane Care staff works together consulting each other on styling ideas and "what's best for the individual client."

Located at 410 N. Main St., in downtown Milford, they offer cuts, color, braids, up-dos, eyebrow arch and waxing procedures as well as pedicures.

Business hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

A self-confessed "goal setter," Richards has been a hairstylist at Milford's Mane Care for 15 years. She recently bought the business from her mentor Rose Maxwell.

"Rose taught me the business-side



Photo by BETSY McDONALD MOORE

Linda Richards, seated, surrounds herself with a talented and caring staff. Call for an appointment today.

of hair styling. She's been so supportive of me."

Richards adds that Maxwell has always been more of a friend than a boss and hopes to bring that quality to

her management style.

"Buying Milford's Mane Care is a huge accomplishment for me and I couldn't have done it without Rose!"

— By Betsy McDonald Moore

Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce

(248) 685-7129

The women who make things happen in Milford rely on teamwork, experience and organizational skills to bring Chamber-sponsored events to Milford every year.

"The Chamber is people-oriented — to our member businesses as well as to newcomers in town," said Susan Happel, executive director. "I believe we go the extra mile."

That commitment shows in the volunteer positions the Chamber women hold. For example, Executive Director Susan Happel is a member of Milford Rotary and is secretary-treasurer liaison of the Highland Downtown Authority.

Jennifer Hill, events director, volunteers at the YMCA and in the Huron Valley Schools her three children attend. She also works at all Chamber events and the Joel Jeremy Snowball Dance.

Ann Bergstrom, operations assistant and designated driver to her two children, also assists at all Chamber events as well as the Milford Dance Academy and Heritage Elementary School.

Besides helping with Milford Memories, the Business Expo, Ice Spectacular, the golf outing and other Chamber happenings, Membership Director Dianna Morgan also volunteers for the Joel Jeremy

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Maureen Brady-Schneider, administrative assistant and mom, volunteers at her two children's schools. She is also on hand at all Chamber functions.

Megan Weeks, secretary, also works part time at the YMCA. A steering committee member for Milford Memories, she is a familiar face at the Ice Spectacular and Business Expo.

"The Chamber is people-oriented — to our member businesses as well as newcomers in town. I believe we go the extra mile."

—Susan Happel
Executive director of the
Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce

Located at 317 Union St., the Chamber is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Photo by ELIZABETH HEER

From left, Ann Bergstrom, Dianna Morgan, Jennifer Hill, Megan Weeks, Susan Happel and Maureen Brady-Schneider keep Chamber events going.

Diane Grimm, massage therapist (248) 756-5137

DIANE GRIMM

- Age: 43
- Favorite movie: Anything with Arnold Schwarzenegger
- Last book read: "Reiki Healing Hands"
- Relaxes by: Reiki and meditation
- Family: Married for 24 years with two sons, ages 13 and 19, a dog, two cats

Diane Grimm has always had magic fingers.

For 12 years, she used her fingers on a cash register until she decided she needed to change her life.

"Massage was my escape route," Grimm remembers.

And, she figured if it helped her, it would help others, too. Although she had used her magic fingers on her husband and children for years, Grimm decided to head back to school and study massage therapy so she could bring relaxation, happiness and relief from pain to others.

She loves it when she can help someone regain movement or reduce pain in a spe-

cific part of their body.

"If it's muscular, I can take care of it," she said.

In fact, when Botsford Hospital heard of Grimm's magic fingers, they asked her to provide regular chair massages to their staff to reduce work-related injuries and relieve stress.

And now Grimm, a nationally certified massage therapist, is bringing her magic fingers to the public. She has recently opened her own business inside the Powerhouse Gym, located behind McDonald's in South Lyon. She has a private room, complete with a heated blanket, inside the gym where she offers massages

from 30 minutes to 90 minutes. Additionally, she offers chair massages to members of the gym whenever she isn't busy.

Grimm loves her new relationship with Powerhouse Gym. She said the ideal time for a massage is after a workout because it helps the muscles heal faster. Of course, being surrounded by comfort foods, including Dairy Queen, Subway and Chinese, helps when customers need to relax, too.

"This is the perfect place," said Grimm. "I'll be here for years and years doing my best to bring comfort and healing to everyone who comes by."

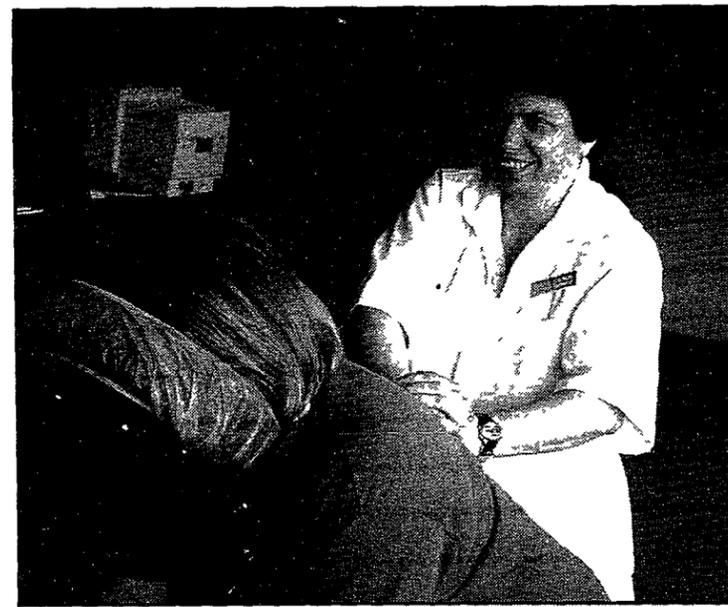


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Diane Grimm, nationally certified massage therapist, uses her magic fingers to relax members of the Powerhouse gym in South Lyon after they work out.



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Karen Ballard enjoys spending time outdoors with the children she cares for at The Learning Tree Child Care Center in South Lyon.

The Learning Tree Child Care Center • Karen Ballard (248) 446-8791

Karen Ballard was raised knowing she could do anything she dreamed about.

"(My family has) taught me to be myself and go after my dreams — that I can do anything if I put my heart into it," she said.

She took their teachings to heart and earned a degree in early childhood education.

"I wanted to make a difference in the lives of children and their families," Ballard said.

Her education paid off. In July, when The Learning Tree Child Care Center opened in South Lyon, Ballard became the center's director.

Today, she can definitely say she makes a difference. At The Learning Tree, the children come first. The staff love the kids and enjoy helping them develop their individual personalities. Additionally, the curriculum is designed to challenge the children, while allowing them the opportunity to grow. Children learn by playing or by participating in hands-on activities.

"(The Learning Tree) offers parents a unique learning environment that is safe and healthy. ... It gives kids a chance to be a kid, but still learn what they need to learn," said Ballard. Children ages 6 weeks to

13 are welcome. A full-day preschool program is offered to meet the needs of working parents who require all-day care. Before-school and after-school care is available for older kids.

Ballard, who adores children, said it's the kids that "make everyday worthwhile."

"I am blessed to do everyday what I love," she said. "Not many people can say that."

The Learning Tree Child Care Center is located at 22820 Valerie, South Lyon. The center is open from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

— By Candy Parent

KAREN BALLARD

- Age: 24
- Favorite movie: "Dead Poets Society"
- Last book read: "Angela's Ashes" by Frank McCourt
- Relaxes by: Hiking, walking or doing other things outside
- Family: Married to Ryan

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"It's about taking an idea, working on it, and growing it into a viable business that provides opportunities not just for myself but for my staff and our customers."

—Jane McManus
Micro Works Computing, Inc.

When a corporate downsizing forced her out of a job, Jane McManus saw an opportunity to regain control of her professional life by starting her own business. Seventeen years later, she is CEO of Micro Works Computing, Inc., a thriving business that provides information technology solutions for small area businesses.

"It's about getting back in control and deciding my own priorities," explains McManus. "It's about taking an idea, working on it, and growing it into a viable business that provides opportunities not just for myself but for my staff and our customers."

McManus and her team work with local businesses to find technical solutions to data and security challenges. Among the services they offer are data backups, virus and firewall protection, disaster preparedness and Internet use policies.

While she is proud of the company's financial accomplishments, McManus points out that it is more than good technical skills and service that make her company successful.

"What makes us special is the relationship we've built with our customers. Yes, we handle their business needs, but first and foremost it's about people."

Those relationships extend into the community as well. McManus is a member of both the Brighton and Howell Chambers of Commerce, and believes that this area offers great opportunities for business. An active Rotarian, she has also served as Chair for the Women's Resource Center, and is committed to giving back to the community.

Micro Works Computing, Inc. recently expanded its staff and moved to new offices at 210 S. East St., Brighton. Visit them on the Web at www.mwcomp.com, e-mail them at helpdesk@mwcomp.com, or call (810) 229-6781.



Photo by CAROL PALMATIER

At the new MicroWorks Computing office on East Street in Brighton are, from left, Mike McManus, president; Jane McManus, CEO; Adam Bates, technology specialist; and Valerie Black, customer relations specialist. Not pictured is Darlene McManus, technical advisor.

1st Discount Mortgage Corp • Lianne Corte (248) 880-0156 • <http://wegolow.com>



Lianne Corte works out of her home office in South Lyon. She is available evenings and weekends for your mortgage needs.

Submitted photo

Lianne Corte credits her husband Paul, a psychotherapist in private practice, for the inspiration to go into business for herself as a mortgage specialist.

"Seeing him be successful on his own gave me a lot of confidence that I could do it too, and I've been able to learn from his successes and mistakes," explains the South Lyon resident.

Trained as a nurse, Corte, 42, found the medical field was not a good fit with her goals.

So when a friend called about an opportunity to work in the mortgage business, she took the chance.

She still keeps a hand in the nursing field as a contingent nurse with Arbor Hospice in Ann Arbor.

"The best part of this job is the flexibility, to be able to work around my kids' schedules and still feel like a part of the community," she explains. "This job also allows me to give something back through my nursing skills."

As a female-owned-and-operated business, 1st Discount Mortgage has something special to offer many of its customers, said Corte.

The firm helps many customers with bruised credit get back on their feet and

Corte is proud of the fact that each customer gets lots of time and personal attention.

"We are very sensitive to the needs of women, especially when they are going through a divorce or other life-changing events," she says. "Our customers really seem to appreciate finding someone who understands their needs and what they are going through."

The home office is located in South Lyon at 10603 Gamewood.

Call Lianne Corte at (248) 880-0156 to arrange an appointment, or visit the Web site at <http://wegolow.com>.

LIANNE CORTE

- Age: 42
- Favorite movies: Thrillers
- Last book read: "Shot in the Heart: The Gary Gilmore Story," by Mikal Gilmore
- Relaxes by: Horseback riding, being with family
- Family: Husband Paul, children: Brandon, 14, Aaron, 12, and Shaina, 13

Your Nesting Place • Chris Meredith (248) 685-7314

CHRIS MEREDITH

- Age: 33
- Favorite movie: "To Kill a Mockingbird"
- Last book read: "South," by Ernest Shackleton
- Relaxes by: Reading design magazines, gardening and going to the YMCA
- Family: Husband Jason, children: Anna, 5, and Tommy, 2, and two labs

Chris Meredith's life changed about one year ago when she made the gutsiest move of her life.

She left a successful career in advertising and bought Your Nesting Place in order to practice her true passion — interior design.

"I love designing beautiful, functional environments and have always wanted to work in a creative field," says Meredith. "Buying the store afforded me that opportunity."

Your Nesting Place is a Flexsteel Authorized Gallery that carries a wide range of new furniture and accessories for the home. Meredith describes the quaint shop as an eclectic mix of French country, shabby chic and tran-

sitional furnishings with a few vintage items sprinkled throughout. The store is always changing with new items arriving daily.

"We have a loyal client base who stop by frequently to see what is new," explains Meredith. "It is important to delight them each visit."

You will find a friendly, comfortable atmosphere at Your Nesting Place.

"It's Milford's little known treasure — hard to find, but once you visit you're sure to be hooked. We keep it fun in here," says Meredith.

When asked to describe the store's greatest attribute, Meredith replies without hesitation, "Customer service and personal attention."

Every one who visits the store works directly with Meredith or her most valuable asset — Sandi Hinzmann.

"Sandi has great instincts and fabulous taste," brags Meredith.

Your Nesting Place strives to create a one-of-a-kind look ensuring a unique personal solution to each customer's design needs.

Your Nesting Place is located at 150 W. Summit St., in Milford, across from Rite Aid. The store is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday.



Photo by ELIZABETH HEER

Chris Meredith followed her interior-design dream and purchased Your Nesting Place in Milford.

Genson's Plumbing, Inc. • Sue Genson (248) 437-3487



Photo by JOHN R. HALL

Rachel Giroux, dispatcher/receptionist, explains a customer's problem to Sue Genson, co-owner.

Sue Genson didn't necessarily choose to work in the plumbing business — it chose her.

"My husband, Ron, is the owner and since I was available it just seemed natural that I would answer the telephone and take care of the paperwork," she said.

Genson's familiarity with the family business didn't happen overnight. She has been learning about the trade for the past 12 years — since Ron began the business in 1992.

"I'm pretty much self-taught," she added.

The company employs six technicians who Genson describes as "friendly, effi-

cient and reliable." The company provides plumbing services for residential and commercial properties, as well as new construction and remodeling/repairs. Genson's also offers emergency 24-hour service, dispatched from its rural Salem Township office.

Besides the service technicians, Genson has added some support to make her job go more smoothly — namely Rachel Giroux, the company receptionist and dispatcher.

"We complement each other," Genson said of Giroux.

Giroux is happy with her surroundings, too.

"The group of people that I work with are really great and we get the job done, while having fun doing it," she added. "We are friendly, fast and professional — but we still have fun."

A trademark of Genson's Plumbing is the helpful way it serves the customers, whether they have a large or a small plumbing need.

Quality service is a reflection of the success of the business.

"Genson's Plumbing has grown each and every year," added Genson. "Although it isn't only because of me, I feel that I have been a part of it."

— By John R. Hall

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—Sue Genson
Co-owner Genson's Plumbing

Contours Express Milford • Bren Pawlak, Sue Hayden

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"I want to help other people become aware of ... the benefits a weight-based fitness program can give them. It's not just to lose weight, but to become healthy."

—Bren Pawlak
Co-owner of Contours Express

Sue Hayden and her daughter Bren Pawlak wanted to help other women become healthy and since opening Contours Express in July, they are doing just that.

"I enjoy (working out)", said Pawlak. "I want to help other people become aware of fitness and the benefits a weight-based fitness program can give them. It's not just to lose weight, but to become healthy."

The 29-minute ladies-only fitness center helps women achieve their goals. Contours Express helps women increase

their metabolism, flexibility, bone density and muscle; reduce body fat, blood pressure, arthritis pain and lower back pain; speed up digestion; improve glucose; and lose weight.

The workout includes a bicycle warm-up, eight weight-based fitness machines designed for women, eight aerobic stations and stretches that improve flexibility and reduce muscle soreness. High-energy music makes it fun and fitness trainers make sure everyone is safe.

"Women shouldn't be scared to use weights,"

said Pawlak.

She stresses that if they are used properly, there is no danger. In fact, many doctors recommend weights over hydraulic fitness equipment because the movements are slow and controlled and set to each woman's individual needs. Women new to Contours Express receive a one-on-one training session the first three times they visit to be sure they are using equipment correctly and are comfortable with the workout, maximizing the benefits.

Contours Express

serves women of all sizes and ages. The Milford location currently has members from 13-83.

"It's not too late for anyone to start," said Pawlak.

Contours Express has a variety of membership packages available to fit every budget. Nutritional guidelines and a Web site that features monthly recipes are also available.

Contours Express is located at 431 N. Main St., downtown Milford, next to Reany House Chinese restaurant.

—By Candy Parent

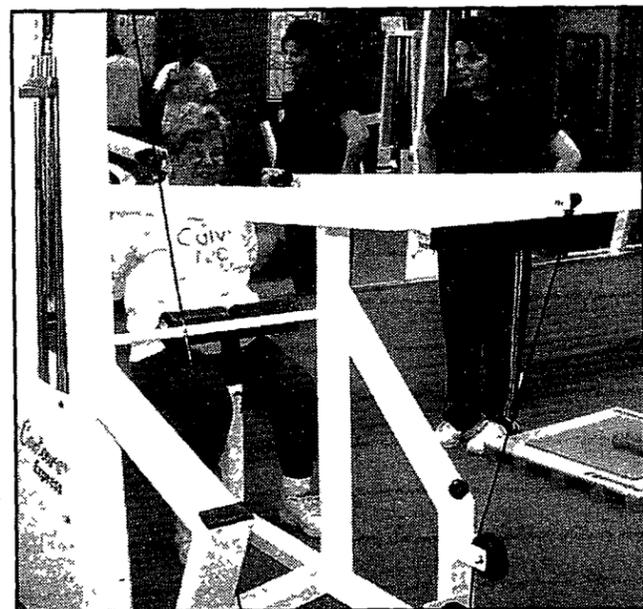


Photo by CANDY PARENT

Bren Pawlak, co-owner of Contours Express in Milford, monitors a client to make sure she uses the correct technique.



Photo by CAROL PALMATIER

Lisa Beckwith works her magic on a customer at The Nail Cottage in South Lyon.

The Nail Cottage • Lisa Beckwith, Joanne Galorneau

(248) 446-8488

Voted "Best Nail Salon in South Lyon," The Nail Cottage offers it all.

Located in the quaint business district of South Lyon, The Nail Cottage has easy, accessible parking and a cozy, friendly atmosphere.

The comfortable chairs and warm decor is a relaxing, one-hour refuge from a busy life. The Nail Cottage is a far cry from the sleek, impersonal look of many salons.

Sisters Lisa Beckwith and Joanne Galorneau enjoy seeing their clients relax with the soft music and soothing surroundings.

"We like to keep the

atmosphere relaxed and our customers feel at home," said Galorneau.

Atmosphere aside, both sisters have been in business for 16 years and had the confidence to move their Farmington salon to South Lyon in 2001.

"Our customers continue to drive from as far as Warren, Birmingham and Farmington to visit The Nail Cottage," said Galorneau.

The sisters believe in using the best products available including Creative Nail, Tammy Taylor and OPI.

The Nail Cottage offers competitive salon pricing

for acrylics, manicures and pedicures.

They also offer a totally natural look with pink and white acrylics.

So, grab a cup of coffee and come relax and be pampered in a friendly nail salon with a downtown view. Complimentary beverages are served for clients to enjoy while having their nails done.

The Nail Cottage is located at 111 E. Lake St., in South Lyon.

The salon is open by appointment only from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Call (248) 446-8488 to make an appointment.

GALORNEAU

- Age: 37
- Favorite movie: "Out of Africa"
- Relaxes by: Horseback riding
- Family: Married with two sons

BECKWITH

- Age: 38
- Relaxes by: Enjoying the peace and quiet after the kids go to bed
- Family: Two sons

Doncaster • Shannon Hannon

(248) 496-7552 • www.doncaster.com

Since 1929, Doncaster has been offering modern, classic, designer clothing for women with great attention to detail, unparalleled customer service, quality and superb value.

The collection is featured through trunk shows four times a year, representing each season, exclusively through Shannon Hannon and over 2,000 consultants nationwide.

Doncaster, a North Carolina-based company, delivers seasonless fabrics, timeless styling, and up-to-the-minute trends in an at home shopping experience women are not like-

ly to forget.

Working with each client individually, Shannon helps women select pieces that add value to their wardrobe, and enhance their individual style and figure from sizes 2-18 and petites 2-16.

Doncaster caters to today's woman who is time-pressed, yet wants a fashionable wardrobe that can go from work to casual in just a few steps.

"Many of my clients are working outside of the home, but more often we are seeing women who want something different than what the department

store offers for casual dress. She may need a few pieces for travel or for a special occasion and we'll show her how to wear those styles as a different look by changing accessories or her shoes that create her personal style," Shannon said.

Shannon has been with Doncaster since 1996 and since then her client list has grown mainly by referral from existing clients and from events that give back to women in the community.

Her personal favorite was the "Something Old/Something New" event to benefit the

Southfield Career Center. Attendees viewed the Doncaster fashion show and brought more than 300 pieces of their gently-used business clothing for women entering the workforce.

"It's women helping women, and that's what we're all about," Shannon said.

For your own consultation and to see the next trunk show the week of May 26, contact Shannon at (248) 496-7552, or via e-mail at shannonhannon@comcast.net.

For a first hand look at the collection, go to www.doncaster.com.



Photo by NICOLE CARRIERE

Shannon Hannon represents Doncaster, a collection of modern, classic, designer clothing for women. Her next trunk show is May 26.



Photo by CAROL PALMATIER

Mary Lee Marcus-Fergin, IADA, exudes style and puts her talent to work with Roomstyle.

Roomstyle • Mary Lee Marcus-Fergin (248) 685-9708

For 20 years, Roomstyle has professionally styled homes using clients' existing furniture, art and accessories.

Roomstyle's conception by Mary Lee Marcus-Fergin, IADA, began with mentally rearranging homes she visited.

"Why not place this here instead of there?," she asked.

The observations were more curious than critical. Little did she realize that a full-time career was in it's embryonic stage.

In the beginning, prospective clients asked, "You do what?"

Today, professional room arrangers span the nation.

Extensive exposure from the media praises its benefits. It is now recognized for its valuable contribution to the interior design industry.

"I caution homeowners to research their stylist's credibility. Invest in a home consultation. See their portfolio," said Mary Lee.

Although many have seen her talents featured several times on HGTV, Mary Lee says meeting in your home is imperative.

"It defines direction and establishes mutual

trust and admiration," she said.

Mary Lee is an award-winning member of the Interior Arrangement and Design Association.

She continues her education annually through seminars.

"A typical Roomstyle client appreciates their home and furnishings, but realizes it lacks that elusive something," said Mary Lee. "Their goal is a warm, inviting home that reflects their life — not a paint-by-number room."

Mary Lee's fresh eye sees possibilities where they find problems.

At \$1,200 to \$1,500 per major room, her fee is high end — however, Roomstyle's homeowner knows how much time and money they've currently spent.

When the end result is less than spectacular, they are justifiably disappointed. For less than the price of a new chair, Roomstyle enhances their furnishing choice. Thousands invested looks like a million!

A recent client thanked Mary Lee.

"You captured the magic in our home. We love it!"

What price can be put on that?

Bifano Eye Care • Rhonda Bifano (248) 446-1146 • www.bifanosibcglobal.net

"I would tell any woman interested in opening their own business to just go for it. I think a lot of people in my field are intimidated ... but it's not really that hard to do."

—Rhonda Bifano
Owner of Bifano Eye Care

The day Rhonda Bifano was told she needed to wear glasses was one that would change the course of her life forever.

Bifano is an owner of Bifano Eye Care, located at 215 N. Lafayette, in downtown South Lyon. Her familiarity with the optometrists office was what originally drew her to the field as she has worn glasses most of her life.

"Many people ask me if I have optometrists in my family but I don't," Bifano said. "It's just something that I've always been interested in."

A graduate of Ferris State's optometry program,

Bifano has been in the business for over 13 years. She opened the South Lyon practice five years ago.

"I would tell any woman interested in opening their own business to just go for it," Bifano said. "I think a lot of people in my field are intimidated by the thought of opening their own practice, but it's not really that hard to do."

Located in a historic home, Bifano's practice is an environment that is friendly and cozy for patients. The setting immediately puts people at ease, realizing Bifano's goal of non-intimidating and comfortable care.

The small town feel is

perfect for the optometrist, who lives in South Lyon with her family.

One of her favorite things about her job is the fact that she gets to work with the public. And being a resident of the area she sees many familiar faces amongst her patients.

Another benefit of her private practice is that it allows her the flexibility to spend time with her two children, who are 5 and 6 years old.

She also has time to enjoy golf and exercise — two of her favorite pastimes.

Bifano Eye Care is open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.



Photo by NICOLE CARRIERE

Rhonda Bifano, center, and the staff at Bifano Eye Care are ready to help you see better.

Wind River Gallery • Nancy Smith (248) 684-6044

A husband's guidance and support have led Nancy Smith to a career more rewarding than she ever could have imagined.

Nancy and her husband Tim are the owners of the Wind River Gallery in downtown Milford.

When the store first opened in 1989, wildlife art was the primary focus. Since then, the store has expanded to include many different kinds of art and collectibles.

In 1991, Tim asked Nancy if she would consider running the store. Though she had gone to school for nursing and had no experience in the framing business, she agreed. Thanks to Tim's training and assistance, Nancy has been

happily at the store's helm ever since.

"My staff is great, and my customers are unbelievable. I wouldn't be anywhere without them," Nancy said. "I have a great time working here."

The Gallery is staffed entirely by women, which creates a unique and friendly environment for customers. Nancy is proud of the fact that the store has low turnover and many of the women have been with her for years. This has created a group of close friends, who after a long day enjoy going to Curves together four times a week.

Nancy and her staff provide a place where customers

can come and browse artwork and unique gifts, as well as receive custom framing.

One of Nancy's greatest joys is seeing a customer's face when she presents them with the finished product.

"Framing can capture and enhance the beauty of an image transforming it into a wonderful piece of art. I love being able to help people display treasures that are important to them," Nancy said.

Wind River Gallery is located at 400 N. Main St., in downtown Milford and is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

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—Nancy Smith
Wind River Gallery



Photo by NICOLE CARRIERE

Nancy Smith offers a wide selection of custom frames, art and collectibles at Wind River Gallery in Milford.

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Pendleton Park Apartments • Michelle Herrst

(248) 446-4400 • Pendletonpark@comcast.net

"We work hard to create a community atmosphere for our residents. The staff makes a point to get to know all our neighbors by name and build a trusting and helpful relationship with them."

—Michelle Herrst
Property manager,
Pendleton Park Apartments

With a friendly small-town atmosphere, located just minutes from all the attractions of Novi, Pendleton Park Apartments has the best of both worlds.

Property Manager Michelle Herrst says the most important aspect of this new community is the personal service.

"We work hard to create a community atmosphere for our residents," she explains. "The staff makes a point to get to know all our neighbors by name and build a trusting and helpful relationship with them."

Those relationships start with the staff in the office, including Aimee

McCormick, assistant manager; and Leanne Swanson, Elaine Kreuger and Diane Wright, leasing consultants.

Among the services offered for residents are community breakfasts every Saturday, package pick up and pet sitting services. Amenities in each apartment include full-size washers and dryers, open-bar kitchens, built-in microwaves, oak cabinetry and dishwashers. All apartments have private balconies or patios, and rents from just \$785 to \$1,385 per month.

The apartment community offers a 24-hour fitness center and children's playroom, dry sauna, Jacuzzi and pool.

"We are just a few minutes from all that Novi has to offer, but we still have that relaxed and friendly home town feeling," Herrst continues.

This area, at I-96 and Milford Road, has many new developments including shopping, dining and other businesses, making the community even more appealing.

Pendleton Park is located at 57715 Grand River Ave., New Hudson.

The office is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

— By Carol Palmatier

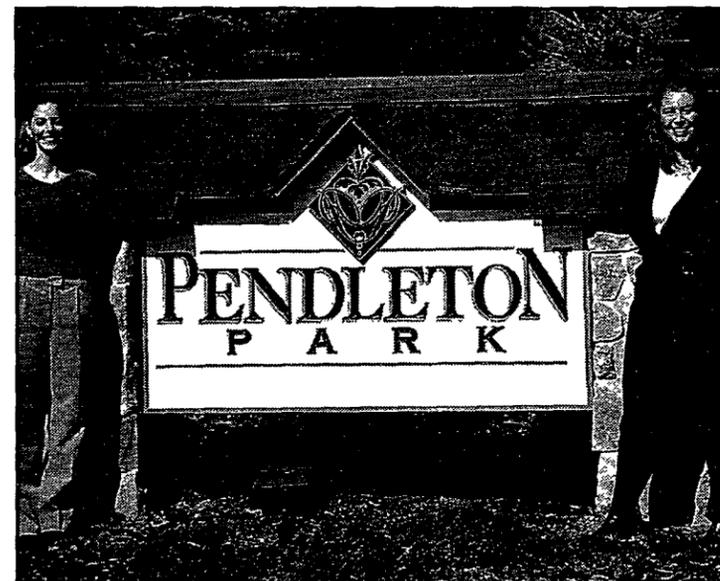


Photo by HAL GOULD

Aimee McCormick, at left, and Michelle Herrst help residents find the perfect home at Pendleton Park Apartments in Novi.

Poise Pilates • Heidi Malzahn, Susan Steinke

(248) 349-3100

Heidi Malzahn, one of the owners of Poise Pilates in Northville, offers group and personal training.

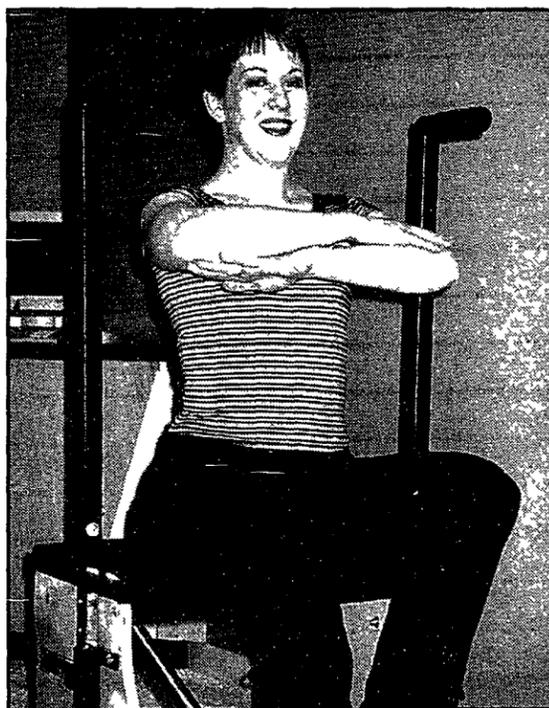


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Pilates (puh-lah-tees) is a method of strength and flexibility training focusing on the core of the body — abs, glutes and lower back. Joseph Pilates developed the exercise technique in the 1920s. As a youth, Pilates suffered from physical ailments, such as asthma and rickets, and dedicated his life to overcoming physical weakness through exercise.

Poise is a fully-equipped Pilates studio located at 186 E. Main St., Suite 301, in downtown Northville. It is co-owned by Heidi Malzahn and Susan Steinke. Heidi was

first introduced to Pilates over five years ago. After seeing the many positive changes in her own body — including better posture, long, lean muscles, better flexibility and less lower back pain — she decided to retire from her career as a hairdresser. She opened her own Pilates studio in July 2001.

"Our goal at Poise is to educate the Northville community about what Pilates is and how it can benefit them." The truth is, almost anyone can do Pilates. Because the exercises start at an easier level and become progres-

sively more difficult as the body becomes stronger, people from every age group and fitness level can start exercising. The clientele at Poise is diverse, men, women, teens, seniors and dancers — from the unfit to the elite athlete.

The five, highly qualified instructors at Poise conduct private and small group sessions by appointment. Prices range from \$16 to \$70 per hour. The 90-minute initial private session is the best way to start (\$50).

Take the first step to a stronger body and call for your appointment today.

"To achieve maximum benefits, we suggest attending two to three sessions per week at Poise Pilates in Northville."

—Heidi Malzahn and Susan Steinke
Co-owners of Poise Pilates
in Northville

Pampered Chef • Maureen Kimmel

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MAUREEN KIMMEL

□ Age: 50

□ Last book read: "Who Moved My Cheese"

□ Relaxes by: Gardening

□ Family: Married to Steve with five children: Tracey, Tim, Sarah, Hannah and Leah, ranging in age from 23-10

It amazes Maureen Kimmel how the simple question, "What's for dinner?" fosters fear.

A Pampered Chef advanced director, Maureen enjoys cooking and helping others discover that it can be fun and easy.

"People are overwhelmed by the prospect of cooking," she observes. "I love showing them through my cooking class kitchen shows, they can cook!"

According to Maureen, you need only a few Pampered Chef tools and recipes to create meal masterpieces. Something as simple as an egg slicer turns hardboiled eggs, mushrooms, olives,

kiwi, bananas or strawberries into sensational slivers to create a dish that definitely delivers.

When Maureen attended her first kitchen show in 1989, she needed every product.

"Everything I owned was melted, rusted or warped," laughs Maureen. "My needs were more than I could spend."

So she hosted a kitchen show. Sales from that show generated free tools for her.

The mother of five realized Pampered Chef consultants had fun and flexibility. The financial benefits and reward trips to Europe, Hawaii and Alaska are bonuses.

Maureen demonstrates shows, preparing one or two delicious dishes in about an hour. Afterward, guests sample the dishes and purchase high-quality kitchen tools. Her hosts average \$100 to \$150 in free Pampered Chef products. She also hires, trains and mentors new consultants in their own businesses with a low start-up cost of \$90.

She is filled with edible gifts ideas. This spring she will teach free classes at the South Lyon Public Library.

Maureen is offering double free sales points toward free tools for kitchen and book shows in May. Call her today.

— Betsy McDonald Moore



Photo by BETSY MCDONALD MOORE

Pampered Chef Advanced Sales Director Maureen Kimmel loves cooking and shows others how to cook with simple recipes and time-saving tools.



Photo by ELIZABETH HEER

Denise Waling, owner of Curves For Women in Milford, changed her focus from the corporate world to owner.

Milford Curves For Women • Denise Waling (248) 685-3770

Before leaving the corporate world, Denise Waling discovered Curves For Women.

The 30-minute exercise program was just what she was looking for.

"My faith stepped in. It was a way for me to be my own boss — no more corporate stuff. And I said to myself I just need to do this for me, for my health," she said.

Locating a territory and setting up her business came next.

"It's more exciting than scary," she said about going into business.

While Curves wasn't a new concept, there just was not

that many in the area.

"It's good to be one of the first," Waling said.

What she enjoys most is being able to help others achieve their goals while improving their health, self-esteem and appearance.

"Curves is not just a workout, but a community that supports you as you work to become the woman you want to be," she explained. "Some women want to gain weight, some to build muscle, or lose weight, lower their cholesterol and blood pressure. I like getting my own health where it should be and to help others get to that point too."

Waling finds being on the job relaxing, because she is

doing what she wants to do.

While not at Curves, she enjoys spending time with her children. Waling, 46, is a single mother with four children.

"Maybe my experience will help other single moms achieve their goals and dreams," she said.

Reading the book, "Curves," by founder Gary Heavin, Waling found inspiration in Heavin's story of wanting to help women improve their health after his mother died when he was 12.

Curves is located at 240 W. Summit St., Milford. Hours are Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. to noon.

— By Elizabeth Heer

"Curves is not just a workout, but a community that supports you as you work to become the woman you want to be."

—Denise Waling
Milford Curves For Women

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Applying for a mortgage needn't be an intimidating venture.

Lynda Chase, Cathy Gibson and Jennifer Marshall of Chase Mortgage Group, LLC will "show you the money" with hassle-free efficiency.

The three mortgage brokers — with a combined total of 40 years experience — have established an array of programs including conventional mortgages, first-time buyers, new construction and the ability to work successfully with buyers with bruised credit.

For founder and owner Lynda Chase, it began 20 years ago when buying a

house.

"My Realtor's company was starting a mortgage company and was looking for employees," explains Lynda. "I went for it."

Her career crossed paths with Cathy and Jennifer. From professional relationships, friendships grew.

Five years ago, Lynda started her company and asked Jennifer to join a few years later and Cathy in late 2002.

"We have extensive backgrounds in the operations end of a mortgage company," says Lynda. "We understand the fundamentals of putting a loan together."

Chase Mortgage clients

— who live throughout Michigan and Ohio — don't get lost in the shuffle of mortgage lending. Often, the group can provide loan approval within two hours of application.

"Buyers have the peace of mind dealing with one mortgage professional from loan application through closing," assures Chase.

She adds that referrals from prior clients, real estate agents and financial planners reflect overwhelming customer satisfaction and trust.

Lynda is involved in the Brighton community and is currently president of the Brighton Rotary Club.

— Betsy McDonald Moore



Submitted Photo

Ready to assist with your mortgage are, from left, Cathy Gibson, Lynda Chase and Jennifer Marshall of Chase Mortgage Group, LLC. The company has three offices to serve you — Brighton, Pinckney and Dexter. Call today and see what Chase Mortgage can do.

The women of Real Estate One include, from left, standing, Margaret Stefanik, Mary Ann Wilson, Lynn Delamielleure, Deana Wallace, Anne Lubbe, Marlene Reinhardt, Beata Jackowska, Sue McAuley-Simmons and Marsha Zielinski. Those seated, from left, are Kathy Solan, Merri Tallant, Laura Wilson, Pat Boyle, Conne Terova, Brenda Banwell and Cyndi Robinson.



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Making dream homes come true is what the women at Real Estate One — Milford do.

As a group, they understand the demands facing families and professionals today.

Individually, each agent possesses the dedication, experience and knowledge that helps their clients find the best deal and locate the perfect home and they are willing to take whatever extra steps are needed to achieve those goals — anyplace and anytime.

What these friendly agents enjoy most is meeting new people and

closing on properties for satisfied clients. The challenges they face in getting the toughest deals to go through are especially satisfying.

"It makes everyone happy the goal is achieved," they say.

Ask any of the women at Real Estate One why they chose real estate as a career, and the answers will run the gamut — from "meeting new people," "being my own boss," to "the potential for unlimited income."

But they all agree that the friendships they make are the best part of

the business.

"And because we share our marketing ideas, we all are mentors to each other," they say.

Real Estate One is a full-service brokerage house serving western Oakland, Livingston, northern Washtenaw and southern Genesee Counties.

Located at 560 N. Milford Road, hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

— By Elizabeth Heer

Village Florist • Kathryn Brock (248)-685-9012

"I've always tried to set an example for (my children and grandchildren) that you need to love your job. That happiness will carry on to all other aspects of your life."

-Kathryn Brock
Owner of Milford's Village Florist

Surrounding herself with family and flowers has been the key to success for Kathryn Brock.

Owner of Milford's Village Florist, Brock has been providing residents with beautiful arrangements for 26 years.

"I give up a lot to own this shop, but I can honestly say that I love coming to work," Brock said, "There are the minor headaches, of course, but they're minor. I have a wonderful staff, and being able to provide such personalized service means a lot to me."

Brock began working at a florist while in high school and continued to do so to help finance her edu-

cation at Michigan State. Though she studied Mathematics, she never lost her passion for the creative world of floral design. She began working at Village Florist so she could spend more time with her family and purchased the store five years ago.

"I have three children, two grandchildren, and a new grandchild on the way. I've always tried to set an example for them that you need to love your job. That happiness will carry on to all other aspects of your life," Brock said.

This passion is evident in the arrangements Brock and her design team create.

They work with both silks and natural flowers and display and sell unique home décor.

Brock also works hard to make sure that every customer receives personalized, professional service, whether they're planning a 200-person wedding or purchasing a small bouquet.

To see Brock and her team's enchanting floral designs, stop by 401 N. Main St., in downtown Milford from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday or call the shop at (248) 685-9012.



Photo by NICOLE CARRIERE

Kathryn Brock, far right, and her design team create beautiful floral designs for all occasions at Village Florist in downtown Milford.



Photo by CANDY PARENT

Lisa Johnson helps families enjoy quality, easy-to-use, gourmet food through Two Sisters Gourmet.

Two Sisters Gourmet • Lisa Johnson (810) 225-2022 • lisajohnson@comcast.net

Lisa Johnson, a Brighton resident, helps everyone eat.

Through Two Sisters Gourmet, a home-based business, Johnson is able to bring quality, gourmet food to busy families. Two Sisters Gourmet offers a complete line of seasonings, salsa, dips, dressings, marinades, bread mix and dessert mixes.

"Our gourmet products are concentrated to last a long time and priced to be easy on the pocketbook," said Johnson. "Two Sisters Gourmet is 'Gourmet Taste in Take-out Time' for those who love to cook, hate to cook and for those who have no time to cook. Basically, anybody who eats."

The products can generally be used right out of the package, or by adding less than three ingredients and recipe ideas are available for each item.

"I love that Two Sisters Gourmet makes me successful in the kitchen with minimal effort. My everyday meals taste spectacular with one or more of our products," Johnson said.

Additionally, special seasonal products are offered throughout the year. From now through August, special items include Caribbean BBQ sauce, summer berry bread, creamy cucumber dressing, key lime macadamia mustard and a special grilling gift pack

which features rubs, sauces, tools and more.

Johnson, who decided to change careers so she could spend more time with her children, was recently recognized as the top salesperson of 2002 and received an all-expense paid trip to Walt Disney World. Since she only devotes 12-15 hours each week to her business, Johnson is understandably proud of her accomplishments.

"It allows me to keep family the No. 1 priority," she said.

And, rather than pushy sales, Johnson just puts out samples, talks with her clients and lets the food sell itself.

— By Candy Parent

LISA JOHNSON

- Age: 32
- Favorite movie: "Grease"
- Last book read: "Dream Big! The Woman's Guide to Network Marketing"
- Relaxes by: Reading, golfing and spending time with family
- Family: Husband of 9 years and two daughters, 6 and 2½

Independence Village of Plymouth (800) 803-5811 • www.seniorvillages.com

Retirement is the time to relax and enjoy living to the fullest and Independence Village helps women and men do just that.

Independence Village of Plymouth, located at 14707 Northville Road, between Five Mile and Edward Hines Drive, is the location of the former Plymouth Hilton Hotel and the Thunderbird Inn. It is one of 11 luxury retirement communities designed to provide retirees with all of the benefits of living in a community and all of the comforts of living at home. Similar communities are located in Brighton, Frankenmuth, Grand Ledge, Midland, Petosky, Plymouth, Oxford, Aurora, Ohio, and Avon Lake, Ohio.

"Independence Villages have

served seniors in the Midwest for over 20 years," said Pat D'Agostino, General Manager. "This year Plymouth will celebrate our five year anniversary on Thursday, June 26th."

Char Denison and Barb Renaud, leasing representatives, and D'Agostino agree it is the company's outstanding reputation and years of service that make it successful.

Comfort and extra amenities are important to the staff at Independence Village. From the moment a person steps into the community, they will notice the effort that has gone into creating a comfortable home atmosphere.

"When people come to live here, they're leaving their home," said Denison. "Why would you want to

live here the rest of your days if you weren't comfortable?"

For that reason, daily housekeeping, laundering of heavy bulk items like sheets and towels and an annual extensive cleaning are included. Additionally, Independence Village offers daily dinner and continental breakfast, scheduled transportation and a variety of activities. Utilities, except for cable and telephone, are included in the rent to save seniors from paying additional bills. Of course, 24-hour staff supervision is right there. Independence Village of Plymouth is professionally managed by First Realty.

Although designed for independent living, additional services are available for those who need extra help.

— By Candy Parent



Photo by JOHN R. HALL

Barb Renaud, Char Denison and Pat D'Agostino invite you to visit Independence Village of Plymouth. You may decide to stay,

Lee Ann Louis-
Prescott
fell in love
with yoga
in college
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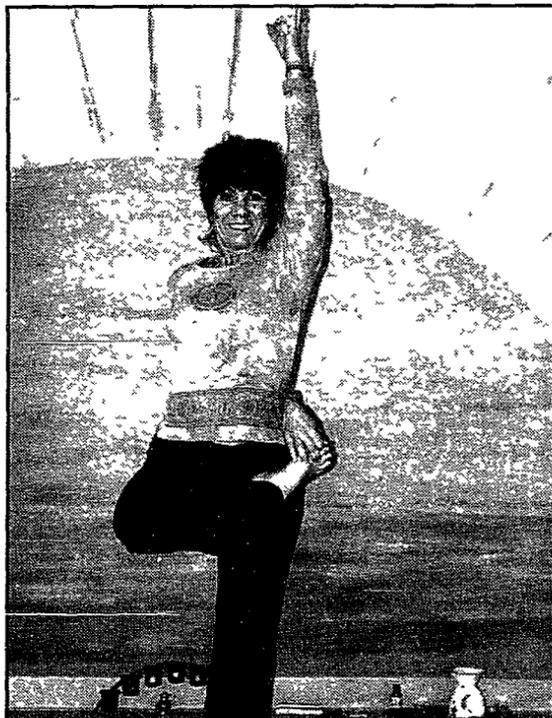


Photo by CANDY PARENT

Yoga Center for Healthy Living • Lee Ann Louis-Prescott (810) 225-1288 • www.yogahealth.org

When Lee Ann Louis-Prescott needed a physical education credit for college, she decided to take a yoga class.

"I fell in love with it," she said.

Yoga is appealing to many because of its versatility and benefits.

"It's healthy from the inside out and we can use as much of that as possible in this day and age," said Louis-Prescott.

On the physical side, yoga stretches and tones muscles, builds bone mass, increases balance and improves circulation and respiration. Mentally, yoga helps students relax by focusing on the present.

"That's why they call it (the present)," said Louis-Prescott.

"It's a gift."

Over the years, Louis-Prescott, a certified yoga instructor for 26 years, has found that "yoga is for every (single) body." There are classes and techniques perfect for prenatal moms, men, students, those needing to lose weight, the elderly, people who have never exercised and those who are physically fit. Louis-Prescott said many students with ADD have found yoga gives them confidence and helps them focus. Professional athletes often use yoga to exercise because in addition to the cardio, yoga helps improve balance, breathing and strength.

Since her first class in col-

lege, Louis-Prescott has earned a Ph.D in natural health, made two yoga videos and a relaxation tape, taught from coast to coast and has opened her own studio in Brighton.

She also directs annual retreats — one to be held in Michigan in October 2003 and another in Costa Rica in February 2004.

But, since Louis-Prescott is most concerned with individual's health, she offers numerous events and seminars at no charge.

Livingston County's Yoga Center for Healthy Living, LLC is located behind the Kensington Valley Ice House at 10559 Citation Drive, Suite 202, Brighton.

LOUIS-PRESCOTT

- Age: 50
- Favorite movie: "Mrs. Doubtfire"
- Last book read: "Woman's Book of Yoga & Health"
- Relaxes by: Reading, walking, gardening, yoga
- Family: Married for 20 years with children ages 16, 15 and 9 and a 14-year-old dog

Allstate • Lisa Vanderhoof (248) 486-2800

Lisa Vanderhoof recently received the Allstate Financial Services Leader Award in recognition of her outstanding commitment to customers.

In 2002, she earned Allstate's Chairman's Conference Award for being among the top 325 agents country wide; she was ranked number 135.

These awards are based on production, profitability, customer satisfaction and retention.

Lisa has been an Allstate agent for 25 years — originally specializing in products offered by Allstate Insurance Company protecting home, auto, boat and life.

With the help of her financial specialist Mr. Ayo Are, her agency has been immersed in products offered by Allstate Financial Services, which includes fixed and variable annuities, equity indexed annuities, mutual funds, IRA's and CD's.

Ayo's strength as a personal financial representative comes from having 15 years experience in the financial services industry.

Financial consultations are available to Allstate and non-Allstate clients.

All consultations are complementary and include financial planning before and after retirement, including 401K

rollovers.

For over 70 years, people have been counting on Allstate to insure them against unexpected losses due to perils like fire, storm and theft. That has not changed.

At Allstate Financial, we offer more than just insurance.

Our investment and retirement products offer solutions that can help make sure the things you expect or hope to happen, will.

If you're thinking about protecting your family and assets, the Vanderhoof Agency would be grateful for the opportunity to assist you.

Vanderhoof Agency is located in South Lyon.



Photo by NICOLE CARRIERE

Lisa Vanderhoof recently received the Allstate Financial Services Leader Award in recognition of her outstanding commitment to customers. Her office is located in South Lyon.

Rekha Kostecke, MD, PC • Pat Doerr, RN (248) 676-0991

Keeping children happy and healthy is the focus of both Rekha Kostecke and Pat Doerr lives.

Dr. Kostecke's Milford pediatric office, which opened in March of 2000, has rapidly grown into a well established practice. The combination of Dr. Kostecke and Doerr's dedication and passion for pediatrics has created a place where children don't want to leave.

"Children cry when they have to leave my office, not when they have to come in," Dr. Kostecke said, "They love it here."

Dr. Kostecke got her start training for pediatrics

at Henry Ford and St. Joseph Mercy Hospitals in Pontiac. Form there, she worked at several practices in the Metro Detroit area before opening her Milford practice.

Doerr has been a registered nurse for over 23 years, and studied nursing at both Wayne Community College and U of D Mercy. She then went on to work at the ICU at Hutzell Hospital in a special unit designed for pregnant women who needed intensive care. Doerr also has experience working in the emergency room at Detroit Receiving Hospital. Currently, Doerr is working

on her certification as a lactation specialist.

Dr. Kostecke is very proud of her practice and works hard to make sure she is available to her patients 24 hours a day. The office is very detail-oriented, making sure they do everything possible to ensure children stay healthy. Dr. Kostecke offers both night and weekend hours, and has separate waiting areas for sick and well children to help prevent the spread of illness.

To make an appointment, call the office at (248) 676-0991, or visit them at 425 W. Huron St. suite 140, in Milford.

DR. KOSTECKE

- Lives in Milford with her husband Mike Kostecke. She offers infant, child and adolescent medicine.

PAT DOERR

- Joined Dr. Kostecke's practice in July. She is working on a special certification to help mothers with breast feeding.



Photo by NICOLE CARRIERE

Working to keep children happy and healthy are, from left, Jennifer MacRitchie, Pat Doerr, RN; Dr. Rekha Kostecke, MD; and Laura Lulgjuraj.

John Adams Mortgage Teresa Hartley-Becker (248) 684-5581

"When people find a house they like, things need to move quickly. I have the ability to get everything done as quickly as possible to make sure my customers get the house they want,"

-Teresa Hartley-Becker
John Adams Mortgage, located at Real Estate One in Milford

Teresa Hartley-Becker has immersed herself in the real estate business, both personally and professionally.

Teresa began her career as a receptionist for a mortgage company and spent the last 20 years learning everything she could about all facets to the business.

Currently, she is the branch manager at John Adams Mortgage at Real Estate One. Her work also follows her home, as she is married to a Realtor and many of her close friends are also involved in real estate.

"I go home, and my husband and I talk about work. Then we go out with friends and we talk about work more. I like it, it gives me insight and experience that a lot of people don't have," Teresa said.

Though the mortgage business requires Teresa to be on call 24 hours a day, she still manages time to spend with her 6-year-old daughter and 5-year-old son. An advantage to her business is that she can do a lot of work at home and can even pre-approve people right from her living room.

"When people find a

house they like, things need to move quickly. I have the ability to get everything done as quickly as possible to make sure my customers get the house they want," she said.

A hometown girl, Teresa graduated from Milford High School 20 years ago. Though she lives in Livonia, she hopes to someday return to the area.

For all your mortgage needs, call Teresa Hartley-Becker at (248) 684-5581, or visit her inside the Real Estate One building located at 560 N. Milford Road, in Milford.



Photo by NICOLE CARRIERE

Theresa Hartley-Becker, at left, and her assistant Shawna Sherlock are ready to help you with all of your mortgage needs.



Photo by NICOLE CARRIERE

Dr. Lucia Welding enjoys working with Dr. Tom Hein at Heinsight Optical in Milford.

Heinsight Optical • Dr. Lucia A. Welding (248) 685-0128

For Lucia Welding, optometry has been a family tradition.

An optometrist at Milford's Heinsight Optical, Dr. Welding was encouraged to enter the field by her brother-in-law and colleague Dr. Steve Ferguson. Once she realized the flexibility and variety of practice modalities the field had to offer, she decided it was perfect for her.

"I'm able to be a mom and have a career," Dr. Welding said. "Optometry provides me with a great balance between the two."

Though originally from Iowa, Dr. Welding has lived

all over the country gaining a variety of experiences. She studied optometry at Indiana University, and was the clinic director for a refractive surgery practice in Nashville, Tenn.

During the years, Dr. Welding has gained experience in almost every facet of optometry. Some of her specializations include pre- and post-cataract, specialty contact lenses and refractive surgery.

Shortly after moving to Northville, Dr. Welding met Tom Hein, owner of Heinsight Optical and a community icon. Impressed with Dr. Welding's experience and knowledge, Hein

thought she would be an asset to his family-oriented practice.

"Dr. Welding is a good fit for the office," said Hein.

Of course, Dr. Welding enjoys working at Heinsight Optical, as well.

"The people here are great, both my staff and patients," Dr. Welding said. "This is a great community to practice in."

Heinsight is located in a restored 1873 Victorian home at 304 W. Commerce, in Milford.

The office is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call to set up an appointment today.

"The people here are great, both my staff and patients. This is a great community to practice in."

-Dr. Lucia A. Welding
Heinsight Optical

Polished Outlook, Inc. • Mona Ruggers (248) 685-9898 • www.polishedoutlook.com

MONA RUGGERS

- Favorite movie:** "The Sound of Music"
- Last book read:** "Divine Secrets of the Ya Ya Sisterhood"
- Family:** Husband Vince; daughter Kelly Beasley, salon director; stepchildren Vince and Kelly Ruggero; grandchildren Ella, Alex and Lily

The high level of service and attention to detail is what makes Polished Outlook stand out in the spa world.

"From the moment a client enters, we try to indulge their every need," said Mona Ruggers, president and owner. "We offer slippers so clients can relax, herbal teas, aromatherapy, fresh flowers, soothing music and lighting."

Spa services also include heated towels and music therapy.

Ruggers began her career working from home as a cosmetic artist, which she later merged into her moth-

er's beauty shop. Eventually her business expanded into a full day spa and salon. Her finest accomplishment, however, came when she purchased her current location on East Washington Street.

"We completely renovated it from a private home into the first day spa in Milford," she said.

Ruggers has kept a soothing Victorian atmosphere throughout the spa treatment rooms, nail treatment and salon areas and extending even into the boutique area.

"We also offer clients our own line of spa, bath, skin care, and cosmetics," she

added.

Her signature line of products allows Ruggers to personally research and choose formulas that work best on the skin.

Giving her clients confidence through the artistry of hair design is what Ruggers enjoys most.

She credits Xenon, an internationally known platform artist/educator, as her mentor.

"He taught me more in five minutes than most who teach all day long."

Polished Outlook is located at 119 E.

Washington St. Services are offered Tuesday through Saturday.



Photo by CAROL PALMATIER

Making you beautiful are, from left, Lauren Klepser, Pam Dearing, Donna Heenan and Mona Ruggers. Bonnie Ferrell and Kelly Beasley are not pictured.



Photo by JOHN HALL

Dr. Olga Mondrusova brings three generations of medical practice from Russia to Novi's Brateman Medical Center where she joins doctors Brateman and Bullach.

Brateman Medical Center • Dr. Olga Mondrusova (248) 473-8580

Dr. Olga Mondrusova is bringing three generations of medical practice from her native Russia to her office in Novi. She joins Dr. Robert Brateman and Dr. Peter Bullach in a family practice that just marked its first full year in its new facility on 40015 Grand River Ave., Novi.

She speaks proudly of her experience and training.

"I went to medical school at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor after completing BS in the University of Michigan, Flint," Mondrusova added. "My origins are in Russia where my husband and I immigrated from in 1991. I am fortunate

to be a third generation of physicians in my family — the only one who became a family doctor."

Mondrusova joined the practice in 2001.

"Working in a wonderful facility among knowledgeable, caring, honest colleagues gives me confidence that my patients have the best medical care possible."

"We are able to provide same or next day service for all new ailments and to accommodate most time restrictions. We, by virtue of multifacetedness of family medicine and the extensive training, are able to provide multitude of [onsite] services," she said.

Mondrusova takes pride in her profession and the benefits derived from treating her patients.

"What attracted me [to family practice] was the possibility to encounter people of all ages and walks of life and be the first one to extend a helping hand and apply myself to deciphering the puzzle of the malady. Being the detective is what gives my profession the thrill as well as the enormous responsibility to be in command of current research and medical thought," she said.

Brateman Medical Center is affiliated with Providence Hospital and is accepting new patients.

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— Dr. Olga Mondrusova
Brateman Medical Center

The Pond Place • Nanette Winowiecki (248) 685-1818 • www.pond-place.com

WINOWIECKI

- Age: 47
- Favorite Movie: "Grand Canyon"
- Last book read: "The Power of Now" by Eckhart Tolle
- Relaxes by: Tai-chi, jogging, stonecarving, labyrinth walking meditation
- Pets: Four cats

"It's great to be able to help people bring peace and tranquility into their lives," said Nanette Winowiecki.

No, she is not referring to her experience running a financial planning division of a large insurance corporation.

Winowiecki is bringing "the joy of koi" to others at The Pond Place in Milford, which offers everything for building and maintaining a pond.

Winowiecki took a year off from her executive position and during that time decided to rebuild her own backyard pond.

The project inspired her

to make ponds her new career and she opened the Pond Place in August 2001.

"It's hard as a hobbyist to find a place that has everything you need plus the expertise to advise you on how to solve problems," she said. "That was my goal when I opened the Pond Place," Winowiecki.

The shop has all the supplies and design help needed for ornamental and natural ponds and small lakes.

The Pond Place also offers classes to teach customers how to build and maintain a pond.

The Pond Place sells all

types of fancy goldfish, koi and catfish. The store also provides a special lake fish day for stocking large ponds and small lakes.

Ornamental statuary, stones, benches and other pond and garden décor are also offered.

The Pond Place is located at 2586 S. Milford Road, in Highland, (248) 685-1818, www.pondplace.com.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.



Photo by REBECCA FOSTER

Bringing you everything imaginable for your garden are, from left, store manager Vicki Taylor, owner Nanette Winowiecki and Debbie Peters.



Photo by ANNETTE JAWORSKI

Cyndi Robinson has 14 years experience in real estate.

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Real Estate One • Cyndi Robinson (248) 684-1065 • cyndirobinson.realtor.com

A good real estate agent is like a good friend ... someone who will stick with you through thick and thin.

That's what it is like to work with Cyndi Robinson from Real Estate One. With 14 years experience, she is an agent who can guide clients through good times and bad.

In today's uncertain times more than ever, it's critical to prepare you home for sale.

"It's important to get your house ready for that first impression. You want it to stand out so they'll remember it," said Robinson.

A good agent can help the homeowner determine the right price — not too low so they're losing money, nor too high so that it scares potential customers away.

Think of your Realtor as your partner, she suggests. It'll work to your advantage. Together you can discuss ways to improve your chances for a sale.

"You need to keep a pulse on the market ... keep checking to see if you're competitive," she added.

Robinson finds the Internet a tremendously helpful tool. Clients can now custom order their home buying preferences.

She can run a search from the multi-listing with exactly those features a homeowner is looking for. She then e-mails them directly to the customer for review. She also takes great pride in the detailed home books she creates for clients.

She and the staff at Real Estate One are committed to giving back to the community through special events like the Ice Festival and Milford Memories.

When you're ready for your next move, contact Cyndi Robinson at Real Estate One. The office is located at 560 N. Milford, in downtown Milford.

"It's important to get your house ready for that first impression. You want it to stand out so they'll remember it."

— Cyndi Robinson
Real Estate One in Milford

LaFontaine Automotive • Maureen LaFontaine

(248) 887-4747 • www.lafontainemotors.com

"I wanted our guests to be as comfortable with the atmosphere as they are with their car buying experience."

—Maureen LaFontaine
LaFontaine Automotive

Maureen LaFontaine wants to invite you to be part of her family — to come in and browse through their comfortable showroom.

The unique décor and stylish surroundings help customers to feel right at home. There's wallpaper and antiques throughout their tastefully designed interior, favoring a vintage car motif.

"I wanted our guests to be as comfortable with the atmosphere as they are with their car buying experience," she said.

Perhaps the family approach is why customers feel at ease shopping there. Son Ryan is the general sales manager. Daughter

Kelley Hinsperger is the corporate assistant of the dealership. Son and daughter, Mike Jr. and Christie, are part of the Dearborn

LaFontaine location, and husband Mike LaFontaine is president of the dealer group. Maureen LaFontaine is currently vice president of the dealer group.

Their family continues to grow with the recent addition of Rose Chrysler Jeep.

Maureen believes that support staff is crucial from the day of purchase to servicing the vehicle during its lifetime. The staff plays a big role in the dealership's success, by focusing on the customer. Customer satisfac-

tion is key, whether its service, parts or new car sales.

"At LaFontaine, we aim to make you a customer for life," Maureen said.

They've been named the Highland Business Association 2002 Business of the Year and are members of the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Highland Business Association.

LaFontaine Automotive offers great options with a full line of Pontiacs, Cadillacs, Honda, Kia, Hyundai, Suzuki, Toyota and GMC Trucks.

Count on them for full service and parts department.



Submitted photo

From left, Ryan LaFontaine, Maureen LaFontaine and Mike LaFontaine keep LaFontaine Automotive focused on providing customers the best service possible.



Photo by NICOLE CARRIERE

These future women are learning discipline, manners and other important skills in a jazz class at American Dance Academy in South Lyon. The award-winning dancers include: Mackenzie Smith, Elise Armstrong, Emma Korte, Morgan Burnette, Caitlin Millis, Sarah Mancuso, Sarah Jones, Marissa Zoratti, Emily McFarland, Tamika Evans and Victoria Simcheck.

American Dance Academy • Melva Stelzer

(248) 486-9664

Melva Stelzer believes that every child deserves the opportunity to reap the joys and benefits of dance.

That's why for the past 25 years, she has provided a place where her students can receive professional and specialized instruction.

The American Dance Academy, located at 22886 Pontiac Trail, in South Lyon, is a place where Stelzer has guided her students to some of the most coveted titles in dance.

She and her staff have proudly instructed Miss Petite Dance America, Miss Dance Michigan, Junior Miss Dance, and countless others who have gone on to dance profes-

sionally.

"Dance helps teach young children discipline, manners and how to take direction," Stelzer said. "Even if they don't choose to follow it as a career, it can open doors and teach them skills that they can use for the rest of their lives."

Stelzer herself began dancing to help a foot problem and fell in love.

She studied at the Detroit School of Ballet, where she met her instructor and mentor Margery Hasserd. Hasserd passed on, not only knowledge, but patterns and designs for handmade tutus.

Stelzer uses these patterns as she designs all the costumes for the recitals and

competitions.

Stelzer also prides herself on ensuring that her studio maintains a professional reputation.

The Academy is a member of Dance Masters of America and of Michigan, an organization that Stelzer — during her 25+ year membership — has served on the board of directors for 18 years, including two terms as president.

The Academy is also a member of the Cecchetti Council of America and the Professional Dance Teacher Association.

Recently married, Stelzer and her husband currently live in Bellville but are looking to move closer to the

LOCATIONS

□ 22886 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon (248) 486-9664

□ 8081 Commerce Road, Commerce (248) 363-2778

South Lyon area.

Stelzer also spends a great deal of time with her son and granddaughter.

Stelzer and her staff strive to give the children in the community appreciation of dance and the best training possible.

Dr. Landi Heller, D.D.S.

(248) 437-2024

DR. LANDI HELLER

□ **Advocates:** Healthy lifestyles and nutrition

□ **Most recent accomplishment:** Opening her own practice

□ **Hobbies:** Anything outdoors, running, hiking, biking and camping

□ **Pets:** Several cats

With today's great advances in dentistry everyone can have a beautiful smile, says Dr. Landi Heller.

As a professional, she believes strongly in preventative dentistry along with a love of cosmetic dentistry. A combination of the two is sure to give anyone their brightest smile. Today's advances in cosmetic dentistry make this an increasingly popular option.

"The materials we use now are much improved. The porcelains look more natural than ever," said Heller.

A dedicated professional, she's a perfectionist when it comes to her patients.

Keeping up with the latest technology in dentistry, she confesses to being a continuing education junkie, anxious to learn and update her skills.

Heller has been a practicing dentist for 15 years and recently took over an existing practice in South Lyon.

"I knew I loved the area. When the opportunity arose, I was really excited," she said.

Putting patients at ease is her first and foremost consideration — beginning with the comfortable atmosphere in the waiting room to her caring staff.

"All of us will do whatever it takes to make the

patient comfortable," she said.

Heller can empathize with her patients, since she's aware of the rigors of dental work.

"I listen to people's concerns," she said. "I pay attention and then I let them know, this is what I can do for you."

And people do feel at ease in her care. Although she doesn't specialize in children, they are especially comfortable in the office and usually can't wait to return.

Dr. Heller, D.D.S., is located at 505 S. Lafayette, in South Lyon.

Call (248) 437-2024 for appointments.



Photo by ANNETTE JAWORSKI

Dr. Landi Heller, at left, and assistant Mary Michniewicz listen to their patients concerns and help them determine the best form of treatment.



Photo by JOHN R. HALL

Dr. Kathy Duncan strives to get her patients to live better, healthier, pain-free lives.

Soft Touch Chiropractic • Kathy Duncan (248) 348-2000

Dr. Kathy Duncan's message is loud and clear, "Getting patients to live better, healthier lives is my greatest satisfaction."

At the Soft Touch Chiropractic office in Novi, Dr. Duncan has developed a close relationship with patients who are seeking ways to relieve pain and discomfort in the lower back, neck and legs. Besides her expert analysis and treatment, Dr. Duncan offers a new service to her patients — massage therapy.

"We now have a Massage Therapist, Susie Wallace, on staff," added Dr. Duncan. "She is a graduate of the Health Enrichment Center in Lapeer and has been a thera-

pist for over eight years. She integrates Swedish, deep tissue and myofascial release to give a therapeutic and relaxing massage."

Dr. Duncan utilizes a "soft tissue" approach to treatment, focusing on the spine and muscles, tendons and ligaments — all which can cause structural misalignment. By using this constant static pressure on specific points along the spine, the structure relaxes allowing the spine to realign and balance the nervous system.

Dr. Duncan's interest in chiropractic treatment began on the other side of the table — as a patient. As a former registered nurse in a critical

care unit, she suffered from severe headaches and sought out a chiropractor to relieve her suffering — which was accomplished by correcting a misalignment in her back.

Dr. Duncan chose a career as a Doctor of Chiropractic and eventually graduated as president of her class at Life Chiropractic College in 1986. She is now celebrating her 13th year at the Novi location.

And what has been the favorite part of her work at Soft Touch Chiropractic?

"My close contact with patients," she said enthusiastically.

Soft Touch Chiropractic is located at 23895 Novi Road, Suite 400.

"Getting patients to live better, healthier lives is my greatest satisfaction."

—Dr. Kathy Duncan
Soft Touch Chiropractic

Dr. Diane Pitak, DDS (248) 437-2008

"My staff helps to create a friendly and comfortable environment and make it a pleasure to come to work. I also love what I do — it's part science, part art and a whole lot of caring."

—Dr. Diane Pitak
South Lyon dentist

A love for family and community has helped Diane Pitak build her dental practice in downtown South Lyon.

Pitak began working in the South Lyon office in 1978 as a hygienist and followed the seemingly natural progression to dental school. She credits her parents' support and guidance as the key to her successes.

"I only wish my father had lived long enough to see all I've accomplished," Pitak said.

Working in the same office for so long has helped Pitak's patients feel right at home, as many of

them have come to her for years. Their loyalty is so strong that she has watched them grow up and bring their children and grandchildren to see her.

The staff also maintains a strong loyalty, as many have been with her for years. This is one reason why Pitak loves coming to work.

"My staff helps to create a friendly and comfortable environment and make it a pleasure to come to work," Pitak said. "I also love what I do — it's part science, part art and a whole lot of caring."

Building a successful dental practice isn't easy,

but Pitak still considers her greatest accomplishment to be her daughter, Olivia, who is almost 3 years old. She also enjoys spending time with her husband Michael, step-daughters Lisa and Caitlin, and grandchildren Cullen, Kelsey and Shelby.

To make an appointment, call the office at (248) 437-2008.

The practice is located at 110 E. Lake St., in South Lyon and is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. every other Saturday.



Photo by NICOLE CARRIERE

Dr. Pitak, in the white coat, and her staff offer a friendly, comfortable environment to patients.



Denise Whipple serves up Afternoon Tea with Traveling Tea Time.

Photo by JOHN R. HALL

Traveling Tea Time • Denise Whipple (248) 669-8209 • travelingteatime@aol.com

Denise Whipple offers a unique product and service to the tri-county area — traditional English Afternoon Tea.

What is commonplace in her birthplace is new and different to the American business scene.

"Afternoon Tea is a time of quiet elegance," she said. "It is a peaceful time to chat quietly among friends and reflect on life's treasures."

It is also a time to share a variety of authentic loose-leaf English teas, an assortment of delicate finger sandwiches and freshly-baked scones and pastries — all served with fine bone china and silver service in a formal table setting. All tea and food is freshly pre-

pared by Denise, a culinary expert who is involved in Oakland Community College's award-winning dining room program. She is also certified as a Protocol Consultant from the prestigious Protocol School of Washington.

"Only the freshest of ingredients are used and everything is homemade," Denise added. "I'm somewhat of a perfectionist and insist that everything taste just right."

Traveling Tea Time is ideal for a number of occasions involving six or more people, including:

- Bridal Showers
- Baby Showers
- Housewarming Teas

- Ladies Luncheons
- Business Meetings

Denise started Traveling Tea Time in 2002 and said that her venture "has been received very well. There's been a lot of interest from people who think it is a terrific and unique idea."

"I've always been passionate about tea. Growing up in England I had my first cup of tea when I was 3. What prompted me to start this business was the lack of awareness I was constantly facing when trying to get a good cup of tea in this country."

For more information e-mail Denise Whipple at travelingteatime@aol.com.

— By John R. Hall

"Afternoon Tea is a time of quiet elegance. It is a peaceful time to chat quietly among friends and reflect on life's treasures."

—Denise Whipple
Traveling Tea Time

Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors

(248) 684-6645

Though named for the men in the Lynch family who are licensed funeral directors, it is the daughters of founder, Edward J. Lynch (1924-1992), who handle most of the finances for Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors in Milford.

Mary Lynch Howell has been the book-keeper at the family firm since the beginning. Her sister Julie Kenrick is her administrative assistant and their sister Brigid Lynch is the director of the pre-planning programs — assisting client families with funeral trusts and insurance.

"We'd never manage without the sisters here," says Thomas Lynch. "They are the brains behind the operation."

Virginia Baker has been with the firm since the early 1970s working as a receptionist and secretary.

Karen Kramb and Coventry Harris likewise are familiar faces who greet people at the door for visitations, assist during funeral and memorial services and follow up countless details before, during and after a service.

"So much of our work is in the smallest details that, taken together, make the biggest difference," says Lynch. "Good listening, good organizational skills, good follow through and genuine kindness are the things that make these women essential to our firm's success. The reputation we have for excellence and professionalism we owe, in large measure, to their commitment."

Dana Nowak, the youngest member of the Lynch & Sons staff, is a student at Milford High School and plans to attend Wayne State University and become licensed as a funeral director.

"We are very proud of Dana," says Lynch. "She'll make a great funeral director!"

In addition to the services provided by the firm, the facility itself, located at the



Keeping Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors going are sisters, from left, Mary Howell, Julie Kenrick and Brigid Lynch. Thomas Lynch calls them "the brains behind the operation." The women are the daughters of founder Edward J. Lynch.

corner of Liberty and First streets in Milford, owes its design and décor to Lynch's wife, Mary Tata Lynch.

"We wanted our funeral home to be an extension of a family's home," says Lynch. "It must, on the one hand, manage large gatherings, and at the same time provide intimate, quiet spaces. It is a difficult balance — between function and comfort — and Mary achieved it. From our fireside lounge, our libraries and kitchen, to our formal visitation and service rooms, people tell us they feel at home here."



Submitted photos

Taking care of the little details and assisting the families are, from left, Dana Nowak, Coventry Harris, Karen Kramb and Virginia Baker.

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Thomas Lynch
Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors

Two Girls Fired

(248) 437-1000

JANNA CAMERON

- Age: 30
- Favorite movie: "Snatch"
- Last book read: "Fall On Your Knees"

LORI DE FOUR

- Age: 26
- Favorite movie: "Chicago"
- Last book read: "The Nanny Diaries"
- Family: Married to Sean

Usually, getting fired isn't a good thing — unless you are a piece of pottery, or the owners of Two Girls Fired, a new pottery studio in South Lyon.

"The technology company we worked for closed in March 2002, so we decided to put our art backgrounds to work in a paint-your-own pottery studio," explains Lori de Four, who owns the studio with Janna Cameron.

Cameron brings years of pottery and kiln experience, while de Four has a Fine Arts degree.

Two Girls Fired offers a huge selection of bisque

pieces just waiting for your creative touch.

Over 90 colors of non-toxic paint, plus a library of ideas, stamps and stencils, are all available to get you started on that unique gift, accessory, or even a complete set of dinnerware.

"Our favorite part of this job is meeting all the people in the South Lyon community," says Cameron. "Every Friday is Ladies Night, where women can get together and paint and socialize. We also love birthday parties. Each birthday child receives a hand-painted birthday plate with the

party package."

In their eight months of operation, Cameron and de Four feel they have been successful, especially in the area of job fulfillment.

"We get to be creative and spend lots of time in a great community — can you really ask for more in a job?" says de Four.

Two Girls Fired pottery studio is located at 20738 Pontiac Trail, in South Lyon. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, noon to 10 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.



Photo by ANNETTE JAWORSKI

Lori de Four and Janna Cameron, owners of Two Girls Fired, offer a relaxing, creative outlet anyone can do.



Photo by ED FLEMING

Sandra M. Larson provides honest, yet aggressive legal services. She specializes in family law.

Law Offices of Sandra M. Larson (734) 427-0190

Sandra Larson was looking for a better way to help people.

While employed as a practicing nurse, she realized that goal could be accomplished by practicing law. Reflecting her ethic for hard work, she completed her degree while working as a registered nurse and opened her law practice in Livonia in 1991.

Providing a compassionate approach to law, she specializes in family law in the circuit courts of Oakland, Livingston, Washtenaw and Wayne Counties.

She deals with issues

including divorce, child and spousal support, child custody, parenting time and property division.

Larson also handles probate court and estate planning, preparation of wills, durable powers of attorney and guardianship.

"My practice is client centered. I provide honest, aggressive representation and personal attention," said Larson.

As a people oriented attorney, she enjoys working with and for people. Larson knows that dealing with the law can be a stressful time for her clients. Her medical background also gives her the

unique ability to assist people who've been injured in an accident or malpractice. She still holds her nursing license for this purpose.

"I'm someone who continues education so that I can stay abreast of the current law."

Larson enjoys the variety and challenge that her profession brings.

She finds it extremely rewarding to assist a person with serious legal problems and to help them find solutions.

Practicing law also permits her to be a small business owner and entrepreneur in charge of her

own life.

An avid runner, she's currently training with a running group to complete the half marathon from Dexter to Ann Arbor in June. Larson finds that running is a great way to relax and stay fit.

A Northville resident, she is a volunteer for the Northville Foundation and the 4th of July Parade.

The Law Offices of Sandra M. Larson are located at 32080 Schoolcraft, Suite 104, in Livonia.

For solid representation in family law, contact Sandra Larson at (734) 427-0190.

Mirror Mirror on the Wall • Carol Lee Van Dusen (248) 684-4490

"They know they're going to be pampered when they come in here."

*-Carol Lee Van Dusen
Mirror Mirror on the Wall*

Carol Lee Van Dusen believes visiting a salon should be an experience in beauty, not just another appointment. That's why she created Mirror Mirror on the Wall in Milford, with a comfortable, but elegant interior.

"They know they're going to be pampered when they come in here," said Carol Lee.

There's no pressure to leave, clients can browse the shelves, nibble a bit or read a magazine or book. In summer, the porch will be open for those who choose to enjoy the beautiful weather. Helping clients feel at home is just an extension of Carol Lee's love of entertainment.

"This isn't a production line," she said. "It's a service where we expect to be the best."

She thanks the incredible support system and positive influence of her family and friends for her success. This positive energy flows over into the staff. The staff functions as a team and they truly enjoy each other's company.

"We're educated and dedicated and treat everyone like they belong here. We make sure they feel at home," said Carol Lee.

Her daughter Tina is the manicurist on staff, and she calls her husband Lee her knight in shining armor.

Carol Lee confesses her

commitment to beauty is a passion, and is constantly trying new ways to make the customer's experience an ultimately relaxing one.

Using only the finest products is part of her dedication. They use Schwarzkopf color, Redken, Matrix, Alterna, Paul Mitchell, Sebastian makeup, Texture Line and Big Sexy Hair.

There's always something new on the shelves, including pretty handbags and hair accessories for customers to browse through.

Recharge your batteries at Mirror Mirror, tucked away in an elegantly renovated Victorian at 546 N. Main St., in Milford.



Photo by HAL GOULD

Carol Lee Van Dusen believes a trip to the salon should be a relaxing opportunity to be pampered so she created Mirror Mirror on the Wall in Milford.



Photo by BETSY MCDONALD MOORE

Jeannine MacDonald fills her Lady Rebecca's Choice boutique with fashion finds.

Lady Rebecca's Choice and Thistledown Jeannine MacDonald (517) 545-3090

Jeannine MacDonald always wanted to be her own boss, so it's not surprising that this enterprising woman owns not one, but two Howell businesses.

Nestled in downtown Howell's busiest crosswalk at 107 E. Grand River Ave., is Lady Rebecca's Choice — a fashion boutique that offers an array of fine clothing and accessories in lush fabrics and vibrant hues.

Across the street at 120 W. Grand River Ave., is Jeannine's original store, Thistledown. It offers unique home and garden décor all chosen individually by

Jeannine.

Jeannine and her husband David MacDonald try to provide a relaxing atmosphere with wonderful music in both stores. People can relax, browse and enjoy the eye candy.

Finding the perfect gift or helping someone find the perfect outfit and accessories is one of Jeannine's great joys. Among the bountiful boutique racks at Lady Rebecca's are April Cornell ladies' and girls' fashions and hundreds of other designers. The display cases are filled with festive and fun jewelry. Luxurious shawls, scarves

and purses with pizzazz are hung throughout the store.

"I am my own ad executive, buyer, controller and janitor," says Jeannine.

"Managing to keep all of the plates in the air is my greatest accomplishment."

When not working seven days a week, Jeannine enjoys playing with Taz, a spoiled border collie, listening to Scottish music and enjoying her friends.

David is an artist making garden items for Thistledown and jewelry for Lady Rebecca's. David also plays the bagpipes at local weddings and events.

MACDONALD

- Favorite movie:** "Out of Africa"
- Last book read:** "Dragonfly in Amber" by Diana Gabaldon
- Relaxes by:** Taking a hot bubble bath or having a mocha at the Uptown Coffee Shop
- Resident of:** Downtown Howell

Great Lakes Therapeutic Massage L.L.C. Melody Shoemaker (248) 684-7820

Healthy living through massage therapy and alternative healing has helped guide Melody Shoemaker to an enlightening and rewarding career.

Great Lakes Therapeutic Massage, L.L.C. is Shoemaker's cozy Milford business — a place where her technique demonstrates to her clients the benefits of massage therapy.

"I love being able to help people feel good and stay healthy," Shoemaker said.

The medical field has

always been of interest to Shoemaker, whose mother is a registered nurse.

Though she has always been fascinated with the human body and healing, she has chosen to take a more untraditional approach.

She prefers alternative healing methods to traditional medicine and believes that these methods can help to complement massage to enhance overall health and well-being.

Shoemaker not only concentrates on making

sure she not only has a healthy body, but also a healthy mind.

She studies with a Jungian analyst to examine her dreams and conscious and unconscious minds.

"Dr. Giraldo is my mentor and has taught me many things," Shoemaker said. "I will be a very wise old woman because of him."

Her business reflects these ideals, as she has created a place of comfort and relaxation.

She prides herself on providing an environment

where she can customize each session to each client's needs and wants.

Though she is a young business owner — only 27 years old — Shoemaker's experiences and skill ensure that she will be indulging area residents with the gift of massage for years to come.

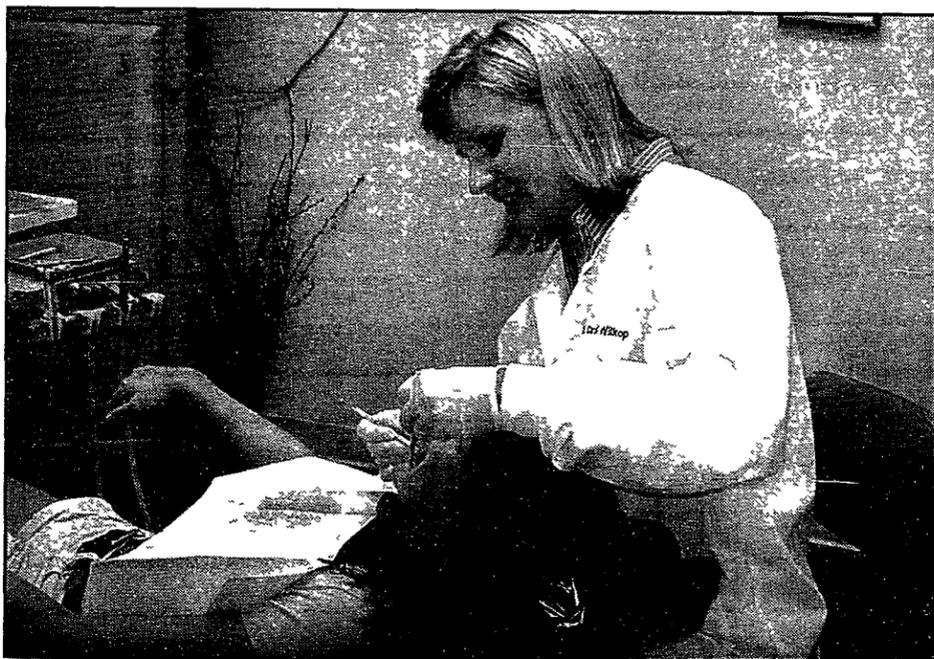
Great Lakes Therapeutic Massage, L.L.C. is located at 800 N. Milford Road, in the back of the plaza.

To schedule an appointment with Melody Shoemaker, call (248) 684-7820.



Photo by NICOLE CARRIERE

Melody Shoemaker indulges her clients with the gift of massage at her Milford studio.



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Dr. Carol Wilkop keeps patients comfortable in her Milford office.

Carol Wilkop, D.D.S. (248) 685-2035

Carol Wilkop runs a family dentistry practice on Main Street Milford and her goal is to make patients comfortable with going to the dentist.

"If I can help people understand and feel at ease with dentistry, then they will do it their whole lives. I think I accomplish that a lot," she says.

She thinks this is especially important with children in order to start them off on a lifetime of good dental health.

Because she has a

family practice, she gets to see the whole family picture of dental health, which helps her provide the best customized care.

"I am very fortunate that my hobby is my job," states Wilkop.

Although she started with a degree in Pharmacy and spent 10 years in that career, she has always been interested in dentistry.

She brings a medical and clinical background to her practice, with degrees from University of

Michigan and University of Detroit.

Her current practice gives her the opportunity to use her creative ability to make her patients healthier and more attractive and she enjoys seeing those results.

Dr. Wilkop's office hours are by appointment only. The office is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and noon to 8 p.m. Wednesday. The office is located at 435 N. Main St., in Milford.

"If I can help people understand and feel at ease with dentistry, then they will do it their whole lives. I think I accomplish that a lot."

—Carol Wilkop
Milford dentist

Portraits on Main • Pam Sadler, Niki Graybill (248) 684-7041

"A lot of people say this is exactly what the village needed."

I think they're pretty excited about us being here."

—Pam Sadler
Co-owner of Portraits on Main

Getting your portraits done should be fun.

That's what Niki Graybill and Pam Sadler of Portraits on Main believe. Kids feel right at home in their studio. One large room has books, toys and videos. A large open area in the back prevents them from feeling caged in.

"It's warm, cozy and welcoming. It's a lot easier on the parents," said Pam.

Both owners are moms who are completely at ease working with children and families. Niki and her husband, Eric, have a 3-year-old son, Derek. Pam is mother of Chloe, 11; Zachary, 10; and James, 5.

They offer a far cry for the traditional portrait sitting, specializing in the unique. They're open to trying differing styles, whether it's an outdoor shoot with pets or black and white photos with a vintage tint.

High school seniors are another specialty. They offer indoor, outdoor and black and white portraits with several backgrounds and unique props to choose from.

Pam and Niki have been friends since junior high. They wanted to take charge of their own destinies and decided to open the shop in March 2003.

A recent addition to the Milford business communi-

ty, they're a perfect fit for the village.

Niki invites the public to sign up for their newsletter and become familiar with their services.

"Come in, get to know us and take advantage of our specials," said Niki. "That way people can come in and see the difference."

They also sponsor popular events such as Kids Day at the Park on June 7 — pets are welcome — and Family Day at the Park on July 12.

Portraits on Main is located in the new Mill Pond Square at 525 N. Main St., Suite 260, in Milford.

Appointments are preferred.



Photo by ANNETTE JAWORSKI

Niki Graybill, at left, and Pam Sadler specialize in unique and out-of-the-ordinary portraits and settings.

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Photo by ELIZABETH HEER

Marty Kish, owner of The Health Mart in Milford, opened her store as a service to customers.

The Health Mart • Marty Kish

(248) 684-6278

Spurred by an entrepreneurial spirit along with a strong interest in healthy living, Marty Kish created Milford's unique store for vitamins, herbs, homeopathy and health food eight years ago.

Her interest was piqued while working for a local doctor.

"Dr. Rosella (of Milford Family Practice) was definitely my mentor, especially with vitamin supplements. And I noticed Milford needed a health food store. We were sending patients to other towns to find the products they needed," Kish recalled. "But it took me four years

to gather the nerve to open the business."

Yet a business bent comes naturally to Kish. During her years as a stay-at-home mom, Kish picked up stonemason skills, building fieldstone walls and fireplaces. She also tried her hand at wallpapering and painting homes. Baking and selling her popular Marty Bread at local health food stores and at Colasanti's was her first foray into her own health food business.

Kish is also part owner in her family's business, Broadview Christmas Tree Farm, Inc. in Highland. Broadview has been in the

Brian family for more than 150 years.

"Our roots in Highland and Milford are very deep," Kish said.

The Health Mart not only provides an incredible variety of products for the health-conscious, but Kish and her associate, Joanmarie Vanaski, can steer customers to finding just the right information.

The Health Mart is located at 115 W. Commerce, in Milford.

Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

— By Elizabeth Heer

MARTY KISH

Age: 57

Relaxes by: Cooking "food for the soul"

Family: Married to Mike Kish, retired Detroit Fire Department chief. Marty has four grown children and one grandchild.

Michigan Water Service Inc. • Dawna McNesky

(888) 901-9302 • www.michiganwaterservice.com

DAWNA MCNESKY

Age: 52

Favorite movie: "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood"

Last book read: "Katherine the Great"

Relaxes with: Needlepoint or sport fishing

Family: Husband Guy, six children and 13 grandchildren

Dawna McNesky knows about providing quality water and she uses that knowledge everyday to show area businesses and homeowners how to invest in high-quality water treatment systems.

"Water is the most important commodity in our lives. It can be pretty miserable dealing with iron stains, hard water, bad taste, low pressure and bad service on a day-to-day basis. Thorough water testing, family lifestyle and adequate pressure must be taken into consideration," said McNesky, secretary/treasurer of Michigan Water Service Inc.

"Providing quality water is our only business," said

McNesky. "We use only the highest quality products on the marketplace. I am very proud of our professional consulting, service and office staff. I believe the knowledge we have within our organization is unsurpassed by any other water condition company in the area."

"My partner and husband Guy taught me everything I know about the water business. I have a great respect for his professionalism and his knowledge," she explains.

Guy and Dawna joined forces 24 years ago, with Dawna bringing her background in accounting and business administration to the firm.

"We truly have an equal partnership," continues McNesky. "It is a great accomplishment to run a family-owned business with their primary emphasis on customer service."

Guy started the business in Armada, Michigan in 1972, but the McNeskys are now firmly rooted in South Lyon and surrounding areas and are active in the community.

Michigan Water Service Inc. is located at 12676 Ten Mile Road, South Lyon. Store hours are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Evening and weekend appointments are available.



Photo by CAROL PALMATIER

Dawna McNesky knows how to make everyone's water taste better. Call her at Michigan Water Service.



Photo by TODD VANSICKLE

Sandy Peplinski, owner of Scrap Tales, offers walls of stickers, paper, rubber stamps, albums, beads, charms and more for scrapbooking and other paper crafts.

Scrap Tales • Sandy Peplinski

(517) 545-9329 • www.scraptales.net

Sandy Peplinski, owner of Scrap Tales, makes sure "the squeaky mouse gets the cheese."

With the help of her knowledgeable staff, Peplinski is able to provide customers exactly what they want. When they asked for more products, she filled her store to the rafters. When they asked for more, she moved the store to a larger location at the Tanger Outlet Centers Kensington Valley. And, when rubber stampers began asking for a larger line, Peplinski expanded that, too.

Now, the store is, once again, filled to the rafters with every product imaginable for scrapbookers, rubber stam-

pers, paper crafters, children's projects and gift ideas. Scrap Tales carries Jolee's By You, Me & My Big Ideas, PSX, K&Company, Susan Branch, QuicKutz, Sesame Street, Disney, Peter Rabbit, Rollabind, EK Success and all of your favorite brands. Scrap Tales is also a Mrs. Grossman's Red Heart Store and a Lil Davis Showcase Store. Albums honoring members of the military, police and firefighters are available. Special albums for Pinckney, Brighton, Howell, Fowlerville and Hartland high schools are available exclusively at Scrap Tales. Of course, the store is stocked full of paper, stickers, die cuts, eyelets, beads,

charms and more.

Peplinski, a mother of five, knows how limited time is. Therefore, she carries many quick and easy products that allow crafters to create beautiful, handmade items in minutes. Idea books and Page-of-the-Month kits, designed by Scrap Tales own designers, are also available.

For those who are unsure of how to begin or would like to learn a new technique, classes are offered each month. Crops, or special times to work on individual projects, take place each Friday night and during store hours. But, be sure and call for a reservation because the space fills up fast. The Stamp Club meets at

7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month. Birthday parties, bridal and baby showers and Scout meetings are also available.

But, the most exciting thing to come to Scrap Tales recently is Scrapbook Design University. Limited to 80 stores nationwide, this program by EK Success teaches everything you need to know about scrapbooking. After completing all 10 one-hour courses, students receive an official diploma during a special graduation ceremony and crop.

Scrap Tales is located in the northeast corner of the Tanger Outlet Center, at Burkhart and M-59 in Howell. — By C. Parent

Forever Slim • Suzzi Lang

(734) 458-4000 • www.FirstFitness.com/Suzzi



Photo by JOHN R. HALL

A few years ago, Suzzi Lang was a broke, overweight adult.

Then she decided it was time to do something about.

But what?

"I wanted to be healthy and fit and have a more flexible schedule, more free time to be creative or just to do nothing if I felt like it," she said.

She also wanted adventure and travel.

Fortunately, Lang found all of these desires with FirstFitness — America's "premier weight loss and nutrition company."

Lang calls this a dream business which has paid her hundreds of thousands of dollars in the process.

"FirstFitness has been the foundation — I just followed the simple plan they showed me. The plan includes the hottest weight loss program in America today," she said.

Suzzi lost 40 pounds 12 years ago and has kept it off by using these products.

"Suddenly Slim! is the one weight-loss program that really works," Lang said. "When the weight falls off good things begin to happen. Everyone wants to know what you have done. You look bet-

ter, you feel better and you become the incredible shrinking person. The business finds you and you can hardly keep up with the orders."

As important as the fitness products and services are, Lang feels it is equally important to tout the benefits of a home-based business.

The company she represents, markets a world class line of nutritional products, including weight loss, energy and performance and wellness.

"Today's woman wants the freedom and independence to seek out her own destiny. She may be a single mom or a wife or a mother who is just saying, 'I'd like to build something.'"

"We have every benefit anyone could ask for. I wanted to make a change and I want to help others who are ready for a change."

Suzzi Lang

FirstFitness — America's "premier weight loss and nutrition company" in Northville

Suzzi Lang shares her home-based successes with FirstFitness. Since beginning her business, Suzzi has lost 40 pounds and kept it off for 12 years. She has also found financial freedom and has been able to travel.

Our Blessings Consignment, Inc. • Marcy May

(248) 684-1594

MARCY MAY

□ **Favorite movie:** "It's a Wonderful Life"

□ **Last book read:** "Bringing Up Boys" and "Hide or Seek" by Dr. James Dobson

□ **Relaxes by:** Reading

□ **Family:** May is married to Kevin. They have a 5-year-old son Ryan.

Saving money just makes sense to Marcy May.

Being able to buy designer label clothing at a third of retail cost is just one advantage of shopping at Our Blessings, a consignment store for the wardrobe and home.

"This business concept is unique and our market is wide open," May said. "We provide a good service to many, from the very affluent to the college crew, and carry items from Escada to the GAP, home décor, furniture and collectibles in excellent condition and style."

For 11 years, May,

along with her husband, Kevin, have raised the bar by accepting only the top-quality consignment offerings for resale. The result, she says, has been spectacular.

"The constant growth of our business is a huge accomplishment. We are very blessed and are expanding for the third time."

May especially enjoys the fast pace of the business and constant flow of new merchandise coming into the store.

"The inventory changes daily; it's like a treasure hunt," she said.

May credits her father

as being her role model, "for his hard work, ethics, business skills and character," she said.

Our Blessings Consignment is now accepting spring and summer clothing, accessories and home decor items.

Furniture pick up and delivery is available.

Our Blessings is located at 328 W. Summit St., Milford.

Our Blessings is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

— By Elizabeth Heer



Photo by ELIZABETH HEER

Marcy May, owner, and Jan Krellwitz, manager, offer gently used clothing and home decor items.



Photo by CAROL PALMATIER

The team at HealthStyles includes, from left, front row, Owner Barbara Herzog, Tina Applegate, second row, Kathy Rigley, Jen Bainton, Ellen LeCureaux, Judy Hurst, Tylene Costello, third row, Debbie McCormick, Owner Sandra Jenkins, Jill Sullivan, Cheryl Solberg, Donna Luma, Donna Hurst, Lynda Pierce, back row, Carol Glenn and Vicky Albers. Cristina Mellas, another employee, is not pictured.

HealthStyles • Barbara Herzog, Sandy Jenkins (248) 486-1110 • www.healthstyles.com

Since 1992, HealthStyles has been providing the community with both a fitness center and a start-of-the-art physical rehabilitation facility.

The women behind the business, Barbara Herzog and Sandy Jenkins, are both physical therapists who joined forces almost 20 years ago.

Herzog says the work offers many rewards.

"I enjoy the diversity of people we work with and the fact that we can service this need in a growing community," she says.

Jenkins agrees, adding, "We get great satisfaction from helping patients

achieve their goals and complete their rehabilitation."

Combined, the women have more than 50 years experience in the physical therapy profession.

The facility actually houses two businesses, Healthstyles Physical Rehabilitation and Healthstyles Health and Wellness. There is an advantage to the client in having both under one roof, according to the owners.

"We can provide a personalized plan of treatment that goes from rehabilitation into an ongoing exercise plan," explains

Herzog.

All clients can take advantage of the on-staff personal trainers to help them set goals and create a safe and effective exercise program.

HealthStyles is located at 301 S. Lafayette St., in South Lyon.

The fitness center is open weekdays from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. and weekends from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Physical rehabilitation is offered from 7:45 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and from 7:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Friday.

Call today for more information.

"We can provide a personalized plan of treatment that goes from rehabilitation into an ongoing exercise plan."

— Barbara Herzog
Physical therapist
and co-owner of

Healthstyles Health and Wellness and
Healthstyles Physical Rehabilitation

Women's Enrichment Day Women in Business

(248) 889-1422 • womensenrichday@aol.com

"Inspire, Support and Unite Women in our Community," is the theme for the first-ever Women's Enrichment Day, sponsored by Women in Business, a division of the Highland Business Association.

The special event will feature keynote speaker Robin Sullivan from WMUZ 103.5, classes, vendor booths, continental breakfast, lunch and lots of door prizes.

Laura Schlicht of Manic Organic Natural Foods and Meena Puri of The Yoga School of Milford originally thought of the idea, but knew they couldn't do it on their own. They mentioned the idea to Women in Business and were pleasantly surprised at how fast their idea took off.

"Business women are passionate about providing something for women in our area," said Schlicht.

When it came time to look for a keynote speaker, the committee wanted someone who not only had achieved success in her career, but continued to lead her life in a way that others could look to as a good example.

Of course, it would also have to be someone who was fun to listen to and had



Robin Sullivan, of WMUZ 103.5, will speak during Women's Enrichment Day in Highland.



Submitted photos

The 2003 Women's Enrichment Day committee includes: Dr. Jody Tenjeras, Lakes Area Chiropractic; Meena Puri, The Yoga School of Milford; Laura Schlicht, Manic Organic Natural Foods; and Kathi Curtis, Curtis Builders.

a timely, positive message to convey.

In addition to hearing the keynote speaker, women attending the special event will have the opportunity to choose two classes from a variety of topics.

Although additional presenters will be

added, some of the topics already scheduled include yoga, financial planning, resume writing, herb and vitamin classes, health and nutrition, massage, exercise classes, makeovers and craft make and takes.

WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT DAY

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20, at Highland Middle School, located at 305 N. John St., Highland.

Cost to attend is \$25 and includes lunch.

Parking is free.

Class presenters, sponsors, booth vendors and volunteers are needed.

Call Kathi at (248) 889-1422 or e-mail womensenrichday@aol.com for more information.

Of course, many of the presenters also will have booths so women can pick up any products, books or supplies they need while attending the event. Some of the booths include cosmetics, books and CDs, health food and more.

Anyone interested in having a booth or presenting a class, should contact Kathi at (248) 889-1422.

The 2003 Women's Enrichment Day core committee includes: Co-chairs Laura Schlicht, Manic Organic Natural Foods; and Judi Crawford, A'Career; Secretary Joanne Moore, Mary Kay; Treasurer Meena Puri, The Yoga School of Milford; and trustees Kathi Curtis, Curtis Builders; and Dr. Jody Tenjeras, Lakes Area Chiropractic.

— By Candy Parent

DIVA Dance & Bodywear in Milford
Janice Chirio and Mary Vellenga
(248) 684-9474

Nobody can appreciate the busy lifestyle of a mom on the go more than another mother.

Janice Chirio and Mary Vellenga, owners of DIVA Dance & Bodywear and mothers of five children combined, know firsthand the convenience of a friendly business that caters to those in the dance, gymnastic and exercise world.

Opening just 18 months ago, Chirio said her inspiration for getting into the business was her daughter who is active in dance and gymnastics.

As a dance teacher her-

self, she utilizes her experience and knowledge to target the trendy products her customers need — from tights, dance wear, body wear and shoes, to recital wear.

DIVA serves four major dance studios in Milford/Highland area and more in the surrounding communities.

"We've had success each year and it keeps growing," Vellenga said.

Vellenga targets the fastest growing trends in the cheerleading world and scours the industry for just what teams need. DIVA is

also starting to carry exercise and yoga essentials to keep up with the exercise apparel requests.

Both owners point to the personalized service they provide as the lynchpin of their business.

"We offer every service we can for our customers — one on one — and we will do what it takes to get what they need, either doing it ourselves, calling our providers or contacting other stores," said Vellenga.

"Service is our No. 1 priority," agreed Chirio. "We try to remember our customers by name and by

what dance studio they are with."

Both agree their best accomplishment thus far has been increasing their sales in just a short amount of time.

"And taking the risk to begin the business," Chirio said.

"We absolutely love this business and our customers are great," Vellenga added.

DIVA Dance & Bodywear is located at 514 N. Main St., in downtown Milford. Hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. — *By Elizabeth Heer*



Photo by ELIZABETH HEER

Mary Vellenga and Janice Chirio of Diva Dance & Bodywear in Milford bring everything needed for dance, exercise and yoga to Milford.



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Guests at Scappare may hear music being played on the 19th century piano while they relax and are pampered at the spa located in South Lyon.

Scappare • Lindsay Cortis

(248) 437-1112 • www.scappare.net

Making others feel good about themselves is something Lindsay Cortis excels in.

"I chose cosmetology because of the sheer gratification of making people feel good," Cortis said.

And her salon makes clients feel good the moment they walk in the door.

Scappare (pronounced ska-par-ay, meaning escape to) combines the feel of Beverly Hills with the look of Old-world Europe.

A grand piano sits in the middle of the salon to provide soft music to clients.

And, from the moment a customer enters, they are offered outstanding service by Cortis and her staff.

"All of my staff is like one, big, happy family," said Cortis. "There aren't any catty attitudes."

The goal at Scappare is to pamper, relax and refresh clients.

Services include everything from hair cuts, colors, styles and perms to manicures and pedicures. Facials and



LINDSAY CORTIS

- Age:** 25
- Favorite movie:** "Dances With Wolves"
- Last book read:** "Seize the Night" by Dean Koontz
- Relaxes by:** Getting a one-hour massage
- Family:** "I love every moment that I get to spend with both mine and my in-laws."

waxes are also available. And, if a customer needs to relax and enjoy the benefits of a massage, they are available, as well.

Day packages are available for those who need to get away from it all.

Cortis said her biggest accomplishment was "taking this salon ... and turning it into a prosperous business that makes people feel good about themselves on a daily basis."

Scappare is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday and Friday and from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.



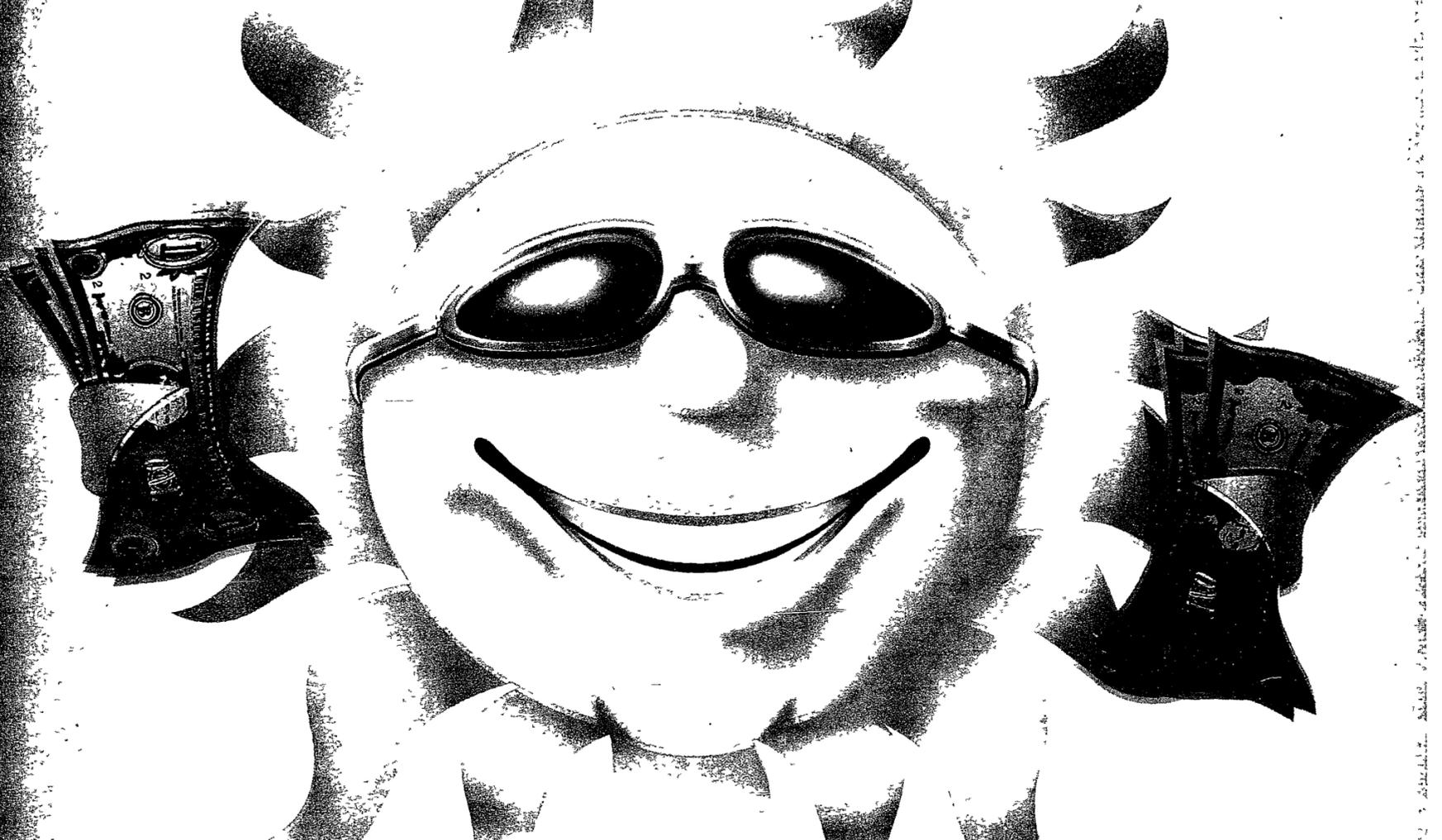
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Lindsay Cortis, who owns Scappare with her husband Chris, pictured at left, chose cosmetology because she enjoys making people look good and feel good about themselves.

Scappare is located at 21190 Pontiac Trail in South Lyon. Call to schedule your appointment today.

— By Candy Parent

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*Community Open House
Sunday, June 8
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Great things are happening at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. As one of the fastest growing hospitals in Michigan, we continue to excel in medical services and health programs while receiving high marks in patient satisfaction.

As I talk with patients in the hospital, they tell me how pleased they are with the wonderful care given by our excellent staff. Visitors have noticed how employees take pride in their work and are friendly and courteous. And, the community has embraced the hospital with its participation and support.

We'd like to share these successes with you at our Community Open House, Sunday, June 8, marking our third year with Trinity Health. There will be activities for the whole family, health screenings, tours, and prizes. Please stop by and see what's new at St. Mary Mercy.

David Spivey

David Spivey
President and CEO

Keep a Muzzle on Dog Allergies

Owning a dog can bring unwelcome side effects—itchy, watery eyes, stuffy or runny nose, sneezing, and wheezing. Fortunately, you don't have to give up your pet. There are several things that you can do to keep those allergy triggers at bay.

For starters, keep the dog outdoors as much as possible. If your dog is allowed in the house, make the bedroom of the allergic person off limits. Also, either do away with carpets, or keep your dog out of carpeted rooms and those with upholstered furniture.

Frequently vacuum carpeting and upholstered furniture. Use a machine equipped with a high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter and double-thickness bags. This will remove the most dog allergens, which can remain in carpeting and upholstery for up to six weeks. Clean smooth surfaces—such

as walls, hard furniture, and floors—often with a damp cloth and mop or special dust-grabbing

cloths and mops. Also

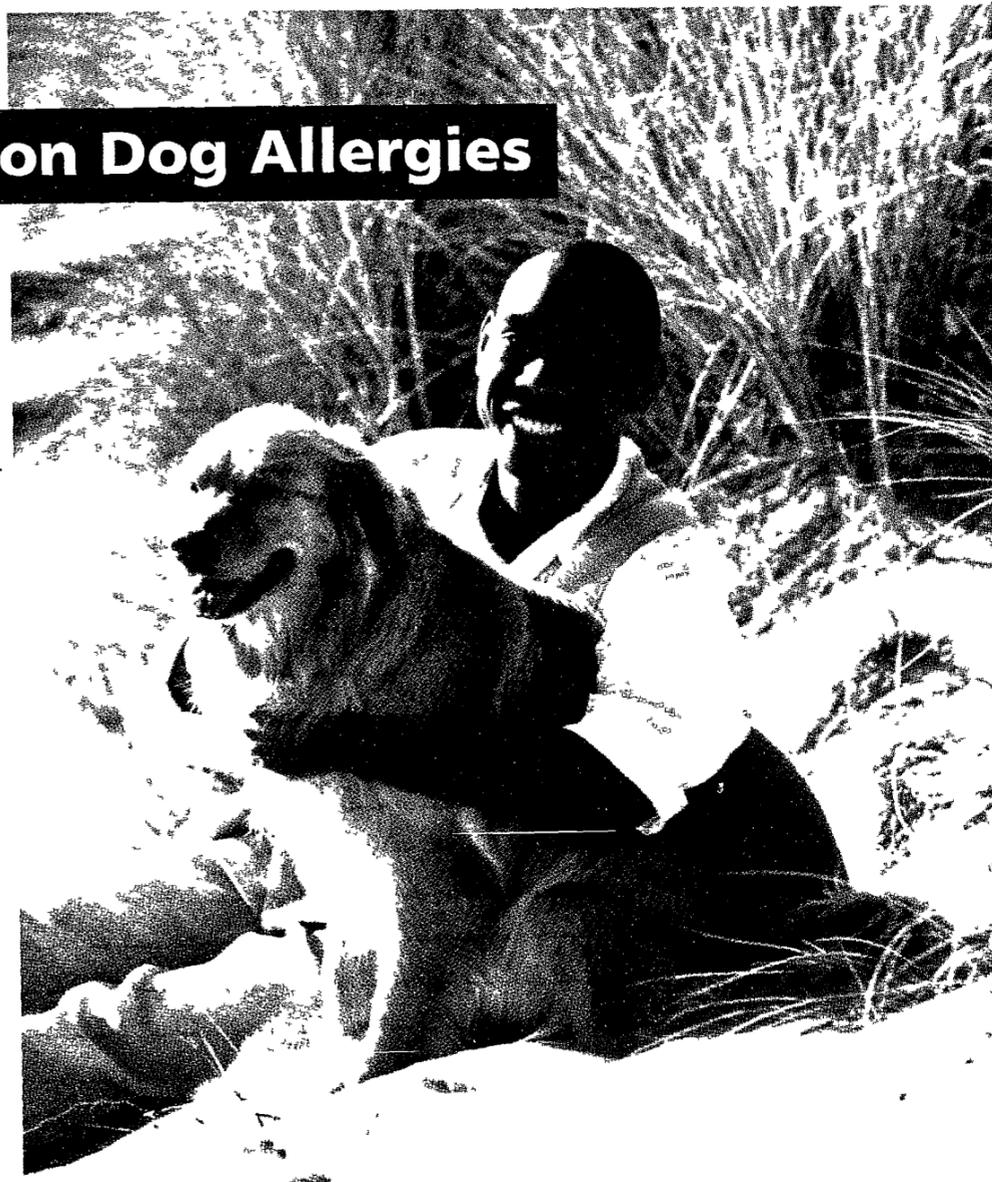
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Wash your dog with shampoo a minimum of twice a week. It only takes three to four days for high allergen levels to return to your pet's fur. Also, brush your dog at least once or twice a week. Wear an air-filtering facemask during the process, or have a non-allergic person perform this task.

Finally, wash hands and clothing after playing with your dog. ★

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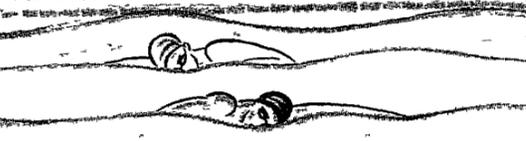
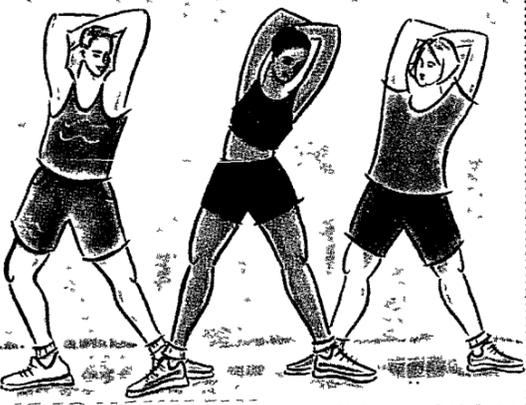
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ABOUT FITNESS

◆ Drinking too much water in hot weather can cause your body's sodium level to drop dangerously low. This can lead to dizziness, nausea, vomiting, brain swelling, and even death. If you work or exercise outdoors, drink no more than 1.5 liters of water per hour.

Military Medicine

◆ Taking the stairs is a good way to get more exercise. Going up stairs quickly is equivalent to a 6 mile-per-hour run. Going down is similar to walking briskly. For maximum benefit, climb up and down a staircase for about 25 minutes four times a week.

Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise

◆ Extra fat around a woman's waistline may increase her risk of heart disease. But weight training can help target that fat. One study found that women age 60 and older lost more than 10% of their tummy fat after a 25-week weight lifting program. The women worked out on resistance machines three times a week.

Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise

A "No-Bull" Discussion of Beef



To beef or not to beef? Through the years, there have been plenty of meaty discussions on just how healthy—or not—beef may be. Here are some of the pros and cons of beef for you to consider.

HAVE YOUR STEAK AND EAT IT, TOO

Like other meats, beef is packed with protein, which helps build muscle. It also is one of the best sources of iron. Without enough iron, people can develop anemia.

In addition, beef is rich in zinc, a nutrient that's important for building cells and boosting your body's defenses.

Beef also can "steak" its claim as a good source of calcium, copper, folate, selenium, magnesium, and vitamins B₆ and B₁₂. All of these nutrients are vital for good health.

SOME CONS TO CHEW ON

Even though beef is a powerhouse of nutrients, it also has its downside. It doesn't contain fiber and can be loaded with cholesterol and saturated fat. Plus, there is some evidence that eating a lot of beef may be bad for your heart.

Cancer is another possible concern. Some studies have "roasted" red meat as a potential cause of cancers of the breast, colon, and

prostate. And this risk increases if beef is cooked in a certain way. When cooked at high temperatures, beef can form cancer-causing substances known as heterocyclic amines (HCAs).

Eating red meat also has been linked to a rare brain ailment in Europe called bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or "mad cow disease." So far, strict import regulations seem to have prevented the spread of this disease to the United States.

Despite these concerns, many experts say moderate amounts of beef can still be part of a balanced diet. Here's how to keep it healthy:

- Choose lean cuts of red meat to limit saturated fat. Good choices include round or sirloin. If you want more flavor from lean beef, try a marinade.
- Keep servings under control. Two to three ounces of lean beef equals one serving. That's about the size of a deck of cards.
- To limit the amount of HCAs that form during cooking, wrap meat in aluminum foil before roasting. When grilling, avoid charring foods. ✪

Thoroughly cook meat to help prevent food poisoning from *E. coli*. This bacterium can lurk even in healthy cattle. For burgers and meatloaf, stick a meat thermometer in the thickest part. Cook until the inside reaches at least 160 degrees Fahrenheit.

Great Doctors and Nurses... In Your Own Backyard

Emergency Center Provides Quick, Quality Service

While it's vitally important to see a doctor quickly in an emergency, what's even more important is the quality of care you receive and how soon you can go home. At St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Emergency Center, you'll receive the latest in emergency medical services by board-certified, emergency-trained physicians and nurse specialists.

At St. Mary Mercy Hospital, you and your family benefit from emergency services not available in a freestanding urgent care facility. "You will receive high-quality medical treatment with compassion and efficiency," says Michael

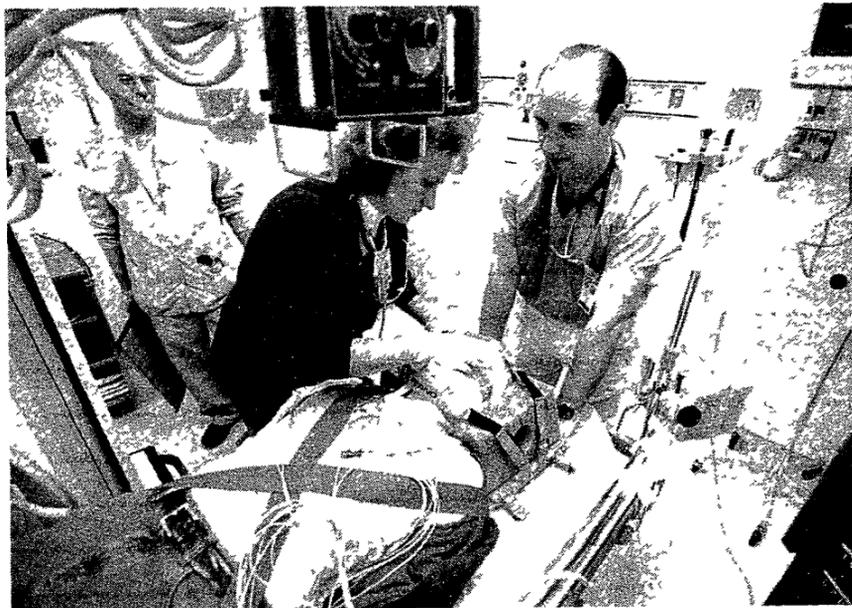
Calice, MD, Vice Chairman, Emergency Center. "Our Emergency Center is consistently rated high in patient satisfaction, as well," he adds.

Because of the extensive services available in the Emergency Center, patients can be treated and released in an efficient, timely manner. The Emergency Center is equipped with private trauma rooms, treatment/exam rooms, observation areas, obstetrics/gynecology rooms, an isolation room, decontamination area, radiology area, and casting room.

Also, a specialized Chest Pain Unit for low-risk patients provides rapid cardiac diagnosis, monitoring, and treatment in a semiprivate room with the conveniences of a regular hospital room. Patients can be evaluated for up to 23 hours without being admitted to the hospital.

Board-certified emergency physicians and nurses trained in emergency care are available 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year. St. Mary Mercy Hospital physicians provide accurate and rapid medical diagnosis and state-of-the-art treatment. "Our Emergency Center nurses also have special training in the care and treatment of emergency medical conditions," says Margo Sayre, Director, Emergency Services.

In addition, the Fast Track area of the Emergency Center treats patients with minor



Michael Calice, MD, and Irene Goodman, RN, provide quick treatment to an accident victim.

injuries and illnesses. "Our goal in Fast Track is to provide treatment quickly so patients can go home in about one hour," says Dr. Calice.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is one of 17 hospitals in Wayne County that is a member of Health Emergency Medical Services (HEMS) that promotes the delivery of prehospital emergency intervention. The center is conveniently located on Levan Road for quick access.

For more information, call St. Mary Mercy Hospital Emergency Center at 734-655-1200.

FAST TRACK for Fast Service

Have minor injuries or illnesses and need emergency service but don't want the wait? Use Fast Track for rapid evaluation and treatment with reduced waiting time. Independent, specialized staff treat medical conditions such as minor respiratory infections, sprains, fractures, lacerations, and suture removal. Separate registration and waiting room make for faster service. Open daily 1 to 11 p.m.



ABOUT CHILDREN

◆ Nearly 75% of preteens and teens get at least one sunburn every summer. Some tips to tell your preteens and teens: Put on sunscreen of at least SPF 15 before going outside; apply enough to cover skin thoroughly; and reapply often, especially when swimming.

Pediatrics

◆ More children are using scooters and skateboards—and more are suffering from injuries as a result. Experts recommend these safety measures: Restrict skateboards to children age 10 and older, and scooters to children age 8 and older, unless closely supervised. Both sports require helmets, knee pads, and elbow pads. Skateboarders also should wear wrist guards.

American Family Physician

◆ Got flavored milk? About 70% of teen boys—and 90% of teen girls—aren't getting enough calcium because they often choose soft drinks over milk. If that sounds like your teen, buy flavored milk, such as strawberry or chocolate.

Journal of the American Dietetic Association



HEALTHY HIGHLIGHTS

Protect Yourself from West Nile Virus

West Nile virus, a deadly disease carried by mosquitoes, is spreading across the United States. Symptoms can include fever, headache, skin rash, swollen lymph glands, stiff neck, and convulsions.

Fortunately, less than 1% of mosquitoes are infected. And less than 1% of people bitten by a carrier mosquito will develop severe illness.

Here are tips to protect yourself:

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants outdoors.
- Don't go outside at dawn or dusk,

when mosquitoes are most active.

- Use a mosquito repellent containing up to 35% DEET.

Nightlight May Reduce Eye Damage from Diabetes

Diabetic retinopathy, one of the leading causes of blindness, results from damage to blood vessels in the eye. Straining to see in the dark may play a role in causing the damage. In people with diabetes, the eye becomes starved for oxygen when it tries to adapt to darkness.

A nightlight may reduce strain on the eye when waking in the night—and even during sleep—and may help slow the onset of retinopathy.

Simple Steps to Snakebite Care

People are most at risk for snakebites between April and October. Here's what to do if it happens to you:

- Immediately remove any jewelry or tight clothing near the bite before it swells.
- Don't put ice on the bite, and don't try to suck anything out of it.
- If you're bitten on the arm or the leg,

elevate the limb so it is at heart level.

- Don't go after the snake. But do try to remember what it looks like. If you think it was poisonous, get medical help as quickly as possible.

TLC for Caregivers: How to Take Care of Your Loved One and Yourself

Whether you're caring for an ailing spouse, an aging parent, or a special-needs child, it's important to remember your own needs, as well. Here are some TLC tips for you:

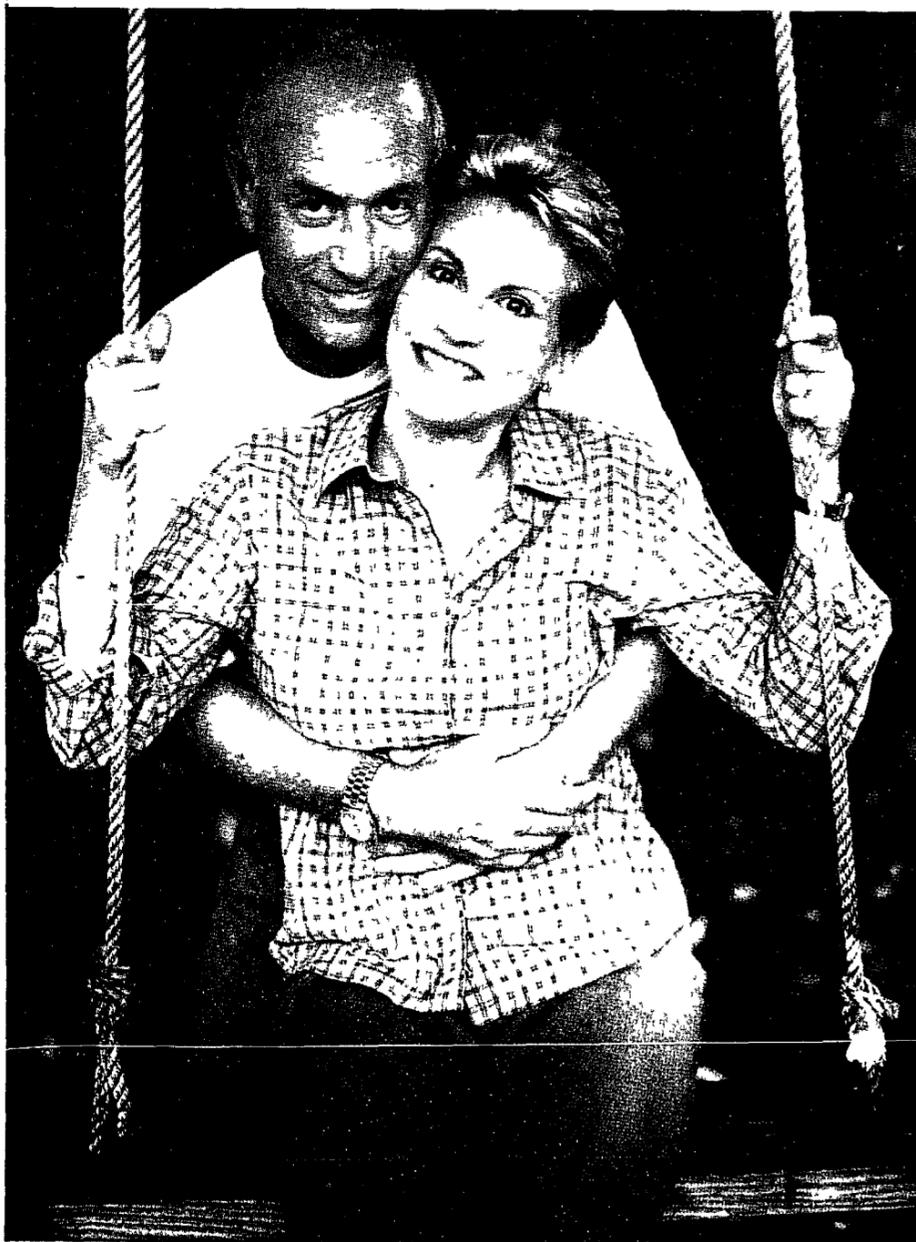
- Accept offers of help. When someone asks if there's anything they can do, say "yes" and be specific about what you need.
- Make sure you get enough sleep. If possible, have someone stay overnight occasionally to respond to middle-of-the-night needs.

Find support in ways that work for you. These may include prayer, reading, talking to a friend or counselor, or joining a support group for caregivers.

Warming Up Before Exercise Can Help Prevent Migraines

Experts always recommend that you warm up before you exercise. And that advice is especially important for women who suffer from migraine headaches. Researchers found that just 30 seconds of intense bicycling could trigger a migraine in women who are prone to them.

Migraine patients should warm up with low-level exercise for about 10 minutes before beginning a workout.



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■ **BLS-Heartsaver**—Class for laypersons
who need BLS certification. Includes CPR,
rescue breathing, and choking. Written
exam and course completion card. (fee)

*Tuesday, June 3 (Pediatric); Wednesday,
June 4 (Adult); Tuesday, September 9
(Pediatric); Wednesday, September 10
(Adult); 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Classroom 11*

*Tuesday, September 16; Wednesday,
September 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
Classroom 10*

■ **BLS-Friends and Family**—For layper-
sons. Includes infant and child CPR and
choking safety information, rescue tech-
niques for children up to age 8 and infants in
a breathing or cardiac emergency; includes
injury prevention for the layperson. (fee)

*Tuesday, May 13 and Tuesday, July 15,
7 to 9:30 p.m., Classroom 10*

■ **BLS-Health Care Provider**—For those
who provide health care to patients.
Written exam and Health Care Provider
Card. Instruction includes adult, infant and
child CPR, AED, and choking. (fee)

*Tuesday, August 12 and Wednesday,
August 13, 6 to 10 p.m., Classroom 10*

Blood Pressure Measurement (NO CHARGE)

- *St. Mary Mercy Hospital—Community
Outreach Dept. (lower level) first
Monday of the month, 1 to 3 p.m.*
- *Laurel Park Place Mall—Near
Concierge Desk, Newburgh and Six
Mile, Livonia fourth Monday of the
month, 8 to 10 a.m.*
- *Northville Senior Center, 215 West Cady,
near Sheldon Road/Main Street fourth
Monday of the month, noon to 2 p.m.*

Diabetes Consultation (Individual)

Learn skills to improve blood sugar
control and change your lifestyle
from a Certified Diabetes Educator.
By appointment. (*fee)

Diabetes Education Classes

Self-care and control of diabetes for per-
sons 18 and older, including lifestyle
changes, diet, foot care, blood testing, med-
ication, complications, exercise, coping,
and resources. (*fee)

** Medicare and other insurance companies may
cover the cost of education classes and consultation.*

Diabetes Management Classes

Registration required. (Classroom 10)

May

- *1st Class—May 5 and 8, 12:30 to
3 p.m.; May 12 and 15, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.*
- *2nd Class—May 6 and 13, 6:30 to
9 p.m.; May 20 and 27, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.*

June

- *1st Class—June 2 and 5, 9:30 a.m. to
noon; June 9 and 12, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.*
- *2nd Class—June 3 and 10, 6:30 to 9 p.m.;
June 24 and July 1, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.*

July

- *1st Class—July 8 and 15, 6:30 to
9 p.m.; July 22 and 29, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.*

8th Annual Golf Classic

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Relay for Life

Saturday and Sunday, May 17-18

10 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Northville Ford Field

And

Friday and Saturday, June 20-21

12 noon-12 noon

Stevenson High School Track

Join St. Mary Mercy Hospital as we walk for a cure. The American Cancer Society *Relay for Life* is a 24-hour celebration of life for cancer survivors, a memorial for loved ones lost, and a rally for the community to fight cancer. For information, call the American Cancer Society at **248-557-5353**, or Cheryl Grougan at St. Mary Mercy Hospital at **734-655-8941**.

- *2nd Class—July 10 and 17, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., July 24 and 31, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.*

Durable Power of Attorney

Information to make medical treatment choices is available upon admission or by request.

Walk-In Immunization Clinic— Infant and Child

Routine childhood vaccines and Hepatitis B offered to eligible infants and children up to 18 years of age. Parent or legal guardian must be present. (fee)

- *Wednesday, June 18, 5:30 to 8 p.m., Classroom 10*
- *Wednesday, August 20, 5:30 to 8 p.m., Classroom 10*
- *Wednesday, October 15, 5:30 to 8 p.m., Classroom 10*

Child Seat Checks

Learn how to use your child's car seat correctly while having it checked by a certified child passenger safety technician. By appointment. Call **745-655-8941**.

Nutrition Counseling (Individual)

Individual dietary program for your personal health needs. By appointment. (fee)

Parish Nurse Program

Assists churches, synagogues, and mosques develop a holistic, faith-based health and wellness ministry within their faith community.

Safe Sitter Class

Boys and girls ages 11 to 13 learn how to handle emergencies when caring for young children. Learn basic life-saving techniques, safety precautions, calling for help, and tips on basic child care. Two-day program. (fee)

Monday and Tuesday, June 23 and 24, July 21 and 22, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Senior Health Connection

Join other adults age 55 and older for special events, discounts on health education classes, and lectures on health topics for mature adults.

AARP 55 Alive Mature Driving Course

September 2 and 3, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., registration required by August 22; October 21 and 22, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., registration required by October 10, Classroom 10, fee goes to AARP.

Arthritis Self-Help Course

Learn about arthritis and its effects, medications, dealing with depression, nutrition, methods of applications, problem solving, and more.

Wednesdays, September 10, 17, 24, 1 to 3 p.m., Classroom 11, fee goes to Arthritis Foundation-MI.

Spring Senior Fitness Balance Classes

Improve balance, body awareness, strength, visual control, breathing, and memory. Relaxing pace. Registration required, classes fill quickly. (fee)

Tuesdays and Thursdays, September 23 to November 13, 9 to 10 a.m.

Heart Safe Livonia

Heart Safe Livonia is a community coalition to educate businesses on the importance of having automated external defibrillators (AEDs) on site. For information, contact Ginger Ramsey at **734-655-8947**.

Smoke-Free Living (Smoking Cessation)

Covers the effects of smoking, what to expect when you quit, coping techniques, and strategies on staying smoke-free. A series of four sessions. (fee)

Wednesdays, September 10, 17, 24 and October 1, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Stressed for Success— Stress Management

Learn to decrease and manage the stress in your life. (fee)

Weight Management (Health Management Resources-HMR)

A medically supervised weight management program with weekly classes and support. Must attend an orientation before enrolling in the program. Call **734-655-1783** for more information. (fee)

Orientation Dates (Classroom 11)

- *May 7, 13, 4 to 5 p.m.*
- *May 21, noon to 1 p.m.*
- *May 27, June 4, 10, 4 to 5 p.m.*
- *June 18, noon to 1 p.m.*
- *June 24, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.*
- *July 1, 9, 4 to 5 p.m.*
- *July 15, noon to 1 p.m.*
- *July 23, 29, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.*
- *August 6, 4 to 5 p.m.*
- *August 12, noon to 1 p.m.*
- *August 20, 4 to 5 p.m.*
- *August 26, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.*
- *September 3, 4 to 5 p.m.*
- *September 9, noon to 1 p.m.*
- *September 17, 23, 4 to 5 p.m.*

Wellness in the Workplace

A Wellness Program tailored to meet the needs of your business or organization. CPR, First Aid classes, presentations and health screenings offered in the workplace.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital Community Open House

Sunday, June 8, 1 to 5 p.m. on the hospital grounds (corner Five Mile and Levan roads)

Health and safety events, activities for kids...fun and informative for all!

**All
Events
FREE!**

SUPPORT GROUPS— COMMUNITY

(NO CHARGE)

Cancer Support Group—"Focus on Living"

Helps cancer patients and families come together to cope with cancer diagnosis and treatment. Cosponsored by the American Cancer Society. Meets monthly.

*First Wednesday, 7 to 8:30 p.m.,
Community Outreach Department*

Diabetes Support Group

For adults with diabetes and their family members. Meets monthly.

*Second Wednesday, 7 to 8:30 p.m.,
Auditorium*

Grief Support Group

For those impacted by the loss of a loved one or family member. Meets monthly.

Call Angela Hospice, **734-464-7810**.

*Second and fourth Tuesday of the
month, 1 and 6:30 p.m., Angela
Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia*

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group

Discussion and support for MS patients and families. Meets weekly. Call Livonia Family YMCA, **734-261-2161**.

*Fridays, 6 p.m., Livonia Family YMCA,
14255 Stark Road, Livonia*

Overeaters Anonymous

Support and discussion for compulsive overeaters. Meets weekly.

Sundays, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Classroom 1

Ostomy Support Group

Information on ostomy surgery, colostomy, urostomy, ileostomy, or continent ostomy procedure. Call **313-533-1020** for information.

Scleroderma Support Group

Discussion and support for scleroderma patients and families. Meets monthly. Call **248-349-2899** for information.

*Third Thursday of the month,
7 to 8:30 p.m., Classroom 1*

"Us Too" Prostate Cancer Support Group

Discussion and support on social, economic, emotional, and health problems related to prostate cancer. Meets monthly. Call **734-432-1913**.

*Fourth Tuesday, 7 to 8:30 p.m.,
Classroom 2*

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT GROUPS

Call **734-655-2944** or **1-800-494-0277** (out of area only)

Chemical Dependency Program

Group, individual, and family counseling for alcoholism, drug addiction, and related emotional problems.

Intensive Outpatient Substance Abuse Program

A continuum of care on an outpatient basis for the alcohol or chemically dependent person.

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Classes

Classes focus on the problems associated with addictions and mental illness and effective treatment.

*Second Monday of each month, 6:30 to 8
p.m., preregistration required.*

SUPPORT GROUPS— BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

(NO CHARGE)

Al-Anon

Open to family members and friends of alcoholics. Meets weekly.

Mondays, 8:30 to 10 p.m., Cafeteria

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

Open to anyone with an alcohol dependency. Meets weekly.

Mondays, 8:30 to 10 p.m., Auditorium

Gamblers Anonymous (GA)

Open to anyone with a gambling dependency. Meets weekly.

Mondays, 7:30 to 9 p.m., Classroom 4

Mental Health Day Treatment Alumni Group

*First and third Thursdays of the month,
5 to 6 p.m., Pavilion A*

Mental Health Support Group

For adult family members and friends of mental health patients. Meets weekly.

*Thursdays, 6 to 7 p.m., Fifth Floor
Group Room*

REHAB AND SPEECH PROGRAMS

Call **734-655-2955** or **1-800-494-0422** (out of area only)

Back School

A licensed physical therapist discusses common back injuries, posture, and body mechanics. (no charge)

*First Wednesday of each month,
noon to 1 p.m.*

Children's Speech Program (C.L.A.S.S.)

For children with a diagnosis of speech language impairment and a current Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Supplements services provided in the school system. Offered four times a year.

WOMEN'S AND FAMILY HEALTH PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT GROUPS

Call **734-655-1100** or **1-800-494-1615** (out of area only)

Breastfeeding Program

Individual consultations with a Certified Lactation Consultant are available by appointment only, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Breast pump rentals available by appointment. (Fee for outpatient lactation services.) Call **734-655-1158**.

May is Osteoporosis Awareness Month

The Marian Women's Center will be offering Bone Density Screenings throughout the month of May. Call **734-655-1100** to schedule your screening. (Fee)



LET'S TALK SERIES

Wednesday,
September 17
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Please call to
register, 734-
655-8950.

Breastfeeding Class

Certified Lactation Consultants explain the benefits of breast milk, getting a good start in the hospital, and how to continue breastfeeding at home and work. (fee)

*Thursdays, May 22, June 26, July 24,
August 28, September 25, 7 to 9 p.m.,
Classroom 2*

Childbirth Education

Classes for expectant mothers and partners using the Lamaze method, including relaxation and breathing techniques.

Preregistration is required. (fee)

*Six weekly sessions, 7 to 9 p.m.,
Classroom 1*

- *Tuesdays, May 20 to June 24*
- *Wednesdays, June 11 to July 23*
- *Mondays, June 16 to July 28*
- *Tuesdays, July 8 to August 12*
- *Wednesdays, July 30 to September 3*
- *Mondays, August 4 to September 15*
- *Tuesdays, August 19 to September 23*
- *Wednesdays, September 10 to October 15*
- *Mondays, September 22 to October 27*
- *Tuesdays, September 30 to November 4*

Childbirth Education Saturday Workshop

One-day class for expectant mothers and partners using the Lamaze method.

Preregistration is required. (fee)

*Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 14,
July 26, August 9, Classrooms 1 and 2*

Childbirth Education Saturday Weekend Program

Three-day class held on successive Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon, May 10, 17, 24 and September 13, 20, 27, Classrooms 1 and 2

Foster Parenting Classes

Specialized parenting classes for foster parents. Call 313-396-0199.

Infant Care Classes: "Getting to Know Your Newborn" and "Caring for the Sick Infant"

Focuses on the care of your new infant, including feeding, bathing, sleeping, caring for the sick infant with a focus on infant safety (childproofing your home), immunizations, and signs of illness. (fee)

*Thursdays, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., June 12,
July 17, August 7, September 11,
Classrooms 1 and 2*

Parenting with Love and Logic

Love and Logic is a commonsense approach to teaching parents skills that cultivate confidence and good decision making in children.

*Thursdays, May 8, September 18,
6:30 to 9:30 p.m.*

Couple's Massage Therapy Class

Enhance awareness and connection with your partner by learning to provide nurturing and therapeutic massage. Enrollment limited to six couples. (fee)

*Tuesdays, beginning September 16,
7 to 9 p.m.*

Infant Massage Therapy Class

Develop bonding attachments between you and your baby that will last for years. For infants ages 30 days to 6 months, physician approval required. Taught by a certified infant massage therapist. (fee)

*Wednesdays, May 21 to June 1, and
July 9 to July 30*

Massage Therapy

Experience the many benefits of a therapeutic massage. Call 734-655-1145. (fee)

Natural Family Planning

Using the Billings Ovulation Method, the series of four classes teaches couples how to determine times of fertility and infertility. Registration required.

Call 248-926-9909. (fee)

Sibling Tour

Helps expectant parents and their children with sibling rivalry, signs of jealousy, and

steps to take to minimize these behaviors. Children learn how fun it can be to be a big brother or big sister. (Fee per family)

*Saturdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m., June 7,
August 23, Classroom 1 and 2*

Hatha Yoga

Ongoing. Six-week classes. Call 734-655-1145.

*Tuesdays, May 13 to June 17 and
June 24 to July 29, 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.*

Better Backs Yoga

Ongoing six-week classes. Call 734-655-1145. Strengthen and maintain the health of the spine and back muscles. Meditation and breathing techniques are included.

*Wednesdays, May 14 to June 18 and
June 25 to July 30*

SUPPORT GROUPS FOR WOMEN

(NO CHARGE)

Breast Cancer Support Group

A self-help and education group addressing topics of concern for women with breast cancer.

*Tuesdays, May 13, June 10, July 8, August
12, September 9, 7 to 9 p.m., Classroom 2*

Menopause Support Group

Women share feelings and concerns confidentially about menopause, midlife issues and health-related matters.

*Wednesdays, May 7, June 4, August 6,
September 3, 7 to 9 p.m., Classroom 2*

Mother-Baby Postpartum Support Group

A Certified Lactation Consultant discusses the postpartum period of adjustment.

*Tuesdays, May 13, June 10, July 8,
August 12, September 9, 10 to 11:30 a.m.,
Classroom 1*

Tours of Birthing Center

Learn about the Miracle of Life Birthing Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. A state-of-the-art childbirth facility, with all private rooms. Tours by appointment only. Call to schedule your tour, 734-655-1100.

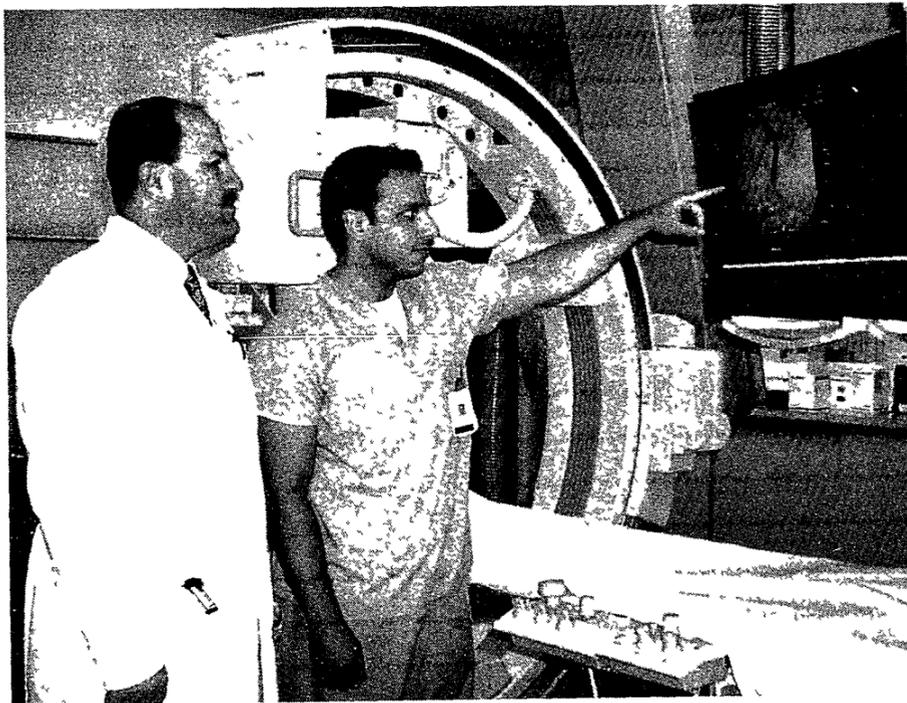
Advanced Radiology Procedures Now Offered

Interventional radiology is a progressive medical field, which utilizes minimally invasive, image-guided methods to diagnose and treat a wide variety of diseases related to the vascular system, liver, kidneys, gastrointestinal system, and more. Currently offered at St. Mary Mercy Hospital are areas of specialization that assist in the treatment of uterine fibroids, as well as osteoporosis and spinal fractures.

Interventional radiology can offer an alternative to open surgical procedures for those who are candidates. In addition to being minimally invasive, these new procedures are less costly and easier for the patient because they require smaller incisions, less risk, less pain and shorter recovery times.

For example, traditional treatments for a uterine fibroid, a non-cancerous growth in the muscular wall of the uterus, includes a hysterectomy, surgical removal of the uterus, or myomectomy, surgical removal of the fibroid tumor. Both tend to be more costly and involve a longer hospital stay and recovery.

"We offer a more progressive interventional radiology treatment called **uterine artery embolization,**" says Yahya Albeer, MD, Interventional Radiologist at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. "It involves blocking the arterial supply to the fibroids, causing them to shrink in size. This is a minimally invasive procedure usually involving a one-day hospital stay and an earlier return to normal activity."



Yahya Albeer, MD, and Christopher Eshaki, MD, provide interventional radiology procedures at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Interventional radiology procedures are also successful for vertebral (spinal) fractures caused by osteoporosis. Fractures could also occur from using certain medications or in some cancer patients. Traditional treatment or therapy includes reduced activity, bed rest, pain medication or back surgery.

One of the latest interventional radiology treatments offered at St. Mary Mercy Hospital is **vertebroplasty,** a non-surgical procedure which involves injecting a bone

cement into the fractured vertebra. "This results in complete or significant reduction of the pain in the majority of patients, and in addition, stabilizes the fracture," says Christopher Eshaki, MD, Chief of Vascular and Interventional

Radiology at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Some advantages of interventional radiology include:

- ✔ Can be performed on an outpatient basis or require only a short hospital stay
- ✔ General anesthesia usually is not required
- ✔ Risk, pain and recovery time are often significantly reduced
- ✔ Procedures can be less expensive than other alternatives

Your physician can provide further information and, if needed, refer you to an interventional radiologist for follow-up treatment. For more information, please call **734-655-2507**. For a physician on staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, call Physician Referral at **1-888-464-WELL**.



Choosing the Right Shoe Helps Hammertoe

Your shoes might look terrific on the outside. But if they're squeezing your feet on the inside, you may get a painful case of hammertoe.

Hammertoe is a common—but treatable—foot condition. If you have hammertoe, the middle joint of one or more of your smaller toes curl into an upside-down "V." The affected toes may swell, become red, or lose motion.

One way to prevent hammertoe is to wear comfortable shoes. Your shoes should have enough room for your toes in both their length and width.

Here are some tips to help you find the perfect fit when buying shoes:

- ◆ If your feet are different sizes, fit to the bigger foot.
- ◆ Wiggle your toes, stand on your tiptoes, and walk around the store to make sure there is enough room for your longest toe.
- ◆ Avoid shoes with heels higher than 2 inches.

Be sure to call your doctor or a podiatrist if your toe or foot pain does not improve. Surgery can fix severe cases of hammertoe.

Sound Advice to Protect Against Hearing Loss

TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR HEARING

Here are ways to shield your ears from potentially loud noises:

- ◆ Keep televisions, stereos, and headphones at a low volume.
- ◆ Wear ear protection when using loud machinery.

Are you bombarded by noise every day? Sounds from televisions, lawn mowers, motorcycles, and sirens can invade your peace and quiet. Worse, these noises also can damage your hearing.

Noise-induced hearing loss can be temporary or permanent. Hearing loss can happen immediately after an intense brief noise, such as an explosion. Or it can occur slowly over years of continuous exposure to loud noise, such as a factory worker exposed to daily sounds of machinery.

HOW TO TELL "GOOD" FROM "BAD" NOISE

The loudness of sound is measured in decibels (dB). At higher decibel levels, it takes less time

for loss of hearing to occur. The following chart highlights everyday noises and their impact on hearing loss.

Daily exposure to noises at 85 dB can cause gradual hearing loss.

Television	70 to 90 dB
Lawn Mower, Food Blender	85 to 90 dB

Limit exposure to less than 15 minutes for sounds from 90 to 100 dB.

Newspaper Press	97 dB
Farm Tractor	98 dB
Garbage Truck	100 dB
Cement Mixer	100 dB

Unprotected exposure to noise higher than 100 dB for more than one minute can result in permanent hearing loss.

Snowmobile	105 dB
Jackhammer	110 dB
Power Saw	110 dB

Inner ear pain and damage can occur with sounds 125 dB and above.

Rock Concerts	110 to 140 dB
Jet Takeoff (100 to 200 feet)	130 dB
Shotgun Firing	130 dB

SAFEGUARD YOUR HEARING

If you are exposed to loud noises or continuous noise at potentially harmful levels, you should protect your hearing.

Check with your doctor to determine which type of protection—earmuffs or earplugs—is better for the kind of noise exposure you experience. And be sure to have your hearing tested every year if you are regularly exposed to potentially harmful noises. ★

Earmuffs and earplugs—which are available at drugstores or hardware stores—can cut noise volume by 20 to 40 dB if worn correctly. Cotton balls or tissue shouldn't be used as hearing protection. These only reduce loudness by about 7 dB.



Birthing Center Provides the Comforts of Home

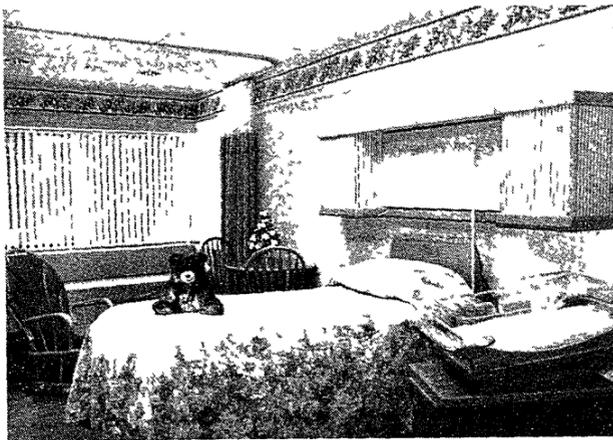
Planning to start a family? If so, you'll want to check out St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Miracle of Life Birthing Center first. In addition to offering all private rooms for every new mom, the Birthing Center provides Labor, Delivery, Recovery, and Postpartum (LDRP) suites that are spacious and equipped with all the comforts of home.

"Once families have experienced it here, they don't want to go anywhere else to have their next baby," says Deborah Valli, RN, Interim Manager, Women's Services. The private rooms boast a refrigerator; dining table and chairs; a courtesy bed for family members or friends; a private bathroom, featuring a large Jacuzzi shower with multiple water jets, heating lamp, and built-in hair dryer; blanket warmers for the baby and more. Most importantly, moms and dads are able to enjoy their new baby right in the room with them during their stay.

At St. Mary Mercy Hospital, where family bonding is encouraged, the same nurse cares for mom and baby together. When the

families return home, nurses are available to answer any further questions that may arise. "When they enter the Birthing Center, they are impressed with the facility, and after being admitted, they are impressed with the compassionate, personal service," adds Valli.

To assist couples planning to start a family or currently expecting a baby, tours of the Miracle of Life Birthing Center are offered regularly. Educational programs such as childbirth preparation, breastfeeding classes, infant care, sibling classes, and a mother-baby postpartum support group are also available. Lactation consultants are also available for new moms. For more information, call **734-655-1100**.



ABOUT NUTRITION

◆ Candy is not only hard on your teeth, it's also bad for your bones. Researchers studied the diets of men and women ages 69 to 93. Those who ate the most candy had the lowest bone density. A diet high in fruits, vegetables, and cereals proved to build the most bone.

American Journal of Clinical Nutrition

◆ What's eating you? And is it making you eat more than you should? Researchers found that women who ate for reasons other than hunger, such as emotional distress, gained more weight over 20 years than did other women—as much as 34 pounds more. Choosing comforts other than food may help prevent unwanted pounds.

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◆ If you're severely allergic to peanuts, a single nut may cause a life-threatening reaction. But staying nut-free can be difficult, especially when flying. Experts suggest calling your airline ahead to ask that no nuts be served.

Annals of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology

FAST CT SCANNER DETECTS RISKS

St. Mary Mercy patients can now take a painless, but powerful and quick, new test to determine their potential risk of heart attack or lung cancer, thanks to new high-speed technology.

The Fast CT (computed tomography) system looks for calcium deposits in the coronary arteries for individuals with heart

risk. It also can detect lung cancer in patients with symptoms of lung disease.

The tests are offered separately for a fee, or they can be taken together at a reduced rate. Call today for more information; your life could depend on it. Call **734-655-3500** or visit **stmarymercy.org**.

Visit our website! www.stmarymercy.org

St. Mary Mercy Partners with New Livonia Recreation Center

Those joining the new Livonia Community Recreation Center have the added bonus of health classes and programs, thanks to a partnership with St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Along with the many features offered at the Recreation Center, including exercise and fitness equipment, multiple gymnasiums, pools, and adult and kids' fitness programs, St. Mary Mercy Hospital is providing on-site health screenings, CPR classes, physical therapy services, massage therapy, and more. The Livonia Recreation Center is located at Five Mile and Hubbard roads. For more information, call Community Outreach, **734-655-8940**.

ST. MARY MERCY HOSPITAL MISSION STATEMENT

We serve together in Trinity Health, in the spirit of the Gospel, to heal body, mind, and spirit, to improve the health of our communities, and to steward the resources entrusted to us.

Swim Your Way to Greater Strength and Flexibility

Looking for a way to get fit that's relaxing and refreshing, as well as good for you? Take to the water.

Swimming burns fat, lowers cholesterol, and builds your heart, lungs, and muscles—but it carries less risk of injury than other high-impact exercises, such as running. Water's buoyancy reduces the stress on your joints, bones, and muscles. As a result, you're less likely to get stiff and sore.

An excellent way to increase flexibility and stamina, swimming often is thought of as strictly an aerobic activity to work the cardiovascular system. But swimming also offers a strength-training workout. Just like weights, water provides resistance when you push or pull it away from you.

Swimming is good for just about everyone. While it doesn't strengthen bones as much as



weight-bearing exercises, such as walking or running, it's ideal for those with arthritis or knee or back problems. New exercisers, pregnant women, older adults, overweight people, and those recovering from injury can safely participate in this water workout. But check with your doctor first.

Ready to take the plunge? Aim for 30 minutes, most days of the week. Once in the water, start with stretching and warm-up exercises, such as walking through the water or kick-

ing. This gradually speeds your heart rate and gives muscles and joints a chance to warm up.

Next, swim laps, alternating different strokes. Gradually increase and then decrease your intensity. Try hand-held paddles designed to intensify a workout.

Finally, swim a lap or two at a relaxed pace for a cool-down, then stretch. ★

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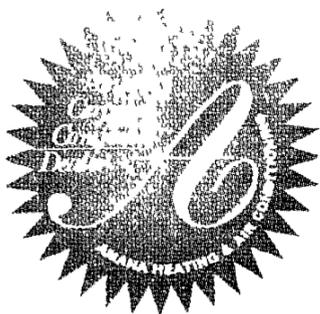


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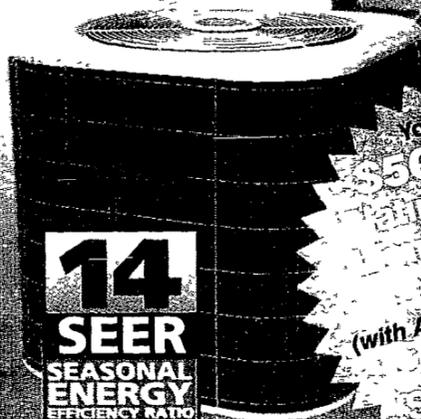
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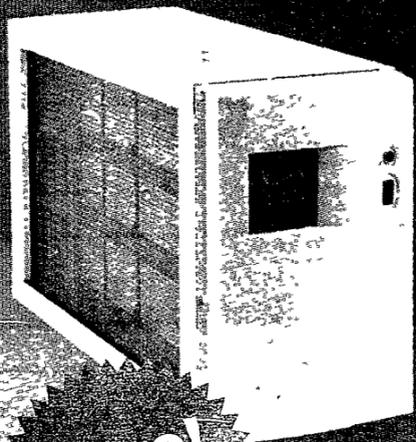
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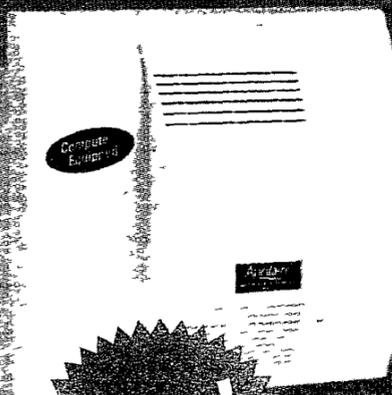
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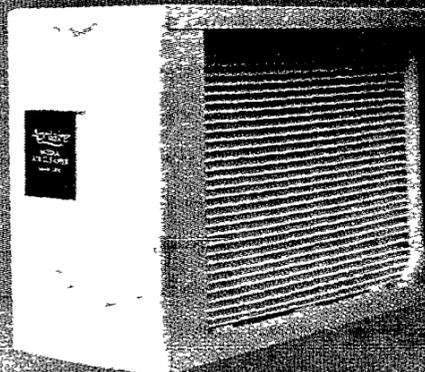
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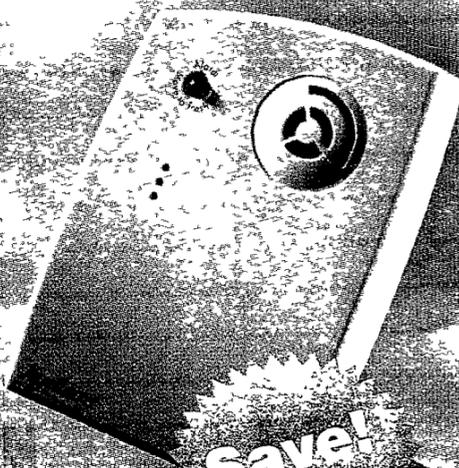
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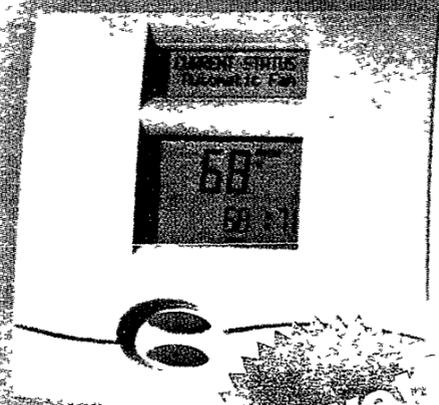
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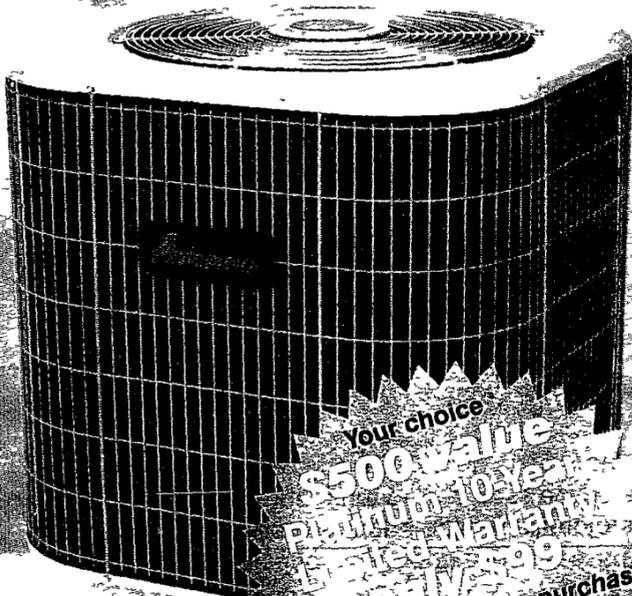
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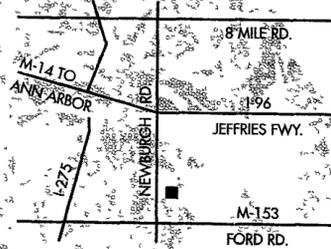
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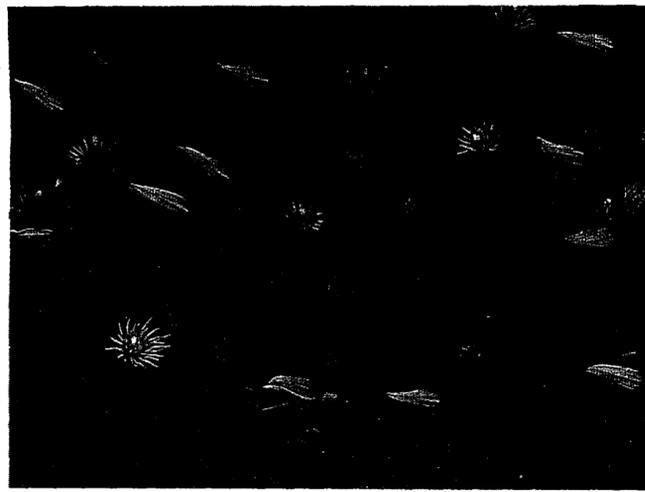
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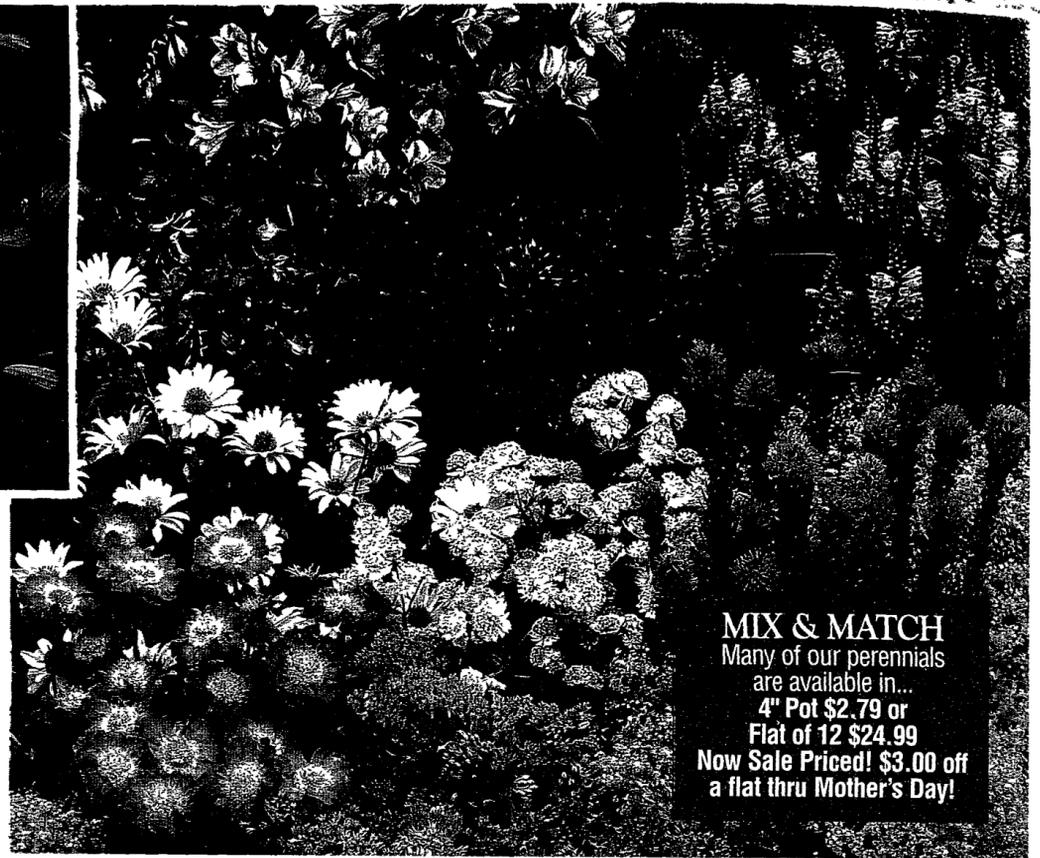
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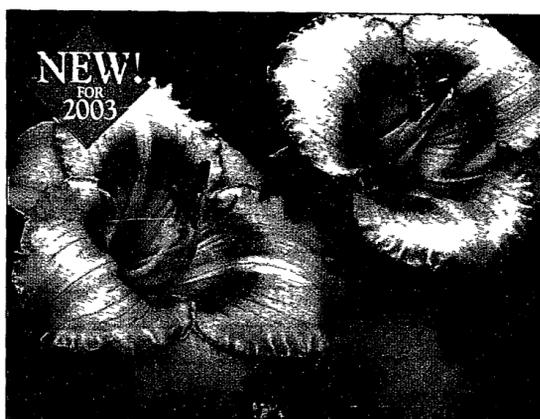


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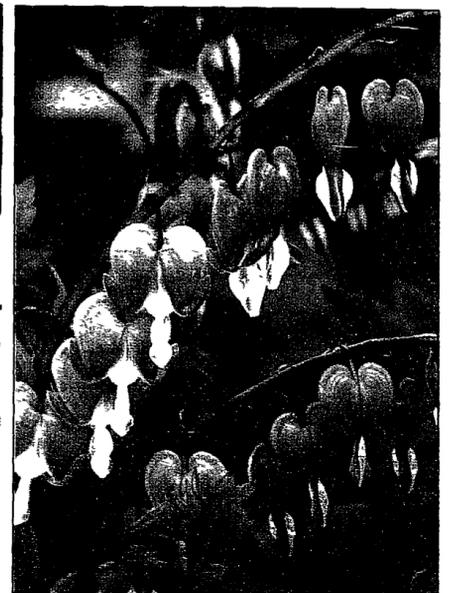
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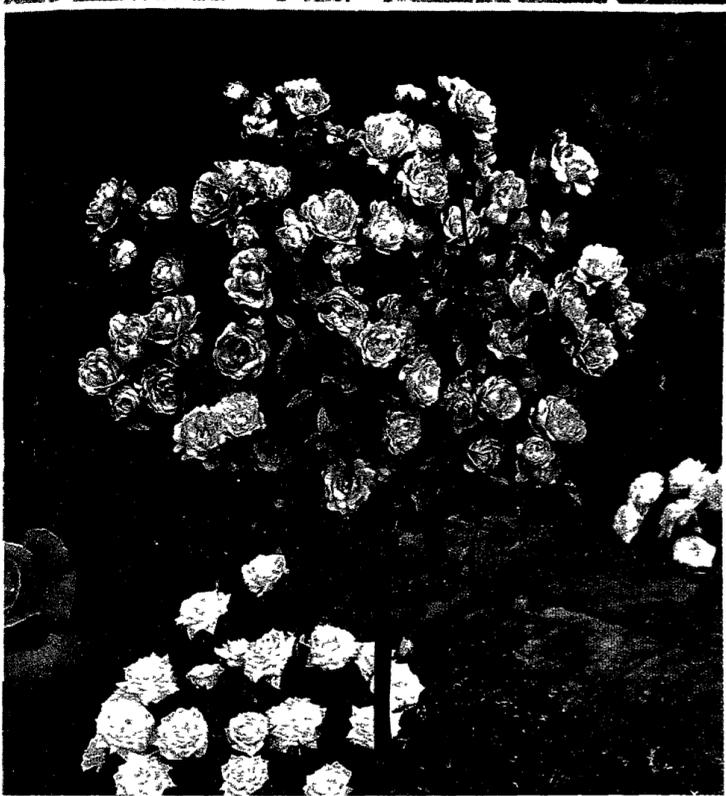
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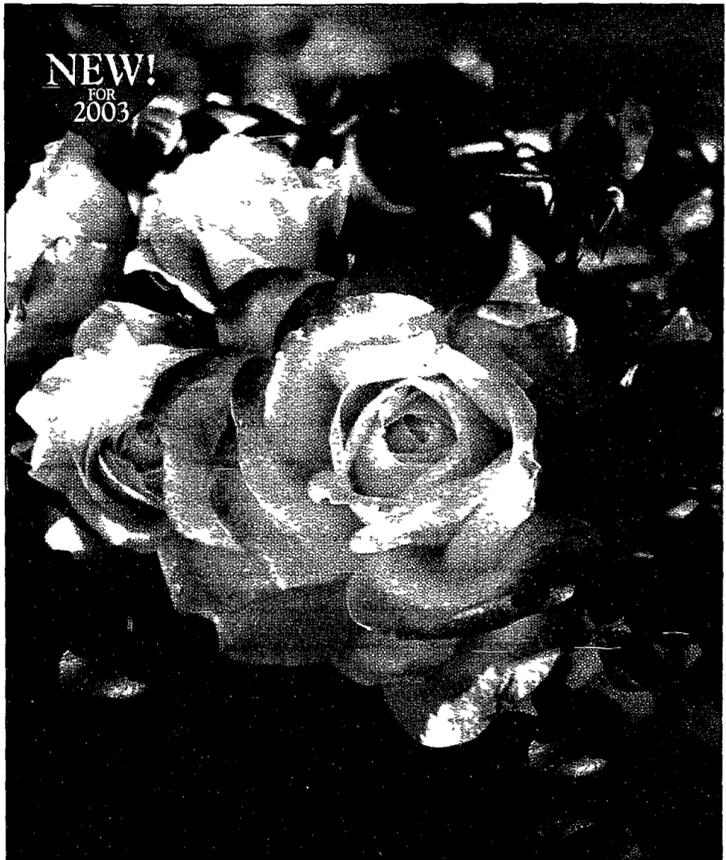
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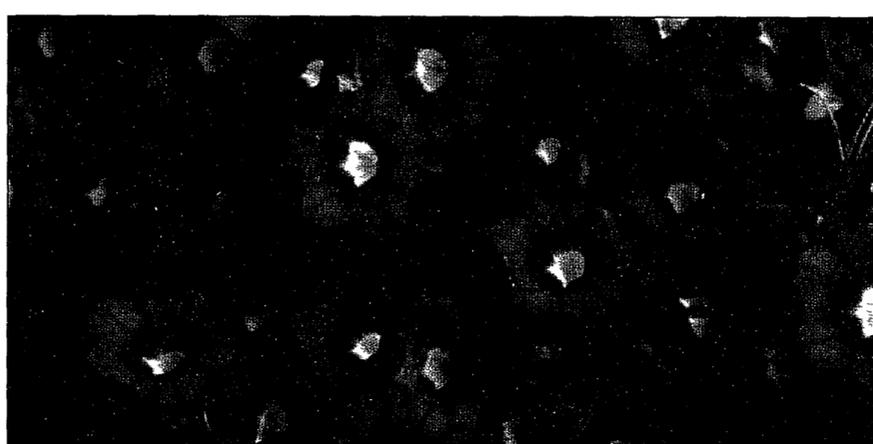
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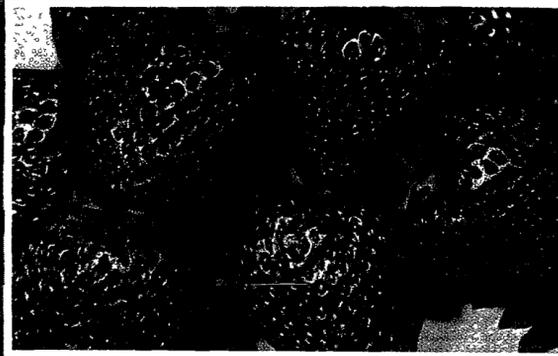
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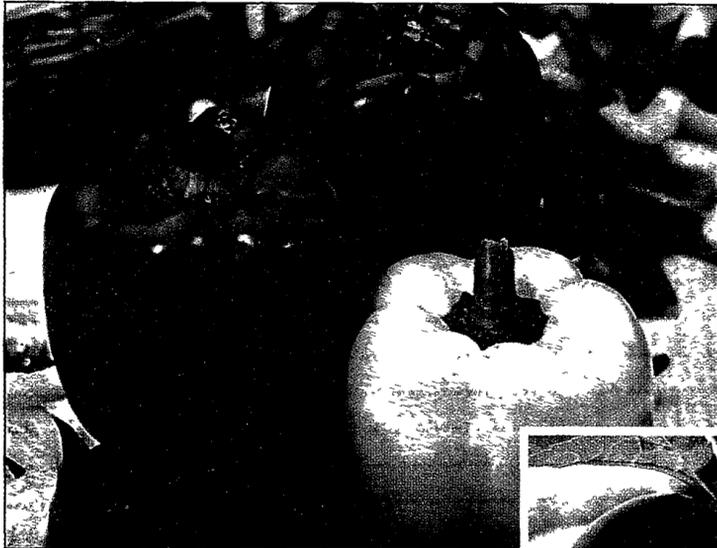
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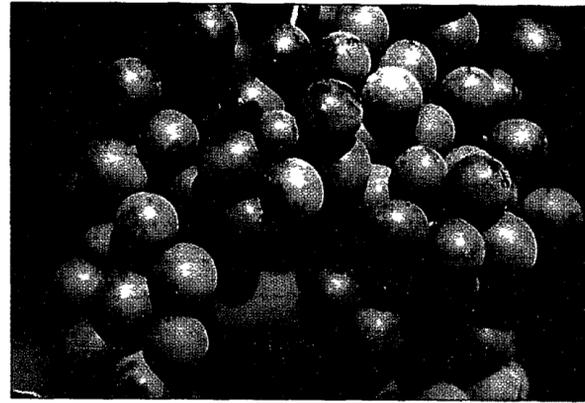
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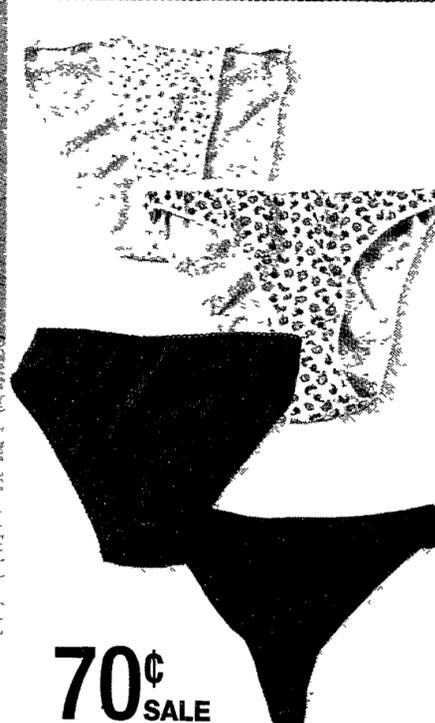
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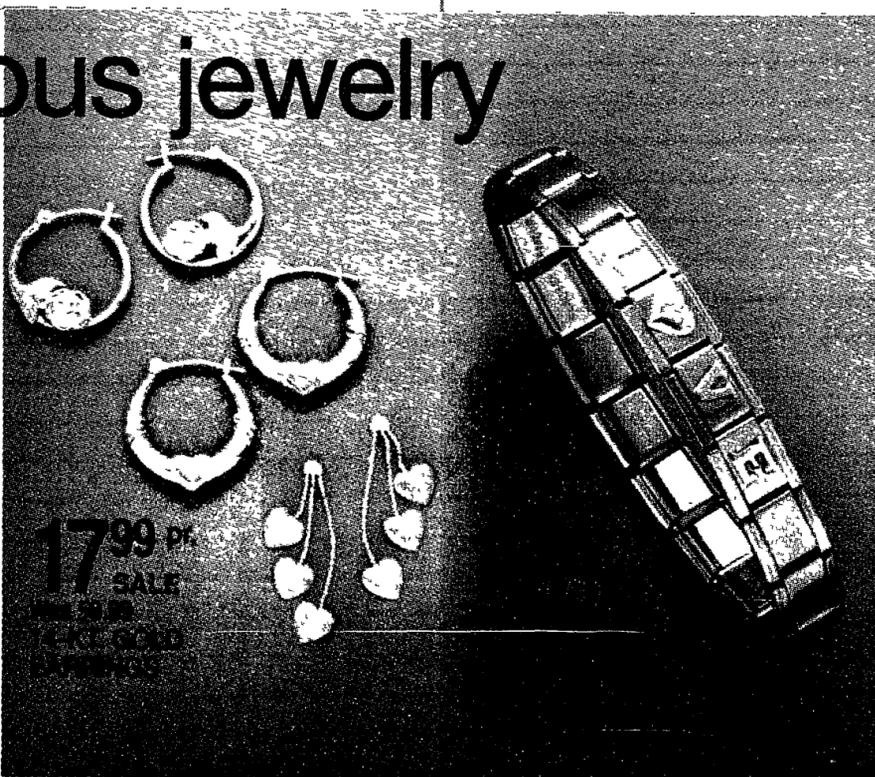
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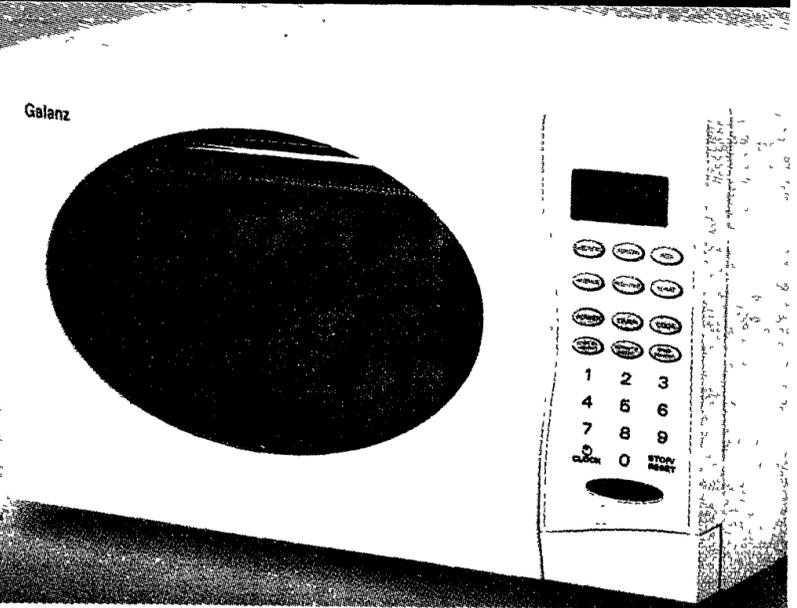
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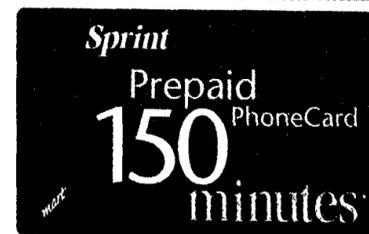
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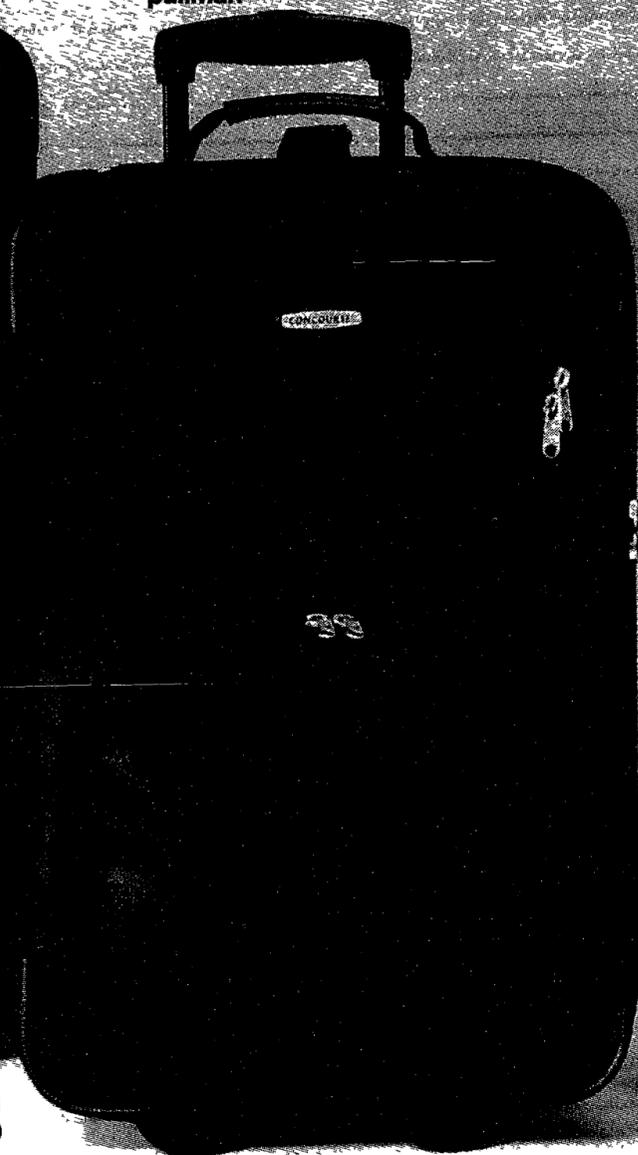
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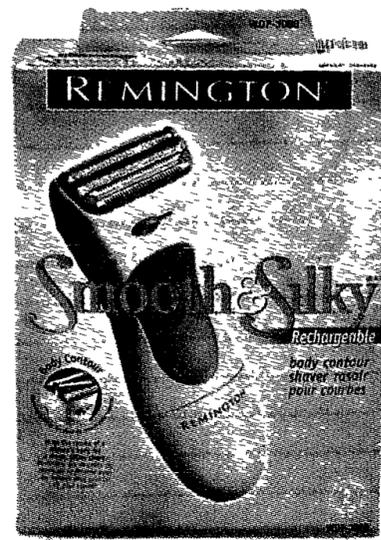
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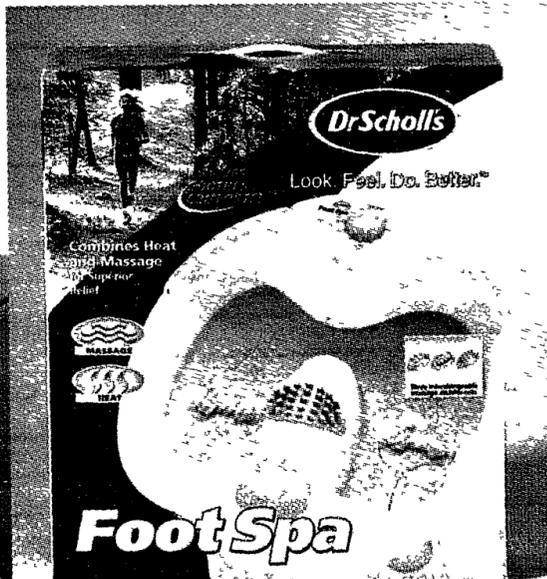


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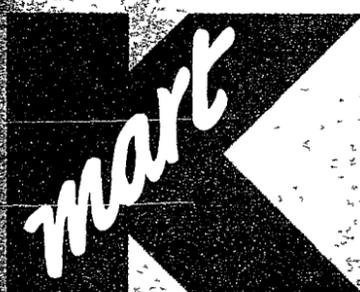
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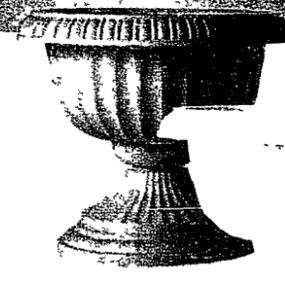
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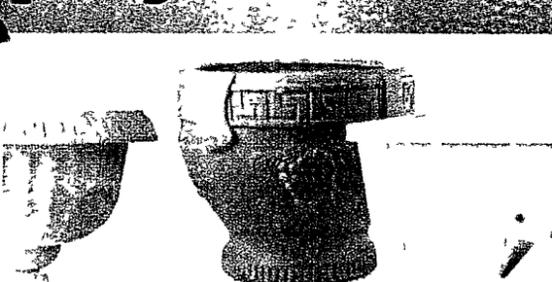
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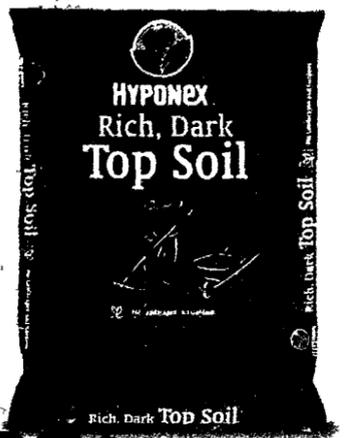
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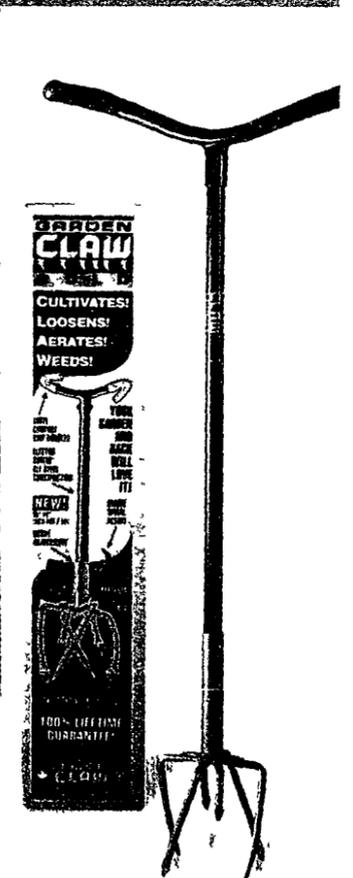
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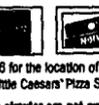
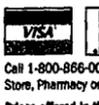


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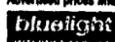


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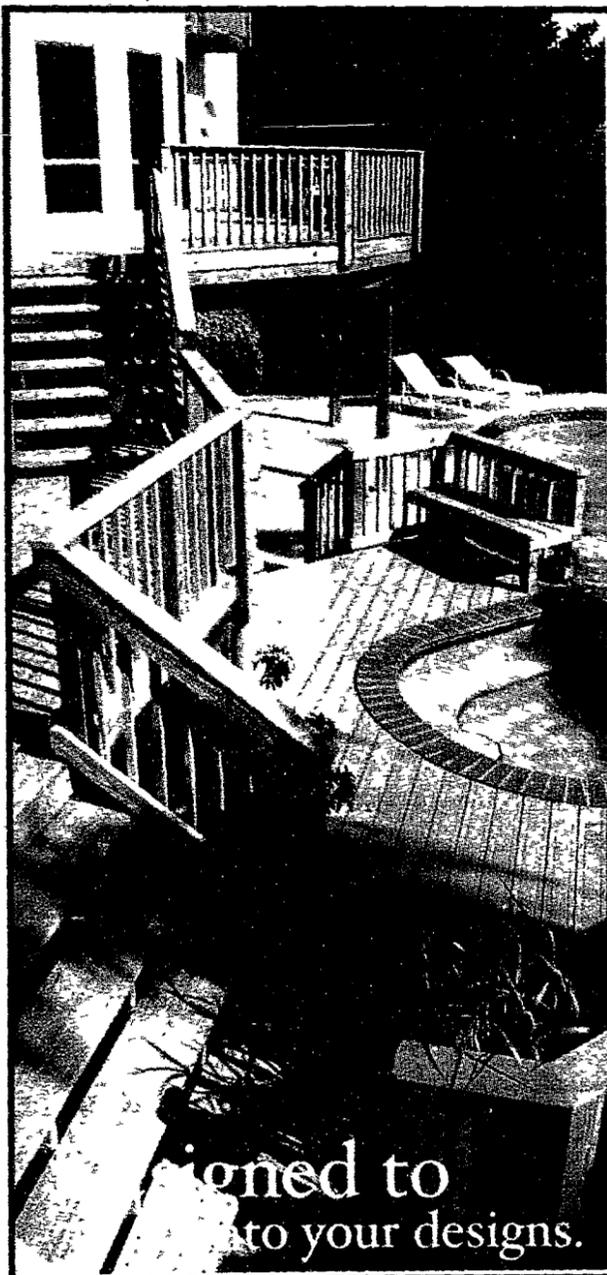
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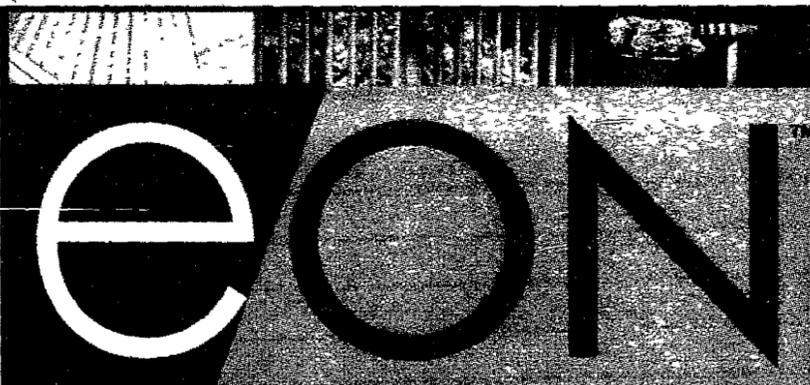


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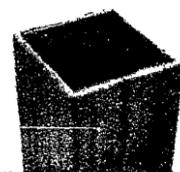


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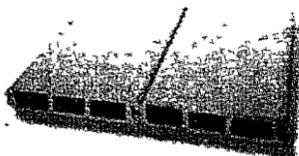


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Premium Cedar Decking

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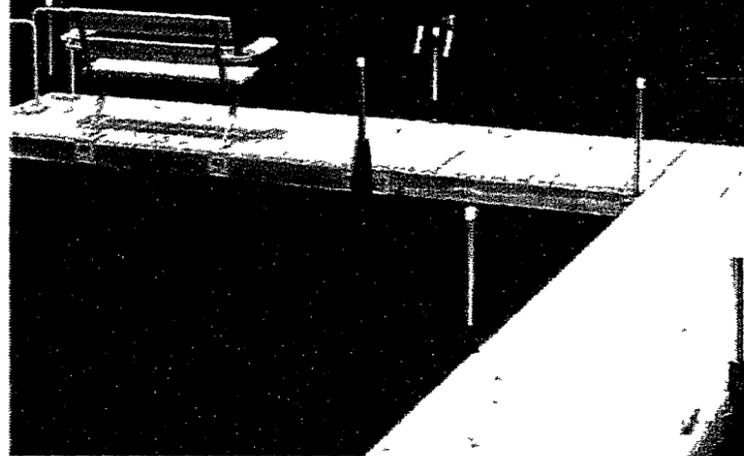
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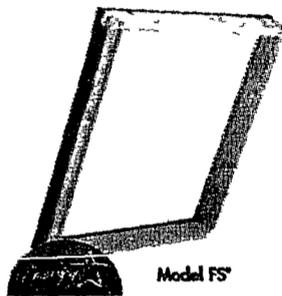


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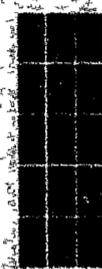
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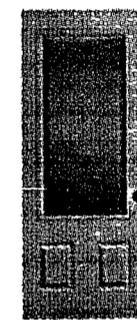


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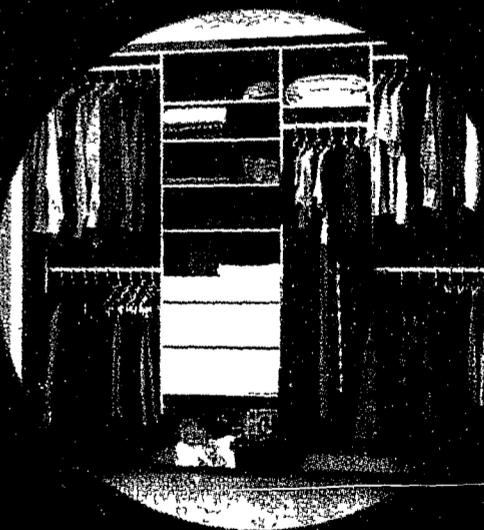
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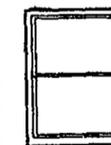
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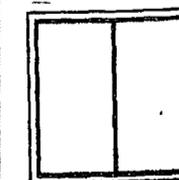
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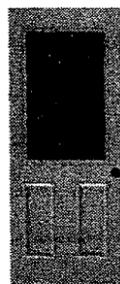
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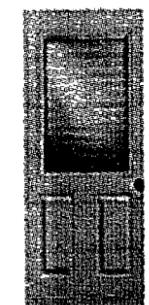


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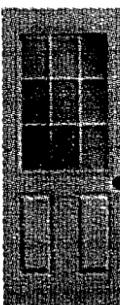


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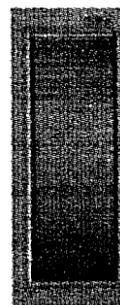
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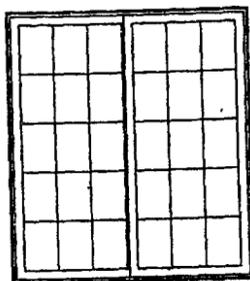
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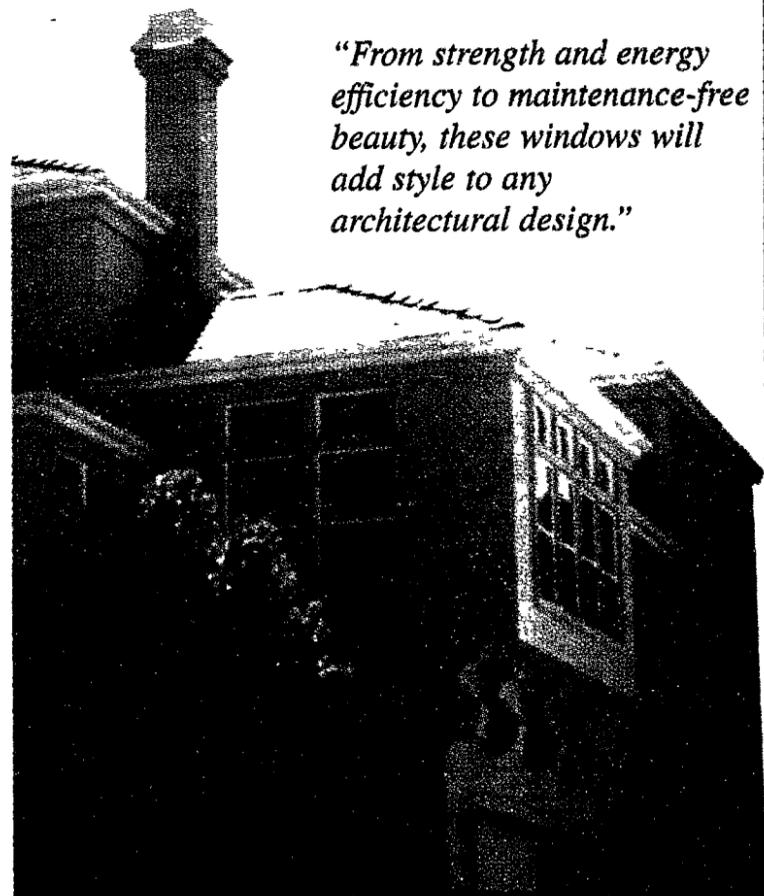
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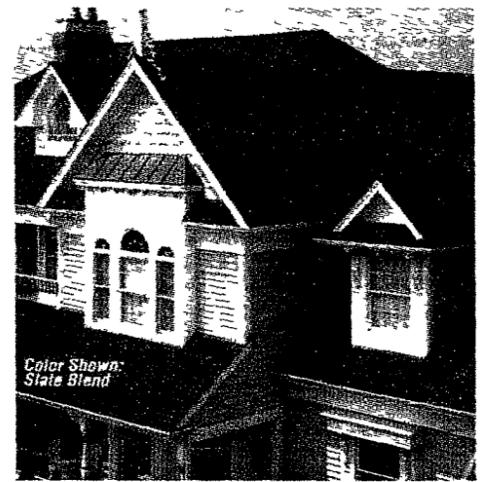
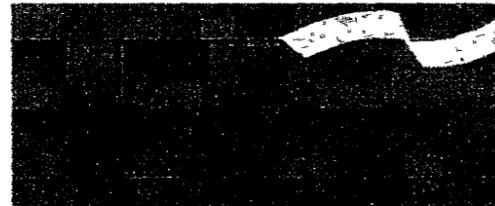
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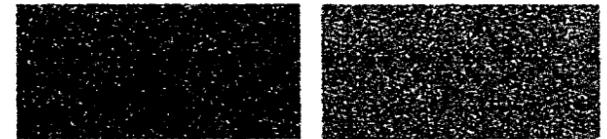
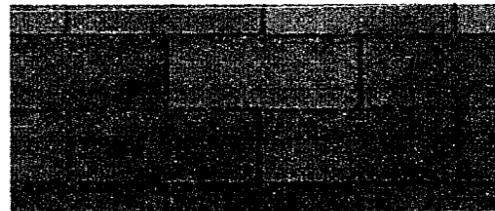
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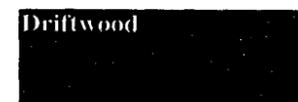
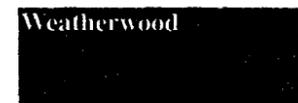
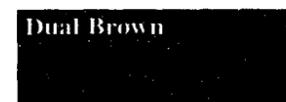
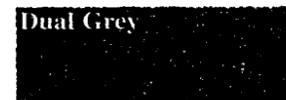


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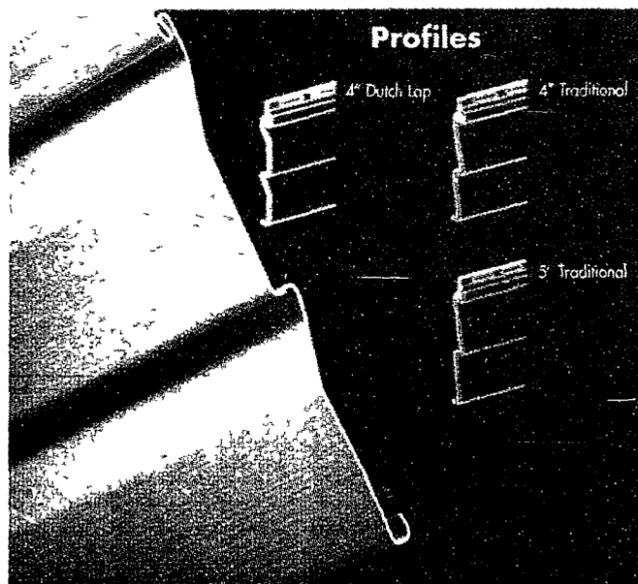
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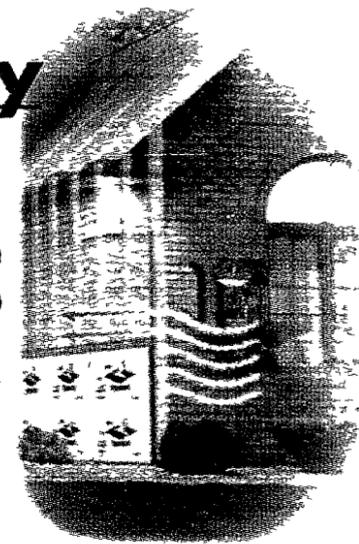
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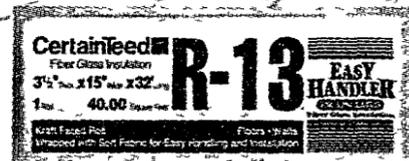
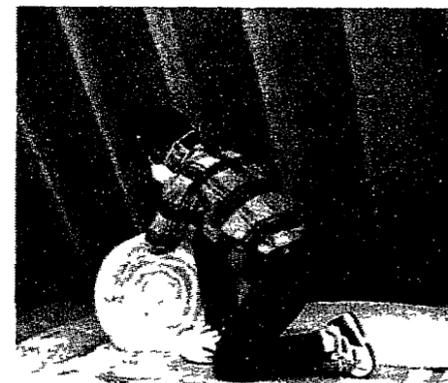


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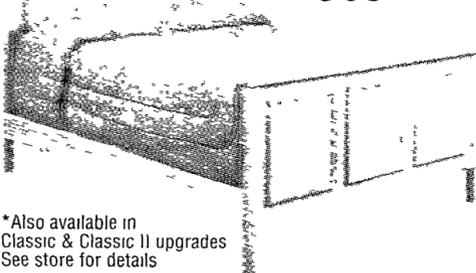
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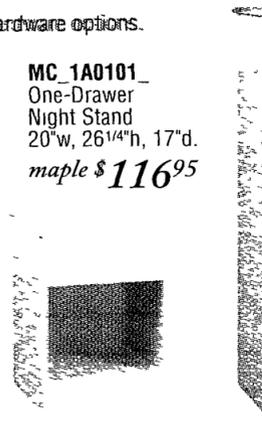
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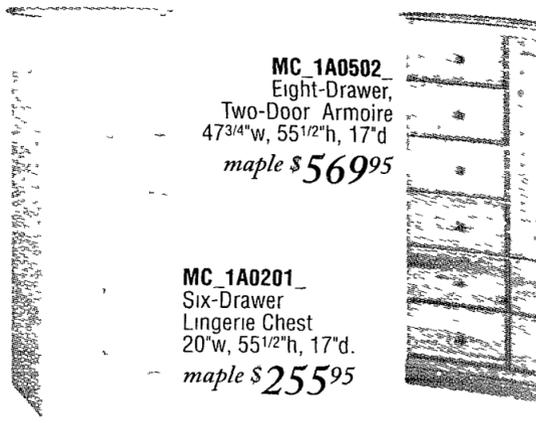


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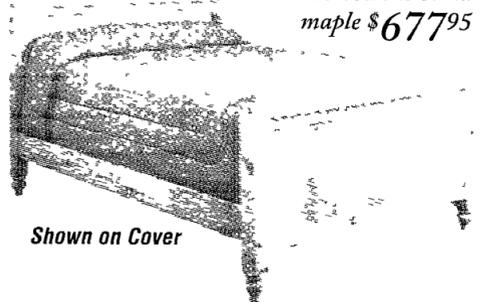
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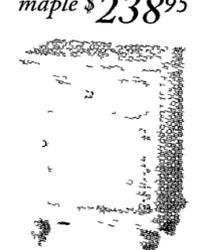
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 One-Door Nightstand
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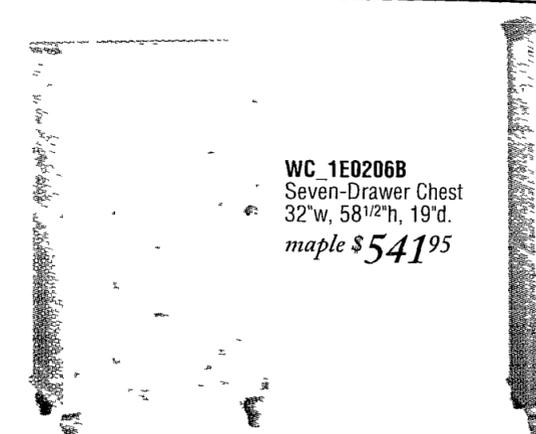


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WC_1E0401B
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 maple \$102⁹⁵

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 One-Door Dresser
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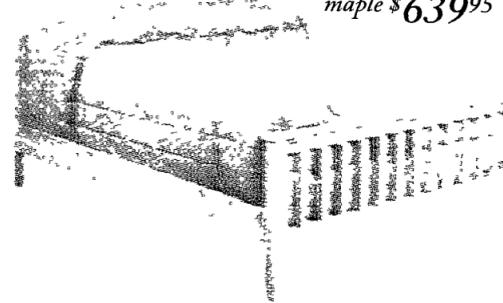


WC_1E0206B
 Seven-Drawer Chest
 32"w, 58 1/2"h, 19"d.
 maple \$541⁹⁵

WC_1E0201B
 Six-Drawer Lingerie Chest, 21 1/2"w, 58 1/2"h, 17"d.
 maple \$385⁹⁵

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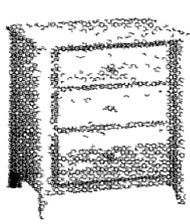


WC_1D0404 Tri-View Mirror
 57"w, 41 1/2"h, 2 1/2"d.
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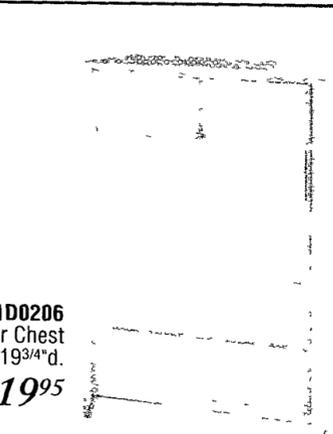
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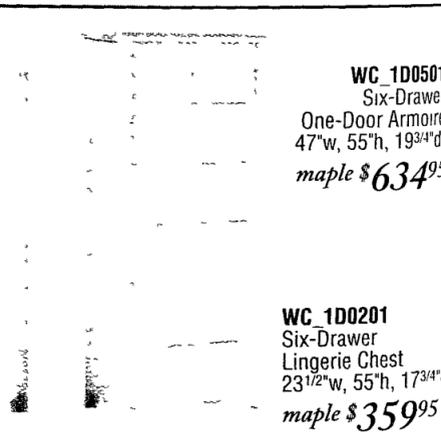
WC_1D0103
 Three-Drawer
 Night Stand
 23 1/2"w, 25 3/4"h, 17 3/4"d.
 maple \$219⁹⁵



WC_1D0206
 Six-Drawer Chest
 34"w, 46 3/4"h, 19 3/4"d.
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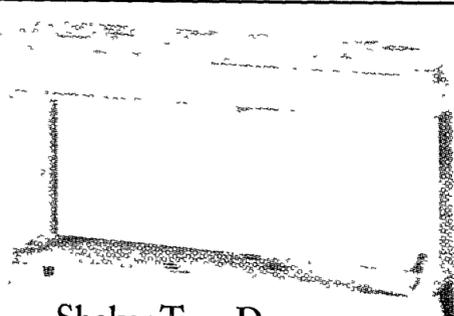
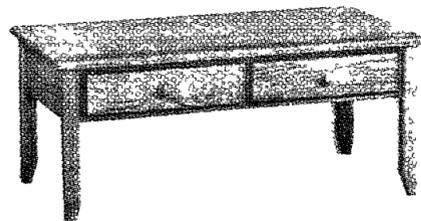
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 47"w, 55"h, 19 3/4"d.
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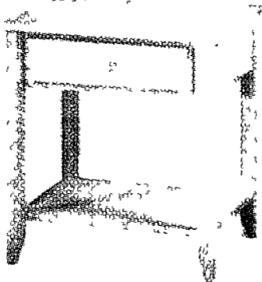
Occasional Tables

Shaker Coffee Table
WC_2D2003 41 1/2"w, 18"h, 20 1/4"d.
 oak \$269⁹⁵

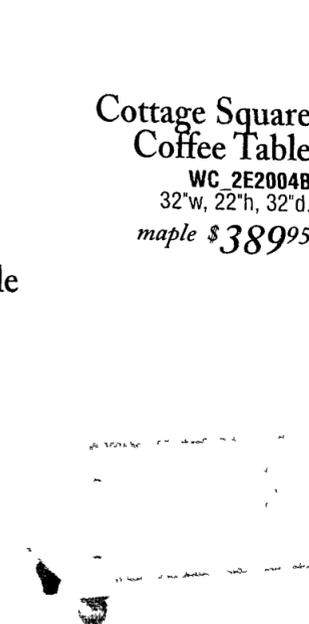


**Shaker Two-Drawer
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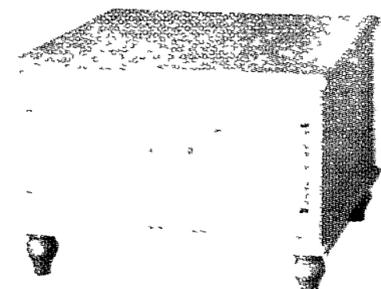
**Shaker End Table
 with Shelf**
WC_2D2005
 23 1/2"w, 25 3/4"h, 20 1/4"d.
 oak \$179⁹⁵



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WC_2E2001B
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 maple \$238⁹⁵



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WC_2E2004B
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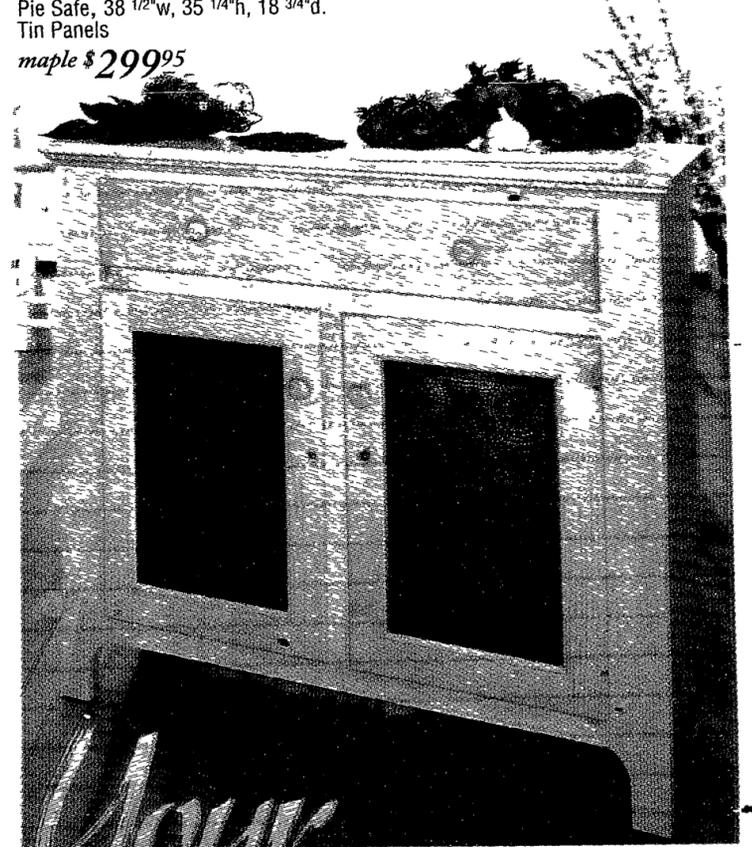


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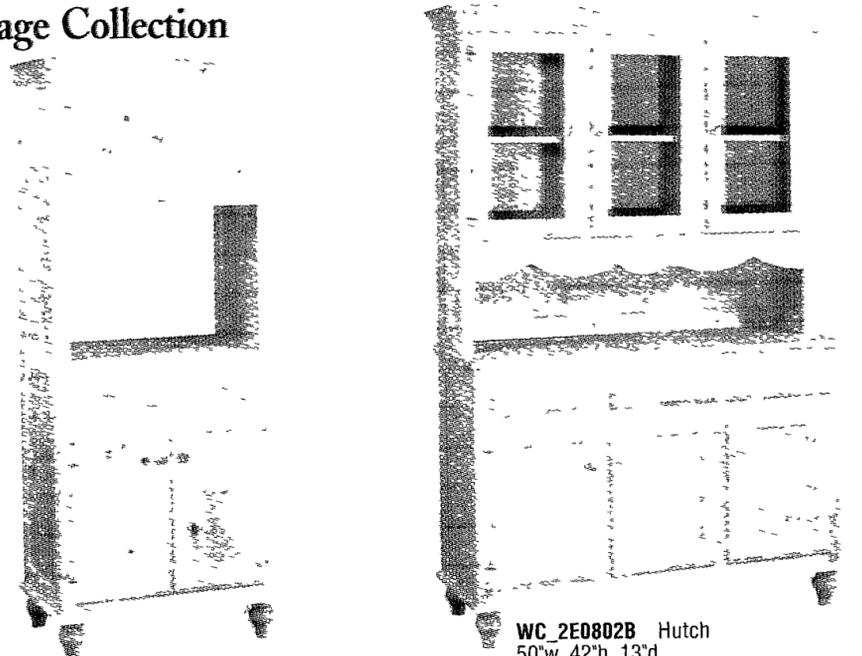
WC_2B1922
Pie Safe, 38¹/₂"w, 35¹/₄"h, 18³/₄"d.
Tin Panels
maple \$299⁹⁵



Cottage Collection

WC_1E0501B Tall Armoire
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maple \$836⁹⁵

WC_1E0208B
Blanket Chest
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maple \$375⁹⁵



WC_2E1902B Microwave Cabinet
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Console
26¹/₂"w, 30"h, 13"d.
pine \$119⁹⁵

WC_2B1913 Pie Safe
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WC_2B1914 Pie Safe
with Copper Panels
WC_2B1915 Pie Safe
with Tin Panels
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pine \$224⁹⁵

WC_2B1926
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WC_2B1910
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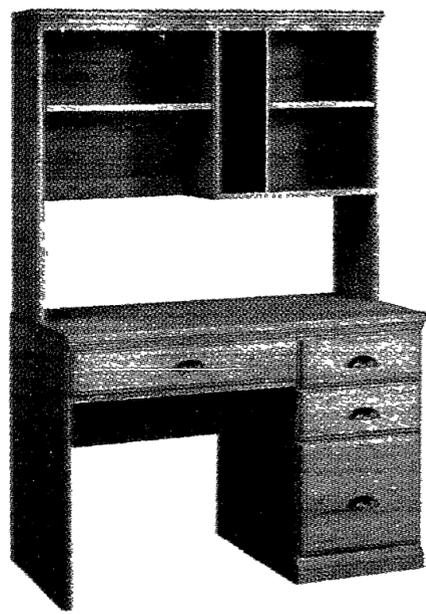
WC_2B1912
Jelly Cupboard with Drawer
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maple \$419⁹⁵

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pine \$337⁹⁵



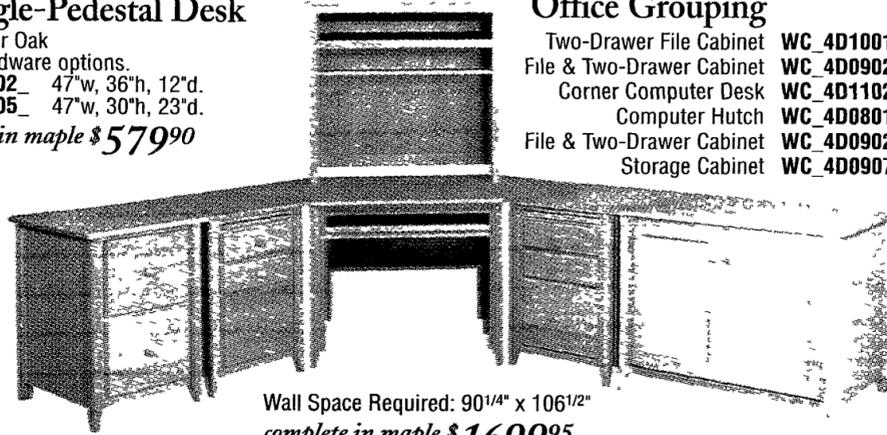
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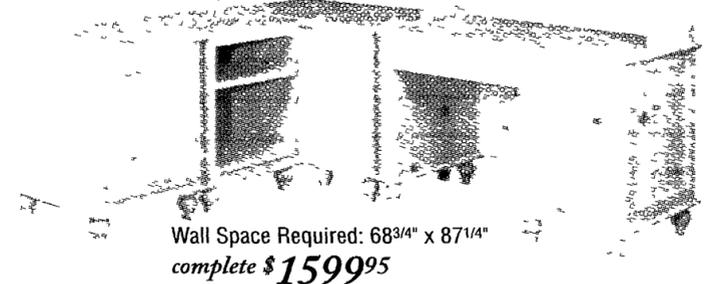
Two-Drawer File Cabinet WC_4D1001
File & Two-Drawer Cabinet WC_4D0902
Corner Computer Desk WC_4D1102
Computer Hutch WC_4D0801
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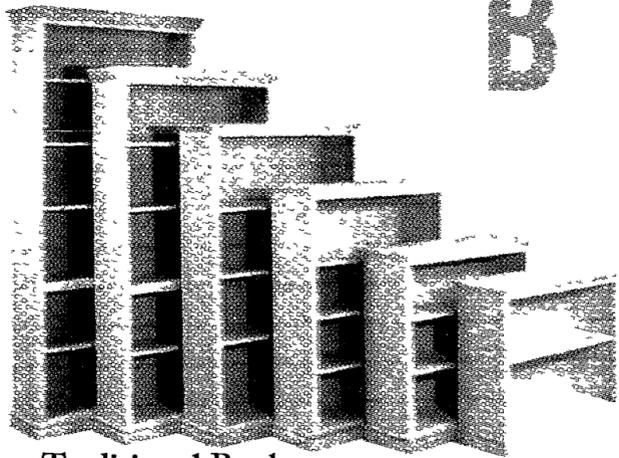
Cottage Maple Office Grouping

WC_4E0901B.HL Printer Cabinet
WC_4E0905B Printer & Scanner Cabinet
WC_4E1101B Corner Connector
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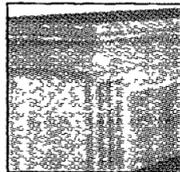
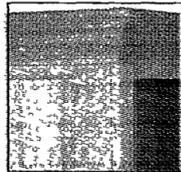
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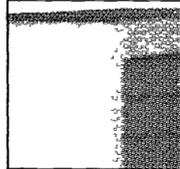
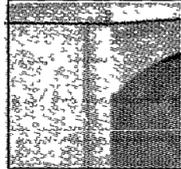


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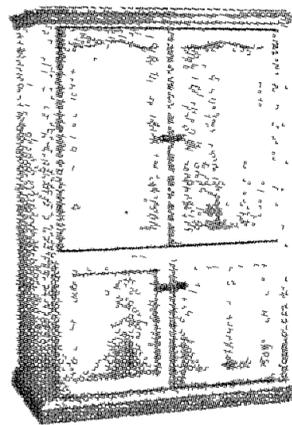
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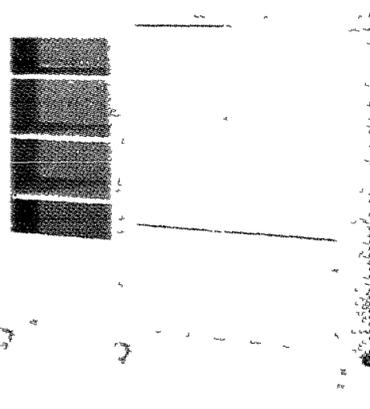


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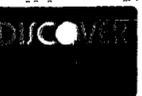
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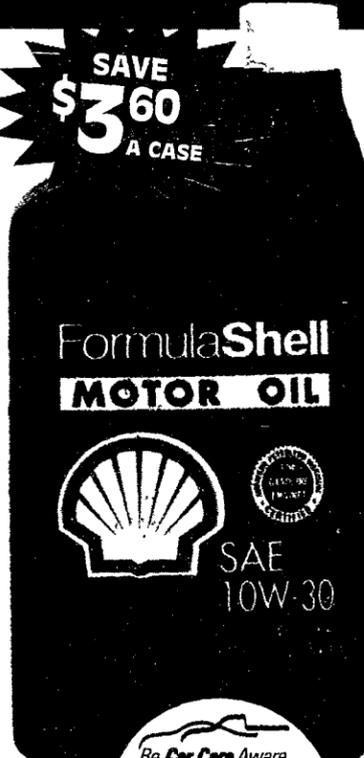
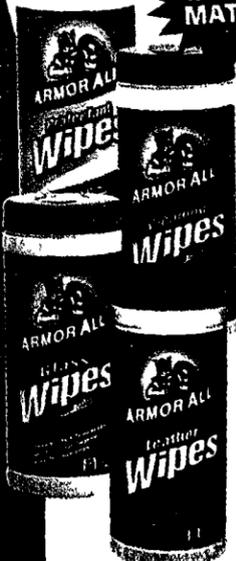
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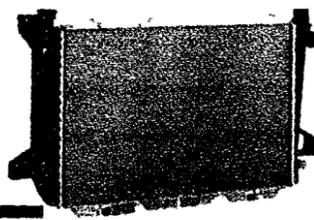


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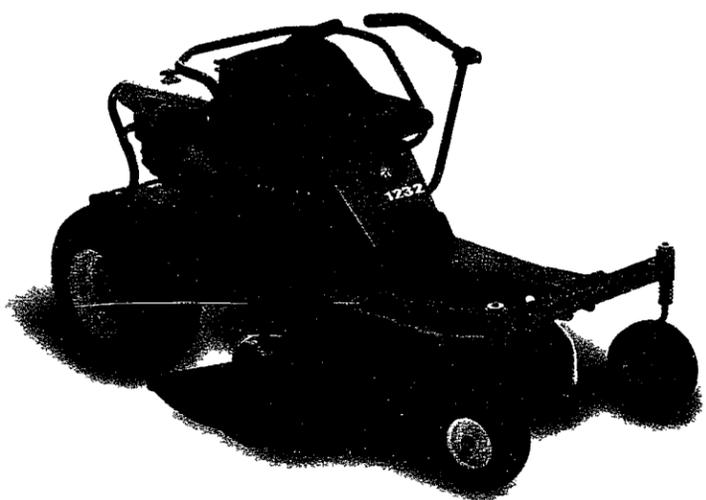
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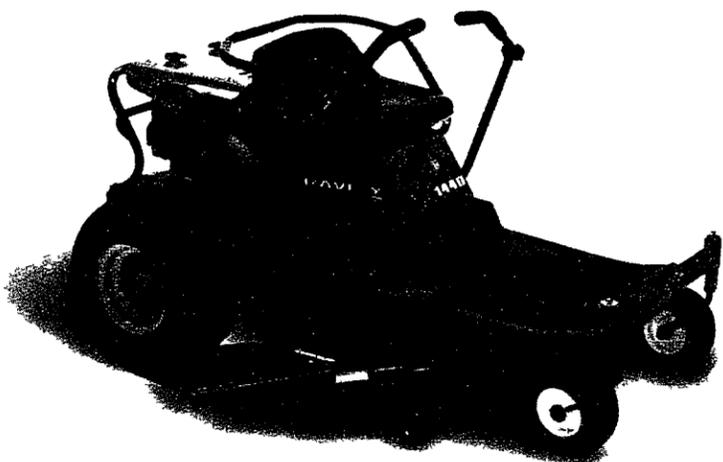
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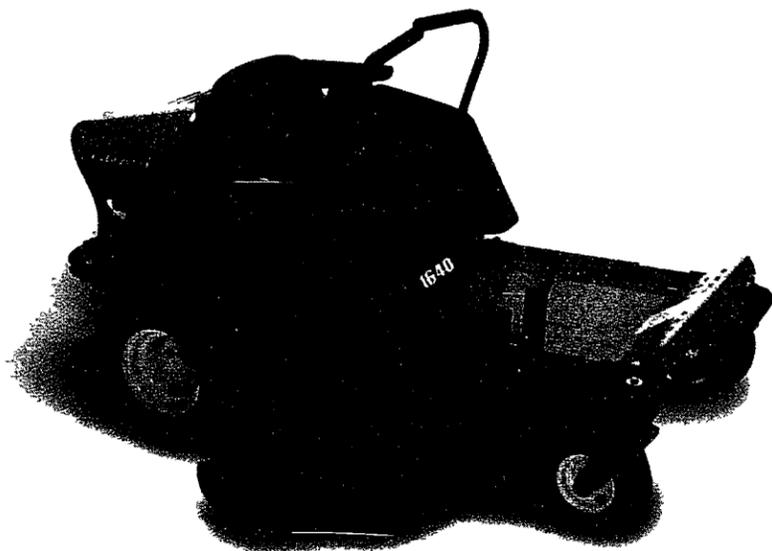
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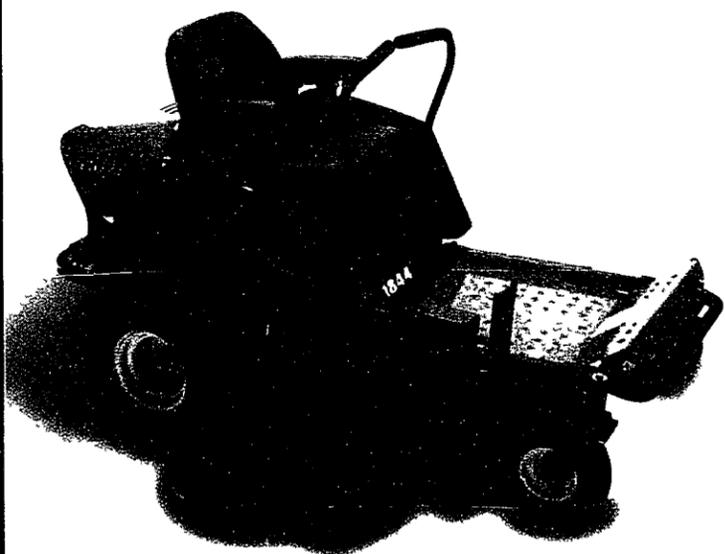
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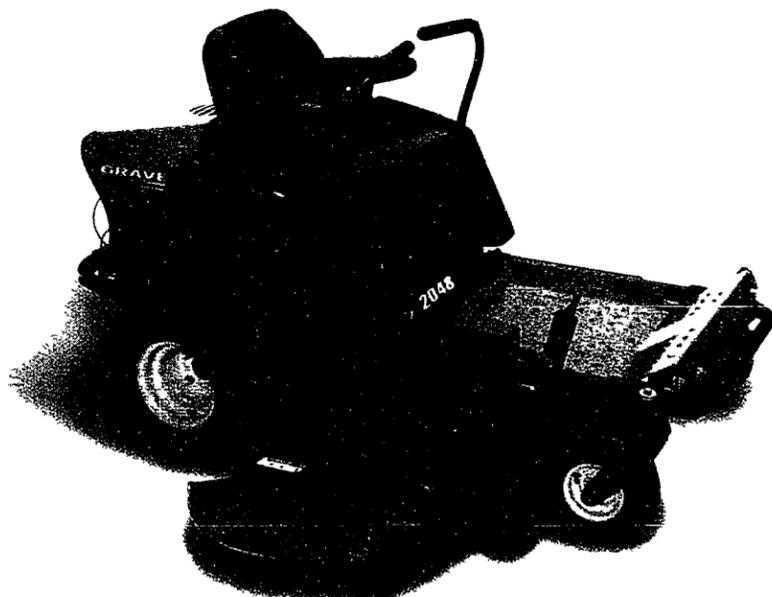
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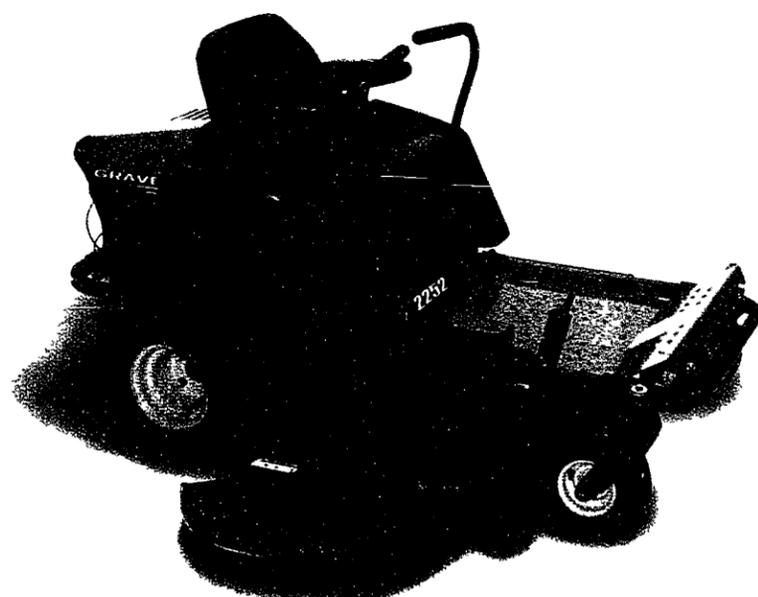
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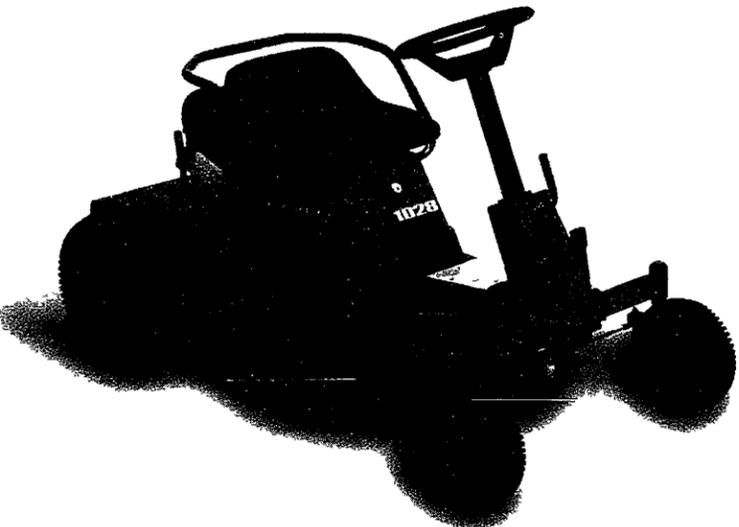
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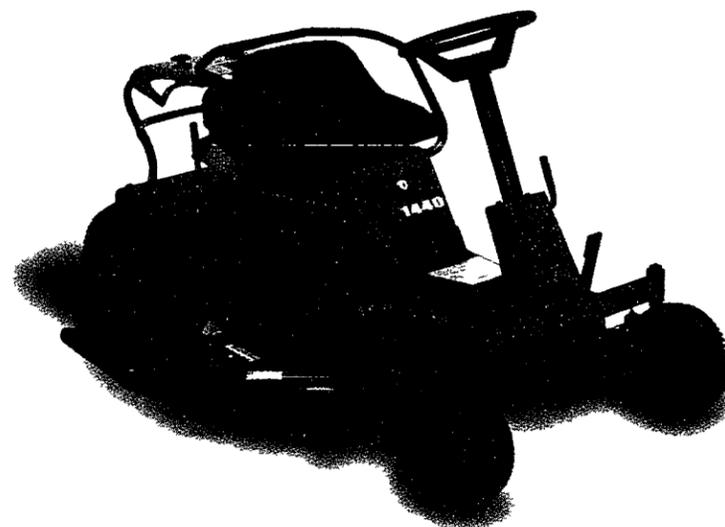
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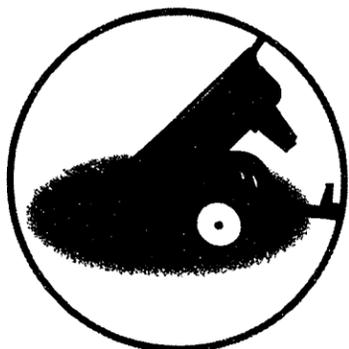
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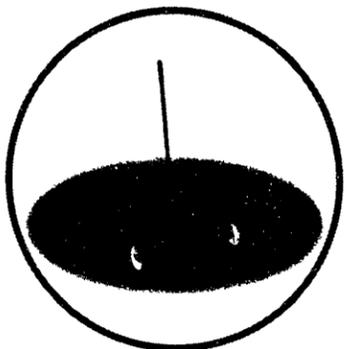
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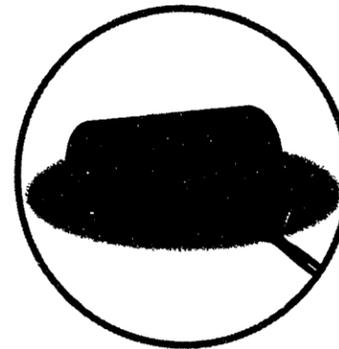
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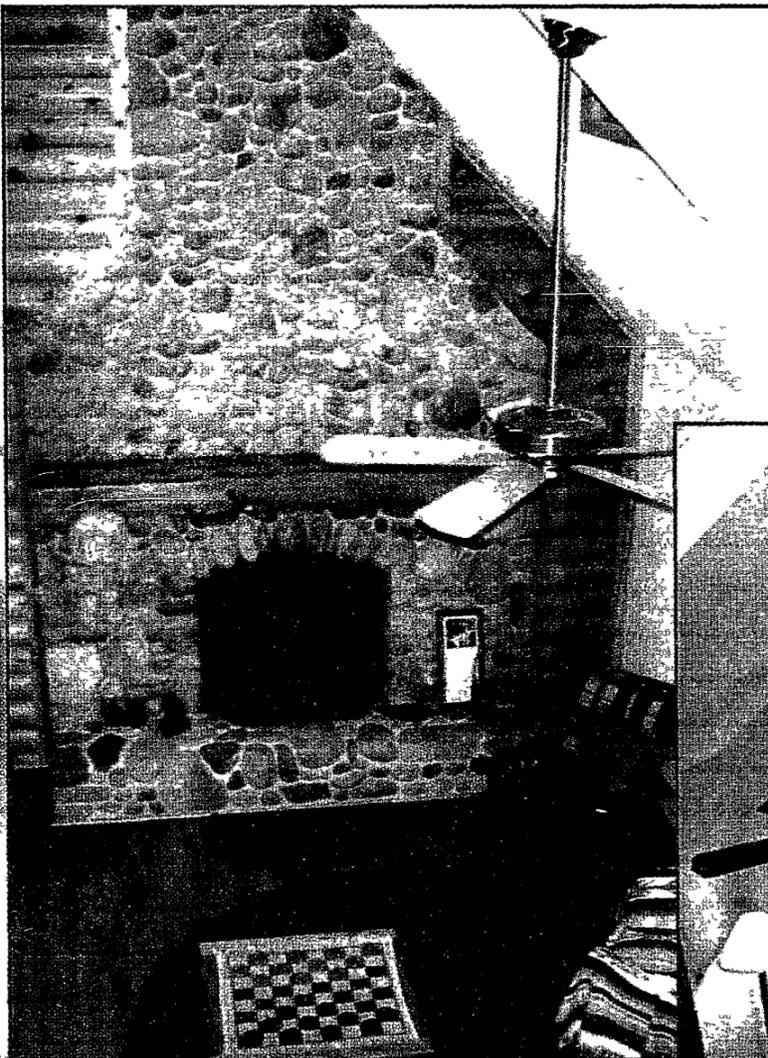


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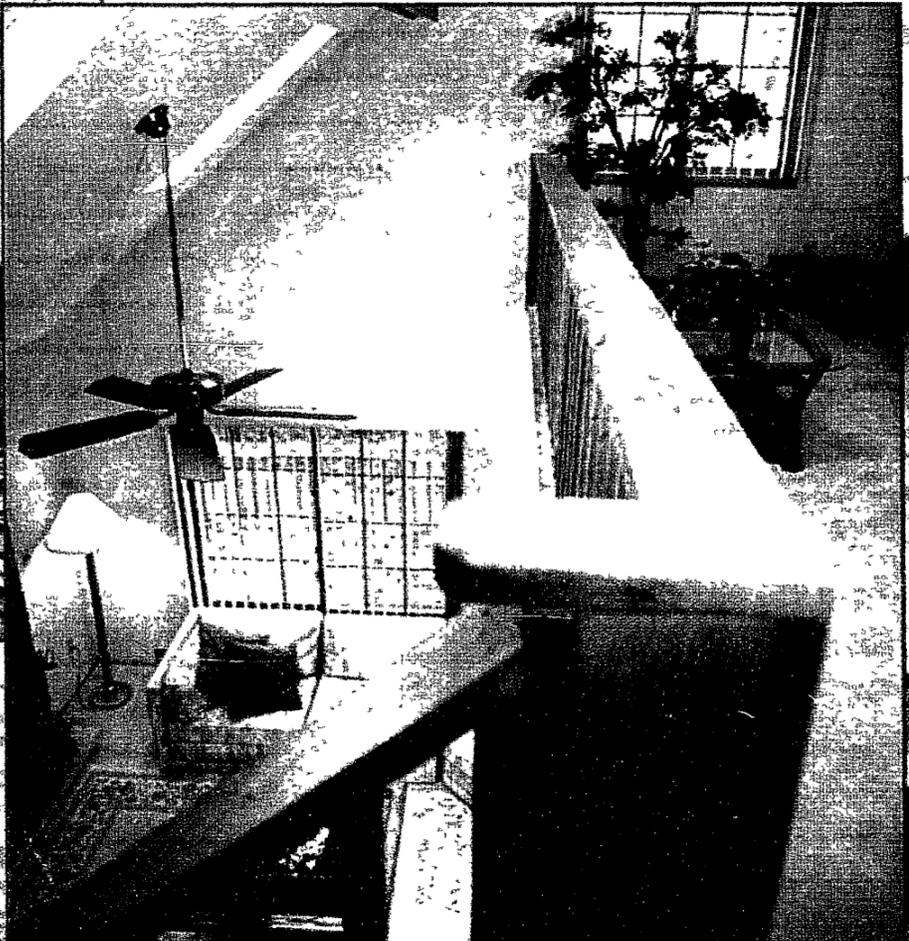
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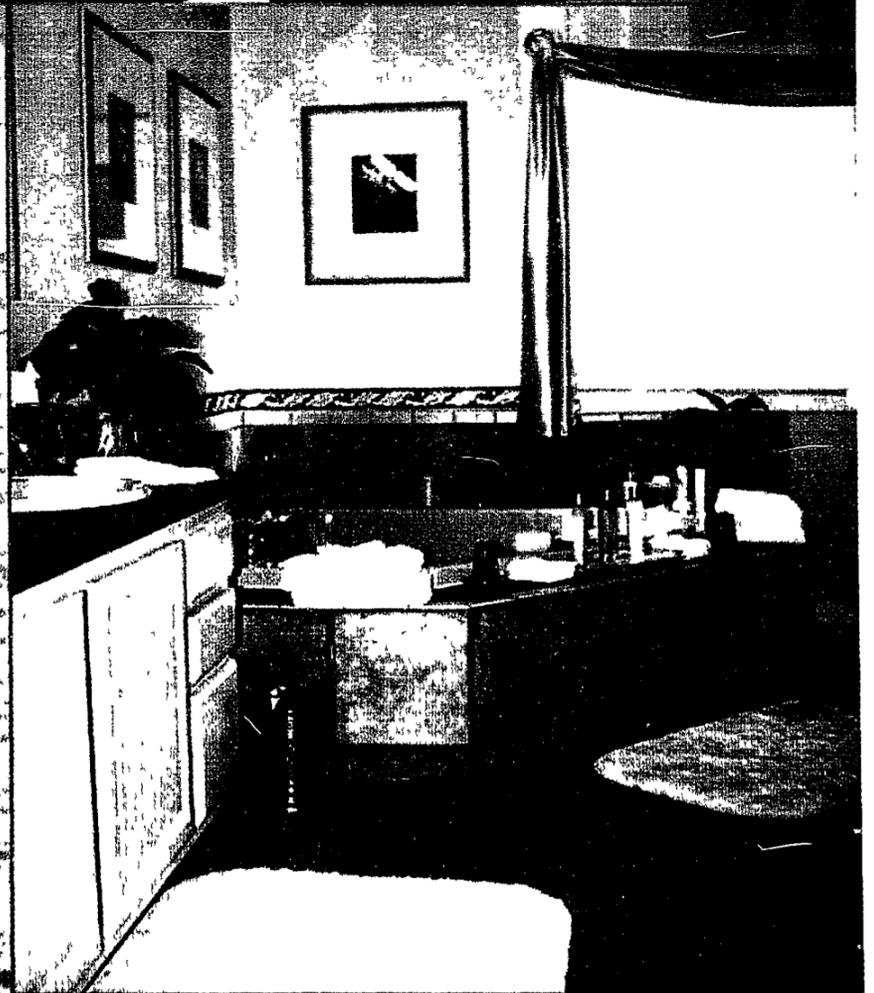
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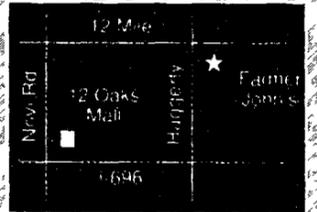
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April-May

Bergenia
Candytuft
Creeping Phlox
Dwarf Bearded Iris
Rock Cress
Rockfool
Sweet Violet
Virginia Bluebells

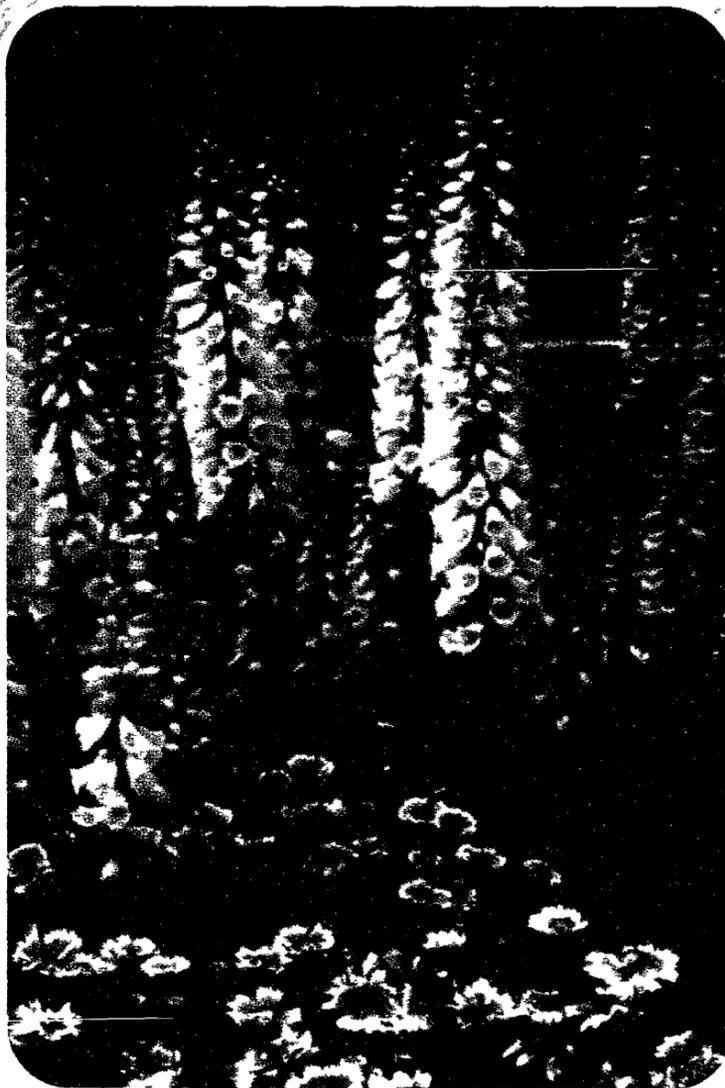
Lily-of-the-Valley
Lupine
Painted Daisy
Peony
Siberian Iris
Sundrops
Sweet Woodruff
Thrift
Violas

May-June

Armeria
Bleeding Heart
Carnation
Columbine
Coral Bells
Cottage Pink,
Hardy
False Indigo
Forget-Me-Not
German Bearded
Iris
Jacob's Ladder

June-July

Astilbe
Baby's Breath
Blanket Flower
Butterfly Weed
Campanula
(Bellflower)
Coreopsis
(Tickseed) 
Daylily 
Delphinium
Dianthus
(Pin Cushion) 



Evening Primrose
Foxglove 
Lamium
Helopsis
(False Sunflower) 
Hollyhock 
Monarda
(Bee Balm) 
Oriental Poppy
Pinks

Shasta Daisy
Silver Mound
Speed Well
Spiderwort
Strokes Aster
Yarrow 

July-August

Balloon Flower
Black-Eyed Susan 
Blazing Star
(Liatris) 
Cardinal Flower
(Lobelia) 

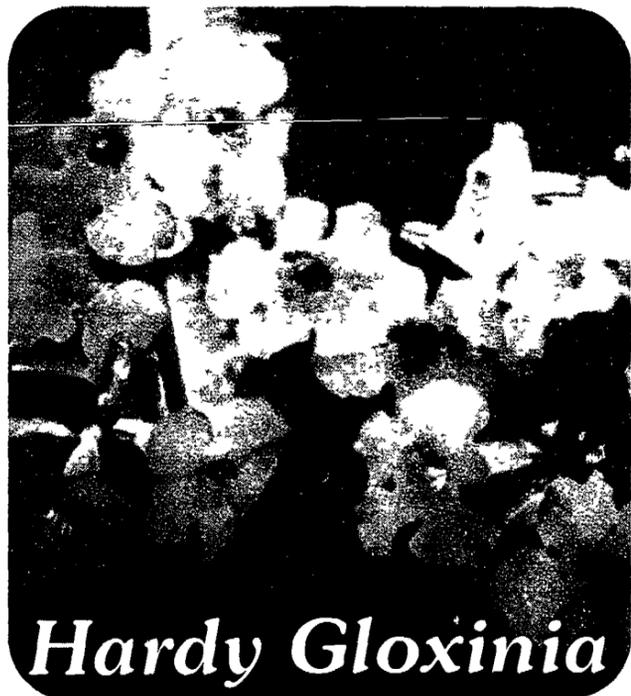
Garden Phlox 
Lavender 
Meadow Rue
Obedient Plant
(False Dragonhead)
Purple
Coneflower 
Rose Mallow
(Hibiscus) 

August-September

Anemone
Autumn Joy
Fountain Grass
Stonecrop (Sedum)

September-October

Eulalia Grass
Hardy Aster
Monkshood
Mums



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Picking The Right Perennials

As a guideline, areas designated "sunny" are south or west facing, with no more than three hours of shade daily; "part-shade" are east facing at least six hours of sun; and "shady" are north-facing or woodland beds with virtually no full sun.

PREPLANTING CARE: If you buy perennials and cannot plant them the same day, water them thoroughly and place them in the shade to prevent excessive wilting.

PLANTING: Evenings and cloudy days are the best times to plant. Set the root ball deep into the ground so that all the roots are well covered and the plant itself is anchored in the soil. Water thoroughly and protect from direct sun and winds until it is re-established.

WATERING: Water perennials thoroughly to give them a good start, then only as the soil begins to dry. Do it early in the day with a soaking technique at ground level. A sprinkling on the foliage isn't sufficient and it could promote disease.

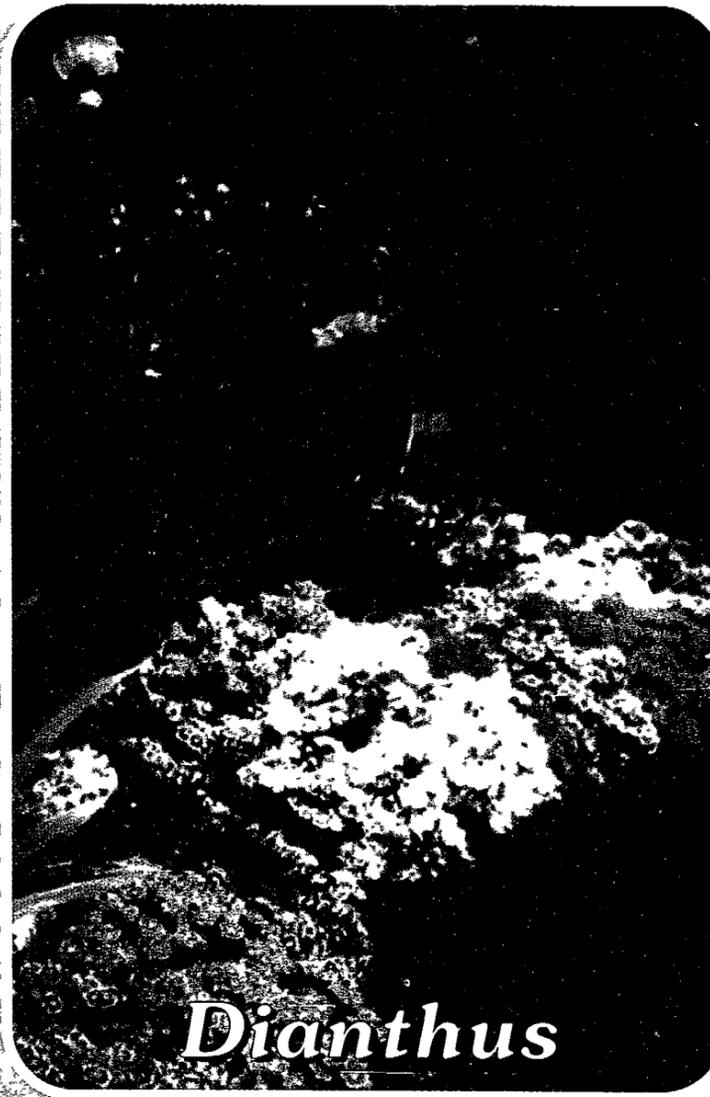
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Astilbe
Balloon Flower
Bergenia
Bleeding Heart (Dicentra)
Columbine (Aquilegia)
Coral Bells (Heuchera Sanguinea)
Daylily (Hemerocallis)
Forget-Me-Not (Myosotis Alpestris)
Garden Violets (Viola Odorata)
Hosta
Lily-of-the-Valley (Convallaria Majalis)
Meadow Rue (Thalictrum)
Most Ferns
Painted Daisy

Peony
Siberian Iris (Iris Sibirica)
Virginia Bluebells (Mertensia Virginica)

Perennials for Sunny, Dry Areas

Baby's Breath (Gypsophilia)
Black-Eyed Susan, Coneflower
Blanket Flower (Gaillardia Grandiflora)
Blazing Star (Liatris)
Daylily (Hemerocallis)
Heliopsis (False Sunflower)
Perennial Salvia,
Purple Coneflower
Sage (Salvia)
Shasta Daisy



Dianthus

Silver Mound
Stonecrop,
Autumn Joy (Sedum)
Tickseed, Butter
Daisy (Coreopsis)

Perennials for Moist or Wet Sites

Aster
Astilbe
Bee Balm (Monarda)
Black-Eyed Susan (Rudbeckia)
Cardinal Flower, Indian Pink (Lobelia Cardinalis)
Perennial Salvia,
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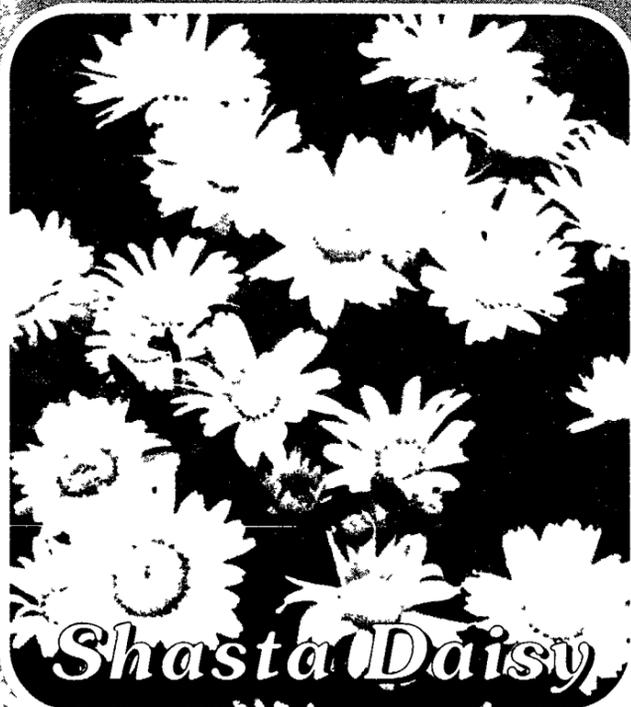
False Dragonhead (Physostegia Virginiana)
Rose Mallow (Hibiscus Moscheutos)
Virginia Bluebells (Mertensia Virginica)

Ground Cover

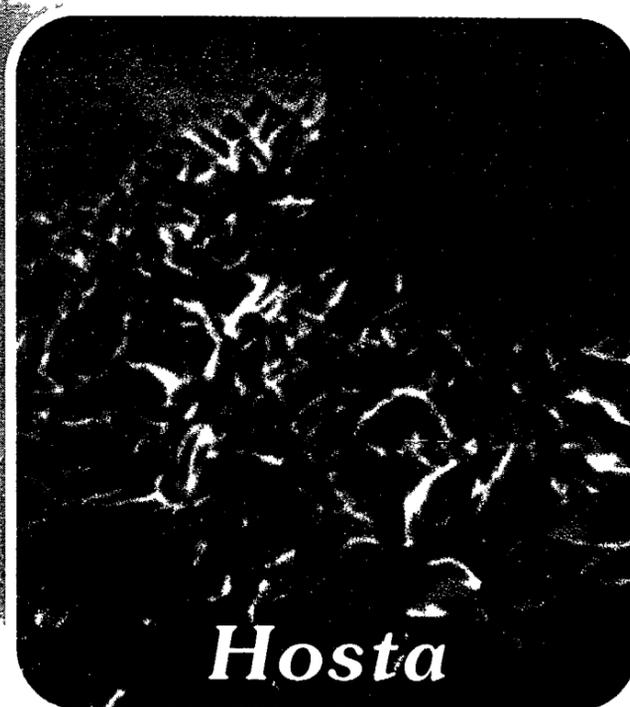
Ajuga
Houttuynia (Chamelon Plant)
Ivy-Assorted Types
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Ask American Profile

Q I love listening to Kenny Chesney. I would like to hear more about him.

—Angela B., North Carolina

Kenny Chesney had a big year in 2002 with a No. 1 hit single *The Good Stuff*, not to mention a headlining tour that grossed \$24 million, and No. 1 album, *No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems*. The Luttrell, Tenn., native is on tour again, this time with Kellie Coffey and Montgomery Gentry. Chesney's current single is *Big Star*. The former high school football player credits his connection with his fans to the fact that he grew up in a small town, where he skinny-dipped, fished, and got his heart broken by a high school sweetheart. "I've lived like a lot of guys listening to my music live. And I think that's why people buy my records, because they can relate to the guy singing those songs. They feel like the songs are about their lives, because they're about my life—and I'm not all that different from them, even now," he says. Chesney got his start playing five nights a week for tips at Chucky's in Johnson City, Tenn., while he was a student at East Tennessee State University.

Q Are Madylin Sweeten of *Everybody Loves Raymond* and Jody Sweetin from *Full House* sisters? Are the twins Michael and Geoffrey from *Everybody Loves Raymond* their brothers?

—D.J., Wyoming

The young girl who plays Ally Barone on the popular sitcom is not related to Jody from *Full House*. She is, however, the real-life big sister to twins Sullivan and Sawyer Sweeten, who play her twin brothers on *Raymond*. All three of the Sweeten kids, who were born in Brownwood, Texas (pop. 19,256), have been on the show

Twins Sullivan and Sawyer, and big sister Madylin.



Former football player, now hit singer, Kenny Chesney.

Q What has Bob Seger been doing? I haven't heard anything from him in some time.

—Brad A., New Hampshire

The rocker, best known for hits such as *Old Time Rock & Roll* and *Like a Rock*, has been making headlines as an amateur sailor. The Michigan native won the Port Huron-to-Mackinac Island sailboat race on Lake Huron the last two summers. He skippered *Lightning*, a 52-foot sailboat with a 10-person crew. Other than sailing, Seger has been tweaking a new record and spending time with his family, a spokeswoman for Capitol Records says. Seger, 57, hasn't made many entertainment industry headlines since his 1996 tour for the album *It's a Mystery*. One of the most prolific and popular rock 'n' rollers in history, Seger hit No. 1 on the Billboard Catalog Charts last year with his 1994 *Greatest Hits* album, which Capitol says has certified sales of 6 million, or six times platinum. He has two children: Cole, 9, and Samantha, 7. ★

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Hometown Heroes

Parents to All

by
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NOLAN

It all came down to one tense night and one very difficult decision in 1994. Melvin Dortch's sister Sharron had been diagnosed with cancer and given less than a year to live. As a single mother, what would become of her eight children, ages 6 to 14?

Melvin and his wife, Jackie, who had been married two years, had a small, two-bedroom house in Atmore, Ala., (pop. 7,676) and both worked full time.

"I thought we could take two of them, maybe three," Melvin recalls. But Jackie told him bluntly, "If you're not willing to try, and these are your blood, I might as well pack my stuff and go home. We're going to have to do this because I'm not going to see them separated."

For Freddie Miller, the Dortchs' decision was an answer to prayer. As a volunteer for the American Cancer Society, she and several other women had taken turns driving Sharron to her doctor's appointments, and had grown well-acquainted with the kids.

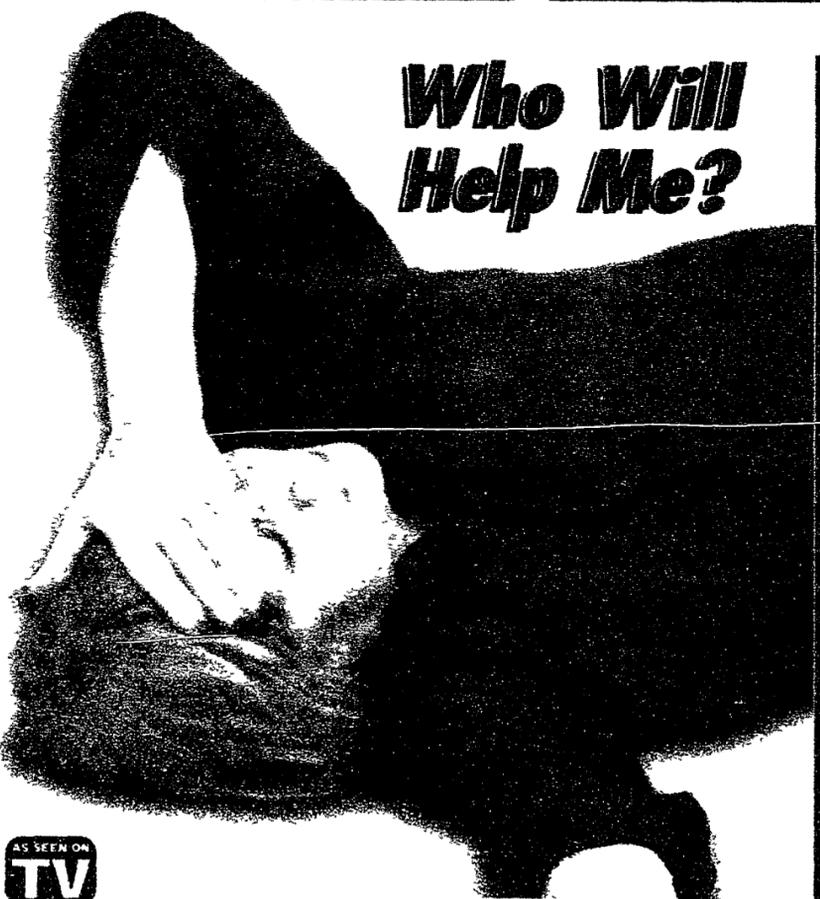


Surrogate parents Melvin and Jackie Dortch huddle with their "kids."

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"When I heard that they were going to take them all, I said, 'Thank you, Lord' because this is what their mother wanted," Miller recalls. "I couldn't believe it really because I couldn't conceive of anybody taking on that many children not ever having had any." But the Dortchs weren't just any couple.

"It was a real adjustment to go from just two to ten in the house," Jackie acknowledges. Suddenly she found herself doing three loads of laundry a day and trying to coordinate schedules for her new brood. "We only had one bathroom at first, and when we got up in the morning, it was like chaos."

From the first time the children met Jackie, a mutual bond took hold and grew. "They were interested in everything that Jackie did, and she would teach them," Melvin recalls. "The boys sort of hung with me and the girls hung with her. It didn't take me long to see that we probably could do this," he adds.

Aided by generosity from the community, they purchased a compact five-bedroom, two-bathroom home, which makes good use of every available inch of space. "This house is a dream," Melvin says. "It's exactly the way I pictured. Of course, it's had a lot of wear and tear and traffic."

Melvin admits he's the worrier of the family, offset by Jackie's steady optimism and resourcefulness. "I'm up all through the night thinking 'What are we going to do next?' or 'How are we going to do this?' And the next morning, Jackie will say, 'I think what we'll do is this.'"

"My biggest worry is not the kids or the bills. It's her. She goes constantly. She says, 'We've got to keep things going.' She never says, 'Look what I've done.' She doesn't think that way."

Her greatest reward, Jackie says, is "seeing their faces and to see them blossom. They're all doing pretty good in school. They've got a chance now and I tell them that they can be anything they want to be. I say to them, 'Listen to yourself. Don't listen to other people.'"

Daughter Lenada, 18, recalls how she'd joined a club at school, and later wanted to get out. "But (Jackie) told me I had to stay in it. She wanted me to learn what it meant to stick with the commitment I'd made."

When Jackie became a surrogate mother, she "didn't think about on down the road. I was thinking about the moment—giving them a stable place that they could call home. If someone had told me when I was 20 that this was what I would be doing, I would've probably said, 'Not me.' Now we're Aunt Jackie and Uncle Melvin to even the kids' friends," acknowledges Jackie with satisfaction.

Nearly seven years into their commitment, Melvin is pleased that the children are doing well and a new addition to their cramped quarters is due to be completed soon with the help of benefactors. "We do a lot of praying and being thankful," he acknowledges.

"They've done a miracle," is how Freddie Miller puts it. ✨

Michael Nolan is a frequent contributor to American Profile.

Tidbit

Did You Know...

ILLINOIS—Founder of the women's liberation movement, Betty Friedan, was born in 1921 in Peoria. Her 1963 book, *The Feminine Mystique*, protested that society pressured women into being housewives only.

INDIANA—Humans howl along with the wolves at weekly Wolf Howls in Wolf Park, an educational and research wildlife center in Battle Ground (pop. 1,323).

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MINNESOTA—The first hybrid popcorn for commercial use, Minhybrid 250, was released in 1934 by the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station.

MISSOURI—President Harry S. Truman and baseball's Stan Musial are among 45 famous Missourians in murals on the flood wall at Cape Girardeau (pop. 35,349).

NEBRASKA—One of America's best-known illustrators, John Falter, was born in Plattsmouth (pop. 6,887) in 1910 and grew up in Falls City (pop. 4,671). He completed 185 *Saturday Evening Post* covers and World War II recruiting posters.

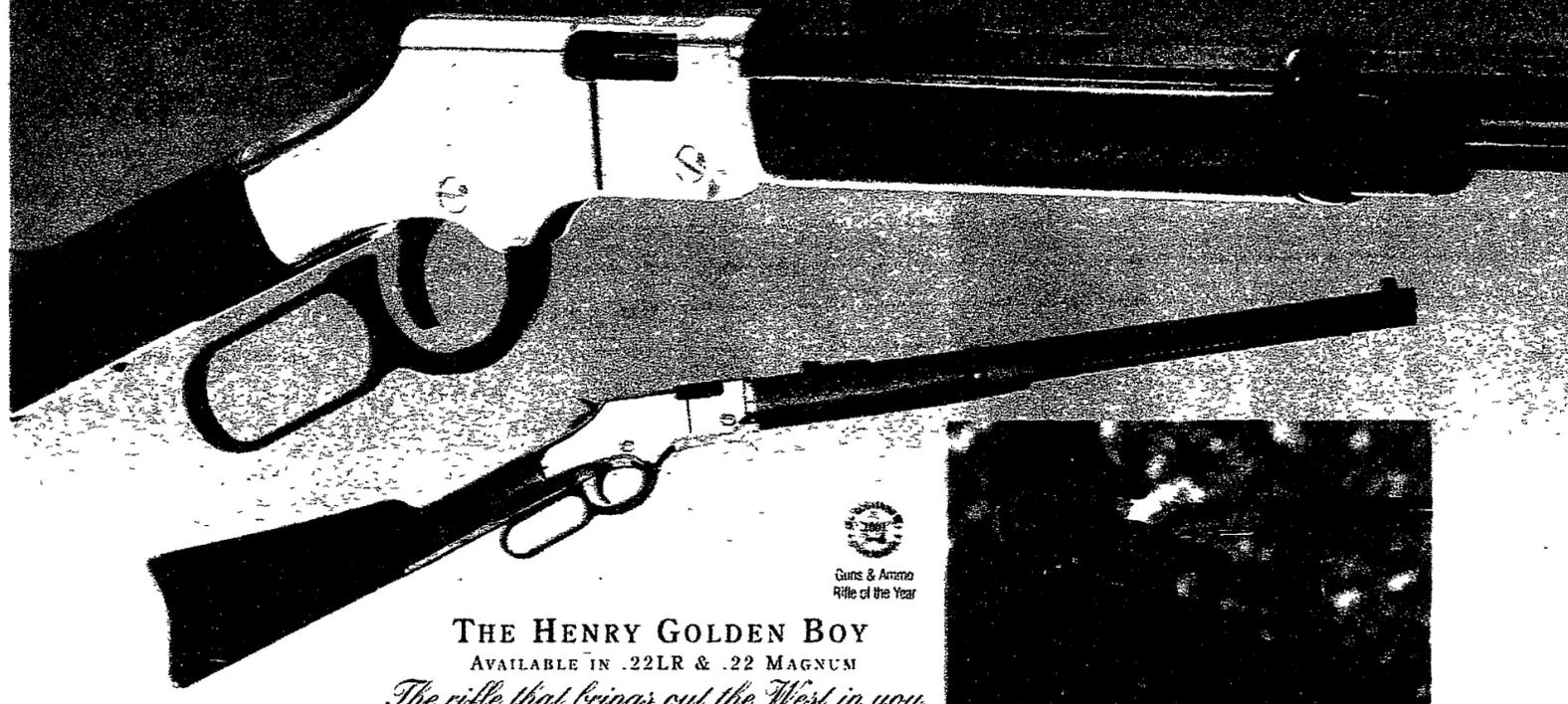
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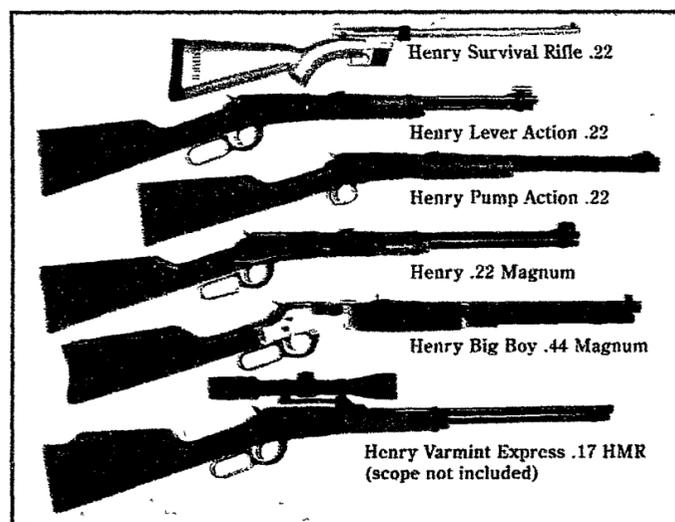
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Elizabeth Anne, a competitive roller skater, hugs her mom and greatest fan, Shirley Walker.

I roller skate competitively, and it's not the cheapest thing. I don't know where I'd be if my mother didn't make my costumes for me, or pay for my skates (my father helps also). My mother homeschooled Ashley, and when we were done with our school work, we would go to the science museum, horseback riding in the metro parks, swimming, sledding down huge hills until you're frozen stiff, visiting the art museum, or we'd go to Cleveland to the market there and just walk around. And when we would go to places, we would stay there for hours at a time!"

—Elizabeth Anne Walker, Medina, Ohio

"'Hey you guys, be good to your mother.' Those words, spoken from a military hospital room window, were the last words I ever heard my father say. When my mother took us back in the afternoon, we were told he had passed away. Two days later my mother delivered my sister. Now she had four sons and a daughter.

"When I am having what I think is a bad day, I need only recall all that, and realize it's probably not a bad day at all. The determination and strength my mother used to get our fatherless family raised amazes me to this day."

—Richard A. Heath, Topsham, Vt.

"We were poor when I was young, but I don't remember ever feeling poor, or hungry, or deprived. My mom did things to prevent that. One Christmas she made us all skirts and jumpers on her old sewing machine, staying up late working on them after we'd gone to bed. One year we all got bicycles for Christmas. They were used bikes, but we thought they were the best. One year we got

our very own horse for Christmas (even though mom was afraid of horses). There wasn't a dry eye in the house that time.

"She was the one person I could always count on, and I knew she loved me unconditionally, even when I didn't love myself."

—Marsha Sighting, Blackfoot, Idaho

Thank You Mom

When we asked our readers to tell us what makes their moms great, we were flooded with mail—close to 1,000 letters with more still coming in. We wish we could print them all. The stories we read were tales of compassion, sacrifice, and enduring, unconditional love. The mothers we read about overcame disease, disasters, heartbreak, poverty, and the Great Depression, and without exception they made us think how much love we owe our mothers, and how we should be thanking them often with regular notes of gratitude—not just on Mother's Day. Herein, a sampling of the letters ...

"My mom does best at taking care of my family at my house because my dad is at war."

—Eric Redding

"What makes my mom great is that she loves me for who I am, and not who I'm not."

—Jen MacDonald

Permissions from the 4th grade at McBride Elementary School, Helen, Ore.

"Mom, I want to let the entire world know who Arnette Smith is, and what makes you amazing. I will never be able to thank you for everything—rocking me to sleep in my brown rocker, teaching me to bake your mouth-watering rolls, and demonstrating how attitude determines happiness.

"I want the world to know how proud of you I am. Your vegetables are grand prize winners. 30 chickens all have names, and the pigs have their own first-class bed and breakfast! We created our first craft store together, and the farm has gone from bare land to a place others flock to.

"I hope I can give my husband the love and support you give dad. I love you."

—Marie Vineyard, Ellensburg, Wash.

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—Nicole Corle, Bedford, Penn.

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“Mother’s greatest gifts to her children were how she taught us to love by taking the smallest portion on the plate for herself, returning “too much” change to the grocery, and sitting in the middle of the car seat so we could have the window. Mother taught us about washing our hands, behaving in public, and loving God.

—Linda F. Thomas, Beaumont, Texas

“Did you ever want to just stop life? Did you ever want to start over? Is there anyone but me who can’t seem to get it right the first time?”

“Through a series of events, at age 17 I found myself homeless. One day, a teacher I’d grown so fond of and admired came to where I was temporarily living. She told me simply, ‘Our home is yours if you would like for it to be.’

From the moment I was welcomed into the Roberts family, no distinction was made between my two new siblings and me. Nothing but love, direction, and a sense of belonging was conveyed to me. My education was given to me as equally as if I had the same blood as my mother, for indeed she is my mother. She possesses an abiding faith in the power of God’s direction, an enormous heart, and a spirit unequalled in the ability to convey love.”

—Linda Morris, director of elementary education, Nassau School District, Fernandina Beach, Fla.

“Our mom tells us she loves us every morning and every night before bed. Our mom reads to us every day, and plays silly games that no one else will play with us. She makes us feel warm inside with all the hugs she gives.”

—Dante Yang, (3 1/2) and Sophia Yang (6 mos.), Albuquerque, N.M.

“Mom loved Dad—no questions, no doubts, no hesitations. They were one; a unit. Even though I felt that unquestionable, unconditional mother’s love, it was clear that her love for my father was unshakable and a priority. She has taught me the importance of honesty and fidelity. Now as a wife and mother of four, sometimes when things get chaotic, what I need is just a talk with mom. She reminds me that I don’t have to do it all, and that I should be good to myself in order to be good for my family.”

—Teresa M. Cullen, Carroll, Iowa

“I grew up on a small farm during the Great Depression. Cotton was our only cash crop. I was in school, and it was planting time. As Papa got up from the breakfast table, he said to me, ‘You can’t go to school today; you’ll have to help me plant. I’ll go hitch up to team. Finish your breakfast and come on out.’

“Nothing more was said until he was out of the house. My mother, barely 5 feet tall, quietly said to me, ‘Clean up the table, wash the dishes and get dressed for school. I’ll plant the cotton today.’

“I was a freshman in high school at the time, and I’m glad my mother lived to see me graduate from three colleges.”

—Acie Puckett, Normandy, Tenn.

“On November 22, 2002, my mother lay in a hospital dying. I kissed her goodbye, and told her we’d all be fine, and would never forget her. As soon as my father told her goodbye, she was gone. (Later) as I went through her belongings, I realized she didn’t have things of great value. What was most important to my mother had never been things—it was us, her family!

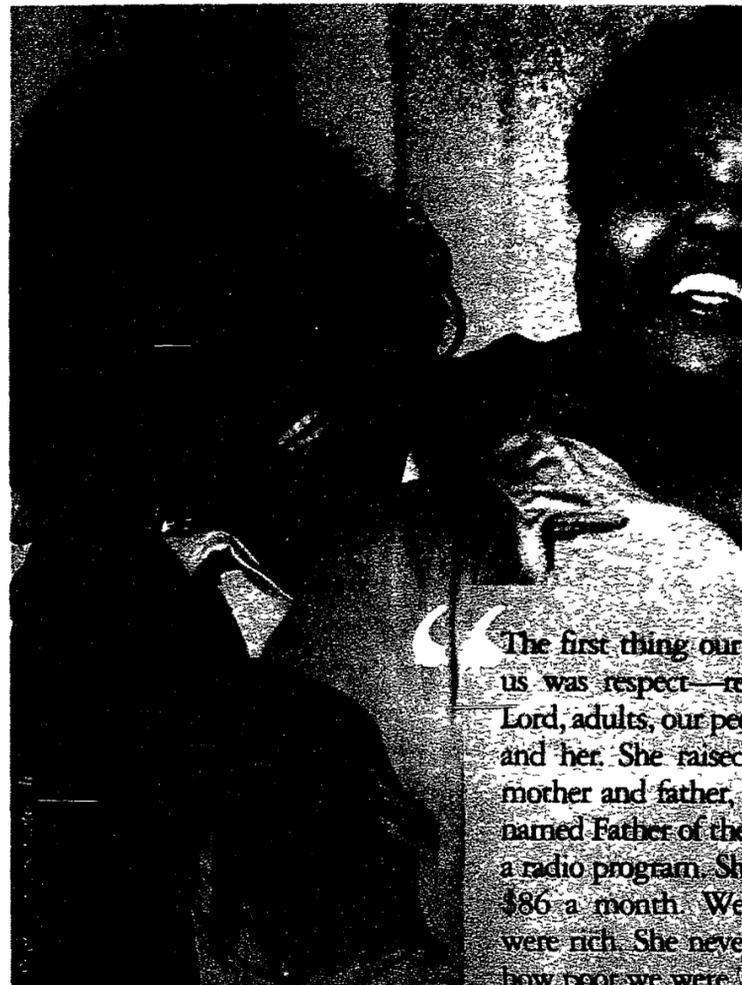
“I have a box of birthday cards and letters she sent me over the years, that I read when I feel longing for her. Boy do I ever miss her! Treasure every moment you spend with your mother! When she’s gone, you’ll never feel the same.”

—Kathleen G. Lupole, Smithville Flats, N.Y.

“In my late 20s, I became pregnant three times, all of which I lost. My mother was there telling me to keep my faith, and pray, and God would bless me with a child. Eight days before my 32nd birthday, I found out I was pregnant (but) two weeks later I found out I had cervical cancer and might have to abort. I was devastated. My mother was there, telling me to keep my faith and pray, and God would work miracles.

“Today I am the proud mother of a 3-year-old boy. Thank you, mommy. I love you!”

—Teresa Swanger, Greer, S.C.



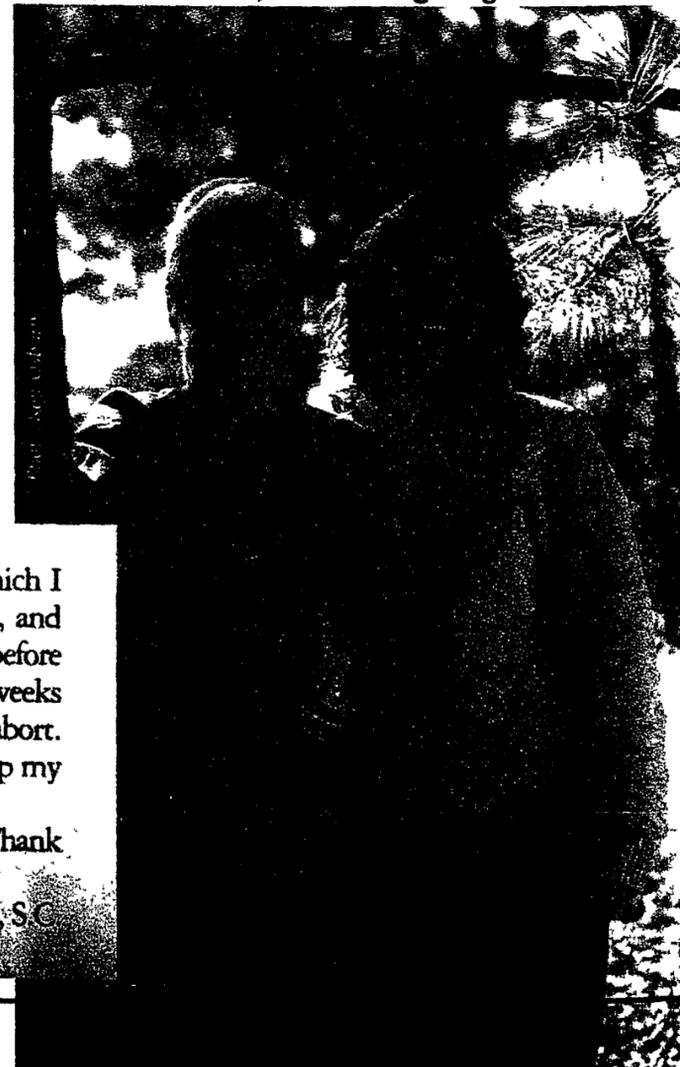
Kitty McGee and daughter Tiffany.

“The first thing our mom taught us was respect—respect for the Lord, adults, our peers, our house, and her. She raised us alone, as mother and father, and was even named Father of the Year once by a radio program. She raised us on \$86 a month. We thought we were rich. She never let us know how poor we were.”

—Nicole and Tiffany McGee, Terrell, Texas

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Mom, Linda Aaron, with adoring daughter Teresa.



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Together, It's Possible

It's Saturday night at the Potomac Highlands Recreational Center as a teenager rolls out of the skating rink. He glides across a carpeted room and stops at a pool table where a friend, also wearing inline skates, hands him a cue stick.

Across the room, several teens who played miniature golf earlier chow down on pizza and French fries at the snack bar.

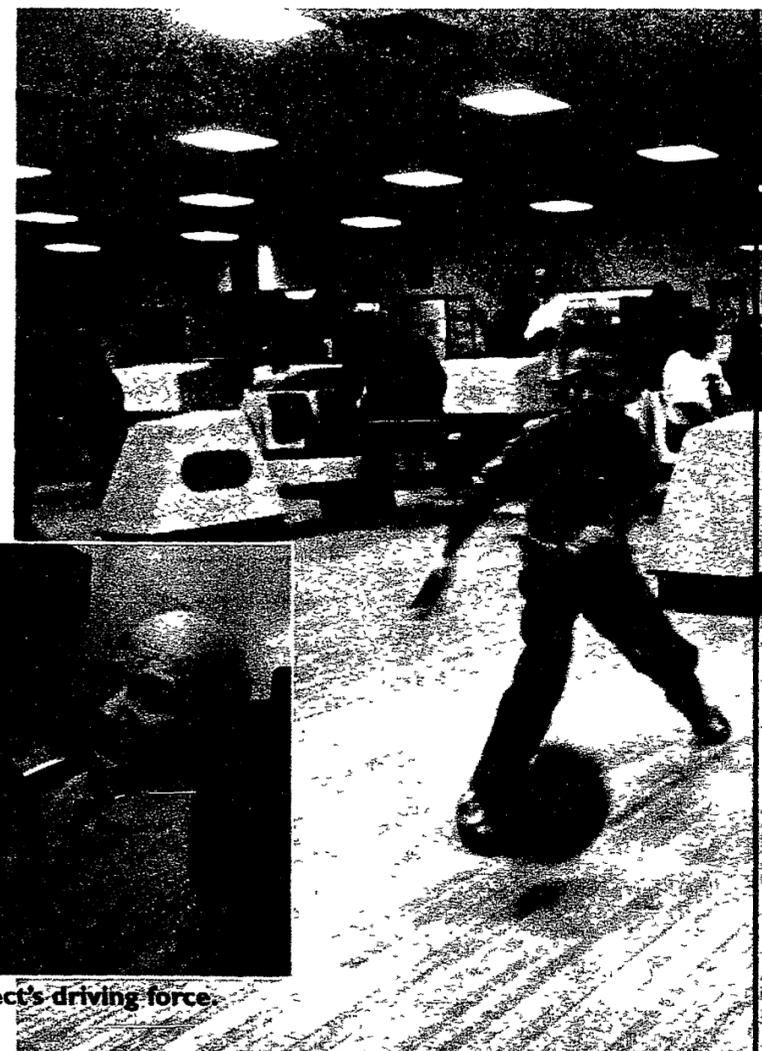
The center, in Franklin, W.Va., is the result of true community spirit. For years, Franklin parents had longed for a place where their teenagers could hang out, keeping them off the streets and away from alcohol and drugs. The nearest town with a teen facility was more than 40 miles and several mountains away.

With just 860 residents, Franklin still is the largest town in Pendleton County, so locals decided to take matters into their own hands. And once they got together, fueled with a vision from local physician, Dr. Luke Eye, there was no stopping them.

Fun recreation in a safe atmosphere.



Dr. Luke Eye was the project's driving force.



Community volunteers refurbished the used bowling lanes.

Built by the hands and hearts of citizen volunteers, the center opened in the spring of 1999, and now kids, adults, and entire families from adjoining counties come to Franklin when they want to have some fun.

"It was a great community effort. All I did was keep it going when things slowed down," Eye says. "It's a lot nicer than I (had) expected."

In the beginning, Eye and other organizers decided the facility could be built for about \$200,000—a large amount for an area so small. The process would be slow, and costly.

Eye suggested 1,000 people donate \$200. But the center would need a lot more support than that, and not all of it monetary.

"It was all done with volunteer labor, except the building and putting the bowling lanes down," explains Paul Mallow, Potomac Highlands' treasurer. He recalls how local resident Jerry Warner put his farm and business on hold to supervise the construction.

"He donated about a year of his time to see to things," Mallow says.

Other supporters jumped in feet first as well. They picked up their tools to dig pits and cut cords of wood. They sold thousands of pounds of pit-cooked pork and beef during festivals. They held turkey dinner benefits and solicited door-to-door to get the \$200 donations. Eye and his wife even bought a \$700 quilt and then raffled it, raising more than \$5,000.

Then the building process began. Many people working regular jobs came to help with the construction at night, often working until midnight or later. And when used bowling lanes became available for cheap, individuals took the gutters home to sand them smooth, and refurbished the lockers and other equipment.

But even with all the calloused hands and tired eyes, the final step required still more effort.

"In the end, with the work about finished, and wanting to open, we still had a debt," Eye recalls. "We contacted Congressman Harold Michaels and he got us some help from the state to get us out of debt."

And Franklin came away with much more than they had bargained for. Mallow estimates the value of the finished recreation center at four to five times the original \$200,000 assessment. Today, it's debt-free and self-supporting.

More importantly, it's a healthy and safe place for Pendleton County youth of all ages.

"College-age kids . . . sometimes there are 20 or 30 skating, and we have a lot of birthday parties for 6 to 13-year-olds," says Richard McLaughlin, Potomac Highlands manager. "A lot of kids come in to shoot pool, and on Friday and Saturday nights the tables are full."

The center, he says, provides the exact atmosphere that was intended. Plus, it was built with community pride. ✨

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by KATHLEEN MEISTER

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Unfortunately, people often drive when they're drowsy. In a survey conducted by the National Sleep Foundation, more than half of adults admitted they had driven a car during the last year while feeling drowsy. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says that about 100,000 crashes each year result from drowsy driving. While you're driving, watch out for these warning signs:

- Not being able to remember the last few miles
- Drifting from your lane, having to jerk back into the lane, or hitting a rumble strip
- Having wandering or disconnected thoughts
- Yawning repeatedly
- Having trouble focusing or keeping your eyes open
- Tailgating or missing traffic signs
- Having trouble keeping your head up

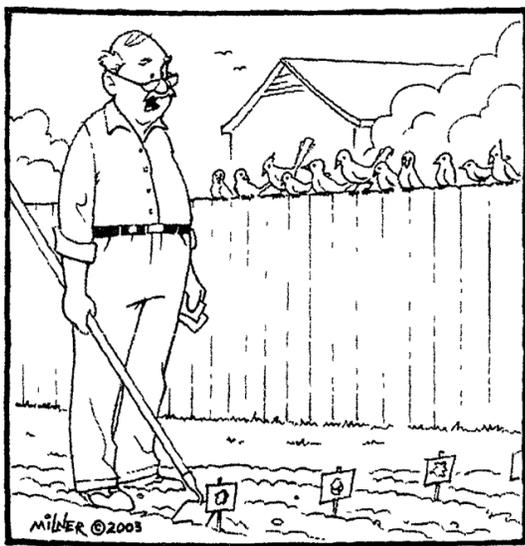
If you notice any of these signs, pull over and take a break. You are too sleepy to continue driving. The safest thing to do is to let someone else drive or get some sleep before driving again. Don't count on "tricks" such as opening the window, turning up the air conditioning, or playing the radio to keep you awake—experts say that these methods don't work. If you have only a short way to go, a brief (15- to 45-minute) nap and a cup of coffee may help you keep alert for a short time.

But the only long-term cure for sleepiness is sleep. And you definitely don't want to get that sleep behind the wheel! ☆

Kathleen Meister writes from North Potomac, Md.

Able County

by TOM MILNER

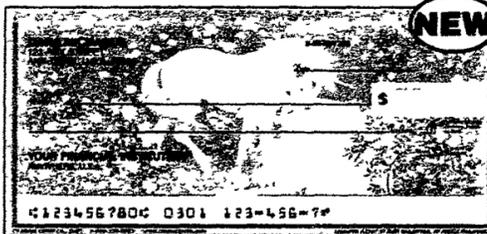


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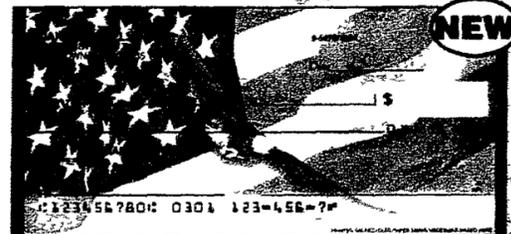
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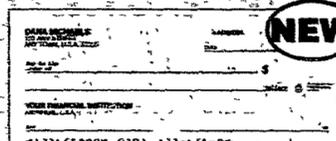
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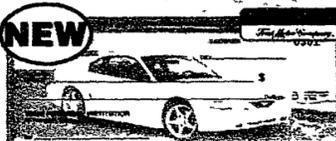
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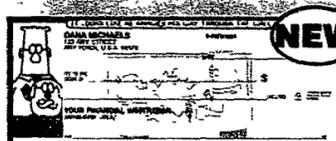
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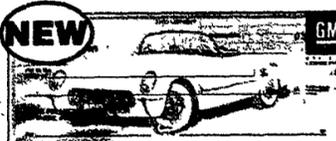
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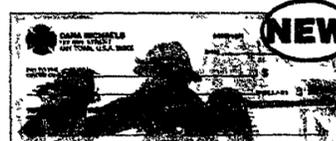
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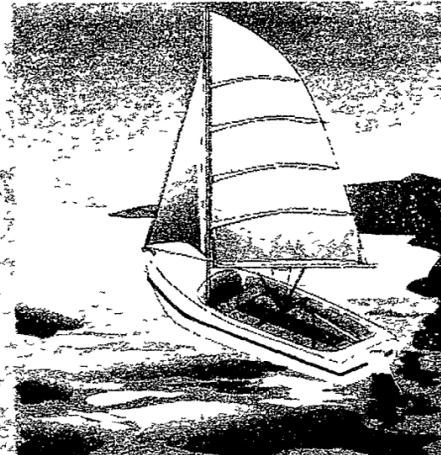
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Feast of the Flowering Moon—Chillicothe, May 23-25. This 20th annual event features a traditional American Indian powwow with music, dancing, traders, exhibits, mountain man encampment, laser light show, arts & crafts, food, games, and contests. (740) 702-7677.

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No-Sweat Way for Seniors to Shape Up

All You Need Is a Chair - And the Air You Breathe

BY C.J. FISCHER

Jill Johnson knows what it's like to be fat. She was chubby as a child, hefty-sized as a teen, very plump in her school teacher days and jumbo as a new mom.

The former 200-pounder had been searching for years for a weight-loss program that would work, until a health crisis forced her to create her own. Jill was facing back surgery due to her weight, and - after months of research - she developed a remarkably simple 15-minute-a-day fitness system of deep-breathing exercises.

"To my amazement, I lost 45 pounds in six months without giving up the foods I loved but by merely increasing my oxygen intake," said Jill, 45, who maintains a slenderific 125-pound figure.

Jill's program follows a simple fact of life that allows anyone to lose weight. Simply put: Breathing in high doses of oxygen kick-starts your body cells into burning more of the food you eat - and even stored fat - for energy. But most people, especially heavy people, don't breathe in enough air.

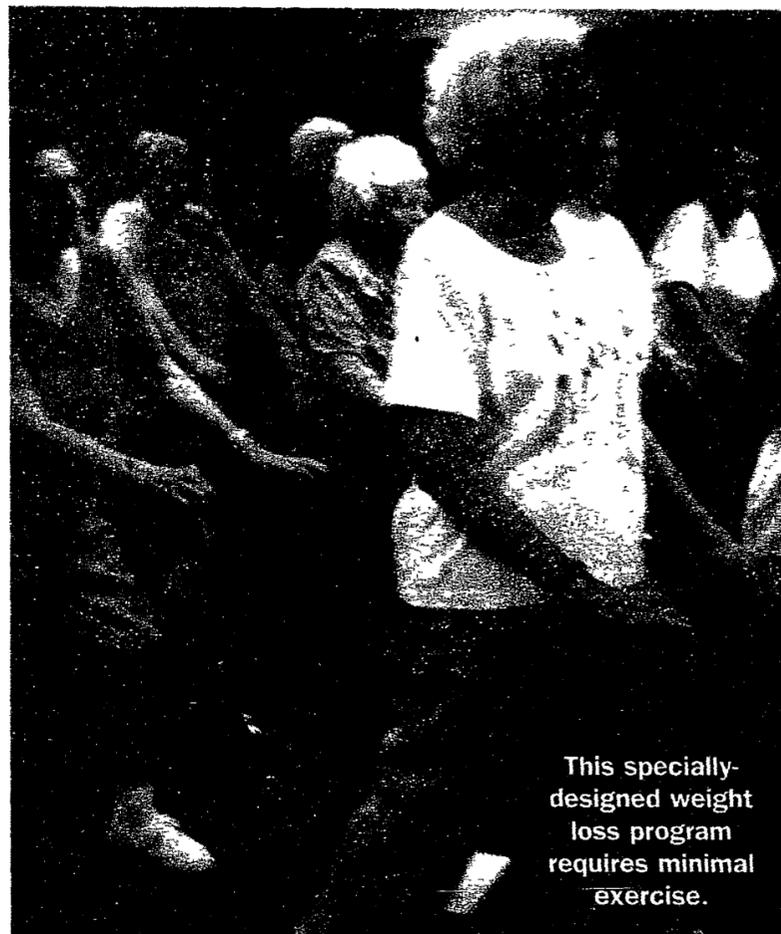
"Although our lungs can hold two gallons of oxygen, most of us breathe in only two pints," said Jill, whose system lets your lungs fill with fat-burning oxygen.

Her system - named "Oxycise!" - was hailed by experts as a breath of fresh air in a world of body-jolting exercise routines and diets fads.

In 1998, Jill turned to a cable TV shopping channel to market her "Oxycise!" system in the form of two videotapes, an illustrated book and an audiotape. The response was overwhelming. More than 500,000 orders poured in as

overweight or out of shape people learned that they could lose pounds, increase their energy and STILL eat the foods they like.

Now Jill has created a new two-videocassette package, "Oxycise! Easy Does It," especially for seniors and for all those who have a hard time bending. With "Oxycise! Easy Does It," no one is ever too old to shape up.



This specially-designed weight loss program requires minimal exercise.

Take Bill S., who's 81. Bill crows that the rewards of the "Oxycise!" system "have been terrific." Not only has his energy increased, he boasts that his body looks so good, "I would not be reluctant to pose nude alongside many of the average 35- to 50-year-old men."

That would come as no surprise to the residents of Colonnades at On Top of the World, a Florida retirement community. Not only did inches melt away from their tummies and hips - thanks to "Oxycise!" many of them report they are sleeping better or are experiencing improved blood pressure and cholesterol levels. A diabetic now takes less insulin. A woman plagued by foot cramps is cramp-free. People who were experiencing breathing problems find they are breathing better.

"I was amazed," said Teri Havener, Colonnades at On Top of the World's fitness director, who started the seniors on the "Oxycise!" system at their request and monitored their progress. Teri admits



Jill Johnson shows proper positioning in her new video, "Oxycise! Easy Does It."

diabetic now takes less insulin. A woman plagued by foot cramps is cramp-free. People who were experiencing breathing problems find they are breathing better.

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that at first she was skeptical that a system so simple could work. But when the seniors in her class reported increased energy, felt healthier and sported measurably slimmer figures, she not only became a believer - she now uses "Oxycise!" herself.

With "Oxycise! Easy Does It" you don't have to follow a sugar-free, low-fat or low-carbohydrate diet, take pills or drink shakes. And you don't have to jump up and down to disco music. All you have to do is gentle deep-breathing and toning exercises in the comfort of your own home. And you don't need fancy or expensive exercise equipment - all you need is a chair and the air you breathe, which is free.

In the first "Oxycise! Easy Does It" video, Jill teaches the deep breathing routines and the simple stretching and body-squeezing exercises done in combination with them. The second video takes you through the 15-minute daily workout that helped Colonnades at On Top of the World seniors increase their energy, lose inches and feel healthier.

At 74, Lila Babbidge lost inches off her stomach and thighs in just a few weeks. "I look wonderful," gushes Lila. Her husband was so proud, he took pictures of Lila in a two-piece bathing suit and hung them on the wall.

Jill's program is praised by participants and healthcare professionals alike. Says Dr. Robert W. Rigg, Jr., M.D. from Canoga Park, CA, "I have seen the positive and permanent results from "Oxycise!" and definitely recommend it for anyone who desires to lose extra

weight in an effective and safe manner.

What's more, a recent exercise-science study at a nationally-known university has given the "Oxycise!" system a scientific thumbs-up. Testers found that Jill's painless 15-minute program burned up 140 percent more calories than the same time spent grunting

away on a stationary bicycle.

Incredibly, Debbie Stancil, 48, who was so heavy she was virtually trapped in her recliner, lost a mind-boggling 157 pounds the "Oxycise!" way. "I feel like a new person and like I have been let out of prison," writes Debbie.

So, what are you waiting for? With the "Oxycise!" system you have everything to gain but unwanted weight.

It's Never Too Late to Look and Feel Great

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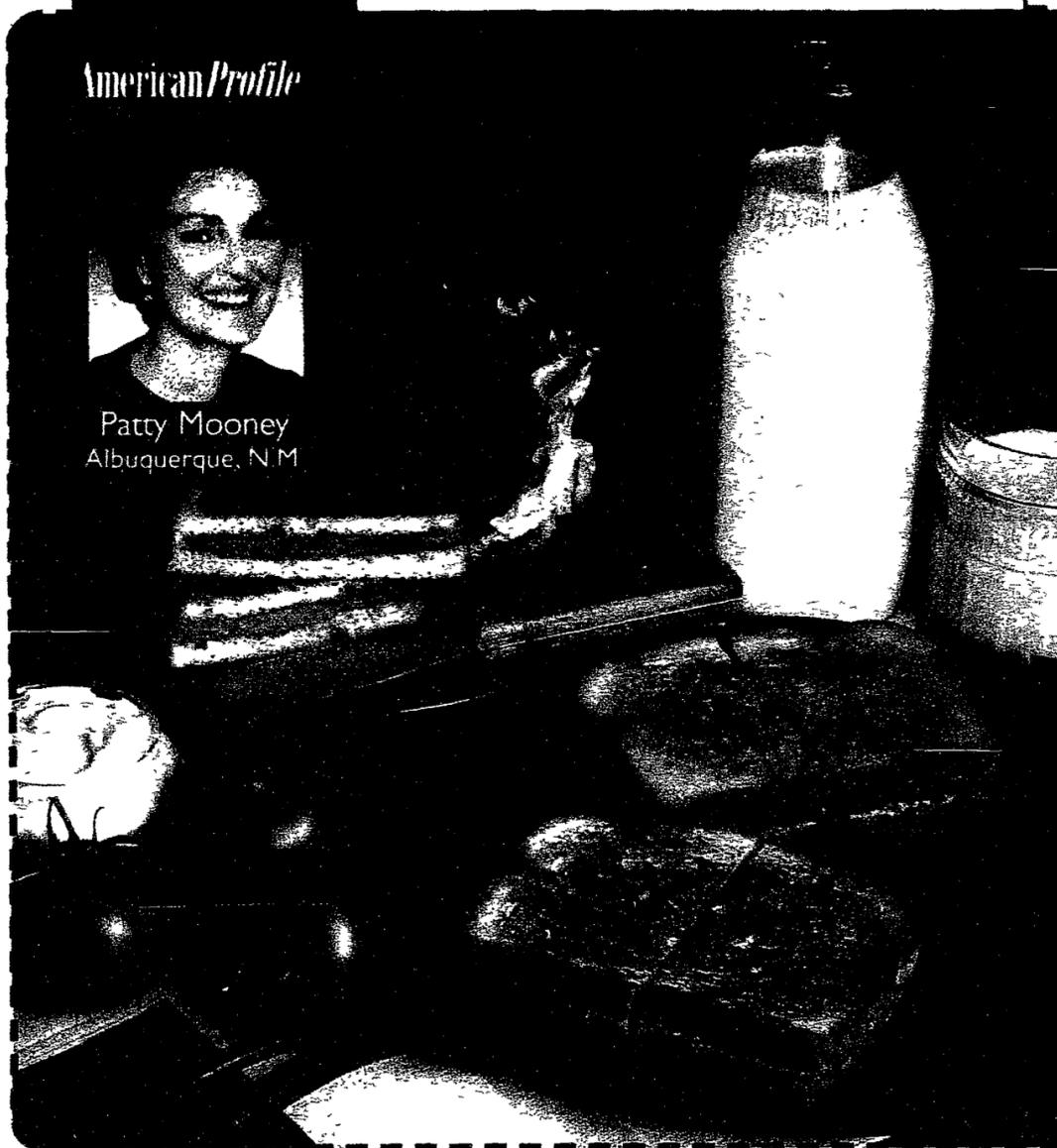
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Patty Mooney
Albuquerque, N.M.

- 2 slices bread
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- sliced tomato
- lettuce

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by HANNAH WOLFSON

Protect Your Child on the Internet

Andrew Copple is only 6, but he already knows how to navigate the Internet and chat online. His brother, Spencer, 3, can peck his way to the Cartoon Network's website with little help.

The boys' computer skills make their dad proud, but they also make him a little nervous. As webmaster for an Internet provider in Sergeant Bluffs, Iowa, Scott Copple knows cyberspace can lead his kids into trouble.

So Copple keeps the computer in the living room so he can check on the children and warns them not to talk about themselves online. He also uses an Internet filter to help.

Filters have been around a while, starting with basic software that filters out certain words and blocks sites that include them.

Other filters ban specified sites or allow access only to a pre-approved list.

A third type restricts surfing to sites that carry voluntary ratings. These block pornographic websites but also unrated sites such as the White House and Supreme Court.

Popular software options include:

- **CyberPatrol** (\$39.95, www.cyberpatrol.com) lets parents set time restrictions on web usage and can keep kids from giving out certain information online.

- **Net Nanny** (\$39.95, www.netnanny.com) allows users to set limits by age groups and keeps a log of all usage.

- **We-Blocker** (Free, www.we-blocker.com) relies on users to update its list of blocked websites and lets users ban specific sites.

Families also can use Internet providers to filter. Some of the country's largest Internet service providers offer improved parental controls.

Remember that no technology can replace solid parenting, says Parry Aftab, director of www.wiredsafety.org and author of *The Parent's Guide to Protecting Your Children in Cyberspace*. The best filter isn't childproof, and won't keep kids from giving personal information online.

Ask your children about their online friends, she says, and try to guide them toward kid-friendly websites and search engines.

"Unless we teach our children how to use the filter between their ears, they're at risk," Aftab says. "That's the most important filter out there." ✨

Hannah Wolfson is a freelance writer based in Orange City, Iowa.

New lure's catch rate may be too high for some tournaments.

Out-fishes other bait 19 to 4 in one contest.

Uses aerospace technology to mimic a real fish.

ORLANDO, FL— A small company in Connecticut has developed a new lure that mimics the motion of a



by Charlie Allen

real fish so realistically eight professionals couldn't tell the difference between it and a live shad when it "swam" toward them on retrieval. The design eliminates wobbling, angled swimming and other unnatural motions that problem other hard bait lures. It swims upright and appears to propel itself with its tail.

Curiously, the company may have designed it too well. Tournament fishermen who have used it said it's possible officials will not allow it in contests where live bait is prohibited. They claim it swims more realistically than anything they have ever seen. If so, that would hurt the company's promotional efforts. Winning tournaments is an important part of marketing a new lure.

Fish would probably prefer to see it restricted. I watched eight veteran fishermen test the new lure (called The KickTail™) on a lake outside Orlando FL for about four hours. Four

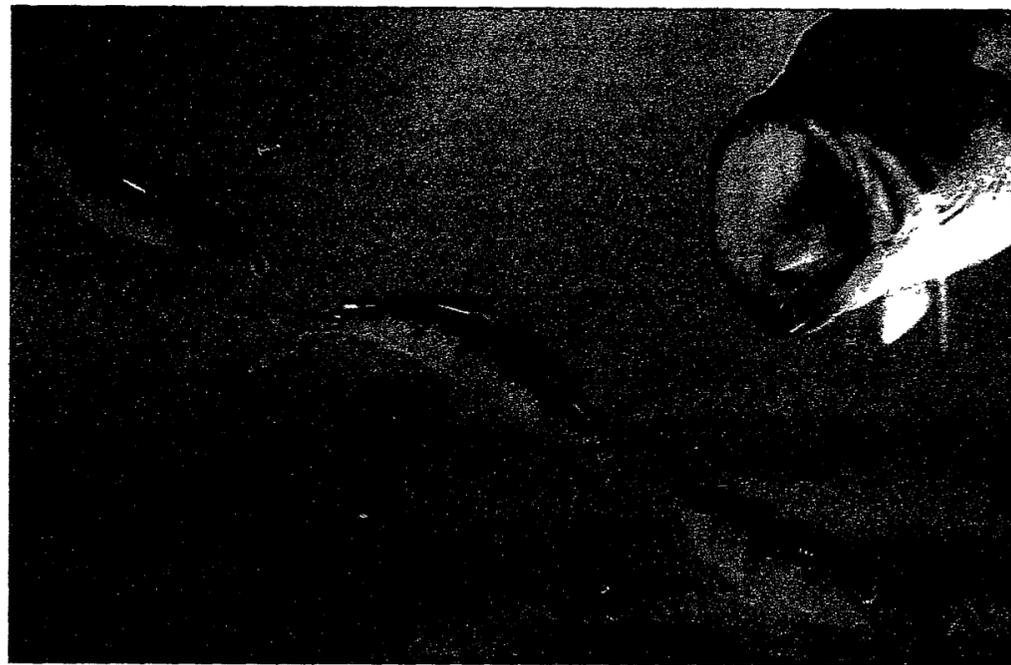


Inventor Scott Wilson lands a 10-pounder.

used the KickTail and four used a combination of their favorite lures and shiners (live bait). The four using the KickTail caught 41 fish versus 14 for the other four. In one boat the KickTail won 19 to 4. The KickTail also

caught bigger fish, which suggests it triggers larger, less aggressive fish to strike. You can see why the company needs to get it into tournaments. An almost 3 to 1 advantage can mean thousands of dollars to a fisherman, and hundreds of thousands in sales to the company.

The KickTail's magic comes from a patent-pending technology that breaks the tail into five segments. As



New lure swims like a real fish--nearly triples catch in Florida contest.

water rushes by on retrieval, a little-known principle called aeronautical flutter causes the tail to wag left and right, as if the lure were propelling itself with its tail. Unlike other hard baits, the head remains stationary—only the tail wags. A company spokesman told me this.

"Fish attack live things, and they determine if something is alive by watching its movements. Marine biologists will tell you that the more a lure swims like a real fish, the more fish it will catch. Well, the only live thing the KickTail doesn't do is breathe. It's better than live bait! It lasts longer and it never hangs half-dead from a hook. It's always swimming wild and free. Fish can't stand it. We've seen fish that have just eaten go for the KickTail. It's like having another potato chip.

Increases catch almost 3 to 1.

"To make the KickTail even more lifelike, we gave it a natural shad color and shaped it like the most prevalent bait fish of all, the threadfin. Game fish gobble up more threadfin shad than any other baitfish.

"We knew the KickTail would out-fish other lures. It had to. Other lures wobble their heads and swim on an angle. But 41 fish to 14? That's huge! I tell you, in ten seconds anyone who has fished a day in his life knows this little swimmer's a home run. Fishermen reserved thousands of KickTails before we produced it! Here, reel it

in and watch it swim toward you. Can you tell the difference between it and a live fish? (I said no.) Neither can the fish.

"The flutter technology also allows the KickTail to swim at the water's surface. Other top water lures must be worked to have any live action, or have a bill that makes them dive on retrieval. Our diver version is the only deep crank bait that let's you do tricks like 'walk the dog.' Twitch it at deep levels and it gives an irresistible, life-like action. Other lures 'dig.' And there's no need for rattles. The five tail segments click together as you pull it through the water, calling fish from a distance."

Whether you fish for fun or profit, if you want a near 3 to 1 advantage. I would order now before the KickTail becomes known. The company even guarantees a refund, if you don't catch more fish and return the lures within 30 days. There are three versions: a floater for top water, a diver and a "dying shad" with a weed guard for fishing lily pads and other feeding spots. The company says it's the only hard bait of its kind in existence. Each lure costs \$9.95 and you must order at least two. There is also a "Super 10-Pack" with additional colors for only \$79.95, a savings of almost \$20.00. S/h is only \$6.00 no matter how many you order.

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