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Schools: 4-day? No way

State proposal garners no interest from Northville administrators, state representative

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Although the four-day school week proposal was approved by the Michigan House and Senate, it received a thumbs down from Gov. Jennifer Granholm Monday.

Prior to Granholm's veto of the bill, State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth, and Northville schools superintendent Leonard Rezmierski expressed no interest in adopting such a notion in Northville.

According to a press release,

Granholm rejected the proposal because it was tied to another bill still in the Senate, which makes changes in the teacher retirement law to be consistent with the four-day school bill.

According to Sen. Valde Garcia, R-Howell, Senate Bill 364

would have allowed school districts more flexibility by eliminating the requirement that school districts provide at least 180 days of instruction. Officials said school districts would have been able to determine the number of days necessary to complete the

school year, while providing at least 1,098 hours of class time.

This proposal would have allowed school districts to operate on a four-day school week, if desired by school officials.

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Seniors eager for new place to call their own

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

The man who daily stops at the Northville Senior Citizens Center ready for a cup of coffee no longer will have to holler up the stairs in search of a companion.

The Center's relocation from its two-level Cady Street quarters to a Main Street single story likely will mean a few of his friends will be in plain sight when he enters. For so many reasons, the conversion of the current community center is an exciting proposition for area seniors.

"This idea of what we have over here is a godsend," said Iris Antuna, who with Lois Jaffie, listened with enthusiasm at the June Senior Advisory Council meeting to a progress report on the \$2.89 million plan to renovate the 303 W. Main Street facility.

The city of Northville and Northville Township in April pledged as part of their cooperative recreation agreement to expand senior opportunities in the Northville School District-owned building. A tentative timetable starts expansion of the building to the west mid-October, and finishes June or July 2004.

Antuna and Jaffie are part of the loyal population of area seniors who strategically place a series of card tables on the lower level to play bridge, pinochle and euchre

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Pinochle card players occupy the basement of the Northville Senior Center on Cady St. Monday morning. Seniors and others who use the small building are looking forward to their move to the rehabilitated Northville Recreation Center on Main Street.

NHS alum recovers from knife attack

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Joe Rumbley has been home from the hospital for a week, but it will be another month before the man who allegedly stabbed him sees the inside of a courtroom.

The 2001 Northville High School graduate spent 13 days at Detroit Receiving Hospital after a

June 12 attack during a concert he attended with three friends. Detroit police arrested James Locklear, 38, of Clinton Township on charges of assault with intent to commit murder, and resisting and obstructing a police officer.

The Detroit police detective in charge of the case said several witnesses have come forward with consistent reports of Locklear's alleged attack on Rumbley, who was part of the main floor concert crowd at Joe Louis Arena. Police confiscated the three-inch blade Locklear allegedly used to stab Rumbley in the heart, lung and thigh.

Locklear's preliminary exam, initially scheduled for June 26, was adjourned until July 31, said Rebecca Tenorio, director of communications for the Wayne County prosecutor's office.

The 36th District Court agreed to postpone proceedings at the request of the attorneys involved because it is a four-defendant case.

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Back from her injuries, dog now looks for a home

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

For about two months this spring, several residents watched a brown and black injured dog roam the streets of Northville.

Unfortunately, no one — including city workers — could catch the canine.

But recently, volunteers from Guardian Angel Animal Rescue captured the animal. Now, the dog — Lucy — needs a home.

Cathy Schiller, a volunteer for the group, has been providing foster care to Lucy for about two months. Volunteers named the dog after the woman who called the group asking for help in capturing the animal.

An Australian shepherd and cattle dog mix, Lucy is about 18 months old, weighs 32 pounds, and is good with children and other animals.

"She's missing several toes on one of her back feet. The vet at

Meadowbrook Veterinary Clinic thinks she got caught in a trap, and she had to chew her way out, so there was some damage to her teeth. She had to have one tooth pulled," Schiller said.

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There's a Method to their gladness

By Grace Blum
SPECIAL WRITER

Looking for a church that is heavily involved with the community? Stop searching — First United Methodist Church of Northville may be exactly what you're looking for. After all, it was that same trait that attracted Reverend John Hice to become the senior pastor of the church three years ago.

"The church is involved in outreach and that's what attracted me to it," said Hice.

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ago, First United Methodist is continuing to grow in numbers. In 1970, the church relocated from its original building, where the

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John Hice, senior pastor of Northville's First United Methodist Church, sits in its main sanctuary on a recent Monday morning.

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District cool to four-day week option

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The bill was presented to Granholm June 16.

According to a bill analysis prepared by the Senate Fiscal Agency, there would have been substantial savings to a school district that completed its school year in less than 180 days.

"Several school districts were asked in a survey to estimate their cost savings if they could operate on a four-day school week," the analysis stated. "The amount of savings based on the responses was broken down on a per-pupil basis. Based on those results, it is estimated that the cost savings of moving to a four-day school week, while maintaining a minimum of 1,098 hours of instruction, would range from \$300 to \$500 per pupil depending on the size of the school district. Larger school districts with more buildings would save at the

A Future School Week?				
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higher end of the estimate while smaller districts with fewer buildings would realize savings at the lower end. The savings would result from lower salaries for certain staff and the avoidance of building operation costs, such as heat, electricity, and water."

But local leaders and the Governor weren't convinced that this bill would benefit Michigan school districts.

"What it does is it allows

school districts to add hours on to a four-day schedule in order to equal a five day week," said Stewart. "This was thought to be a cost savings for some school districts and the focus was for a very small number in the upper peninsula. In other words, they would cut down on the utilities if they could significantly shut down for three straight days."

"It doesn't apply to our area very much," Stewart continued.

"Why in the world would we want to be reducing? You don't increase or enhance excellence in education by reducing the number of days to four. With the wonderful resources that we have in the Northville school buildings, you want to be able to make labs available at what we call 'zero hour', which is before first hour, we want them to be available after school hours and the whole idea behind a public school is accessibility

five days a week." "You don't shut down three days. People in Northville have always been willing to pay for academic excellence in the education that they offer their students. I think there could be a good chance of reduction in quality and substance of education that is provided if you reduce your school week to four days a week. We operate on the basis of a five-day week and we're willing to pay for it."

Stewart thanked the taxpayers of Northville for their demonstrated commitment to public education.

Rezmierski said the concept has no appeal to Northville Public Schools.

"We've looked at it and there is not a present interest in going four days a week," he said. "We don't see the value. For us, it's not an issue we're exploring at this time."

Stewart said it was unrealistic to expect children to perform well and learn effectively for an exceptionally long time span.

"Study after study after study says that a child is only worth an eight-hour work day, per day," said Stewart. "You can't keep pushing kids to go 10, 12 hours a day, four days week."

"It's my opinion that it doesn't fit Northville at all."

The bill passed in the Senate with 28-10 votes and passed in the House with 61-49.

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LIBRARY LINES

LIBRARY HOURS

The Northville District Library is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and closed Sundays for the summer. The library will be closed July 4 and July 5 for Independence Day. Located at 212 W. Cady St., near Northville city hall, with parking off Cady St. For detailed information about programs or services, or to request or renew library materials, call (248) 349-3020.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM FUN: WANDA THE FAIRY GODMOTHER

Children of all ages, join us for stories, magic, and more in the library's meeting room on July 10 at 1 p.m. A limited number of free tickets will be available that day at 12:30 p.m. at the Information Desk.

DROP-N STORYTIME

Drop in to enjoy a lively storytime in the Youth Activity Room on July 7 at 11 a.m. This half-hour program is best suited for children ages 3 and older, but everyone is welcome. No ticket required.

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BETWEEN THE LINES

Join us on the second Monday at 7 p.m. of each month for a lively book discussion. This month's selection, to be discussed on July 14 is "The Nanny Diaries", the satirical fictional adventures of a nanny in New York by Emma McLaughlin. All are welcome.

THE BOOK CELLAR EXPANDS HOURS

Shop for bargains on used books in the Friends of the Library bookstore, now open Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. as well as Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. The Book Cellar is located on the library's lower level, and stocked with a wide variety of gently used books. Hardcover are priced at \$1, and paperbacks are 50 cents.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Northville District Library board of trustees will be on July 24 at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings, which are typically scheduled on the fourth Thursday of the month

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**Federick W. Morton /
Jacqueline E. Morton**

Federick Morton of Plymouth died June 2. His wife, Jacqueline Morton, died June 18. Mr. Morton was 82. Ms. Morton was 84.

Mr. Morton was born Sept. 26, 1920 in Nottingham, England, while Ms. Morton was born Sept. 10, 1918 in Detroit. Mr. Morton relocated to the Detroit area in 1937. He was a retired instrument technician for Michigan Consolidated Gas Company. Ms. Morton was a homemaker. The Mortons both enjoyed travel and nature. Ms. Morton enjoyed shopping, while Mr. Morton collected toy trains. They were both members of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Livonia. Ms. Morton was a member of the St. Anne's Guild at the church.

The Mortons are survived by their children, Ann Brenner of Northville and Joy (Richard) Donnellon of Northville; and their grandchildren, David, Susan and Daniel Brenner. The Mortons were preceded in death by their daughter, Ruth.

A joint memorial service for Mr. and Ms. Morton was held June 28 at St. Andrew's. Rev. Alan Brandemuhl officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be made to West Trail Nursing Home Caregivers Fund, 395 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

Loren E. McClatchey

Loren McClatchey of Northville Township died June 24 at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. He was 84.

Mr. McClatchey was born Aug. 24, 1918, in Stratford, Ontario, to David and Wilhemina (Hildibrand) McClatchey. A product design employee for American Standard for 43 years, Mr. McClatchey retired in 1985 and was a member of the Masons.

Mr. McClatchey is survived by his wife, Ruth; his children, Dennis (Rita) McClatchey of Madison Heights, Nancy (Nicholas) Ackerman of Morgan Hill, Calif., Gail McPherson of Plymouth, Lee (Joe) Toth of Oakland Township; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Mr.

McClatchey was held June 27 at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Plymouth, which handled funeral arrangements. Rev. Drexel Morton of St. Michael Lutheran Church of Canton officiated the service. Interment will be at Rural Hill Cemetery of Northville. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice.

Robert D. Horner

Robert Horner of Northville (formerly of South Lyon) died June 19 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. He was 82.

Mr. Horner was born Oct. 20, 1920, in Wrenshall, Minn., to Marion Homer and Maude Eckert. He later married Jeanne Horner on April 13, 1945. She survives him.

A resident of the Northville area since 1955, Mr. Horner was a graduate of the University of Minnesota and worked as a controls engineer for Honeywell and The Smith Group. He was a member of both Presbyterian churches in Northville and South Lyon. At First Presbyterian of Northville, Mr. Horner served as superintendent of Sunday school, an elder, a deacon, and was an organizer of youth retreats. He was a World War II Army veteran and a leader in the Boy Scouts of America.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Horner is survived by his children, Michael (Sue) Horner of Farmington Hills, Sarah Orvis of Westland, Eric (Neva) Horner of Minnesota and Robert (Pam) Horner of Dexter; his sister, Edith (Francisco) Rodriguez of California; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

A memorial service for Mr. Horner will be held July 5 at 11 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville, which handled funeral arrangements. Rev. Kent Clise of First Presbyterian of Northville will officiate the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of America, 1169 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48108.

Mona Lee Ridl

Mona Lee Ridl of Northville died June 28 at her home. She was 67.

Ms. Ridl was born March 9, 1936 in Urbana, Ill., to the late Walter Hendricks and Erma Turner Hendricks. A homemaker, Ms. Ridl was preceded in death by her husband, James Ridl, in 1991.

Ms. Ridl is survived by her children, Sherri St. Antoine of Pompano Beach, Fla., Diane Ridl of Fallow, Nev., Charles (Heidi) Waldron of Cleveland, Ga., Janice (Mike) Patton of South Lyon, Mary (Mike) Lee of Plymouth, Lee Ann (Dan) Sexton of Plymouth, Jay (Deb) Ridl of Byron, Calif., Jennifer (Ken) Webster of Geneva, Ill.; 13 grandchildren; and her siblings, Chuck Hendricks of Perry and Celise Johnson of Boca Raton, Fla.

A memorial service for Ms. Ridl was held July 2 at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville, which handled funeral arrangements. Rev. Kent Clise of First Presbyterian Church of Northville officiated the service. Interment will be in Pennsylvania.

Memorial contributions may be

made to the American Heart Association.

Lawrence John Thurman

Lawrence Thurman died June 29.

Devoted husband of Margaret Gehrs Thurman and father of John L. (Mary Alice) of Petoskey, James (Michelle) of South Lyon, Eunice (James) Johnson of Grand Rapids, Paula J. and the late Rhoda A. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Ruth Zimmerman, Lillian Stepnitz and Doris Opper. Loving grandfather of J. Michael Thurman, Katherine Ann Thurman, Luis Thurman, Paula and Peter Johnson and Christopher, Michael and Matthew Whipple. Great grandfather of two.

Mr. Thurman was a retired Northville Psychiatric Hospital worker and involved in the Lutheran Church, gardening and farming.

Funeral arrangements were han-

dled by Harry J. Will Funeral Home of Livonia.

Col. Howard R. Trenkle, Jr.

Howard Trenkle, Jr., of Northville died June 26 at his home. He was 72.

Mr. Trenkle was born in Lafayette, Ind., on Dec. 17, 1930 to Howard R. Trenkle and the former Lois Frances Bean. Mr. Trenkle was a graduate of both Purdue University and the University of Michigan. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, but advanced to the rank of Colonel during his military career, which spanned 30 years.

Mr. Trenkle was honored with the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and the Army Reserve Components Achievement medal with oak leaf cluster. He had served as deputy governor general of the Society of Colonial Wars, president of the

Detroit Metropolitan Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, chairman of the International Armed Forces Council, a member of the Royal Canadian Military Institute of Toronto and was knighted into the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem in 1997.

Mr. Trenkle is survived by his wife, Barbara B. Trenkle of Northville; his daughters, Kristen Trenkle of Northville, Melissa Trenkle of Northville, Melissa (Chris) Trenkle-Apeland and Jennifer Trenkle; and his grandchildren, Spencer Rugani and Andrea and Matthew Apeland.

A memorial service for Mr. Trenkle was held June 30 at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville, which handled funeral arrangements. Interment will be at Grand Lawn Cemetery.

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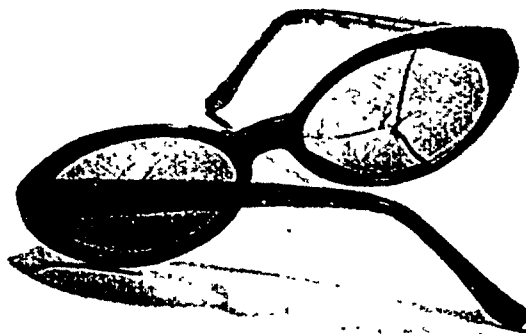
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Strong compliance reported in cigarette sting

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

A teenager acting as a decoy for the Northville Police Department last month was able to purchase tobacco in only one of nine stores he visited.

During the same sting, six local bars refused to serve an under-21 decoy sent in by police.

Department personnel would prefer to not issue any citations as part of their "zero-tolerance" decoy operation initiated in 1996, officer Richard Rogowski said, but one violation is pretty good.

"From when we started, the results are definitely better," said Rogowski, officer in charge of alcohol and tobacco enforcement for the local department. "It's common for us not to write any. With the cooperation of the business owners, they're training their people to do a good job."

Officers cited an employee for an underage tobacco sale at Hamlet Food Mart on Novi Road. The Northville outlets that during the mid-June sting did not sell to the decoy were Shopping Center Market, CVS, Mobil, Northville Gourmet, Clark, Good Time Party Store and Northville Downs. At the Starting Gate Saloon, an employee refused to fill the decoy's request for change "for the cigarette machine," Rogowski said.

"We want to keep our businesses sharp on checking IDs," the officer said. "I don't think kids are coming to Northville to buy their beer or anything. I think up to this point, we're pretty successful."

The bars that requested proof of the decoy's age during the June operation were Starting Gate Saloon, Poole's Tavern, Wagon Wheel, Northville Downs, American Legion hall, and the Eagles' club.

Officers routinely check local party stores as part of a separate operation, Rogowski said.

In any of the zero-tolerance checks, police will cite the clerk

selling to the minor, requiring a court appearance to respond to the charge.

Officers report to the Liquor Control Commission any establishment caught selling alcohol to a patron less than 21. Their penalty will include a fine, and possibly suspension of their liquor license depending on the circumstance, Rogowski said.

"Obviously, that affects their business when they start getting violations with the LCC," he said. "I can think of three businesses offhand where they've fired the waitresses or clerks (for selling to minors)." In the case of under-age

"That affects their business when they start getting violations with the LCC."

Richard Rogowski
Northville police

tobacco sales, police cite only the clerk, requiring a court appearance.

"They usually get a fine and community service," Rogowski

said. "That varies judge to judge."

A parental zero-tolerance policy also will help keep the community's under-age drinking and use of tobacco products in check.

"I think as adults, everyone's experienced the smell of alcohol and cigarettes," Rogowski said. "That should be one point."

He cited the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program presented to elementary and middle school children as another check.

"I think that program does a good job of teaching kids of the downfalls," he said. "The kids

are educated. I think the parents just need to pay attention."

Reflecting on his 10 years of experience on the force, Rogowski said, it is not as easy as it once was to identify "the partiers."

"Your kid may look clean-cut and be doing well in school," he said. "But they could still be doing drugs and alcohol. Parents need to pay attention to nip it in the bud."

An encounter with police officers — for trying to purchase drugs or alcohol, as a minor in possession or for driving under the influence — is the final stop. Parents might not be aware until

they get the call that their child has been arrested, he said.

The court system is stricter now, Rogowski continued.

"They're real hard on underage use of those products," he said. "At least, with this department, you will be arrested."

"I think society has taken a real proactive approach," he said. "As the police department, we're here to enforce what society wants."

Maureen Johnston is a reporter for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 or mjohnston@ht.homecomm.net.

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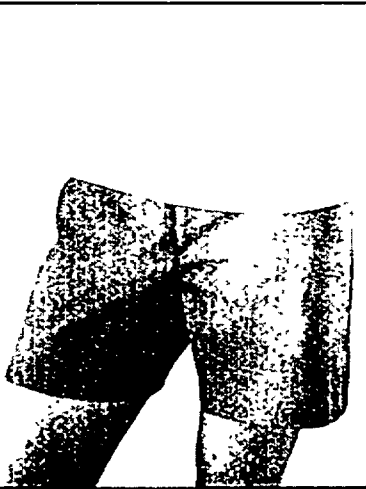
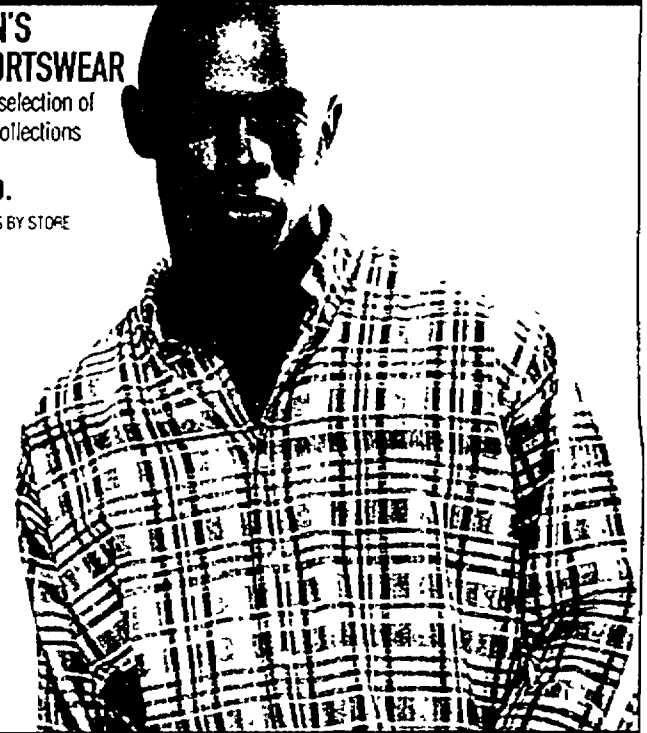
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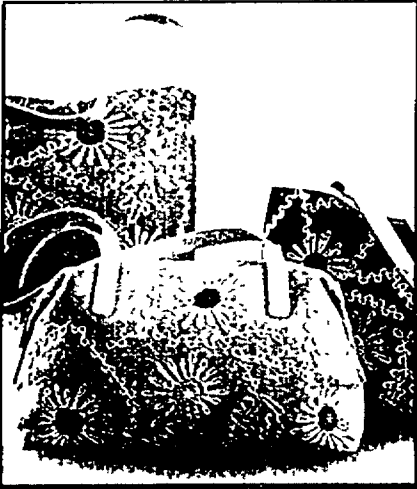
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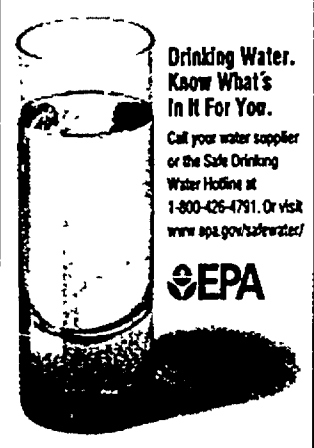
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Seniors eager to have a new home all their own

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games on a weekly basis. The two women also help host events at the center, such as the recent guest talk on Alzheimer's disease.

People who attended that event had trouble negotiating the stairs, Jaffie said. Workshops, classes and other activities, such as massages, also often are held on the upper floor.

Upstairs rooms are shared offices for senior adult services

coordinator Sue Koivula, her two staffers, and four rotating part-timers. That is also the current sign-up site for all senior programs, sometimes a challenge for sore joints and slowed motion.

"This is quite a place," Koivula said. "But it was not built for this and we've outgrown it."

The coordinator, who has worked in Northville four of her 20 years in the field, said every community should have a place like the one planned for the com-

bined city and township senior population.

"We're super excited," she said. "We definitely anticipate growth in our program."

"People will feel more freedom." The planned expansion is long-desired, she said.

Visitors will be able to play cards in the multi-purpose rooms, friends can meet in the living room, an activity can be planned for the larger room, registration can continue at the front desk — all simultaneously, she said.

"We are so cramped," Antuna agreed. "There was no room in the kitchen."

"It will be nice to have a living room, but what is really important to these gals is to have space to move in."

Both Antuna and Jaffie welcomed the concept of a comfortable gathering area with sofas and chairs.

The advisory council formed a "Community Donation

Committee," comprised of Bob Russell, Peggy Meyer and Koivula. The three will develop a list of items they are hoping the community will contribute, such as furniture for the fireplace area planned midway on what is currently the community center's west wall.

"We like the idea we can sit and be sociable anywhere," Antuna said.

Architectural renderings on display downstairs in the main room of the former scout building regularly illicit comment from the Cady center visitors, said Koivula. In addition to the fireplace in the westward addition, a staff member from behind a customer service counter would greet people coming in the new entrance.

At the senior advisory council meeting July 17, the group will hear an update on design plans including more specifics about what the rooms actually will look like, said Traci Sincock, director

of the Parks and Recreation Department. At the June meeting, she reported that a special committee was expected to wrap up the design development phase by mid-July.

In addition to Sincock, senior advisory council member Jim Nield, assistant township manager/finance director Thelma Kubitsky, assistant city manager/finance director Nickie Bateson, Koivula, and senior center programmer Dennis Smith have been meeting with representatives of the architectural and construction management firms, she said. The project timeline calls for seeking appropriate approvals in July and August from the city's Planning Commission and Historical Commission, and Board of Education, and putting the project out for bid in September.

Project specifications currently call for four multi-purpose meeting rooms, three offices, and a

gathering area for large-group activities, such as the Thanksgiving luncheon. Due to the construction, this year's annual event will be held at the First Presbyterian Church.

The recreation department staff has worked with event organizers, such as craft fair planners, to find an alternate location during the construction project, Sincock said.

Plans to renovate the 1953 building also call for replacement of the heating and cooling systems and plumbing, as well as improvements to the kitchen, meeting room and lobby. The former recreation department offices would become a computer rooms, and a barrier-free entrance would be added to the rear of the building, closer to parking in back.

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BIRTHS



Kegan Cabot Kurinij



Kiera Rose Murphy

Kegan Cabot Kurinij was born March 19 in Savannah, Ga., to Stacie and John Kurinij. She weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 21 inches at birth.

Kegan is the granddaughter of Rose and William Kurinij of Northville, Gary Hartland of Lake Wales, Fla., and Barbara Hartland of Savannah. She is the great-granddaughter of Michail and Natalie Kurinij of Berlin, Md., John and Lidia Zacepilo of Willard, Md., and Grace Hartland of Palatka, Fla.

Kiera Rose Murphy was born May 13 in Cincinnati to Tanya and Michael Murphy. She weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 19 inches at birth.

Kiera is the granddaughter of Rose and William Kurinij of Northville, Gary Hartland of Lake Wales, Fla., and Barbara Hartland of Savannah. She is the great-granddaughter of Michail and Natalie Kurinij of Berlin, Md., John and Lidia Zacepilo of Willard, Md., and Grace Hartland of Palatka, Fla.

MILL RACE MATTERS

July 3	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Archives Open to the Public	Cady Inn
July 4	9 a.m.-1 p.m. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. noon noon-12:30 p.m. noon-2 p.m. 12:30 p.m.-1 p.m.	Office and Archives Closed Balloon Animals and Games Auction Magic Show Old Fashioned Kids' Games Puppet Show	Cady Inn Grounds Gazebo Gazebo Grounds Gazebo
July 6	10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1 p.m.-4 p.m.	Mill Creek Community Church Buildings Open to the Public	Church Buildings & Grounds
July 8	9 a.m.-noon	Stone Gang	Buildings & Grounds
July 9	All Day Garden Walk 7 p.m.-9 p.m.	Building & Grounds Mill Creek Community Church Prayer Service	Church
July 10	9 a.m.-1 p.m. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Archives Open to the Public Garden Walk Meeting	Cady Inn Cady Inn

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Bids will be accepted until Tuesday, July 15, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. EDT at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Sealed bid packages shall be delivered to Northville City Clerk's Office 215 W. Main Street Northville, MI 48167. Bid envelopes must include the words "Recreation Program Catalog Bids - July 15, 2003" on the outside of the envelope.

Northville Parks and Recreation reserves the right to waive any irregularities, reject any or all bids or accept any proposals which may be in the best interest of the department.

DIANNE MASSA, CMC,
CITY CLERK
TRACI SINCOCK, CRP
PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

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WESTERN TOWNSHIP UTILITIES AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Western Township Utilities Authority is requesting proposals for an infrastructure management system to manage our wastewater collection system data. The software must be compatible with our existing ArcView 3.2 geographical information system. Companies or individuals who desire a copy of the proposal documents should contact:

Ms. Sandy Forrest
Western Township Utilities Authority
40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187
(734) 453-2793

All submittals must be received by Friday, July 25, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. A public opening of the proposals will immediately follow the closing at the Middle Rouge offices located at 40905 Joy Road
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WESTERN TOWNSHIP UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS 3:00 P.M. MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2003

Regular meeting called to order at 3:02 p.m.
Present: Thomas Yack, Steve Mann, Mark Abbo
Agenda - adopted as amended, adding item # VIII(f) 401(a) Pension Plan - Second Amendment.
Minutes of regular meeting of May 19, 2003 - approved.
Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$804,036.84 - approved.
Operations & Maintenance Report for May 2003 - received and filed.
Director's Report for June 2003 - received and filed.
Policy of Repairs to Private Sewer Connections in Public Right-of-Way - Policy PA222 recommended as presented.
Records Management/Retention Policy - approved.
Certified Retention and Disposal Schedule - approved.
Infrastructure Management System; Request For Proposals - approval to advertise for proposals.
Request To Advertise For Bids For Painting of Enclosed Flight Screw Pumps - approved.
Contract #8 - Sanitary Sewer Maintenance; Award of Contract - approval to award a five (5) year contract to Operations Management International, Inc., of Englewood, CO.
Interceptor Repairs - Project 3; Award of Contract - Award of contract to Insituform of Detroit, Michigan.
Personnel Policies Update - changes adopted as presented and allowing a one-time, two-year retroactive claim period for reimbursement of any vision care related costs, under the approved plan, for current staff.
YCUA Plant Expansion Update - received and filed.
The regular meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Chairperson
THOMAS J. YACK

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

• THIS WEEK •

Northville Independence Day Parade
DATE: July 4
LOCATION: Downtown Northville
TIME: 10 a.m.
DETAILS: The parade's grand marshals are former Northville mayor Mike Allen and St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Dave Spivey.
PHONE: (248) 374-0200

Mill Race Independence Day activities
DATE: July 4
LOCATION: Mill Race Village (Griswold, south of Main Street)
TIME: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
DETAILS: Several free activities are planned for the day, including tours of the restored buildings, games, and magic acts.
PHONE: (248) 348-1845

Start date of Mill Race Village summer hours
DATE: July 6
LOCATION: Mill Race Village (west of Griswold, north of Main Street)
TIME: Every Sunday from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
DETAILS: All village buildings will be open with tour guides on hand to share the history of the facility and give free tours of it.
PHONE: (248) 348-1845

Tunes on Tuesday — Julie Austin & David Mosher
DATE: July 8
LOCATION: Downtown Northville bandshell
TIME: 11 a.m. - noon
DETAILS: Sing-along, move-along children's music
PHONE: (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411

Country Garden Club of

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 (248) 349-9832

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

Northville 10th Annual Garden Walk
DATE: July 9
LOCATION: Various gardens in Northville
TIME: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
DETAILS: Six gardens in Northville will be featured on the walk. Mill Race Village's Cady Inn will be open for an Oriental tea. Raffle tickets will also be available for purchase at the event. Tickets are \$9 and are available only in advance. They may be purchased at Gardenviews (202 W. Main) and Morrison's Antiques (105 E. Main Street).
PHONE: (734) 591-0360

• COMING UP •

Friends of Maybury State Park meeting
DATE: July 10
LOCATION: Maybury State Park farm demonstration building
TIME: 10 a.m.
DETAILS: The theme of the meet-

ing will be "The Trees of Maybury."
PHONE: (248) 347-0899

Northville Arts Commission free concert — Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies Band
DATE: July 11
LOCATION: Downtown Northville bandshell
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Call for info
PHONE: (248) 449-9950

Tunes on Tuesday — Matt Watroba
DATE: July 15
LOCATION: Downtown Northville bandshell
TIME: 11 a.m. - noon
DETAILS: Folk musician and radio personality
PHONE: (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411

Friends of Maybury State Park meeting
DATE: July 17
LOCATION: Maybury State Park farm demonstration building
TIME: 10 a.m.
DETAILS: The theme of the meeting is "Beekeeping."
PHONE: (248) 347-0899

Northville Arts Commission free concert — One Flight Up (folk music)
DATE: July 18
LOCATION: Downtown Northville bandshell
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Call for info
PHONE: (248) 449-9950

One-day grief seminar
DATE: July 19
LOCATION: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile Road)
TIME: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
DETAILS: The workshop is

geared toward adults who are learning to cope after the death of a loved one. There is no charge for the event, but a \$7 donation to cover the cost of a continental breakfast and lunch is requested.
PHONE: (248) 348-0115

Friends of Maybury State Park meeting
DATE: July 19
LOCATION: Maybury State Park farm demonstration building
TIME: 10 a.m.
DETAILS: The theme of the meeting is "Leaves."
PHONE: (248) 347-0899

Tunes on Tuesday — Chris Linn
DATE: July 22
LOCATION: Downtown Northville bandshell
TIME: 11 a.m. - noon
DETAILS: Linn is a comedy magician. All shows are family-friendly.
PHONE: (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411

Northville Arts Commission free concert — Little Davy & The Diplomats (eclectic classic rock)
DATE: July 25
LOCATION: Downtown Northville bandshell
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Call for info
PHONE: (248) 449-9950

Friends of Maybury State Park meeting
DATE: July 26
LOCATION: Maybury State Park farm demonstration building
TIME: 10 a.m.
DETAILS: Paul McCormack will present live, wild animals and

teach children about their care.
PHONE: (248) 347-0899

Northville Arts Commission free concert — Bugs Beddow Band
DATE: July 26
LOCATION: Downtown Northville bandshell
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Call for info
PHONE: (248) 449-9950

Tunes on Tuesday — Guy Louis & Chautauqua Express
DATE: July 29
LOCATION: Downtown Northville bandshell
TIME: 11 a.m. - noon
DETAILS: Call for info. All shows are family-friendly.
PHONE: (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411

Friends of Maybury State Park meeting
DATE: July 31
LOCATION: Maybury State Park farm demonstration building
TIME: 10 a.m.
DETAILS: The theme of the meeting is "Maybury's Summer Babies."
PHONE: (248) 347-0899

Northville Arts Commission free concert — Farmington Jazz Band
DATE: Aug. 1
LOCATION: Downtown Northville bandshell
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Call for info
PHONE: (248) 449-9950

Northville sidewalk sale / free health fair
DATE: Aug 2

LOCATION: Downtown Northville
TIME: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. (setup begins at 7 a.m.)
DETAILS: A free health fair will be complemented by downtown merchant sidewalk sales, arts and crafts, an auction, live entertainment, an antique auto display and live entertainment.
PHONE: (248) 349-0522

Mill Race Village croquet match
DATE: Aug. 3
LOCATION: Mill Race Village (west of Griswold, north of Main Street)
TIME: 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Registration for participation is required.
PHONE: (248) 348-0437

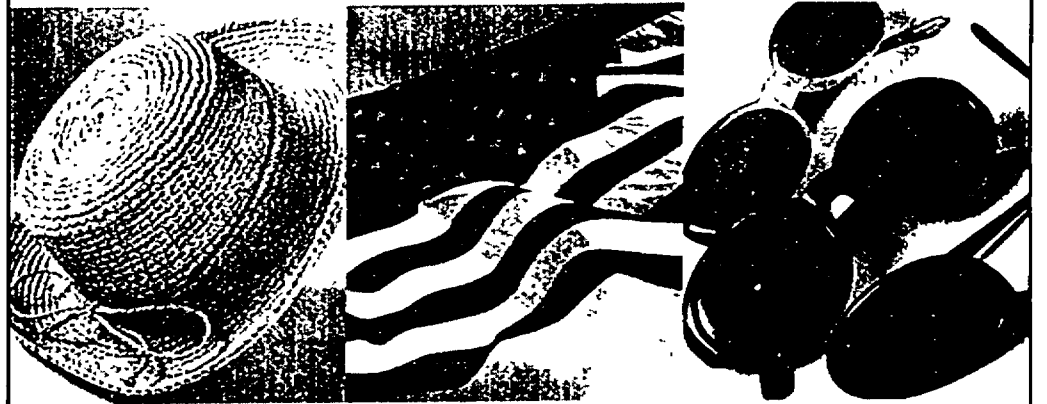
Tunes on Tuesday — "Hats Off" by September Productions
DATE: Aug. 5
LOCATION: Downtown Northville bandshell
TIME: 11 a.m. - noon
DETAILS: The show is audience-interactive. All shows are family-friendly.
PHONE: (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411

Northville High School Class of 1983 reunion
DATE: Aug. 16
LOCATION: Doubletree Hotel (27000 Sheraton Drive, Novi)
TIME: Call for info
DETAILS: More information about the event can be found on the event's website.
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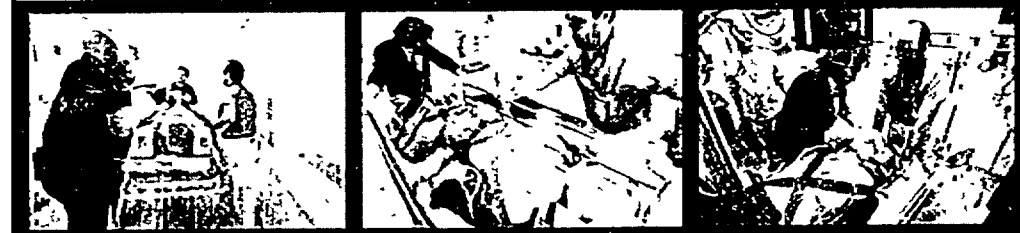


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State selecting bidder on former hospital site

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

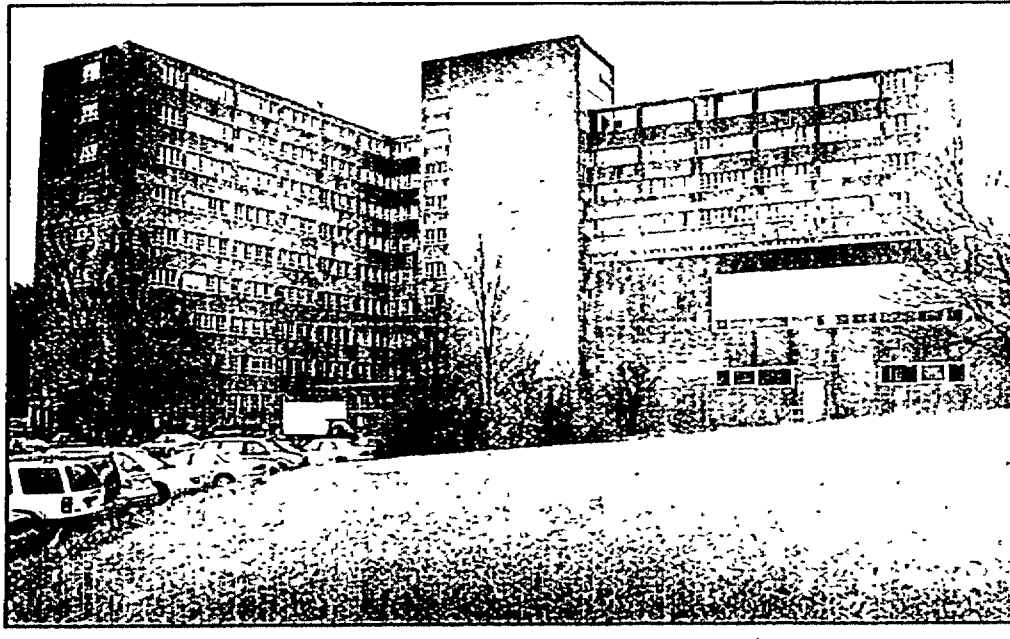
Rebidding the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property on Seven Mile Road resulted in bids that jumped by more than \$6 million, with the top offer at \$76.7 million.

The state's expected Wednesday announcement of which company won the property was not available by presstime. Five local developers sought the opportunity to develop the state-owned 422-acre site that was home for more than 50 years to the Northville Psychiatric Hospital.

Department of Management and Budget spokesperson Bridget Medina reported Wednesday that bids opened June 25, unadjusted for any contingencies and associated costs, were:

- Rock Construction Co. of Livonia, \$76.7 million
- REI (Real Estate Interests Group) of Bloomfield Hills, \$76.5 million
- Grand Sakwa of Farmington Hills, \$76,000,001
- Pulte Homes of Royal Oak, \$72 million
- Toll Brothers of Farmington, \$65 million.

Purchase price was one of six criteria state officials established in selecting a developer. Identification of the winning



The Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital on Seven Mile Road. Its future is largely dependent on the outcome of a bidding process for the sale of the hospital and its land.

file photo by JOHN HEIDER

offer will allow that company to proceed on the state's accelerated timetable, which still targets close of the sale by the end of September, Medina said.

Next up is a due diligence inspection of the property by the winning bidder. The developer will have 75 days from the date

bids were due to perform environmental studies, look at the existing buildings, and perform other evaluations, prior to finalizing the deal.

The state and developer during this period will work to resolve contingencies and finalize documents, Medina added. The State

Administrative Board, comprised of public sector officials, will approve the final contract, she said.

State officials set last Wednesday as the deadline for a second round of bids. When an executive volunteering in the administration last month dis-

closed a remote connection to one of the bidding companies, the state opted to avoid even the appearance of a potential conflict of interest by starting the process over.

After the state closed the bidding June 25, an advisory panel comprised of private and public sector real estate and finance professionals examined the bids submitted. Criteria in the state's invitation to bid included:

- Purchase price;
- Bidder modification to purchase documents;
- Developer qualifications and experience with projects of similar size and scope;
- Demonstrated ability to work with local government;
- Commitment and ability to expedite due diligence and close the transaction by Sept. 30, and;
- Financial ability to complete the transaction.

The bids in the first go-round — unadjusted for any contingencies and associated costs — were Grand Sakwa at \$68.5 million, Pulte Homes at \$70 million, and REI at \$67 million.

From the Seven Mile Road entrance to the property, passing motorists are familiar with the eight-story, reddish-tan brick main hospital and series of two-floor facilities. Beyond the parking lots and series of service drives, the topic property reaches back into heavily wooded, rolling

hills. Northville Township planners spent a lot of time exploring the property, preparing a draft plan for development that will serve as a guide to the selected company. The planned use development contained in the Seven Mile Road corridor plan that the township board adopted last August includes a mixture of office, research and development, residential, and open-space land uses.

Approval of a planned development concept for a parcel that size will take a minimum 10 to 12 months, township officials estimated. After the PUD is approved, the township will require additional site plan or subdivision plan reviews and approvals for each land use.

The state Department of Community Health in November announced the close of the facility. Northville Psychiatric was built in the 1950s with the capacity to house more than 1,200 people. At the time state officials announced the facility's close, they cited the nationwide movement away from institutionalization and toward community-based placements.

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Catholic Central, Novi officials grapple with greenspace

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Detroit Catholic Central's new Novi campus, which is scheduled to open in time for the 2005 school year, will be located in a heavily wooded area near Wixom and Grand River Avenue. As such, representatives from the school are taking every action possible to preserve the vegetation and wildlife as construction takes place.

According to Catholic Central President Father Dick Elmer, a long-range strategic plan was done to study the demographics of the school's student population. "We have been in Redford since 1978," he said. "Right now it was obvious that our constituency was moving to the northwest. That seemed to be where it would be most convenient for our students, for us to move."

At right now is a junior high school that was never meant to be a permanent home. It turned out to be temporary home for over 20 years.

"As a result of that long-range plan, it was obvious we would have to really tear down and build over the school that's there now or move to another location that was more convenient to our students. So the decision was made to move," Elmer said.

The property that the school is moving to in Novi was donated by Frank and Colleen Pellerito of Lakeside Oakland Development. It is 60 acres of land that is very wooded and has a lot of water on it. "With that land we decided to build a campus that would be very naturally beautiful," Elmer said. "We really needed all of that because we wanted to preserve as much of the water and the trees as we could. Unfortunately, we have to take

down quite a few trees, but we're going to replace them in various parts of the city."

A couple of concerned citizens, Barbara Greenberg, a member of the Novi Beautification Committee, and Susan Mogill-Cousin, a member of the Oakland Land Conservancy and the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, came forward with a proposal that Elmer couldn't refuse. They offered to transplant the plant life from areas that would be dug up for the school building, parking lots and athletic fields.

"I was certainly very happy they came to my office," Elmer said. "We sat down and talked about it and I told them that by all means they could do that, but to make sure they didn't take any wildflowers from the parks that we are going to keep because we want them on our land. So we actually delineated the

area that will be dug up for construction. It's so dense in there that they even need a compass to find their way out. It's just so heavily

wooded it is." Elmer knew from the start that both the planning commission and the city council in Novi are very

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Residents honored for television achievement

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

The envelope please.
And the winner is . . . Norm Fankell.
And the winner is . . . Tammy Sortor.

Two local television creative types recently endured the suspense, then enjoyed the satisfaction as their works earned acclaim from the regional chapter of the National Academy of Television, Arts and Sciences. Both are freelancers who parlayed experience at local news networks into busy independent careers, both are long-time Northville residents, and now both are proud owners of a gleaming gold statuette.

Fankell's winning videography, showcased in a series he helped create for Channel 56, focused on children's perceptions of community and safety. Sortor received the nod for her writing in a short documentary on Bill Ford, "The Man Behind the Blue Oval."

The award-winning writer, as part of her live auto show coverage in 2002, was challenged to do stories on the Big Three's leaders, including Chrysler's Dieter Zetsche and GM's Robert Lutz, who all recently had ascended to their positions. Sortor, who in the last couple of weeks put in pre-dawn to dusk days hopping with assignments related to the celebration of Ford's centennial celebration, found Henry Ford's great grandson the most elusive.

"I was challenged to get Bill Ford to sit down and talk to me and it didn't happen," she recalled. Short of access to the man himself, she talked to sources in the automaker heir's former neighborhood and schools.

"I was really forced to do more research and dig deep," she recalled. "He turned out to be a real honorable, interesting guy."

"They showed an unknown side," she said. "It was just about who he was and where he came from."

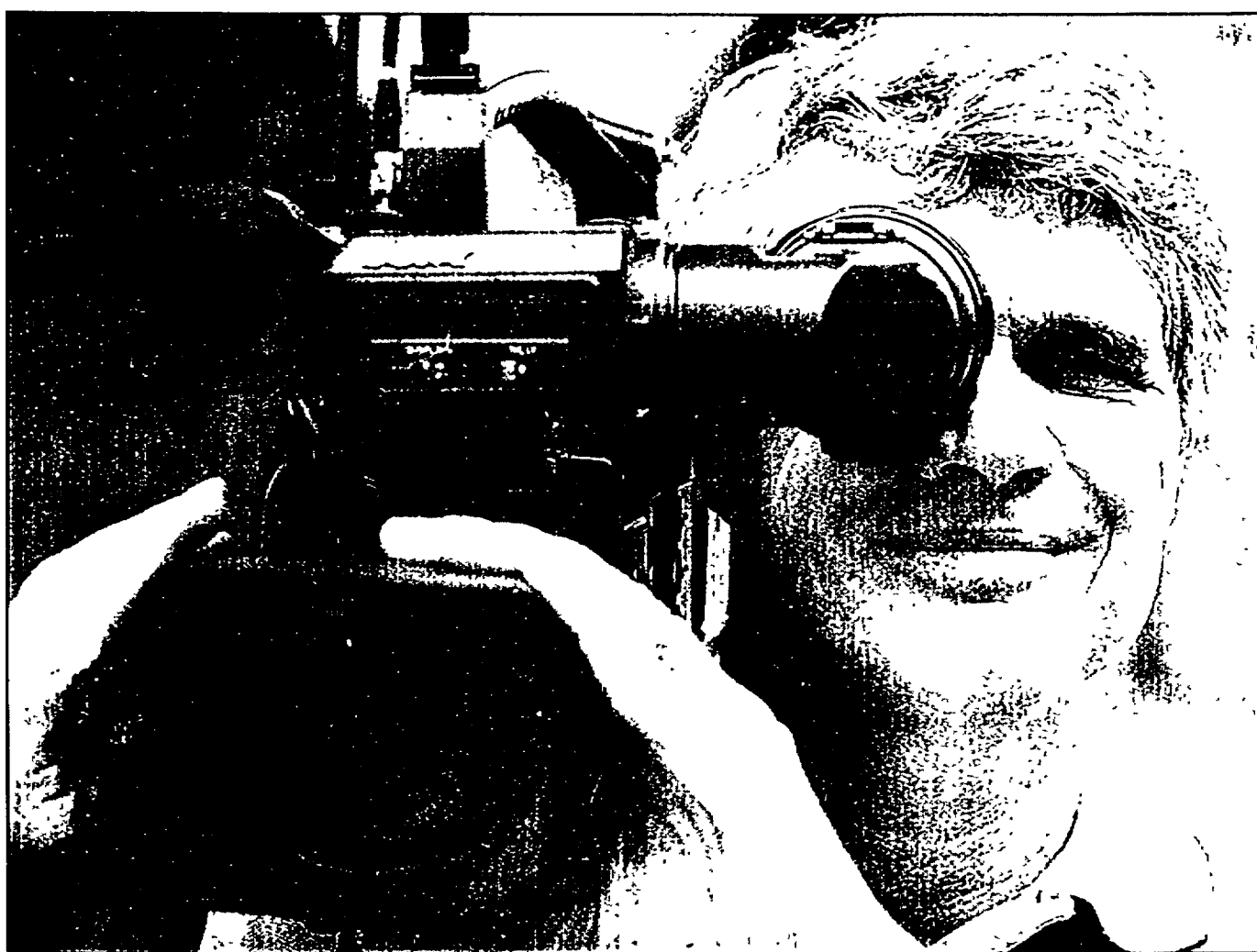


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville resident Norm Fankell won a Michigan Emmy for his videography work on the WTVS-TV program "Follow Your Path".

"Very few people were familiar with him as a person."

The award-winning words Sortor selected earned her the Emmy that June 8 night. She was gratified that the footage, photos and writing she pulled into the approximate five-minute mini-documentary earned the top prize.

Sortor attended the award ceremony with Reed Riddell, her partner in their company Riddell Television Productions. A veteran of local network newsrooms and countless independent shoots around the country, she saw many familiar faces at the industry gala.

"I loved going and seeing all my friends there," she said. "It was exciting and it is a big honor."

Fankell said he and his 16-year-old daughter, Mackenzie, who accompanied him to the event, waited with baited breath for the announcement of the winner in his category. His wife, Christine, and son Will, later shared his success when he returned home.

"My heart was beating," Fankell said. "I hardly remember what I said (in my acceptance speech)."

"In the back of my mind, I truly didn't understand the significance of it."

Fankell said the fact that the effort of his company, IVP Creative, was in the league with the large-entirety productions was particularly rewarding. The award presentation at the Dearborn Inn was a "who's who" of Detroit television executives, on-air personalities and creators, he said.

kind of cool." "But for me, being an outsider, it adds extra value to it because I'm not part of that rat race."

Both award-winning projects were submitted, not by the recipients, but on their behalf. The regional entries were judged by counterparts in the Los Angeles area, Fankell explained, so it truly was an objective evaluation.

Fankell employed techniques in shooting his award-winning work that he had gleaned from 25 years in the broadcast business.

The end product, which captured children in candid conversation in their classroom and at locations such as a zoo, museum or fire station, had an "MTV look" to it, he said, with a fast-paced, unstructured movement, pans and close-ups.

"The whole idea of the show was to get teachers to think outside the box," Fankell said. The series of videos on community safety, geared toward second, third and fourth grades, aired on Channel 56 in 2002, and were later presented to teachers as an instructional tool.

In fact, two of the segments were nominated, although Fankell took home the statue for one. For each 30-minute show, he estimated, he shot 15 hours of videotape, then working with his producer, pared it down to the content they preferred.

The Emmy winner brought to the task diverse career experience, including a stint as a meteorologist, long-time producer of children's programming, as well as videographer. The award brings Fankell great satisfaction because of the creative freedom he enjoyed.

"This producer really relied on me to get the best shots I could for the show," he said. For this, the first time his work had been submitted, it felt good to bring a statuette home.

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Country Garden Club walk sprouts up next Wednesday

The Country Garden Club of Northville's 10th Annual Garden Walk Wednesday will include visits to six area homes, as well as a stroll on the Mill Race Historical Village grounds and an oriental-theme reception there.

Club members will welcome tour-goers to gardens on Byrne, Seven Mile, Eight Mile, Shadbrook roads, and Banbury and Jonathon courts from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 9. A seventh stop at any time that day will include refreshments at the Cady Inn at Mill Race on Griswold.

The \$10 tickets are available at Gardenviews, 202 W. Main Street, and Morrison's Antiques, 105 E. Main Street. The event each year sells out, so tickets likely will not be available the day of the tour, organizers said.

EVENT INFORMATION

WHAT: 10th Annual Garden Walk
HOSTED BY: Country Garden Club of Northville
WHEN: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 9
WHERE: 6 Northville area homes, Mill Race Historical Village
TICKETS: \$10, available at Gardenviews, Morrison's Antiques

Following the map and garden address listing on the tickets, people are free to tour the gardens at their own pace, in the order they choose.

Whenever they arrive at the Mill Race grounds, visitors to the historic buildings will be

able to experience an oriental theme in music, food and drink, and decor. Two women will play the 13-string instrument, the koto, a trademark of their native Japan.

Also, they will see vendor displays of garden-related wares. The Victorian-era homes will be open for tours with docents on hand.

Raffle tickets will be sold at the historic village for chances to win a statue donated by Gardenviews.

The Garden Walk is the 35-member club's main fundraiser. The group donates their proceeds to a variety of causes, including high school scholarships, the Northville Historical Society, Arbor Hospice, 4H, Parks and Recreation, Friends of the Rouge, and other environmental causes.

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First United Methodist has deep roots in city

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Reverend John Hice to become the senior pastor of the church three years ago.

"The church is involved in outreach and that's what attracted me to it," said Hice.

Founded more than 150 years ago, First United Methodist is continuing to grow in numbers. In 1970, the church relocated from its original building, where the Stamp Peddler is now, to its current location directly off of Eight Mile. The church offers three Sunday services, which Hice described as each one being different and unique in its style of worship. The middle service is the most attended because of its fast flow, contemporary tone, informal service and weekly drama put on by the church's drama team.

Hice said the church aims to attract families as its target audience. "It's a diverse congregation by way of age, but we seek to

provide for all ages. There are many families with young children through adolescence. We try to be a congregation with full participation," said Hice.

The church is proud to sponsor the Logos Youth Club, an intensive, well-rounded youth ministry. The program offers kids a meal, a fun activity, a Bible study, choir rehearsal and a physical activity of some kind. Many adults are needed to be involved with the program, which is one of many ways that the church attempts to help the community of Northville and First United Methodist Church join together.

The choir program is also something for the church to boast about. Hice explained that the program has been a significant part of the church and is available to all age groups. The youth musical is offered to children in seventh through 12th grade and involves kids from the church and outside of the church as well.

First United Methodist serves

"It's a diverse congregation by way of age, but we seek to provide for all ages."

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at soup kitchens at least four times a year and raises money for various projects and organizations by hosting a community theme meal. The last meal the church put on was a Mexican Fiesta Night that featured Mexican food and Latin American dancing.

Small groups are rapidly growing among the congregation and Hice said, "They're helping us to experience a small church within

a big church." The church also offers intensive and lighter Bible studies for adults to become involved with.

Besides a large choir program, the church contains a woodwind ensemble, a brass choir, a bell choir and liturgical dances.

On an average Sunday, the church has about 540 in attendance with its three services combined and is home to about 1,500 church members.

The church attempts to attract people in three ways: a strong musical program, a strong youth program and quality preaching. "My preaching is Christ-centered, Biblically based and seeks to apply to everyday life," said Hice.

First United Methodist seeks to respond to life events within the community of Northville. "When there's a need in the community we respond in any way we possibly can," Hice said. For example, the church held a worship service on the night of Sept. 11, 2001,

and local television and radio stations broadcasted the event.

Another program that the church is heavily involved in is the parish nursing program. The program was started by a lady who is deeply involved with both the church and community and now works full time at the church, operating this program. The program does health screening and offers education to those concerned with health issues. The founder of the program is made aware of needs that members of the congregation have, and then informs the pastoral staff of those needs. The program attempts to teach people what the tricky medical terminology means and brings groups together, like those with hearing challenges, special needs and support groups.

First United Methodist also has a sister church, Second Grace Church in Detroit that it partners with for activities and opportunities. Together, both the churches participate in a tutoring program

at Dixon Elementary School. The churches also take part in pulpit and choir exchanges and unity dinners.

"This is a partnership that has continued to develop. Fellowship has been and continues to be a very important part of the church's life," Hice said.

Jennifer Bixby serves as the associate pastor at First United Methodist. Bixby is mainly in charge of the youth programs and has the title of youth pastor. The thing Bixby likes most about the Methodist church in general is the openness.

"There's a very fertile ground for exploring topics," said Bixby.

As for the congregation, Bixby said, "Every age group is solidly represented. There are a lot of activities for anyone to become involved with if they want to."

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Recovered from injuries, dog needs home

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"But she's on the road to a complete recovery. We're hoping someone in the Northville or Novi area will adopt her. A lot of people know who she is because they saw her roaming around," she said.

Schiller said Lucy was finally caught in a wooded area behind a church on Five Mile Road between Northville and Haggerty roads.

Lucy, who has one blue eye and one brown eye, was on display at the group's last visit to Pet Smart at Six Mile Road and Haggerty in Northville June 21.

Volunteers bring cats and dogs on weekends to pet stores throughout the area—such as Specialty Pet Supplies in Plymouth and Petco on Washtenaw Avenue in Ann Arbor—hoping to find homes for the animals. Although visitors adopted two cats, no one picked Lucy at this event.

"There were a lot of people who petted her, but no takers," Schiller said.

Schiller said Lucy's injury hasn't affected her personality or activity level that much. "It doesn't hinder her moving around at all. She's able to walk and jump," she said. "She's an excellent dog. I don't kennel her during the day, and she gets along with my cats. She's pretty mellow and loves walks."

Lucy has also been spayed, is up to date on her shots, has been wormed and checked for heartworms, according to Schiller.

Sandy Mezza of Westland, president of the rescue group, said the organization was established three years ago and has about seven active members. Sherry Folsom, the group's vice president, lives in Whitmore Lake.

The no-kill rescue group is dedicated to saving, sheltering and protecting animals in need. Volunteers rescue animals from streets, shelters and bad situations.

Veterinarians and pet stores also call the group to take abandoned and abused animals. Volunteers also work with colonies of feral cats, which includes setting up shelters and providing them with food until they can trap and tame them.

Adoption fees are \$125 for cats and \$150 for dogs. There is a trial period for homes that have other animals. If the adoption doesn't work out, Guardian Angel Animal Rescue will take the animal back.

Foster homes are also needed, with food and veterinary care provided by the organization.

"We have a lot of adult cats looking for homes. It's so heartbreaking that we can't place these animals," Mezza said.

The group will have a Cosmic Bowl for Handicapped and Special Needs Animals from 9:30 p.m. to midnight July 19 at Super Bowl, 45100 Ford Rd., in Canton. Proceeds will go toward animals waiting to see a veterinary specialist.

Registration for the event is \$20 per person, which includes three games, shoe rental and pizza. Each team will consist of four members and people can sign up as individuals and they



Lucy is looking for a new home after nursing back from her injuries.

will be placed on a team. For more information, call (734) 332-9459 or (734) 788-6857 or mail a check payable to Guardian Angel Animal Rescue to GAAR, 31059 Merritt, Westland, MI 48185.

The 3rd Annual Guardian Angel Animal Rescue Golf Scramble Fundraiser will take place at 11 a.m. Aug. 2 at the Golden Fox Golf Course in Plymouth. The \$125 entry fee, due by July 26, can be mailed to GAAR, P.O. Box 240, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189.

For more information about other upcoming shows and events, call the group's hotline at (734) 332-9459 or visit its Web site at www.petfinder.org/shelters/MI/44.html

NHS grad heals after attack

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case, she said. In addition to James Locklear, Julius Locklear, 42, of Clinton Township; John Locklear, 36, of Macomb Township; and Anthony Hannaford, 33, of Detroit, were charged as part of the same incident with resisting and obstructing a police officer, according to reports.

"That is the only date that all four attorneys can be in court at the same time with their clients," Tenorio said.

When Locklear does make an appearance, he faces a sentence of any amount of years up to life for the assault with intent to commit murder, a paroleable charge, said Jan Barte, an attorney with the prosecutor's office. For the resisting and obstructing an officer charge, all four men face sentences starting at two years, up to four years if there was bodily injury, and 10 or more years for more serious injury or death, she said.

Meanwhile, 20-year-old Rumbley continues to recuperate at his father Bill Rumbley's home, where he returned for the summer from Hope College in Holland. His dad said he was not concerned when the high school standout football player and

"He's spending his time on a recliner. He's still sleeping quite a bit. He's taking walks."

Bill Rumbley
Joe Rumbley's father

wrestler two weeks ago told him of his plans to attend an REO/Styx/Journey concert downtown.

Now the dad watches his athletic son restless in his recovery. Earlier this week, Rumbley ventured out for a family dinner. He returned home after an outing to a movie with some friends.

"He's spending his time on a recliner," Bill said Monday. "He's still sleeping quite a bit. He's taking walks."

"Slowly but surely, he's starting to get his strength back, little by little." His doctors predicted a 100 percent recovery, the elder

Rumbley said.

"As far as whether there will be any psychological issues, we're not sure of," the dad said. "And he won't be able to play football this year. That's kind of disappointing."

Those close to Rumbley keep in perspective that the young man is recovering at all. He lost so much blood in the confusion immediately following the stabbing, his blood pressure was untraceable and he had only a slight pulse.

Several days in the intensive care unit followed emergency surgery and numerous blood transfusions.

The family is in the waiting mode as far as the court case against Locklear. Bill Rumbley said. The more the proceedings are delayed, he said his concern is for his son's potential trips back and forth to court after he returns to campus for his junior year.

"Right now I'm trying not to have some kind of expectations for how the court system works," he said.

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ON CAMPUS

Northville resident Colin Keiffer has been selected to participate in The Gillette Company Economics for Leaders program at Georgetown University (Washington, D.C.) now through July 6.

Northville resident Carianne Chrenko was named to the dean's list at Spring Arbor

University for the spring 2003 semester.

Northville resident Sadie Vince was named to the dean's list at Hillsdale College for the winter 2002 and spring 2003 semesters.

Northville residents Ryan Lueker and Allison Treloar were among the honors graduates

of Alma College at spring 2003 commencement exercises.

Northville resident Cynthia Anne Mills was named to the dean's list at Wake Forest University (Winston-Salem, N.C.) for the spring 2003 semester.

Northville resident Jennifer Kinsman was named to the

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Northville residents Peter Jonathon Didyk and Adam James Webb were among the graduates of Michigan Technological University during spring 2003 commencement ceremonies.

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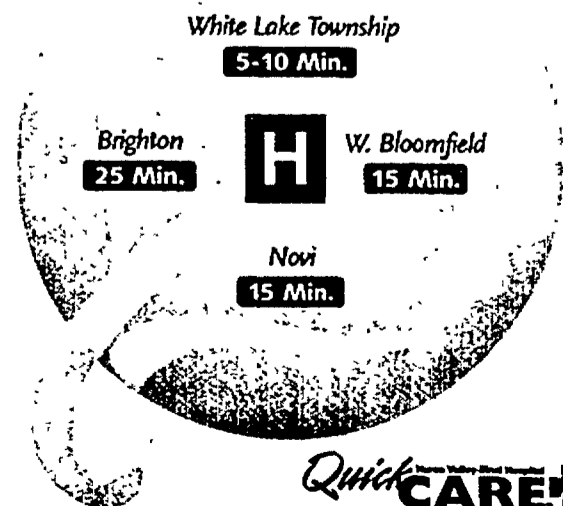
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A little trivia for July Fourth

Ahhh, American Independence Day...that day when the revered stories of American history are celebrated to the tune of "Stars And Stripes Forever" and the blast of fireworks in the background.

As you toss some charcoal on the barbecue and take a plunge into the pool, feast on some historical brain candy:

- George Washington may have never told a lie, but he loved to drink and dance, and he fell in love with his best friend's wife.

- The Liberty Bell was held in such little regard that the city of Philadelphia tried to sell it for scrap metal, but nobody wanted it. (By the way — "Pennsylvania" is misspelled on the Bell.)

- In Concord, Mass., a third of all babies born in the 20 years before the American Revolution were conceived out of wedlock

- Thomas Jefferson was the author of the Declaration of Independence and the founder of the University of Virginia (and could also write in two languages — simultaneously) but he frequently greeted heads of state wearing his bathrobe

and slippers and disliked public speaking — so much so that he only once actually personally read his State of the Union address to Congress.

- The Battle of Bunker Hill wasn't fought at Bunker Hill. It was fought at nearby Breed's Hill.

- There are many misconceptions about what happened on July 4, 1776. What actually happened was that the Declaration was presented before the Continental Congress for signing. Actual independence had been declared two days earlier. It was July 2, not July 4, that was thought to have been the marquis day in American history. In a letter to his wife, John Adams wrote "The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epocha in the history of America. I am apt to believe it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival."

So what? We're Americans, and history is a myth agreed upon. Let's live a little, laugh a little, and enjoy the fruits of living in the greatest country on Earth.

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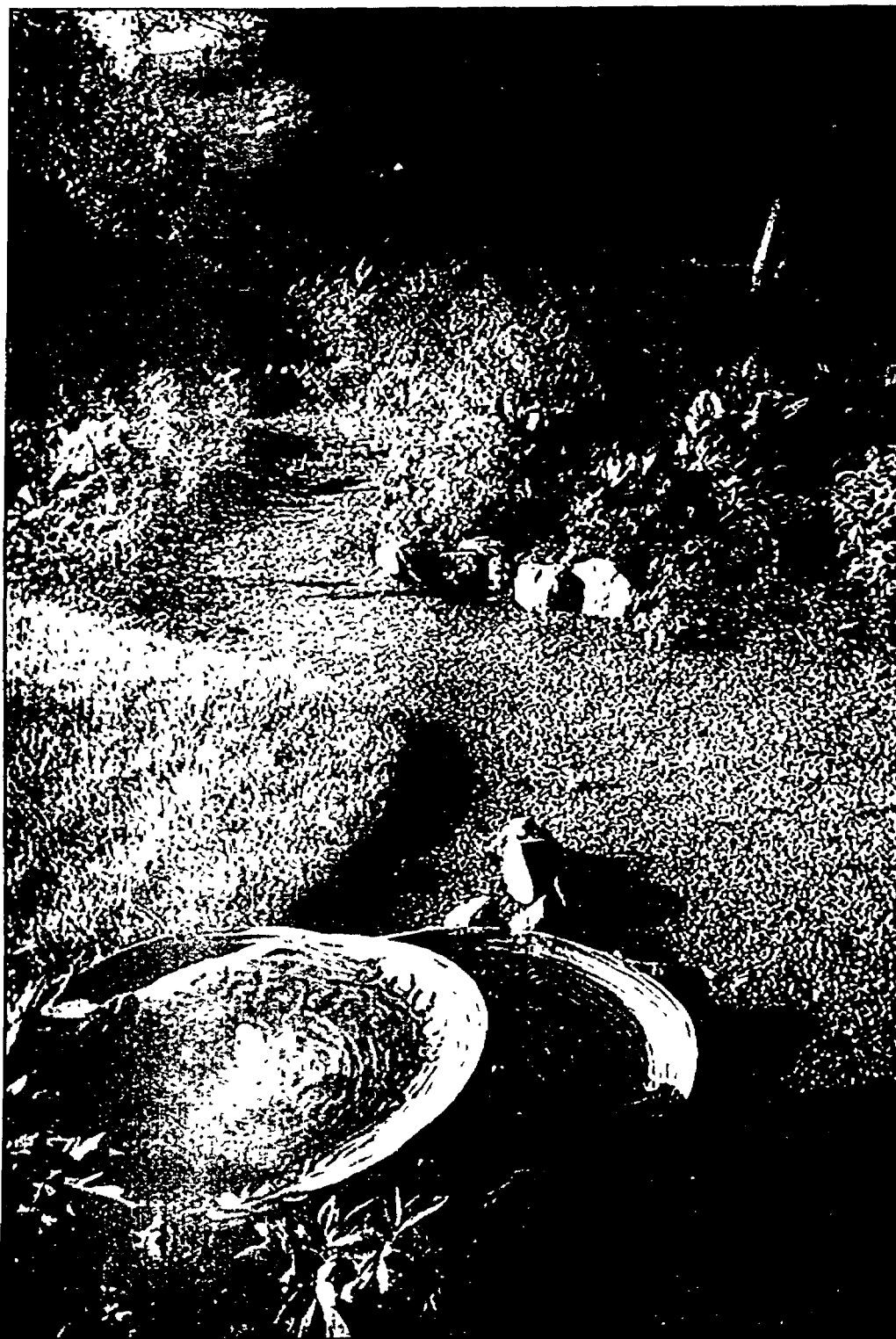


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A view from Deb O'Connor's garden which will be one of the many gardens featured in the Tenth Annual Garden Walk on July 9.

Depression shouldn't be taken lightly

When I began this occasional series of article two years ago I wrote about "Depression, the common cold of mental health." Over two years later depression is back in the news again with significant implications. The *Detroit Free Press* just ran a summary of two studies released recently by the National Institute of Mental Health. Some of the findings, according to the report are that, more than 32 million adults will experience depression. Depression will cost employers billions of dollars in not just reduced but lost productivity. In the last year 6.6 percent of the nation, about 13 million people, according to the study, suffered from depression. The conclusion of the study co-author, Kathleen Merikangas is that "Major depression is now the No. 1 leading cause of disability in the general population across the world."

Depression has many causes. Depression can be influenced by chemical biological conditions. The most difficult depressions also include environmental, historical, relational and emotional components. Very often the lack of a spiritual foundation can contribute to depression. People can suffer depression for years, some are fortunate to gain control of it in shorter periods of time. The sad part is that if depression is diagnosed early it can be easily treated by a combination of some form of psychotherapy and medication. Often depression can be managed less than a year. While some forms might respond more quickly to treatment some forms of depression are hard to detect and therefore to treat accurately.

Depression is not simply a mood disorder, the feeling of the blues or the occasional sense of life not being worth it. Depression brings with it sustained feelings of hopelessness or helplessness in some forms. It can affect eating or sleeping. It is often associated as the reason behind many forms of physical

pain, including head, backs and stomach. For these reasons alone it is possible to see why it is hard to detect and to treat appropriately. It is often the physical symptoms of depression that contribute to the depressed worker losing, according to the study, 5.6 hours of work a week, as compared to only 1.5 hours because of other health problems.

In its worst forms depression can paralyze a person, either emotionally or relationally. Depression is the leading cause of suicide. The NIMH study also concluded that the illness is more common in young adults than in older adults. Nevertheless depression can strike any one of any age, regardless of race, economic, or almost any other factor

When your blues linger, when you feel too angry or too anxious for too long, when you notice a change in your regular patterns of living, when some physical pain persists, seek a professional assessment. The debilitating effects of depression are huge once they set in. Acting on your own behalf to get an assessment of your condition will provide you and those you love with the quality of life which you want for yourself and your relationships with them.

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LETTERS

Bush's actions demand immediate impeachment

The Constitution demands impeachment of President Bush and his administration. President Bush and his administration have lied about weapons of mass destruction and the grave threat Iraq posed to the United

States, have violated The Constitution, the Nuremberg Charter and Geneva Convention by waging wars of aggression against Afghanistan, Iraq and threatening other nations, summarily executing and killing tens of thousands of people while leading a growing number, now over 200, young American men and women in the U.S. Armed Forces to death in their criminal war and occupation of Iraq.

Seventy percent of the Iraqi people support Saddam's Baath Party. How many more lives will be sacrificed for this unjust war?

The Bush Administration should be held responsible for the lies it told the American People, and the World.

Phyllis Clancy
Northville Township

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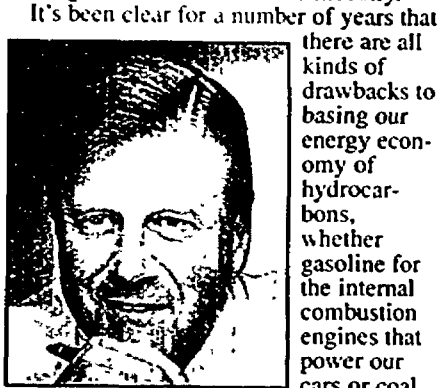


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What a gas to be in Michigan

It didn't seem particularly special at first glance — just a big room at the airport Westin Hotel, jam-packed with engineers, marketers and assorted business types. But it just might be that the conference last Friday — "Striking Connections for the Alternative Energy Industry," sponsored by NextEnergy — could solidify Michigan's leading role in the automobile industry.



Phil Power

It's been clear for a number of years that there are all kinds of drawbacks to basing our energy economy of hydrocarbons, whether gasoline for the internal combustion engines that power our cars or coal for the power plants that generate our electricity. When you burn hydrocarbons, you dump carbon (plus a bunch of other nasty stuff) into the atmosphere, which in turn generates the greenhouse gasses that contribute to global warming. Moreover, an increasing percentage of our oil comes from abroad, which puts us into the charitable hands of various Middle Eastern regimes.

The answer, of course, is to develop an alternative energy source. The most likely candidate to date is hydrogen, whether in the form of fuel cells or used alone as fuel in an engine. The great advantage of hydrogen, of course, is that when you burn it, you get water vapor instead of pollutants and greenhouse gasses. And if we could figure out how to generate the hydrogen domestically — a very big "if," given present technology — we'd eventu-

ally be independent of foreign energy sources.

So the issue is how best to do this? And, more to the point for us in Michigan, how to do it right here at home? It was this question that led Doug Rothwell, who was the CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), to propose back in 2001 creating something called NextEnergy. Its purpose was to promote the development of alternative energy technologies and provide tax incentives for business to do research, development and manufacturing.

Ultimately, the MEDC put \$32 million into NextEnergy, which is now chartered as a non-profit corporation. Under the direction of COO Steve Arwood, a well, high-energy type from Lansing, NextEnergy is busy building a building in a Smart Zone near the Wayne State University campus. And it was NextEnergy that sponsored the conference I attended last week.

The stakes are big for Michigan. Currently, 35 percent of all engine manufacturing and 39 percent of transmission building are located in Michigan. If a new energy basis for automobile engines is developed and takes root outside Michigan, almost 200,000 of our best jobs would be at risk. If they go away, that could be a \$10 billion hit to our economy. So there is some real urgency in the job Arwood and his colleagues have undertaken at NextEnergy.

The conference was a real eye-opener. Arwood led off by saying that NextEnergy's purpose was nothing less than the retention of Michigan's economic base. Next came Anthony Earley, chairman and CEO of DTE Energy, the company that owns Detroit Edison and MichCon. Earley pointed out that the utility industry has a big stake in alternative energy, partly to reduce pollution and partly to develop a distributed power generation system. Just as distributed computing replaced the old

centralized mainframes, distributed power generation is the wave of the future: It's cheaper, more flexible and more convenient for users.

Jerry Mader wound up the plenary presentations. An engineer who played football while he was getting his engineering degrees from the U of M, Mader is the advanced energy technology consultant for the Center for Automotive Research, the leading outfit in the field.

His point was simple: There are a whole lot of people very interested in the alternative energy field — the Big Three, DTE, the federal government, the University of Michigan, NextEnergy, to name just a few. The pressing issue is how best to bring all this interest together in such a way that the whole becomes more than the sum of the parts ... and that the whole remains in Michigan.

"We have everything right here in Michigan to allow us to pull everything together," Mader said, "but we need to develop a collaborative partnership for a badly needed national agenda."

He got a big round of applause. As the opening session wound up, it was interesting to watch the crowds of engineers and business types clustering around each speaker, excitedly asking questions and exchanging business cards.

There's a long way to go and success is by no means certain, but outfits like NextEnergy deserve a lot of credit for getting the ball rolling.

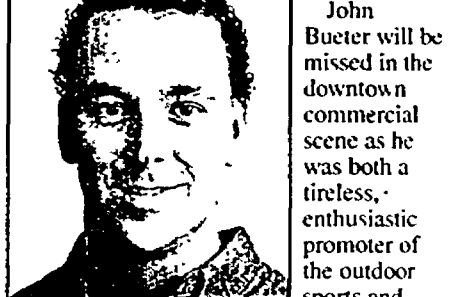
(EDITOR'S NOTE: Phil Power, of a member of the Executive Committee of the MEDC when NextEnergy was created and still serves in that position.)

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The worst coffee, the best fishing

Bueter's Outdoors in Northville is no more. The fly fishing shop that served as a welcoming beacon to its faithful regulars for nearly a decade has closed.

The doors of the fly tackle shop at 120 E. Main St. have been shuttered for two weeks now and while fly fishing bums like myself can and do hope for a re-opening, it's more likely than not that we've lost a good friend and our version of "Cheers".



John Heider

John Bueter will be missed in the downtown commercial scene as he was both a tireless, enthusiastic promoter of the outdoor sports and organizer of many wonderful events (like the famed September Salmon Camps at his retreat in Baldwin) but he and his shop were also rooted in the community and gave as much to the schools and local charities as they could muster.

During my visits, which sometimes occurred three or four times a week (I referred to Bueter's as my second office in downtown Northville) I'd witness a high school club, sports, musical or theater group approach John for sponsorship. Can't say as I know the exact numbers, but I'm willing to bet that more often than not they'd walk away with his patronage.

Ditto for the charitable fundraisers for the Northville Chamber of Commerce or Friends of Northville Parks and Recreation: John would volunteer his time and skills to take winners of raffles or auctions on a fly-fishing float down the Pere Marquette River. These were not easy things to do as the father of three school-age kids and owner of a small business, but I watched him do these enthusiastically and always with the determination that these gestures would mean something positive to the community and act as a promoter of the sports he so relishes. (John let me know on more than one occasion that he'd help gear-up with fly-fishing stuff any of the kids I was mentoring through Northville Youth Assistance).

I know that there are plenty of businesses in Northville where patrons will regularly stop by and shoot the breeze, but most are of the restaurant or bar varieties. What I valued about Bueter's, with the exception of a pot of coffee (a nearby sign reads: "Voted Northville's Worst Coffee: Help Yourself) and some baked goods (often homemade and brought in by regulars) is that it wasn't a restaurant where you'd be expected to buy a drink or meal. It was just a shop that sold flyrods and reels and waders and flies, and all the assorted doohickies fishermen need.

At John's you could, if so needed, grab a seat at the fly-tying table in the rear and for a half an hour or so tell terrible but believable lies of gigantic bass, trout, or salmon from your most recent excursion to a nearby pond, lake or river bearing in mind, though, John's edict that "I believe photos, not stories".

And like "Cheers", everyone knew your name. If your face crossed the threshold of

Bueter's more than three times, John and his crew would call out your name and welcome you to their shop; even if you were just going to use their bathroom, run downstairs to the tailor, or use them as a cut-through on your way to the parking lot out back.

There are many things that I'll miss about Bueter's; some big, some small but add them together and they have the collective weight of a good friendship: a safe, inviting place with friendly faces ready to give advice, tips, congratulations or consolation if success eludes.

A toast, then: Here's to the long, colorfully-lit Christmas garland that Bueter's strung outside the shop and to the Santa hats that would adorn the heads of the elk and antelope mounts inside each holiday season, to the fly-tier's table where John or one of his staff would graciously show you how to tie a fly then give you the fly to take home as a blueprint, to Northville's Worst Coffee, to the photos of regulars with their catches which would be proudly displayed on Bueter's bulletin boards for months, and lastly, for the somewhat hokey but also meaningful farewell that John gave me each time I left his shop: "Be careful out there," he'd say.

Now I get to send that sentiment to him as he begins his business comeback: Know that you have the support of all your regulars and you be careful out there, my friend.

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GUEST COLUMN

Say it with me: Ann-uh-lease

Reading my byline, you're probably asking yourself "who's Anneliese Woolford?" In fact, I'm willing to bet that you can't even pronounce my name correctly.



Anneliese Woolford

It's okay though. I've dealt with it plenty of times before and, assuming things continue to go well, it'll be a name you'll come to recognize upon opening a magazine or newspaper in the future.

Part of the reason you probably haven't heard much of me is because I've lived in Novi and Plymouth for the past 15 years. I can, however, proudly say that I'm from Northville. I was born and raised here until the age of six.

Who would have thought that twice within those six years I'd be featured in the

Northville Record? In 1984 at 17 months old, my picture with the Easter bunny graced page 3A. A year later in 1985 I was again pictured, this time sitting with my dad at the July 4 parade.

Now I return to the *Northville Record* not as the subject of a photograph, but instead as an intern.

Journalism is what I love. However, it was well into my sophomore year at Saint Mary's, a private women's college in Notre Dame, Ind., before I came upon this revelation. I've always been a good writer, but had never taken any journalism courses prior to then.

Since, I've written for and become an editor of the independent newspaper shared between Saint Mary's and the University of Notre Dame. I also spent last semester as an academic intern at the *South Bend Tribune*, enabling me to gain more insight into the field.

Because Saint Mary's doesn't offer a degree in journalism, I've chosen to major in English Writing and am considering graduate school as a follow up. I'm happy with how things have turned out so far and am thankful for the opportunities I've been given and the one I'm just beginning.

So here I am for the next four weeks, looking to further my knowledge and acquire new (and more) experiences in my original hometown.

As readers of the *Northville Record*, you'll be part of this process. I promise to make it as bearable as possible and look forward to sharing with you what I have to offer. One way or another, you'll have at least heard of Anneliese Woolford by the end of next month.

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School's out, but school's in for construction

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Balmy summer temperatures and warm sunshine Monday shed plenty of light on the fast-paced emergence of Ridge Wood Elementary and additions at Northville High School and Moraine Elementary.

Each of the new additions are planned to be completed by late August, just in time for the start of the 2003-2004 academic year.

A Look At Ridge Wood

Near the southwest corner of Six Mile and Ridge Road, a brand new school building is nearing its completion.

Ridge Wood Elementary—which will be the district's sixth elementary school—features a contemporary 21st century design, providing a rich contrast against the current rural-like atmosphere in the area.

Monday morning workers toiled indoors and out preparing the building for an estimated 450 students to walk through its doors next month.

As the summer sun gradually heated up the morning hours, laborers spread concrete for a sidewalk adjacent to the emerging bus loop.

Project manager Andrew Miller, donning a Skanska hard hat, said workers were busy painting, installing floor coverings and ceilings and spreading topsoil. Several trees were also recently planted at the school site.

Amid the construction dust and noise of specialized machinery, an estimated 50-60 workers were on site at Ridge Wood, who were moving just about as fast as the saws.

"It's been that way for awhile," said Miller, regarding the size of the work crew. "We're starting to clean about half the building now. It takes a little while."

Ridge Wood Elementary, he said, will measure approximately 78,000 square feet.

"We'll be ready for school," Miller said.

Early this week, David Bolitho, assistant superintendent for Northville schools and Nancy Raynes, principal of Ridge Wood Elementary, surveyed the construction progress at the school.

A wooden gymnasium floor had been built and is awaiting its final touches.

School officials said Ridge Wood will also feature a separate area for the early childhood program—complete with its own entrance and office space. The building is planned to have four early childcare classrooms and two separate playgrounds outdoors.

During a tour of the building, Raynes noted the addition of color accents that weren't in place a week ago.

Bolitho said classroom sizes will average approximately 1,000 square feet. Individual storage units for stu-

"We'll be ready for school."

Andrew Miller
Project manager

dents' jackets and backpacks have been built into the elementary classrooms.

Porcelain tile flooring has been installed in a portion of the school's hallways. Other areas feature bright-colored carpeting.

Raynes' smile spread from ear to ear as she surveyed the advancements that have occurred.

"I'm elated," she said. "It's worth every minute of the planning."

A dedication ceremony and school tours are slated to take place at Ridge Wood Elementary Aug. 24 at 2 p.m.

Due to growth in the area, Bolitho said the district will have to add on to Ridge Wood next year. Schools, he said, are limited to a projection rate of five years through the school bond loan fund.

"We need more classroom space already," he said. "It's growing so fast."

High School Expansion

At Northville High School, work crews were carefully perched on the rooftop and working to complete the estimated 50,000 sq. ft. addition.

The two-level construction project will feature two special education classrooms from Cooke School, general classrooms, an art room, computer labs and a large drafting room with a dividing wall.

An extensive broadcast studio is also under construction, which will include a light grid, a control room and video editing rooms.

An animal room is also planned to be constructed in the new portion of the high school.

"We're kind of in the most challenging phase, tying in the addition to the existing structure," said Miller.

"Have no fear; though, it'll be done," Bolitho concurred.

"We're on schedule, which is where you want to be," he said.

Moraine Adds On

A freshly hydroseeded lawn at Moraine Elementary, located next to the newly crafted bus loop, mark just a few of the many changes taking place at the school.

The addition to the school will measure approximately 33,000 sq. ft. Porcelain tile has been laid in the school hallways.

Next month, students will also see a new music and art room, four general education classrooms, a centrum and a new gymnasium.

"We had several standard size classrooms," said Bolitho. "Now, those classrooms will be used for

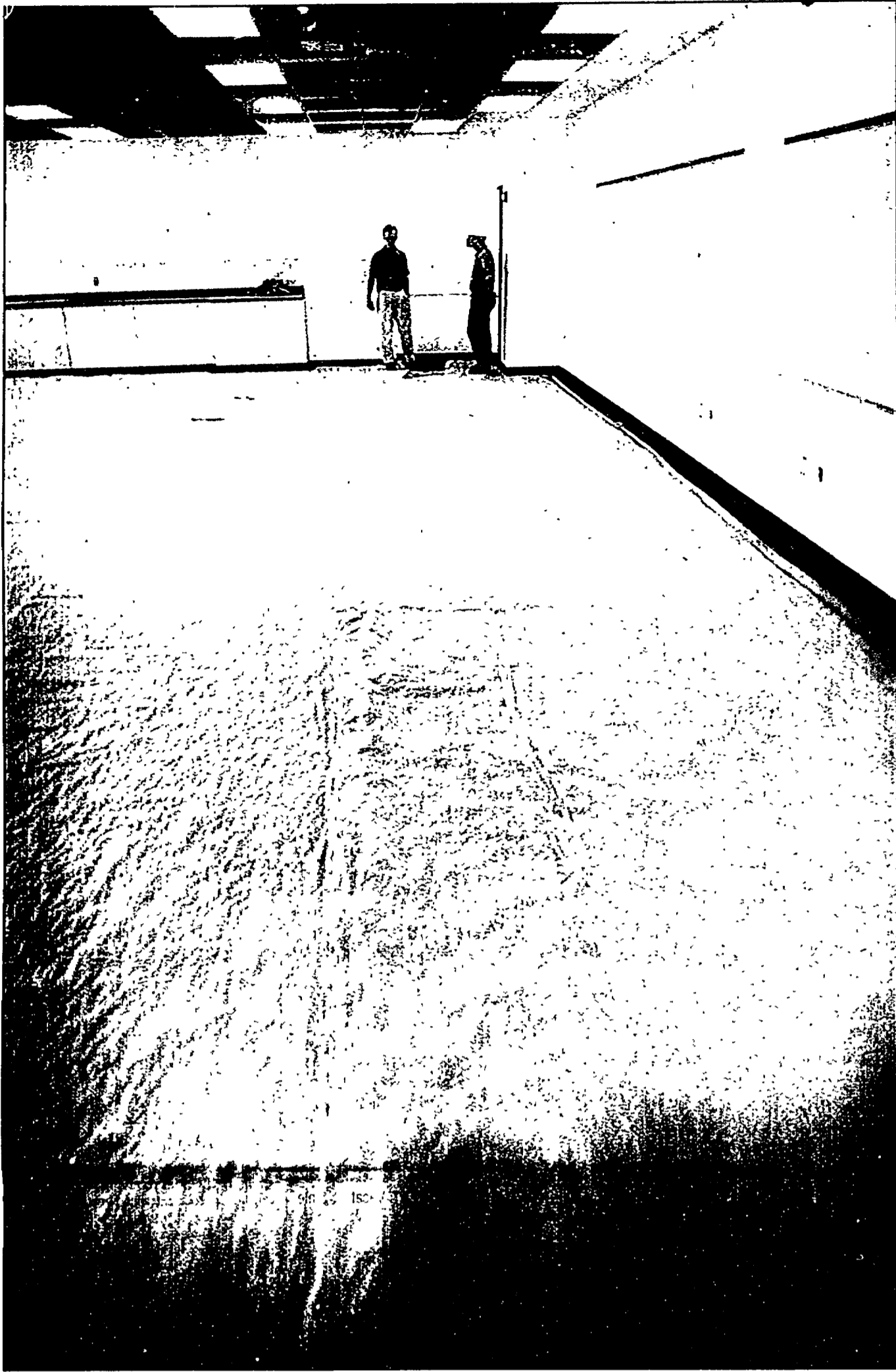


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Northville School District Assistant Superintendent David Bolitho, left, tours a classroom in the Northville High School addition with Skanska employee Andrew Miller Monday morning.

other things."

A Look Ahead

These projects mark a few of the major enterprises being tackled by the Northville Public Schools district

Other renovations have taken place at existing elementary schools, including Amerman Elementary. These projects were approved by voters in September 2001.

With the clock steadily ticking towards the first day of school—

August 25—work crews and school officials show no signs of running out of steam.

"This will be ready to go," said Bolitho. "We had a few setbacks, but we're doing OK. We're getting it done."

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David Bolitho, center, Skanska construction employee Andrew Miller, left, and Ridgewood Elementary School principal Nancy Raynes take a look at the empty but ready for books and computers school's media center Monday morning. The school will be ready for Northville students in late summer 2003.

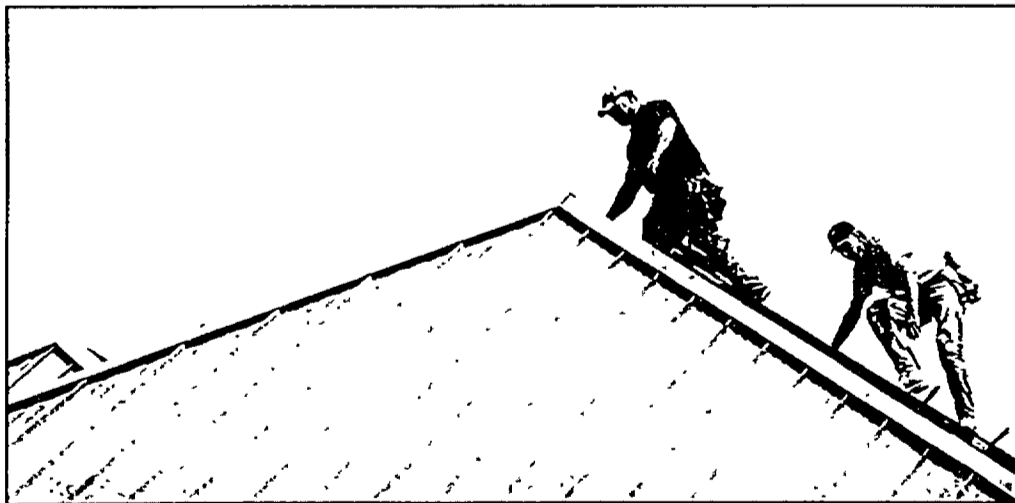


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Roofers work on fastening the aluminum top of the 50,000 square-foot addition of Northville High School Monday morning.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Assistant superintendent for the Northville School District David Bolitho takes a look at the just-completed gymnasium in the addition at Moraine Elementary last Monday morning. The gymnasium will be utilized for after-school activities in addition to physical education.

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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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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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Area church hosts vacation Bible school

By Jennifer Norris
 STAFF WRITER

Area students are invited to participate in a week-long Vacation Bible School session, hosted by Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church in Northville Aug. 11-15.

The event is open for youths in pre-school through grade 6.

"They'll be in a deep Bible adventure," said Nancy Fischer, Vacation Bible School director. "The children can learn more about the love of God. They'll dive deeper into the Bible and the information that the Bible has."

Fischer said the second annual Vacation Bible School event will feature a scuba theme, or Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure.

Coordinating with the theme, event organizers plan to craft a whale using a fan and black plastic sheeting. Students will then be able to enter the whale and travel to its "belly" for Biblical lessons.

"They'll experience what Jonah experienced in the whale," said Fischer. "They will experience the belly of a whale."

In addition, Fischer said each day of the program will feature a different Biblical message.

Those lessons will be complemented by a craft project and a game, both of which are geared to strengthen the spiritual precepts.

"Everything they do in one day always reinforces the Bible point of the day," she said.

Participating students will also be given a Bible verse to learn daily.

Pre-registration is recommended as space is limited, said Fischer.

There is no charge to participate.

Evening registrations, Fischer said, will take place every Wednesday beginning July 9 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Registration may also take place Friday mornings beginning July 11 from 10 a.m. to noon.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

EVENT: Vacation Bible School for students in pre-school through grade 6.
PLACE: Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church, 54899 Eight Mile Road.
DATES: Aug. 11-15.
COST: Free
INFO: For registration information call (248) 374-2268.

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church is located at 54899 Eight Mile Road in Northville.

For registration information call (248) 374-2268.

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Novi Library doesn't sweat Court's Internet library ruling

By Phil Foley
 STAFF WRITER

While a Supreme Court ruling last week requiring libraries receiving federal funding to install filters to block Internet pornography has librarians and First Amendment defenders across the country wringing their hands, don't look for any major changes in Novi area libraries any time soon.

That's because libraries in Novi, Wixom and Walled Lake don't get the federal funding that's covered by the court's decision.

June 23 the court ruled, "Because public libraries' use of Internet software does not violate their patrons' First Amendment rights, CIPA (Child Internet Protection Act) does not induce libraries to violate the Constitution, and is a valid exercise of Congress' spending power."

The American Library Association (ALA) had challenged CIPA in Pennsylvania, saying that the statute's requirements for filtering software on all library computers with Internet access in libraries receiving E-rate or Library Services and Technology (LSAT) grant money, placed an unconstitutional burden on adult patrons' First Amendment rights. While the District Court for Eastern Pennsylvania agreed, the Supreme Court justices did not.

"We don't use federal funding for Internet access," said Novi Library Director Brenda Evans. Like librarians in Wixom and Walled Lake, she said the paperwork and reporting requirements for E-rate funding would cost the library more than it could potentially bring in.

Evans said six of the 20 computers with Internet access at her library are equipped with a variety of

filtering software and set aside for students in eighth grade and below. However, she added, "It's our belief that the parents are the people who should decide what's appropriate for their children."

In Novi, said Evans, "We treat children as individuals. They have complete access to the collection." She added that while parents are encouraged to come to the library with their children, it's not required. However, she added, "It's the parents' responsibility whether they're there or not."

In Wixom, Library Director Linda Potter has taken a slightly different approach. If you're under 18, your parents have to sit next to you, if you want Internet access in the library. "We feel it's a good solution for us at this time. We feel bad for teenagers, though," said Potter.

At the moment, Wixom only has three computers with Internet access. Potter said when the library has enough computers to create a separate children's room, she will probably install some sort of filtering software on those machines.

Walled Lake's library is a little looser than Wixom's, but tighter than Novi's. According to Library Director Donna Rickabaugh, "We don't have filters, but we do have a strong policy for Internet use."

Children 18 and younger must have written parental permission to use the library's three computers and children younger than 13 must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult.

"It really hasn't been a problem for us," she said, noting that since the library got its computers it's only had a problem with people accessing pornography twice and both times involved young adult men the staff hadn't seen before or since.

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For more information, contact sports reporter Sam Eggleston at extension 104.



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FIREWORKS DISPLAYS IN METRO DETROIT

- **Addison Oaks Park:** Dusk July 4 over beach area, West Romeo Road north of Rochester, near Oxford. \$8, \$5 Oakland County residents per vehicle. 248-693-2432.
- **Algonac:** 10 p.m. July 4, during the Pickerel Tournament, Algonac City Park, M-29. 810-794-9361.
- **Birmingham:** Dusk July 3, Lincoln Hills Golf Course, Lincoln and Cranbrook. Rain date is July 5. 248-644-1800.
- **Clawson:** 10 p.m. July 4, Clawson Park, West Elmwood, west of Main Street. 248-435-4500.
- **Farmington Hills:** 10 p.m. July 1, Founders Park, 35500 W. Eight Mile. 248-473-1800.
- **Flint:** 10 p.m. July 4, Riverbank Park, downtown. Festival with carnival rides and entertainment is July 3-4.
- **Fowlerville:** 10 p.m. July 4, Community Park, North Grand Avenue. 517-223-9076.
- **Groveland Oaks Park:** Dusk July 5 over the beach area, Dixie Highway east of Grange Hall, near Holly. Park vehicle entry fee will apply. \$8, \$5 Oakland County residents. 248-634-9811.
- **Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village:** Fireworks will follow Salute to America concerts by Detroit Symphony Orchestra, July 3-6. Doors open 7 p.m. Motor City Brass Band 7:30 p.m.; DSO, 8:30 p.m.; fireworks finale. Advance tickets \$19 adults, \$12 ages 5-12, free for ages 4 and younger. Event day tickets \$23 adults and \$15 children. 313-576-5111 or 313-982-6001.
- **Holly:** Dusk July 5 at Lakeside Park, Bush Lake, end of Thomas Street and Holly Bush. Festivities begin at 6 p.m. with the Holly Festival Band. Free. 248-634-1900.
- **Hudson Mills Metropark:** Dusk July 3 at the park near Ann Arbor and Dexter, rain date July 5. Big Pinky will entertain at 7 p.m. Vehicle permit required. 734-426-8211.
- **Huntington Woods:** 10:05 p.m. July 4, Rackham Golf Course, Scotia and I-696. 248-541-4300.
- **Independence Township/Clarkston:** Dusk July 4, Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road between M-15 and Sashabaw. 248-625-8223.
- **Kensington Metropark:** 10:10 p.m. July 6 at the park in Milford. Vehicle entry permit required. 800-477-3178.
- **Lake Linden:** Dusk July 3, Village Park. 800-338-7982.
- **Lake Orion:** Dusk July 4 over the lake, south of M-24 and Flint St. Rain date is July 5. 248-693-8391.
- **Rochester Hills:** 10 p.m. July 3 at Borden Park, Hamlin Road and John R. Rain date July 5. 248-656-4663 or 248-362-1370.
- **Sylvan Lake:** Dusk July 3 over Sylvan Lake, Ferndale Street. Rain date is July 5. 248-682-1440.
- **Waterford:** Dusk July 12, Oakland Yard Athletics, M-59 between Crescent Lake and Airport Road, Waterford. Family activities and music begin 5 p.m. \$10 adults, \$4 children. 248-673-0100.
- **Westland:** Dusk July 6, Central City Park, Ford Road between Newburgh and Wayne Road. Festival is July 2-6, Central City Park. 734-722-7620.
- **Willow Metropark:** 10 p.m. July 4 at the park in New Boston. The Classics will perform 6-11 p.m. Vehicle entry permit required. 800-477-3182.
- **Wixom:** Dusk July 4, Gilbert Willis Memorial Park off Loon Lake Road, between Wixom and Benstein. 248-624-2850.
- **Woodhaven:** Dusk July 4, Civic Center Park. Rain date is July 5. 734-675-4926.
- **Wyandotte:** Dusk July 2, off waterfront. 734-324-4506.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

RIDGE WOOD OFFICE HOURS

The office for Ridge Wood Elementary School will be closed for the next week and a half. The office, temporarily located at Hillside Middle School, will re-open July 15 at 8 a.m.

The hours will be 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on July 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24. After July 14, you can reach the principal, Nancy Raynes, or her administrative assistant, Yvonne Hughes, at (248) 344-8493 ext. 230 and 231, respectively.

RIDGE WOOD CLASSROOM COLLECTION

Ridge Wood volunteers will be collecting new or "gently used" books and toys to help fill the new classrooms at Ridge Wood Elementary School. Donations may be dropped off at Winchester Elementary School every Tuesday morning in July from 9 a.m. to noon and every Thursday afternoon in July from noon until 3 p.m.

Details and ideas for what to donate may be found at www.northville.k12.mi.us. At that site, click on Ridge Wood Elementary School and select Teacher Wish List, or ask your child what they would like in their classroom.

For more information, contact Joanne DeSilva at 248-465-1393.

GOLF OUTING

The fourth annual golf outing, geared to benefit Old Village and Cooke Schools, is scheduled for Sept. 27. Golfers, hole sponsors and prizes are needed.

Participation fees will be \$100 per golfer. Hole sponsorship is \$100 and is tax deductible.

Those interested in participating should call (248) 344-8460.

RECORD SEEKS OUTSTANDING TEACHER NOMINATIONS

The Northville Record is seeking readers to inform of us of local teachers who have demonstrated academic excellence in the classroom. One teacher — from either a public or private school — will be honored each month through June, then again beginning in September. The teachers will be photographed in their classroom for publication. A feature article on the educator will also be written. In addition, the highlighted teacher will receive a prize from the Record.

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From left, Rick Riegner and brother, Bill Riegner. Rick is a 2003 graduate of Northville High School. Bill will be graduating in 2004. The brothers have played on teams together since they were young, and as Rick leaves NHS, his brother will step up to fill the void.

Out with the old, in with the new

■ Graduate Rick Riegner is stepping down from the athletic fields, while brother William is stepping up

By Brian Doyle
SPECIAL WRITER

As one moves onto to college, the other moves on to the pinnacle of high school. As one looks to pursue lacrosse at a high level, the other hopes to find success on the gridiron. Rick and William Riegner are both moving on to new realms of their life.

Rick Riegner graduated from Northville High School this year and was a three sports athlete. He hopes to play lacrosse for Michigan State's club team next year and major in business.

"I'm really looking forward to it," Rick said. "There won't be any restrictions."

Rick decided on Michigan State because it was a good school, it was close and both of his parents were Spartans.

William Riegner just finished up his junior year and has his sights on the 2003 Northville football season.

"I'm really looking forward to next year," he said. "Our coach has put in a lot of time developing a weightlifting program and we should do a lot better next year."

William Riegner played strong safety and fullback for the Mustangs this year and it was his presence and also the competitive spirit between the boys that drove Rick to want to improve.

"Him being on the team gave me a lot more drive to start," he said. "He was good and I didn't want my younger brother starting and me not."

Rick played corner back for the Mustangs so he was alongside his brother who played strong safety in the secondary.

William hopes to also continue playing football at Albion after he graduates in 2004.

"I'm thinking about Albion," William said, "I think I have a shot

"Him (William Riegner) being on the team gave me a lot more drive to start. He was good and I didn't want my younger brother starting and me not."

Rick Riegner
Northville Graduate

at playing (division) three football."

Both William and Rick got their start on the football field when they were younger through the Northville Novi Colts. Both also wrestled throughout high school.

Rick was the captain of the wrestling squad this year and the team won the district championship. Rivalries were also present in this sport since Rick wrestled at the 152 weight class and William was just below him at the 145.

"There was kind of a rivalry because we wrestled in back to back weight classes," William said.

According to Rick, he got started in wrestling after having royal rumble matches with his friends and wanted to give it a shot at an organized level.

"I tried it and loved it," Rick said.

William also really enjoyed wrestling and football, though he said that football is still his main sport.

"I started wrestling freshman year because some people told me it would help with football," he said. "I love both the sports because they both involve so much physical endurance and the team bonding in the two sports."

Both the brothers said that their closest friends were the ones that they played sports with and hanging out with friends was a common hobby between them both.

Rick's closest friends are Zack Wollack, Peter Kelley, and Brad Meakin while William's closest are Ryan Serge, Chris Oakland, Steve Minier, and Brendan Buckley.

"Most of us played the same sports, I am with them all the time," Rick said of his friends.

Both the brothers also said that their parents were very supportive of them.

"They come to every game and event I have," Rick said.

The brothers have shared a lot of time on the same teams since they were only one year apart.

"We played the same sports for our whole lives," William said. "It was cool, in football, we played on the same team every other year."

In their free time the brothers also both participate in athletics. William said he enjoys lifting weights and watching sports on TV where as Rick enjoys golfing.

While the brothers share a lot in common Rick joking pointed out the pairs defining feature.

"I have a little more coordination," Rick said.

Rick was also selected to take part in the 2003 MHSAA East v. West all-star lacrosse game on June 28.

Brian Doyle is a special writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

'Stangs get five named to All-Area

■ Carter, Richard, Williams, Buckley and Sorensen named as some of area's best players

By Sam Eggleston
and Stan Frank
SPORTS WRITERS

The talent and sheer ability of the players through our coverage area this year made choosing the 2003 All-Area Baseball Dream Team one of the toughest in years past. After long discussion and tough decisions, we've managed to come up with the best-of-the-best in our area.

The following members of the Dream Team are the players that we feel would help us climb to the top of any league and make a run at any title that we vie for.

Pitchers

These guys are the cream of the crop when it comes to hurlers. Not only do they have what it takes to be the top pitchers on their teams, but they also have what it takes to be the top pitchers in this area. Though pitching is often the part of the game that coaches train their players to adjust to by mid-season, these pitchers make a point of adjusting to keep ahead of the offenses they face. That's what we call staying ahead of the curve.

Mike Hart Novi Junior

Sometimes, you come across a player that has his hands in everything — and Hart is one of those guys. If the Wildcats would have managed to pull out a district title victory in baseball, it would have been Hart's third this year. This Novi junior is a fierce competitor that hates nothing more than losing a contest. His abilities and determination have often found him on the right side of the win, going 7-3 this year for Novi as they went on to win the Kensington Valley Conference yet again. Hart's efforts earned him a 2.53 ERA this year and a nod on the All-Area squad.

Mark Sorensen Northville Junior

One of the best things about having a pitcher like Sorensen is that every time he takes to the mound, you know he's going out there to win. Well, Sorensen made that very clear this year, going 7-0 for the Mustangs this year while earning a 2.49 ERA. This junior hurler was one of the main reasons the



Kyle Fedorka

Lakeland's Fedorka was named Player of the Year in the KVC following a terrific senior campaign in which he was forced to overcome a serious injury. Fedorka broke his non-throwing hand the day after the Eagles season opener and was in a cast for Lakeland's first 11 games. During that time, Fedorka was unable to swing a bat, yet still managed to pitch for the Eagles. Over the course of the season the right-hander compiled a 7-3 record and a minuscule 1.76 ERA in 12 games. Fedorka fanned 87 batters in 71 1/3 innings pitched and registered a strikeout-to-walk ratio of greater than 4:1. Lakeland scored a combined three runs in Fedorka's three losses, two of which came while he was still in a cast.

Fedorka eventually resumed swinging the bat, showing no ill effects from his broken left hand. He led the Eagles with a .403 batting average, while slugging four home runs and driving in 17 runs. A good baserunner, Fedorka scored 26 runs and swiped 15 bases in 28 games. Along with his KVC honor, Fedorka was an All-District selection. He has signed to play baseball at Madonna University.

Mustangs went on to win their District as well as have a major run at the Division title for the Western Lakes. Sorensen gave up 37 hits

and walked only nine batters this season as well as whiffing 47 in the process. His determination and ability make him a key member of our All-Area Dream Team for 2003.

Catchers

It's the fellows behind the plate that have the job of not only stopping some of the hardest pitches around from getting by them, but also holding down the fort when it comes to controlling the field and keeping runners on their bags. We have confidence that our catchers are some of the best in the high school ranks, and we'd put them behind the plate for any contest we were to play.

Matt Williams Northville Sophomore

Though only a sophomore this year, Williams was a key part of the Northville defensive and offensive power in the Western Lakes Activities Association this year. Cranking out an impressive .419 batting average with a .505 on-base percentage, Williams was a key role-player for Northville's run for the District title and into the Regional tournament. Though quite able to play in the outfield, Williams build and ability seem fit for the slot behind the plate. His bat, on the other hand, his suited for all places. He cranked out 13 doubles this year with two homers while stealing 11 bases. Williams also collected 18 RBI this year and crossed the plate 24 times. This is the second year he's been a member of our All-Area squad, and we have no doubt he'll be defending that position in the years to come.

Michael Wiseman Lakeland Freshman

Before dismissing his offensive number — .231 batting average and 11 RBI — it's important to remember that Wiseman was merely a freshman this season. What is impossible to dismiss, however, is the fact that the rookie catcher committed only two errors and gunned down 15-of-37 would-be basestealers (41 percent). For his efforts, Wiseman earned honorable mention All-KVC and All-District honors.

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Tomasak, Long named as best

By Sam Eggleston
and Stan Frank
SPORTS WRITERS

The 2003 All-Area Softball Dream Team was definitely a fun one to go about choosing the players for. Not only do all of our girls have plenty of moty to go around, but they have the enthusiasm that makes covering softball such a fun time.

We've assembled the best of the best players in our eyes, and we believe that our readership would agree with our selections. These players have what it takes to excel in their chosen sport, and we're happy to announce that this team is one of our most talented ever.

Pitchers

Pitching is the name of the game in high school softball, and we've been blessed with some of the best pitching in Michigan. With a variety of throws and plenty of speed to back them up, our pitchers have the ability to decimate plenty of opponents. With plenty of defense to back them up, we expect our pitchers would end up with some pretty impressive win/loss records if we could get the All-Area squad a schedule of games to play.

Kendall Hobart Novi Senior

Hobart is the kind of player a team can look to for guidance in even the toughest of situations. One thing is for sure — she knows all about tough situations. Hobart found herself going only

4-12 this year as a hurler, but nearly every one of those losses came in the form of one or two runs and over half came in the sixth of seventh inning.

A major factor for Novi on the mound and in the field, Hobart wasn't afraid to showcase her talents when the time came. Her offensive ability led to a .308 average with 11 RBI and two doubles, while her pitching found her with a 2.22 ERA as she whiffed 60 batters in 101 innings pitched.

We're proud to have such a tough player on our squad, and we know she's a good fit with the rest of our 2003 All-Area Softball Dream Team.

Amy Stewart Lakeland Senior

Stewart started slowly, but rebounded nicely by reducing both walks allowed and ERA as the season progressed. A right-hander, Stewart posted three shutouts and struck out 152 batters in 190 innings pitched. Offensively, Stewart batted .305 and drove in 21 runs.

Jessica Wojcik Milford Freshman

A phenom, Wojcik flashed during her freshman season a talented right arm, posting a nifty 2.06 ERA. Wojcik fanned 195 batters in 235 innings pitched and posted a strikeout-to-walk ratio of nearly 3:1. Strictly a pitcher, Wojcik's work on the mound earned her second team All-KVC honors.

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Lindsay Noren

South Lyon's stellar junior Lindsay Noren successfully defended her title as HomeTown Newspapers' Player of the Year with another stellar campaign from the mound. A right-hander, Noren finished second only to Brighton's Jill DeRoche as KVC Player of the Year. For the second consecutive season, Noren was named first team All-KVC, All-District and All-Region. Noren, who has an arsenal of four pitches, compiled a 20-7 record and a nearly invisible 0.88 ERA. In 183 1/3 innings pitched, Noren struck out 217 batters. Her strikeout-to-walk ratio was an astounding 6.6:1. Noren hurled seven shutouts and pitched a perfect game against Hartland on May 2. Opponents batted a meager .157 against her. Noren has 52 career victories, a Lions record.

Noren was productive with the bat, as well, batting .318 with 16 RBI. She led the Lions in both hits (34) and on base percentage (.411).

Northville well represented on baseball squad

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Fielders

Offense gets the glory but defense wins the game. That old cliché rings true when it comes to most teams, but our All-Area squad not only has the offensive to get the glory, but the defense that would draw plenty of attention on its own. With this crew taking the field, we wonder just how many double plays we'd be able to turn.

Brendan Buckley
Northville Junior
There's nothing wrong with having an all-around player on our All-Area squad, that's for sure. Buckley, it just happens to be, is one of those players. His .401 batting average helped propel the Mustangs through some tough games this year, and his .692 slugging percentage helped show that there's a bit of power behind that swing. Buckley earned 11 doubles, two home runs and stole 11 bases this year. The fastest Mustangs this year, his quick foot-speed made his a key position player at short stop for Northville — but we're confident that we could put him anywhere in the field and see him excel. Buckley, being only a

junior, will be a major factor for Northville next year as he was this year. He's no doubt a major part of our Dream Team for 2003.

Andrew Atherton
Lakeland Junior
Atherton served mostly as the Eagles primary first baseman. He also served as a consistent power threat, jacking a team-leading six bombs over the course of the season. Additionally, Atherton batted .301 with 24 RBI and 26 runs scored. Somewhere along the line, the 6-5 265-pound behemoth even managed to steal a base. Atherton, a right-hander was the Eagles' No. 2 pitcher this season, posting a 3-and-1 record, a 3.37 ERA and 28 strike outs in 27 innings pitched. Atherton was named All-District and honorable mention All-KVC following the season.

Tyler Carter
Northville Senior
There's one thing we can say about Carter and mean it — he's an All-American boy. This is the kind of kid that you'd want your daughter to marry. He's bright, he's friendly and, not to mention, he's extremely athletic. His pitching battle against South Lyon in the first game of the

2003 Baseball All-Area Dream Team

Districts helped boost his squad to victory, and his performance in the Regional tournament almost found his fellow Mustangs taking a step deeper. This year, he allowed 28 hits and fanned 34. The nice thing about Carter is that he can hit too. He led the Northville squad with three homers this year and also had three doubles while collecting a .435 slugging percentage.

Kevin Cisko
Novi Sophomore
Novi's own sophomore All-Area member is nothing to scoff at. Not only is he a major factor as a member of the infield, but he can do it from the mound as well. This Wildcat earned 24 stolen bases for Novi while crossing home plate 30 times and earning himself a nod-worthy .397 batting average. As a pitcher, he went 4-1 and had a 1.89 ERA on the year. Though he is one of the youngest members of the All-Area team, Cisko was a key player for Novi and their conference title, as well as a big reason they were contenders for the District title. We expect to see this particular

player gracing the squad again in years to come.

Scooter Curtis
South Lyon Sophomore
Curtis, the Lions' primary center fielder, led the team with 28 hits and 13 stolen bases. The speedy leadoff hitter also proved he has some pop in his bat by stroking three home runs, which tied him for the team lead. Curtis finished second on the club in batting average (.289), RBI (14), runs scored (17) and slugging percentage (.471).

Matt Nickels
Novi Junior
What can't Nickels do? This kid can hit, run, field and pretty much do anything that is asked of him. This year, he helped lead the Wildcats to their fourth-straight Kensington Valley Conference title as he slammed out a .443 batting average with four homers and 35 RBI while crossing the plate 37 times of his own. His quickness helped him steal 21 bases while being a black hole for fly balls in the outfield. We're happy to have him as a member of our All-Area squad and expect that if given the opportunity, we would see him take charge and lead our squad to victory time and time again.

Alex Richard
Northville Senior
The thing that drew our attention about Richard isn't the fact that he was an all-division player in the WLAA or that he batted .355 with eight doubles on the season. No, instead it is his solid fielding and steady leadership. In fact, Richard is one of the few players at the high school level with the ability and knowledge to be an on-field coach as he directs the defensive play and adjusts his squad to the situation at hand. It is his leadership and desire to be a student of the game that has helped us decide to make him one of our top athletes for this year's All-Area Baseball Dream Team.

Mike Slesinski
Milford Senior
Slesinski, the Mavericks starting second baseman, batted .333 and was named first team All-KVC. Slesinski led Milford in runs scored (29), walks (24) and stolen bases (10). He also led the team in bruises, getting plunked a dozen times over the course of the season. In fact, during his four-year varsity career, Slesinski took one for the team 28 times, which marks the third-highest total in state history.

Darrin Ward
Lakeland Junior
Ward, the Eagles' primary third baseman, batted at a .370 clip during the course of the season and led Lakeland in hits (40), runs (28) and RBI (25). Ward also cracked three home runs and was named All-District and second team All-KVC.

Mark Westenberg
Milford Senior
Westenberg batted .297 this season and earned second team All-KVC honors. He finished tied for the team lead in hits (30), scored 22 runs, knocked in 15 runs and swiped eight bags. However, Westenberg's true value was not found in statistics, but rather in his ability to play all over the diamond. Westenberg logged playing time in the outfield, at first base, from the mound and behind the dish. A southpaw, Westenberg compiled a tidy 1.97 ERA for the Mavericks this season.

Stan Frank is the sports writer for the South Lyon Herald and the Milford Times. Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. Comments can be directed to seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE
CHAPTER 170
ARTICLE 3 GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 3.3(E) GAZEBOS

Date: July 29, 2003
Time: 7:15 p.m.
Place: Northville Township Civic Center
41600 Six Mile Road

A public hearing will be held on July 29, 2003 at 7:15 p.m. at the Northville Township Civic Center, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. The Planning Commission will consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, ARTICLE 3 General Provisions, Section 3.3(E) Gazebos.

The public is invited to attend this hearing and express their comments and questions. Written comments regarding the proposed changes will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.

LISA ANDERSON, CHAIR
PLANNING COMMISSION

(7-3 & 24-03 NR 66968)

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Bids should be in sealed envelopes clearly marked "Custodial Supplies 2003-2004". Specifications are available to be picked up in the Operations Department, 501 West Main Street, between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please contact Kevin Cavanaugh (248) 344-8455 if you have any questions (7-3-03 NR 67718)

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Township Financial Center 41660 W. Six Mile Road
Township Public Services/ Water & Sewer 16225 Beck Road
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Mustangs get two All-Area softball slots

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Kasey Harmon

South Lyon Senior
As the Lions catcher, Harmon proved instrumental to star pitcher Lindsay Noren's success. As a first team All-KVC and All-District selection, she proved instrumental to the Lions success, as well. While playing in all 36 games, Harmon set new school records in both fielding percentage (.996) and runners caught stealing (16). In doing so, Harmon committed only one error and gunned down a remarkable 59 percent of would-be basestealers. Harmon batted .274 and drove in 16 runs from the batters box.

Danielle Shamus

Lakeland Senior
It's easy to understand why Shamus was signed as a catcher by Div. 1 Oakland University. Shamus this season gunned down 32 of 37 would-be basestealers, which makes one wonder why any team would bother running on her in the first place. Although Shamus batted only .249, her catching skills make her a dominant force.

Fielders

This is the kind of crew any

coach would drool at seeing take to the field. Defense, offense — you name it, they've got it. With not only some incredible bats to help our scoring totals go through the roof, our fielders have some of the toughest defense around and aren't afraid to showcase it. We're more than happy to say that our top fielding players would be recognized as such with pretty much any team they played on.

Allison Long

Northville Senior
This Northville senior was determined not to let her senior season end in misery, and that was apparent by her play in the second-half of the year. Long notched a .321 batting average while getting a .340 on-base percentage for her troubles. A disciplined player, Long knows the ins and outs of her position in the outfield and very rarely makes a mental mistake while on the field of play. A good hitter with a nice cut, Long has the ability to make short work of most pitches and isn't afraid to go down swinging if the going gets tough. We have no doubt she's right at home with the rest of the talented players on our 2003 All-Area Dream Team.

Shannon Shrader

Novi Senior
What can be said about Shrader other than the fact that she's an all-around player. Quick reactions, solid throwing ability and a decent bat have found her as one of the top players in the Kensington Valley Conference as well as in our coverage area. This year, Shrader started 29 games for the Novi Wildcats and made the best out of each and every one. Her batting average of .257

with six RBIs and a handful of doubles isn't any indication of how often this Wildcat reached base. Her small build allowed for plenty of walks and her ability to utilize her size to its fullest advantage found her taking plenty of trips to the bag thanks to it. We're happy to have a player like Shrader on our squad, and fully expect that she would excel at any position we asked her to play.

Lindsay Tomasak

Northville Senior
There's a reason the Tomasak is on the All-Area Dream Team again this year — she eats, breathes, sleeps and lives softball. If ever you get a chance to talk to her about the sport, you'll hear the love for the game in her voice. An active infielder for the Mustangs, Tomasak was asked to play third base for the first time since she picked up a softball and she did just that and managed to draw plenty of attention while doing it. Her .303 batting average and .343 on-base percentage helped draw plenty of attention from the college ranks before she finally chose Sienna Heights University to continue her career with. Her work ethic alone would find Tomasak on our squad — her ability and determination just adding to that cake as we're happy to have her as a returning All-Area player.

Cristyn Cottone

Lakeland Senior
Cottone batted in the two-hole for the Eagles and was second on the team in both batting average (.371) and stolen bases (21). A switch hitter, Cottone compiled 19 RBI, scored 16 runs and posted a .391 on base percentage.

Cottone started three years at Lakeland and this season recorded a .978 fielding percentage while playing second base.

Tami Janssens

Lakeland Senior
Janssens led the Eagles with both a .385 batting average and 25 stolen bases. She also scored a team-leading 31 runs. As Lakeland's leadoff batter, Janssens posted a .425 on-base percentage and drove in 18 runs. Janssens started three years at Lakeland and this season posted a .989 fielding percentage while manning the hot corner.

Cici Kaltz

Millford Senior
Kaltz, a center fielder with a rocket for an arm, was a first team All-KVC and All-District selection. As the Mavericks' primary leadoff hitter, Kaltz led the team in both batting average (.367) and runs scored (31). She also swiped 27 bags. Additionally, Kaltz collected five triples and a homer, while driving in 24 RBI. While playing every inning for the Mavericks, Kaltz committed only one error.

Tara McCormick

South Lyon Sophomore
The Lions' first baseman, McCormick was named second team All-KVC. McCormick proved one of the best power hitters in the league this season, drilling a team-leading six triples. She led the Lions with a .470 slugging percentage, while batting .300 and driving in 20 runs in 100 at-bats.

Janelle Osborne

South Lyon Senior
Osborne manned the hot cor-

ner for the Lions and was named All-District, All-Region and second team All-KVC. Osborne led the Lions with both a .333 batting average and 25 runs in 30 games. Osborne also led the Lions with a .416 on-base percentage and finished second with eight steals on nine attempts. A clutch hitter, Osborne batted a team-leading .481 with runners in scoring position. Osborne finished with 13 RBI from the lead-off spot.

Ashley Rigby

Millford Sophomore
Rigby, the Mavericks' third

baseman, was named All-District and honorable mention All-KVC for her efforts this season. Alternating among the 3-4 holes in the lineup, Rigby batted .313 and drove in 25 runs.

Stan Frank is the sports writer for the *Millford Times*. He can be reached at (248) 685-1507, ext. 25, or at sfrank@ht.homecomm.net. Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the *Northville Record* and the *Novi News*. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at sevgleston@ht.homecomm.net

SPORTS SHORTS

Basketball Camp

The Northville High School Basketball coaching staff will be hosting the 2003 Summer Basketball Camp July 7-11 at Northville High School. The camp is open to boys and girls entering grades 5-9 grades. The camp for 5-7 will be from 9-11:30 a.m. and the camp for 8-9 will be from noon-2:30 p.m.

The cost for the camp is \$85 and questions should be directed to coach Darrel Schumacher at (248) 344-8420.

Open and Lap Swimming

The Recreation Center at Hillside Pool announces open and lap swimming during the spring on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. and Friday 6-7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 3-4:30 p.m.

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Space is limited. For more information, or to register, call (248) 668-0166 or email totalbaseballwixom@aol.com. Please visit their Web site at www.eteamz.com/totalbaseball.

Junior Golf Clinics

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

The clinics will be held on the following dates:

• Clinic 2: July 8, 10 and 15 from 9 a.m.-noon and July 17 from 8-11 a.m.

• Clinic 3: July 23, 25, and 30 from 9 a.m.-noon and August 1 from 8-11 a.m.

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

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Searching for records

Novi High School is currently looking for any information regarding a possible record for a single game, single season, or a career dating back to the opening of the school. Records can be proven with old newspaper

articles, end-of-season reports or scorebooks as documentation.

Anyone with this information should contact the high school via mail by sending the documentation to: Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, Attn: Julie Fissette, Athletic Records

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 170

ARTICLE 3 GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 3.3(I) RESIDENTIAL ENTRYWAYS
ARTICLE 24 LANDSCAPE STANDARDS, SECTION 24.5(C) RESIDENTIAL GREENBELTS
ARTICLE 28 PRIVATE ROADS, SECTION 28.7 STANDARDS FOR SHARED RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAYS

Date: July 29, 2003
Time: Immediately following the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.
Place: Northville Township Civic Center
41600 Six Mile Road

A public hearing will be held on July 29, 2003 immediately following the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. at the Northville Township Civic Center, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. The Planning Commission will consider amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to residential gates. The articles to be discussed include:

ARTICLE 3 General Provisions, Section 3.3(I) Residential Entryways
ARTICLE 24 Landscape Standards, Section 24.5(C) Residential Greenbelts
ARTICLE 28 Private Roads, Section 28.7 Standards for Shared Residential Driveways

The public is invited to attend this hearing and express their comments and questions. Written comments regarding the proposed changes will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.

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(7-3 & 24-03 NR 66971)

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Online banking lets users trade in checkbooks

By Janet O'Neill
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Paper or plastic?
Or how about the Internet?
Anyone who pays bills these days faces dozens of choices for keeping the creditors at bay each month. As convenience-hungry consumers increasingly turn to their computers for handling household payments, merchants, banks and Web-based services offer a dizzying number of plans to accommodate them.

"One of the biggest questions is, 'Do I need this extra service?'" said Gail Hillebrand, senior attorney for Consumers Union in San Francisco, the non-profit publisher of Consumer Reports magazine.

Some people keep track just fine by throwing bills in a special box or drawer and writing checks when the time comes, she said. But others swear by setting up an online payment system through a bank or Internet company, trading in writer's cramp and postage stamps for point-and-click finances.

"People who have it seem to like it," Hillebrand said. "People who don't, don't seem to need it."

Charges for online bill-pay services can range from free to \$30 monthly, depending on what's included. Even the U.S. Postal Service offers a plan.

"I think it's becoming more popular," said Evelyn Jacobs, U.S. Bank's regional president for Northern California. Jacobs, of Redding, Calif., has used her bank's bill-paying service for a year.

Participating bank customers input which accounts they want paid, and designate payment amounts and dates. "They control it," she said.

Going electronic benefits banks, too. Consider the millions of checks handled each day by big bank processing centers, Jacobs said. "That's a lot of paper," she said.

A common concern among consumers is the security of personal information in cyberspace. Hillebrand had no specific information regarding complaints, but did suggest caution about some aspects of bill-paying online.

"There have been some issues with some of the services, like what happens when you click on 'pay,'" she said. Payment scheduled on a specific date from one service or bank may mean an instant electronic transfer, while from another simply may be mailing a check. "You may not in fact get extra time" for a payment to arrive, she said.

As far as safety is concerned, Jacobs says it depends on who provides the service and what sort of guarantees are built in.

"I would always go to my own bank first to see what they have to offer," she said, noting security measures like password protection are essential.

Automatic debit for select bills is a viable alternative for people who don't choose to pay most everything online, Consumers Union's Hillebrand said. She wouldn't recommend it, however, for those who don't have a cushion in the bank.

"It's not suitable for people who are running the bills very close to the edge," she said.

Fake cashier's checks are newest Internet scam

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

The notorious, anonymous people behind those Nigerian e-mailed get-rich-quick schemes have launched a new scam, this one using fake cashier's checks to dupe Internet traders.

State and federal authorities are investigating reports from people who say they were paid with counterfeit cashier's checks for items they sold over the Net. Victims say those behind the scam first e-mail stating their intent to buy, then at the last minute claim the cashier's check being sent in payment was mistakenly made out for more than the purchase price. The buyer asks the seller to "wire the difference back" after the check clears.

Victims have wired thousands back to phony buyers before finding the check that cleared in the U.S. failed to clear the overseas bank. Victims then have to reimburse the bank in the U.S.

Kentucky Attorney General Ben Chandler's office says officials believe the scam is being perpetrated by the same group being investigated for Nigerian e-mails promising a cut of \$60 million in return for access to a U.S. bank account.

Consumers are advised to:

- Reject Nigerian or African originated e-mails offering payment by cashier's check.
- Refuse to wire money abroad.
- Remember, banks may honor a cashier's check, but you must repay the funds if it is found to be counterfeit.

Women FINANCES

Females more money-savvy than ever

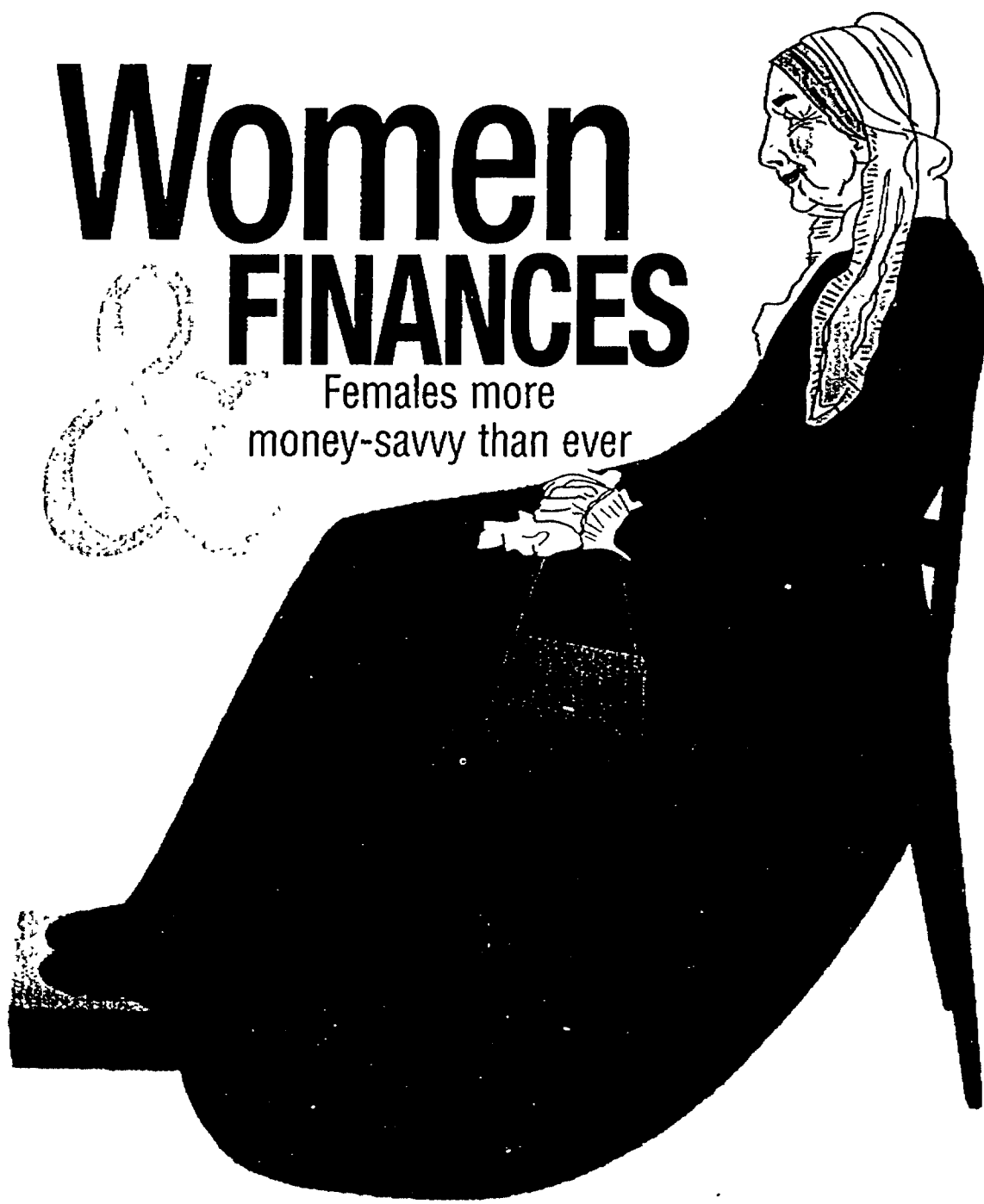


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By Carol Werslich
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Jackie Russell likes to tease that 15 years ago she married Rodney Russell, then an accountant, so she'd have someone to prepare her taxes.

Then, five years ago, she decided she wanted to get more involved with the couple's personal finances, so she took over the task from her husband, who now is controller of Black Equipment Co. in Evansville, Ind.

Today, much of the couple's bill-paying is handled by Jackie, a bank vice president/trust administrator. She reflects a growing trend in which many women, from all walks of life, are becoming more interested in helping with their family's financial matters.

According to Steve Nilssen, president of Heritage Federal Credit Union Financial Service Inc., there are good reasons for the increased interest.

For one, he said, women today are much better-read, and they've attained higher levels of education than in the past.

Other reasons: "With at least 50 percent of marriages ending in divorce, many women are becoming more dependent upon themselves," said Nilssen.

Also, the average man's life will be seven years shorter than a woman's, "so widows often must take care of themselves longer," he said.

Tiffany Bass Bukow, founder and chief executive officer of MsMoney Inc said it's important for all women, regardless of their income level, to realize that mental stress, poor food choices and other issues in their daily lives can center around their finances. "They may be try-

ing to work so hard to make ends meet that they don't take time to exercise or eat properly," she said.

Bukow operates a financial Web site for women (MsMoney.com).

"Women need to educate themselves in what it means to be financially healthy — that is, in what it means to be able to pay bills; and to put money aside for short-term goals, including a vacation; and for mid-range goals, including a nice house perhaps; and for long-term goals, including their retirement," she said.

According to Nilssen, both spouses need to be directly involved in all their finances. "Otherwise, one of them may tend to become remiss or feel removed," he said. One spouse may not be as knowledgeable in financial matters as the other, but could help make informed decisions, he said.

Nilssen, Russell and Bukow agreed that it's wise for an inexperienced person to seek the advice of a professional financial planner, banker, accountant or attorney when starting their financial plans. References from a family member or trusted friend should be sought in finding the professional.

"Ask the person whom you know and trust what his comfort level is with a certain professional. This should be the prime referral basis," Nilssen said.

If a person is timid about managing money matters, the professional can help break the ice, he said. "The scariest thing is a lack of knowledge and not seeking help."

"People don't plan to fail; they just fail to plan," she said. "It's better to overplan, for, say, an estate, than to underplan."

"You can change a plan a zillion times, but if you don't have a plan, you could end up in debt, or when you die, your kids may not get as much as you would have liked."

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Heritage Federal Credit Union

Slow economy is fertile ground for barter network

By Gary T. Pakulski
TOLEDO BLADE

The barter system is alive and well and making something of a comeback among small and midsize businesses.

"Barter is one of those businesses that tends to really blossom in a slower economy," explains Tom McDowell, executive director of the National Association of Trade Exchanges. "People have inventory. They have time and capacity. What they don't have is customers."

About 400 for-profit exchanges across North America provide a forum for participating businesses to swap everything from funerals to printing services. The amount of goods and services traded through such exchanges nationally rose to \$4.5 billion last year from \$3.8 billion three years earlier, says McDowell.

About 800 businesses in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan swap \$3 million annually in services and products through the Toledo (Ohio) Trade Exchange.

Membership has doubled since the late 1980s, says owner Fred Detwiler, who also operates exchanges in suburban Detroit, and Pompano Beach, Fla.

Swaps have increased 20 percent since 2000 at the three exchanges, which operate under the name Trade Exchange of America Inc.

Explains John Linder, marketing vice president, "When the economy was really good, we plateaued. People had plenty of money in the bank and they weren't going to travel an extra mile to a different dry cleaner. Money gets tight and they're suddenly willing to make a little extra effort."

The operator of a Toledo auto repair shop estimates he provides an average of \$1,000 a month in work for fellow exchange members.

Since joining 2-1/2 years ago, he has performed \$50,000 in repairs through the exchange on delivery vans, pickups, and personal vehicles.

He likes that the swaps aren't one on

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National Association of Trade Exchanges



The Blade/Allan Detrich

Shelley Delley works on a flower arrangement in her North Towne Keeler Flowers shop in Toledo, Ohio.

one. Instead, he and other members earn credits that they can spend with any participant.

The mechanic has used the credits for major roof repairs at his business, meat from a butcher shop, restaurant meals, jewelry and even a piano for his home.

Financially challenged

Realtors' future lies with low-income, minority buyers

By Neal Gendler
MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

Blacks, Hispanics and people who think they have weak credit are underserved in the real-estate market, and agents who learn how to work with them will succeed in an increasingly diverse nation, a mortgage-funding leader says.

"Financially confident" consumers are the darlings of the real estate and lending industries, but they're a shrinking piece of the pie, says Vada Hill, senior vice president and chief marketing officer for Fannie Mae, the nation's largest residential mortgage funder.

"The consumer who is going to drive the mortgage industry is yellow, red, brown, black and female," Hill says.

People who are "financially challenged" or who rely on family and friends when

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Vada Hill
Fannie Mae

making home buying and financing decisions, are "a huge opportunity for Realtors," Hill says.

The U.S. Census says that nationally, 48 percent of blacks owned homes in 2002, up from 42 percent in 1990. The total U.S. ownership rate was 68 percent.

Hill divided consumers into six categories, from "financially confident" to "financially challenged." Many of the top group —

mostly white — are aging boomers in their last or second-to-last homes, he says.

But many of the others rent when they could buy. Those people tend to know the least about the home buying and financing processes, suspect they have impaired credit, worry about losing a house in a financial crisis because of poor health, job loss or big home repairs and fear — or expect — rejection by lenders.

Fannie Mae is testing two programs to address the concerns. One forgives debt for up to six months or until the crisis is past. The other charges a monthly fee to cover repairs beyond a small deductible, and includes annual inspections to spot problems.

Financially confident consumers know they have good credit scores and make mortgage originators compete for their business, he says. But other groups see the process as a mystery. They tend to think the system is geared to reject them and haven't an idea of their credit score.

"There are a lot of 700 (credit scores) walking right past their main bank because they believe they're going to have a problem getting a loan," he says. (Normally, a score of 620 qualifies for a loan at market rate.)

Such consumers can be targets for predatory lenders who play upon the borrower's main goals: getting the loan and emerging from the process with their dignity intact. People who fear their credit is worse than it is, or who don't understand the process, can get stuck needlessly with subprime loans — loans at above market-rate interest to compensate for greater risk.

But the risk might not be real. About 40 percent of people with subprime loans might have qualified for conventional loans, Hill says.

He spoke on the condition that his name not be used because he doesn't want to promote additional trades. More swap customers would cut into cash sales, which are necessary to pay for utilities, supplies and other expenses not available from exchange members, he says.

The exchange makes money from a \$275 initiation fee, monthly fees after the first year, and a 10 percent commission — paid by the seller — on every trade.

The Toledo exchange includes dentists, accountants, printers, restaurateurs, landscapers, movers, exterminators, an art gallery operator, and even a scuba instructor.

Some members are more popular than others. "A service station is a more valuable client than a doctor to a trade exchange," explains McDowell, the trade group leader. "People will change who tunes up their car or changes their oil. They won't make a change about who cuts into their heart. Items that are more generic are more successful."

Some members, often people offering professional services, find almost no demand. "Trade exchanges have got to learn to say no," says McDowell. "If you're not going to have customers for somebody, you're not doing them a service by bringing them in."

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Laughter can be helpful antidote for stress

By Katherine Sellman
SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

If it's Tuesday morning, a dozen people somewhere on a hill in Hollister, Calif., are hopping on one leg, holding themselves and shouting, "I gotta go! I gotta go!"

There's the financial planner, the former postal worker, the nursery owner, the retired salesman and his disabled son, the mom and her two little kids, all of them doing something called "The Depends Laugh." At the end, they're all laughing and so is the park maintenance man, who used to watch from a safe distance and wonder, frankly, "Damn, what is going on?"

What's going on is the Hollister Laughter Club, the first of its kind in California and part of a growing movement around the country promoting laughter as a path to fitness.

Twice a week, its members get up at an unfunny hour to chortle in the park.

"We've been trained not to laugh, and we should be laughing at everything," said Robin Pollard, a certified laughter leader who founded the club after completing a training program.

The laughter movement is based on the same premise as humor therapy, a tool that's been widely used by psychotherapists over the past several decades. There's a growing body of research showing that humor can create positive cognitive changes and relieve stress.



Photo by Craig Lee/SF Chronicle

Laughter clubs bypass humor and get right to laughter. Their leaders dispense with jokes and bad puns, in favor of acting like chickens or lions or people who need to find a commode. Jokes are too subjective, according to laughter guru Steve Wilson.

"They are bound by language and culture," said Wilson, a psychologist who several years ago founded the World Laughter Tour, which has spawned laugh clubs around the country — the Web site lists more than 25 clubs in North America. "They're limited. But laughter is part of the central nervous system. Everyone laughs, and everyone laughs the same way."

It's something Wilson noticed on a consulting trip during the late 1990s to India, where laugh clubs are a rage. India has more than 400 of them, with 25,000 members who meet regularly to yuck it up in parking lots and parks.

Wilson, who'd been using humor therapy in his private practice for many years, was intrigued. He met with the originator, a Bombay physician named Dr. Madan Kataria, who described how the simple practice can be a tonic for stress.

Wilson started the laughter tour and a training program at Columbus State Community College in Ohio. It has now trained more than 450 nurses, social workers, counselors, health educators and ordinary people like Pollard. A mother of two grown kids, Pollard worked for the post office, a local corn maze, the U.S. Census Bureau and sold orchids before she found her calling. Her husband, an engineer who has a serious job but likes to laugh, was supportive.

"I'd read about laughter clubs, and then Sept. 11 hit and I thought I really had to do something," Pollard said. "So I coughed up \$800 and went to Ohio. I never thought I would have a reason to go to Ohio."

She started the club in 2001 and gradually it grew. And no wonder, said Pollard. With world tension, a sliding economy and everyday stress like commuting, the group guffaw is a way to deflect the outside world, at least for 20 minutes.

Pollard, who has well-earned laugh lines, greeted the regulars one recent morning and motioned them to form a circle.

The members began by touching hands and laughing a forced, "ha ha ha, ho ho ho." They stretched and breathed, then moved into the "Aloha Laugh." (Aloha-ha-ha-ha-ha.)

"Oh, I forgot to give the medical warning today," said Pollard, laughing in a more conventional way. "If you have a history of heart pain, hernia, are pregnant or have piles, check with your doctor."

Then the group broke into the Depends Laugh, followed by a Witch Laugh and a Ghost Laugh, followed by the Wave Laugh, Chicken Laugh and Coyote Laugh. By this time, the crescendo of forced ho ho's was turning to outright spontaneous giggling, which it turned out was contagious. It finally had reached what Pollard calls "mirthful laughter."

Virginia Drummond, a retired speech therapist, said she leaves the club relaxed and energized. "It's interesting that this came from India and it's looked at as strange here," she said.

On the Web: www.worldlaughter.com



Running Buddies

In all kinds of weather, that best buddy will help you stay the course.

Story By Tom Bailey Jr. ■ Illustration By George Sterling ■ Scripps Howard News Service

Running buddies are gold.

They're going to meet you at the usual time, a commitment that draws you out of bed at 5:30 a.m.

They're going to tell you what happened to them yesterday, a welcome distraction from the heavy breathing and tightening quadriceps.

They're going to listen to what happened to you yesterday, which is therapeutic.

They're going to make a 7-mile run seem like three.

They're going to ask if you're OK when you stumble.

They're going to experience with you the four seasons, untouched by heaters and air-conditioners.

They're going to be your friend. "How we use the word 'friend' nowadays really bothers me," Vincent Ciaramitaro said. "A lot of people we call 'friend' are not really friends. Andy is a real friend."

Andy Balogh and Ciaramitaro, both of Memphis, have been running buddies for 20 years.

Their first run occurred in western North Carolina during a weekend of white-water rafting. Ciaramitaro, an ordained minister, took 27 Episcopal kids, including Balogh.

Ciaramitaro was a 35-year-old runner, and Balogh was a 16-year-old cross-country runner and soccer player. They ran on the dirt roads of the Nantahala National Forest.

"I remember how neat it was we had something in common that was just there," Ciaramitaro said. "I liked him, and he liked me. Even though I was 20 years older, it was a good basis for us to talk."

They discovered neither was obsessed with winning races. "We were looking at challenging ourselves. Just how far we could push ourselves," Ciaramitaro said.

The camaraderie has continued over two decades and expanded into kayaking and biking.

Balogh even goes to the Ciaramitaros' house for Christmas Eve dinners.

"I'm 36 now," Balogh said. "That's a lot of life

experience in that time frame. Besides my parents, he's been a very formative figure for me in my life."

"Most of the time we talk about whatever is going on in our lives," Ciaramitaro said. "Andy's single. He's talked about female friends. He knows my life. I've been married 30 years and got a 16-year-old."

"We talk about politics. We talk a little about religion. ... We're not in the same ballpark politically. I'm more liberal than he is, but he's not a raging conservative."

Ciaramitaro likes that Balogh doesn't treat him like a minister.

"Once you are ordained a minister and people know you're a minister, they sort of treat you in a strange way. Andy never does that. We're just friends."

Ciaramitaro is now with the United Methodists, working part-time in counseling, home-schooling his son, being a scoutmaster and helping lead summer scout camp. Balogh is a salesman.

Ciaramitaro estimates they've traveled to 50 races together and run, biked or paddled hundreds of times. "There have been times when we'd run or bike two or three times a week," he said.

They don't train together as consistently as they used to. Balogh runs faster than Ciaramitaro's 10-minute miles. "We both feel like we're in pretty good shape. Andy is faster. I'm pretty strong. I seem to run forever."

But the pair still set out on adventures together several times a year, ranging from the Appalachians to the Rockies.

The trust between them has built up like the miles.

Despite the age difference, it's nothing like a father-son relationship.

"It's more like brothers," Ciaramitaro said. "He's got me through races I would never have got through. I've got him through some things that have been difficult in his life. It's just been friendship."



Photo by Karen Fuller Focht/www.gomemphis.com

Andy Balogh and Vincent I. Ciaramitaro have been sharing outdoor exercise and adventure for about 20 years.

'Guidance counselor' for canines gives dogs their day

By Rebecca Jones
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

A good dog will try anything once, but as with human extracurricular activities, not every dog is cut out for every sport.

Enter Maggie Bonham. Think of her as a sort of guidance counselor for dogs.

She tries her best to steer dogs to the right pastime for them and their owners. Her latest book, "The Simple Guide to Getting Active With Your Dog (T.F.H. Publications; \$12.95), walks readers through the basics of 22 canine activities, from simple treats such as chasing Frisbees and backpacking to more competitive sports such as sledding and lure coursing.

"I got the idea two years ago," says Bonham, 39. "After writing about dog agility, I started thinking about all the other fun things to do with your dog, but there's no book to tell you how to get started. I wanted to give novices an idea on how to start and where to go for more references."

A dog writer by profession, Bonham, author of six books, with a seventh due out soon, splits her time between writing about dogs and doing stuff with them. "I've done at least half the activities included in the book," she says. "And I know people who are into the other half."



Dogsledding is Bonham's favorite canine activity, and she has the dog teams to prove it. She and her husband live with 22 Alaskan huskies, Alaskan malamutes and various other rescued pooches.

She's also active in agility and dog backpacking. Two years ago she organized the Canine Backpackers Association, the nation's first backpacking club for people and dogs.

While backpacking and agility are open to virtually all breeds, sledding is much more specialized, and people who think it looks like fun need to know what they're getting into, she says.

"Hands down, sledding is the most expensive canine sport," she says. "Throw in the truck, the harness, the sleds and the number of dogs you need — you're easily talking over \$50,000. Just to go out and try it with one or two dogs, you're looking at spending under \$2,000, but that's still pretty expensive."

Bonham certainly didn't start out thinking she wanted to take up dog-sledding. Fifteen years ago, she was just a software engineer living in Denver who found herself with a big dog and a big problem.

"He was a Newfoundland/Samoyed mix," she says. "He was a difficult dog to train, but I don't give up on anything, certainly not on a dog. One day I learned about weight-pulling. I thought, 'Maybe that's something he'd like.' So I put a harness on him and I discovered he liked to pull things — not heavy things, but pulling and running fast. And he had this look on his face like 'It's about time you figured out what I'm supposed to be doing.'"

Once her Newfie found his passion in life, he became a better dog. "Not a perfect dog," she says, "but a better dog."

There's a lesson there for people who live with troublemaking dogs, she says. "There's something wrong when people try to make dogs act the way we want them to act. Maybe we should look at what it is they were bred to do and then come up with things like that for them to do."

Quiet time, relaxation in herbal baths

SACRAMENTO BEE

Herbal baths are a "great way to relax, heal and support healthy skin function," says herbalist Kami McBride of Morningsun Herb Farm near Vacaville, Calif.

Gardeners growing herbs always have more than they need, so draw a bath, add herbs and submerge yourself after a tiring day in the garden.

Her basic recipe for the herbal brew is to bring 4 gallons of water and 2 to 3 cups of fresh or dried herbs to a boil in a large pot. Then simmer for 15 minutes and carefully pour the "tea" into the bath water. You may want to strain out the leaves to avoid clogging the drain.

Here are a few of McBride's herbal bath recipes:

- Invigorating Bath: 4 gallons water, 1/2 cup rosemary, 1/2 cup calendula, 1/2 cup yarrow leaves and flowers.
- Bedtime Bath: 4 gallons water, 2 cups lavender, 1 cup chamomile.
- Pleasure Bath: 4 gallons water, 4 cups rose petals.

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Sink or Swim

Create a hassle, or devise a plan to assure construction of your backyard pool goes swimmingly

Landscaping: Do-it-yourself, or have it done?

By Bill Dupre
RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER

You say you want a beautiful garden, but aren't sure whether to hire a landscape professional or try to do the work yourself. Amy Fahmy, owner of The Gardener's Edge in Raleigh, N.C., offered some comparisons.

"It is important to list those things that the homeowner will have to do that they usually don't think of in advance," Fahmy said, such as multiple trips to the dump to get rid of debris.

"One of the biggest advantages of having a landscaper's help is their ability to solve unforeseen problems while their crew is on the job," Fahmy said.

For example, during tilling, a plastic corrugated drain pipe might be nearer the surface than expected and gets tilled up, she explained.

"The landscape professional will typically fix this, trench a new spot for it and lay the pipe so that it doesn't interfere with the new plantings," Fahmy said. "This could take a homeowner quite a while to take care of - getting materials, trenching, etc. Time is the issue, as always."

Fahmy worked up some figures for a "typical" landscaping job - if there is such a thing. She cautioned that anyone with a yard this size shouldn't think a job could be done for this price. There could be, and usually are, problems such as a steep slope, difficult access or existing site conditions that can dramatically affect the price.

With that warning, here's the rundown on a front yard measuring 76 feet by 76 feet - 5,776 square feet.

The existing yard is all lawn, with a row of foundation shrubs along the front of the house.

The new yard will have a newly shaped lawn with large mixed borders along the property boundaries and driveway. There will be new plantings to replace the existing foundation shrubs.

Fahmy estimates the landscaper's price for a turnkey job at \$9,600; a homeowner's DIY price would be about \$4,500.

Completing the Job

- Lay out the bed lines and spray to kill the grass (or lay newspaper over the grass in the fall, covering it with leaf mulch and wait for spring).
- Call to have underground utility lines marked.
- Spread 20 cubic yards of topsoil/compost blend, with fertilizer and lime as needed, and till in.
- Lay out plants and plant (approximately 44 shrubs, 12 trees, 68 perennials and three flats of ground covers).
- Spread 11 cubic yards of mulch around plants.
- Edge beds and shape the new lawn.
- Spread topsoil for the lawn, seed it and straw it.
- Water in all plants and grass seed.

Making Jobs Comparable

- Have a sprayer, a tiller, a spreader and tools to complete job.
- Take old pots, brush and trash found on site to the dump.
- Have assistance to handle 6-foot trees.
- Be able to meet delivery trucks with topsoil during work hours, and store on site until it can be moved.
- Remove large roots, big rocks, solve drainage problems and handle unforeseen problems that are a part of every new landscape installation.
- Provide correct slopes for drainage.
- Dig and remove old shrubs at foundation - including roots.
- Have a reliable pickup truck and a strong back.



Tips & Hints

Try to water between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m., when the sun is low, winds are calm and temperatures are cool. Under these conditions, less water is wasted through evaporation and leaf surfaces have a chance to dry out during the day, reducing the chance of fungal diseases.

To attract butterflies to a garden or yard, plant summer lilac, impatiens, marigolds, zinnia and black-eyed Susan.

Pruning can be done at any time of the year, but if the plant is infested with organisms or insects, make sure to prune when the infestation is least active. For example, pruning oak trees during the summer is not a good idea because oak wilt is predominantly active during the warm months. Check with a local arborist or county extension agent to find out the best time to prune susceptible trees.

To keep trees and shrubs healthy, use sharp tools for trimming since dull shears could injure foliage. Ripping branches is no better, as it may "shock" the foliage.

Any prospective buyer is entitled to, and should accompany, the inspector during the inspection tour. This is a good way for the buyer to obtain important information about the house because the inspector may offer maintenance tips and share knowledge about major systems and fixtures.

In the summer, get white clothes whiter by laying them in the sun to dry after soaking them in lemons and water. Wash as usual.



Story By Jennifer Biggs ■ Illustration by Jason Terrell ■ Scripps Howard News Service

When I saw my backyard on the first day of pool construction, I was astonished. A yawning gap was where my lilies had bloomed the year before. There was dirt where I was expecting to see peonies.

Where green grass had been, there was only earth. My yard looked like what it was: a construction zone.

There were no peonies last year, but when Memorial Day came around and friends and family filled my new swimming pool, I didn't miss my flowers.

We spent two months without a backyard, living under a layer of dirt and mud, and we lost half the flowers and shrubs we'd spent years accumulating. But we'd do it again. This time, though, we'd know what we were doing.

The key is to start early. In the summer, you take your place in line.

"The earlier you get started on your pool, the better," said Jim Crone, salesman with Mid-South Pool in Memphis. "If you diddle around and it starts to get warm, then everybody and their brother will be in front of you."

Tommy and Brenda Hill had a pool added last summer at their Lakeland, Tenn., home. Work started toward the end of May - high season - and they weren't swimming until August. Even though they endured a summer of workers in their yard, it was worth it.

"It was a little traumatic," Brenda Hill said. "You'd look out and there'd be people all over. But of course we're glad we have it now."

The Sossaman family, who also live in Lakeland, were lucky. Their small pool was built in just 12 days, even though it was done in early July.

"And we were gone on vacation for nine of those days," Dennis Sossaman said.

The two pools are different, but each fits its owners' needs.

The Sossamans wanted a pool that complemented the natural environment. The oval pool has a black bottom.

The Hill pool has a white bottom, which provides the traditional Gulf-water aqua cast to swimming pools.

Other choices include shades of gray. Leesa and Larry Jensen of Memphis chose a gray for their pool. A gray fin-

ish provides a deeper color to the water, and as the color marbles, it catches the sunlight and twinkles it off surrounding trees and greenery.

For a dark finish, black tint is added to the white plaster before it's applied to the gunite shell. The amount of tint determines the depth of color. There is a nominal charge, which usually ranges from \$300 to \$600, for the tint.

Textured finishes, like one that includes small pebbles, are available at an additional cost.

While not all pools are gunite-blown concrete - very few people would argue it's the gold-standard for the South.

Other options include fiberglass and vinyl liner pools, which range in cost from slightly less than a basic gunite pool to about one-third less.

Large above-ground pools are available at a fraction of the cost, which makes them ideal for a tight budget or for a small space that can't accommodate pool-building equipment.

The cost for a gunite pool begins just under \$20,000 and can increase sharply, based on size and features.

Comparing prices is tricky because pool companies tend to break down prices differently. Some will price by the linear foot. For example, at \$240 per foot, a pool with a 100-foot perimeter will cost \$24,000.

Others provide a total cost. Some include more deck in the set price than others do.

The rule of thumb is to check with the Better Business Bureau, make phone calls, get a few prices and then choose.

Expect to pay more for features like a diving board, a heater and a spa. Waterfalls and slides also ratchet up the final tally.

But before you even call a pool company, pick up copies of pool magazines like Pool and Spa Living (www.poolspaliving.com) and read about what you're doing. The ads in the back provide a wealth of other Web addresses you can visit to get ideas.

Remember that some of the features available in pool-rich areas such as Arizona and Florida might not be available locally. And don't count on the lower prices you see in those areas to apply everywhere.

Pool Pointers

A few specific points to consider about building a home pool:

Intended use: Will your family swim in the pool or play in it? Swimmers will want length, for laps, while sun-bathers will be happy just floating on a raft.

Sports pools, which are shallow on both ends and deep in the middle, are ideal for games like volleyball.

Lighting, in your pool and around it: A basic pool comes with one light in the deep end, but fiber optic lighting is an option if your budget can bear it, and multiple low-wattage lights in the pool can be used instead of one high-wattage light.

The pool deck: Options are endless, but what you'll be furnished from most companies is a 4-foot brushed concrete or aggregate deck around your pool. How you use your allowance is up to you. You can have a large deck at the shallow end, for example, or spread it

evenly around the pool. Take your landscaping into account. You might want to leave areas around your pool open for plants.

Landscaping: Some pool companies provide a design, others will recommend a designer, but it's ultimately up to you. Do you enjoy picking out plants and planting them? Then do it yourself. If you don't, consider hiring a professional landscaping company to draw a design and even provide the plants and plant them for you. The cost can add several thousand dollars to your pool, but a basic design should be available for several hundred dollars. Ask your pool company representative to recommend someone.

Keep reminding yourself, when your backyard looks like a construction site (it will), your neighbors are complaining (they will) and you're about to melt down from the stress of it all (you won't), that it will be worth it.

WELL WORTH THE WAIT

In order to get the most out of your backyard investment, it is very important to compare costs and start early.

Building a pool takes time, but in the end, it's worth it.



Getting a pool might turn your backyard into a construction zone, but the earlier you start, the better. Wait, and you face the near-certainty of weather delays.

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The pool owner picks everything: what kind of surface, color, deck, lighting, landscaping and extras. While it all adds up to a sizable investment, the return is nice, too.

MONEY MATTERS

Choosing the right type of life insurance for your family

El Dia de los Muertos (the Day of the Dead) is one of Mexico's traditional holidays. Celebrated each year in November, throughout Mexico and in certain parts of the United States, the Day of the Dead is a time when families honor their deceased loved ones by adorning their graves with marigold flowers, candles, colorful pictures and favorite keepsakes.

Our rituals, whether they're cultural or personal, festive or somber, enable us to cope with the events—like the untimely death of a loved one—our intellects have a difficult time rationalizing. But there's a calculated side to death, one that requires us to place a monetary value on our own lives in order to secure the financial well being of those we leave behind. Life insurance requires us to do just that.

Determining the right type of life insurance for your family can be complicated given the wide array of insurance products available today.

There are two basic kinds of life insurance: term insurance and permanent policies.

Term insurance provides basic protection for a certain period of time. If you die during your coverage period, the proceeds of the policy are paid to your beneficiary. Premiums for "annual renewable term" insurance are based on age and thus increase each year as you get older. In contrast, level-premium term policies provide a fixed premium for a specific term. While the initial premiums will be higher, they won't rise on an annual basis.

Permanent life insurance, sometimes referred to as cash-value insurance, is priced and designed to provide life long protection. Unlike term insurance, permanent life insurance combines the death benefit with an investment element. The annual premium is higher than what is needed to cover the risk of your death in the early years of the policy.

The insurance company invests the excess amount, so over time the policy builds up a cash value. The policy's cash value is different from its face amount, which is the money that is paid at death or policy maturity. Cash value can be influenced by your insurance company's financial results that in turn are affected by mortality rates, expenses and investment earnings. To access the cash value, policyholders can cancel the policy and receive the cash value as a lump sum, or take out a loan against the policy. The loan must be repaid with interest or your beneficiaries will receive a reduced death benefit.

The three most common types of permanent insurance are whole, universal and variable life.

- Whole life premiums remain steady over the life of the policy. You periodically pay the premium amount specified in the policy.

- Universal life allows you to pay premiums in any amount, subject to maximums and minimums, and reduce or increase your death benefit during the life of the policy. In doing so, you choose a larger cash build up and smaller death benefit, or a smaller cash build up and a larger death benefit.

- With variable life you choose how to invest your policy's cash value in stocks, which means your death benefit and cash value will fluctuate depending on how well your investments are faring.

Much of the information compiled for this column comes from a handy guide by the American Council of Life Insurance (ACLI). It's available for free online at www.acli.com, under "consumer." In addition to talking about the different types of life insurance products, it also offers tips for choosing a reputable agent, what to expect in an interview and the kinds of questions you should ask before finally deciding on a policy.

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Residents can find a relaxing setting for indoor and outdoor activities at the beautiful Pendleton Park clubhouse.

Welcome to the Pendleton Park neighborhood

By Elizabeth Heer

Pendleton Park is resident living at its best. It's a friendly community of upscale, well-designed apartments that provides a hearty welcome to the neighborhood.

"We make sure every resident feels like they are a part of our community. It's really how we operate here," said Michelle Herrst, property manager at Pendleton Park. "When I'm out and about in the community doing my property walks, I wave to every resident and know them all by name."

In her 15 years of property management, Herrst lauds Pendleton Park as her favorite property because of the friendly atmosphere and residents.

Easy access to I-96 is just one more benefit to living at Pendleton Park.

"We're only 10 minutes from

Novi and 10 minutes from Brighton; we're really ahead of our time for this end of town," she said. And Pendleton Park is just moments from the new Lyons Crossing retail development that will be opening soon at Grand River and Milford roads.

Located at 57715 Grand River in New Hudson, Pendleton Park opened in August of 2001 to residents and was fully operational with 240 apartment homes in 2002.

Pets are also given the Pendleton Park welcome. The pet-friendly community allows pets of all sizes to reside with their owners.

"We have seven out of 12 buildings that are designated for pets, more than half the community. Part of who we are as staff includes taking care of residents' needs and building a rapport with them on a first-name basis. We also get to know their pets by name, too,"

Herrst noted.

During the summer months, the staff of nine includes Amice McCormick, assistant manager; Diane Wright, leasing consultant; Suzanne Graham, leasing consultant; TJ Breczko, maintenance supervisor; Charley Hall, maintenance tech; Vicky Breczko, housekeeping; and Michael Dear and Kyle Day, groundskeepers.

Pendleton Park apartment homes feature spacious, unique floor plans unlike traditional apartments you have known. Homes are available in one, two, or three bedrooms with one or two baths. Lofts are two-storied, unique layouts with three bedrooms and three baths.

"The floor layouts are quite innovative and home-like. You don't feel like you're in a box apartment," Herrst said. Custom features include a full-sized washer

and dryer in every apartment home as well as walk-in closets, cable-ready access, and window treatments. Additional storage space is also available, and covered carports provide convenience to residents.

The open bar kitchens include pickled oak cabinetry with textured countertops and Whirlpool appliances, including dishwasher and microwave. Top floor apartments boast soaring cathedral ceilings and natural gas fireplaces. Oversized door walls lead out to a private patio or balcony in all apartments.

The landscaped community enjoys a beautiful 5,000 square foot clubhouse where residents can meet and relax in the sauna, have a cold drink from the juice bar, or enjoy the lounge area with a roaring fire, pool table, and large screen TV. A state-of-the-art fitness center and children's playroom are open 24 hours a day, allowing the luxury of a workout whenever you can fit it in.

"The children's playroom has all glass walls so parents can keep watch while their children are playing, which is nice," Herrst added.

Outdoor amenities include children's playground, tennis courts, and an outdoor pool and spa. A party area is well used for activities, many of which are provided by Pendleton Park for residents to enjoy, such as luaus or cookouts.

"We have a breakfast every Saturday morning for our residents," said Herrst. "We like to do things that get the community involved and so residents can meet their neighbors." During a spring "Market Day at Pendleton Park," residents were able to choose free flats of colorful flowers for their personal use.

"The residents came by and picked up two flats to plant and decorate their patio," Herrst explained. "Then on July 15, we will host a patio-judging contest and choose the winner of the event. While it wasn't necessarily an event for residents to mingle and meet, it did make the landscaping look nice and brighten their homes."

Prices at Pendleton Park

DETAILS

Pendleton Park Apartments is conveniently located at 57715 Grand River in New Hudson, close to I-96 and just 10 minutes from Novi and Brighton. The leasing office is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Call (248) 446-4400 for more information. Access their website through the www.apartmentguide.com website or send email to pendletonpark@comcast.net.

Apartments begin at \$887 for one-, two-, three-bedroom apartments and lofts. Leases are available for six-, nine-, or 12-month terms.

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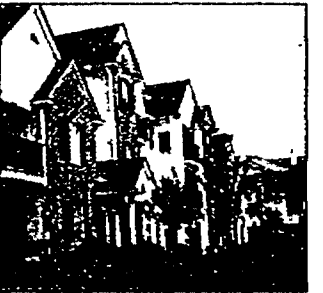


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Located conveniently near Interstate 96, Pendleton Park is a convenient place to call home with easy routes to a variety of surrounding communities.



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Visitors and residents are greeted by attractive gardens and grounds at Pendleton Park in New Hudson.



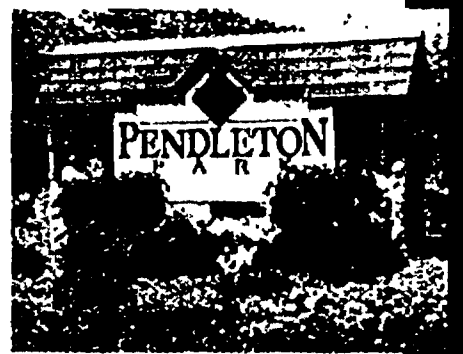
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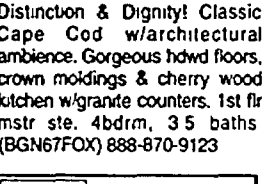
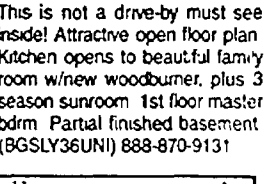
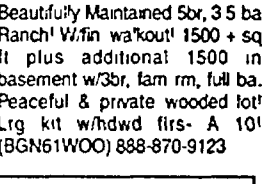
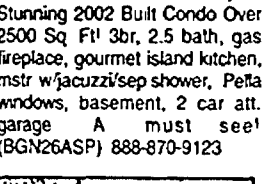
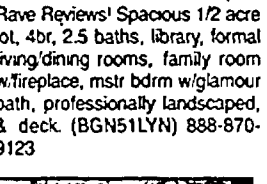
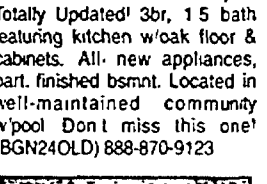
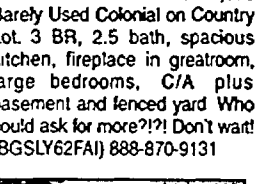
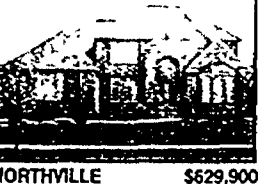
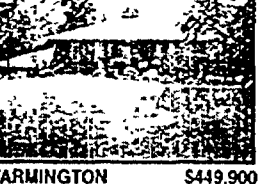





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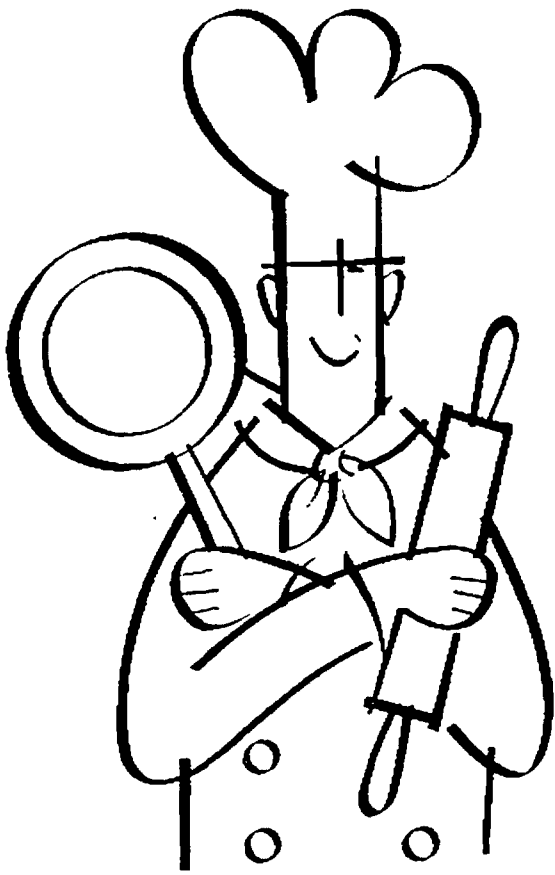
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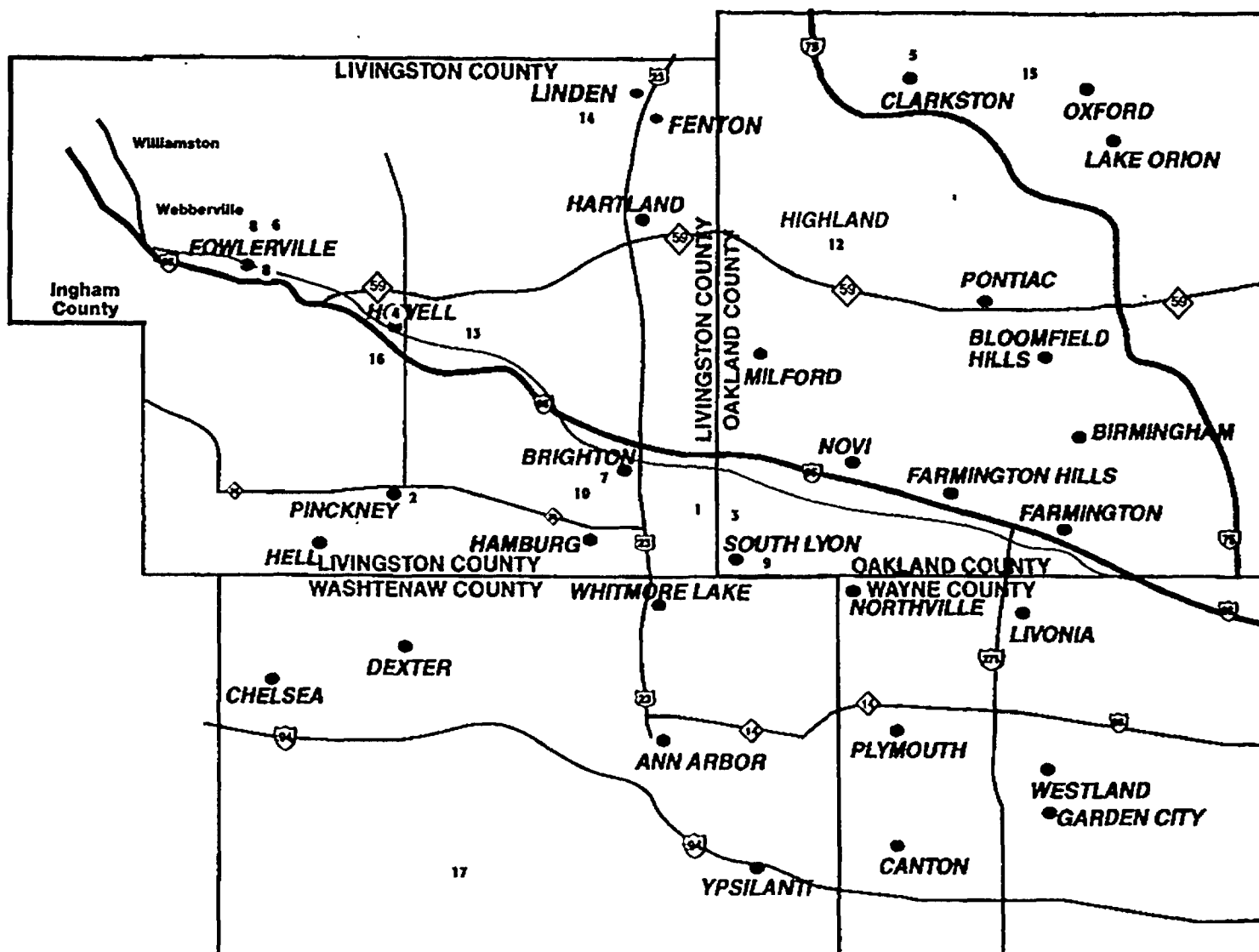
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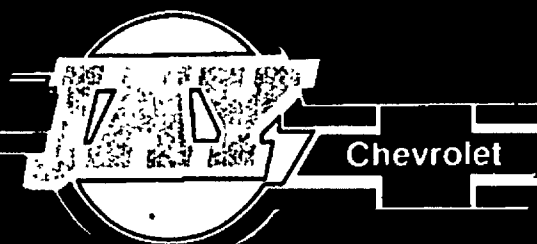
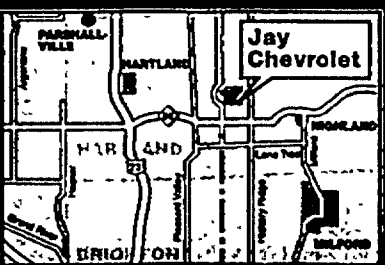
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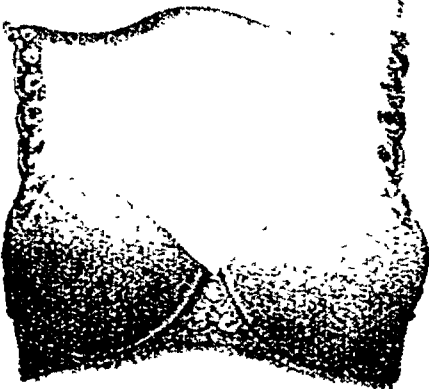


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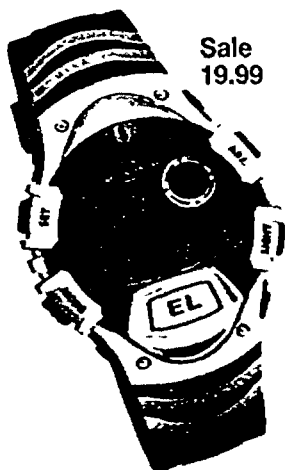
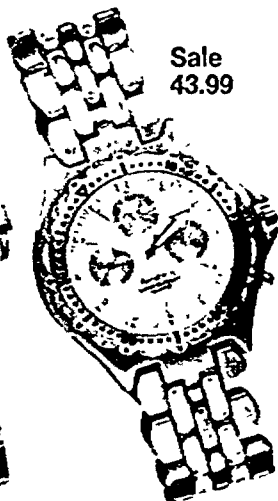
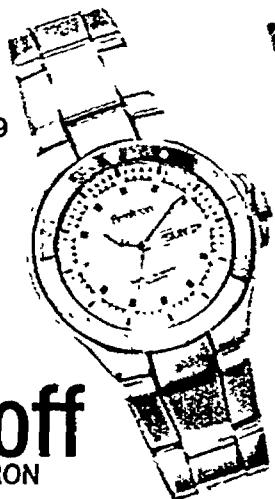


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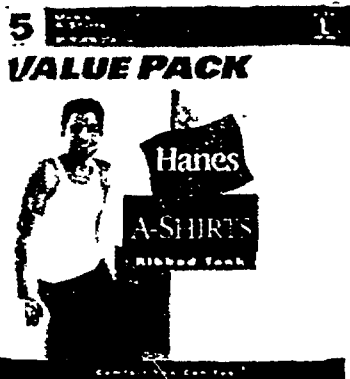
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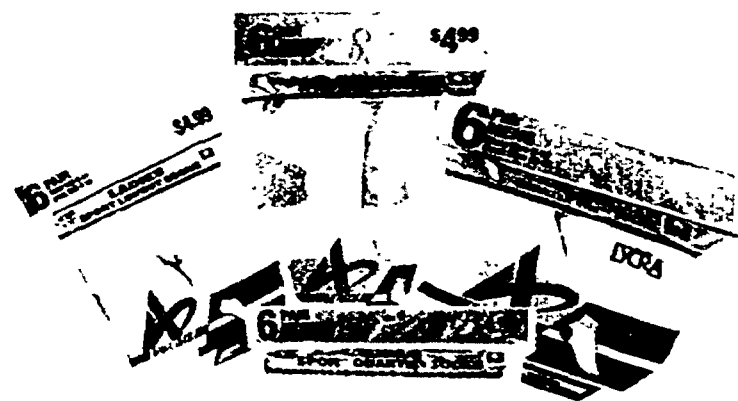
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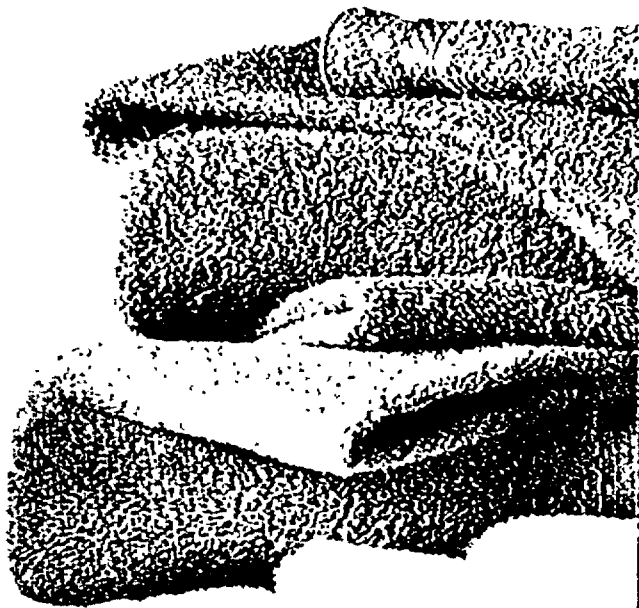
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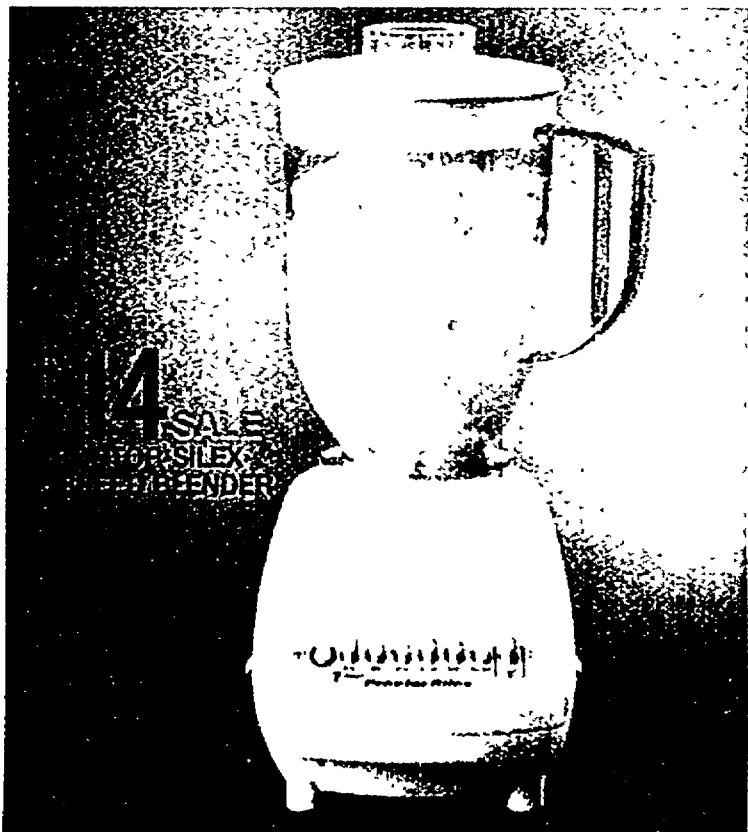


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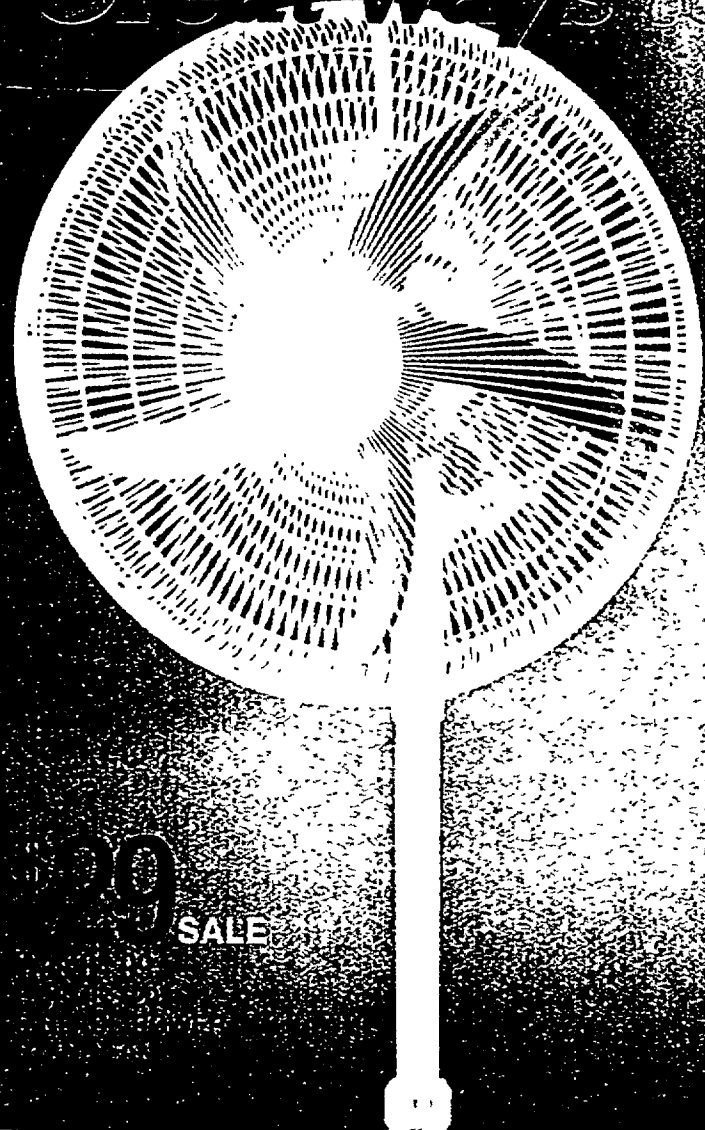


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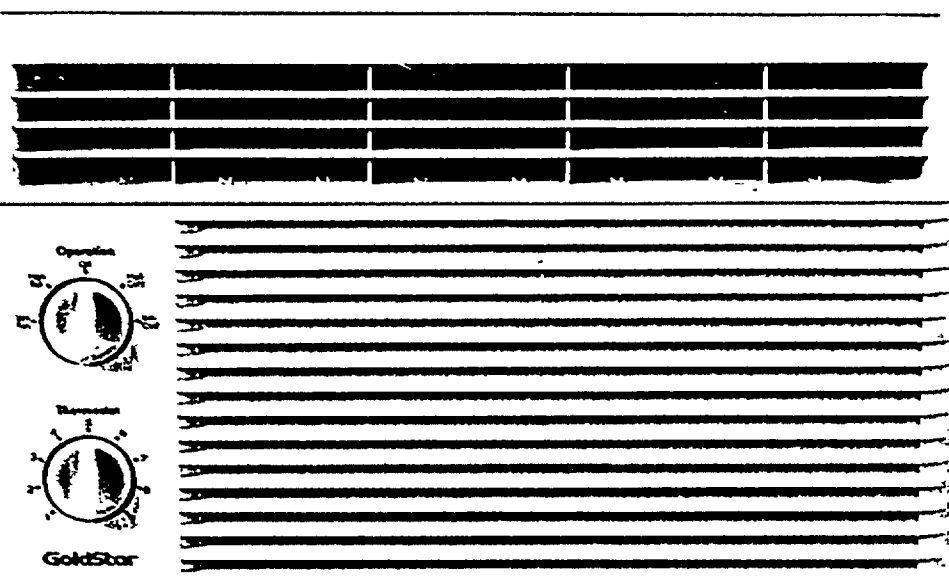
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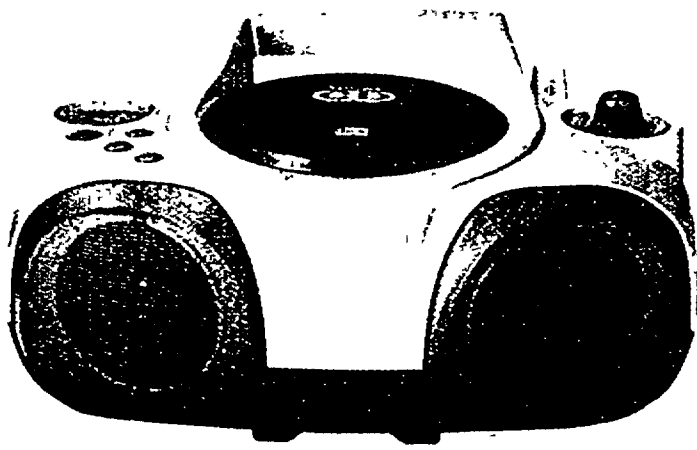
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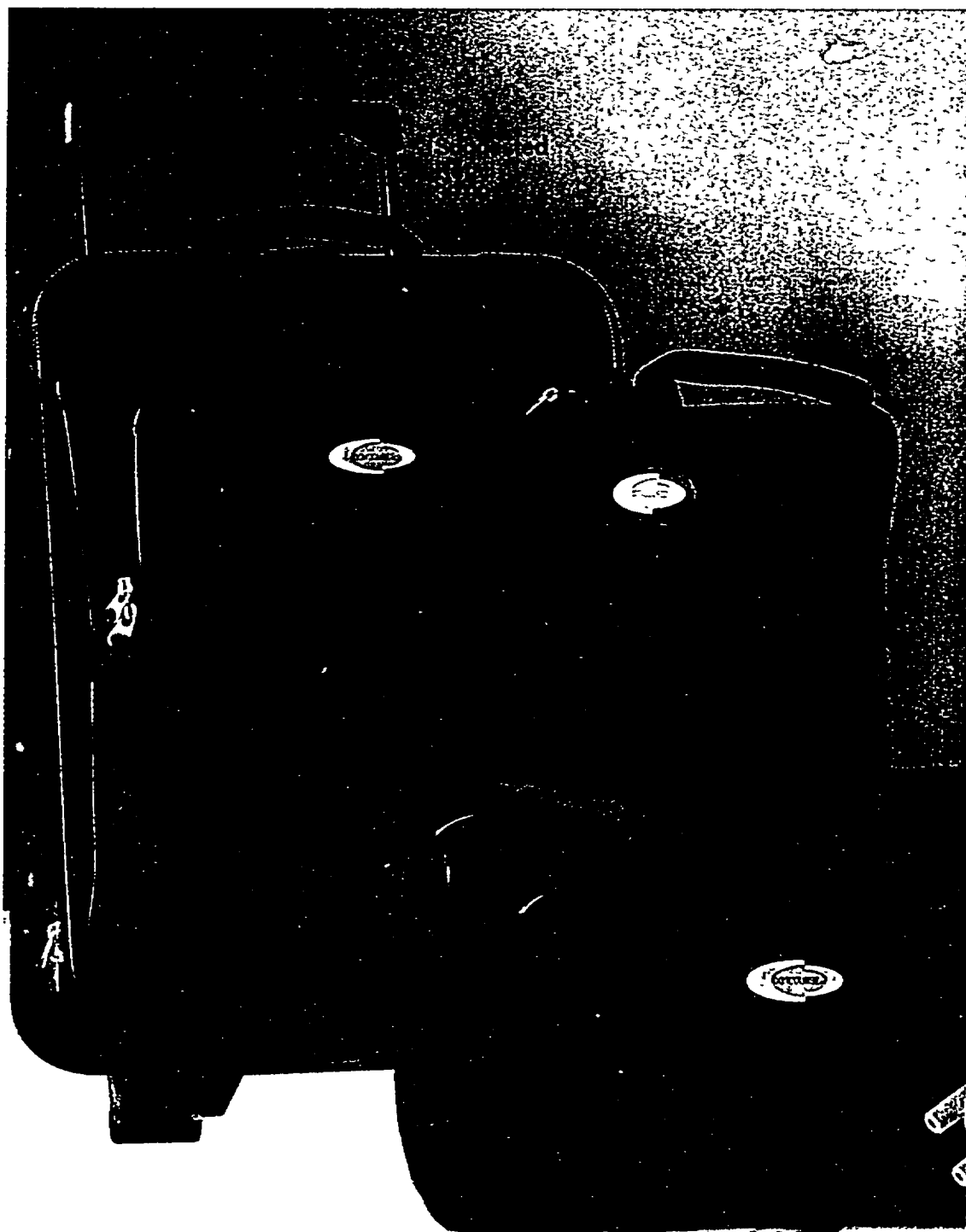
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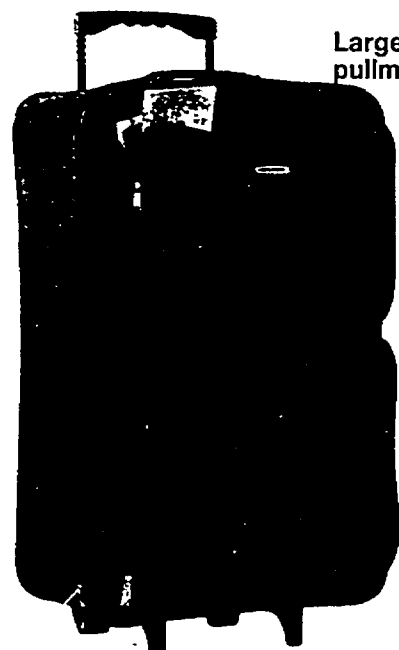
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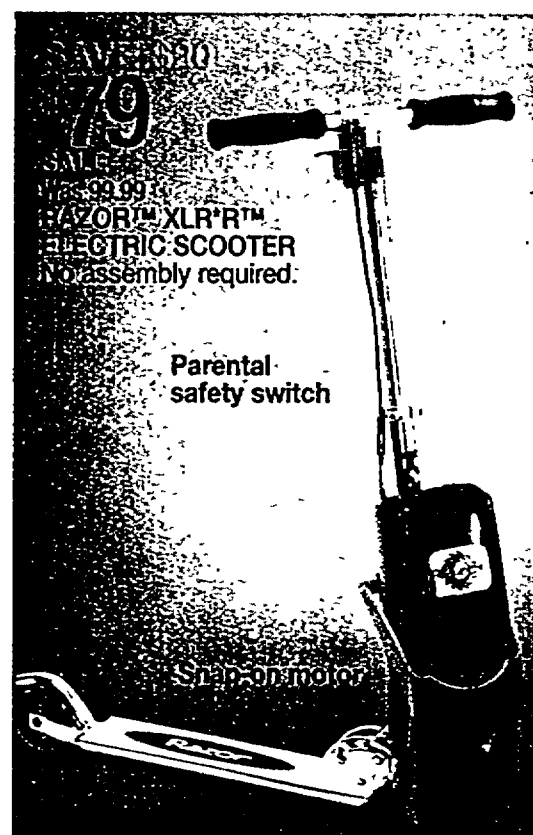


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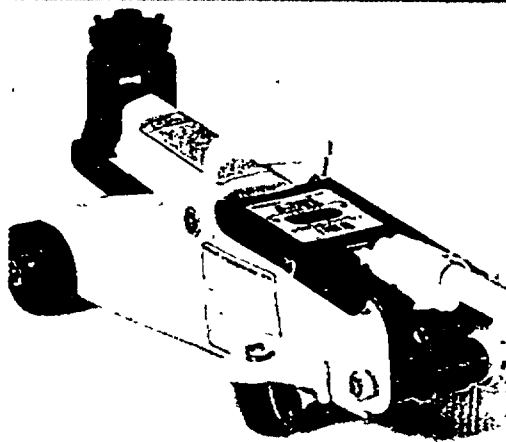
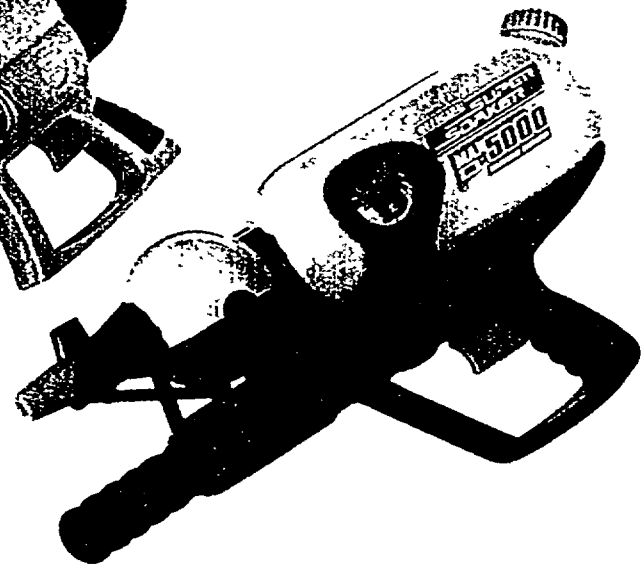
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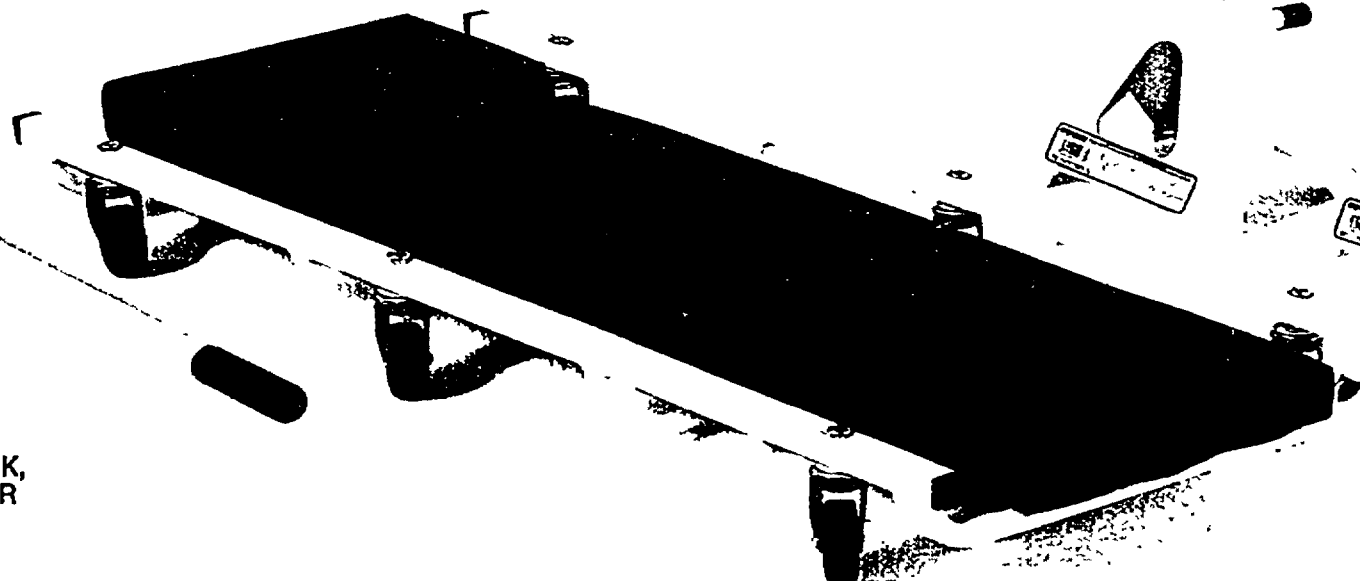
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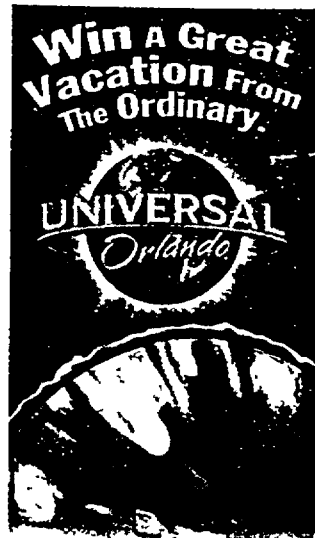


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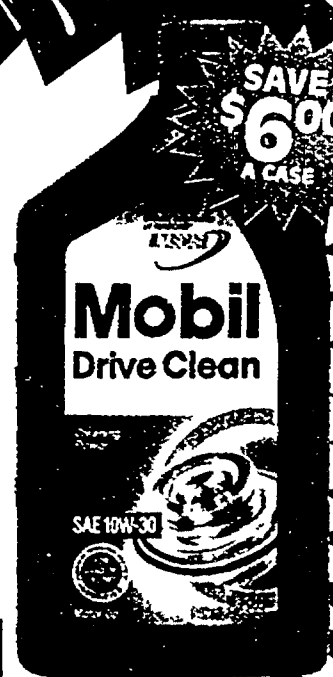
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RATE, FEE AND OTHER COST INFORMATION

Annual Percentage Rate (APR) for purchases (including balance transfers)	A 0% fixed APR for the first 6 billing cycles following the opening of your account. After that, 11.15% variable, [†] 13.15% variable or 15.15% variable, depending on our review of your application and credit history. For each qualifying Disney vacation package purchase, [§] provided your account is not past due on the purchase date: 0% for the first six billing cycles following the purchase date (promotional period).
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Variable rate information	The APR for purchases after the introductory period and the APR for cash advances may vary. They equal the Prime Rate* plus, as applicable, 6.9%, 8.9% or 10.9% for purchases if your payment is late during the introductory period or after the introductory period; and plus 14.74% for cash advances.
Grace period for repayment of purchase balances	At least 20 days, but none for balance transfers, convenience checks, or overdraft advances, if applicable.
Method of computing the balance for purchases	Two-cycle average daily balance method (including new purchases).
Annual fee	None
Minimum finance charge	\$1.00
Transaction fee for certain purchases	Purchase of wire transfers or money orders; purchase of foreign currency and travelers checks from other than a bank; and use of convenience checks: 3% of the amount of each purchase or check, but not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$50.00.
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<p>Late Payment fee: \$14.00 on balances up to \$150, \$28.00 on balances of \$150 up to \$1200, and \$34.00 on balances of \$1200 and over. However, if you already have made one or more late payments in the prior 12 month period, \$34.00 regardless of the amount of your balance.</p> <p>Over-the-Credit-Limit fee: \$27.00</p>	

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Agreement and Terms and Conditions of the *Disney Rewards*SM Program with your card(s). By using the account or any card, or authorizing their use, you agree to the terms of the Cardmember Agreement and Terms and Conditions of the *Disney Rewards*SM Program.

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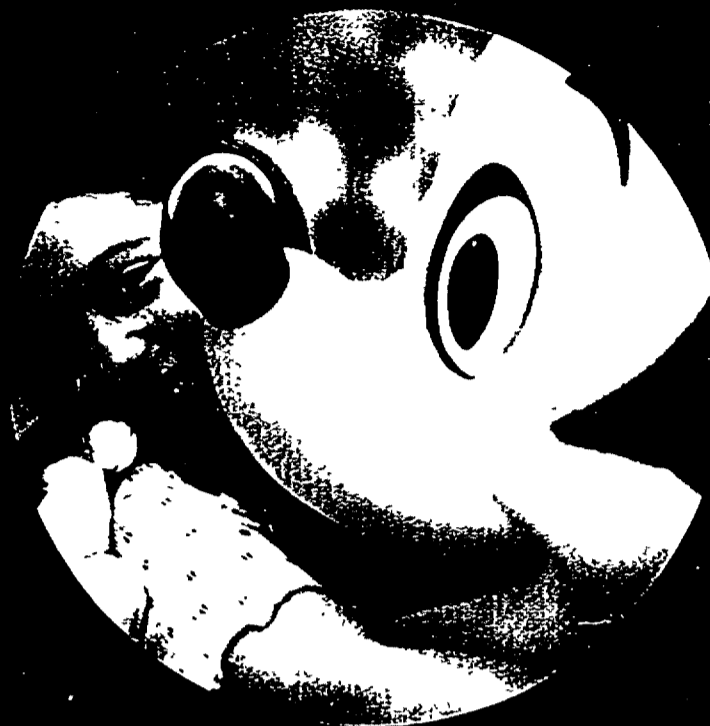
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Date _____

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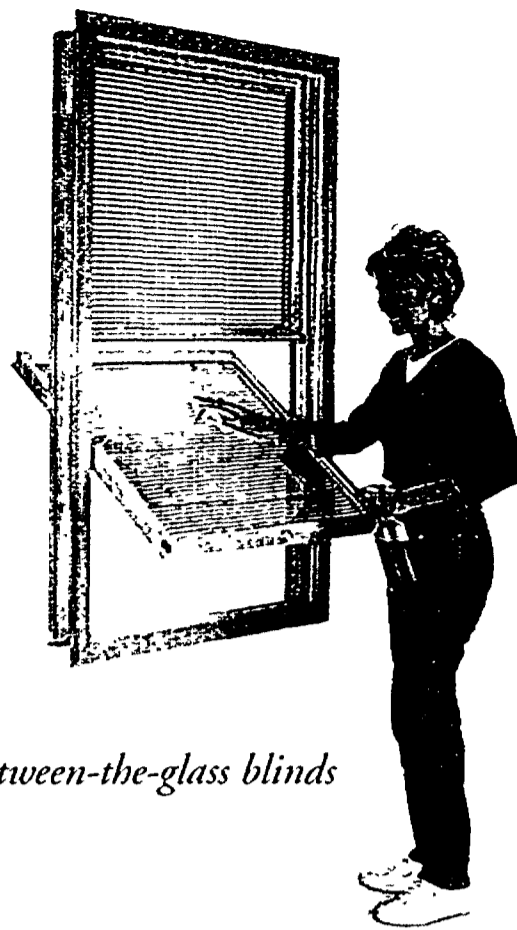
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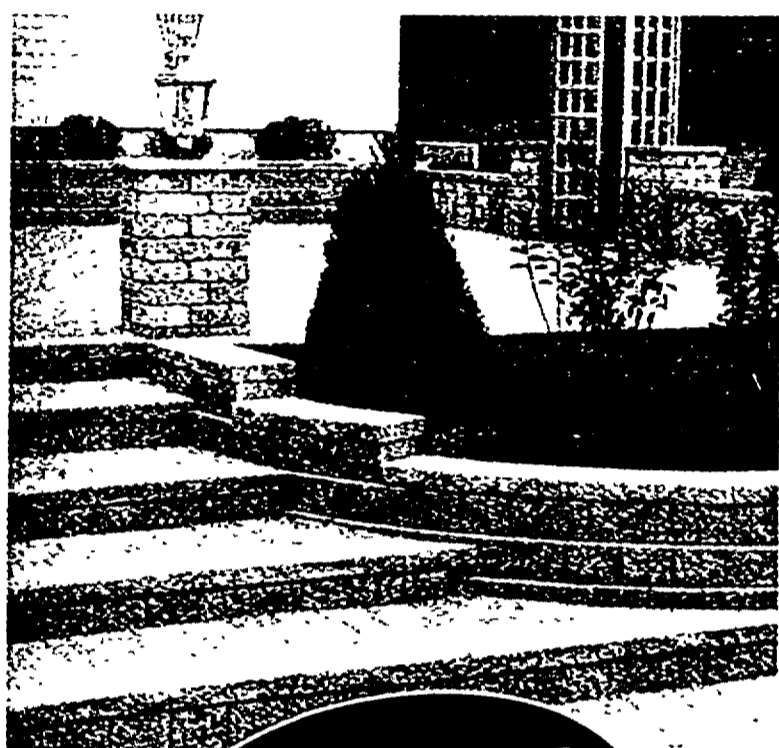
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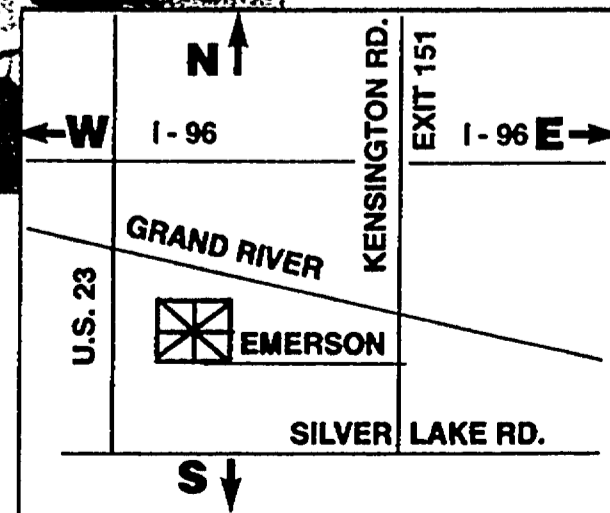
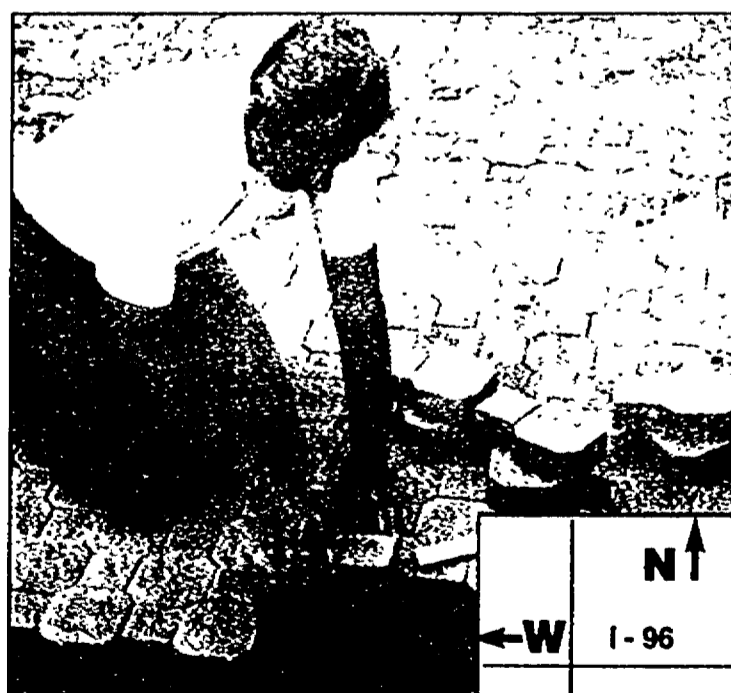
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Q NBC's *Crossing Jordan* is one of my favorite shows. Can you tell me something about Miguel Ferrer? Is he Rosemary Clooney's son?
—A.J., Texas

You're right. The late Rosemary Clooney is Miguel Ferrer's mother. His father is Jose Ferrer. But despite his parentage, Ferrer didn't set out to become an actor. The Santa Monica, Calif., native began show business as a studio musician. His credits include playing drums on Keith Moon's *Two Sides of the Moon*. In fact, he had to be talked into doing his first acting role, which was on the television series *Sunshine*. Bandmate Billy Mumy, who played Will Robinson on *Lost in Space*, cast him in the role of a drummer. Since then, he's added numerous movie and television credits to his list of works. His movie credits include the Oscar-winning *Traffic*. He met his wife, actress Leilani Sarrelle, while making the thriller, *Harvest*. Ferrer, 48, hasn't forgotten his musical side, though. He and Mumy still play in clubs, and their band, the Jenerators, has released a couple of CDs. When time allows, Ferrer likes to play golf, and every year he helps organize a golf tournament fundraiser for the UCLA Children's Hospital. He lives in Los Angeles and has two sons.

Q I'm a big fan of Laura Hall, the piano player who co-stars on ABC's *Whose Line is it Anyway?* Tell me more about her.
—Rich C., Montana

This talented woman has played with almost every improv group in Chicago and Los Angeles. Hall started in improv as a musical director at the famous Second City in Chicago. On *Whose Line*, she's the bandleader and keyboard player. "My part is when we do song improv," Hall says about her role on the show. "One of the actors has to



Musician and actor Miguel Ferrer.

make up a song on the spot, about a subject given to him. I make up the music with him, along with our guitar player, Linda Taylor." Hall wasn't interested in improv while growing up in Chicago. But she knew she wanted to be a musician. She wrote songs, played in bands and piano bars. She found her way into a waitressing job at Second City and wound up as musical director with the touring company. Hall also has composed some original musicals, co-produced Dan Castellana's (the voice of Homer Simpson) Beatles tribute album titled *Two Lips*, and has written and produced two albums of children's music—*I See a Tiger* and *Come Join the Parade*. She's even in a band called The Trinkets. Hall has a 4-year-old daughter.

Q Charlie Rich (The Silver Fox) was one of the greatest country music singers ever. Can you tell me about his career and what happened to him?
—John O., New Jersey

The man who's probably best known for the hit song *Behind Closed Doors* was born in Forest City, Ark., in 1932 to a family of missionaries. He grew up listening to gospel and country music, and discovered the blues as a teenager. At the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, he studied piano and tenor saxophone, as well as music theory, and was a member of the school's marching band. After graduating, he enlisted in the Air Force, but kept up his interest in all types of music, playing jazz at clubs around the base in Oklahoma where he was stationed. When his military duties were finished, Rich worked days on the family farm, and nights playing piano at local clubs. His wife Margaret Ann, knowing that Elvis Presley got his break at Sun Records, brought a tape of her husband's music over to the famed Memphis label. He started his career as a rock 'n' roller, but found his greatest success when he started making country records. In 1973, *Behind Closed Doors* topped the country charts (and was nearly as big a hit on the pop charts), starting a streak of hits for the smooth-singing piano player that lasted for the rest of the decade. Though his domination of radio lessened in the following years, he continued to make music through the 90s, until he passed away in 1995 at age 63. ☆

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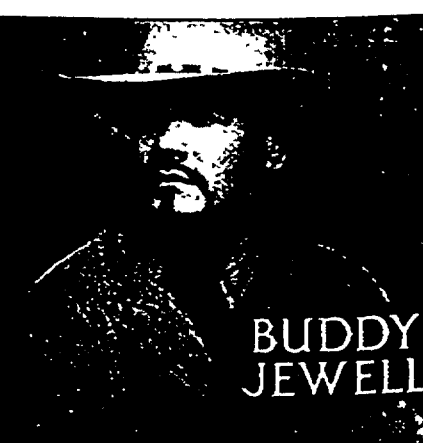
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The first thing you'd expect to see in a city named Mount Angel is a church steeple pointing straight toward the heavens. And that's exactly what the gray steeple of St. Mary's Parish in this north-central Oregon town provides to incoming visitors.

Since 1912, the pointed landmark has risen above the surrounding farmland, above the Bavarian-style storefronts, above the German-style brewery, and beyond the blocks of farmhouses and craftsman-style bungalows built a century ago.

But above all that, including St. Mary's, sits the Mount Angel Abbey—a Benedictine monastery on a 300-foot bluff overlooking the town.

Mount Angel (pop. 3,121), 40 miles southeast of Portland, is known for the abbey and its Oktoberfest. It's also a place where volunteerism is still in vogue

along with the values of its founders. A strong work ethic, community service, and faith still drive the community.

Originally settled by German immigrants in the 1800s, the townsite was called Fillmore. In 1882, Benedictine monks from Switzerland established their abbey in the mostly German-Catholic hamlet, and the town's name was

changed in honor of the Benedictines' mother monastery. The abbey, with its church, monastery, retreat house, and world-renown library, is now the largest seminary on the West Coast.

Today, Mount Angel is filled with a blend of backgrounds and ethnicity. But civic involvement and the tenets of the Benedictine faith, which call for a commitment to community life and service to others, are still practiced.

"The involvement in the festival and community affairs each year is extensive," says community volunteer Henrietta Saalfeld, 84, who has lived in Mount Angel her entire life. "I think it's that Catholic heritage. Whenever you need something, all you have to do is ask for it."

Each year community spirit is exemplified during the Oktoberfest celebration. Hundreds of volunteers coordinate what is billed as Oregon's biggest folk festival. More than 350,000 people from across the country come to hear the oompah bands, eat German sausage and sauerkraut, and take part in the festivities.

Eighty percent of the money raised during the event, coordinated by a non-profit volunteer association, goes directly back to the community to support school programs, Scout troops, Chamber of Commerce programs, hospital services, and other charitable organizations.

"We put some of the money aside for the following year's celebration, then we give some away," says Jerry Lauzon, president of Mount Angel Oktoberfest. "Since we started this thing 37 years ago, we've given away \$1.34 million."

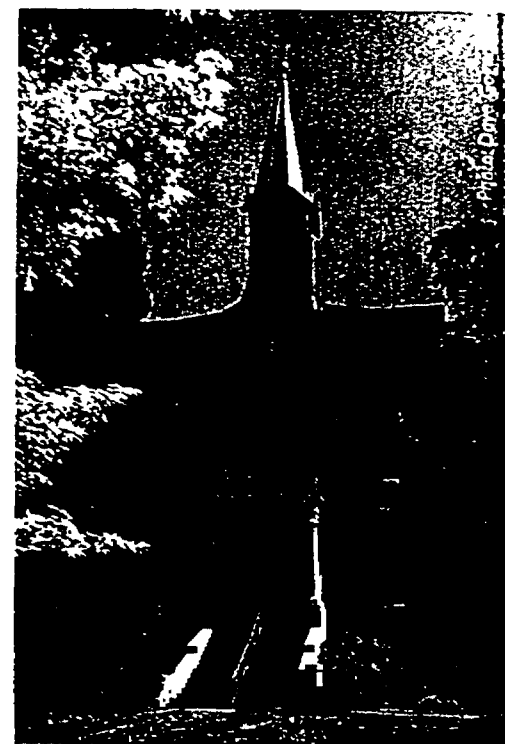
"So many small towns fade away or something gets started and the organization gets old and it fades away," says Sister Alberta, 83, a hometown girl who joined the Benedictine Sisters in 1942. "Oktoberfest recruits young people, so you've got that kind of renewal."

The sisters established their Queen of Angels Monastery on the south end of Main Street in 1882; the same year the monks began the abbey. "The businesses have remained local," Sister Alberta adds. "It's all a collaborative effort here in Mount Angel."

Due in large part to the migrant farm working labor force in the city, civic leaders are developing a bilingual program that can teach Spanish and English, not only to students but also to business leaders, employers, and families.

"We have such a mix culturally where there is a need for people to learn both English and Spanish," says Tom Bauman, city councilman and president of Mount Angel Telephone Co. "We're working on that. We want the community to be progressive but of good quality. There are a lot of good people here that make it a special community." ☆

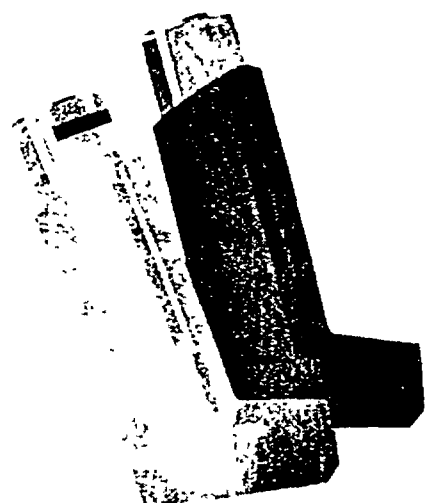
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INDIANA—In 1854, a group of German immigrant men in Indianapolis organized the Maennerchor, one of the nation's oldest singing groups.

IOWA—The six-story 1843 Potter's Mill in Bellevue (pop. 2,350), the state's oldest mill, now operates as a bed and breakfast and restaurant.

KANSAS—Marked in 1901 by the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, the geodetic center of the United States lies in a field in Osborne County (pop. 4,452). This reference point for mapmakers and surveyors takes into consideration the curvature of the Earth.

MICHIGAN—Alabaster (pop. 503) is named for a variety of gypsum discovered here in 1837. The mineral is used for making wallboard.

MINNESOTA—At North House Folk School in Grand Marais, (pop. 1,353) students learn traditional crafts, such as how to build a birch bark canoe and a Norse pram.

MISSOURI—Actor Chris Cooper, who was born in 1951 in Kansas City, won the 2003 Oscar for best supporting actor for his role in *Adaptation*.

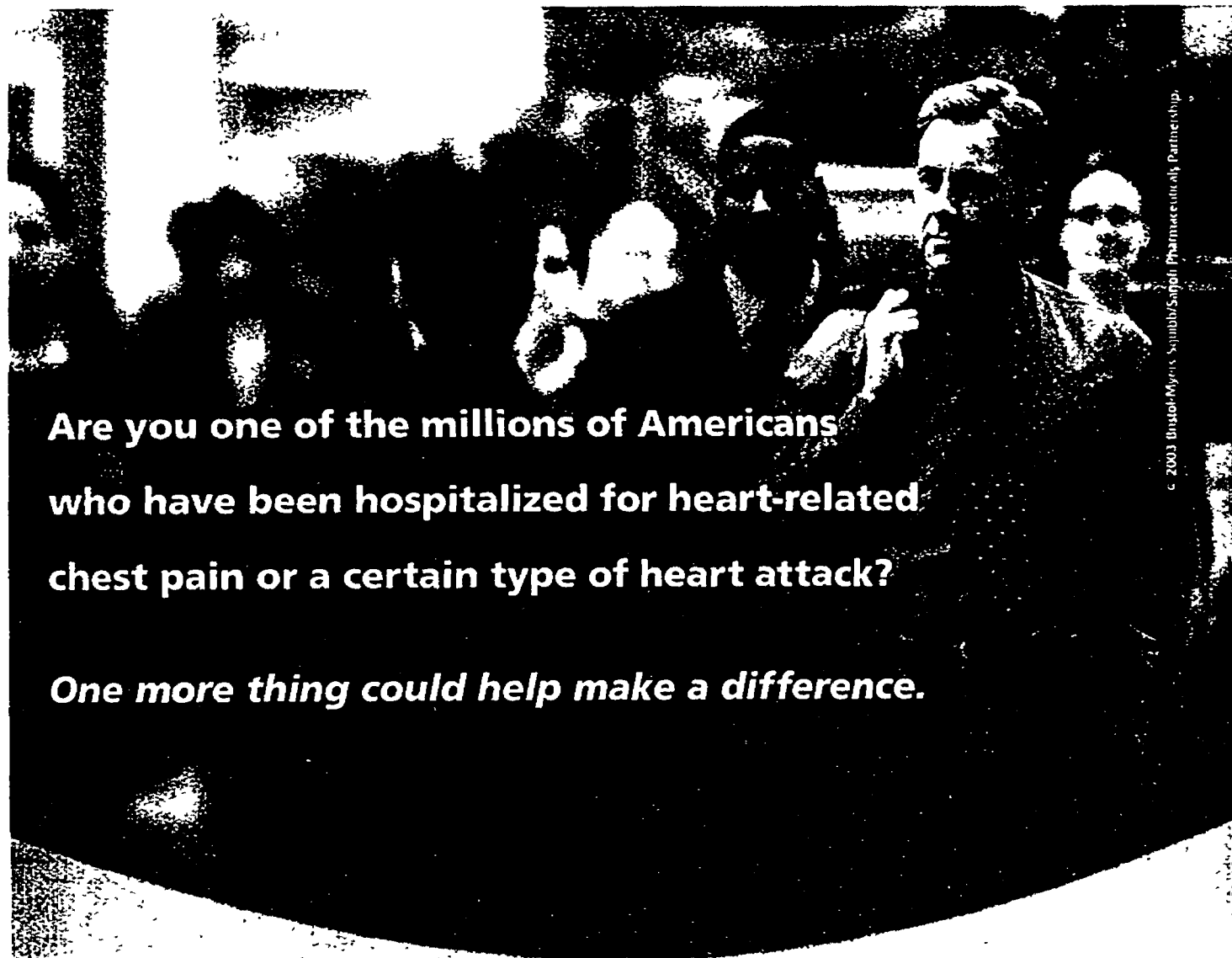
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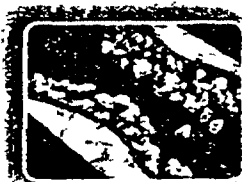
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Closer to God

Bill Allen likes to contemplate life from inside his tree house overlooking Lake Champlain. "A tree house is the essence of childhood, distilled," says Allen, a 43-year-old Burlington, Vt., financial planner who built his in 1997 as a retreat.

"Who could not be happy in a tree house?"

But as he thought about it, an answer occurred to him—disabled kids. They can't be happy in a tree house because they can't get into one. As a former member of the board of the Vermont Make-A-Wish Foundation, Allen knows childhood can be dishearteningly different for kids suffering from medical problems. For him, the solution was obvious: build a handicapped-accessible tree house. That no one he knew had ever built such a structure seemed a "minor detail."



A 191-foot wheelchair ramp leads to the aerial perch.

Possessed of a contagious enthusiasm, Allen soon enlisted the aid of several architects and builders, a structural engineer, a tree specialist, a roofer, and at least 50 volunteer laborers.

"Bill may not know much about the details of building, but his strength is that he's a lightning rod for ideas and a magnet that pulls people together," says John

Overlooking Lake Champlain and built around 21 living trees, Forever Young Tree House covers 600 square feet.

Connell, a Warren, Vt., architect who was instrumental in the design.

Allen chose as a site Camp Ta-Kum-Ta, a non-profit, week-long overnight camp held each August for children with cancer at an existing summer camp in Colchester, Vt. Some of Ta-Kum-Ta's campers are physically challenged due to their illness. Camp founder Ted Kessler was enthusiastic. "Our whole purpose is for kids to have fun," he said. "Everything about a tree house is fun."

In the summer of 2001, just in time for camp, Allen and his crew put the finishing touches on the \$50,000, 600-square-foot tree house and its 191-foot wheelchair ramp. Built of rough-cut lumber, the structure sits 11 feet off the ground on a small cliff overlooking Lake Champlain, and encompasses 21 living trees. Each of the campers—10 to 12 at a time—spent a night inside, making like the Swiss Family Robinson in the aerial perch. One camper, Allen recalls, said it made him feel "closer to God."

"It was cool," said Nick Ferris, 14, of Montpelier, Vt., who has attended Ta-Kum-Ta since his diagnosis of leukemia seven years ago. "The little kids were really excited." Nick—who used a wheel chair for a time, but now navigates under his own power—says he and his bunkmates barricaded themselves in the tree house, "in case we got raided by the girls." (It didn't happen.)

"Camp is a place to escape reality, and a tree house is another reality altogether," says Ben Chater, a college freshman who suffers from cerebral palsy and who helped work on the structure with classmates

from his Montpelier high school. Wheelchair-bound and unable to use his arms, Chater painted boards using a brush duct-taped to a baseball cap. "I thought it was an amazing project," Chater says. "I wanted to help."

Sherry Beede of Washington, Vt., says the beauty of the tree house—and of Camp Ta-Kum-Ta as a whole—is that "it's part of a way of treating the whole child." Beede's daughter, Katelyn, age 9, suffers from a rare brain cancer, but her mother says the girl's progress has astounded her doctors. "A positive attitude is half the battle," Beede says. Kessler recalls that when counselors thought it prudent not to allow the youngest campers to sleep in the tree house, Katelyn was among those who staged a successful protest demanding a turn.

"Katie loved it," says her mom.

For the last two years, Allen has been busy running the Forever Young Tree House and fielding calls from as far away as Brazil from folks wanting to build similar structures.

"Until we did this, the idea of a kid in a wheelchair in a tree house seemed like the Man in the Moon," Allen says. "We turned the idea on its head."

"I'd like to build an entire camp that's nothing but accessible tree houses," he says. A few "minor details" would need taking care of—finding land, raising money, and designing a multi-tree-house facility among them—but Allen is forging ahead. "After all," he asks, "who doesn't love a tree house?" ☆



Bill Allen, out on a limb.

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Heart Songs

When a young poet and a young country singer met, a one-of-a-kind friendship was born and a musical journey began. Mattie Stepanek, 13, had the words. Billy Gilman, 15, had the voice. And both had the courage to ask the world to try harder at peace and kindness.

by MARTI ATTOUN

The result is *Music Through Heart-songs*, an album based on the poems Matthew "Mattie" Stepanek has been writing since age 3 to express his feelings about his life-threatening illness. The rare form of muscular dystrophy took the lives of his three siblings. His mother, Jeni Stepanek, has a milder version.

"I choose to live with hope," says Stepanek, who requires a ventilator and wheelchair. "When I was born, the doctors didn't think I'd live one day, but I did. Then they thought I wouldn't live one year, but I did ... I think I'm here for a reason."

Stepanek's poems, wrapped in the warmth of Gilman's voice, remind the world to "celebrate life, every day, in some way." And he's worked out a three-part plan for peace: Make peace an attitude—want it; Make peace a habit—live it; and Make peace a reality—share it.

"Whether you're 8 or 80, I think you can learn a lesson from Mattie," Gilman says. "To play after every storm is Mattie's motto. Appreciate the simple things in life."

The boys met when CNN talk show host Larry King, who saw parallels in their messages and early successes, booked them on the show the same night. Both boys had achieved national fame by age 11. Gilman debuted with *One Voice* and became the top-selling country debut artist in 2000. Since then, he's sold more than 3 million albums. Stepanek's first book of poetry, *Heart-songs*, was published in 2001 and his next, *Journey Through HeartSongs*, hit the *New York Times* bestseller list. He's published three more.

On *Larry King Live*, Gilman was in the New York studio and Stepanek in Washington, D.C.

"After the show, I looked over and saw my mother and father crying," Gilman says. "They were so inspired and so touched by this kid who has such an amazing outlook, yet never knows when he's going to die."

Before long, Gilman and Stepanek were chatting by phone and e-mail weekly. Gilman's manager, Angela Bacari, first suggested the possibility of setting Stepanek's poems to music, and producer and songwriter David Malloy made it happen. Stepanek couldn't attend the recording sessions, "but he was on the speaker phone 24/7," Gilman says.

"I'm absolutely thrilled with the CD. It's beautiful," says Stepanek, who has been hospitalized since January. "And Billy's such a nice person."

He describes the album as "something for everyone—a little spiritual, a little jazz, some soft rock, and even some Caribbean music."

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Billy Gilman visits his hospitalized friend.




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*If they would find a cure
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*I could visit exotic places
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*and I could proudly share pictures
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*If they would find a cure
when I'm buried into Heaven,*

*I could still celebrate
with my brothers and sister there,*

*and I could still be happy
knowing that I was a part of the effort.*

(June 2000)



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But mainly, *Heartsongs*, released last April, is a whole lot of heartfelt message, a message both boys present as representatives for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). Gilman is National Youth Chairman and Stepanek is in his second year as MDA's National Goodwill Ambassador.

"A heartsong," Stepanek says, "is your inner beauty. It's the song in your heart that wants you to help make yourself a better person."

Start of the heart

Both boys' talents came to light as toddlers. Fran Gilman, 45, remembers a star-struck moment when Billy was just 2 or 3. The family lives in Hope Valley, R.I., (pop. 1,649) and didn't have cable television. A family member taped a SeaWorld special so Billy could enjoy the dolphins and whales.

"Unbeknownst to me, Pam Tillis was the guest star. Billy couldn't have cared less about the dolphins," Mrs. Gilman says. "After playing it twice, he knew word for word the songs she sang. And his stage presence, even as a toddler, was just overwhelming. It's a gift."

From kindergarten on, Gilman told his teachers and friends he planned to be a singer. For show-and-tell, he brought tapes and sang to the class.

"We'd have cookouts and he'd come across the yard with his hand-held karaoke and sing. Basically, he gets through one song and he owns the audience," says Mrs. Gilman. She and husband, Bill, are also parents of Colin, 11.

Stepanak, who lives with his mother in Rockville, Md., (pop. 47,388) started dictating poems at age 3 after the death of his brother, Jamie, 4. Complications from mitochondrial myopathy, a rare neuromuscular disease, had already taken the lives of Katie, 2, and Stevie, 6 months. The condition is so rare that the children were misdiagnosed for some time, Ms. Stepanek, 43, says.

"I grieved, obviously, but here was this preschooler, so very intelligent, and facing the loss of his best friend and brother. They had shared the same monitors and life support," she says. "Mattie had to be taught to express his grief. He had to learn that it was okay to cry and to stomp your foot. It was okay to laugh and play even after his brother died."

Stepanak wrote his way with unabashed honesty through the darkness, sometimes dictating a dozen poems a day. By 7, he could type his own. He's written thousands of philosophical, upbeat, and insightful poems.

Both boys and men

Stepanak sees his mission as a peacemaker, and is writing a book of essays about peacemakers with encouragement from former President Jimmy Carter, who has promised to put him in touch with Nelson Mandela, Desmond Tutu, and other great peacemakers.

When Stepanek and Gilman get together, though, they act and talk more like . . . well, regular kids.

"Billy and I just talk about things, like our views of the world, and we play practical jokes," Stepanek says. Together, they've conned more than one visitor into reaching into a box with a plastic rat lurking inside.

Says Gilman, "I get to see both sides of Mattie. When he's in front of the camera you see this humble peacemaker,

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a 13-year-old who acts like he's 50. It's like you're listening to his idol, Jimmy Carter. Yet after the cameras are turned off, he's talking about Harry Potter and playing tricks on everyone. If you're around us, you'll get pranked.

"And you can either hear it or see it, Mattie always has a smile on his face," adds Gilman. ☆

Marti Atton is a frequent American Profile contributor.



Outdoors

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Keep Your Cool

It's only natural to want to shed clothing when the temperature creeps upward, but when it's hot out, less clothing isn't always better.

Besides drinking plenty of water, proper clothing is essential when doing any strenuous activity outside in the heat. A little preparation and caution can mean the difference between outdoor fun and an emergency, says Sherrie Collins, a ranger at Grand Canyon National Park. "People do more than their bodies can tolerate," she says.

Informing hikers of the risks of trips into the canyon are daily tasks for rangers at the park—where the mercury can rise to 120 degrees deep in the canyon on summer afternoons. What the rangers advise, however, applies to anyone braving the hottest months, whether they're hiking, running, biking, or gardening.



The right clothing and lots of water can help you beat the heat.

Many clothing options exist. Don Singer, director of safety at Grand Canyon National Park, recommends long-sleeved shirts made from light cotton blends and similarly woven

slacks for visiting hikers. The clothing protects against the sun's harmful rays and also wicks away moisture as a person sweats, the body's natural cooling mechanism.

Bikers have long adopted synthetic jerseys designed to help perspiration evaporate from the skin to create an "air-conditioning" effect. Similar technology now appears in T-shirt styles ideal for running, hiking, or biking.

Collins suggests a fashion popular among anglers. Nylon-like fabric blends are designed to block the sun's skin-damaging ultraviolet rays. The material often is found in hats, loose-fitting pants, and shirts. Search for them in outdoor stores.

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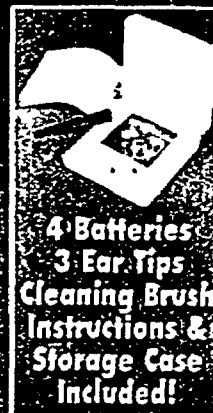
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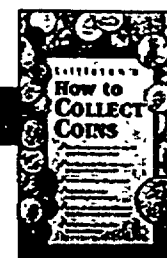
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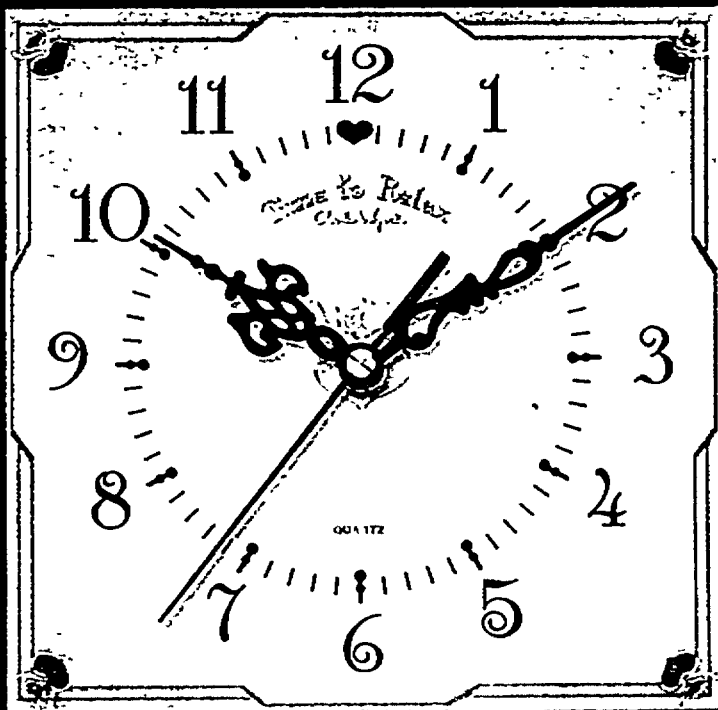
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- 4 medium carrots, cut in half across and lengthwise
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- 1 tablespoon salt (or to taste)
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon basil
- 2 medium potatoes, cut in 1/4-inch-thick slices

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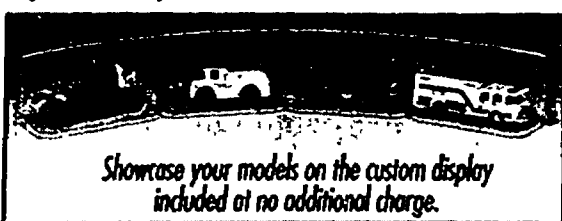
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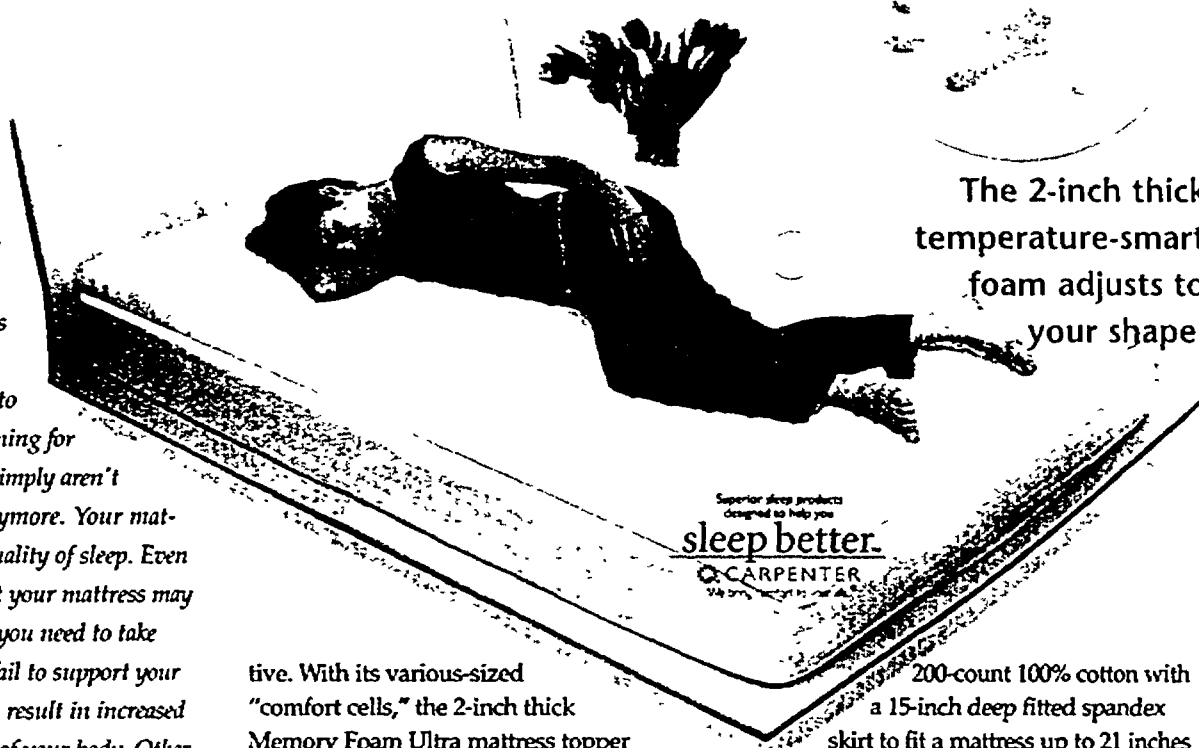
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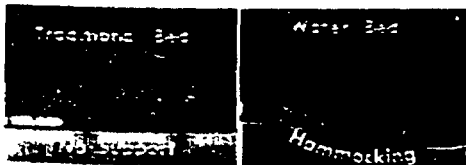
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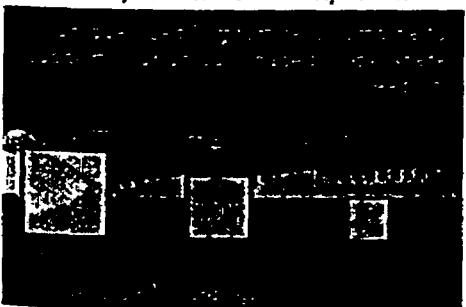
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For activities where a floppy-brimmed hat won't do, such as running or biking, consider caps with cloth attachments that hang down the neck and ears. Search for a style offering both comfort and good sun protection.

But don't forget to take the hat off occasionally. "A tremendous amount of heat goes off the head and a hat traps that," Singer says. Dousing the hat in water helps immensely.

Water is essential, whether adventuring in the dry desert West or the humid Southeast. Drink plenty before heading out, and understand your specific water needs, Collins says. Medications or the amount of caffeine consumed through soda, coffee, or tea are two factors that can increase an individual's water requirements.

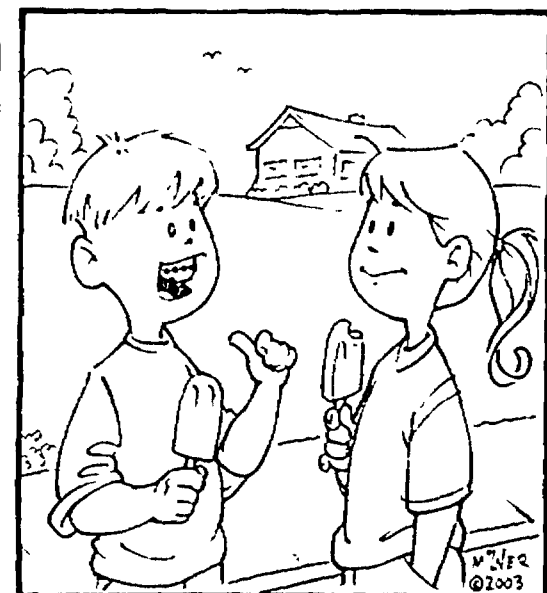
Don't drink too much water, however, if you're sweating heavily. Sweating robs the body of vital salts, which water alone doesn't replace, Collins says. In fact, rangers in the canyon often help hikers who drink too much water and flush even more vital nutrients from their body.

Hikers should eat salty snacks such as potato chips or crackers, Collins says. Runners, tennis players, and others should consider sports drinks designed to replace needed nutrients. ☆

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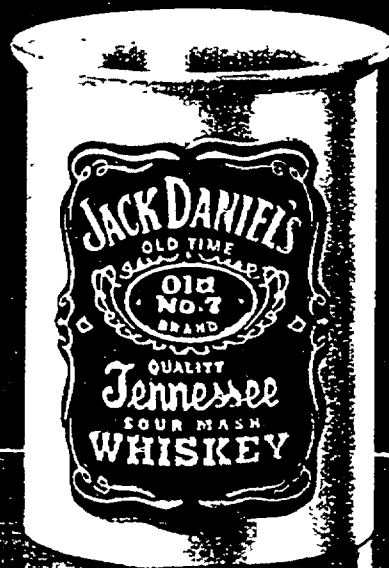
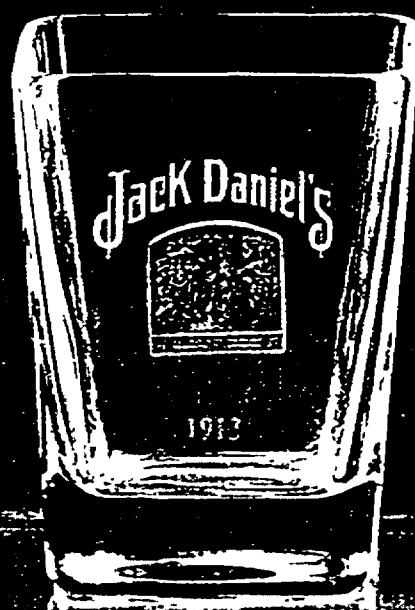
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