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Foundation seeks to take over park farm

MAYBURY MEETING

WHAT: Informational meeting
WHEN: 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 23
WHERE: Maybury State Park demonstration building, Eight Mile Road entrance
AGENDA: Funding progress, projects planned

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Northville Community Foundation attorneys and state officials will meet in another week to discuss the paperwork that might return a horse and plow to Maybury State Park. A draft lease that would maintain state ownership of the park land would put in local hands control of the vintage farm operation destroyed by a February fire. Particulars about the amount of acreage, cost to the Foundation, and length of lease are among provisions to be determined, said Foundation executive director Shari Peters.

Neither side opted to disclose additional details of the negotiation. The Department of Natural Resources is also involved.

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A GRAVE SITUATION



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

John Tokarczyk, of Ann Arbor's Urban Foresters, tosses a tree branch into a pile in Northville's Rural Hill Cemetery last Wednesday afternoon. The city is enlarging the cemetery and has contracted a large section of its woods to be cleared for more gravesites.

Short on space, Northville clears land to expand Rural Hill

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

The diminishing supply of burial sites in the city's Rural Hill Cemetery prompted the Northville city council to proceed with expansion plans designed to fulfill resident needs for the next 40 years.

Machines pushing dirt and hauling trees on the far south end of the 20-acre cemetery

respectfully take a break when a procession enters off Seven Mile Road, just east of Rogers. The tree and stump removal, and tree pruning project is part of the first phase of development planned on the final six acres.

The city expects completion of the first of four phases, which will cost \$330,000, by the end of the year, Northville Department of Public Works director James Gallogly said. The current tree removal project will be followed by development of a loop road, preliminary grading for burial sites, fencing, and landscaping.

Execution of the Rural Hill Cemetery master plan, scheduled over the next three decades, is projected in today's dollars to cost \$1.2 million, Gallogly said. Revenue from cemetery fees pays for day-to-day grounds

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Cops bust major marijuana growing operation

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Northville Township police officials arrested a 42-year-old Northville resident after they discovered he was tending marijuana plants in a wooded outdoor area last week.

According to Northville Township police, at approximately 10:15 a.m.

July 7, a plain-clothes township police detective observed the man leave a wooded area carrying a backpack. He then entered a vehicle and left the area. Police said marked police units stopped the vehicle.

Inside the backpack, police found gardening supplies. The man told police he had been in the woods looking for wildflowers. Police said detectives later searched the wooded area where the man had been seen leaving and discovered more than 100 marijuana plants in four different plots along with gardening tools and gardening products. Detectives left the area untouched.

At 3:30 p.m., police said detectives noticed the man had returned to the wooded area and was within 20 feet of the plants. The man was then taken into custody and admitted to tending the plants, police said.

Later that evening, both township and Northville city police executed a search warrant at the man's Northville residence and found two grow lights, various plant growing products, literature on growing marijuana and marijuana.

The man was released pending the issuance of a warrant, police said. "This is one of the bigger grow operations we've come across," said Lt. Ray Garbarino of the Northville Township Police department.

Garbarino described the marijuana plants as being young and small, ranging in height from three to eight inches. "Each plant could have produced two pounds of marijuana," he said.

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Meet the 'fraidiest cat in all of community



By Anneliese Woolford
SPECIAL WRITER

When Marian Hines saw the Northville Record's June 5 application for "Northville Records," she could only think of one person...well, cat.

"Cricket," Hines' four year old mix, truly is a scardie-cat. Since the time



submitted photo

"Cricket" is considered by her owner, Marian Hines, to be the most timid of all cats in Northville. Here, she hides behind a stack of books.

she was given to Hines as a kitten, Cricket has taken off running from other cats, dogs, birds and even crickets themselves. Hines notices the timid

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Our Lady of Victory: old church, new leader



One in a series

By Anneliese Woolford
SPECIAL WRITER

Set back a distance from the road and partially hidden by evergreen, oak and maple trees, Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Our Lady of Victory's Father Terry Kerner looks at a hymnal at his Northville church Monday morning. Father Kerner arrived in early July from a parish in Monroe.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Friends of Maybury State Park program
DATE: July 17
LOCATION: Maybury State Park farm demonstration building
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: The theme of the program is the history of Maybury.
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

Tunes on Tuesday — Randy Brock Group
DATE: July 19
LOCATION: Downtown Northville bandshell
TIME: Call for info
DETAILS: Call for info
PHONE: (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411

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

Roses-West Rose Society meeting
DATE: July 19
LOCATION: Call for info
TIME: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
DETAILS: Call for info
PHONE: (248) 449-4626

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

• COMING UP •

Friends of Maybury State Park program
DATE: July 24
LOCATION: Maybury State Park farm demonstration building
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: The theme of the program is "Forest Fun."

TOWNSHIP WATER CLARIFICATION

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The annual report was sent to all township homes; additional copies are available at the Department of Public Services, 16225 Beck Road. For more information about township water or the content of the report, contact the township DPS at (248) 348-5820.

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

PHONE: (248) 347-0899

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 program
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 program
DATE: July 31
LOCATION: Maybury State Park farm demonstration building
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: The theme of the program is "Maybury's Summer Babies."
PHONE: (248) 347-0899

Northville High School hockey booster golf outing / dinner / auction
DATE: Aug. 1

LOCATION: Cattails Golf Course (57737 Nine Mile Road, Lyon Township)
TIME: Noon
DETAILS: Tickets are \$125 per person or \$500 per foursome. The event is tax-deductible. Tickets for the evening's dinner and auction only are \$35. Hole sponsorships are \$100.
PHONE: (248) 344-1737

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.
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Northville Arts Commission free concert — Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble
DATE: Aug. 8
LOCATION: Downtown Northville bandshell
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Call for info
PHONE: (248) 449-9950

Home tour to benefit tree replacement program
DATE: Aug. 9
LOCATION: Highland Lakes condominiums
TIME: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
DETAILS: Tickets are \$10, which can be purchased at the Highland Lakes clubhouse or on the day of the event. Proceeds benefit the association's tree replacement program, made necessary

because of the removal of more than 90 ash trees in the association.
PHONE: (248) 349-4006

Northville High School golf team tryouts
DATE: Aug. 11-13
LOCATION: Tanglewood Golf Course (53503 Ten Mile Road, Lyon Township)
TIME: Call for info
DETAILS: Call for info
PHONE: (248) 344-8414

Northville Arts Commission free concert — Sheila Landis jazz trio
DATE: Aug. 15
LOCATION: Downtown Northville bandshell
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Call for info
PHONE: (248) 449-9950

Northville High School Class of 1983 reunion
DATE: Aug. 16
LOCATION: Doubletree Hotel (27000 Sheraton Drive, Novi)
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: More information about the event can be found on the event's website. A tour of Northville High School will begin at 11 a.m.
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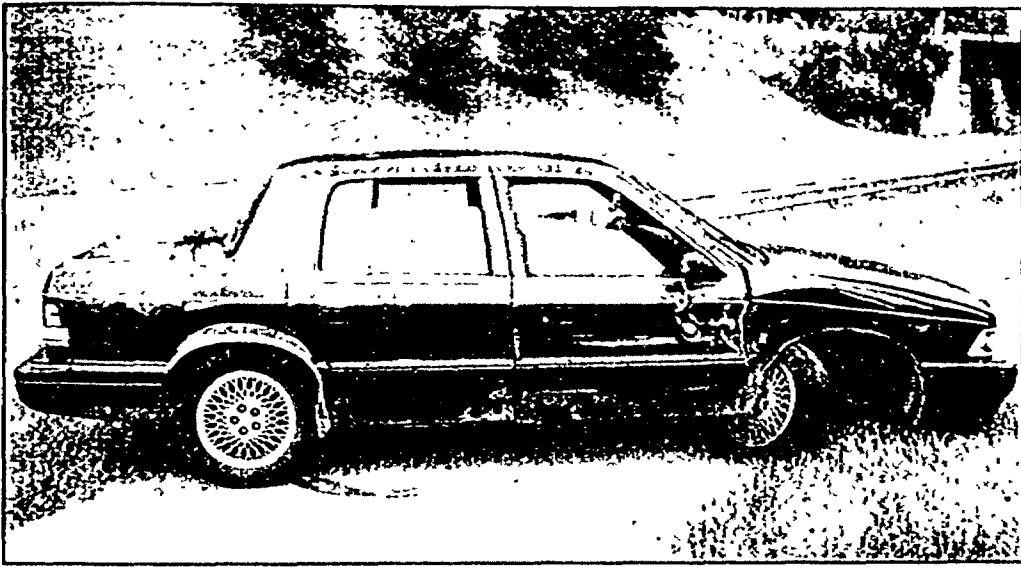
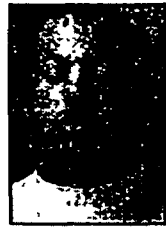


photo courtesy NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE
A vehicle driven by home invasion suspect John Monia eventually crashed after making an attempted getaway from the scene of a break-in in Northville Township.

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Accused of breaking into a Northville Township residence in late June, Detroit resident John Monia is facing multiple charges which may lead to a sentence of life behind bars.

According to Detective Paul Sumner of the Northville Township Police Department, Monia is responsible for a home invasion that occurred on June 26 in the Edenderry subdivision. In an attempt to flee from the home and police, Sumner said the man struck another vehicle with his car on Northville road and then fled



John Monia

on foot to a wooded area and even managed to jump aboard a train.

Police officials said Monia was arraigned June 30 in the 35th District court. He was charged with Home Invasion 2nd degree, fleeing and eluding 3rd degree and habitual offender 4th degree. He is being held on a \$200,000 cash bond.

Monia's preliminary exam took place last Friday at 35th District Court, where he was bound over to the circuit court on all the charges, police said.

"He will face trial on this matter," said Sumner.

Police said on July 2, the Northville Township police department with assistance from the Troy, Franklin and Detroit police departments served two simultaneous search warrants on Fielding and Ardmore Streets in Detroit. The search warrants stemmed from Monia's arrest

June 27.

Police said Monia was a suspect in other home invasions in the neighboring cities of Troy and Franklin.

On July 2, both search warrants were served around 10:15 a.m. Jewelry stolen from the Franklin City Home invasion was recovered on Ardmore Street, police said.

Sumner commended the cooperative efforts of the Northville Township, Northville, Troy, Franklin, Plymouth Township, Detroit and Wayne County Sheriff's Police Departments, which resulted in Monia's arrest and subsequent recovery of property.

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

Township police host benefit golf outing at Northville Hills

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

It's tee time! The Northville Township Police Officers and Command Officers Association is hosting its third annual "four person scramble" golf outing Aug. 4.

The event is slated to take place—rain or shine—at the

Northville Hills Golf Club, located at 15565 Bayhill Drive in Northville.

Proceeds from the golf outing are earmarked to benefit the Northville Township Police Officers Association and the Northville Township Command Officers Association police benevolent fund.

Registration for the event will begin at noon followed by a 1 p.m.

shotgun start. Tickets are on sale for \$150 per person. Event participants can enjoy 18 holes of golf with a cart, a buffet dinner and a three-hour open bar.

Samantha Bowlin, community liaison officer and union secretary of the NTPOA, said prizes will be raffled off during the event.

Participants may even have a chance to win a car, if they score a

hole-in-one.

Bowlin said the event is sponsored by many area businesses.

She commended the level of communication existing between local businesses and the police department.

"They support our police department," she said. "We appreciate the interaction between the local businesses and the police department

throughout the year."

For further golf outing information, contact Samantha Bowlin at (248) 349-9400 ext. 226.

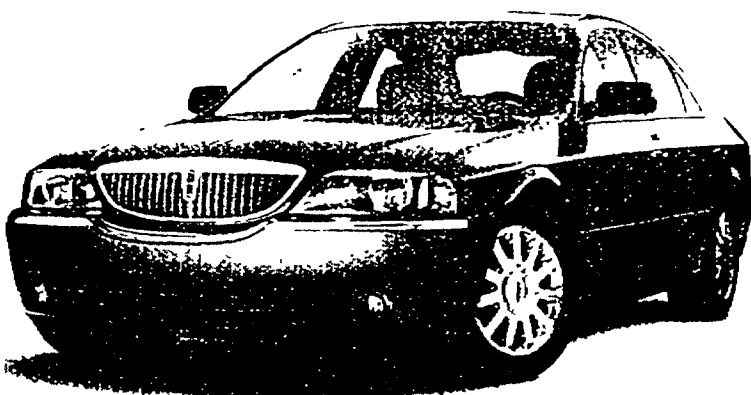
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TEE OFF

EVENT: Third annual "Four Person Scramble" Golf Outing
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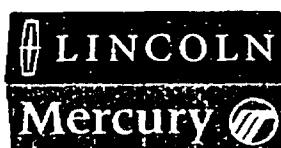
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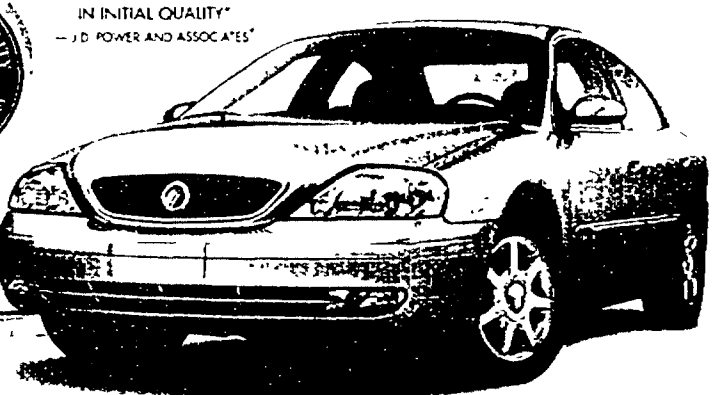
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Ash and ye shall receive: tree benefit home tour

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Rayda and Don Warren's home mixes custom features, decorating flair and personal keepsakes to create a sophisticated yet cozy nest.

Their two-story Highland Lakes condominium will be one of six featured on an August fundraising home tour. Home highlights include walls of art from one owner's travels, vintage architectural elements incorporated by the Warrens, and a complete rebuild of a home lost to fire.

The home tour is being organized to help raise funds for the association, which has — like many neighborhoods across southeast Michigan — been devastated by the arrival of the emerald ash borer, an insect that has decimated the area's ash tree population.

"It's very costly getting the trees taken out, let alone paying for new ones," said Rayda Warren, who came up with the idea for the tour. Last winter, 91 ash trees were removed and 82 more are slated this year, leaving bare spots around the development. Don is part of the grounds committee that decides where the new trees are planted.

All tour proceeds will go to help the condo association's tree replacement program. While people who visit the six tour homes help the cause, they will discover how owners have turned their condos into beautiful residences, Warren said.

The condo owners will be stationed in their homes during the

tour, available to answer questions. The Warrens will be able to point out the original art throughout their home done by local artists, and the Greenfield Village gate downstairs, for example.

With their children grown and gone, the Warrens use their 1,240-square-foot Highland Lakes home as a base and travel several months a year. New upholstery for an occasional chair, soft gray paint for the walls, hardwood floors installed a year ago — their improvements continue when they are at home.

The couple initially planned their LeHigh Lane address as a "transition home," Rayda recalled. They ended up liking their location so much, they have lived there for 31 years.

"I said I would stay here seven years at the most," she said, laughing. "We have to have a bigger place."

Once they acknowledged they were there to stay, they implemented custom touches such as crown molding salvaged from a Detroit school to be demolished, antique porch railing and decorative molding to frame the dining area, cherry cabinetry in the main-floor bathroom, a painted mantel above the marble fireplace, the kitchen ceiling painted red, and brick walls in the basement.

Warren called her decorating style "eclectic," citing the mix of antique French chairs, glass-top cocktail table and Oriental rug in the living room. The three bedrooms and the bathroom on the second floor each have distinctive themes.

"I just put things I like, things I think go together," she said. "It's not contemporary. Everything is not traditional."

The tour organizer is hoping to spread the word that the event is open to the public through flyers in businesses around town, word-of-mouth, and possibly public service announcement on the cable public-access channel.

The tickets double as a map for the home locations; balloons also will mark the sites tour day, Warren said.

Planning a home tour for the first time, she postponed committing whether this will become an annual event. Other condo owners have come forward now that plans are under way, she said.

"I've said, let's just see how this goes."

Tickets for a separate tree-fund benefit — a spaghetti dinner — will be available for sale at the clubhouse after Labor Day. The dinner at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 19, and will cost \$7 for adults, \$3 for children.

The \$10 tickets are available at the Highland Lakes clubhouse, 20301 Silver Spring Drive, in the 690-home development east of Northville Road between Seven Mile and Eight Mile roads. The tour, to replace elm trees lost to insect infestation, is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9. For more information, call (248) 348-1139 or (248) 349-4006.

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



Photo By LYNNE GARCIA

Don and Rayda Warren are sponsoring a hometour which will include six homes. The tour is raising money for an Ash tree fund.

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Ridge Wood to kick off year with school picnic

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Ridge Wood Elementary families are invited to meet new friends and school faculty at a school "Blastoff Picnic" at Hines Park Aug. 14.

The picnic is slated to take place from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. near Seven Mile Road and Hines Drive, behind McDonald Ford.

Picnickers are to bring their own meal, drinks, service ware, blankets or chairs. Games and activities will be provided.

Event chairperson Carla Williams, said the picnic serves

an important purpose.

"I think what makes it so special is because it's a new elementary school in Northville," she said. "It's bringing together a lot of families that were slated to go to different elementary schools. It will be a good time for students to meet other students and make new friends and meet some of the staff and the principal."

Williams said the picnic may also help students better transition themselves into a new school environment.

The planned craft activities, Williams said, will be utilized in the Aug. 24 dedication cere-

mony for Ridge Wood Elementary.

Handcrafted pinwheels and a banner featuring children's handprints are two of the items that will be created and displayed during the dedication service.

A children's raffle will also award lucky recipients with various school-related prizes. Tickets are 25 cents each.

"I think it's going to be a lot of fun," said Williams. "We've got a great group of ladies that have been working together. I am just looking forward to meeting new people and making new friends and hopefully meeting

some of the teachers."

The picnic is slated to reflect the school's "rocket" mascot and its elected red, white and blue color theme.

"It's going to be a positive thing," said Williams.

Since an accurate head count is needed, interested picnickers are to RSVP to Carla Williams by contacting her no later than July 25 at (248) 305-8782.

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

BLAST OFF WITH RIDGE WOOD

EVENT: Ridge Wood Blast Off Picnic

DATE: Aug. 14

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PLACE: Hines Park (Seven Mile Road and Hines, behind McDonald Ford)

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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 is located at 212 W. Cady Street, near Northville city hall, with parking off Cady Street. For detailed information about programs or services, or to request or renew library materials, call (248) 349-3020.

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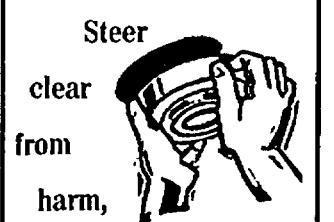
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Friends host Maybury programs

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

In the middle of the main path, a towering maple tree with two equal-height branches appears like a figure with arms outstretched overlooking the main Maybury State Park forest.

The "burnt potato chip tree" stands just a few feet away. Near the start of the forest is a mulberry tree with fresh, sweet, dark and light red fruit.

The dozen participants in last Thursday's "Trees" program hosted by the Friends of Maybury examined individual characteristics of many tree species, creatures and undergrowth. Led by volunteer guide Roger Dyjak, who works at the park as a ranger, the group spent 90 minutes walking paths into the woods, exchanging information, and learning.

"Look at the trees up close, feel it," Dyjak said. "You have to view it as a living entity, not a museum piece."

"Trees are a lot more than you first see."

Friends president George McCarthy, one of the tree tour group, was pleased with the response to the first of the inter-

pretative programs offered by Friends. A presentation on beekeeping followed Saturday. The volunteer group of park supporters put together a program after the state cut funding of regular staff educational offerings.

Tonight, the series continues with Dyjak's presentation on the history of Maybury. The Thursday evening programs, scheduled through August, meet at 7 p.m. at the demonstration building near the park's main entrance off Eight Mile Road. One exception is the Aug. 14 "Owl Prowl," which begins at 8 p.m.

Saturday morning programs start in the same location at 10 a.m. Future topics include leaves, wild animals, live music, spiders, and pet games.

When the walkers in the woods last week came upon the water tower foundations of the former sanitarium on the site, Dyjak touched on briefly the evolution of the park. The area where buildings were demolished 30 years ago has completely returned to forest.

"This looks like it's been here forever," he said. "This is all new growth from 30 years ago." He pointed to the increasing succession of maple trunk diameter, the further from the site.

The younger set that tours the forest nicknamed the Black Cherry Tree nearby, "the burnt potato chip tree," the ranger explained, because of its unique texture.

"The kids go wild," he said. "They just love it."

The leisurely stroll first along the asphalt path, then into the woods was a lesson in tree identification, a rolling exchange of information about the use of different woods, and an impromptu opportunity to listen to birds and watch for flowers. The walkers alternately stopped to listen to Dyjak's descriptions, then looked up close at his subject as the procession moved forward.

Black Walnut, American Elm, Eastern Hophornbeam, Red Oak, White Oak, Shag Bark Hickory Tree, and Bass Wood were among the tree types that Dyjak pointed out. He showed the group keys to identifying a species include the texture and shape of leaves, twigs, and bark.

The evening had turned sunny and mild after rain off-and-on all day. Other park users walking, cycling and leading dogs passed the tour group.

Walking beneath the canopy of trees turned the walk cooler and

shaded. As branches and leaves crowded out sunlight overhead, Dyjak pointed out tree features such as leaf size, distance from the ground and branch height.

"There's a huge competition going on right now where we're standing," he said. "That's what I really find interesting, how trees adapt to where they're at."

From his hours on duty around the approximate 1,000-acre park, the ranger recounted sightings of animals in their natural habitat. He watched a buck on his hind legs pull down the branches of a Staghorn Sumac for a snack of red berries. He offered to flip up decaying logs to reveal salamanders.

"Everything here is interconnected," Dyjak said.

He pointed out a clearing beneath a stand of beech and maple trees for two reasons. The site near post #2 is the park's best picnic site, Dyjak said.

"If you want to come bat watching on a Friday night, this is a good place to do it."

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Queen For A Weekend

The Northville Victorian Festival is looking for a local woman to play Queen Victoria for 15th annual Victorian Festival, Sept. 12-14. Organizers ask that the queen be at least 18 years old, provide her own costume and circulate as much as possible. The queen will be honored at the end of Victorian Festival Parade. The winner will be chosen in a random drawing.

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Got blood? Red Cross needs it

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Northville's First United Methodist Church, is hosting a blood drive July 27 in cooperation with the American Red Cross.

The event is slated to take place from 8 a.m. until noon, at 777 W. Eight Mile Road.

"Certainly, the summertime is a difficult time to recruit people," said blood drive coordinator Janet Malinowski.

Walk-ins are welcome or donors

may make an appointment by calling (248) 349-6592, she said.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in general good health.

"There is a national shortage at this time," said Malinowski. "It's been advertised in the media. We are finding that there is a great need for blood, much more than people ever realized."

Malinowski said chances are very good most people know of someone who has needed blood in an emergency situation.

A blood drive is typically hosted

four times a year at the church, she said.

"Giving blood is considered today to be very safe," said Malinowski. "It's a wonderful feeling when you give. It really is. You don't know who it's going to go to."

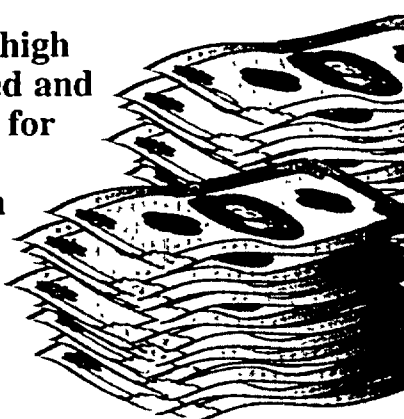
"It's a good feeling to be able to give to someone who is going to need it."

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O, they wish they had their Weinermobile

Resident asks for help in recovery of miniaturized version of Oscar Meyer's famous hot dog vehicle

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Northville Township resident Gary Pope never expected a rare lawn ornament to be stolen from his front yard early last week.

Pope said his Weinermobile, pedal car was taken from his home's front yard. A reward is being offered for its return.

"It looks just like the Oscar Meyer hot dog in a bun," he said. "It had a little seat with pedals and a steering wheel for kids. It was just a pedal car."

The contraption he said had four wheels and was operable.

Pope said he was out of town during the Fourth of July holiday but believes the Weinermobile was still in place last Sunday as he was mowing the lawn.

"I'm pretty sure I saw it," he said.

On July 9, Pope said his wife, Debra, informed him that the Weinermobile was missing.

"I just want it back," he said. "It

means a lot to me. I've had it for several years. I found it in a garage clutter in the city of Southfield. Nobody wanted it so I took it. They threw it in the trash. I happened to be on the block and I thought I won a prize."

After noticing the Weinermobile was missing, Pope contacted the Northville Township Police department and an officer visited his home.

Northville Township police chief John Worth said a preliminary report was taken and all officers were made aware of the missing item.

"As of right now we have no leads," said Worth.

Pope said he is distraught by the theft of his Weinermobile pedal car. "It was a marker," he said. "It was fun to look at it. Anybody who saw it joked right away. It's rare. I've never seen one up to that point."

"It was just a fun thing. I just never thought to chain it to the tree. Who would ever take that? Unless it has more monetary value to it than I had ever thought of. That's a possibility. I've never researched it. I can't picture anybody in Northville having this because it would be like a beacon, being so rare."

Pope said he hopes the police or local area residents can locate and return the Weinermobile.

"It's kind of a burner," he said. "I'm bummed out about it. I thought it looked cool and I know then, wasn't many of them. I was probably one of the few that had one of those."

Pope said he is uncertain if the theft of the Weinermobile was a prank or taken due to its monetary value.

"It may have been very valuable," he said. "I have no idea."

"I just thought it was cool. I'm a collector of car models. It was just

another transportation piece. I thought it was neat and I just put it in the yard."

The apparatus, Pope said, was made of fiberglass or heavy plastic and weighed approximately 15 to 20 pounds.

"I really wanted the police department to know that things were going on in the neighborhood," said Pope. "I'm not looking to send anybody to prison. I just want my Weinermobile back."

Pope said he is offering a reward for the return of the Weinermobile, no questions asked.

If they dumped it on my lawn I

don't care. I just want it back," he said. "I just really want it back and I don't care how it gets there. Hopefully not in a car. I just want it back."

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Northville Township Police Department at (248) 349-9400.

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Hillside teacher earns high honor in education

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Hillside Middle School teacher Julie Hardy was one of six lucky Michigan teachers to be chosen as a state finalist for the 2003 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

We're very proud of her, said Hillside Middle School principal James Cracraft. She's an outstanding educator who puts kids first and who is not only child-centered but she's also an outstanding science teacher. She has a unique ability to make a difficult science concept very understandable for her students. She always puts the students first.

According to officials the Presidential Awards program was established in 1983 by the White House and is sponsored by the National Science Foundation. The program identifies outstanding mathematics and science teachers in kindergarten through grade 12 in each state and four U.S. jurisdictions.

Every year a national panel of scientists, mathematicians and educators recommends teachers from each state and jurisdiction to receive the award officials said.

Presidential awardees receive a \$10,000 honorarium from the National Science Foundation and recognition events in Washington, D.C. and receive a Presidential Citation.

Cracraft said Hardy has demonstrated a high caliber of science professionalism due to her involvement with a cooperative project involving the Bronx Zoo and her participation with the Hillside annual science program. The document program helps students develop an understanding of the animals housed in the school's animal room.

Last year, Hardy also received a grant from the Food and Drug Administration.

"She's accomplished quite a bit in the last year," said Cracraft. "We're very proud of her recognition for the presidential award as we are of all our teachers at Hillside," he said. "Julie exemplifies excellence in teaching and true commitment in working with children. She's very deserving of this recognition."

Cracraft said Hardy endorsed an ongoing application process and was required to submit letters of recommendation along with an extensive application packet and a videotape of her teaching.

Cracraft said news of her accomplishment left Hardy "pleasantly surprised."

"State level is quite an accomplishment," he said. "It's a very prestigious honor for Hillside."

Officials said statewide the Michigan Department of Education received nominations for 35 science and 25 mathematics teachers.

In a press release Michigan Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Watkins said "Our PAEMST nominees are national role models for educators across the state to emulate. They have all demonstrated an ability to incorporate innovative approaches into their classroom teaching and are worthy of the highest accolades."

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Buses rope rodeo honor

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

After a team of Northville Public School bus drivers earned a first place finish in the Wayne County Bus Rodeo, two drivers qualified to contest at the state-level rodeo in Midland.

Bus drivers Bill McKian and Dave Shannon earned a second- and fourth place finish, respectively, at the Wayne County regional driving competition.

At the local level, Northville drivers vied against contestants from other school districts including Detroit, Dearborn, Redford, Garden City and Plymouth-Canton.

After proceeding to the state-level event, Shannon came in 13th and McKian finished 25th.

At the competition, drivers proceeded through three phases of testing. Each participant was required to take a written test and perform a physical inspection of the bus, locating five faulty "bugged" items within eight minutes. Drivers also journeyed through a 12-station driving course, which involved precision turning, backing up and mock student pick-ups.

"It was a lot of fun," said McKian, who has been driving school busses for two years. Prior to becoming a bus driver, McKian drove semi-trucks for 30 years.

For McKian's second place finish at the local level, he said he was awarded a trophy along with



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Members of the Northville public school transportation team celebrate their accomplishments at the Michigan bus-driving rodeo.

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Shannon, who has been driving school busses since 1990, said this was his first opportunity to go to a bus driving championship.

"What a pleasure it was," he said. "It's great to show off your abilities you've been doing for so many years. We've been doing this day in and day out and it's nice to put it to the test."

Shannon said the vehicles and the driving course were slightly different at the state-level rodeo than at the regional competition, which was hosted at Northville High School.

"We had such a wonderful cheering section from Northville

come up," he said.

At the regional level, Northville Bus Rodeo team members included Cari Dupree, Bill McKian, Jenny McLaughlin, Jeanne Morris, Tonja Morris, Kim Robel, Dave Shannon, Rodney Yousif and Jeannie Bojanowski.

McKian said he's looking forward to future driving competitions.

"There's always room to improve," he said.

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City forced to expand cemetery

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six acres.

The city expects completion of the first of four phases, which will cost \$330,000, by the end of the year, Northville Department of Public Works Director James Gallogly said. The current tree removal project will be followed by development of a loop road, preliminary grading for burial sites, fencing, and landscaping.

Execution of the Rural Hill Cemetery master plan, scheduled over the next three decades, is projected in today's dollars to cost \$1.2 million, Gallogly said. Revenue from cemetery fees pays for day-to-day grounds maintenance, but would not cover the cost of an expansion project, he said.

"It's not a cheap ride for the city," Gallogly said. A tiered schedule prices burials differently for city, Northville Township and outside-the-community residents.

There currently are fewer than 100 burial sites remaining, Gallogly said, and the city sells 100 per year. No one really thinks about cemeteries until they have a death in their family, he said.

The council has been trying to keep burial rates reasonable, paying for development with public improvement funds, he said. Half of the cemetery fees go toward a trust fund that will be used for future resident needs.

"This is really kind of the soul of the community," Gallogly said. Regardless of what people think about the development of the com-

munity, whether they like how it looks now or pine for the way it used to be, cemetery grounds remain an unchanged place, he said.

"When people come back to Northville, they all go back to Rural Hill and it's the same. I call it the soul."

The city in May 2002 annexed from Northville Township the portion of the cemetery land not contained within city limits. The multi-phase development plan, setbacks and buffer plantings consider the proximity of the properties adjacent to the cemetery line.

"No one likes to see trees go," Gallogly said. "You have to weigh the beauty of the trees with the burial needs of the community. It serves the needs of the community."

The appearance of the added interment area will compliment the historic character of the existing cemetery grounds. Jack Goodnoe of the Ann Arbor firm Land Planning and Design Associates, also considered the land's natural features, Gallogly said. Road layout, facility placement and building massing conform to the natural topography of the site.

The Veterans Memorial section of the cemetery, along the eastern ridge, will be expanded south as part of the multi-phase plan.

The conceptual plan for the cemetery expansion includes paved paths, eight mausoleums, a chapel, walls of crypts for cremation remains, traditional burial sites, and double-depth lawn

crypts. These are among the options people want today, Gallogly said.

"More people are going toward cremation because of the cost consideration," he said. That trend might help extend the 40-year projection for the life of Rural Hill, Gallogly said.

"It's a situation that Americans are going to have to be facing."

The council annually reviews Rural Hill cemetery fees. Effective Jan. 1, they are, based on residency:

- Standard lot — city resident, \$650; township, \$950, non-resident, \$1,950.

- Opening and closing of standard lot (range depending on the time of day) — city, \$650-750, township, \$750-850, non-resident, \$1,500-1,700, weekdays.

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Foundation looks to take over Maybury

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Resources is working to restore the barn and farm operation, said state press secretary Bradley Wurfel.

"Since the lease is just recently drafted and the negotiations have not yet officially commenced, there's little detail I can provide at this time," Wurfel said. "We will make the plan public as soon as it is appropriate to do so."

Peters said she could not estimate when the two sides might come to terms. Aggressive efforts to raise the approximate \$1 million needed to operate the farm annually are on hold until the lease is complete, Peters said.

"It's got a lot of work to do," she said. "Our attorneys are diligently working on this at this point."

The Foundation is ready to assume the day-to-day duties associated with supervising the historic farm when they eventually do agree, Peters said. The seven-member Foundation board voted to pursue taking over farm operation from the cash-strapped state in December, even before the fire, she said.

"This is a huge, huge undertaking. We have faith we can do it with all the support we've received."

Shari Peters
Northville Community Foundation

"We're the ones that will pay all the bills," the director said. "This is a huge, huge undertaking. We have faith we can do it with all the support we've received."

"We want to bring back every thing that was there," Peters added. "And enhanced."

The collective effort to create the prize-winning Fourth of July float depicting beloved animals — and the appreciative applause as it rolled by — exemplifies the still strong support for the return of a working farm to Maybury State Park.

Members of the grassroots

organization, Voices for the Maybury Farm, were part of the team that transformed wire and paper mache as a memorial for the animals lost when the historic barn at the state park burned down.

Another show of support was the hundreds of memorial T-shirts worn parade day, which were sold to raise funds to restore the farm. The shirts will be on sale at the Shoppin' Jubilee downtown sidewalk sale Aug. 1 and 2, said Voices president Susan Smith.

A progress report on long-term farm funding and specific, smaller scale projects will be on the agenda of a Voices for the Maybury Farm meeting next week, Smith said. The group will host a meeting at 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 23, at the park demonstration building, near the farm site, accessible from the main Eight Mile Road entrance.

"There still is a lot of enthusiasm, support and optimism," Smith said. She planned to describe to members specific fundraisers, including a children's book about the Maybury farm written and illustrated by a current and past park employee, and notecards and photos

depicting farm scenes.

"That's what we're going to be looking for, help on all these different efforts," she said. Writing proposals for major sponsorship of the farm operation is another ongoing project, Smith said.

"Securing several major sponsors will be key to operating the farm over the long term," she said. "The biggest things are the lease and funding for the long-term operation."

Meanwhile, the Friends of Maybury State Park restored some of the educational offerings formerly funded as part of the state park programming. For example, baby animals at the park will be the topic of a 7 p.m., July 31 gathering; classroom critters will visit 10 a.m., July 26.

The Foundation office continues to regularly field questions and offers of support related to the Maybury farm, Peters said. While there have been several offers of horses, chickens and roosters, no one has yet volunteered to provide pigs, goats or cows, which will be critical for restoring the farm, she said.

"I just got another offer of a barn this morning," she said

Tuesday, Peters said she asks experts in various fields to evaluate donations.

"They'll take a look and either say yes or no."

The Foundation also would be in search of vintage as well as newer farm equipment to replace all that was lost in the fire, Peters said. While the farmers use a horse and plow, and wagon to demonstrate the authentic workings of the early 20th century farm, they also pull out tractors to complete projects after hours.

"We'd love to have equipment from that [1900s] era," she said.

"We need modern equipment to get the job done."

Peters and Smith both stated that the larger goal of the Foundation and grassroots efforts is bringing back the farm for the thousands of children who enjoy their visit and learn so much.

"Our only goal is to rebuild it," Peters said. "We don't turn anyone away."

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Bridge's return is just a start

Finally. After months of wrangling between the state legislature and the governor's office, the Beck Road bridge is back on track.

The last five months have seen enough politics being thrown around to coat everyone involved with a layer of sludge. From the first, delaying the project after the city and county spent and committed millions of dollars simply failed the key question is Rotary's Four-Way Test — "Is it fair to all concerned?"

Moreover, the intersection was badly designed and unsafe from the day the expressway first cut through farm fields. According to Oakland County's Traffic Improvement Association, between 1995 and 1999, there were 740 collisions at the intersection, resulting in two deaths and 232 injuries.

While Novi residents can now draw a sigh of relief that "their" bridge is taken care of, that doesn't mean we can all nod off in the dog days of summer.

The job is only half done. Novi city manager Richard Hellwig correctly noted that the Wixom Road bridge to the west and the Beck Road bridge are "bookends."

Both intersections serve

communities far beyond those that touch Interstate 96.

According to Association statistics, 810 crashes resulting in two deaths and 225 injuries were recorded at the Wixom Road interchange between 1995 and 1999.

Aside from the direct costs to the public \$28.7 million during that five-year time period, there is the question of what it could cost this part of the county if the projects are not completed.

The two roads also serve a growing industrial corridor north of the expressway and in today's economic climate, the last thing anyone needs is more stumbling blocks.

Over the next few years, Ford Motor Company will be looking to dump excess capacity, and transportation will be one of the key elements in deciding who lives and who dies. Oakland County can ill afford the potential loss of 3,500 top paying industrial jobs.

We agree with county commissioner Jeff Potter that our legislative delegation needs to make sure that the Wixom Road bridge project is put back in the state Department of Transportation's five-year road and bridge plan and that it is completed on the same schedule as originally planned.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Phyllis Clancy and husband Mike (not pictured) were protesting the current U.S. involvement in Iraq and expressing their hopes for peace with homemade signs on the corner of Eight Mile and Novi Road Monday evening. The pair, who got permission to hold their gathering from the Northville city government and police department, have protested in other metro Detroit cities will be gathering each Monday at the same spot in Northville and hope to increase their numbers as they continue.

LETTERS

Candy-tossing in parade could lead to injury

My husband and I were very concerned while watching the Fourth of July parade in downtown Northville. Many groups threw candy from floats and it landed in the streets. Young children ran into the streets to retrieve the candy. Large vehicles, such as pickup trucks, fire trucks, the calliope, and other vehicles often followed the groups that threw candy. As a retired kindergarten teacher and mother of three sons I know how fast and spontaneous children can be. I would strongly suggest candy not be thrown in the street. (In the crowd is great!)

Mary Muscat
Northville

Bob Toms' death a big loss for township

I am saddened by the death of Bob Toms, a person very high on my list of true leaders and achievers in Northville Township.

Starting from scratch and in some ways, confounded by slow funding, he and his special band of former Detroit firefighters assembled a fire department providing a model for many surrounding communities. Bob Toms was a result-oriented guy and his skills for training firefighters were matched only by his very unique ability to find resources to build an excellent firefighting equipment inventory and attract and train an outstanding team of volunteers.

I and my other colleagues serving on the township board at that time will fondly remember Bob Toms, his grin, the thin mustache, and the twinkle in his eye. Most of all for the leadership, the guidance, and the talents shared with us in providing a fine foundation for this important segment of public safety in Northville Township.

He was, indeed, a very special guy.

Jim Nowka
Northville Township

accountable and ethical, to pay their fair share of taxes, instead of allowing "off shore" tax shelters.

More jobs have been lost every month under the Bush administration. 2.3 million Americans have lost jobs. This hasn't happened since Hoover was president. What are we doing about it? Giving tax breaks to the elites.

In closing, I want you to know I feel betrayed when you said you would not support changing overtime rules that would negatively effect Southeast Michigan families and then voted to exempt millions of workers from overtime rules.

Les Caulford
South Lyon

An Independence Day poem from a reader

What do you think of on the Fourth of July?

Do you thank God when you see Old Glory flying high?

And when you are waiting for a parade to pass,

Do you take freedom for granted and think it will always last?

When you see a veteran marching with a solemn look on his face,

You know he is thinking of a buddy who fell and died in his place.

And when you see a soldier coming, silently pushing his wheelbarrow,

Think what it would mean to him to stand next to you watching there.

Perhaps a veteran is marching just as proud as you please,

But can't salute the flag he loves because of an empty sleeve.

There are many veterans who came from America's cities and farms,

Who proudly march in step with two good legs and arms.

They may have deeper wounds, however, things that you can't see.

A tortured mind, recurring dreams and a Purple Heart may be the only key.

Think for a minute and thank God how He has truly blessed this land,

As you hold your hand over your heart, as the flag bearer passes leading the band.

If you don't think our country is special, as we have fought through many wars,

Ask yourself why are so many people clamoring to come to our shores.

I heard a statistic recently and could not believe it was true,

15,000 veterans die daily, who once served the old Red, White and Blue.

So when you see someone in uniform or a veteran who served in years past,

Thank them for a "job well done" and helping our freedom to last.

For without our men and women serving to keep our country strong,

The freedoms we all enjoy today, won't be around very long.

Warren Parkyn
Northville

Planning commission should have given barn

I was saddened to read of the Novi Planning Commission's decision to deny the Toll Brothers barn to Maybury State Park. The decision to keep the barn on the Toll Brothers' development was made way prior to the burning of the barn Feb. 12 at Maybury Living Farm. The good that has come out of such a tragedy is the uniting of the neighboring communities.

People from Novi, Northville, Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, South Lyon and as far away as Monroe have rallied to raise money for the rebuilding. Novi's own Orchard Hills Elementary was the first to contribute \$1,000 to the Northville Community Foundation rebuilding fund. The students read books during March Is Reading Month and every time they finished a book they would put a coin in the rebuilding bucket.

Northville Downs donated over \$2,500. Tonda Elementary fifth graders in Canton donated over \$1,000. Kindergartners at Silver Springs Elementary in Northville raised over \$1,500 through a sale of home made cookies and a classroom store. Salem Elementary in Salem Township raised over \$1,300 to adopt an animal at the farm.

Maybury Trail Riders along with the Raisin River Riders from Monroe raised over \$2,000 to donate with the combined efforts of their annual Pancake Breakfast that was held at Maybury in June.

T-shirt sales sponsored by the group Voices For Maybury Farm (which is made up of members from all the above mentioned communities) have escalated into sales of over a 1,000 shirts. Each sale brings an additional \$5.00 to the fund.

Maybury is a community park for all the surrounding communities. If the planning commission would change its mind and let Toll Brothers contribute the barn to the Maybury rebuilding they would be displaying a tremendous sensitivity to all the neighboring communities.

Jean Bemish
Northville

McCotter has forgotten labor policy promises

An open letter to U.S. Representative Thaddeus McCotter:

I am writing to express my disappointment regarding proposed changes to the overtime rules by the Department of Labor. You supported and voted in favor of giving President Bush's administration to proceed with plans to rewrite the rules governing which workers receive overtime pay.

You wrote me, dated May 13, that I could be assured you would not openly endorse any efforts that would negatively effect overtime pay of hardworking families in Southeast Michigan.

Our U.S. labor laws are minimal guarantees, meaning employers need to meet very low standards. Because of your support to rewrite the overtime standards, millions of workers will become exempt from overtime rules. Why not change the standard to include workers that are not covered now, instead of exempting workers?

The attacks on America's workers is intolerable. Republicans had to be shamed to vote for extending unemployment benefits. The Bush administration is making good on all the campaign contributions from Business and Industry Political Action Committee pharmaceutical industry etc.

If you are really interested in helping working Americans, we would reform and slash interest rates credit card companies can legally charge. We'd have affordable health care for all, instead of 43 million Americans without healthcare. We could raise the minimum wage and stop the export of manufacturing jobs. We'd also make business

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I'm drawn to redistricting

GERRYMANDER: v. — To divide a geographic area into voting districts so as to give unfair advantage to one party in elections.

The word arose in 1812, when Massachusetts Gov. Elbridge Gerry devised a legislative map with very strangely shaped districts to benefit his party.

Of all the instincts politicians possess, perhaps the strongest is the urge to gerrymander. For elected officeholders, the process of defining and redefining one's district is tantamount to political life or death. No decently ambitious politician will ever turn



Phil Power

down even the slightest opportunity to fiddle the district boundary to yield electoral advantage.

Usually taking place once every 10 years following new census data, the process of redistricting has recently taken on the characteristics of a full-blown cottage industry, complete with "consultants" up for hire, computer wizards, even lobbyists. Part of the complexity has come about as a result of the Supreme Court's "one man, one vote" decision, which requires at least numerical equivalency between districts. Other laws mandate special treatment for minorities and discourage districts lines crossing obvious local government boundaries such as counties and city limits.

In the hands of skilled practitioners of either party, gerrymandering can have a profound effect on the balance of political

power. Following the 1980 California census, the Democrat controlled legislature turned a 22-21 congressional delegation into a 28-17 Democratic majority. After the 1990 census, Georgia Republicans astonishingly succeeded in converting a 9-1 congressional minority into an 8-3 majority.

We saw much the same thing in Michigan after the 2000 census. Republican Gov. John Engler and the GOP-controlled legislature managed to liquidate by redistricting three sitting Democratic representatives in Congress. Reps. John Dingell and Lynn Rivers had their districts merged; Dingell wound up winning the primary. Rep. Dale Kildee's district was expanded to take much of Rep. James Barcia's; Barcia retired. And many Democratic voters in Rep. David Bonior's old district in Macomb County were moved into Rep. Sander Levin's, thus creating a safe Republican district for Candace Miller.

So what? Redistricting is intrinsically partisan. Everyone does it when they have half a chance. So why get excited about it?

The answer has to do with congressional redistricting's dirty little secret. The technology of redistricting is now so accurate that virtually every congressional district is either safely Republican or equally solid Democratic. Experts estimate there are no more than 30 truly contested districts in the entire country. This means that the decisive vote takes place in the August partisan primaries, not the general election in November. Who votes in primary elections? The highly partisan, motivated party faithful. In the Republican primaries, the faithful tend to be right wing. Right To Life types, while in Democratic primaries the likely voters are liberals or union members.

The result? The Republicans who win Republican primary elections tend to be more right wing than the average voter, while the Democrats who win primaries are more liberal than the population at

large. And the political center, which is where most Americans tend to be the most comfortable, gets squeezed out.

The results? Increasing numbers of alienated voters who wonder why their representatives in Congress are either much more liberal or much more conservative than they are. Worse, incumbents of both parties have no electoral incentive to move toward the center — where most legislative compromises that make government work are made — because they originally gained office by being at the outer edge of their particular party. That's the real reason why highly partisan rancor has become the distasteful and unconstructive standard operating procedure in the U.S. House of Representatives.

What to do about it? Some propose taking the power to redistrict away from partisan legislatures and creating independent redistricting commissions. My old friend, Craig Ruff, a political expert who runs Public Sector Consultants in Lansing, snorts that "Anybody intellectually capable of drawing redistricting maps is almost certainly not a political eunuch." Besides, since most state legislators think that the summit of their own career is election to Congress, getting their grubby hands off the redistricting process is beyond unlikely.

A better approach, according to Ruff, is to enact legislation applying to congressional redistricting the same strict criteria — generally recognized as reasonably fair — for drawing state legislative districts that the Michigan legislature passed a few years back: No districts crossing county lines; one man, one vote; and so forth.

He's right, of course, but I'm not holding my breath until it happens.

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

Marty, the interns, and yours truly

Ask anyone fresh out of college, and they'll tell you they've had at least one — if not several — job interviews that go something like this:

"So what kind of experience do you have?"

"Well, I took all the classes at Boll Weevil U. and I..."

"That's all well and good, but what kind of experience do you have?"

"Not much. I'm afraid."

"Uh huh. I don't know if this is going to work out. We're looking for someone with at least two years' experience doing the job."

"But how am I supposed to get the experience without working?"

"I dunno. That's your problem."

What a bummer. Spend four or five years of your life on campus, busting butt through endless term papers and finals, and only moments after slipping that silly-looking mortar board in the air you discover that your education — while important — isn't really what an employer wants.

I've been there. I know this to be true, because I went through a similar ordeal myself not too long ago. I know the frustration that comes with hoping for that first nibble from a company when nothing

seems to be doing the trick. And that's why I'm pleased as punch to offer internships to up-and-coming reporters. This year, those internships went to Grace Blum and Anneliese Woolford.

My own college experience wasn't much different. In a situation that was very Sergei Federov-esque, I happened to be surrounded by a bunch of very talented college journalists. They'd be interning at larger newspapers for the summer months, but they'd be earning those internships via interviews. I knew I'd be toast if I tried competing with those guys. I'd be blown out of the water.

So my ingenious plan called for me seek an interview during the winter semester. The way I figured, no one else from CMLife would be competing with me at that time, effectively making paydirt and Internship Bliss only a phone call or two away.

Right? Wrong. Dead wrong.

I couldn't have been more wrong. I didn't bother to check with the newspapers in the area to see if they offered off-season internships. Well, go figure. They didn't.

That prompted me to expand my search from my A-list to my B-list.

And then my C-list.

I think eventually I got to my ZZ-list.

...and not a nibble to show for my effort.

Finally, when all appeared lost and my brilliant scheme dashed to the rocks of the Chippewa River, I got in touch with Marty Bucholz, editor of the *Clare County Cleaver*, smack dab in the middle of Harrison. (Marty, by the way, is still the editor up that way. I checked on that this week.)

"Yeah, we can take you," Marty told me. "We've never had an intern before. This could be kinda neat."

I thought I was dreaming, but I wasn't.

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Ash to ashes, dust to dust...ahh, trees

If the emerald ash borer follows the path of Dutch elm disease and chestnut blight before it, in just a few years the will be few, if any ash trees left in Novi.

It's been just a year since the Asian pest was first identified in southeast Michigan, but already individuals and public officials are commenting on the alarming number of dead and dying trees throughout the city.

There are some who suggest that the thing to do is to cut down all the ash trees, since they're going to die, anyway. The city of Novi recently approved a tree replanting program for Catholic Central High School that exempted the school from replacing ash trees on its property based on that logic.

That seems to make as much sense as using a tourniquet on your neck to stop a bloody nose.

Clearly the genie can't be put back in the

bottle once it's out, but doing nothing or out racing the beetle to destruction cheats our children.

Dutch elm disease had been around for more than 30 years when it arrived in this region in the 1960s and within a decade, boulevards in Detroit that had once looked like green-roofed gothic cathedrals were barren strips of concrete. The American elm had been favored by urban arborists and timbermen alike because it was stress-tolerant and fast-growing, producing a tall, straight trunk that fanned out into an elegant vase shape.

They were planted in the thousands along city and village streets, but by the end of the 1970s all that was left was stumps and memories.

Although rare today, the American chestnut was once the dominant tree in eastern forests. However in 1824 an exotic fungus was first noticed among stands of southern trees and the disease marched across the country virtually unchecked at a rate of 24 miles a year until the Chestnut was virtually eliminated from the landscape.

There's no reason to believe the ash will be any different. The question is what to do. The answer, I think, is learn from the past.

Ash trees were first planted in large numbers to replace the decimated American Elms. In a sense, urban arborists planted the seeds of their own destruction.

Planting block after block of the same

tree, simply because it grows quick and is readily available pretty much guarantees a moonscape when the next exotic bug or fungus arrives as it inevitably will.

Diversity seems to be the obvious solution. We should try to save the trees we can, but for those we can't plant a poplar for ourselves and an oak for our grandchildren.

There's no reason to believe the ash tree's fate will be any different than the Dutch elm or the American chestnut. Diversity in replanting seems to be the key for the future.

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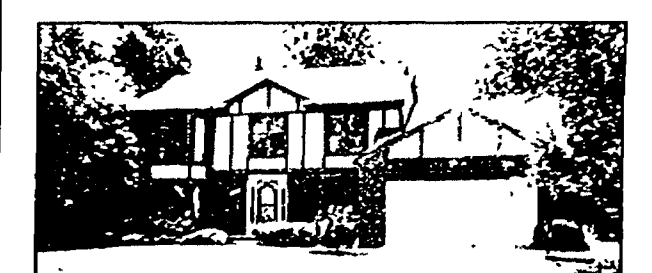
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OBITUARIES

John C. Thames

John C. Thames of Northville died July 7.

Mr. Thames was born in Cleveland on Jan. 30, 1927, to John and Lucille Thames. Mr. Thames was a resident of the South Lyon area for the past 31 years and formerly resided in Livonia.

Mr. Thames was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the American Legion in Northville and was a Sampson War veteran.

Mr. Thames is survived by his wife, Irene Thames of South Lyon; his children, Anita (Dennis) Kraft of Arizona, Nancy (Robert) Long of Howell, and John C. Thames Jr. of South Lyon; his grandson, Ryan Long; his brothers, Richard (Joyce) Thames of Pennsylvania, and Donald (Cheryl) Thames of Ohio; and his sister-in-law, Virginia Thames of Pennsylvania. He was preceded in death by his daughters, Susan and Sharon; his brother, Edward Thames; his sisters, Ruth Ann Thames and Theresa Selvoski and his parents, John and Lucille

Obituaries are printed free of charge in the Northville Record, but information must be provided to the Record no later than noon of the Tuesday preceding the Thursday of publication. Obituary information not originating from a funeral home must be accompanied with a photocopy of a state-issued death certificate. Materials can be sent to:

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Thames.

A funeral Mass for Mr. Thames was celebrated July 10 at St. Joseph Funeral Home in South Lyon. Rev. Father Kenneth Chase officiated the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Foundation, 18831 West 12 Mile Road, Lathrup Village, Mich.

48076-9806. Funeral arrangements were handled by Phillips Funeral Home of South Lyon.

Carol J. Lane

Carol Lane of Northville died July 6 in Novi. She was 47.

Ms. Lane was born June 27, 1956 in McCaysville, Ga., to Lake Newton and Margie Queen. A resident of the Novi area for most of her life, Ms. Lane worked as a waitress and was a member of First Baptist Church of Novi.

Ms. Lane is survived by her parents, Margie and Freelin of Northville; her children, Rick of Jackson and Michelle of Plymouth; her siblings, Marie, Kathy, William, Annie and Becky; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service for Ms. Lane was held July 9 at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville, which handled funeral arrangements. Pastor Gary Elfner of First Baptist Church of Novi officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be made the charity of the giver's choosing.

Douglas Paul Seranian

Douglas Seranian of Plymouth died July 12 at his home. He was 44.

Mr. Seranian was born March 4, 1959 in Detroit to Jack and Ruth (LeHew) Seranian, who survive him. He later married Sharon Seranian, who also survives him.

Mr. Seranian was a Northville High School graduate and worked as a self-employed caregiver. He was a member of Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780.

In addition to his parents and wife, Mr. Seranian is survived by his son, Troy Seranian of Plymouth; his brother, Christopher (Tracey) Seranian of Plymouth, and his niece, Randall Seranian of Plymouth.

A memorial service for Mr. Seranian was held July 16 at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville, which handled funeral arrangements. Rev. Jennifer Bixby of First United Methodist Church of Northville officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the giver's choosing.

Jeane H. Allyn

Jeane Allyn died July 14 at Whitehall Health Care Center in Novi. She was 82.

Ms. Allyn was born Feb. 4, 1921, in Detroit to the late Harvey Tustin and Jessie Neal Tustin. A retired Livonia school teacher, Ms. Allyn had been a resident of Northville since 1986 and was a member of Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills.

Ms. Allyn is survived by her sons, Tony (Linda) Allyn of Northville and Randy (Pat) Allyn

of Smithville, Texas; and her grandchildren, Angela, Noah, Natalie and Melody Allyn. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Allyn, in 1978.

A private memorial service for Ms. Allyn will be held at Oakland Hills Memorial Garden in Novi. Memorial contributions may be made to the Northville District Library or the Michigan Humane Society.

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

ON CAMPUS

Northville resident Michael Anthony Sayre was among the graduates of Cleary University during spring 2003 commencement ceremonies.

Northville resident Stefanie Warren was among the graduates of Northern Michigan University during spring 2003 commencement ceremonies.

Northville resident Lisa Shanks was accepted to Interlochen Arts Camp for summer 2003.

Northville residents Elizabeth Ricketts, Amy Fontana, Lynn Szyal and Kristen Roberts were named to the dean's list at Grand Valley State University for the winter 2003 semester.

MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Village is an eleven-acre collection of 19th century buildings along the Mill Pond operated by the Northville Historical Society. The Village is open dawn to dusk seven days a week and is located on the west side of Griswold north of Main Street in downtown Northville. The office, located at the Cady Inn, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Archives are open on Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment. The 2nd Sunday in June through the 3rd Sunday in October the buildings are open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. with docents (hosts/hostesses) in each to share the history of that building. For detailed information about special programs or renting the facilities call the office at (248) 348-1845.

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July 18	9 am - 1 pm 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Archives Open to the Public Rehearsal	Cady Inn Church
July 19	2:30 p.m. - 4:30 pm 5 pm - 7 pm 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Wedding Wedding Rehearsal	Church Church Church
July 20	10 am - 12:00 pm 1 pm - 4 pm 4 pm - 6 pm 5 pm - 8 pm	Mill Creek Community Church Buildings Open to the Public Wedding Grodin Party	Church Buildings & Grounds Church Cady Inn
July 22	9 am - noon	Stone Gang	Buildings & Grounds
July 23	11 am - 2 pm 7 pm - 9 pm	Northville Garden Club Mill Creek Community Church Prayer Service	Cady Inn Church
July 24	9 am - 1 pm 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Archives Open to the Public Rehearsal	Cady Inn Church

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The first and second reading of the Telecommunications Ordinance will be held at the Board of Trustees meeting on July 17, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville Township Civic Center, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.

The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate access to and ongoing use of public rights-of-way by telecommunications providers for their telecommunications facilities while protecting the public health, safety, and welfare and exercising reasonable control of the public rights-of-way in compliance with the Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Rights-of-Way Oversight Act (Act No. 48 of the Public Acts of 2002) ("Act") and other applicable law, and to ensure that the Charter Township of Northville qualifies for distributions under the Act by modifying the fees charged to providers and complying with the Act.

This is a synopsis of the ordinance. The complete ordinance is on file in the Clerk's Office for review. The public is invited to attend and express their comments and questions. Written comments regarding the proposed ordinance will be received by the Township Clerk's Office, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.

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WERNER NAMED STUDENT AMBASSADOR

Danielle Werner, a student at Northville High School, has been accepted into the People to People Student Ambassador Programs Leadership Summit 2003. The Summit, Creating a Positively Better World, takes place July 17 through 26 at Rollins College in Orlando, Florida.

The program was developed to foster leadership abilities among young achievers and promote peace through understanding. Werner was accepted for the honor based on outstanding scholastic merit, civic involvement and leadership potential. Participants are eligible to earn academic credit through the program.

Werner was selected as one of 250 students from across the country to hear national-level speakers including author and journalist Farai Chideya and renowned young activist Danny Seo. Participants, known as Student Ambassadors, will take part in small-group workshops, discussions, and community projects. They will explore such topics as cultural and ethnic diversity, and how to resolve conflict through peaceful solutions. Each Student Ambassador will be charged with developing an individual action plan for making a difference in his or local community.

In addition to the scholastic pursuits, Student Ambassadors will have opportunities to meet an astronaut at Kennedy Space Center, witness ocean wonders at Sea World, and learn about endangered species during an ecotour.

RIDGE WOOD CLASS-ROOM 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.

STARFISH FAMILY SERVICES NOW ENROLLING

The Starfish Family Services program — which provides free pre-school programs to Northville residents residing in Wayne County and neighboring areas — is currently enrolling children.

The Head Start Program is open for three and four-year-olds and offers part-day classes Monday through Thursday (morning or afternoon for three hours per day) or full-day classes Monday through Friday for eight hours per day. Parents must work or attend school.

For more information or to register, please call (734) 326-6271.

Starfish Family Services Head Start offers a learning environment preparing children for Kindergarten, services for children with disabilities/special

needs and provides services for foster children. Nutritious meals and snacks are served daily.

In addition, the Michigan School Readiness program — which is geared for four-year-olds — offers part-day classes Monday through Thursday in the morning or afternoon for three hours per day. Children must be age 4 by Dec. 1 of this school year.

Starfish Family Services MSRP provides services for families that reside in the following school districts: Crestwood, Inkster, Livonia, Clarenceville, Plymouth/Canton, Redford or Wayne/Westland.

Northville residents residing in Wayne County are also included.

For further information call (313) 541-4340 or (734) 326-6271.

RIDGE WOOD OFFICE HOURS

The office for Ridge Wood Elementary School will be closed until mid July. 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. July 17, 22, 23 and 24. You can reach the principal, Nancy Raynes, or her administrative assistant, Yvonne Hughes, at (248) 344-8493 ext. 230 and 231, respectively.

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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.

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A table shows the dozens of marijuana plants located in a Northville Township field, which were confiscated by police.

Cops dig up scores of pot plants

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"We're assuming he was growing it to sell it. If [the plants] had grown to maturity, this could have been hundreds of pounds of marijuana."

Garbarino said the plants were sent to the Michigan State Police Crime Lab.

He added that the case is slated to be reviewed by the

Wayne County prosecutor to determine what charges may be filed.

If convicted, the man could face a 7-year felony and/or a \$500,000 fine, Garbarino said.

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



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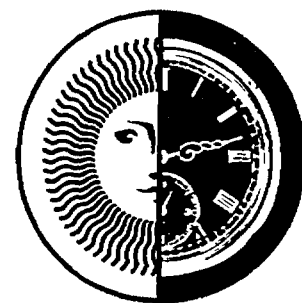
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New pastor leads established congregation

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takes its commitment to "blend" into the Northville community quite seriously.

Both the church itself, located at 770 Thayer Boulevard and the congregation it houses are visible reminders of a dedication to faith in the local community. The role that religion plays in Northville combined with the city's overall appeal is what Our Lady of Victory's pastor, Rev. Terry Kerner, said attracted him to the parish.

"It seems that the parishioners are very involved in the parish, but there's a lot of outreach and appreciation for the Northville community through involvement in cultural and civic activities," Kerner said. "There's a sense I'm picking up that people are very much appreciative of the Northville lifestyle and all it has to offer."

This only his third week as pastor of the church, Kerner was appointed the position following the Rev. Ernest Poncan's retirement after 10 years at Our Lady of Victory.

Kerner served as pastor at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church in Monroe 17 years prior.

"Monroe is a very historic town and I really appreciate history," Kerner said. "Monroe is also filled with a lot of old Victorian homes and is a very stately city. What attracted me to come here was the similar beauty and charm of Northville."

In addition to Kerner, Our Lady of Victory's parish staff includes newly-ordained Rev. Paul Czarnota as associate pastor, Deacon Don Quigley, and seminarian Aaron DePeyster who accompanied Kerner from Monroe.

So far, Kerner says he has enjoyed a "delightful few weeks" at the church, noting its historic standing and the respect it receives as a pillar in Northville and surrounding communities. He expresses the importance for any pastor to know and appreciate the history not only of his parish, but also the city that it's part of.

Our Lady of Victory was built in 1922, its

original church standing on the corner of Orchard and Thayer Boulevard. Since, it has been remodeled and expanded into three primary buildings: the church, parish offices, and a school. Today's parish consists of approximately 2,300 members, many of who are involved in the variety of activities and services offered through the church.

Two of Our Lady of Victory's most popular programs are designed for children and young adults to help strengthen their faith in ways suited to their needs.

The religious education program helps nurture and teaches aspects of Christianity to children from pre-school through eighth grade. For high school students, the youth ministry program combines eight components: advocacy, catechesis, community life, evangelization, justice and service, leadership development, pastoral care, and prayer and worship, to expand an individual's religious opportunities and experiences.

Young parishioners also become involved in scouting and in the Catholic Youth Organization sports program offered at Our Lady of Victory.

Several other committees and activities are available through the church's Christian Service Commission, such as a hospitality committee, a civic concern committee and a prison ministry at the Scott Correctional Facility.

Kerner compliments the activeness of his parish, yet stresses the importance for all churches to play an active role in their respective communities.

"You can't isolate faith and religion from everyday life. It's part of everyday life," he said. "Respect for God and for one another, respect for country and community, respect for people. It all works together."

To coincide with its notable parish and community service, Kerner would like to face the challenge of building a new school at Our Lady of Victory during his time as pastor.

The current school was built in 1952 and enrolls approximately 600 children in kindergarten through eighth grade. Kerner would like to refurbish the building to a size double that of what it is now, hoping to attract families into the church that would want to enroll their children at the school. He plans to look at an architectural style that employs what he considers a "Northville look" to best integrate the school into the community. "I'd like to see our church's campus fit into the community very beautifully so that not only Our Lady of Victory parishioners, but all citizens can look at it with pride," Kerner said.

Daily mass is held at Our Lady of Victory Monday at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday-Friday at 9:15 a.m. and Saturday at 5 p.m. Four Sunday masses are held in the summer at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. Five Sunday masses are held after Labor Day at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Owner claims 'Cricket' as Northville's scariest-kitty

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June 5 application for "Northville Records," she could only think of one person...well, cat.

"Cricket," Hines' four year old mix, truly is a scardy-cat. Since the time she was given to Hines as a kitten, Cricket has taken off running from other cats, dogs, birds and even crickets themselves.

Hines notices the timid nature of cats more frequently since she's had one of her own, but continues to insist that Cricket is the most terrified cat in all of Northville.

What one would naturally assume is the complete opposite in Cricket's case. Ironically, she interacts as would any cat while outdoors. If a chipmunk or bird is in the vicinity, she playfully stalks them. However while she is inside, Cricket will hide for lengths of time after seeing an animal peeking back at her from the other side of the screen.

As for human interaction, it's clear that Cricket prefers one above all others.

"If she can't see anything and just hears the sound, that's what scares her the most."

Marian Hines
owner of 'Cricket'

"She's cozy when it's just us two, but she gets scared whenever some stranger is around or when there's an odd noise," Hines said.

Yet, as the saying goes, there are exceptions to every rule. The pair can be comfortably be watching TV one minute, but when Hines scratches her arm, Cricket runs for cover.

"If she can't see anything and just hears the sound, that's what scares her most," Hines said.

Once she is able to locate

Cricket in one of her many hiding spots, it takes Hines' gentle coaxing (usually involving some food) to lure out the scardy-cat. It only works though if Cricket's sure what the food is, said Hines.

Common pet owner tasks are often a chore given the situation, but for one reason or another, Cricket knows not to fuss when it's time for a trip to the vet.

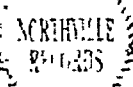
"I stuff her in the tote and it's just kind of matter of fact," Hines said. "She seems to respect the [vet's] authority."

Cricket has never traveled nor had a chance to move into a new environment. While Hines' children have expressed an interest in providing a future home for Cricket, Hines herself is unsure of how the cat would react.

"I'd expect she'd be pretty cautious, but I guess she'd just have to get past it."

Anneliese Woolford is a special writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700.

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No more fish scooping?

Lindsay Tomasak ready to move on from local pet store, Northville High School and on to bigger and better things



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Former Mustang softball player Lindsay Tomasak will soon be playing ball for Sienna Heights University. Here she takes a cut at the Northville High School diamond.

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The second the interview starts with recent Northville graduate Lindsay Tomasak, there is already one thing for certain — she's not your run-of-the-mill teenager.

Where most talk about how great their senior year was and why they will miss everyone so much, Tomasak makes it clear that she can't wait to start on her own path in life.

For Tomasak, that path looks to be a fun and interesting one, as she earned herself a scholarship to play softball at Sienna Heights University in Adrian.

"It's a real small, division-two school," Tomasak said. "I'm really excited and can't wait to go."

Tomasak is the first to say that she was lucky to get the chance to play softball at the next level. After a particularly disappointing senior year that found her playing third base for the first time ever in her career, she said the coaches at Sienna Heights overlooked the statistics and saw something else in her.

"Luckily they saw my attitude," she said. "The coaches came out and watched me play a couple of times, and they knew how hard it was. But nothing changed my attitude and I did what I could in the new situation."

Tomasak managed to crank

out a .303 batting average despite the off year, partially thanks to her favorite bat which is a Louisville Slugger she lovingly named "Betsy."

Though many people might not know it, there's more to Tomasak than softball. She eats, breathes, sleeps and lives the game, but she finds other things to occupy her time as well.

And while away at college, there will be plenty to keep her occupied. Tomasak is planning on majoring in biology at the university, and then going into a field of physical therapy.

"It's sports related, so that's how I became interested in it," she noted.

But, there's even a step beyond the physical therapy for humans that she would like to explore. Including, but no doubt not limited to, physical training for animals.

"I want to do something with animals, but I don't want to be a vet," Tomasak said. "So, animal physical therapy is a good field to go in to."

And Tomasak definitely likes working around animals. She pretty much immerses herself with animals, and has a collection of critters to keep track of at her house including an aquarium full of "wimpy community fish," a bird named Buddy, a hermit crab named Hermie and a Yorkshire terrier named Daisy.

Most interestingly, Tomasak also keeps herself in the company of two frogs. One is named

Fat Boy, while the other is named Kermie — and Kermie has an interesting story.

"He has teeth," Tomasak said. "That's why I liked him in the first place."

But, that's not the interesting part.

"And, he's blind," she added. "When I got him he was sick and wasn't doing very well. He's much better now. I have to hand feed him and everything, but he's great."

Tomasak even has what many might consider to be a horror story about a bird she once tried to be friendly with at a pet store in Novi — but she hardly blames the bird.

"It was their big macaw, and I picked him up though they don't suggest you do that," she said. "I had to go, so I went to put him down and he didn't want to be put down. So, he reached down and grabbed me and punctured my skin. I still have a scar and I haven't

touched that bird since."

And that's not where the animal connections come to a close either. Tomasak just happens to be working in the fish department at the local Petsmart on Haggerty Road.

"I've been there for two years and both in the fish department," Tomasak said, but added that once she heads off for the collegiate world her days around all those aquariums may be done.

"I think my fish-scooping days will be done in August. Unless, of course, I do some fish scooping during the college breaks."

And when she's not harassing the aquatic life, Tomasak is busy working in the world of lawn management with Nicke's Yard Service, Inc., which is owned by her brother, Nick, and employs her boyfriend, Dave Stewart — both Northville graduates.

In fact, Tomasak's entire family has major Northville ties. Not only did she and her brother attend and graduate Northville High School — so have many others from her clan. "We're sixth generation Northville," she said with a laugh. "My family has been here for a long, long time."

But, Tomasak doesn't mind. Though she's eager to escape the routine existence that a high school student builds for themselves, she's still going to miss being around her family and friends.

"My mom (Patti) and dad (Joseph) are great," she said. "They went to everything and encouraged me to do my best."

And her brother will miss her too.

"He already told me that I have to get my butt back to Northville as soon as school is out so we can get back to work," Tomasak said. "I told him I'd try my best."

But don't get Tomasak wrong. She has a dark side too, though you wouldn't know it when you meet her. At one point in her fascination with the Disney-made movie "Lilo and Stitch," Tomasak and her boyfriend thought it a good idea to "borrow" two cardboard cutouts of the characters from Mammoth Video "with no intent to give them back."

"I still have them in my room," she said. And when she isn't kidnapping cardboard cutouts or being

friendly with the wildlife of the planet, she can be found scooting around in her 1995 Ford Escort with "built-in child safety seats that I don't even know how to work" and a whopping 112,000 miles on the odometer.

Oh yeah, and there's one more thing — though she is far from tipping the scales, Tomasak finds herself touching on a past time that is quickly turning into a competitive venue: Eating.

"I love to eat," she said. When asked how she packs any amount of food into her tiny frame, she was quick with a response. "I hold my own."

Tomasak says she has an undying craving for 7-Eleven slurpees and has to have one at least once a day. And, when she can scrounge up someone who wants to go with her, she can be found at Taco Bell munching on her favorite cheesy gordita crunch.

"They're the best," Tomasak said. "But, you can never find someone who wants to go to Taco Bell."

Poor Lindsay Tomasak. Hopefully, she finds herself among plenty of animal-loving, cardboard stealing, Taco Bell eating college students at Sienna Heights.

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Keep checking the sports section for the next installment of my

Not the typical interview with a high school athlete



Sam Eggleston

Every now and again, I get the chance to encounter a student-athlete that is, quite simply, rather unique.

Lindsay Tomasak, a recent Northville graduate, is one of those particular athletes. Unlike many students at any school I've covered, Tomasak was quick to respond to any question, not hiding anything back and not pulling any punches. Her wit, humor and sarcasm all compliment the athlete and person she's become over the years, and should continue to do so when she goes to the next

level to participate in softball with Sienna Heights University.

Most of my interviews last a whopping 15 to 20 minutes in order to punch out a senior spotlight. The athletes are often not sure of how they should respond to particular questions, or feel uncomfortable about just being interviewed altogether. Not Tomasak though. Not only did our interview last nearly a full hour, it was also full of some insightful commentary and interesting conversation.

I found, by the end of the inter-

view, that Tomasak was the kind of athlete that I should have taken the time to get to know quite a while ago — not just a month before she packs her bags and heads to college.

And, that brings me to the point of my column. I don't know a lot of the athletes at Northville High School. Yeah, I know of them, but I really don't know them. This coming fall season I plan on starting a surging effort to not only get to know the seniors before they graduate, but to allow the public to know them as well. People like

Tomasak are out there, it just takes some time to find them and when I do I find them to be rather intriguing and interesting.

I hope everyone has enjoyed each and every one of the senior spotlights that have been published in the Northville Record. I know it's a far cry from straight-out sports coverage, but getting to know the athlete as a person is just as important as knowing how well they play on the field, court or in the rink — right?

Keep checking the sports section for the next installment of my

senior spotlights, and I hope that you, as the readers, enjoy finding out the interesting things that our athletes say and do as much as I enjoy writing about them.

And, don't forget to read the latest spotlight on Tomasak. Not only has she proven to be my most interesting senior spotlight as of yet, but also the most eye-opening.

Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.

Bowling offers cool options during summer

By Brian Doyle
SPECIAL WRITER

As the summer rolls on and so does the unpredictable Michigan weather there is one sport that you can count on regardless of sweltering heat or summer thunderstorms. Bowling is available rain or shine and is no longer the same mundane sport that many people picture it as.

"Some people have a totally old impression of how it used to be," said Jerry Harris, the owner of Novi Bowl.

Novi Bowl has been able to integrate a slew of fresh ideas into their Bowling Center. Glo-Bowl is available on Friday and Saturday nights.

"Glo-Bowling makes it exciting with the music going on and

the colored balls that glow," Harris said.

Novi Bowl also plans to start a new "Indoor picnic" in which the weather won't matter and the fun of bowling will also be present.

"We don't have to worry about the weather," Harris said, "There are no ants, no bugs, and no rain."

Despite all the other types of new entertainment out there bowling is still one of the favorite pastimes and ranked number three in a recently compiled list of activities by a nationally recognized news source.

Novi Bowl has a ton of summer specials going on to draw people out to the lanes this year. Mondays are "Bowl Your Brains Out Mondays" where you can bowl as much as you want for a set price. Tuesdays are two for

Tuesdays offering two dollar shoe rentals, games, burgers and beer. Wednesday is Roll-a-Bowl Wednesday where you roll to determine how much you pay and also have the chance to win a free game.

"It almost always ends up being less than regular prices," Harris said.

Friday is Family Glo-Bowl which offers glo-bowling for \$15/hour. During the week, Novi Bowl also has a special from 9-5 for moms who want to bring their kids in to bowl. The special includes bowling, hot dogs, and drinks for a special price.

"Bowling is still one of the most inexpensive family events that you can do," Harris said.

Coming up in August will be the "Strike Fest" where bowlers can win prizes for throwing

strikes in certain situations. A red pin will be thrown into the mix and if it comes up as the head pin and the bowler throws a strike, they will win a prize.

Novi Bowl also hosts many other events. They have been hosts to corporate parties, birthday parties and everything from weddings to Bar Mitzvahs.

"People may not think of their local bowling center to do these things," Harris said.

Novi Bowl also has combined with day-care centers to provide a last minute event in case a planned outdoor event falls through.

"If people have something plan this summer with the weather being how it is in Michigan, don't forget to think about your local bowling center, we can accommodate large crowds almost

instantaneously," Harris said.

Novi Bowl also has a lot of summer leagues going on as well. They have traditional leagues as well as youth leagues, tournament leagues, and a glo-bowl league on Tuesday nights.

Novi Bowl doesn't only feature bowling, it also has its own grill which makes pizza, burgers, fries and other food.

So during the summer, sporting fun doesn't always have to be outdoors, bowling is an excellent option that isn't weather dependent.

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.

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Novi boy bowls 300 game — at age 15!

By Brian Doyle
SPECIAL WRITER

At age 15, Dan DePollo did something that almost all of us could never do in a lifetime. On May 17 at Novi Bowl DePollo threw ten strikes in a row to capture the pinnacle of bowling success, a 300 game.

"I had always been hoping for that," DePollo said, "It was just kind of hard to believe at first."

The game took place on a Saturday morning during one of the leagues that DePollo participates in. DePollo was bowling a game with one of his friends on his team, Nick Masters. According to DePollo, just after he threw his final ball he turned and saw his mother, Lynn DePollo walk in the

doors. "I was just walking in the door and they were announcing that someone had just bowled a perfect game. He turned around and looked at me and the look was disbelief."

DePollo's previous high score was 257 and he averages around 190. Although the pressure was mounting as the game went on and most of the league surrounded him, DePollo said that he tried to focus just on each shot individually.

"I was trying not to think what I had going," he said, "I was trying to think about going up and throwing

ing a good shot."

DePollo was on the Novi High School varsity bowling team as well, which he made as a freshman last year.

"I was pretty proud of that," Lynn DePollo said.

DePollo said that his time on the school bowling team really helped his game.

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Lynn DePollo
Dan DePollo's Mother

"It was different; a different format, more people on the team. I think all the practice I got and the help from coaches really helped me," he said.

At age 15, DePollo has a lot to look forward to with a perfect game under his belt.

"If I could I would like to go pro," he said, "Or find some way of making money from it, either in an alley or at a pro shop."

DePollo may also be able to use his bowling skills to help him finance higher education as well.

"We understand that the Detroit area is ripe with scholarship money for bowling," Lynn DePollo said, "We are looking into tournaments for him."

DePollo said that his parents, Lynn and Kevin, are very supportive of him. According to him, his parents are the ones that have helped him most in his career by supporting him in his leagues and helping him out with equipment.

His parents both enjoy bowling and actually went bowling on their second date. When he was three years old his parents started him in a



Photo by John Heider

Bowler Dan DePollo rolls at Novi Bowl in May 2003. DePollo bowled a perfect game at the age of 15 years old.

plastic bowling set which he enjoyed. However, it was at a birthday party when he was seven when he got hooked on bowling.

When he was in seventh grade he found his hook and reached 200 in the same game.

"I actually accidentally found it out," he said, "I found if I threw it on the very right side it would

hook in."

That was also the point when his mom realized how good he was. Dan also said that the people that work at Novi Bowl have been very helpful to him.

"Dave that runs the pro-shop has been real good with him," Lynn DePollo said, "Marcy has been just wonderful helping the kids and

encouraging them and everything."

While it may be a little ways off, the PBA tour is not an unattainable goal for this fifteen year old Novi High school student. With a perfect game under his belt at his age and more time to grow, the possibility is looming in the future.

"For the last year or so all he's talked about is when he grows up

he wants to bowl on the PBA," Lynn DePollo said, "Now that's a possibility."

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This Northville Bronco softball team will be representing the Northville community as well as Michigan as a whole when they travel to and compete in the softball world series.

Softball squad qualifies for World Series play

The U12 Bronco Fastpitch team were runner-ups in the July 4th weekend Little Caesar's USSSA Tournament, qualifying the Northville girls to compete at the World Series in Indianapolis at the end of July. They won five games to get to the finals, where they met the Bulldogs, a team they beat earlier in pool play, only to run out of steam by the 6th game.

The weekend began with a mercy over the Lady Thunderbirds. The Bronco bats were just too hot to handle. The Bronco's leadoff hitter, Kelsey Whelan, went 3 for 3, with a triple, two singles, four RBIs, and scored three runs. Brittany Birdsell and Jamie Cotrone both were 2 for 2 at the plate, and each scored 2 runs. Brittany also notched 2 RBIs. The entire line-up hit the ball giving Krysta Cicala the lead she welcomed on the mound. Krysta struck out 2 girls each inning until the game was called on a mercy score of 17-2.

The next game was against a strong competitor, the St. Clair Bulldogs. The Bronco lost to the Bulldogs earlier in the year, but were able to cage the bulldogs this time. The Bronco bats were alive again with the Bronco's clean-up hitter, Annie Tasse going 3 for 4, knocking in three runs. Kelsey Whelan had three hits, while Kelsey Lewis, Alex Kaszuba and Krysta Cicala added two hits each of their own. At the end of regulation play, the score was tied at 11-11, which invoked the international tie breaking rule. Going into the 1st inning, each team begins with a runner on second, hoping to assure that at least one team is able to get that runner home within three outs. The Bronco knew just what to do in the top of the inning. With Lewis on second, Tasse, Kaszuba and Cicala each pounded singles to the outfield, with no one out, and all four ended up scoring either on those singles or the fielder's choices when their teammates, Amanda West and Jamie Cotrone put the ball in play later in that inning. Then it was Bulldog's chance to score in the 1st inning. The Bulldogs failed in getting that free runner any further than third base in the top of the extra inning, with a strike out and two infield ground outs. The Bronco were victors once again at 15-11.

The third game of the day was against the Inter-Lakes Cyclones who weren't up to facing the Bronco's Krysta Cicala on the mound. Krysta threw 7 strikeouts to the first 11 batters. The one infield hit was eventually erased with Kelsey Whelan, from the catching position, throwing the runner out on the steal attempt. In the fourth inning Alex Kaszuba came to the mound and after letting in two runs, buckled down with two strike outs to get the save. After four innings of play, the Bronco's offense had notched 15 runs to end the game in a mercy, 15-3.

The next morning's game against the Magic was off to a good start with a 7-0 lead after the top of the first inning. So, the Bronco switched up the line up a bit and before they knew it, the first inning ended with only a two run lead. The defense line-up was changed again, and the Bronco went on to win, 14-10. Megan Hofmeister was walked three times, stole three bases and scored all three times. Amanda West contributed a double, single and 2 RBIs. Jamie Cotrone and Kelsey Lewis also had 2 RBIs.

The semi-final game was against another InterLakes team, the InterLakes Storm. Once again, the bats of the Bronco were too much for the InterLakes team to handle, with a final score of 15-3. Jamie Cotrone swung for two singles and 3 RBIs in the game. Erin Hughes hit a clutch single to right in the second inning, scoring two of her teammates which was the beginning of the

offensive charge. Megan Brennan ended the offensive charge with a hot shot line drive to right, which was the game winning hit and RBI, invoking the mercy rule once again.

The bats and strong defense of the Bronco brought them to the championship game, to face their earlier rival, the Bulldogs. By the sixth game of the tournament, the defense was exhausted and it showed on the field. The third inning the defense buckled and the Bulldogs scored four runs to take a 5-0 lead. The Bronco did chip back at the deficit, but ran out of steam, as they went on to lose 10-4. Capturing the runners-up trophy gave the Bronco a berth to the World Series, beginning July 28th in Indianapolis! Congratulations Bronco!

State Tournament

The following weekend, July 11-13, the Bronco competed for the State Title. The competition at the States includes teams which are made up of multi-communities and all area teams from as far north as Petoskey and as far west as Grand Rapids. The Northville team is a community-based team, which consists of only Northville residents. By the quarter finals, it is fair to expect only the multi-community and all area teams to be left. Not this year! The Northville Bronco made it to the top eight!

After two victories in pool play, the Bronco ended up tied for first with Riverview. The first game ended in a 12-3 victory over the InterLakes Storm team. The entire Bronco line up chalked up a hit or sacrifice and 10 out of the 11 players scored at least one run. The second game versus the Macomb Mustangs found the Bronco trailing by one run, 2-1, after giving up 2 unearned runs in the first inning of play. Krysta Cicala, on the mound, held the Mustangs the rest of the way. She threw 11 strike outs in 5 innings, and let up one hit. The hot bats of Lewis and Tasse combined for five hits, including back to back triples.

Whelan and Cotrone each contributed two hits. Cicala and Rachel Rogatski each earned two RBIs. Rachel's RBIs came off of a home-run crush to right center field which ended the game on the mercy rule, 12-3.

With Riverview and Northville both with two wins, the tie breaking rules had to be applied to decide 1st seed and 2nd seed from the pool, entering into the one game elimination playoffs. Both teams allowed the same number of runs, so the second tie breaker, runs scored, with a max of 8 per game, was used. Both teams scored over 8 runs in their two pool games so the third tie breaker was required. The third tie-breaker, run differential between runs scored and runs allowed, put the Bronco in 2nd and having to play another game on Saturday, July 12th.

The first round of playoffs had the Bronco facing the Farmington Devils. The two teams were equally matched and it was a pitching duel. Each pitcher struck out 10 players. Each pitcher walked three batters. In the end, it came down to the team that made the least errors. Northville Bronco made two, creating one unearned run, and Farmington had three defensive errors, causing two unearned runs. Northville Bronco won the game in the bottom of the seventh, 6-5.

By winning that game, and finishing as a high seed in pool play, the Bronco moved on to the quarter finals on Sunday, July 13th, where they face the St. Clair Shores Area Vipers. The Bronco defense crumbled against the speedy Vipers and made a total of 12 defensive errors, and 2 base running errors leading to the 11-2 loss.

Over the two weekends of tournament play, the Bronco record was 8-2, which is a strong showing against all area teams! Good Luck to the U12 Bronco throughout the remainder of their season!

Chasing Chandler

■ Former Northville rival earns All-Star football nod

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

For Novi High School graduate Chase Chandler, getting a chance to play in the 2003 All-Star Football game isn't just an honor, but an opportunity as well.

The game is slated to be played at Spartan Stadium at Michigan State University in East Lansing July 26 with player introductions at 1:35 p.m. and the game starting at 2 p.m. Currently, the East lead the series 12-10 and have won the last two in a row.

Chandler, who was a stand-out quarterback his senior year and a three-year starter at defensive back for the Wildcats, will be playing in the secondary for the All-Star East squad and said he is just happy to be a part of this team.

"Though I spent most of my time on the offensive side of the ball my senior year, I feel comfortable playing defensive back," he said. "It's really cool to be selected to play in this game. A lot of the kids on the rosters are big names and will be playing division-one ball. I think it will be fun to match up against them, and hopefully I do pretty well."

And not only should it be fun, but it should be a learning experience as well. Each and every one of the players on the East and West squads for the All-Star game were standouts on their respective high school teams. Now, they are just part of the average on their squad — an experience Chandler will have when he moves on to play at Albion.

"I think it will definitely give me a chance to see the kind of game I will be playing in college," Chandler said. "These athletes, as a whole, are bigger, faster and stronger than the average in high school. It will give me a good idea of what I'm getting myself in to and what level the playing field is going to be at in college."

Chandler noted that he's excited to play in the contest, and he's happy that his parents, Carl and Sally, as well as his brothers, Brad and Adam, and sister, Abby, will be able to see him play in his final high school campaign.

"Playing this game in front of them will be great," Chandler said. "I've worked hard and they've supported me the whole way. I know they're proud of me. Now that I've made the All-Star team, I know that no matter how I play out there, they'll be happy that I'm there."

It will also be fun to see their son and sibling hitting the field in Spartan Stadium in East Lansing.

"They go to the Michigan State games every year," Chandler said, referring to football. "They think it's going to be pretty cool to watch me play out there on that field."

Chandler noted that he recognizes a lot of the names on the East roster — a team that he's happy to be a part of. In fact, many of the names are those of athletes that he took on his senior year as the Wildcats went on to win their District before falling to

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Chase Chandler
All-Star Football player

Detroit Catholic Central. Joel Malkasian was an All-State wide receiver for Lake Orion, while Marcus Woods was a stellar running back for Farmington Hills Harrison. Then, of course, Walled Lake is well represented with Steve Van Nortwick coming out of Western and Scott Long playing for Central.

"Since the East team is picked out of just a handful of counties, I've read about most of these players in the papers or saw them on the news," Chandler said. "I recognize a lot of them and I look forward to playing on the same team with them. It should be a lot of fun."

One of the names that is on the East roster is that of Milford's Jim Presley — a major rival for the Wildcats and a University of Michigan recruit. Unfortunately, an injury will find Presley not able to participate in the contest.

"We were going to play him at linebacker," noted Floyd Carter, the East All-Star head coach and recently resigned head coach of Wayne Memorial High School. Carter will be back on the sidelines as an assistant coach at Livonia Churchill in the fall. "It was an unfortunate thing to happen to him, with his injury and all. But, we are trying to find a way to have him involved somehow, since he can't play in the game."

Chandler noted that he had

been looking forward to playing with Presley instead of against him.

"He was one of those players that helped fuel the rivalry," Chandler said. "I think it would have been great to have played on the same team as him, but that's not the way it worked out. He's an impressive player, and I'm not sure they'll have anyone who would have been as good as he was at middle linebacker."

The players on both the East and West squads will have four days of three-a-day practices and three days of expected two-a-days — all of which finds the squads coming together to learn the plays, become friends and prepare themselves for the final game of their high school careers.

"That's a lot of practice," Chandler said with a laugh. "We're going to have to work out the plays and come up with a couple of different practices. I understand we have to practice that much to get everyone on the same page, but it seems like it might get a little redundant after a while."

And with the possibility of redundancy and most of the players preparing to go to the next level, what are the chances they won't play to their fullest potential?

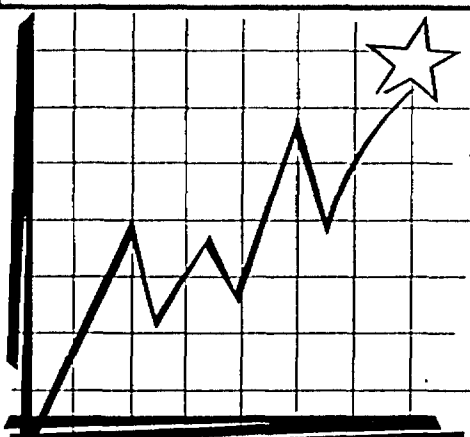
"I can't see that happening," Chandler said. "With all your family and friends and fans there, just the emotion of the game would push you to play your best. No one is going to hold back, and I definitely won't be. We're all going to be out there to go all out and win."

Tickets to the All-Star game can be ordered at a cost of \$8 each with check being sent to Jim Clawson, 21681 Thorofare, Grose Ile, Michigan, 48138. Make checks payable to MHSF-CA and include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Or, tickets can be purchased at the gate for \$10.

There will also be an All-Star banquet the night before at the Holiday Inn South at 6820 Cedar Street in Lansing. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be ordered through Keith Froelich by calling (517) 349-6678.

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'28 Days Later' a unique style of film

Think twice before heading off to England

By Sam Eggleston
ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

There's a bunch of things that I think everybody should know if they plan on visiting England any time soon, and all of this information came directly from the source that is Danny Boyle's "28 Days Later," which is a movie that hinges not only on the edge of weird but crosses that particular line at times as well.

The first thing in my guide to England is a chapter on not going off and thinking it a good idea to rescue some cute little chimps from a research facility. Yeah, they don't look like they enjoy being locked in those little glass cages, but I can guarantee you that it's better than the alternative.

And, by chance, you know someone who is deciding to go out of the tour group and do such a thing, make sure you're a bicycle courier that gets hit by a car and stuffed in a locked-up hospital room while you enjoy your unconsciousness.

Of course, your tour of England will then go right to the dogs as when you wake up, presumably about 28 days later, you find that all but the entire population has turned in to a group of zombie-like creatures that would like nothing more than to either make you into one of them or eat you while you scream and kick in agony. Doesn't sound like a lot of fun, does it?

Well, it wasn't a lot of fun for Jim either. He's the main character in Boyle's flick, and his life just hit the fan — and let's not forget that he probably didn't have the best life in the first place, considering he was a bicycle courier that gets hit by cars on occasion. Not only does he wake up in a deserted city we like to call London, but he eventually finds himself being chased by a priest that looks like he's got a bad case of the munchies, and then finds out his parents killed themselves

to avoid being infected like all the other zombie creeps out there along with a slew of other bad things that happen to him throughout.

Now, if you happen to find yourself in the same boat as Jim, you should know a few things about the "infected."

The first thing is that no matter how confident you are in your hand-to-hand fighting abilities, you don't want to get any where near these buggers. They have an ability to projectile-vomit their infected blood onto you. If it gets in your eyes, mouth and presumably your nose, you'll become one of them in a matter of 10 to 20 seconds. And, that's not the only reason to stay out of their reach — if they bite you, consider yourself a soon-to-be arm-waving maniac with blood red eyes that wants nothing more than to chew on the next non-infected person your senses can pick up.

Secondly, if you find a nice little secure place to hole up with plenty of stuff to eat, no windows, a re-enforced door and lots of drinking water (preferably in bottles, because I wouldn't want to be on the receiving end of some infection-contaminated water), then just stick around there and wait it out. About a month later, the infected will, hopefully, find other things to do besides try and eat you.

And third, if you do decide to wander about for kicks, make sure you never, ever holler out "Hello" in a room full of apparent dead people. I can pretty much assure you that there is a flesh-eating, grunting, infected piece of garbage sleeping in there and just waiting for some poor sap to yell out and give away his or her presence. That marks certain doom in any situation, and not just in England. If there are dead bodies strewn about, do not stand around yelling at the top of your lungs. Keep your mouth shut and continue on your tour of jolly old



Courtesy Photo

Jim is not a happy camper. Not only was he hit by a car while doing his job, but he was knocked out cold for 28 days. And, to top things off, he wakes up to find the entire island of England was infected with a nasty virus while he was out and now everybody wants to eat him or infect him too. Talk about a nightmare.

England!

This movie, to say the least, is a little creepy, but it's nothing that hangs on the edge of the scariest movie ever made. Instead, it lets the hair stand on your arms a little, makes you jump once or twice, and keeps you watching to see what happens next.

Viewers will have to take in mind that "28 Days Later" is a direct import from England, and

thus not made in the styling that we as Americans have become accustomed to. Nevertheless, it's a decent flick and one that I would opening suggest to anyone who wants to see a zombie movie or a horror-movie that doesn't involve a group of teenagers that have awakened some super ancient evil that likes to feast on teenagers and the occasional adult.

Though definitely not a movie to

bring the kids to, "28 Days Later" not only kept me interested, but will make a fine addition to my DVD collection when it comes out in that format.

Oh yeah, and for those who are considering visiting England any time soon, I think this movie makes a bold statement that other filmmakers don't want to touch on: Don't go to their little island! At least here in America, the monsters, basically

stick to camp grounds and nightmares, or on some far-off-the-beaten-path road that only a bunch of kids would go down.

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ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

WWE SmackDown plays Detroit's Joe Louis Arena

This August 19, pick up that favorite reclining chair and toss it aside! It's time to witness WWE the way it's intended to be seen — live — and at Joe Louis Arena. The feuding, chair-throwing, body-slammung, name-calling phenomena called WWE SmackDown will rock Detroit's Joe Louis Arena 7:30 p.m. August 19. Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 19.

The superstars of WWE will bring the drama of SmackDown, the top-rated UPN show, center stage at Joe Louis Arena where local fans will have the rare opportunity to be part of the live television audience. If you haven't witnessed the action of WWE live — you don't know what you're missing!

Tickets (\$15, \$20, \$30 and \$45) for WWE SmackDown go on sale at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 19 at the Joe Louis Arena and Fox Theatre box offices, and Hockeystown

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'Viva la Vida' brings out South America's best

By Karola Saekel

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

In the wonderful bouillabaisse of ethnic cuisines that have come to our shores in the last couple of decades, nuevo Latino is one style that hasn't trickled down from restaurant fare to home cooking (in non-Latino households) nearly as much as many of the other regional approaches.

It's no big surprise, considering that there are far more books on various Asian cuisines and the foods of the Mediterranean than there are of the second half of the Americas.

But Rafael Palomino, a successful East Coast chef, is spreading the nuevo Latino gospel in "Viva la Vida" (with Arlen Gargagliano, Chronicle Books, \$24.95).

It is an attractive book in many ways. The unfussy layout and taste-tempting color photographs by Susie Cushner first draw readers in. The recipes will make them want to get into the kitchen.

Peru is represented by papas a la huancaína, an intriguing dish that tops cooled, boiled, sliced potatoes with salsa mixed with crushed salines, evaporated milk and spices, all served on lettuce leaves. It's definitely not your Fourth of July potato salad.

Skipping to Brazil, skewered shrimp is bathed in a marinade of garlic, olive oil and Caipirinha, that country's national rum and lime cocktail. The grilled shrimp is served with a dipping sauce made of more of the rum concoction (you might as well sip a little while you prepare the grill), mixed with mango nectar and pineapple juice.

Fruit juices and nectars, all easily found in U.S. markets, play key roles in many preparations, and for ingredients that are less common, Palomino thoughtfully suggests acceptable substitutions. If you can't get to an ethnic market for aji mirasol or aji amarillo, two Latin ground chile powders, he directs you toward cayenne.

Palomino draws on memories of his Bogota childhood as much as he does on his American restaurants' menus. There is lechon asado, crispy-juicy roast suckling pig that is the traditional centerpiece of his family's Christmas dinner, and such simple dishes as arroz moro, the Palominos' version of rice and black beans, made both colorful and delicious with green onions, corn kernels, diced tomato and roasted garlic, all seasoned with a sazón spice mix (or cumin if that's not at hand).

Viva la vida translates to "long live life," and Palomino's easy-to-follow recipes carry the promise of a very palatable, as well as long and healthy, life.

ANTICUCHOS DE POLLO (CHICKEN BROCHETTES)

(Serves 6 to 8)

Rafael Palomino adds a special touch to these by using peeled sugarcane as skewers. He serves them with Peruvian potato salad.

2 cups mango nectar
2 tablespoons ketchup
1 teaspoon chipotle puree (see Note)
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
2 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breasts (preferably free-range), cut into strips about 1-x-4-1/2 inches

Light a fire in a charcoal grill or light a gas grill. Soak 6 to 8 wooden skewers in water for 30 minutes.

In a large, shallow bowl, whisk the mango nectar, ketchup, chipotle puree, oil and Worcestershire sauce together. Add the chicken and let sit for 15 minutes. Drain the chicken and weave each strip onto a skewer by moving the skewer up and down as if it were a needle. Grill for 3 to 5 minutes on each side, or until opaque throughout.

Serve hot or at room temperature.

(Note: For chipotle puree, empty 1 can chipotles en adobo into a blender or food processor; blend until smooth. Leftovers can be stored, covered, in the refrigerator up to 6 months.)



Homemade ice cream

Most homemade ice cream recipes often end with the general instruction to "freeze in an ice cream maker according to the manufacturer's instructions."

For the creamiest ice cream, however, take care not to over-churn the batch in the machine. Ice creams with a high proportion of cream can get over-whipped and develop a grainy, almost waxy texture.

Churn the ice cream until it has about the same consistency as soft-serve ice cream. Then transfer it to the freezer to finish freezing.



Susan Huff, founder of Headfirst Farms Food Co-op, prepares an order in the garage of her St. Petersburg, Fla. home.

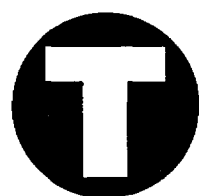
A collective harvest

In a double garage turned food co-op, 27 families find nourishment just the way they like it: organically



Kya Belcher, left, writes a check to Headfirst Farms; Karyn Pippenger, second from left, while Jennifer Pierson-DeWald plays with Tayge Belcher, 7-months, and daughter Emma DeWald.

Story By Janet K. Keeler ■ Photos By James Borchuck ■ St. Petersburg Times



he daikon radishes are causing the biggest stir at Headfirst Farms.

They're whiter than those you see at most grocery stores, where the Chinese radish often goes spotty and limp from neglect. These are firm specimens with carrot-like countenance and slightly spicy attitude. Did we mention how white they are?

"Look at these," says Susan Huff, organic food evangelist. She hoists a bundle in the air. "They are amazing."

What's more amazing is the counter-cuisine world that Huff, 41, has created in the double garage of her St. Petersburg, Fla., home. Wee ones in Birkenstocks, stay-at-home moms, grandmothers, artists, students and one triathlete find their way to Huff's garage — Headfirst Farms — to pick up bimonthly shares of naturally grown, chemical-free organic fruits, vegetables and dairy products.

The 27 families nourished by Huff's organic offerings and ebullient spirit might be better described as a food-buying club than a co-op, an alternative eating and buying concept that flourished in the 1970s. Each pays \$25 to \$35 twice a month for a share of food delivered by an organic food supplier and whatever bounty might be gleaned from Huff's impressive backyard garden.

Occasionally, plump, pampered chickens are for sale, but at 8 pounds Huff says they're mistaken for small turkeys and she has asked the farmer to breed them smaller because their \$17 price tag is too high. Milk from an organic dairy comes in glass containers: a layer of cream floats at the top.

In the middle of the city, Huff, her contractor husband, Ron, and son Matson, 7, live on about an acre. Raised beds sprout beans, tomatoes, parsley, cilantro and spinach, among other things. A pond skirts the property. If one can use the word "tidy" to describe compost, it would be appropriate here. No offensive smell, and just a few flies buzzing.

Huff uses the commercial kitchen of a local restaurant to make soups such as carrot, sweet potato with kale and white bean, along

with hummus, tabouli and chunky, seed-filled bread. She can't make enough Mid-Day Munchies organic granola. At \$6.95 a pound, it sells fast.

"This is my greatest blessing," Huff says. "All these families are eating organic food."

Children are invited to the backyard garden to pull a carrot out of the ground. You know what the moms are thinking: sure beats the weary grocery store mantra "don't touch," "put that back," "no, no, no." There is no serene Buddha in Aisle 4 like there is tucked into a flower bed at Headfirst Farms.

A food-buying club is a group of people, often a neighborhood or a community of like-minded folks, that pools resources to buy food from a cooperative food warehouse. There is no retail outlet. The food is delivered to someone's house and divided up.

In the case of Headfirst, the food comes from Albert's Organics, which has a distribution warehouse in Winter Haven, Fla. David Kelso, an Albert's sales rep, says that food-buying clubs represent about 20 percent of the company's business in Florida. And that number is growing.

The group gets a list of availability and

prices the day before delivery and must order a minimum of \$175 worth of food. Besides fruit and vegetables, Albert's carries eggs, milk, cheese and meats.

Most of the people in food-buying clubs get delivery weekly or bimonthly, Kelso says. The minimum amount of the product is set by Albert's; for instance, buyers might get a 20-pound case of Roma tomatoes or 10 pounds of daikon radish.

On this day, the Headfirst Farms family got lettuce, wax beans, kale and sweet potatoes from Huff's garden in addition to beets, daikon, eggs, apples, pears, roma tomatoes, squash and eggplant from Albert's. Additional buys were juice, butter, milk and Huff's prepared food.

Headfirst is different from other food-buying groups and not just because of its founder's unwavering fervor. Headfirst is a non-profit organization that helps fund children's gardening programs. Huff also runs seminars on biodynamic gardening, a non-chemical agriculture movement akin to holistic medicine.

"Some people think it's all airy-fairy, but it really makes sense," she says.



Emma DeWald, 3, shows off a recently picked organically grown carrot in the backyard of Susan Huff's St. Petersburg home.

Tasty iced tea made easy, plain or fancy

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Drinking iced tea is a good way to reduce one's personal consumption of soft drinks, which are a large calorie category in the American diet. Even non-caloric but very sweet soft drinks have been shown in some research studies to be counter-productive in weight-control or weight-loss eating plans.

Now, Nestea has an easy way to prepare iced tea with brewed-tea flavor — new Unsweetened Iced Tea Liquid Concentrate is packaged in a plastic bottle. It's the first of its kind, offering an unsweetened option for tea-drinkers and the sugar-sensitive.

The concentrate is packaged in an easy-to-measure and easy-to-pour from

plastic, 16-ounce bottle. Just pour, add cold water and ice. No more powdered tea or tea bags to fuss with.

One bottle of the concentrate makes up to 4 quarts of beverage. There are measuring guides on the package. Suggested retail: \$1.99 for a 16-ounce bottle. For more information, go online and visit nestea.com.

Here are some serving suggestions:

■ **Cheery Cherry Tea:** Combine 1 cup water, 3 tablespoons maraschino cherry juice, 2 tablespoons of unsweet-

ened iced tea concentrate and 1 teaspoon lemon juice in a tall glass. Add ice cubes and garnish with a cherry. One serving.

■ **Strawberry Lemonade:** Place 3 tablespoons of strawberry jam and 1/4 cup iced tea unsweetened concentrate in a small, microwave-safe pitcher. Microwave on high for 15 to 30 seconds or until jam has melted. Stir in 1-1/2 cups water and 1 tablespoon lemon juice. Fill 2 glasses with ice cubes; divide tea mixture between glasses. Serve with strawberry garnish or a lemon slice. Makes 2 servings.

■ **Orange Tea Spritzer:** Combine 2 cups orange juice, 2 cups chilled club soda, 1/2 cup sugar, 1/2 cup iced tea

unsweetened concentrate in small pitcher. Serve over ice with orange wedges for garnish. 4 servings.

■ **Chai Tea:** In medium saucepan, combine 2 cups water, 2 cups whole milk (or skim), 1/2 cup iced tea unsweetened concentrate, 1/4 cup sugar, 2 cinnamon sticks, 8 whole cloves, 4 black peppercorns, 1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom. Heat over medium heat until boil. Reduce to low; simmer 5 minutes. Strain; serve hot or cold. 4 servings.

■ **Chocolate Chai Tea:** Follow previous directions for chai tea and stir 3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder into hot chai tea mixture until combined.



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Bringing your movies to life

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Pointing a video camera at your kids or your friends is as easy as pie, but how do you make home movies that you'll actually want to sit down and watch?

A few basic concepts and techniques can help you take your raw footage and craft it into a short video that will make the most of the precious memories you catch on tape.

A professional video editor working in Boston, Christo Tsiasaras has been in the business for two decades and has cut everything from feature films to television commercials. He offers the following ideas for creating home movies that you'll want to watch again and again:

- Shoot a lot. Tsiasaras likes to keep his camcorder rolling and his still camera clicking, especially on trips and during special family gatherings. The way he sees it, you just can't shoot too much raw footage.

- Capture moments.

Keeping those cameras rolling is the way to capture all of life's special moments.

When Tsiasaras went to Martha's Vineyard with his family, he wanted enough good footage to create something nice, so he pointed his camera at his daughter whenever she was having fun.

- Keep the highlights. After four days, Tsiasaras returned to Boston with a great deal of footage and started sorting through it for the best moments. The little 30-second and one-minute clips that he found were the real highlights of the vacation.

- Keep it short. According to Tsiasaras, brevity really is the key to a successful home movie. Nobody wants to sit and watch hours of unedited footage, but everybody loves short and quick highlight reels that show all the best moments set to appropriate music.

Americans love to videotape everything, but sitting down to watch hours of unedited videotape can be a daunting proposition, and for many video editing is the answer.

Tsiasaras offers this basic primer for turning your raw home videos and movies into polished productions:

- Make use of music. Tsiasaras sees music as an easy way to add emotion and energy to your amateur production. If you have a long segment, set it to an appropriate piece of music. You'll be surprised how good it will look with the music complementing the images.

- Pare down the raw footage. When shooting, you can keep the camera rolling so that you'll catch unexpected moments. But once you edit, you should throw out a lot of what you shot and just keep the key shots. The shot might only be a couple of seconds long, but it will highlight the moment rather than losing it in the midst of duller footage.

- Experiment with effects. Don't be afraid to experiment with visual effects. For example, Tsiasaras suggests that if you have video or film of a loved one who has died, you can use slow motion video combined with an emotional piece of music for a very moving effect.

- Less is more. A long running time is not the goal in editing. It's all about hitting those great shots, matching the right music and making it fun. Tsiasaras suggests three or four minutes as a good total length.

Once you understand the basics of video editing, you might want to move on to slightly more advanced techniques. Tsiasaras offers even more techniques and ideas for editing your home footage:

- Create a story. Instead of editing your footage in a simple documentary "fly-on-the-wall" style, Tsiasaras recommends trying to use editing to create a narrative story. Boil down your raw footage to all the interesting shots, and begin assembling them in an order that tells an entertaining tale.

- Manipulate time and sequence. The beauty of editing is that you don't have to use the footage in the order you shot it. Editing not only lets you compress time by discarding boring footage, but it also lets you rearrange the sequence of shots, so you can make the scenes tell whatever story you want.

- Add effects. As you begin to build your story, you'll probably come to points where you think you need a little something extra to add emotion or laughs. These are good spots to put in visual effects like wipes and pans, or eye-catching techniques like quick cuts. You might even want to shoot extra footage to add to your made-up story.

- Make it fun. Don't be afraid to play around and try strange things, like seemingly unrelated cutaway shots or bizarre visual effects.

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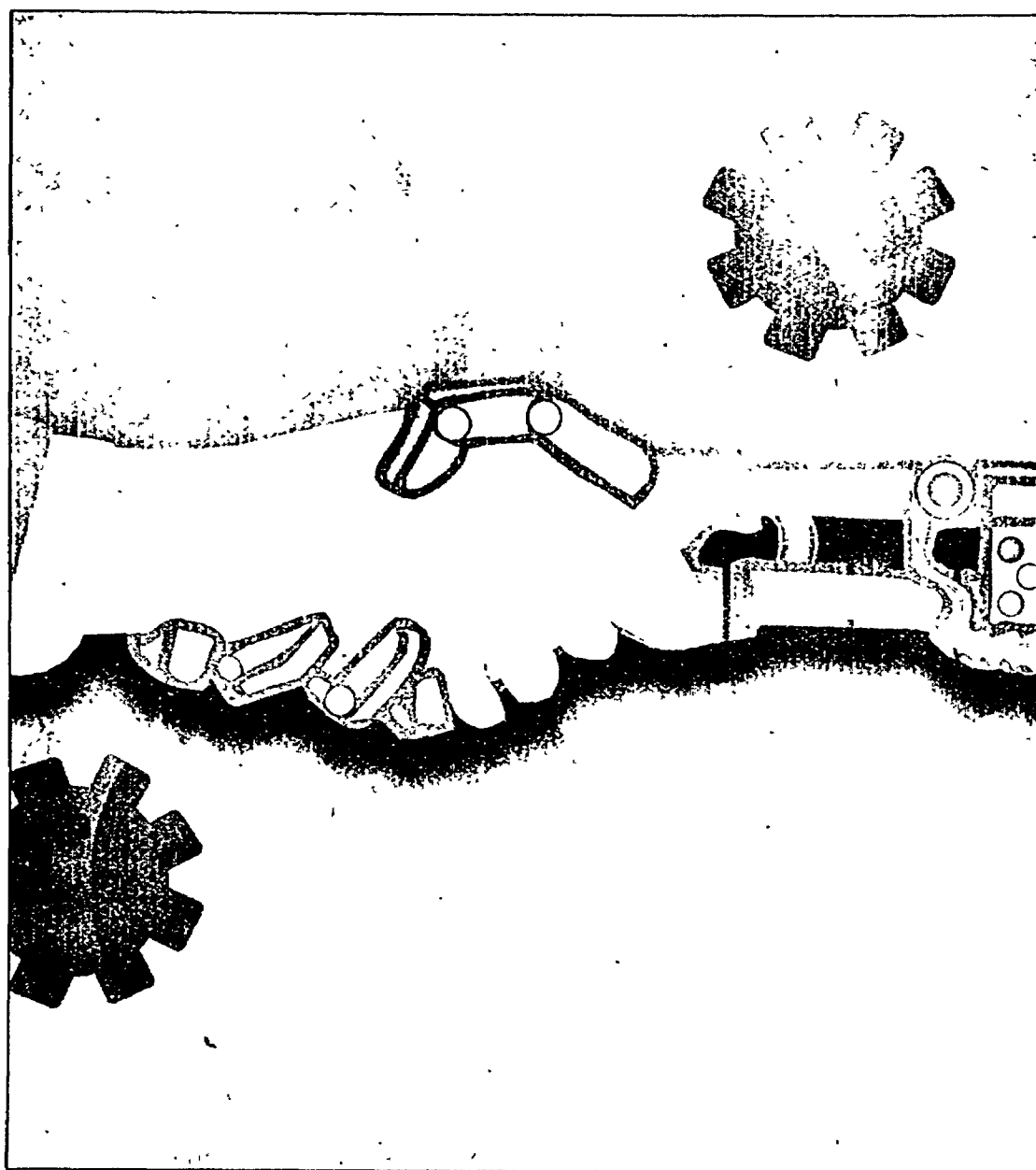


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CO-EXISTING IN THE WORKPLACE

As factories are automated, many jobs evolve rather than disappear

By Vicki Lee Parker

RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER

As odd as it might seem, Alexis Ramos is looking forward to the day when his job is replaced by robotic equipment.

For the past two years, Ramos has arrived at the General Shale brick manufacturing plant in Moncure, N.C., at 6 a.m. He then spends the next seven hours stacking about 22,000 bricks into a packaging machine.

The work is tedious and painful. It has to be done quickly to keep up with the clanking, rotating machine as well as the swift pace of the dozen other men who work on the packaging line.

"It's a heavy job," said Ramos. "You get tired."

Starting in October, Ramos and his colleagues will no longer have to spend their days hunched over, loading and unloading bricks. Instead, many will have only to push buttons and operate robotic arms that stand 8 feet high and stretch 6 feet wide and will grip, lift and move the bricks.

Others will be reassigned to less strenuous work in the plant. Depending on their new assignment, some will earn more money, but others could earn less. However, no workers will lose their jobs, said regional production manager Charles Smith.

"It will be better for everybody," Ramos said. "There will be less people getting injured."

General Shale began implementing automation in this plant six years ago, starting with its kiln-loading process. The company spent \$800,000 for four robotic arms used to load thousands of bricks onto a kiln cart.

The packaging line is the last department in the 67,860-square-foot plant to be equipped with automated equipment. Once it's completed, annual production will increase 50 percent to 90 million bricks per year.

When automation was first introduced in 1970s, mainly at automotive plants, workers feared for their jobs.

Although job losses still occur, automation is now used mostly to relieve workers who perform repetitive, strenuous or unsafe jobs, and to create faster and more efficient production. Employees often assume new responsibilities or shift to other positions.

Pharmaceutical companies also are relying more on automation to speed up production and increase the quality of results.

At GlaxoSmithKline, the British drug-maker that has one of its two U.S. headquarters in Research Triangle Park, N.C., "we have the more obvious (robotic equipment) replacing human activities,"

said Paul Dominico, vice president of technology development biology.

"We also have software that takes steps that humans used to take. The software is designed to think about a product in an automated way. As a result, instead of scientists looking at 10 pieces of data in an hour, they can look at 10,000 pieces in an hour," Dominico said.

Automation lets scientists do more with less sample material at a much faster rate, said Steve Haneline, an investigator with GSK's Discovery Genetics Division.

It also reduces human error. Just a year or two ago, scientists spent hours dispensing material from test tubes. Today many of those applications are performed by machines able to drop samples smaller than a pinhead in just seconds.

It frees scientists to do what they were hired to do, Haneline said.

"Now they spend more time at their desk analyzing test results."

Although automation does create opportunities for some people, it inevitably will continue to displace certain workers as companies look for ways to increase production at lower costs, said Charlie Duncheon, former president of the Robotic Industries Association, an Ann Arbor, Mich.-based trade group that represents manufacturers and users of robotic components.

Still, companies today rarely buy automation simply to reduce labor, Duncheon said.

"If they just want to eliminate labor, they go to China."

Most companies invest in automation to be able to compete in the global market.

"Either they invest in robots and maintain a factory in the U.S. or have no factories at all," Duncheon said. "I think it's better to have an automated plant with some workers than to lose the factory altogether."

Robots on the rise

The use of robotic equipment continues to spread into numerous industries, said Charlie Duncheon, former president of the Robotic Industries Association, an Ann Arbor, Mich.-based trade group that represents manufacturers and users of robotic components.

In the 1980s, automation moved into the electronics industry. In the early 1990s, it became common in the semiconductor and health-care industries. More recently, robots and automated machinery are being used by service, laboratory research and food-processing companies.

Duncheon said companies use robots for cake decorating, packaging frozen foods, planting farm seeds, building electronic circuit boards, retrieving merchandise from warehouses, slaughtering poultry and meat, and cleaning fish.

"The issue is not 'Can the robot do it?'" said Duncheon, who also owns San Jose-based Adept Technologies, which manufactures and sells robotic equipment. "But 'Can it be justified by the price?'"

Total 2002 sales of robotic equipment for manufacturing in the United States increased 6 percent from the year earlier to 10,896 units worth more than \$836 million, according to RIA. That's down from a peak in 1999, mostly because of the economic slowdown that has hurt many manufacturers.

The RIA defines robotic equipment as machinery that is reprogrammable and able to perform two or more tasks, such as picking up widgets and welding.

The price of such equipment has decreased over the years as the technology has improved. About 20 years ago, a complete robotic system would cost about \$250,000, Duncheon said. Today, a faster, more efficient and simpler system would cost about \$100,000.

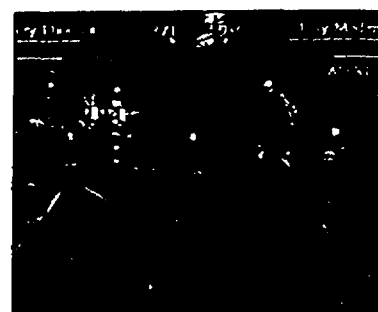
Robot operator

Hershey Monroe is surrounded by moving robotic arms as he keeps an eye on the brick cutting and stacking robots at the General Shale plant in Moncure, N.C. General Shale is planning to spend millions later this year to upgrade the robotic capabilities of the brick making plant to increase its capacity.

Photo by Harry Lynch / Raleigh News & Observer

GAME REVIEWS

★=Poor ★★★★★=Excellent



Tao Feng: Fist of the Lotus

Genre: Fighting

Platform: Xbox

Publisher: Microsoft Game Studios

ESRB Rating: T for Teen

★★★

Microsoft's brawler, Tao Feng: Fist of the Lotus, would be a recommended buy if it didn't suffer from an extreme case of shallowness — a fault difficult to spot when you begin play.

After all, it has all the game modes common to fighting games (story, tournament, survival, etc.), it has a huge number of moves and playable characters and a well-developed presentation with splendidly animated characters and fully interactive 3-D environments — all hallmarks of premium fighters like Virtua Fighter, Tekken and Dead or Alive.

But just as it may surprise you to learn that lotuses have fists, making a great fighting game and making a game that looks like a great fighting game can be two different things. The high combo variety doesn't seem so excellent once you learn that you need only a handful to overcome your computer opponents' crummy intelligence. And most combos are real finger twisters, courtesy of a cumbersome control scheme.

To make up for lack of skill, computer opponents gain advantages in cheaper ways, such as when a switch in camera angle turns your retreat into an attack, usually resulting in your character stepping into a punch — or worse.

Plus, when you're done with Tao Feng, you are done with Tao Feng. Finish the game's story mode with a character, and you'll use him no more — he is grayed out and no longer selectable. That leaves you with few options other to grab a friend and start brawling.

But when you grab that friend, you might want to grab another game, too. Great fighting games are easy to pick up and play, but leave a room for mastery. The merely average Tao Feng is only halfway there.



Apex

Genre: Racing

Platform: Xbox

Publisher: Infogrames

ESRB Rating: E for Everyone

★★★

I have to admit, when I first saw the cover for Apex, I wasn't thrilled. With a glut of racing games already flooding the gaming world, I wasn't going to be easily impressed with another variation of the same idea. However, something in the simplicity of this title kept me playing longer than any racing title I've played in a while.

It was nice to see a game in which no prior understanding of cars is required to build a decent racing team. In choosing cars for racing or new cars to develop, the important options were pretty basic, limited to the speed and handling of the car.

Tire choices and suspension options come into play later, but that's after you're already hooked and dying to build a tighter and faster ride.

Once you pick a team name and a logo (and some of the logos were very cool), you're ready to start at the bottom of the racing world and work your way up.

Newspapers will hold media-friendly publicity stunts that pit you against other up-and-comers, and a victory can translate into much-needed publicity (and resulting income) for your young team.

The more money, the better cars you can build. The better cars get you a bigger name, and more publicity and more money. I think you get the point.

The actual racing is decent but nothing amazing.

After a few tracks you'll have a basic feel for the car, and once you learn to use the race map to run a well-planned race, you'll be racking up trophies in no time.

Gamers who enjoy the dynasty-building aspect as well as the action of solid racing will have a good time with this game, while hardcore racing fans may become bored quickly due to a lack of sophistication.

— Jonathon Boho, Kelly Martin, SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

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TECHNOLOGY NEWS

E-mail popularity rises

By Clint Swett
SACRAMENTO BEE

Widespread use of e-mail is only about a decade old, but already it is more popular than the phone as a business communications tool, according to a recent report.

A survey conducted by the Meta Group showed that 80 percent of business people preferred e-mail to phone calls for general business communication, and 74 percent said being without e-mail would be more of a hardship than losing phone service.

Those surveyed preferred e-mail because they could easily communicate with multiple parties, they could communicate more quickly, and there was a written record of their communications.

But Meta officials emphasized that phone conversations remained valuable because they helped add context and nuance to communications that are often lacking in e-mail.

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Another Day at the Farm

It's a dirty job, but the ravenous red wiggler is up to the task, as worms turn manure into fertilizer

By Jeff Klinkenberg
ST. PETERSBURG TIMES

As the traffic rumbled by and a jet descended toward Tampa International Airport, John Rowles told me to point my ear at terra firma. At first, I heard nothing. Then I heard the slightest of gurgling sounds, a whisper, if you will, of wet movement.

Worms were eating cow manure. They were eating cow manure as if it were a gourmet meal prepared by Julia Child. What I was hearing was the passage of manure through the ever-efficient innards of millions of worms.

It was another day at the CRM Worm Ranch in Dade City, Fla., another day of hard-working worms going about their business of turning smelly manure into something odorless and good for soil.

"Those suckers know how to do it," Rowles gushed, proud to be called a worm man. In a 1-acre greenhouse, he and two partners supervised the toil of nearly 2-million voracious red wigglers.

Rowles was giving me a tour of the ranch. He and his friends haven't made their fortunes yet, but they're confident they will when the rest of the world catches on. The reason? There's gold in what their worms can do with 12 tons of manure a week.

"It's amazing to watch," Rowles said. "You put a load of manure into their bins and at the end of day it's pretty much gone."

What's left, after the worms add their own digestive enzymes to the mix, is what more refined professionals call "worm castings" — poop. It's a powdery material, like ground coffee, and pretty much smells like old-fashioned dirt. Gardeners add it to their soil as a concentrated and organic fertilizer — and, if they're smart, get out of the way.

Rowles, 42, is appreciative of the worms' efforts. "I like these buggers," he said.

Unlike the robust garden variety earthworms, his wigglers are about as long as a toothpick and as thick as angel-hair pasta. They may be small, but they're hungry. They eat half their weight in manure and garbage every day. If you've got as many as the CRM Worm Ranch has, Katie bar the door.

Potential is what has worm ranchers all over the nation a little starry-eyed. In some places, red wigglers by the tons are let loose in landfills to clean up the soil. Even chicken, pig and dairy operations use worms to take care of smelly public relations problems. And of course the worm byproduct can be sold to gardeners.

"If you have worms in your yard, what does that tell you?" Rowles asked. "It tells you that you have a healthy yard. You probably have good, productive soil."

In Florida, worm ranching is a relatively new industry, and Rowles said that "The message we want to get out is that worm castings are as effective as chemicals without any of the dangers."

"Pesticides are kind of like drugs. They promote plant growth, but it's only temporary and their use can have a bad long-term effect."

Worm castings are more like vitamins. They help the health of the soil on a long-term basis and it's natural.

Rowles has watched worms having sex. All he will say is, "It's really gross. And they really go to town when the moon is full."

Within hours of amore, it almost seems to him, baby worms are emerging from eggs, hungry. In three months, the babies are grown up and looking to sow a few wild oats of their own.

There is no shortage of manure in Florida, among the nation's biggest cattle states. Dairy farmers typically are eager to give it away. They carry it to the CRM Worm Ranch by the truckload. Rowles and other workers amble among the 300 rectangular bins and dump manure. They are careful to step away from the resulting feeding frenzy. Afterward, another rancher collects poop-laden soil and dumps it into a cylinder. The cylinder, actually a filter,

separates the poop from the worms and the soil. The worms and soil can be returned to their rightful bins; the poop is piled into a veritable mountain.

The droppings are shoveled into plastic boxes and bags for later sale. CRM is in the process of selling its products to nurseries and gardeners, and citrus growers are poised to start using it.

Rowles does his best to comfort the worms. He keeps their bins at a comfortable temperature, about 70 degrees, and provides water and all the manure they can handle. As a treat, he feeds them dessert, pages from the morning newspaper.

"No nutrition," he said, "but plenty of fiber. And they love it."



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Photo by Gary Lawson/Scipps Howard News Service
Each saddle comes with Mitchell's own stamp.

Brand recognition

Texas saddle maker leaves a lasting impression

By Michelle Kann
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

For cowboys from the 6666, Triangle and Waggoner ranches, their shopping destination for custom-made saddles lies in the heart of Throckmorton, Texas.

Robert Mitchell, owner of The Saddle Shop, said many working cowboys prefer the handmade saddles produced at his store. "The quality and the looks are better. The way they fit the horse and if they are good, you can sit on them comfortably," he said.

The smell of steer-hide leather and oil greets cowboys as they step into the business. Photos of bull riders line one wall while silver and gold buckles of all shapes and sizes hang across the large room.

A sign written in marker states "Deposit required on all custom and special orders."

Even though a cowboy must put his money down during the order, he won't be riding it anytime soon. "We are two years behind in saddles," Mitchell said.

This self-taught saddle maker spends between six and 10 days cutting, stretching and hammering each saddle. The detailed process isn't quick.

"We are lucky if we get two in a month done," Mitchell said. "I'll start two or three at once and then after about a week I'll work on just one a time. I'll get to a point where I'll just finish one before starting the next."

Despite the wait, the cowboys keep coming.

"All the big ranches come here," Mitchell said. "They basically know what they want. They may have a saddle they like and we look at that and take the measurements. We also have a book we can show them. But the majority knows."

Besides designing saddles for working cowboys, Mitchell also makes winning saddles for area ranching competitions.

For the last two years, his symbol has been branded on the winning saddle awarded at the Texas Ranch Roundup, which pits cowboys from all area ranches against each other in a variety of competitions.

Mitchell's saddles are practical. His saddles are not designed for prancing in parades. They're tough and dependable, ready for ranch conditions.

"I don't make any that are real fancy. They can get pretty fancy, like ones that are just silver," Mitchell said. "Most of these saddles are for working cowboys. Mitchell doesn't use any measurement tools while working on his products. He cuts out the leather using patterns he designed. Once the leather is hammered to the frame, he strokes his hand across it feeling for any roughness."

He finds an uneven spot and cuts it with a knife. Then he feels the saddle again.

"I do it that way because I taught myself," Mitchell said. "I don't know if that's right or not, but that's the way I do it. I do everything by eye so not one is identical."

The starting price for a saddle is \$1,900. "I'm not the highest, but I'm not the cheapest, either," Mitchell said.

Mitchell said he'll keep making saddles for the rest of his life.

"I just like building saddles, that's it," he said.

Some illuminating fun for all ages

By Dick Youngblood
MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

John Gill claims his business has gone to the dogs. That's actually a salutary development, given that dogs (and cats) accounted for 85 percent of the \$3.5 million in sales his company recorded in 2002.

Now, however, the business also is headed for the golf course, and the result is that Gill's sales could more than double this year.

Some explanation might be useful here.

Gill, 55, is founder of Sun Products Inc. in Eden Prairie, Minn., a company that sells brightly flashing, impact-and motion-activated toys for man and beast.

The product line — most of it enclosing lithium batteries, mini-circuit boards and light-emitting diodes (LEDs) — includes blinking, hard-rubber balls for street-hockey enthusiasts and similarly flashing chew toys for dogs and cats. Oh yes, and a line of glow-in-the-dark balls sized for pets both large and small.

Now, Sun Products has come up with the Twilight Tracer, a regulation golf ball that blinks seven times a second for five minutes so that it can be located in the gloom of dusk or pre-dawn.

Selected as best new product of the year at last fall's PGA Expo, the Tracers

retail for \$10 to \$13 apiece, depending on the size of the purchase. It went on the market in October and produced \$500,000 in sales by year's end. By then it was in 1,000 stores, headed for a projected 5,000 outlets in 27 countries by summer.

The upshot: Tracer sales are expected to reach or exceed \$3 million this year, with pet products adding another \$4 million or more. Along with less than \$500,000 in hockey products, Sun Products sales are projected at upward of \$7.5 million in 2003.

We might credit Scott Olson, inventor of the in-line skate and founder of Rollerblade Inc., for inspiring all this entrepreneurial hustle.

"I saw him on Rollerblades one day," said Gill, a commercial real estate broker at the time, "He was carrying a hockey stick, but of course there was no puck. So I started thinking about making one for the in-line skating market."

That was 1990, at the height of the in-line skating craze. Gill raised \$200,000 to start his company.

Then Gill teamed up with an injection molding company and developed the Hot Puck, a hockey puck with built-in roller balls. Later he added the Z-Ball, a latex product with zero bounce to simulate a puck's action in street-hockey games.

It was all pretty mundane stuff — until Gill decided to help out all those bud-



Photo by Tom Wallace/Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune

John Gill

ding NHL stars whose playing time on unlighted rinks was limited by early winter darkness. He came up with the Pulsar Puck, a blinking piece of hard rubber that solved the problem. Unfortunately, it was pricey and didn't sell well, so it was taken off the market in 2000.

By then, however, he had spotted new opportunities. First came the Fireball, a blinking ball designed to replace the tennis balls that kids were using for

street hockey. The product had a comparatively limited market — until Gill was confronted with yet another unexpected opportunity.

"I asked my sister how her kids liked the Fireball," he recalled. "She said they liked it fine — but that the dog liked it even more." Then a buyer for a Canadian chain of discount department stores sent in an order, along with a personal request for a half-dozen of the balls — for his dog.

When the FedEx delivery man made a similar request, Gill figured he had as much of a market survey as he needed. He repackaged the ball as the Fetch & Flash or the Pounce & Glow and began courting the 50 million owners of more than 230 million dogs and cats.

With the addition of such products as flashing rubber bones, glow-in-the-dark Frisbees and glowing balls, his pet products soon could be found in 14,000 pet stores, discount chains and other outlets.

With Wal-Mart's recent decision to double the number of Sun Products on its shelves, Gill figures pet-product sales will be up 35 percent this year from the \$3 million in 2002.

Meanwhile, the Twilight Tracer, its electronics coated and encapsulated by durable polyurethane, promises to outpace pet products very soon.

Gill is already dreaming about the next opportunity.

'Responsible' shades cost plenty of money

By Scott Barancik
ST. PETERSBURG TIMES

Consumers with a conscience have many ways to spend their money today. They can invest in mutual funds focused on socially responsible corporations. They can sip "fair trade" coffee picked by farmers guaranteed a reasonable return on investment.

Or, thanks to Specs2C of Hollywood, Fla., they can wear eyeglasses made from naturally felled trees in the Ecuadorian rain forest. That is, if they have 400 or so greenbacks to spend.

Company owner Craig Caplan said his SOL- Seeds of Life line of glasses are handmade in Ecuador not only from fallen trees but from petrified wood, bamboo and seeds. He purchases the materials from several tribes, he said, including the Waorani. Another line is made with exotic woods from around the world and manufactured in Japan.

"What we're doing is giving these natives an alternative source of income, as opposed to cutting lumber and destroying the rain forest," he said.

But do consumers really care that his glasses are made from organically grown materials? Or purchased from rain forest dwellers?

Not in St. Pete Beach, said Chuck Eubanks, owner of Elegante Eyewear. Most of his customers are northern snowbirds. Many favor the look of the company's bamboo models.

"They buy it," he said, "because it's exotic, Florida and unique."

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New home NIGHTMARES

Homeowners at odds with builders when construction defects show up

By Marsha Ginsburg
SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Sandy Skipper-Lopez thought she was living the American dream when she stepped into her brand new three-bedroom home in Madera, Calif.

The 1996 purchase slipped out of dreamland when Skipper-Lopez noticed cracks and heard popping sounds and other unexpected noises in the 1,800-square-foot, \$120,000 house. It became a nightmare when she realized the roof was coming loose, that bolts were improperly installed and that cracks had appeared in the home's support structure.

The local builder called them settling problems, she said.

When she complained to the state contractors licensing board, two building inspectors were sent out, she said. One told her it was out of his usual jurisdiction. The other became angry and said she was taking on the builder, Skipper-Lopez said.

When she decided her only option was a lawsuit, the builder promptly filed a countersuit, she said.

That's when Skipper-Lopez joined other new homeowners around the country to form what is believed to be the first national advocacy organization for buyers of defective new homes.

Skipper-Lopez said such advocacy groups are needed to fight a powerful industry that generally has lawmakers, agencies and inspectors on their side. Builders know the cost of litigation to the consumer might be more than the impact of the defects or a countersuit, so many homeowners simply back off, she said.

"It's a lot of stress, and that's why we came along," said Skipper-Lopez, who is now national director of Homeowners Against Deficient Dwellings, based in Kansas City, Kan.

HADD is not alone. During the past two years, other advocates — through books and online — have advised new homeowners to prevent prob-

lems by taking action before the home is built.

Since it started in 1997, HADD says 10,000 problems from across the nation have been reported to it. The group, represented in 25 states, says California, Texas and Missouri have the most complaints.

Most of them, according to a recent HADD poll, include faulty foundations, leaky windows and roofs, mold and use of unlicensed contractors.

The group connects homeowners with home buyer resources, offers preventive tips, tracks the most common defects and lobbies states to strengthen legislation and licensing board enforcement.

Among the new missionaries for protecting buyers of new homes are Jeff and Susan Treganowan, who know about flawed new homes because they used to market them.

As sales agents for new homes, the Las Vegas couple saw plenty of loopholes that builders used to distance themselves from responsibility for their newly constructed houses. When one builder used a completely dishonest marketing program in 1999, Jeff Treganowan said, he and his wife quit.

In 2001 the Treganowans wrote "The Ultimate Homebuying Guide" to make new home buyers aware of problems that can occur in the construction of a home. "We're not out to say every builder is bad, but a lot of bad things can happen if you're not watching," said Treganowan.

During a research visit in Northern California, the Treganowans did random surveys in new home developments. What they learned, Treganowan said, is that most people didn't watch over the process or often didn't even check to see if the builder was licensed.

Most buyers didn't know the difference between a completed home and one merely "certified for home occupancy," which is a legal term for the builder to use. It means the home is livable but not finished, he said.

That's when shortcuts can also take place, with little recourse for the buyer after occupancy.

To learn more

A number of online services are available for buyers wanting to guard against defects in their new homes. Here's a sampling:

■ **Homeowners Against Deficient Dwellings.** Advice on investigating builders, homeowner conflict resolution, buyer's guide and background information on proposed legislation. www.hadd.com

■ **The Miller Law Group.** Information on mold, construction defects, options and time limits on pursuing claims, details on California legislation affecting pre-litigation settlements. www.constructiondefects.com

■ **National Association of Home Builders.** Consumer section with basics on home buying. www.nahb.org

■ **Alan and Denise Fields,** authors of "Your New House." Guidelines for signing a new home contract. www.windsorpeak.com

Tips for avoiding troubles

There are a number of ways buyers of new homes can gather information to protect themselves before and during construction, according to building experts and consumer advocates:

■ Check civil complaint records at the county courthouse to see if the builder has been involved in litigation over defective work.

■ The Better Business Bureau also keeps records of consumer complaints.

■ Find out if the builder has the required insurance and ask for evidence of liability insurance.

■ Have purchase documents reviewed by an attorney who specializes in construction defects.

■ If there are already occupied homes in the subdivision, ask the resident buyers about the builder's response to complaints.

■ As the home construction moves along, be on the job site as often as every week and inspect details of the actual building.

■ Use a qualified home inspector for regular inspections.



Photos by Brad Gamson/Scripps Howard News Service
Julie Hansen gives walls at Parmer's Fine Furniture in Redding the look of leather. After covering the wall with tissue paper, she adds tinted glazes and manipulates them with a sponge to create a textured appearance.

Faux finishes mimic stone, leather, fabric

By Laura Christman

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Julie Hansen's livelihood is based on deception. She can turn walls to stone, transform humdrum bookcases into shabby chic antiques and change plastic laminate countertops into marble surfaces.

But it's all fake.

Hansen, 53, owner of Faux Finishes in Redding, Calif., uses painting techniques to give walls, furniture, countertops and pillars the look of stone, fabric, leather or other materials. Faux (which means false) finishes are created by applying a combination of tinted glazes and then using different materials to add depth and pattern to the glazes.

"You are creating an illusionary texture by manipulating the glazes," Hansen explained.

"If you love color and want dimension, it is fabulous," said Nancy Phillippe of Phillippe Bros.

Painting & Decorating in Redding, which also does faux finishes.

"It's absolutely breathtaking when done correctly."

Cheesecloth, herringbone fabric, plastic sheeting, tissue paper, waffle-weave kitchen towels and other items can be used to add a textured look to glazes.

When interest in faux painting took off several years ago, do-it-yourselfers were quick to pick up a sponge and start blobbing walls.

Hansen said a common mistake was selecting colors with too much contrast. As a result, she said, many people think of faux finishes as having a very harsh appearance.

She aims for subtle. She uses soft, neutral colors. Finding the right color is the key to a successful job, Hansen said. Sometimes it takes her an hour to tint a glaze the exact hue she wants. "You have to be careful. There's a whole psychology to color," she said.

Glazes are used rather than paint because they are translucent. When different colored glazes are applied to walls, they will combine to make new colors.

In some cases texture is added before putting on glazes.

Phillippe said a plaster-type product can be applied and then sanded or left rough. It gives walls a rich, European look.

Hansen recently created a faux leather wall by applying tissue paper over the wall and then putting on glazes. The end result has the appearance of aged leather.

Faux finishes are an alternative to wallpaper. They add interest but don't have wallpaper's precise repetition — which can get tedious, Hansen said. And if you grow tired of the look, it's easy to paint right over it.

Faux finishes can help with the high, blank walls found in many new homes. "People buy a new home with all white walls and immediately start trying to fill it all up," Hansen said.

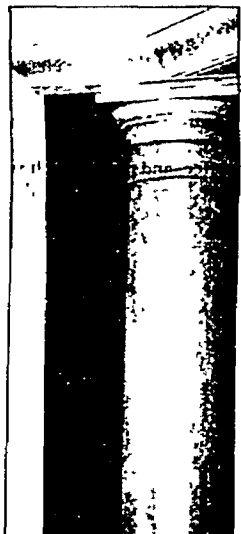
She said a faux finish can lessen the need for so much artwork on walls and enhance the art that is there. "It adds a lot of visual interest. It creates this feeling of depth and warmth," she said.

Hansen said it's not necessary to do a whole house, or even an entire room, in a faux finish. A faux-finish wall can be set off nicely by walls painted in a solid color.

Sometimes it might be less expensive to do the real thing than the faux technique, she said. For example, changing an ordinary kitchen countertop to one with a faux stone surface, is a big job.

Phillippe said not many people are aware of the potential of faux finishes. She said a faux finish can be used to update the look of paneling. It also can cover damaged walls and, in some instances, go right over wallpaper.

"It's really an inexpensive way to cover bad walls and change the look of the home," Phillippe said.



Hansen painted a set of columns with a marble look.

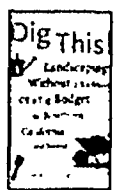
Crack a book or three before starting project

By Dan Vieri
SACRAMENTO BEE

Landscaping projects require a bit of homework for the best results. These recently published books may inspire ideas and help circumvent costly problems.

"Dig This" by Kate Anchordoguy (Sasquatch Books, \$19.95)

Save yourself aches and pains, plus some cash, by reading "Dig This!" by landscape contractor and designer Anchordoguy. Based on 25 years of experience, Anchordoguy admits mistakes she made early in her career in hopes you'll avoid similar traps when landscaping your yards. Honesty such as "Don't be fooled by the outrageous prices charged by (a few) greedy contractors; low voltage lighting is child's play to install" is sprinkled throughout.



Crude black and white illustrations deliver useful information. Its practical information may prove much more valuable than a pretty face.

"Lawn Bible" by David R. Mellor (Hyperion Books, \$16.95)

Lawn is king in Mellor's "Lawn Bible." Mellor is Fenway Park's master groundskeeper and ensures that Boston Red Sox players are diving for balls in lush turf. His book addresses all things in lawn care, including a super-cool chapter on mowing patterns (like ballparks) into your home turf — plaids, stripes, wave patterns, checkerboards, diamonds and others. Keeping in mind his East Coast expertise, Mellor thoughtfully recommends contacting local sources, like your cooperative extension office, for the best grasses for any particular area of the country. He also spins some fish



tales — such as finding eight bass on the Fenway outfield after a particularly heavy rainfall before one Opening Day.

"Landscape With Roses" by Jeff Cox (Taunton Press, \$27.95)

Roses, often grouped in formal rose gardens, are perfect partners for perennials in mixed beds and borders, says Cox, author of "Landscape With Roses." Cox, host of HGTV and PBS gardening programs, and photographer Jerry Pavia demonstrate the versatility of roses in modern gardens with numerous suggestions, lists of perennial companion plants, fetching color combinations and uses for groundcover and climbing roses. Nor does he forget the formal rose garden. Cox has suggestions for buying roses and information on rose care, including pruning.



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SMALL BUSINESS

Not many things strike fear into the hearts of our nation's dauntless small-business owners. Their fortitude in the face of unexpected challenges is legend.

Neither wars, nor the weariness of waging free enterprise in a waning economy instill great fear in them.

But recently, a nightmare posing as a fairy tale appeared out there in the electronic forests of the World Wide Web and sent chills up the spines of entrepreneurs everywhere.

On closer examination, just as Little Red Riding Hood discovered, the thing possessed big, big teeth that did more than make a pretty smile.

Tucked neatly under thick quilts of finely-woven Internet rhetoric was not an ailing, kindly grandmother, but a well-camouflaged pack of big insurance companies, surrounded by hungry labor unions and a passel of special-interest groups licking their chops to gobble up even more of the dollars that small businesses are being forced to pay for constantly rising health-insurance premiums.

Those little firms that do manage to provide health insurance for their employees pay on average 17 percent more for health benefits than their large corporate counterparts. NFIB has found that only 10 percent of firms with fewer than 50 employees offer a choice of health plans.

Eight-out-of-10 companies with a workforce of 5,000-plus offer more than one plan.

No wonder American small businesses today name health-insurance costs as their single most threatening concern.

They know a Big Bad Wolf when they see one and they're raising a cry for Congress to come to their rescue by allowing associations to offer competing health insurance that will keep the circling pack at bay.

As designed, Association Health Plans (AHPs) would save the typical small-business owner between 15 percent and 30 percent on health insurance and provide coverage for as many as eight million currently uninsured Americans. It would be a significant start toward easing the plight of the 41 million Americans who lack coverage today.

Out there in cyberspace, the Big Bad "Insurance" Wolves howl opposition to any idea that might reduce their bulging revenues, and they're especially fearful of AHPs, which would drive competition into the health-insurance market and level the playing field for small employees.

Unable to convince the public to join its caterwaul, the pack resorted to cloaking its politics beneath an e-sweepstakes vacation to Washington, D.C. that triggered anti-AHP faxes to Capitol Hill.

According to the Associated Press's June 25 article, "Foes of health care bill offer vacation sweepstakes," the pop-up ad read, "Complete the form below to send a free fax to Congress and be automatically entered in the America Speaks Sweepstakes." Once that deception was exposed, the game disappeared.

But, adding insult to injury is the fact that small firms, through their outrageous premium payments, unintentionally fund such propaganda.

Tired of being preyed upon, Main-Street business owners recently convinced the U.S. House of Representatives to approve AHPs.

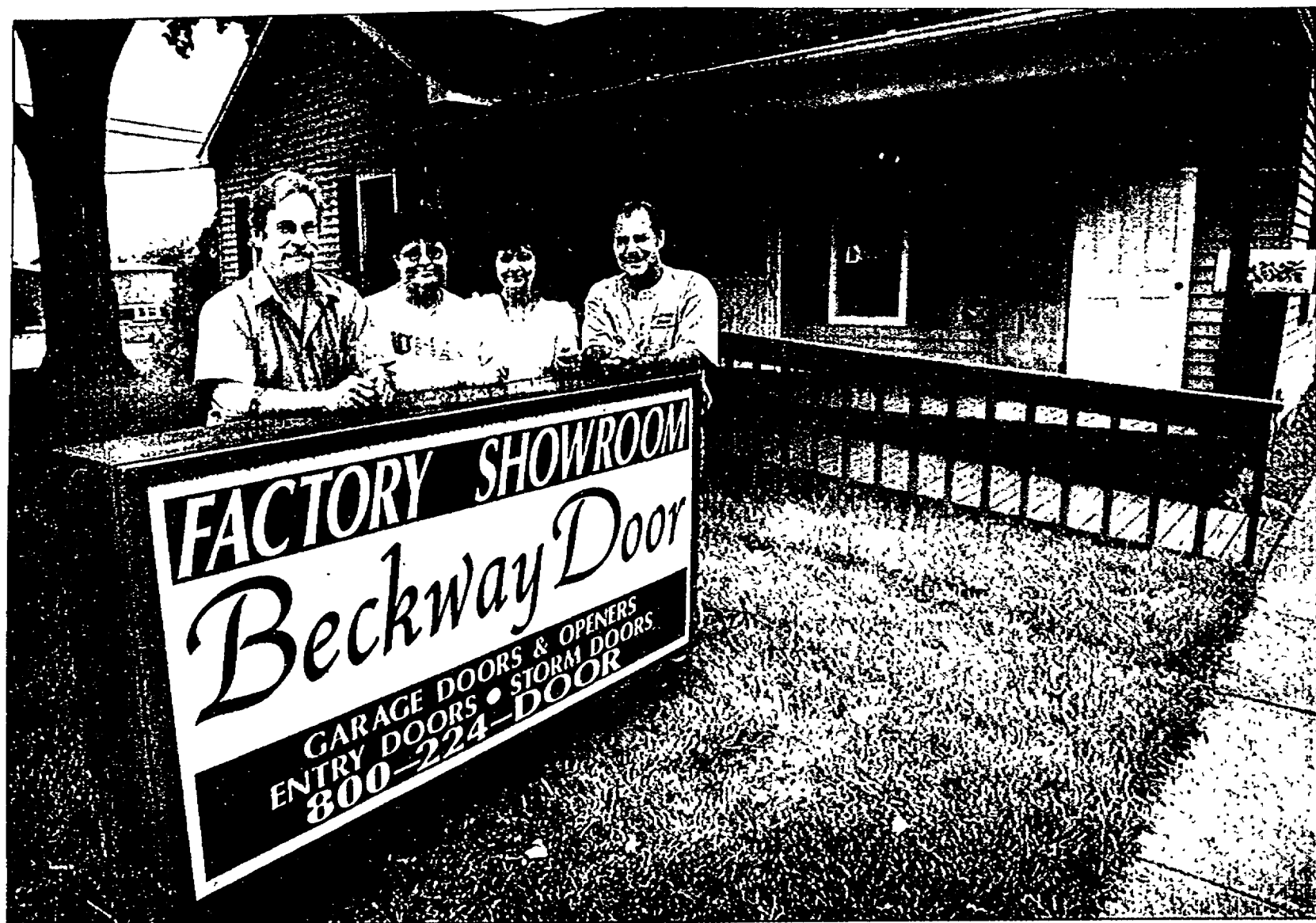
Hopefully they can count on the Senate to help save the legislation from those big, big teeth.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals. More information is available on-line at www.nfib.com.

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Dan Work, Cathy Gallagher, Faye Williams and Andy Becker stand in front of the Beckway Door Factory Showroom. The company offers an extensive line of garage doors and openers, entry doors, storm doors and much more.

Unlock a world of possibilities with Beckway Door

By Elizabeth Heer
SPECIAL WRITER

Whether installing doors for builders in new home construction, upgrading to a better quality door, or just replacing old, worn out doors for homeowners, Beckway Door in South Lyon has the keys to success — top quality, good selection, good price, and excellent customer service.

Beckway Door offers an array of selections to choose from in entry doors, from standard steel doors, stainless steel, fiberglass, to oak or mahogany doors. Custom wood doors can be made to order for customers, and a line of carriage house doors is a popular option that Beckway can provide. Storm doors can be added to cut down energy costs and protect doors from the weather.

When it comes to garage doors, quality and safety count.

Stanley, Amarr, and Taylor are well-known brands that Beckway carries. The Chamberlain Liftmaster garage door openers sold and installed by Beckway are available with chain drive, belt drive, or screw drive with operating powers ranging from one-third to three-quarter horsepower. All products come directly from the manufacturer, not a distributor, which means Beckway Doors can pass on the pricing advantages to their customers. Andy Becker, owner of Beckway Door, points out that the products his company uses are of better quality than most.

"We don't use a light gauge steel door. All our doors are heavy 24-gauge steel, a better quality product," he said. "And we offer all our builders and homeowners a life-time warranty on garage doors, which covers the panels, tracks, rollers, and springs."

Homeowners might want to consider insulated garage doors, which help keep the house warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer. Andy also notes that insulated doors provide a quieter operation.

Garage doors all receive a professional safety check by Beckway's technicians. "We are very careful to use only products with a large margin of safety. Our garage doors, for example, are available with a pinch-resistant panel design that helps to keep children safe from getting fingers pinched in between the door panels when it moves. All our garage door openers are equipped with safety eyes. We will also run a customer's door opener through a safety test to make sure they are running properly," Andy said.

Beckway Door offers customer service far beyond just installing new doors. "Sometimes if the aluminum

needs replacing around garage doors, we'll tackle that, or we'll remove a center post in the garage in order to put in one large door. We'll do small construction jobs, such as putting in new headers, if needed."

For those who prefer natural light, Beckway can install windows in a garage or an entry door. Large selections of windows are available to match a home's existing windows, and even leaded glass windows can be installed for the traditional look.

"We precheck all our jobs, especially with the builders, starting with the rough-in. We work hand-in-hand with our builders, and especially enjoy dealing with the builder who cares about quality."

Andy says that estimates and ideas are freely given, and his company can also handle insurance work. "We will come to your home and offer suggestions and help guide you in choosing the color and style of your new door," he said. Besides the traditional colors of white, brown, almond, gray, sandstone and hunter green for garage doors, entry doors can come preprinted in 30 to 40 different color options.

Beckway also supplies doors for the business and industrial community. Overhead doors, curtain doors, and security doors can be custom installed by Beckway Door.

Expanding on the commercial market, Beckway has recently opened the door on a new venture — steel buildings of all sizes, from small business out-buildings right up to the large industrial complex needs can be ordered and installed. "We also cater to the small agricultural market, and can provide cus-

DETAILS

Beckway Door, specialists in garage and house entry doors, sells and installs top quality steel and wood doors with satisfaction guaranteed. Beckway also supplies steel buildings for homes and businesses. Visit the showroom at 505 E. Lake Street in South Lyon, open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call toll free at 1-800-224-DOOR (1-800-224-3667) for more information and free estimates.

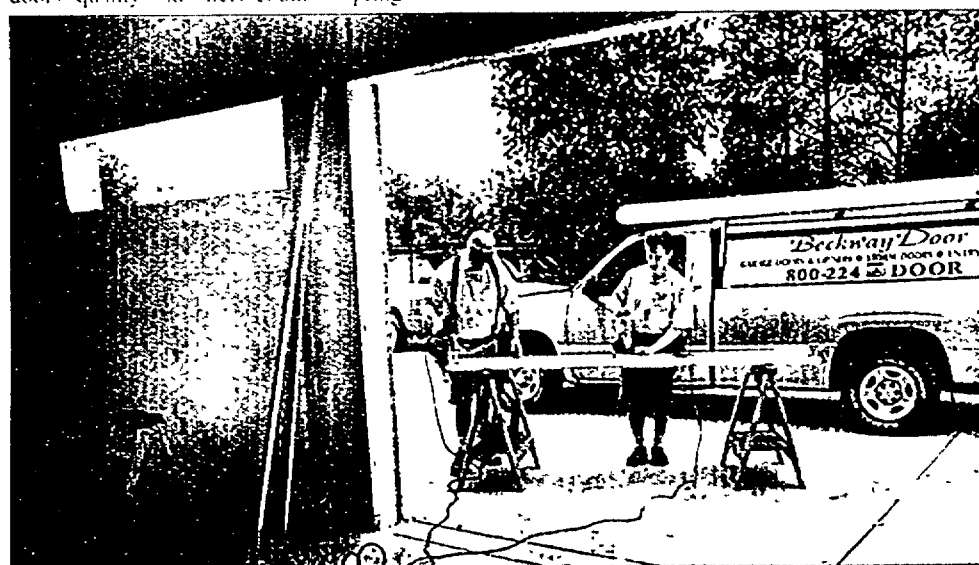
tomers with small barns and horse arenas."

Beckway Door has been an authorized installer for Sears' products since 1978 when Andy Becker began the business out of his Farmington home. Since that time his family-owned company has grown to include 13 employees, including Faye Williams, his longtime office manager. The business and showroom is located at 505 E. Lake Street in South Lyon where customers can find examples of entry, garage, and storm doors, as well as door hardware on display. An expansion is in the works for 2004.

Beckway Doors serves communities in Washtenaw, Oakland, Livingston, and Wayne Counties.

Andy Becker and his wife, Barbara, have made their home in Brighton for the past 16 years with their daughters, Jamie, 14, and Kelsey, 10.

Beckway Door looks forward to working with you in the future.



Beckway Door installers Ted Lamothe and John Newmyer install a garage door in Green Oak Township last weekend. Beckway door works with builders constructing new homes and homeowners who need to replace doors and windows.

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Watering woes: The trick is to trickle

By Jeff Rugg
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: Last year, my tomatoes were small and had dry circular rings around the skin. The plants did not grow well and stayed small. Some fruits had rotten bottoms, even though they were not on the ground. This year, they don't seem to be growing well again. They have not yet set fruit. I want to prevent last year's problems. What can I do?

A: The dry weather last year was the cause of many tomato woes. This spring, the nation seems to be divided into three areas: drought out west, cold in the Midwest and too much rain in the east. Just to make weather interesting, the three areas will probably switch between the time I write this and the time you read it.

The dry circular rings in tomato fruit are caused by changes in weather, especially dry weather followed by too much rain or too much watering. If the fruit reaches its full size (as well as it can under the current weather conditions) and then the plant receives more water, the fruit will stretch and crack in an attempt to grow more. Cracked tomatoes are still edible, even if they are ugly. If the crack is deep, bacteria and fungi can enter the fruit, causing it to rot.

Tomatoes aren't the only vegetables with growth-ring problems. Cabbage, carrots, potatoes and sweet potatoes can all crack if they try to continue growing after they have reached a mature size.

Tomatoes and most other garden vegetables and vines prefer to receive water on a slow and continuous basis. Use a soaker hose, drip irrigation or other slow method and you will lose less water to evaporation and give more to the plants. An old milk jug filled with water and having a few holes poked in the bottom will water the plant all day long. Overhead watering in the garden can allow disease organisms to grow on the flowers, fruit and leaves. Watering in

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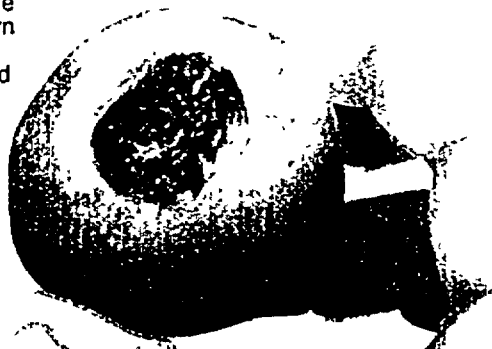
Rotten, ringed tomatoes

Dry weather followed by too much rain or too much watering will cause dry circular rings in tomato fruit.

■ **Prevention:** Give tomatoes and other vegetables with growth ring problems — cabbage, carrots, potatoes and sweet potatoes — water on a slow and continual basis. To thwart water lost through evaporation, use a soaker hose and drip irrigation. Use organic mulch in the garden to help hold the moisture in place. Soil that is exposed to the air will wick water out of the ground and form a crust. Remove the mulch from under dead vegetable plants and compost the whole thing to keep down the incidence of disease at the end of the season.

Blossom end-rot Tomatoes, peppers, watermelon and squash can all develop blossom end-rot which is caused by a calcium deficiency and a fungus that grows on the fruit's dead tissue. Roots have a hard time pulling calcium from the soil if it has been excessively wet for a long period of time; going back and forth from too dry to too wet; receiving too much fertilizer; cultivated too close to the base of the plant.

■ **Prevention:** Till mulch and compost into the soil (a few inches from the roots) to make it uniformly moist, aerated and to ensure the roots can get all the nutrients they need.



Blossom end-rot

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the morning before the plant needs it is better than waiting until it is already dry. If the plant is dry, don't wait until the next morning to water it.

Use organic mulch in the garden to help hold the moisture in place. Soil that is exposed to the air will wick water out of the ground. It will form a crust that is hard for roots to grow into. At the end of the season, remove the mulch from under dead vegetable plants and compost it to kill diseases. Till under mulch that is left over in the aisles.

Tomatoes, peppers, watermelon and squash can all develop a disease called blossom end rot. Fungi may grow on the dead tissue at the bottom of the fruit, but the problem is actually caused by the plant having a hard time getting calcium out of the soil. Most soil has plenty of calcium, but when the roots can't get it, the fruit suffers.

The roots can have a hard time if the soil is excessively wet for an extended period of time. Going back and forth from too dry to too wet, high soil salts

(too much fertilizer seen as a white crust on the soil), and cultivating the soil too close to the base of the plant are all reasons why the roots may not be able to pull the calcium from the soil.

Q: We have several tall perennials that flop over when they go into bloom. When we try to straighten up the peony and delphinium plants, they crack and break. How can we keep them growing straight up without having a whole bunch of poles sticking up in the yard?

A: Check with your local garden center for a horizontal fence, sometimes called a peony hoop. They usually come in circular rings of a wire grid. They have a variety of diameters and leg lengths. In the early spring, stake the legs into the ground with the grid hovering over the base of the plant. The plant stems will grow up through the grid, helping to hide it. As it gets taller, the legs can be pulled up and out of the ground, or new, longer legs can be added.

Staking the plant early will allow the foliage to grow around the support. It will look much more natural than trying to stake a bent-over stem, which will rarely straighten up again. Taller and bushier plants, such as delphiniums, can be placed in tomato cages.

Q: Many of our garden vegetables are developing holes in the leaves, but we can't find anything eating them. The leaves are not showing any discoloring, as though a disease is involved. What can we do?

A: Check the plants at night, when a surprising number of pests roam around. Slugs and snails leave slimy trails that are sometimes visible in the day, yet are easy to see at night when they are fresh. There are also beetles, cutworms, earwigs and weevils that feed at night.

Once you find out the culprit, you can decide on a treatment. For most of them, insecticide soap will kill them and keep the veggies safe to eat.

E-mail questions to Jeff Rugg at jrugg@pondsupplies.com

Yellow goo is a fungus

Q: I was working in my garden yesterday and I found something really bizarre under the shrubs. It was big globs of something bright yellow and almost marshmallow-like. It was on the mulch in a number of places. What is it?

A: Big Bird threw up in the bushes. Bad Bird. Actually, this is a form of fungus called a plasmodial slime mold. It's own cute little name is Fuligo (foo-LEE-go). Like many fungi, it is interested in dead wood. The mulch is dead wood. Fungus need warmth, moisture and a suitable host. Fungi flourish and gardeners are stampeding in terror. This does not affect living plants or attack small mammals. It appears rapidly and disappears the same way. It will eventually dry up and disperse billions of spores to float out into the universe. Some of these spores could stay dormant for 75 years before they germinate. Spraying fungicides will not get rid of or prevent this slime mold. Don't feel obligated to shake it up to stop it. This is also not a control option.

You can rake or loosen the top of the mulch so it will dry out more quickly. Dry mulch is not a Fuligo home. Some kinds of mulch seem to be resistant to Fuligo. Shredded cypress and cedar are rarely affected. So if this is more than you can tolerate, begin top-dressing with cypress or cedar as the other mulch decays. You only want about a three-inch depth of mulch. Too much can cut oxygen off the roots and soil. Too little allows weeds to grow and soil to heat and dry. Please don't create the Landscaper Pyramid at Cheops with the tree trunk protruding from the top like a flagpole. And skip the six-inch inverted cake pan of mulch, too.

Q: I have two crabapple trees in front of my house. One has brown spots on the leaves and some of those leaves are turning yellow. Then they turn brown and fall off. The tree next to it has a couple of spots. They have done this for several years. The one with the most spots is much smaller than the other tree and they used to be the same size. My neighbor said this is an insect problem and for a few bucks, will spray my trees when he does his. What do you say?

A: I say you're nuts to go for this. Just mail me the money and I'll pray about your problem. The results will be the same. The problem is not insect; it's fungal. This is called Apple Scab and is found on apples and crabapples each year we have a damp spring. In other words, almost every year. This fungus invades the leaves as they are unfurling in the spring. It cooks in inside until late June or July and then the spots begin appearing. By the time you see spots, it's too late to fix it. This is a fungal disease that can eventually kill the tree. The one is smaller because it is defoliating early and does not have enough energy to grow properly. You can prevent this but not cure it. If you want to control this, you have to start in the spring when the new green leaf buds are closed. Use a fungicide called Daconil 2787 or Ortho Multipurpose Fungicide. Give the tree a good spraying. Then, repeat five to eight times at intervals of seven to ten days. At the end of the fifth spray, continue if it is rainy, humid or the moist. If you have a lawn irrigation system that wets the trees, continue until fall. Your goofy neighbor is breaking the law if he is hiring himself out to spray trees without a license. This is a license he would obtain through Michigan Department of Agriculture after passing a test and a few other things. He doesn't know what he's doing and this is dangerous for all concerned.

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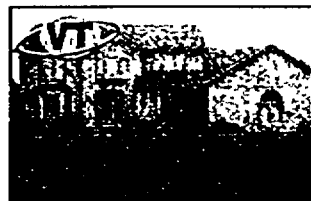
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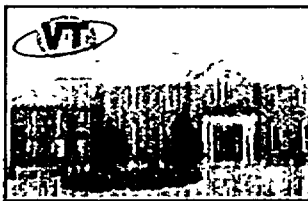
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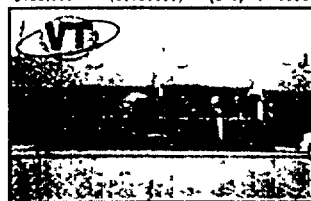
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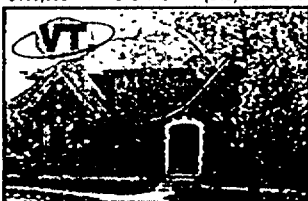
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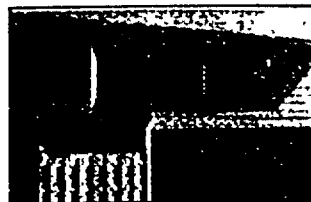
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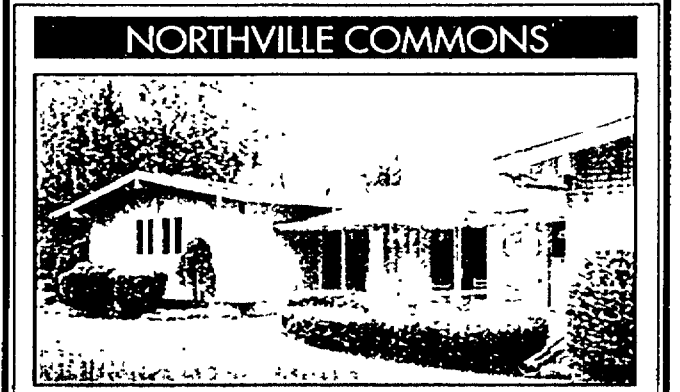
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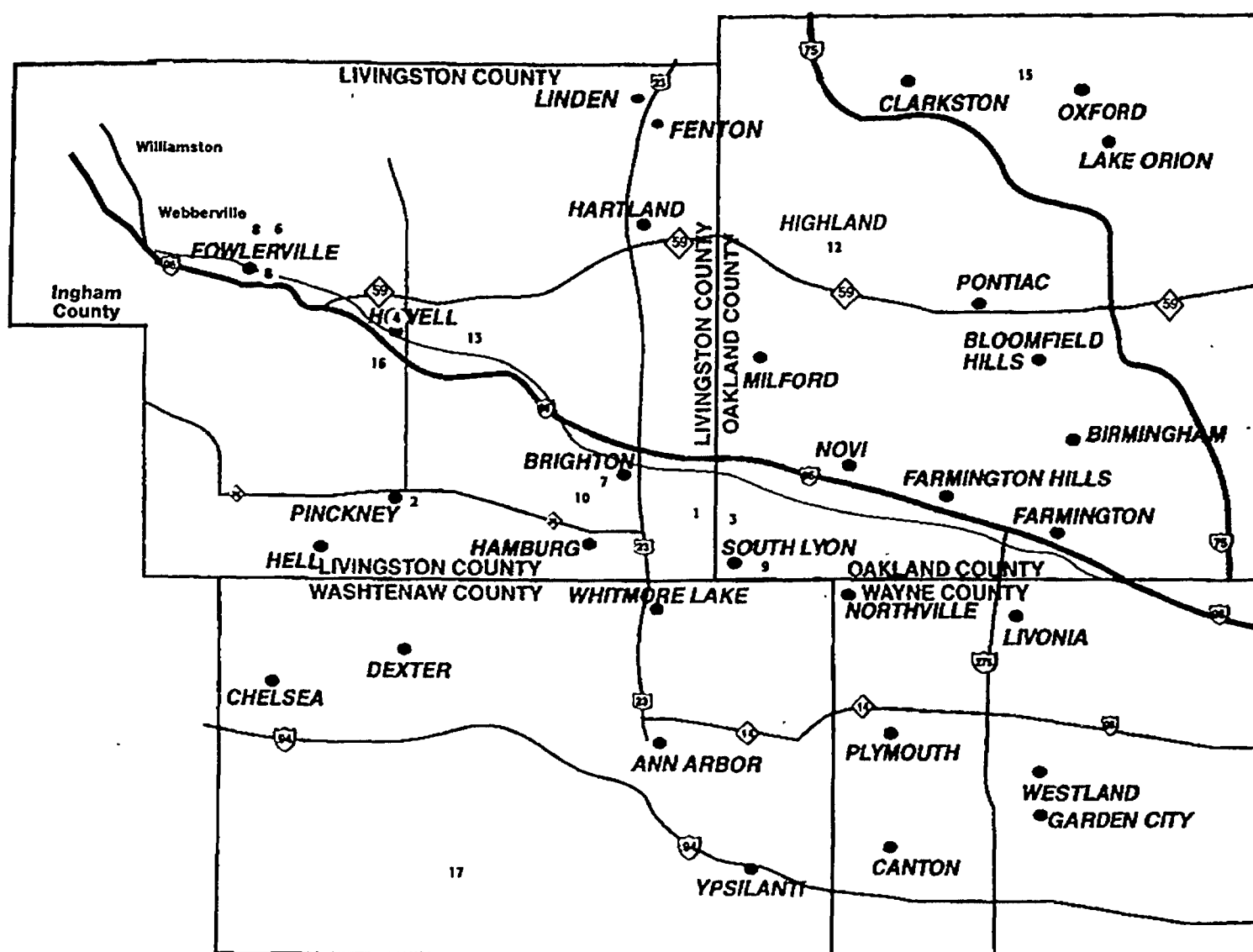
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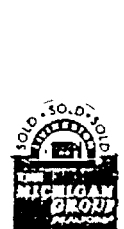


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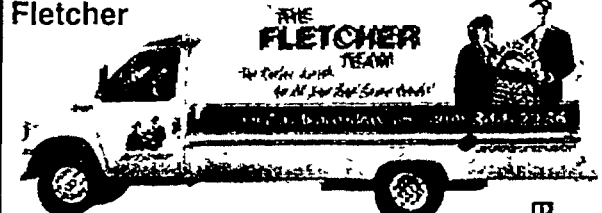
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LIVONIA - Castle Garden Ranch. Updated, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 2 car attached garage, fin bsmt, CA & furnace (97), roof tear-off (00), vinyl windows, remodeled kit & baths. Hardwood, Berber, Pergo flooring. Maple cabinets, solid pine 6 panel doors t/o, doorwall off family room. \$223,958 (76HOU) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Great location in Livonia. Broad front brick ranch offers open floor plan, family room w/fireplace opening to large country kit, partially fin bsmt w/separate office & a wet bar, 2 car gar + hwd floors, newer roof, glass block windows, CA & privacy fence. Only 2 blocks from elem sch! & park. \$174,900 (10SEL) 734-455-5600



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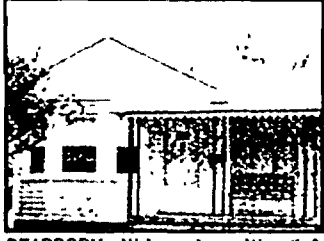
SOUTH LYON - Custom cape cod 3 bedrooms, 3 baths & 2 lavs in a golf community on approx 65 acres. Solid oak doors & trim, sauna, dual staircase, Andersen windows. 4 car garage, finished basement, granite foyer, sound system. Bar in basement, 2 fireplaces, central vac. Walk to the course. \$679,000 (65STA) 248-349-5600



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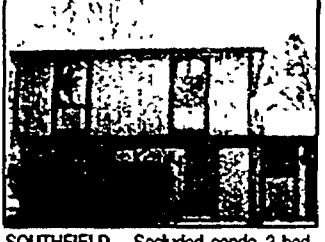
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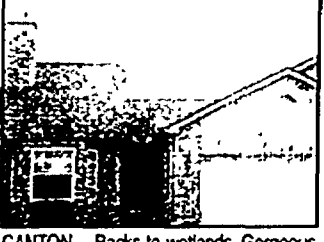
WIXOM - All the bells & whistles plus Loon Lake privileges 3 bedroom, 2 bath colonial w/newer windows, turn, AC, carpet, steel entry & heated gar. Large deck, family room w/fireplace & 1st floor laundry. Updated kitchen w/oak cabs & ceramic floors. Neutral decor t/o. Open floor plan \$234,900 (77HOP) 248-349-5600



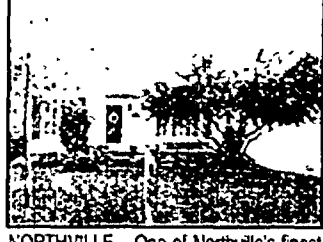
YPSILANTI - Enjoy view of Ford Lake Lake from your living room in this clean, updated 3 bedroom brick ranch on one of the largest lots in sub. Many updates, well maintained, finished basement & nicely landscaped. Move in now, relax & enjoy the summer. \$158,900 (07EME) 248-349-5600



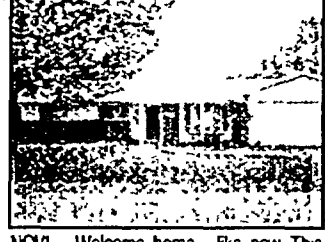
SOUTHFIELD - Secluded condo. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 1 car attached garage, CA, doorwall, circuit breakers. Utility room, small cozy complex. All appliances stay. Home protection plan included. Easy commute. \$99,934 (90SAR) 734-455-5600



CANTON - Backs to wetlands. Gorgeous 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath condo has cathedral ceilings, gas fireplace, beautiful kitchen, 1st floor laundry, doorwall to lovely rear yard & deck, 2 car attached garage w/owner. Home Warranty \$224,900 (96CHE) 734-455-5600



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FARMINGTON HILLS - Handyman Special. 3 bedroom ranch w/2 garages, full basement, newer furnace, breezeway, all sitting on approximately 1 acre lot. Home being sold "AS IS." \$159,900 (02ORC) 734-455-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Spacious colonial. Spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home w/2 car attached garage, finished basement, hardwood floors in living room & dining room, bright kitchen w/breakfast area, 1st floor laundry + 1 year home warranty \$244,900 (37WES) 734-455-5600



VAN BUREN - Value in 5+ Acres. 4 bedroom ranch w/updated vinyl siding, windows and newer roof, 1st floor laundry all sitting on over 5 acres \$429,000 (08HAG) 734-455-5600



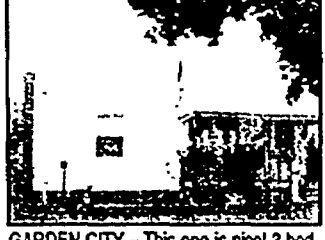
GARDEN CITY - Pride of ownership! Old world charm and character galore! This turn-key cape cod shines from front to back. Beautiful decor t/o & plenty of updating. Just move in and enjoy! Large living room w/fireplace, dining room, finished basement, deck, brick paver patio, garage & more. \$154,900 (46KRA) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH - Walk to park. Beautiful updated 3 bedroom colonial. Oak kitchen, cozy family room & 2 garages. Updates include windows, furnace, roof, baths, kitchen. Neutral decor. Large private backyard with mature trees. \$219,900 (27LIN) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Premium location. Beautifully upgraded 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial. Kitchen offers oak cabinets w/ceramic backsplash & ceramic floors. Fireplace in living room. Recessed lights, plush carpet, 2-story foyer, master bath, walk-in closets & all appliances. \$229,900 (56LYN) 248-349-5600



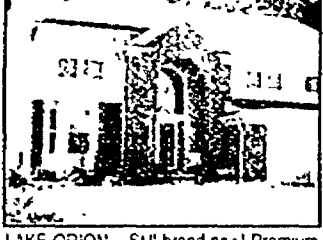
GARDEN CITY - This one is nice! 3 bedrooms, 1 bath nice/clean updated ranch! Newer windows & roof, new furnace '03, prepped for CA, updated kitchen w/breakfast bar, + kitchen appliances & a 2 car garage. \$127,900 (41MAP) 734-455-5600



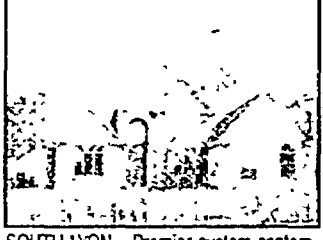
HIGHLAND - Lakefront Cape Cod 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 car attached garage, 1st floor laundry, family room & dining room w/covered patios all on approx 5 acres of land, lakes and wetlands. Approx 800 ft frontage on 2 lakes and your own putting green, garage allows for 2nd floor addition. \$260,000 (04GAF) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Just like new. Built in 2001 w/4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, ceramic foyer & grand staircase. Extra large eating area w/hardwood floors into the kitchen w/oak cabinets. Gas fireplace in great room, finished basement, 2 car attached garage, 1st floor laundry. Ready for you! \$259,900 (24JOY) 734-455-5600



LAKE ORION - Sit brand new! Premium site backing to woods. Vary private 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath w/open kitchen to family room w/searing ceilings. Double staircases, whirlpool tub in master suite. Near Webber Elementary \$319,900 (21YOS) 248-349-5600



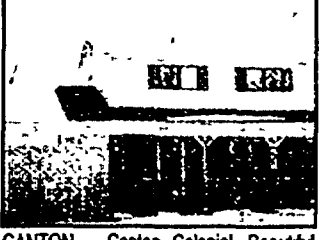
SOUTH LYON - Premier custom contemporary Tangewood Golf community offers this 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath cape cod on a wooded lot w/FF master. Custom moldings, granite & hardwoods. Walkout lower level, Central vacuum & stainless appliances. Arched doorways & 3 car side entry garage. \$574,900 (84POI) 248-349-5600



CANTON - Outstanding. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial with family room, living room, formal dining room. Large master suite. First floor laundry. Medium-oak kitchen w/center island. Conan countertops, newer flooring & doors leading to gorgeous 3 season room. Lovely patio \$239,900 (93WOO) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH - Premium location on large lot. This 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick bungalow offers character & charm w/covered ceilings & hardwood floors, spacious room & Florida room. Large master bedroom w/2 walk-in closets. Beautiful perennial gardens. \$274,900 (42PEN) 734-455-5600



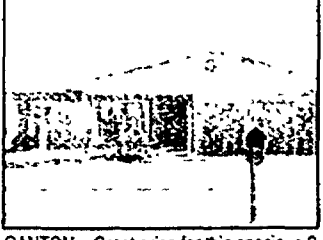
CANTON - Canton Colonial. Beautiful home offers 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, finished basement, 2 car attached garage, family room w/fireplace & white ceramic kitchen. Neighborhood park & close to Summit on Park Golf Course. \$199,900 (03CAB) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Don't miss this one! Gorgeous lot backing to wood & ravine offers this 3 bedroom, 2 bath quad-level with finished lower level, 2 car attached garage, formal dining room, family room w/fireplace & home warranty. \$229,900 (27RAV) 734-455-5600



COMMERCE - Lifestyle elegance in an updated brick ranch on a large lot with 3 large bedrooms & 3 full baths. Huge great room w/fireplace & finished basement. Large garage, bath/room w/hot tub. Fabulous kitchen. \$329,900 (21NEW) 248-349-5600



CANTON - Great price for this spacious 3 bedroom, 2 full bath brick beauty. Newer carpet, updated kitchen, family room w/fireplace. Beautiful landscaping around home & pool. Newer furnace, CA & roof. Attached 2 car garage & partially finished basement. \$219,800 (30LOM) 248-349-5600



SPRINGFIELD TWP. - All sports. Dixie Lake 3 bedroom ranch that overlooks all sports lake w/3 bedrooms & 2 baths. Large kitchen & large deck that overlooks lake. Recessed lighting t/o. Neutral paint & carpet. Deck & dock at lakefront. \$449,900 (29DX) 248-349-5600



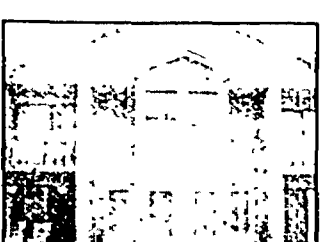
LIVONIA - Spectacular wood location. Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bath quad w/2 car attached garage, basement, updated kitchen & baths, living room w/fireplace & windows across one wall overlooking deck & patio w/built in pool. All this sitting on a lovely ravine lot w/creek & woods. \$334,900 (35SOU) 734-455-5600



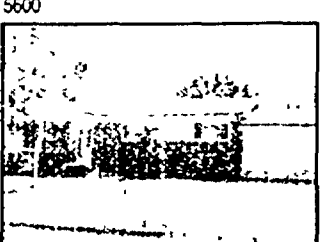
CANTON - Spotless Canton Condo. 1997 built, 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths w/full basement, attached garage, fireplace, 1st floor laundry, all kitchen appliances, spacious master bedroom w/WIC, huge bath w/garden tub & dual sinks. Move right in! \$162,500 (12HUN) 734-455-5600



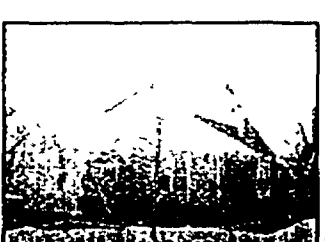
PLYMOUTH - Much sought after garden level condo. Alum-like all brick entryway offers an abundance of natural lighting for the open living area. Medium oak cabinets in kitchen, in-unit laundry & carport. Short walk to shopping & nightlife in downtown Plymouth. Must see! \$134,900 (12PIN) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Exceptional 1990 built 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath condo w/large master bedroom w/walk-in closet, in-unit laundry room. Large covered balcony. Covered carport & intercom system. AC low association fee. Walk to stores. Livonia schools. \$114,900 (04CLA) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Move right in! This Livonia ranch has quick occupancy 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath with finished basement & too many updates to list. Great location & all appliances are included. \$179,900 (30DEN) 248-349-5600



CANTON - Sprawling ranch condo. Fantastic 2 bedroom, 2 bath end unit backs to the 11th hole. Set on your deck & watch the golfers or join in. Spacious unit w/hardwood flooring, gas fireplace in BR w/custom mantle, white kitchen w/all built in. Jetted tub & double sinks in master. \$274,900 (32THI) 248-349-5600

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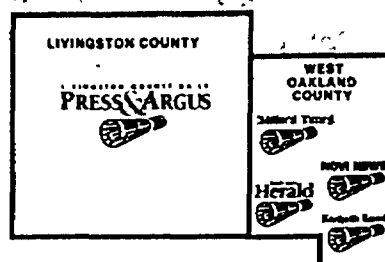
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5500 Summer Camps
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Announcements
6460 Bongo
6280 Car Pools
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6240 Meetings/ Seminars
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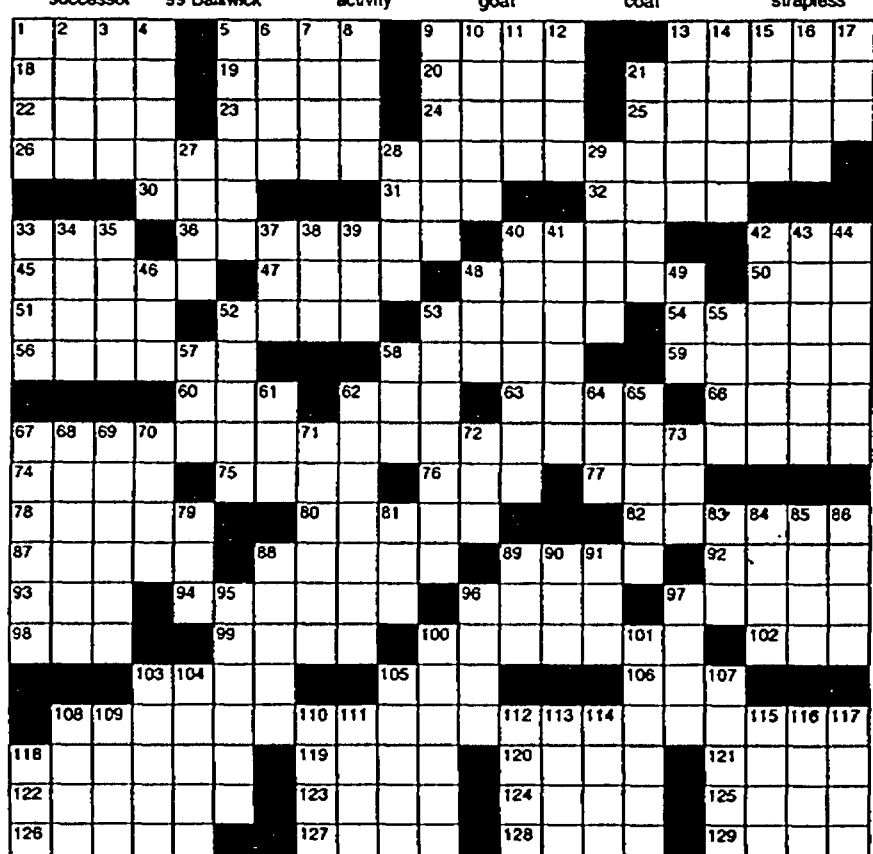
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Jeff Wilbur - Unit #127
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Katherine O'Leary - Unit #137-138
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Barbara Riley - Unit #219
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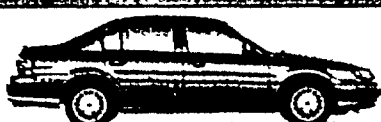


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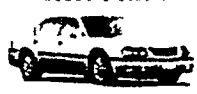


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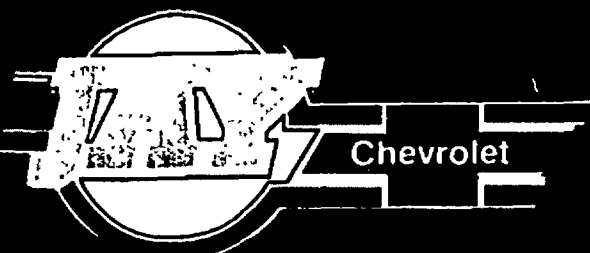
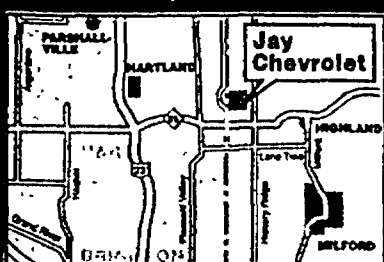
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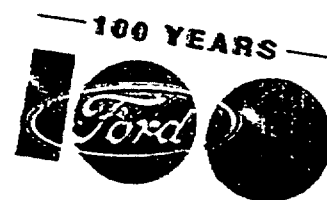
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Main Street takes on a whole new appearance that weekend. Streets lined with commercial and food vendors, car dealers, beverage stations, musical acts, carnivals, classic cars, you name it. If it's fun to see and do, it's there! And there is something a bit different this year as well; the musical acts are all free of charge. Brighthouse Networks, the festival's major sponsor, is providing acts

starting on Thursday afternoon and running through Sunday evening free for your enjoyment!

Those acts include The Sun Messengers, Stewart Francke and Gary Puckett and the Union Gap. Gary's super group from the late '60s and early '70s produced such hits as "This Girl is a Woman Now", "Over You", "Woman, Woman" and the two number one hits "Young Girl" and "Lady Willpower." Gary Puckett will be appearing on Saturday night July 26th right in the middle of Main Street. It's a show you won't want to miss!

There will be plenty of other free entertainment throughout the weekend as well. You'll be able to check out the complete schedule of events in the Official Guide to the Music and Motorfest, published by Hometown

Newspapers, or simply call our office at (248) 349-1950.

As many people know, this is truly a community event. All of the proceeds go right back to the city in various forms. Many community groups use this event as a major fundraiser for their own groups and everyone who works there is a volunteer. That is where many of the thank you's come in. It's the citizens of Novi that make this event possible. From the many corporate sponsors who contribute their time and dollars to the City itself, which lends an overwhelming amount of support for the last 16 years that this event is possible. We all couldn't enjoy it without your support. For that, we thank you.

New for the 2003 festival are a special attraction sponsored by the Detroit Pistons,

an expanded family area and a special appearance by the original Bozo the Clown! There will be many popular events returning as well. We couldn't have this festival without the Classic Car show and the granddaddy of all Cruises, the Annual Grand River Cruise on Sunday evening!

We are putting the final touches on what promises to be the best festival Novi has ever seen. We hope you join us! In the interim, mark your calendars for July 24-27 and visit our Web site at www.musicandmotorfest.com for more information. We look forward to seeing you!

One of the festival's organizers, Pat Webb can be reached at (248) 349-1950.



Festival Manager Jane Thomas took this aerial shot of last year's Music & Motor Festival.

Variety of musical acts highlight the festivities

By Grace Blum
SPECIAL WRITER

Did you know that in 1968 Gary Puckett sold more albums than the Beatles? Yup, it's true, and you can see this phenomenal artist Saturday night, July 26, at the 16th annual Music & Motor Fest.

"We have a number of different music acts this year," said Bob McCann, president of the Music & Motor Fest. One of McCann's responsibilities is booking the music acts each year for the festival. McCann works with Brighthouse Networks, the major sponsor of Novi's annual Music & Motor Fest. Brighthouse Networks (formerly Time Warner Cable) has been a major sponsor of the festival for the past several years, but it has graduated to becoming *the* major sponsor of the event.

Since the birth of Music & Motor Fest, McCann believes that about 25 national recording artists have performed at the festival. And that doesn't even begin to include the number of local artists and bands that have been a part of the event.

"It's great entertainment that is all free. This will be the first year that all the musical acts have been done for free," McCann said.


On Thursday evening, the Sun Messengers, a local, jazzy rock band, will take the stage. The Sun Messengers is the house band of the Palace of Auburn Hills. "They're a fun band and a great group of guys," said McCann.

The 80s Band, brought in by radio station 106.7 The Drive, will be the main performance on Friday night. Said McCann, "The band is a tribute to the 80s music."

The main artist of the festival, Gary Puckett, will take the stage Saturday evening. "He had many hits in the late '60s and early '70s," McCann said.

And finally, the Music & Motor Fest will end with Stewart Frankie, a big local artist in the metro-Detroit area, performing Sunday night.

"It's all for fun, charity and the community. The Music & Motor Fest committee is a non-profit organization, so everything is given back to the community," said McCann.



William Elijah - Trumpet, Vocals
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The Sun Messengers (above left) and Stewart Franke (above right) will both play at this year's Music and Motor Festival

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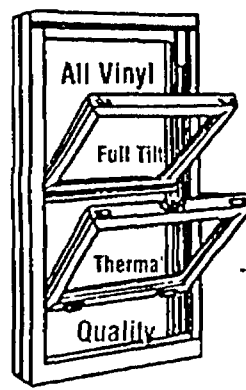
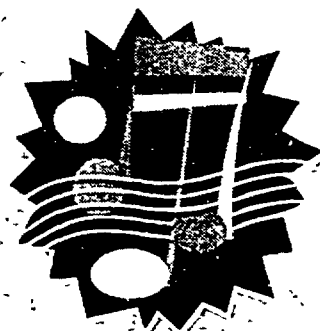
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Legendary clown offers rare public appearance

By Grace Blum
SPECIAL WRITER

Two words: Baskin Robins. Interested? Then venture on down to this year's Music & Motor Fest Ice Cream Social because the company that boasts of 31 flavors is providing ice cream for the event.

On Saturday, July 26 from 12 p.m.-3 p.m., kids of all ages can have some fun at the ice cream social held in the Kid's Fair area. Along with a wide assortment of ice cream flavors, festival visitors can participate in doughnut-dipping, which features pastries from Dunkin' Donuts.

And while you are filling up on ice cream and doughnuts, why not get a little entertainment from Bozo the Clown. Art Cervi, who is the original Bozo the Clown, will make an appearance during the ice cream social. He plans to take the stage at around 1 p.m., and his sidekick, Gary O'Brien, will be joining him.

"He's going to make a very rare appearance, which he doesn't usually do," Cervi said, referring to Bozo the Clown. This will be Bozo's first appearance in five years.

If that still doesn't tickle your fancy, then here's one more reason to come to the Ice Cream Social, an 18 wheel, 53-foot-long Pistons hoop-fest trailer. "It's a mobile interactive basketball experience," said Pat Webb, director of the ice cream social.

The trailer will feature games to play on the outside of the trailer and a mini Pistons hall of fame on the inside.

Besides all that, kids can fish in the trout pond (each fisher will go home with a goldfish), have their faces painted, climb the rock wall and enjoy the big Road Runner trailer, which features interactive video games.

For fun, food and laughter, make sure to stop at the Kid's Fair area Saturday afternoon. It will be an experience that will not too quickly be forgotten!



Novi resident Art Cervi, the original Bozo the Clown, will take the stage at 1 p.m. Saturday at the ice cream social.

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Popular antique appraisal returns to festival

By Grace Blum
SPECIAL WRITER

Virginia Fournier is going on 40 years of being an independent antique appraiser. She has been involved with appraisals at roadshows, festivals, fairs...you name it, and she's probably been there to appraise items. She started collecting antiques and her interest in them rapidly grew. Soon, she began reading books about antiques and appraising them and taught herself the art of appraising

antiques. Fournier has taken classes at Greenfield Village to further her knowledge of antique appraising.

"I love it," said Fournier. "I get to see things people don't normally see. Very interesting things. Very beautiful things. And it's a constant enjoyment for me."

Fournier use to have two antique stores, but it became too much to keep up with. Now she handles estate sales and appraises antiques at various events.

"I've met a lot of interesting people and

seen things I've never seen before," Fournier said.

On Saturday, July 26 from 12 p.m. until 4 p.m. Fournier will be at Novi's Music & Motor Fest to appraise antiques. This is the second year for the antique appraising, and the first year for Fournier to be the appraiser at the festival.

"This time it will be outside, weather permitting," said Cindy Kopczynski, a member of the Music & Motor Fest committee, of the antique appraising. "We had a fair response

the first year and hopefully we'll have a good response this year."

The cost of the antique appraisal is \$3 an item and Fournier will not be appraising jewelry, watches, books or oil paintings.

"Hopefully people will be cleaning out their attics and come across an item they want to know the value of," Kopczynski said.

If you can't make it to the Music & Motor Fest, then contact Virginia Fournier at (248) 887-5100 if interested in having an item appraised.



The band Spittin' Boogie performed Friday evening at last year's Music and Motorfest on the Time Warner stage.

Can always use volunteers

By Grace Blum
SPECIAL WRITER

Interested in volunteering for the 17th annual Music & Motor Fest on July 24-27? The festival committee desperately needs volunteers. Whether working for the entire event, or for just one hour, all volunteers willing to be cruisers for the festival are greatly appreciated.

"We really appreciate people coming forth and volunteering," said Dodie Varhol, director of volunteers for Novi's Music & Motor Fest. "I want to make a plea - we really need more cruisers."

Cruisers can be called the backbone of the Music & Motor Fest. They are people within the community of Novi who volunteer their time for the festival. And service groups are community people that volunteer to do the beverage gardens or tents. Service groups of past year's have included Novi Newcomers, the Lions and the Lionesses.

"Everything we put into the event comes back to the community in one way or another,"

said Varhol.

Cruisers do anything from preparing and setting up for the festival, manning the work stations for the crowds and passing out information about the festival. People of any age can volunteer to be a cruiser and the festival's office will attempt to place cruisers at the station they would prefer to work at.

"We use cruisers for anything and everything," Varhol said.

And Varhol was quick to say that if someone outside of the Novi community would like to be a cruiser, then contact the festival's office because the committee would love to have as many cruisers as possible.

"Cruisers are great and we appreciate anybody who gives us even an hour of their time," said Varhol.

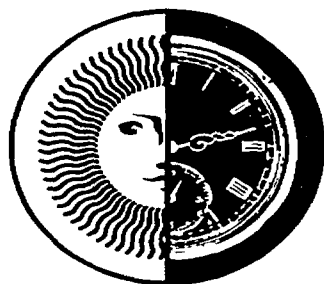
For those interested in becoming a cruiser for this year's Music & Motor Fest, contact the festival's office at (248) 437-9759. Expect to fill out an application and then you're an official Music & Motor Fest cruiser. It's as simple as that!



Karlee, 3, Kyle, 10 months, and Kelly Techentin played a little game of tag during their Friday evening visit to the 2002 Music and Motorfest. The Techentin's were visiting from Northville.

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Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, JULY 24

4:00 p.m. Information Booth Open

5:00 p.m. Carnival Opens
V.I.P. Reception for Sponsors, Media and Special Guests

7:00 p.m. Ribbon Cutting by Mayor
Festival Area Opens
Performance by **The Sun Messengers** on the Brighthouse Networks Stage
No Admission Fee - All Ages Welcome

midnight Entertainment Area Closes

FRIDAY, JULY 25

11:00 a.m. Information Booth Open

3:00 p.m. Live Band **Terry Stevenson** Road Runner Stage(until 6:00 p.m.)
Beverage Garden Open Sponsored by Michelob Ultra
"Chow on Main" TasteFest Open
Vendor Exhibits Open (until 10:00 p.m.)
Carnival and Kids Fair Area Open

6:00pm Adult Karaoke finals on Bright house stage until 8:00 p.m.

6:30pm The Drive Pit Crew-Live Broadcast with Steve Black (until 8:30 p.m.)

8:00pm **That 80's Band**
Brought to you by 106.7 The Drive on Brighthouse Networks Stage
Free Admission All Ages Welcome

10:00pm Vendor Exhibits Close
Information Booth Closes

1:00am Entertainment Area Closes

SATURDAY, JULY 26

9:00 a.m. Brighthouse Networks 5K Run/Walk @ Novi Town Center

10:00 a.m. Information Booth Opens
Vendor Exhibits Open (until 10:00 p.m.)

11:00 a.m. "Chow on Main" TasteFest Open
Beverage Garden Opens (Sponsored by Michelob Ultra)
Performance by the Sports Club of Novi Dancers on Road Runner Stage
Carnival & Kids Fair Area Open

noon Ice Cream Social (until 3:00 p.m.)
Brought to you by Baskin Robbins and Michigan Milk Producers in the Kids Fair Area
Donut Dipping by Dunkin' Donuts in Kids Fair Area
Antique Appraisal (until 4:00 p.m.)

12:15 p.m. ... Performance by the Just for Kicks Dancers on the Brighthouse Networks Stage

1:00 p.m. Bozo The Clown on Road Runner Stage

2:00 p.m. Performance by the Whistle Stop Cloggers on the Road Runner Stage

4:00 p.m. **Plan B Band** on the Road Runner Stage (until 8 p.m.)

6:00 p.m. Live Broadcast 106.7 The Drive (until 8:00 p.m.)

6:15 p.m. ... Novi Parks & Recreation Softball Tournament (until 10:15 @ Power Park)

7:00 p.m. Entertainment Area Opens

9:00 p.m. "Gary Puckett" Brought to you by Brighthouse Networks Stage
Free Admission All Ages Welcome
Fireworks Show at Dusk

10:00 p.m. Information Booth Closes
Vendor Exhibits Close

11:00 p.m. **Plan B Band** on the Road Runner Stage

1:30 a.m. Entertainment Area Closes

SUNDAY, JULY 27

8:00 a.m. Car Show Registration

9:00 a.m. Softball Tourney Resumes @ Power Park

10:00 a.m. "Chow on Main" TasteFest Opens
Information Booth Opens
Vendor Exhibits Open
Car Show - No Admission Fee - All Ages Welcome
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10:30 a.m. Softball Tournament Continues @ Power Park
Carnival & Kids Fair area opens

12:00 p.m. Beverage Garden Opens (Sponsored by Michelob Ultra)

1:00 p.m. Petting Farm and Butterfly Habitat (until 4 p.m.)

4:00 p.m. **Doug Deming & the Jewel Tones** on the Road Runner Stage
Car Show Trophy Presentation

5:00 p.m. Car Cruise on Grand River

6:30 p.m. Performance by **Stewart Franke** on the Brighthouse Networks Stage
No Admission Fee - All Ages Welcome

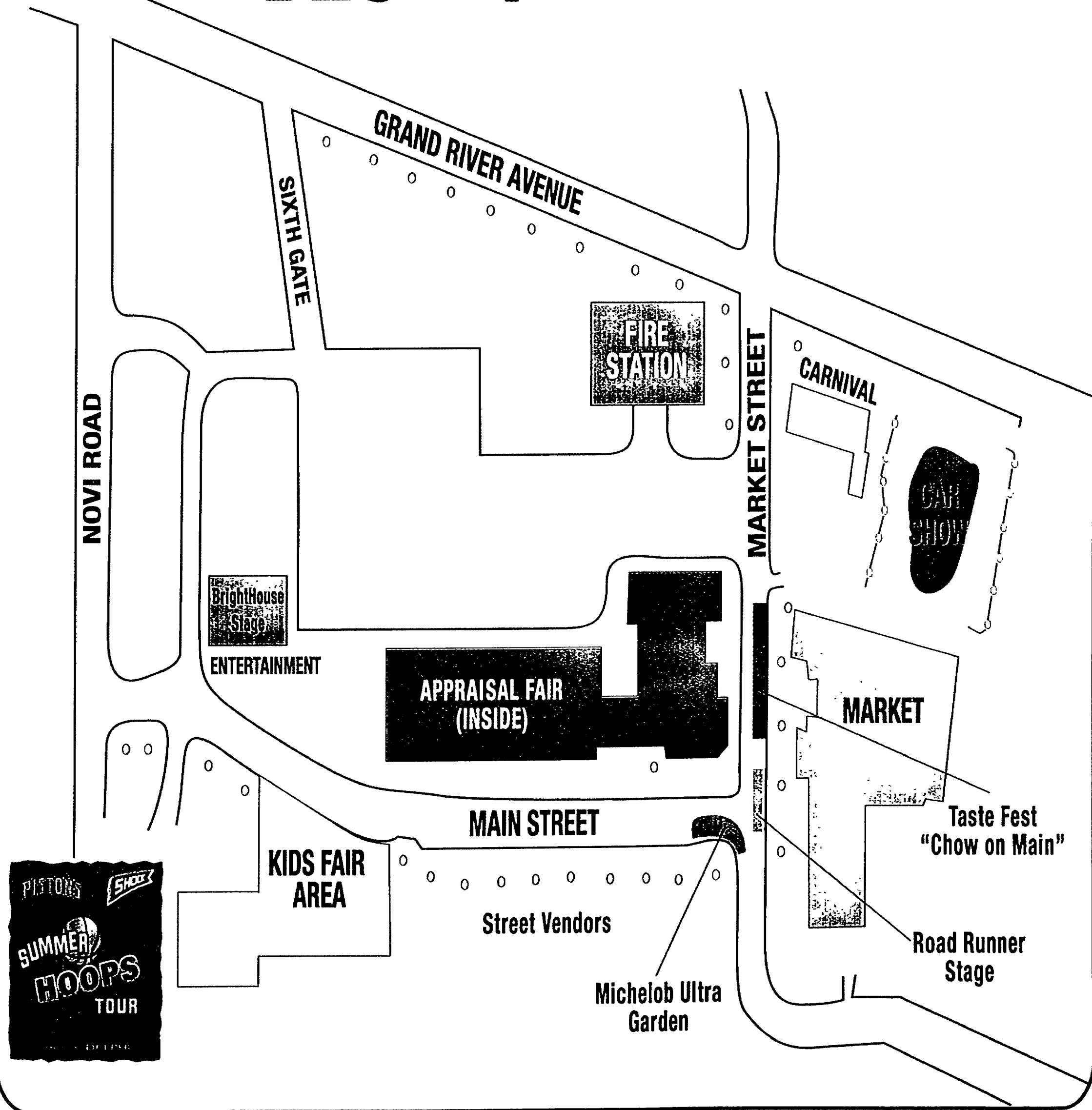
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9:00 p.m. Festival Closes

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Nearly 300 vehicles featured in Car Show

By Grace Blum
SPECIAL WRITER

The sound of muscle cars revving up and zooming by can be heard in Novi on Sunday, July 27 at the 16th annual Music & Motor Fest Car Show.

For those interested in cars, this is a must-see event. Art Cervi, director of the Car Show, predicts that 200-300 cars will be on display this year. This will be an increase from last year's car show of a little over 200 cars. "We are excited and looking forward to an even bigger and better day than last year," Cervi said.

And D.J. Boogie Brian will be at the event, spinning tunes to pump some lively fun into the atmosphere.

Flyers and ads have appeared all over Novi to publicize for the car show. "Most of the cars are from this general area, within a 35-40 mile radius," said Cervi.

After the show, various trophies will be handed out for each car class or category. This year, Cervi is hoping to include a Mayor's Trophy, which is always well-

received by the crowd because it has nothing to do with the category of the car. "The mayor just picks a car that he likes and then gives the owner a trophy," Cervi said.

Always one of the main events at the festi-

val, the Car Show attracts a large crowd. This will be the second year for the car show at its new location on Main Street and Cervi is hoping for a larger outcome of people.

After the car show, the vehicles cruise

down Grand River for an evening car parade. Cervi said the cruise is always a popular event with the festival's crowds.

"It's a fun day that appeals to all ages," said Cervi.



All sorts of sizes, shapes, years and colors of cars showed up to the '02 Novi Music and Motorfest to be part of its classic car show.



Mark Tucker of Brighton polishes his Buick Regal Friday night at the Novi Music and Motorfest car show.

Merchants pitch into festivities with glass game

By Grace Blum
SPECIAL WRITER

Eight to nine merchants on Main Street are sponsoring the Glass Pitch game at the carnival for the 16th annual Music & Motor Fest in Novi. The merchants contributed nearly \$2,000 for the game.

Brian Larsen, liaison man for the merchants and the Music & Motor Fest, said, "The group of merchants (on Main Street) formed because we were all suing our landlord." Larsen is also on the Music & Motor Fest committee.

The Glass Pitch game involves throwing a dime on a dish. If the dime lands on the dish,

the winner can take home the dish. Beer mugs, wine glasses and an assortment of other glass dishes will all be available for festival goers to take home if their coin lands on a dish. The \$2,000 contributed for the game was used to purchase the dishes. Larsen said that any left over money from the sponsorship will go directly to the Music & Motor Fest fund.

"Anybody can play the game at any age. There's no skill required," said Larsen. Which is the main reason why the Main Street Merchants decided upon sponsoring the Glass Pitch.

"It's something new that interests everyone," Larsen said of the carnival game.

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Larsen explained that the sponsorship would not be called the Main Street Merchants

because not all of the merchants participated in sponsoring the game. Instead, each merchant involved will be listed out for viewers to see.

As for the Music & Motor Fest, Larsen commented that families from Novi and Northville should make a point to partake in the festivities. "It's a community event, so we need people from the community to be a part of the festival," said Larsen. He also hopes that crowds for the festival will be on the increase this year since the festival has seen a decrease in participants in the last few years.

"Get everybody down here and make this thing a success," Larsen said.

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Sixties star Gary Puckett headlines 2003 festivities

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- "Young Girl"
- "Woman Woman"
- "Lady Willpower"
- "Over You"
- "This Girl is a Woman Now"

- "Keep the Customer Satisfied"
- "Don't Give in to Him"
- "Home"

Gary Puckett has performed on more than 30 network television shows and prime time specials during his career, even adding a command performance for the President and Prince Charles at the White House.

The Union Gap disbanded in the '70s. In 1974, "Young Girl" was reissued in

England where it received a silver record award for attaining a top five position on the pop charts, several years after its initial release.

Gary continues to tour nationally and internationally, has a new album, "GARY PUCKETT - LIVE", and has recently released his first ever Christmas CD, entitled "At Christmas".

Gary currently resides in Clearwater, Florida with his wife and family.

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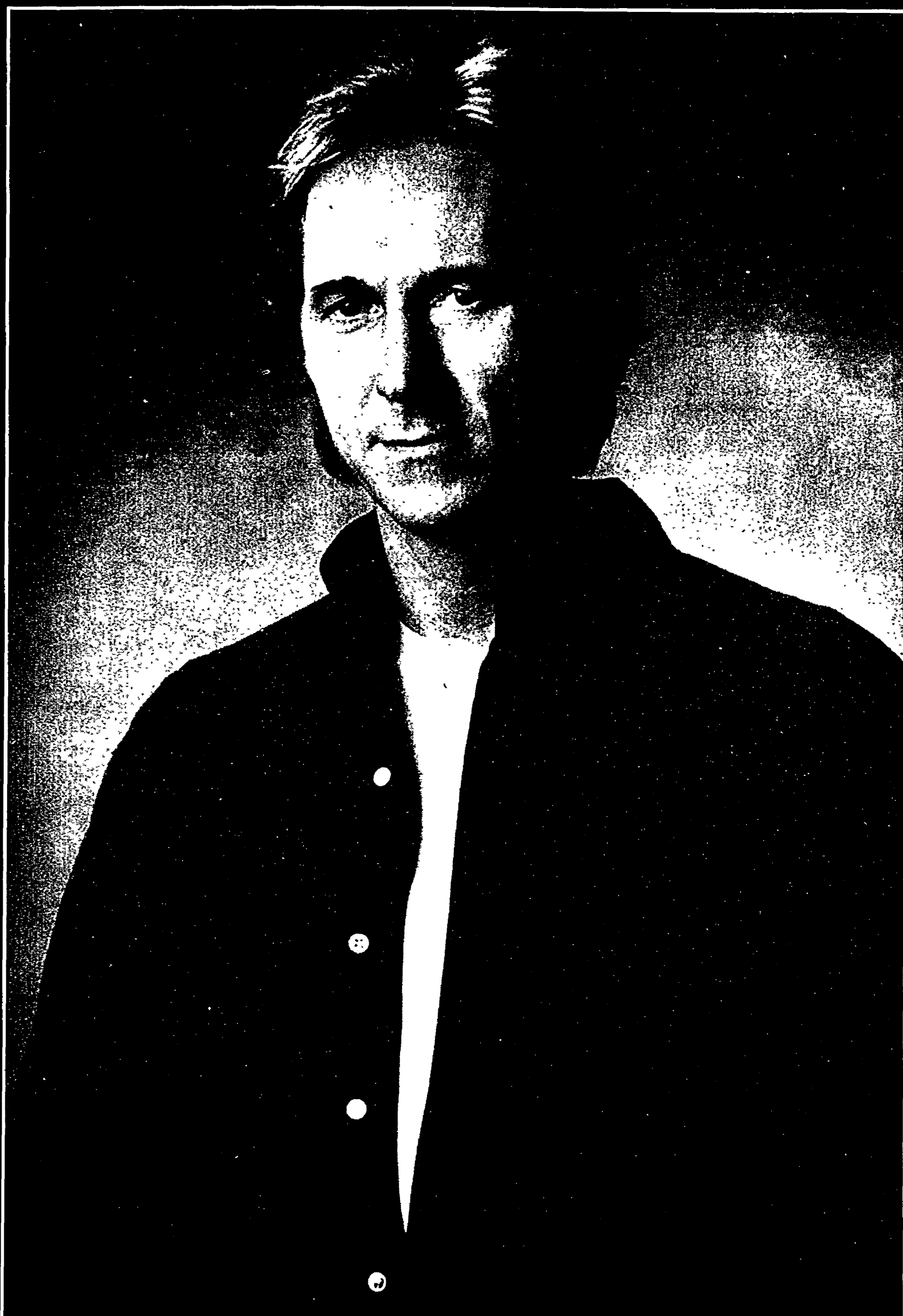
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■ In 1974 "Young Girl" was reissued by popular request in England where it reached number five and achieved a Silver Record Award for the second time. This is a full six years after the song was initially released.

■ The Gary Puckett and The Union Gap's "Greatest Hits" album is one of CBS' best selling "Collector Series" albums today.

■ In 1986 Gary was invited to tour with the Monkees on their national reunion tour, which established itself as a major hit of the 1986 touring season.

■ In 2001, Gary has released his latest CD, "In Europe". Originally recorded in Europe, this CD has new versions of "Young Girl" and "Lady Willpower", with a European flair.

■ In August 2001, Gary released his first ever Christmas CD, called "At Christmas". This CD, available exclusively at GaryPuckettMusic.com, is a beautiful collection of traditional Christmas songs....Well worth the wait.

■ In March 2002, Gary released "Live", a collection of hits recorded live and featuring the song "Home", dedicated to the men and women defending their lives for our country

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drums/vocals



Novi MainStreet's north-south section is crowded with hungry visitors seeking treats from the many restaurants offering their goods during the 2002 Music and Motorfest.

A taste fest and karaoke - what could be better?

By Grace Blum
SPECIAL WRITER

Hungry? Want to sample a medley of food for an inexpensive price? For those interested in tasting some of Novi's best restaurant food, be sure to make a stop on Market Street, south of Grand River Avenue, and come prepared to walk away with a full tummy.

The second annual Taste Fest Chow on Main of Novi's Music & Motor Fest will take place July 25-27, starting Friday at 3 p.m. In case you miss the event on Friday, then come back either Saturday or Sunday starting at 11 a.m. to sample from restaurants like Grady's American Grill, Papa Vinos and Kowalski. Or you could simply come all three days and get your fill of some great, mouth-watering munchies!

"The Taste Fest involves local restaurants that come into the festival and let people sam-

ple their food," said Lori Kapelczak, Director of the Taste Fest.

Grady's will be offering their hamburgers and grilled chicken sandwiches.

"Everybody coming to the festival can taste the food. Its fun for all," Kapelczak said.

Karaoke contest

The hunt is on. Radio station 106.7 The Drive and Zodiac Entertainment are searching high and low for karaoke finalists to compete in this year's Music & Motor Fest Karaoke Contest, which will be held Friday evening, July 25. Currently, singers can try-out for the contest through the radio station, and if a person's lucky, then he or she will move on to the next round. And that next round is singing at the Karaoke Contest.

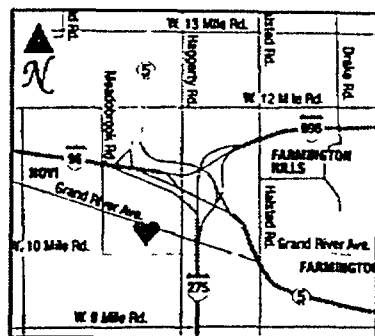
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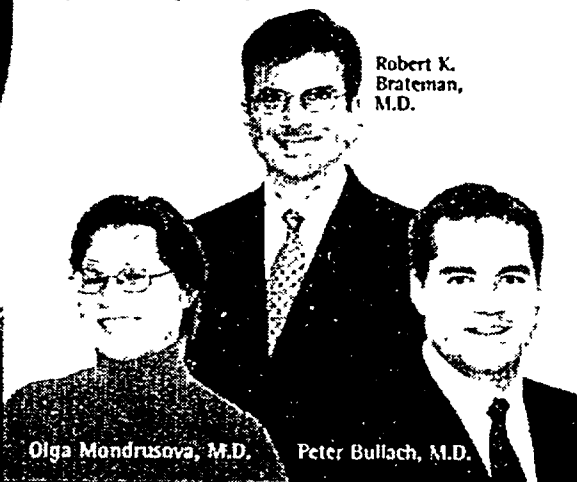
Guitarist Dave Parker of Rocky and the Rollers entertains the crowd under the big tent during Friday night's Music and Motorfest

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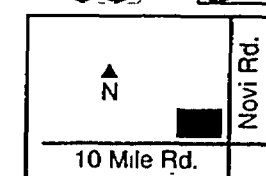
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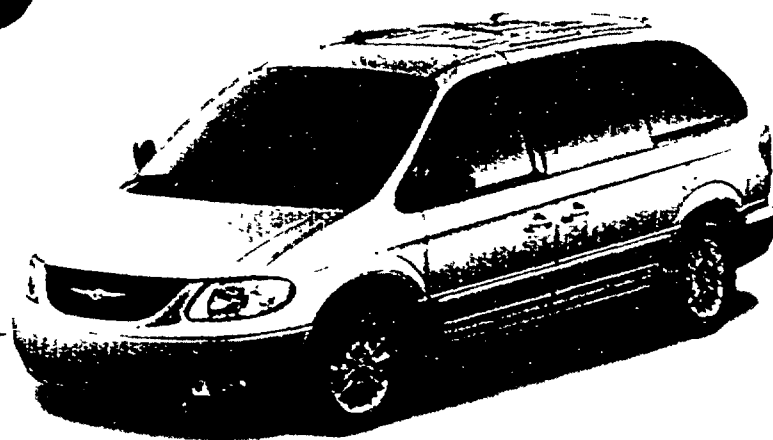
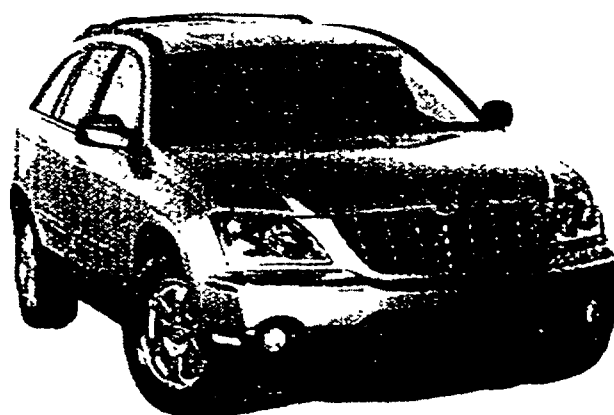
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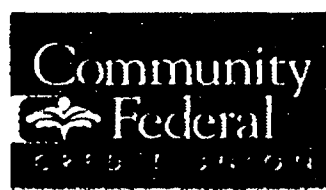
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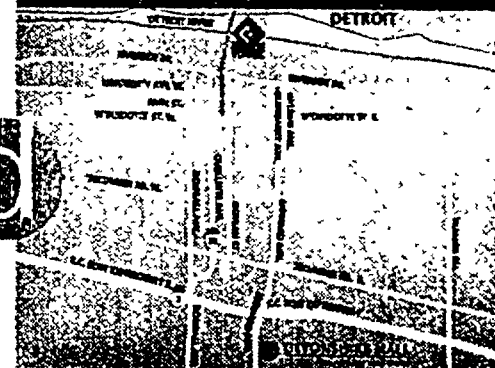
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COVER STORY: GRILLIN' 'n CHILLIN' RECIPES

Summer season for outdoor fun

BY RUTH SHARON

Pop a cold one and heat up the grill. Summer's here and it's time to enjoy life.

BEER-BARBECUED CHICKEN

1 tsp. seasoned salt
3 lbs. chicken pieces
1 can or bottle (12 oz.) beer
1 tsp. dark brown sugar
1 tbsp. lemon juice
1 tbsp. vegetable oil
1 tbsp. dark molasses
1/8 tsp. red pepper sauce

Rub seasoned salt evenly over chicken. Arrange chicken in single layer in shallow 2-quart baking dish. Mix remaining ingredients in small bowl; pour over chicken pieces. Cover and refrigerate at least 4 hours or overnight; turn chicken over several times during marinating. Preheat coals in outdoor barbecue cooker according to manufacturer's directions. Remove chicken from marinade, reserving marinade. Arrange chicken, skin-side up, on cooking rack 5 to 7 inches above hot coals. Cook until underside of chicken is dark brown, 20 to 25 minutes. Brush with marinade. Turn chicken over; brush chicken with marinade. Cook until under-

side of chicken is dark brown, 20 to 25 minutes longer. Turn chicken over; continue cooking until chicken is fork tender, 5 to 10 minutes longer, brushes often with marinade. Serve hot or cold. Makes 4 servings; approximately 167 calories and 7 g. fat per serving.

RED WINE MARINADE

1 c. dry red wine
1/2 c. salad oil
1/8 tsp. marjoram
1/8 tsp. rosemary
1/8 tsp. basil
1/8 tsp. dried parsley
Combine all ingredients in blender. Mix well. Makes 1 1/2 cups.

Tip: if you're serving several wines at a meal remember these guidelines: Serve a young wine before an older one; a white wine before a red

one; a light-bodied wine before a robust one; a dry wine before a sweet one.

BURGUNDY SPARKLER

1 10 oz. package frozen strawberries, thawed

2 tbs. lime juice
1 4/5 qt. bottle (3 1/2 cups) sparkling burgundy, chilled

1 4/5 qt. bottle (3 1/2 cups) dry champagne, chilled

Press thawed strawberries through sieve. Add lime juice; chill. In punch bowl, pour in chilled berry juice. Carefully pour in burgundy and champagne, stirring with up-and-down motion. Makes 14 four-ounce servings.



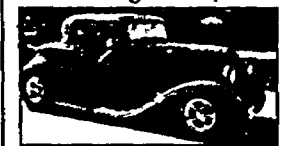
Ruth Sharon is the author of a series of Good Home Cooking cookbooks, from which these recipes are reprinted. Call (519) 978-0992 for more information.

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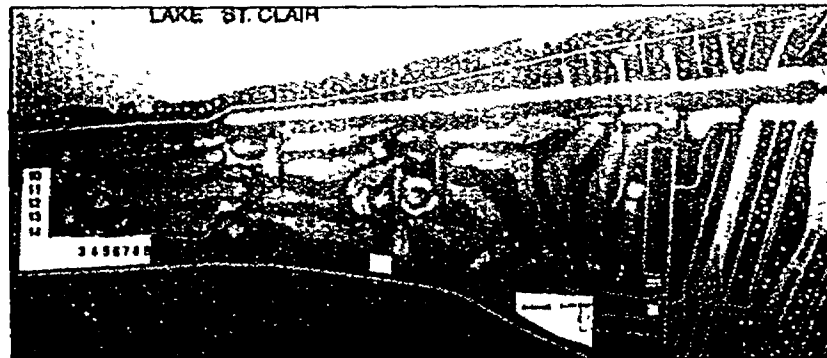
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RP's Restaurant, with its North Terrace Room overlooking the 9th and 18th

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20; French Toast Breakfast, July 26; and Create a Personal Pan Pizza, July 27.

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greens and private setting for 100 guests, is always busy with comedy shows, murder mysteries and other functions throughout the year. Upcoming events include: DJ dance and chicken dinner, July 19; Create an Ice Cream Sundae, July

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FESTIVALS: BLUESFEST INTERNATIONAL

Blues stars on riverfront

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It's Bluesfest International and it returns for its eight year to Windsor's Riverfront Civic Terrace July 17-20. Joining the festival line-up this year is International Dragon-Boats for the Cure on the Detroit River July 19 and 20. Proceeds from the event will support breast cancer research.

The popular Kidsfest and Rib Cookoff also return.

Bluesfest performers this year reads like a Who's Who of the Blues. They include:

July 17: Koko Taylor, Queen of Chicago blues; Rita Chiarelli, powerhouse blues vocalist with a three-octave range; and Motown blues legends featuring Alberta Adams, Thornetta Davis, Joe Weaver and Detroit Rhythm Rockers.

July 18: Allman Brothers alumni



Rita Chiarelli returns to Bluesfest International this summer.

- Star file photo

Dickey Betts & Great Southern Dickey; busy touring act Buckwheat Zydeco; blues guitar virtuoso Scott Holt; and Southside Geno & The Notebenders.

July 19: Buddy Guy, four Grammy award-winning Chicago bluesman; The Groove Hogs, a 10-piece ensemble from Minnesota; Bluesfest favourite Mudpuppy; and Still at Large.

July 20: Austin, Texas-based blues 'n rock 'n boogie outfit Omar & the Howlers; Dawn Tyler Watson, jazz-influenced performer from Montreal; Those Delta Rhythm Kings; Glamour Puss; and Luther Bad Man Keith.

For more information, call the hotline (519) 259-4316 or visit www.thebluesfest.com or www.DragonBoatsForTheCure.com on the Web.

FESTIVALS: WINDSOR THEATRE FESTIVAL

Thespians take to stage

The play's the thing and what better way to enjoy the stage than on Windsor's scenic waterfront.

Windsor Theatre Festival returns for its third year July 24- to Aug. 3 with a selection that will soothe the souls of festival-goers young and old. They include:

- Forever Plaid, Windsor Light Opera's celebration of a four-part guy group with their harmony; innocence and sincere dreams of the 1950s and their road to stardom; and

- Of Mice and Men, stage recreation of the classic John Steinbeck novel.

Children's series bring to the stage the classics Beauty and the Beast and Rumpelstiltskin.

Also, in association with the Windsor Folk Society, the festival will bring Canadian pop and folk singer Valdy, with special guest Matt Watroba July 31.

Windsor Theatre Festival began in the summer of 2000 with a run of 11 consecutive days during the last two weeks of July. Since then, children's theatre, musicals, comedies and dramas have been staged, highlighting Canadian actors equity professionals as well as new and seasoned veterans of Windsor Community Theatre.

The latest lineups has brought organizers ever closer to their initial vision of an indoor/outdoor theatre festival that would



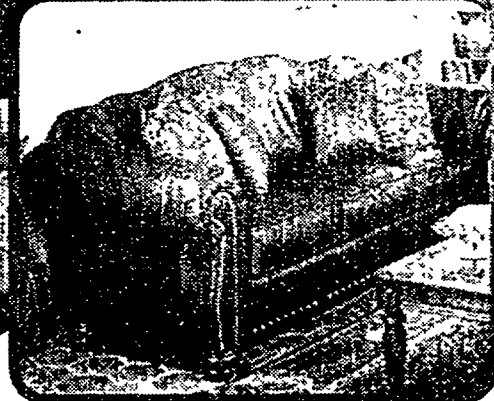
Scene from Inherit the Wind, a 2000 offering of the Windsor Summer Theatre Festival.

evolve over time to become a Windsor and Essex County family tradition.

Last year's successful lineup included Songs For A New World, Chapter 2, Alladin and The Princess and The Pea, which comprised the children's series and the summer evening series.

This year's festival will open July 24 with a gala premiere in the Festival Tent and end again in the Festival Tent Aug. 4 at the Civic Terrace.

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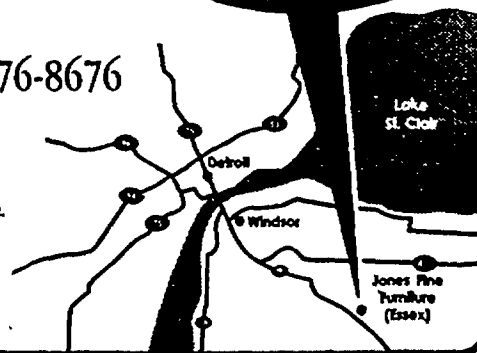
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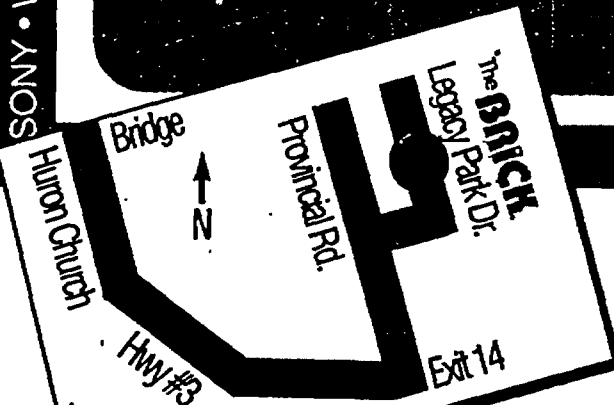
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Other highlights include the People's Choice Award for Best Performer, Busker BBQ and Busker Children's Workshops Thursday and Friday.

For more information, including the complete busker lineup, map and directions, visit www.passthehat.com on the Web.

Other Upcoming Festivals

Aug. 1-3: Emancipation Celebration
Dieppe Gardens, Windsor. Info: 519-987-0549, www.emancipationcelebration.com.

Aug. 2: Gospelfest
John Freeman Walls Historic Site, Lakeshore. Info: 519-258-6253, www.web.net/~proverbs.

Aug. 9-11: St. Angela Merica Festival
Erie Street (Via Italia). Info: 519-974-2526, www.viaitalia.com.

Aug. 15-17: 20th annual Tomato Festival
Seacliff Park, Leamington. Info: 519-326-2878, www.tomatofest.ca.

DAYTRIPPING: EVENTS IN WINDSOR & ESSEX COUNTY

Explore nature

July 19: Parks Day at Pelee

Learn the secrets of Point Pelee National Park in Leamington with a wildlife night hike starting at the Visitor Centre. Pre-registration required. Free admission. Info: 519-322-2365 ext. 200, www.parkscanada.gc.ca/pelee.

July 19-20: Art on the Island

Pelee Island and the mainland is the setting for this display of paintings, pottery, weaving and more. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: 519-724-9947.

July 23: Golf for Conservation

Tee off to help protect this region's most significant natural resources at the Essex Region Conservation Golf Tournament, Erie Shores Golf and Country Club, Leamington. \$150 per person for golf, cart and dinner (\$75 for golf or dinner). Info: 776-5209 ext. 358, www.erca.org.

July 23: Wrong for Each Other

Starlight Theatre on Pelee presents this hilarious production at Pelee Island Playhouse at Masonic Lodge, Pelee Island. \$25. Info: 1-800-661-2220, www.ticketmaster.com. Also July 30-Aug. 3 and Aug. 6-10, 13-17, 20-24 and 27-28.

July 25-27: Rod & Custom Car Show

Between 2,500 and 3,000 cars from across Canada and the U.S. are expected in what is being billed as the biggest car show held in Canada at the 32nd annual Canadian Street Rod & Custom Nationals at Malden Park and woodlands in Windsor. \$5. Info: 519-979-6067, www.canats2003.com.

July 26: Tenors in the Vineyard

Join the Windsor Italian Men's Choir for a delightful afternoon of fun, music, food and song at Colio Winery in Harrow. 1-5 p.m. \$30. Info: 1-800-265-1322 Ext. 23, www.coliowines.com.

Aug. 2-3: Military Heritage Days

Experience military history firsthand at Fort Malden National Historic Site of Canada, Amherstburg. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$4. Info: 519-736-5416, www.parkscanada.gc.ca/malden.



Vehicles like this 1933 Ford will be at the 2003 Canadian National Rod and Custom Car Show.

Aug. 2: Murder Mystery Campfire

Meet at the Marsh Boardwalk to solve a new park mystery in this fun family event at Point Pelee National Park, Leamington. 7 p.m. No admission. Info: 519-322-2365, ext. 200, www.parkscanada.gc.ca/pelee.

Aug. 9-10: Blueberry Social

Celebrate the harvest with blueberry sundaes, baking, games and live music at John R. Park Homestead & Conservation Area, Essex. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$4 Cdn. per adult, \$2.50 per child, or \$12 per family. Info: 519-738-2029, www.erca.org.

Aug. 17: Back to School

The second annual Back To School Extravaganza Family Expo at the Caboto Club includes a wide variety of products and services, fashion show and more. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Info: 519-944-0443.

Aug. 15-17: Wild Women's Weekend

Essex Region Conservation Authority and partners introduce Canada South Coast Adventures ecotours at Holiday Beach Conservation Area, Amherstburg. Info: 519-776-5209, ext. 352, www.erca.org.

Next Month: The August issue of Explore Windsor & Essex County will include previews of the Aug. 21-24 Tecumseh Corn Festival, Aug 24 Willstead Classic & Antique Car Show and more.

Source: www.city.windsor.on.ca

OTTER THAN A BEAVER

Oops! The joke's on us, eh. Our June Explore Windsor and Essex County issue featured a photo of this critter (above right), identified as *Castor canadensis*, or the beaver. The animal is actually the river otter (*Lutra canadensis*) and not the real thing (shown below).



Reader Leslie Keys, the Detroit Zoo's principal zookeeper, pointed out: "They are not rodents, being in the weasel family, and I'm sure many Canadians would be just as happy having a weasel for their national symbol as having a rodent represent them."

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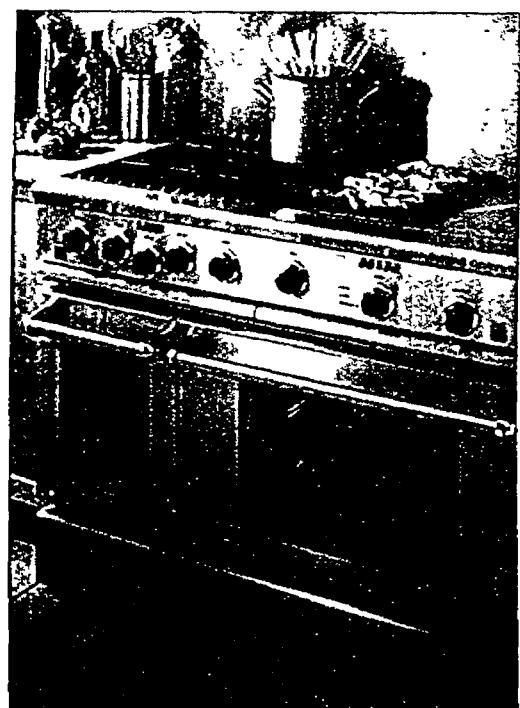
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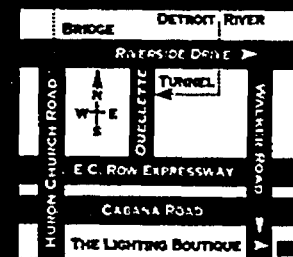


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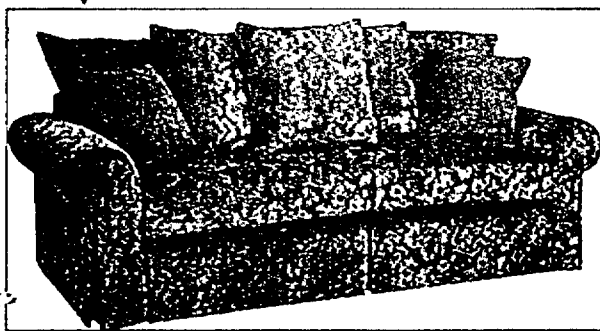
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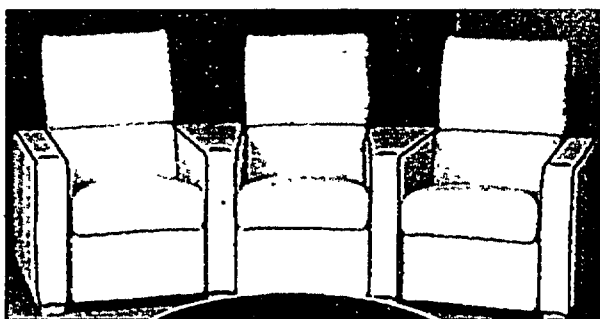
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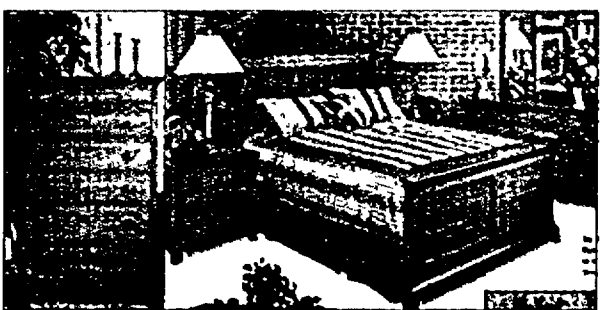
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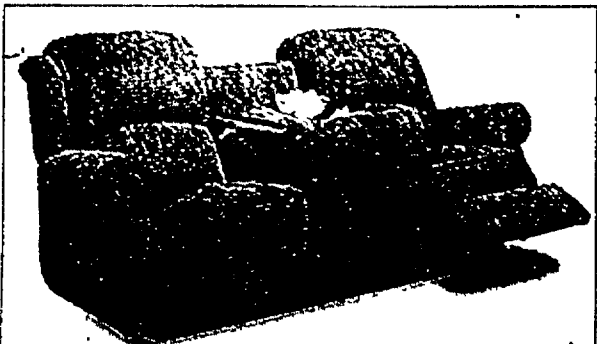


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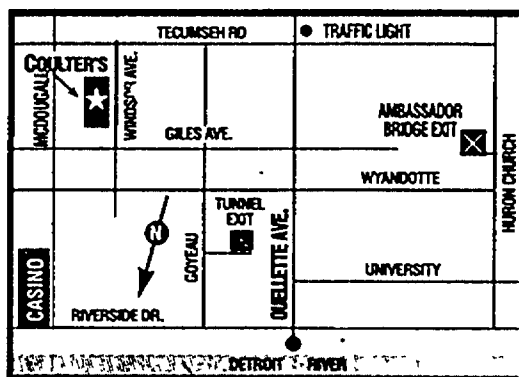
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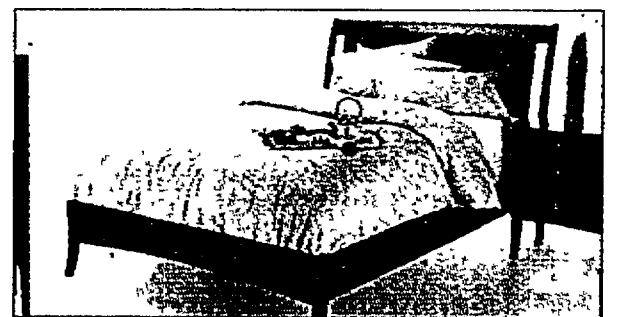
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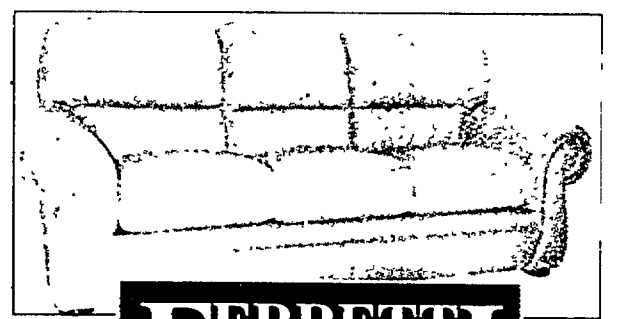
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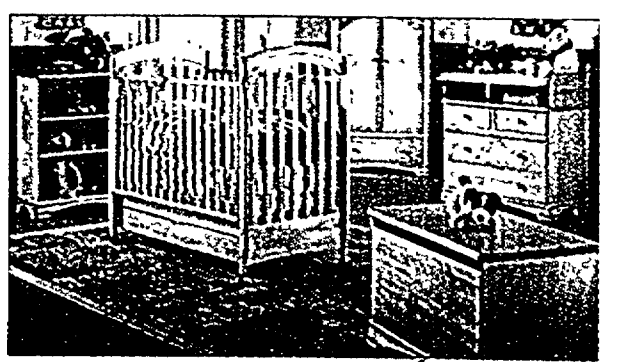
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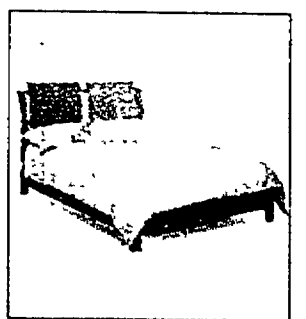
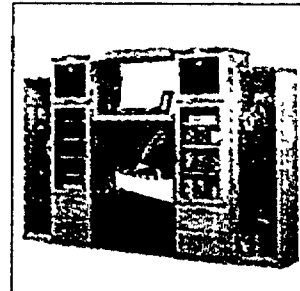
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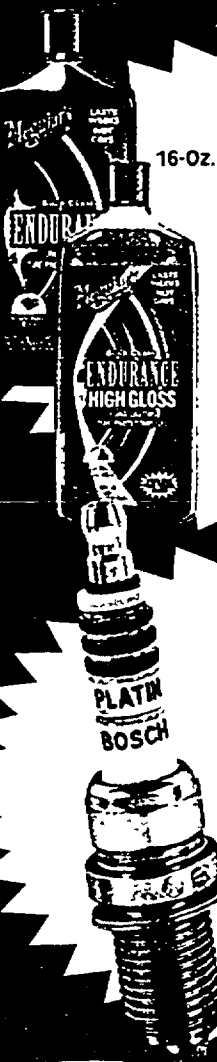
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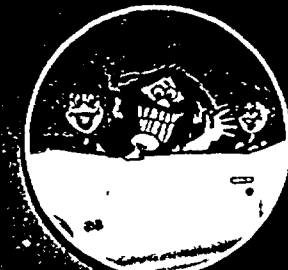
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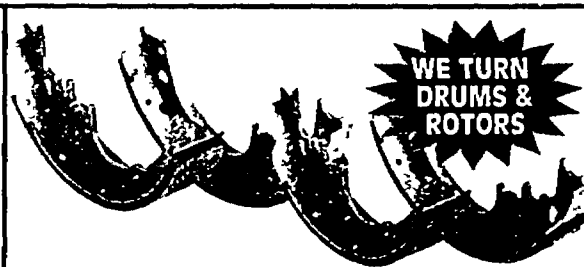
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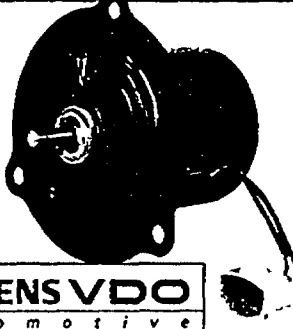
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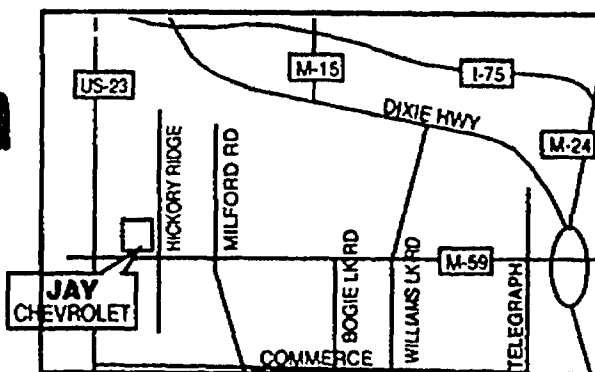
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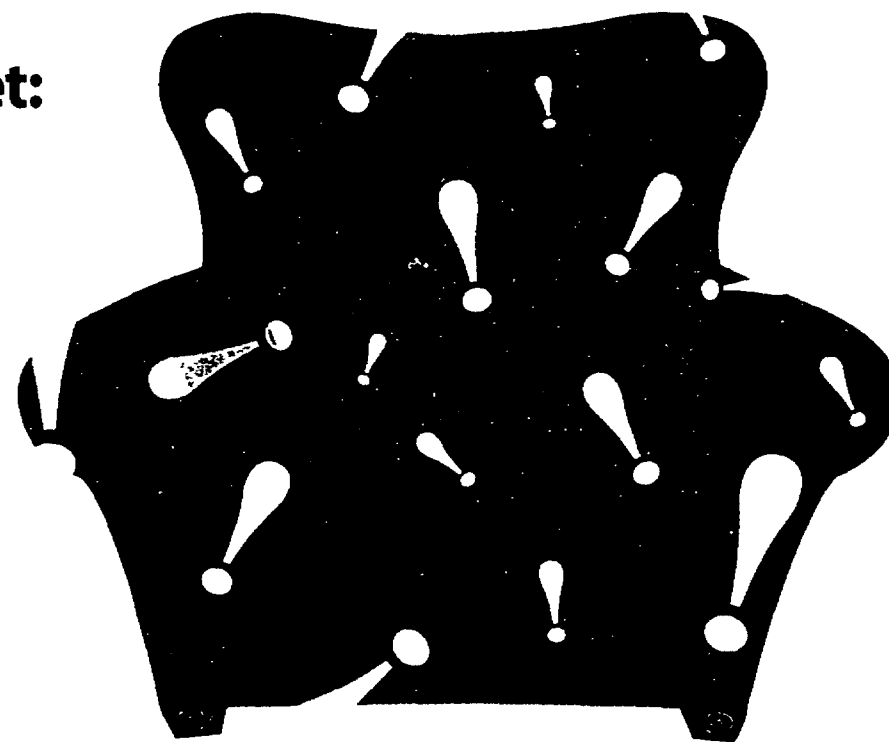
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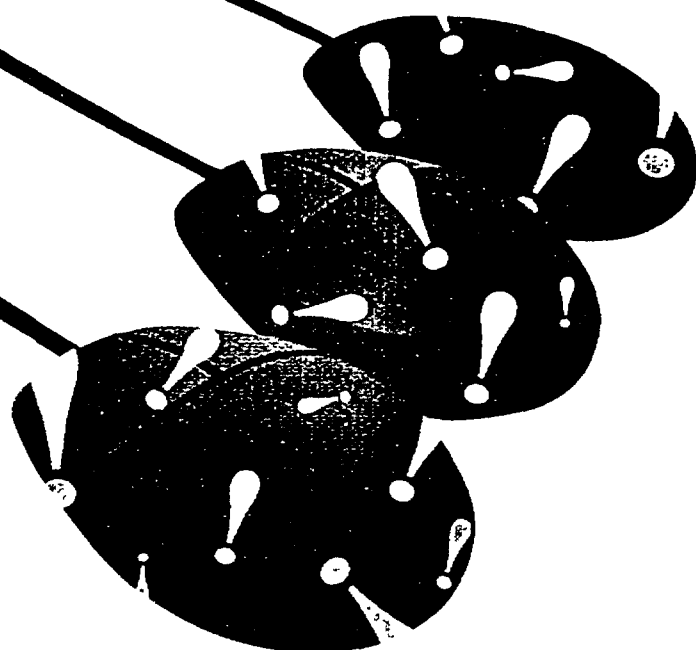
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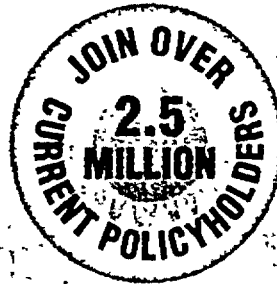
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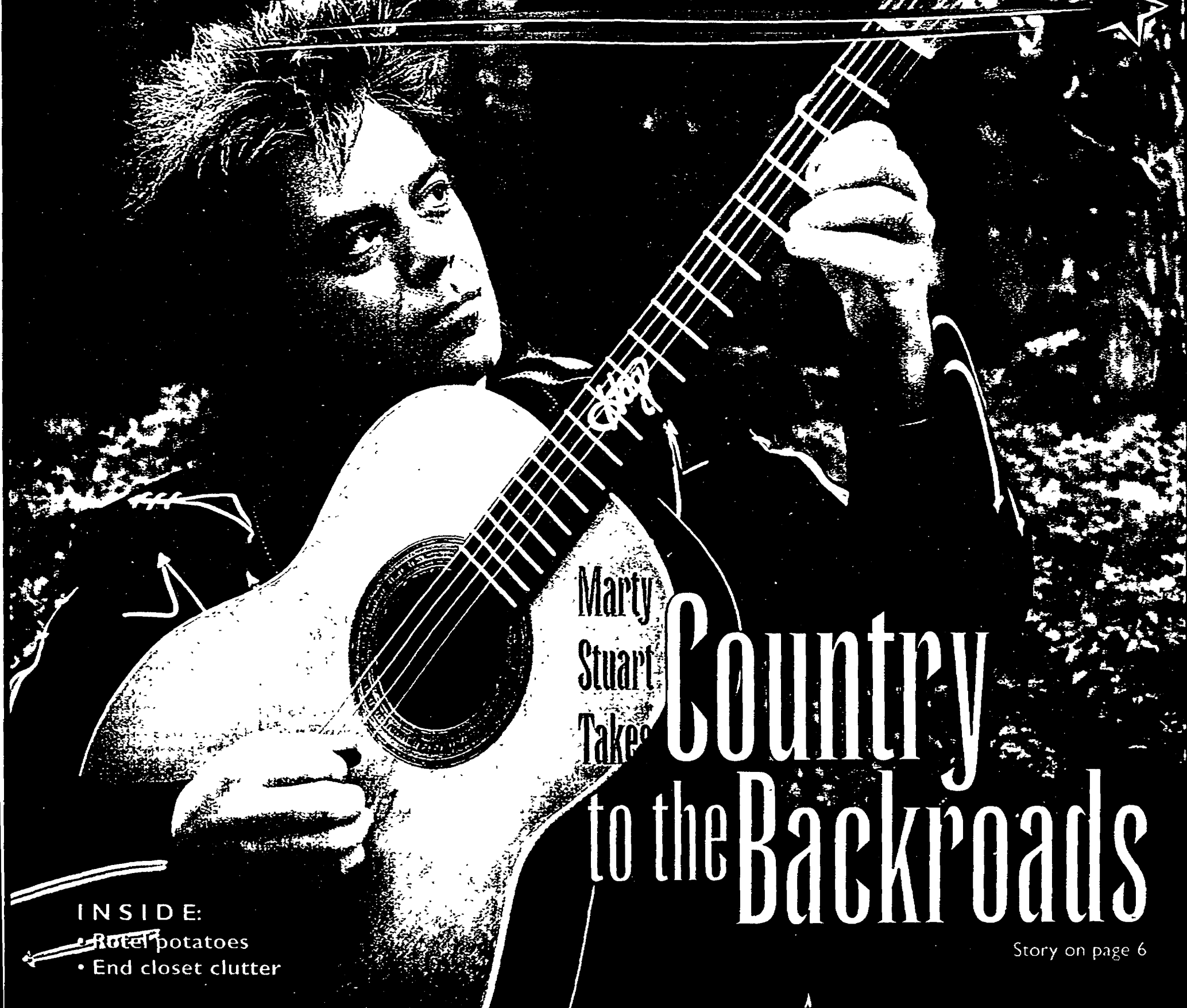
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HEROES: How many pickles can the Sechler family pack?

Ask American Profile

Q I haven't heard anything about Buffy Sainte-Marie in a while. How many albums has she recorded and what is she doing now?

—Mary F., Kansas

Buffy Sainte-Marie recorded 17 albums; the most recent one, *Up Where We Belong*, in which she re-recorded her biggest hits, was released in 1996. She still sings, doing about 30 concerts a year, but spends most of her time working with the Cradleboard Teaching Project, which educates children about American Indian culture. She also creates digital art on a computer,

and her work hangs in numerous museums in the United States and Canada. On top of all that, she also teaches digital art as an adjunct professor in several United States colleges. Born on a Cree Reservation in Saskatchewan, Canada, Sainte-Marie was raised in New England. She graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a degree in Oriental philosophy and a doctorate in fine arts. Originally intending to become a teacher, she got caught up in the folk music movement of the 1960s when she visited Greenwich Village in New York City. She's written hit songs recorded by Elvis Presley (*Until It's Time For You To Go*) and Donovan (*Universal Soldier*). She won an Oscar in 1981 for her song, *Up Where We Belong*, which was sung by Joe Cocker and Jennifer Warnes for the movie *An Officer and a Gentleman*. She currently lives in Hawaii, and is the 2003 spokesperson for UNESCO Canada.

Q Country artist Travis Tritt seems to sing a wide range of music. Can you tell me something about his career as a singer?

—George C., Louisiana

The singer and songwriter has had 12 Number 1 hits, two Grammy awards, three Country Music Association awards, and sold more than 18 million albums. Born in Marietta,

Travis Tritt began writing songs at age 14.



Buffy Sainte-Marie still is going strong.

Q A group of us "senior citizens" would really appreciate anything you can tell us about our favorite actor, Robert Taylor.

—Katheryn W., Oregon

The handsome leading man died in 1969 of cancer at age 57. Robert Taylor's big break was his role as a reckless playboy opposite Irene Dunne in *Magnificent Obsession*. Born Spangler Arlington Brugh in Filley, Neb., Taylor was once billed as "The Man with the Perfect Profile." Taylor, who played the cello in his school band, studied music in college before becoming an actor. He became a top romantic lead and one of the most popular actors of the 1930s. Taylor married actress Barbara Stanwyck in 1939, and the couple remained friends even though they divorced in 1951. His second wife, and widow, is actress Ursula Thiess. Taylor turned to television in 1959, playing police detective Matt Holbrook in *The Detectives* from 1959 to 1962. He replaced actor Ronald Reagan as the narrator of the Western show *Death Valley Days* when Reagan opted for a full-time political career. Other movie roles included Armand opposite screen legend Greta Garbo in *Camille*, and *Waterloo Bridge* opposite Vivien Leigh. ☆

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Ga., Tritt taught himself how to play guitar at age 8 and began writing songs when he was 14. He sang in a gospel youth choir and played in bands as a teenager. A friend who had wanted to be a musician encouraged Tritt to follow his dreams and Tritt quit his job and struggled with music, finally signing a record deal. His first Top 10 hit was *Country Club*. Tritt, 40, has had songs on nine major movie soundtrack albums and has had acting roles on television and in movies. He took a two-year hiatus from music in 1998 to spend time with his wife, Theresa, and their new daughter. (They have since added a son to their family.) Tritt returned in 2000 with the million-selling album *Down the Road I Go*. He recently celebrated his 10-year anniversary as a member of the Grand Ole Opry. His latest album, *Strong Enough*, was released last September.

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Dave Sechler (left) and his father, Frank, are carrying on a dilly of a family tradition in St. Joe, Ind.

Frank Sechler doesn't dilly-dally at the family's pickle-packing plant in St. Joe, Ind. (pop. 478). Heading straight for the pickle-sampling tray, the second-generation owner picks out a sweet dill and enjoys every crunch.

"I think our pickles taste better," says Sechler, reaching for another sample. "And I say that modestly and truthfully."

At 77, Sechler knows pickles. He grew up in the business, which his father started back in 1921 and now his 43-year-old son, Dave, is making his own mark at Sechler's Fine Pickles.

"My son's the one who coined the phrase, 'We could make them faster, but we couldn't make them better,'" Frank Sechler says proudly.

Frank's father, Ralph, was born in 1894 in a log cabin, a mile down the road from the present pickle factory. He learned the business by working for others, then started

his own in the small northeastern Indiana community. His wife, Anne, hand-packed pickles in jars in her kitchen, often with the help of neighbor ladies.

In 1930, the business outgrew the Sechler house. The barn was converted into a factory, after another home was found for the cow. The first steam for processing came from an old threshing machine boiler Anne Sechler had bought at a farm auction. Several years later, the contraption caused a fire that destroyed the barn-turned-pickle-plant.

A new facility was built, growing to more than 60,000 square feet, including the tank yard where pickles are stored in salt brine before processing. The old farmhouse where Anne once hand-packed pickles now serves as an office. From the genuine dill pickles that Ralph Sechler started with, the company has expanded to include gourmet treats such as raisin, apple cinnamon, orange, and lemon-flavored pickles.

For all the technical advances, many of Sechler's processes have changed little, or not at all, over the years. Area farmers bring their freshly picked cucumbers straight from the fields, while the Sechlers grow many of the more specialized ingredients themselves, like jalapeno and hot Hungarian peppers. Candied varieties are still sweetened with pure cane or beet sugar, instead of less expensive corn syrup.

"No artificial colors are added," Dave Sechler says. About 40 varieties of Sechler pickles are now sold in more than 15 states. A mail order business sells even more pickles, as attested to by an autographed photo of Frank Sinatra in the company gift and pickle-tasting shop. Twice a year the crooner would order Sechler's candied dill strips.

Twenty-five full-time employees keep the company going, with part-timers added during peak production in July and August. "When they get to be a working age, kids out here know they have a summer job," says Jan Weaver, who started working at Sechler's as a teen and has been there 25 years. "It's a good place to work."

Now 69 years old, Opal Mason says she remembers well when Ralph Sechler found jobs for her and her sister Audrey after their father died in 1949. "We were just kids in school but he gave us work every Saturday so we could have some money," she says.

Each August, the town honors the Sechler family by hosting the St. Joe Pickle Festival. The seventh annual event, scheduled Aug. 7-9, will feature a pickle and pepper cookoff contest, the pickle derby (pickles with wheels zoom down a wooden raceway), the pickle people competition (pickles are dressed up to look like people), and plenty of food—with pickles, of course.

"In his quiet way, Frank Sechler has been very charitable," Mason says. "He's not one to talk about it, but he has done quite a bit for St. Joe." ☆

Jackie Sheckler Finch is a freelance writer in Bloomington, Ind.

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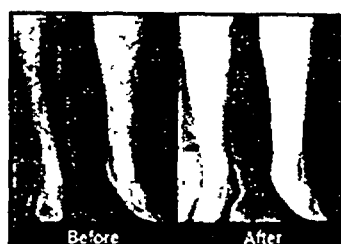
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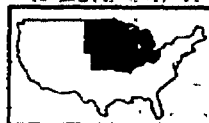
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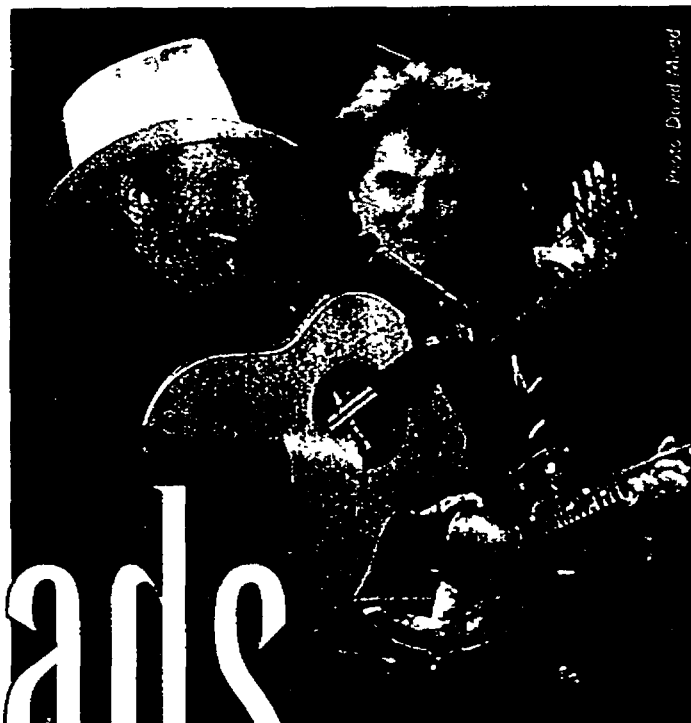
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Taking Country to the Backroads

by MICHAEL NOLAN



When Marty Stuart approached his longtime friend Merle Haggard with the tour, Haggard loved it.

Grammy-winning country artist Marty Stuart was attending the Firemen's Carnival in Schaefferstown, Pa., last summer when inspiration struck. Although he was there to perform a concert, he looked around and saw so much more.

"The Amish community showed up to sell cakes and pies and goods. There was a little princess contest. The 4-H Club was there. There was a tribute to Conway Twitty as an opening act," the Grand Ole Opry star recalls. "It was like God tapped me on the shoulder and said, 'Here it is. It's on the backroads' and I said, 'Got it.'"

"It" was the idea of bringing small communities together for full-scale events built around a country music concert. Dubbed the Electric Barnyard Tour, Stuart envisioned "a cross between the old Roy Acuff tent shows when he carried Grand Ole Opry acts out with variety acts, and *Cirque du Soleil* coming to town."

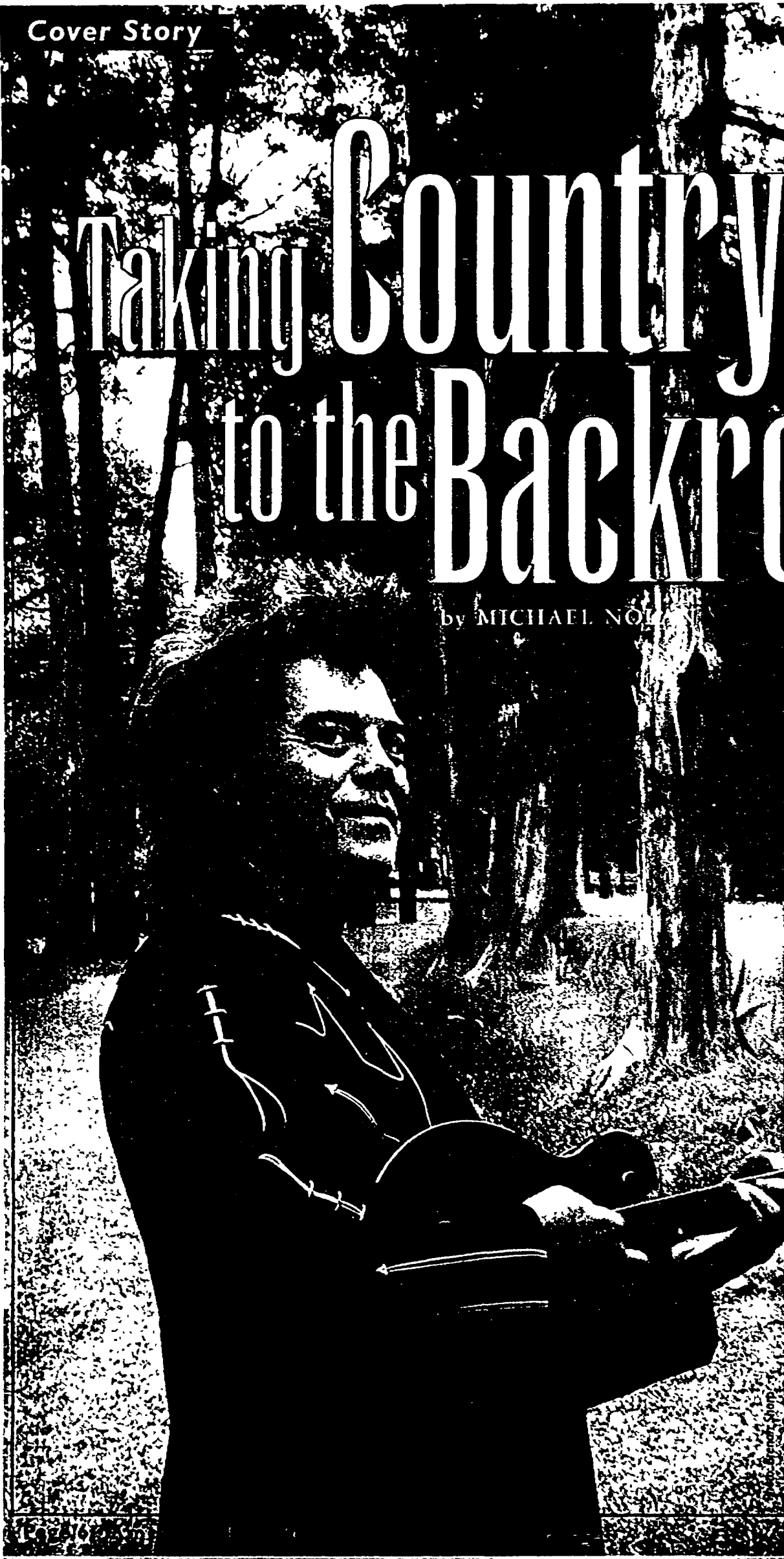
It's a novel concept for a major tour to stop in places like Tama, Iowa, Somerset, Ky., and Jackson, Mich., in an age where popular artists rarely perform beyond metropolitan arenas. But for Stuart, a big event happening in a small town was like a return to his childhood.

In Philadelphia, Miss., where Stuart grew up, residents looked with great anticipation to the Neshoba County Fair and the Choctaw Indian Fair, both of which featured live performances by well-known country artists such as Ernest Tubb, Connie Smith, and Skeeter Davis.

"The whole social season of Philadelphia revolved around those two events for me," he recalls. "Those were the only times that I got to see live performances of the kind of music that I saw sitting in front of the TV with my daddy."

"As a young musician, it offered me an outlet, whether it was the talent contest or the first time that I got to get up on the main stage at the Neshoba County Fair," he observes. "I thought, 'It don't get any better than this.'"

Actually, things got considerably better for the musical teen-age prodigy. At age 12, he joined Lester Flatt's bluegrass band and spent his teen-age years on the road. "In those days, (Flatt) was playing in a lot of small towns across America and the thing that I loved about the small towns was that each one seemed to have its own soul, its own set of rules, its own character, its own identity," Stuart says. "I loved getting inside the towns and finding the best local restaurant, the jewel-



ry store that had been in business for 60 years, the local wisdom, and the local color."

He spent the '80s and '90s on the big-city circuit, first as a musician in Johnny Cash's band, and then as a solo artist with radio hits such as *Hillbilly Rock*, *Tempted*, and *This One's Gonna Hurt You (for a Long, Long Time)*. His success led to work in Hollywood creating the music scores for movies, but the country boy found that he often longed for home.

"After working about six months straight in Hollywood on films, I woke one morning and it was a like a curtain fell down and I thought, 'It's time to go home. And I don't mean to Nashville. I mean to Mississippi,'" he reflects.

Although he lives in Music City, he often follows his heart back to his hometown. "It is rich with family, with Southern culture, with food, with memories, with love, and music and characters and events good and bad in life. In a word, it is simply home."

Taking the music back home

After a recording sabbatical of several years, Stuart sought to re-ignite his solo career last year and began visiting the offices of prominent country music labels. What he discovered was unsettling. "I had a country music executive tell me that the people we make music for don't know about barns and tractors, they don't care about gardens or rural life. And that just bugged me.

The music of Connie Smith, now Stuart's wife, was once an early inspiration and now she's a constant muse.



"It was like
how tapped me
on the shoulder
and said, 'There
you are on the
road again!'"

"While that may be partially true, it tells me that we're leaving a lot of people unfed out there because if anybody had thought that way when I was a kid, maybe I wouldn't have seen or heard country music," he says.

His new album, simply titled *Country Music*, is filled songs about fishing, farming, and the finer things of regular folks. His desire was to create "heart and soul music that lines up with the landscape of rural America."

The Electric Barnyard Tour is designed essentially to take country music back home. In addition to an inflatable arena that holds up to 8,500 people, the venue will include sponsor booths, concessions, games, and

exhibits by local organizations such as the Future Farmers of America, Scouts, civic clubs, and churches.

Early on, Stuart knew that he wanted to enlist the help of an American icon, so he paid a visit to his old friend Merle Haggard and pitched his concept. The country legend liked the idea immediately and told Stuart: "I think what we're doing is remembering the forgotten ones. During the days, we can maybe take our guitars and go to jailhouses, rehab centers, unwed mothers' homes, and play songs and offer them hope."

"I thought that was a brilliant idea," Stuart recalls. He rounded out the lineup with The Old Crow Medicine Show and a rotating cast that includes Rhonda Vincent and the Rage, BR-549, and Connie Smith.

"We're really honored to be a part of it," says Vincent, a bluegrass headliner from Kirksville, Mo., who began performing with her family when she was 5 years old. "It's just a very rootsy concept and a lot like what we did when I was growing up. We love to go out after a show and sign autographs and meet the people. That's just an extension of what we do."

Borrowing a tactic from Billy Graham's crusades, an advance team will precede the concert into each area to arrange radio contests and giveaways as well as secure the support of community groups and businesses.

"We've been taking a film camera out on the road with us for about the past year-and-a-half. At first, the film was about documenting ourselves and learning how to play music together and documenting our journey as a band," Stuart says. "All of a sudden, we started talking to people out on the road and it became like the voice of the vanishing blue-collar American began to speak through these films." Stuart plans to add new interviews to this pet project as part of his 23-stop tour.

He'll debut new songs, play old favorites, rub elbows with local folks, and get the enjoyment of bringing the sort of show to town that thrilled him as a boy.

"For whatever reason, our presence seems to bring communities together," he notes with an obvious sense of enjoyment. And although it went unsaid, he'd probably add, "It don't get any better than this." ☆

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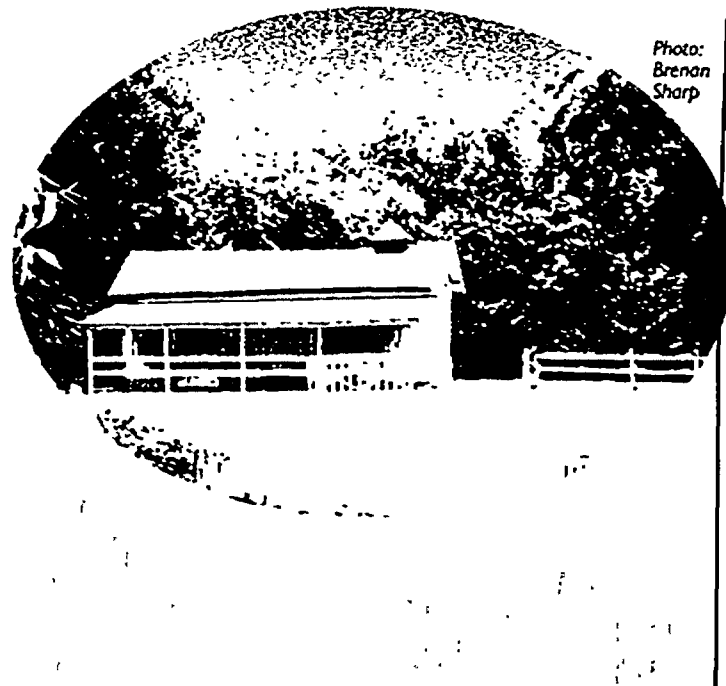


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The Electric Barnyard Tour began July 6, in Sierra Vista, Ariz., and is ongoing. Remaining dates and places include:

July 14—Walla Walla, Wash., at Walla Walla County Fairgrounds

July 18—Hutchinson, Kan., at Hutchinson Fairgrounds

July 19—Tama, Iowa, at Meskwaki Hotel Grounds

July 20—Peoria, Ill., at Peoria Civic Center

Aug. 14—Rome, Ga., at Coosa Valley Fairgrounds

Aug. 15—Detroit, Mich.

Aug. 16—Brooksville, Ky., at Footh Club Grounds

Aug. 17—Lynchburg, Va., at Plaza Mall

Aug. 19—Tuscumbia, Ala., at Alabama Hall of Fame

Aug. 21—Marshall, Mo., at Saline County Fairgrounds

Aug. 22—Springfield, Ill., at Springfield State Fairgrounds

Aug. 23—Middletown, Ohio, at Butler County Fairgrounds

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Aug. 26—Bean Blossom, Ind., at Brown County Jamboree Park

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Hometown Spotlight

Sailing Home

by KARA CARDEN

In the town of Oriental, you'd expect at least one Asian restaurant. But if residents of this coastal village crave Chinese food, they've got to drive several miles to get it.

As it turns out, the town once was known as Smith's Creek. But in the late 1800s, the local postmaster had the town renamed when he became inspired by a novelty in his wife's collectibles—a nameplate from the sunken Union ship, *Oriental*.

Fortunately, the streets are more obvious indicators of the town's true character, with names such as Seafarer, Skipper, Sea Vista, and the like. Located on the expansive Neuse River, which leads shortly to the Pamlico Sound, Oriental is known as the Sailing Capital of North Carolina.

Grace Evans, an avid boater who began visiting the town in the 1950s and moved there permanently in the '70s, says every house

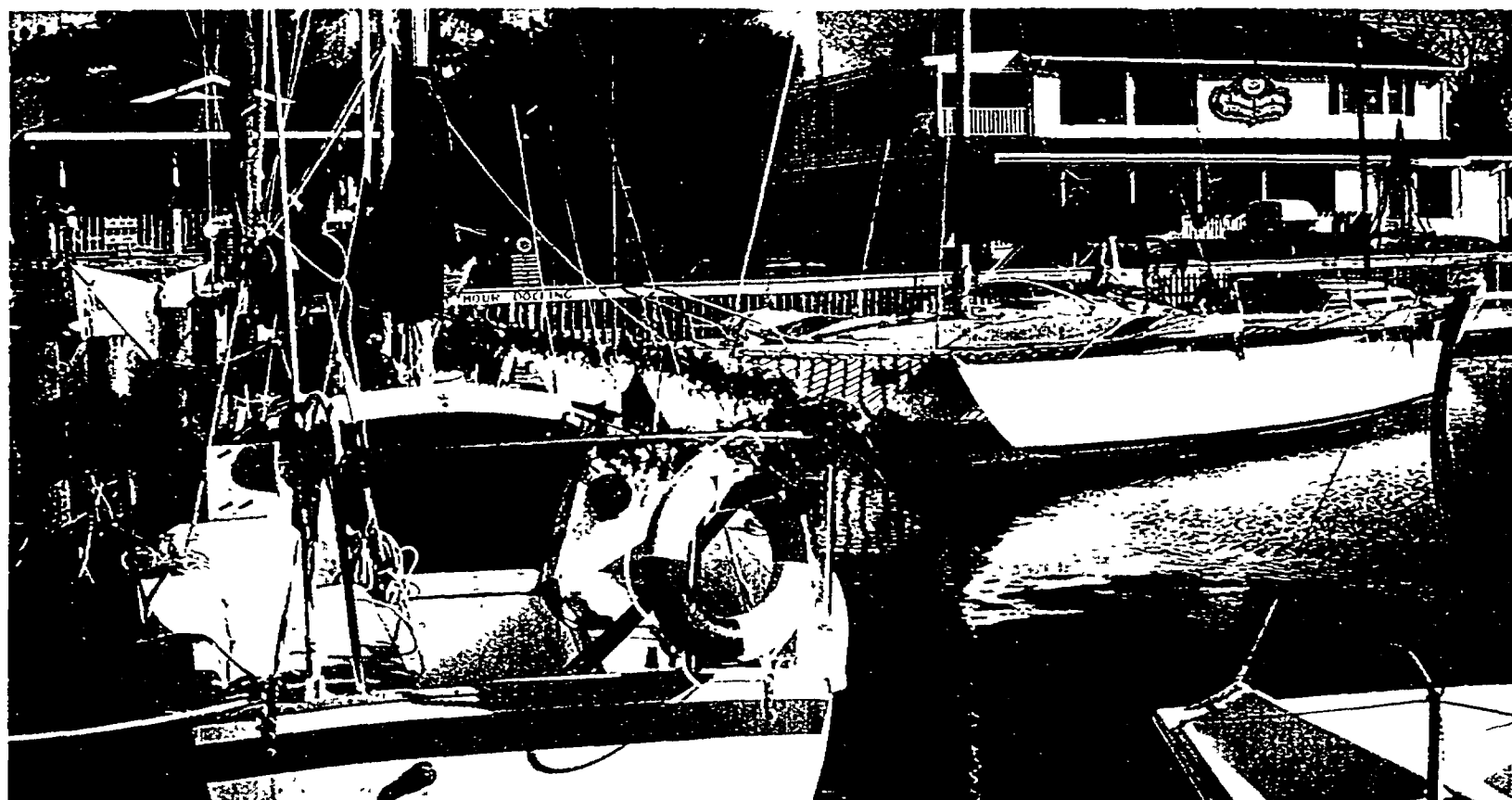


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Vessels outnumber residents 1,000 to 875 in Oriental, which is known as the Sailing Capital of North Carolina.

in town is typically referred to as either "water" or "not water," according to whether or not the owners sail. Most every home, it seems, is decidedly "water."

And it's not hard to tell which is which. One of the positives of living in Oriental is the opportunity to keep your boat in your backyard, with several creeks and tributaries providing the perfect personal dock space.

In fact, vessels outnumber residents in Oriental by about 1,000 to 875, says Bill Croughwell, a lifelong sailor who retired here to be near his son. Many locals discovered the town while boating to some other destination along the Intracoastal Waterway, the ribbon of water weaving through the Atlantic coastline from Maine to the Florida Keys.

"Half the people in this town have probably been here on a boat first," says Russ Stewart, owner of a local coffeehouse. Stewart and his wife fall into that category, having returned to Oriental after stopping there during a yearlong cruise.

One more category of residents is called the half-back. "That's a person who retired to Florida (from the North), then came half-way back," Croughwell says.

Even the preachers have ties to the water. The Episcopal, First Baptist, and Presbyterian ministers were formerly United States' Navy or American Merchant Marine chaplains.

Evans explains Oriental's appeal to migrants such as herself: "The water is uncongested. You've got creeks everywhere that you can

Sunrise dances on the water.



go and anchor in and just not hear anything except owls and fish." Plus, she says, the active community is welcoming, with a choice of locally owned shops and eateries and a thriving cultural scene infused by writers, musicians, painters, and actors. And, of course, the sailing is excellent.

Evans is no stranger to life on the water. In 1980, she co-founded the Oriental School of Sailing and later opened Carolina Sailing Unlimited, both of which continue to operate under new owners. The best winds for sailing, she says, usually begin in the early afternoon, so local races and classes are scheduled accordingly.

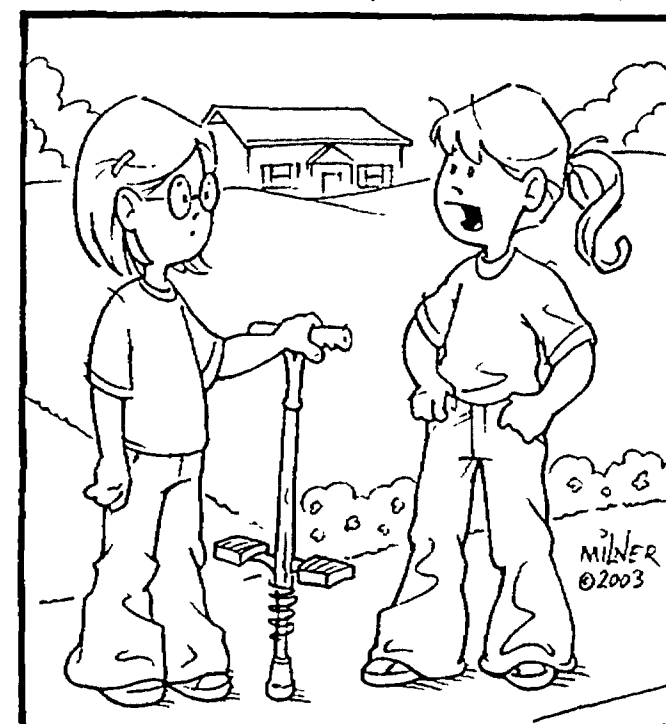
The sailing season in Oriental lasts from May to early November. Local clubs and associations host a members-only regatta once a month, and open races on other weekends. A good turnout is 35 to 40 boats. On non-racing days, Croughwell says, you might see a dozen boats on the water "just fussing around."

For those who have extended freedom, winters are spent cruising to warmer locales. "It's a mobile community," Evans says. "We all think it's fun to sail to other places, but we're so glad to get back." ☆

Kara Carden is a regular contributor to American Profile.

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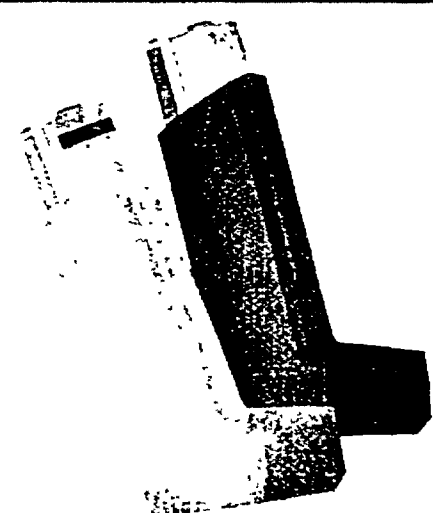
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Home

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Put an End to Closet Clutter



Coated-wire shelving systems can be custom-designed to improve organization and make efficient use of closet space.

A well-designed closet system easily doubles storage space, whether it's a bedroom closet, a linen closet, or a hall closet for coats and boots. Many typical clothes closets have one pole and one shelf—not exactly the most efficient use of the space. A better choice is a coated-wire shelving system with either permanent or adjustable shelves that range in widths of 12, 16, and 20 inches.

Permanent shelving systems are installed with wall support brackets and clips; those with adjustable shelves hang on vertical wall standards so they can be moved and reconfigured when storage needs change. Both types of systems are designed for do-it-yourselfers, so installing them has never been easier, even for the not-so-handy homeowner.

The systems are sold as individual pieces and as pre-packaged kits to fit standard-size closets. For example, a typical 6-foot-wide closet system costs about \$50; for an 8-foot-wide closet, it's around \$100. An assortment of accessories made of wire or canvas for storing specialty items range from \$5 to \$20. These include shoe racks, hooks for belts and scarves,

and various sizes of hanging baskets and organizers for sweaters or purses.

Measure the closet and make a rough sketch with the dimensions to find a kit that will fit your closet, or plan a custom layout using the individual components. Go to a home center or hardware store, where the systems are sold, and pick up a closet system brochure or project planner. Most manufacturers provide a graph paper planner with suggestions for various designs to fit different-size closets and provide installation instructions and guidelines. Ask a salesperson for help if you have questions.

You also can design your closet on the Internet using online tools at websites such as www.closetmaid.com/AP, www.millspride.com, or www.leerouan.com. Find their "closet design" directions and type in your dimensions. The visualization tool creates a design layout maximizing the space and generates a shopping list of all the components needed. Print it out and you're ready to go.

Preparing for installation is the most time-intensive part of the project. Empty the closet and find a place to store your belongings while you decide what to keep, what to pitch, and what to donate to a charity. When

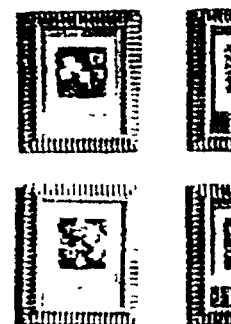
the closet is empty, remove the old shelving and rod with a prybar and hammer, then patch any holes in the wall with wallboard compound. While the closet is empty, clean the floor, dust the walls, and give the walls and ceiling a coat of paint, if needed.

Follow the manufacturer's directions for installing the system. You'll need a measuring tape, pencil, studfinder, drill, hammer, screwdriver, level, and hacksaw to cut the shelving, if required. The project takes a few hours, but every time you open the closet door, you'll see it was time well spent. ☆

*Gene and Katie Hamilton are the authors of 14 home improvement books, including the latest, **Plumbing for Dummies**.*

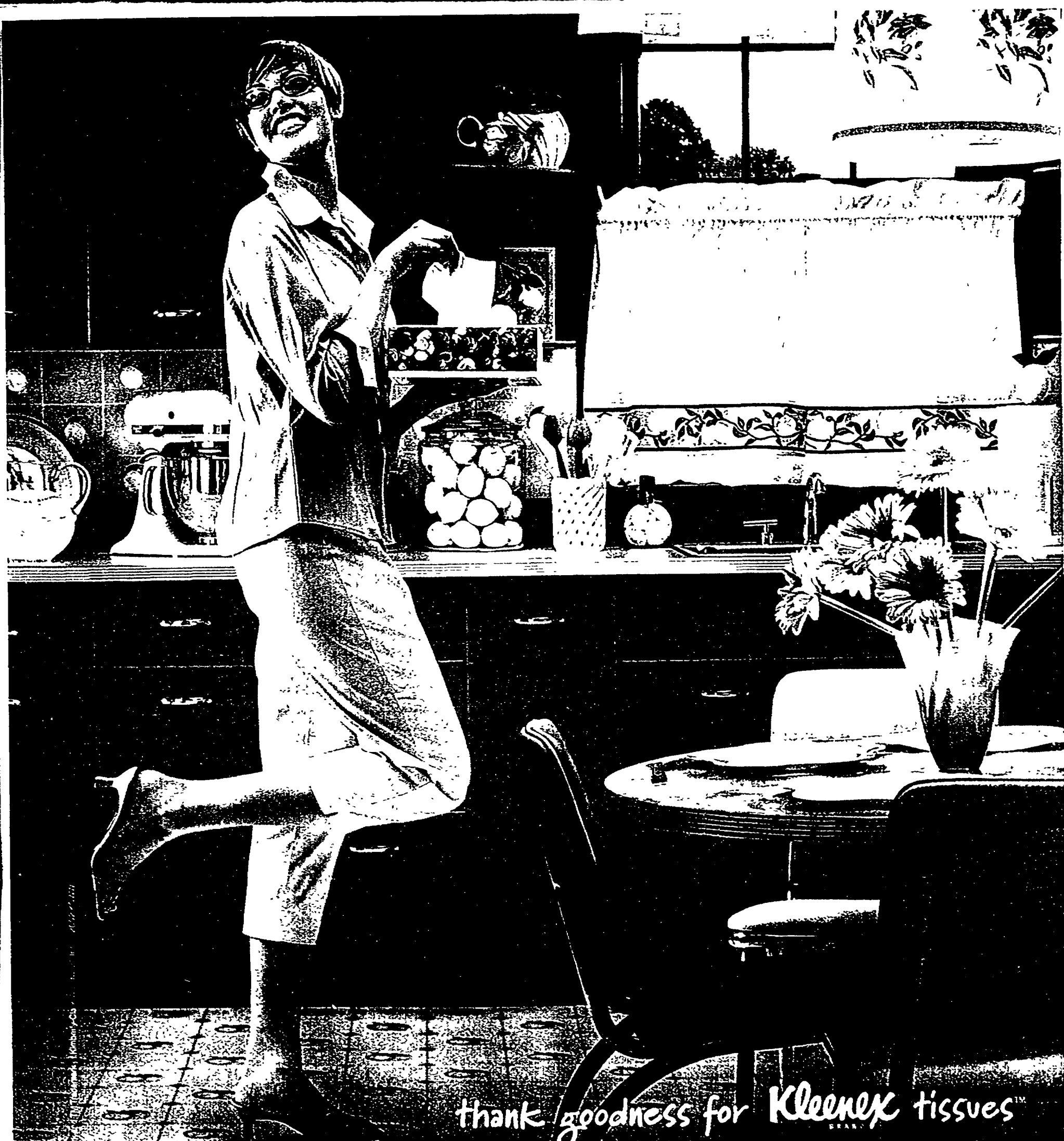
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BIANCA - I was 67 years old, and although my mind wanted to be busy and useful, my body didn't agree. I became very tired and lethargic. So much so, I had to leave my job at the nursing home. My daughter, Madeline, urged me to improve my diet and try her special Royal Jelly. Knowing the dramatic difference it made in her life, she was sure it could help me too!



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ILLINOIS—A memorial in Moweaqua (pop. 1,923) honors 54 coal miners killed in a mine explosion there on Dec. 24, 1932.

INDIANA—Built in the 1830s, the Bonneyville Mill on the Little Elkhart River near Bristol (pop. 1,382) is the state's oldest continuously operating gristmill.

IOWA—At the world's largest truck stop, Iowa 80 in Walcott (pop. 1,528), truckers find food, fuel, a dentist, embroidery shop, barbershop, business center, truckers' store, and more. A Trucking Hall of Fame museum is under construction.

KANSAS—The first lighted night game in organized baseball was played April 28, 1930, at Shulthis Stadium in Independence (pop. 9,846).

MICHIGAN—Since 1925, the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids (pop. 5,330) has housed children and grandchildren of deceased or disabled VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members.

MINNESOTA—Missionaries at Lac qui Parle Mission near Montevideo (pop. 5,346) developed the Dakota alphabet and translated the Bible into Dakota in 1879.

MISSOURI—World War I veterans conceived the idea for the American Legion in Paris, but adopted the organization's name and constitution on May 9, 1919, in St. Louis.

NEBRASKA—Wayne Guthrie of Alma (pop. 1,214) plucked and shucked 473.8 pounds of corn in 30 minutes to win the men's 2002 national corn-husking contest in Huntington, Ind.

NORTH DAKOTA—The German-Russian tradition of marking graves with iron crosses is prevalent in cemeteries around Strasburg (pop. 549).

OHIO—From 1900 to 1932, cartoonist Frederick Oppen drew the popular comic strip, *Happy Hooligan*, starring a hobo with a tin can hat. Oppen was born in 1857 in Madison (pop. 2,921).

SOUTH DAKOTA—The state's oldest restaurant is in the 1903 Franklin Hotel in Deadwood (pop. 1,380).

WISCONSIN—Richard Ira Bong, born in 1920 in Superior (pop. 27,368), compiled an astounding aerial combat record in World War II, shooting down five enemy planes to earn the rank of "ace" and eventually reaching a record of 40 downed planes. ★

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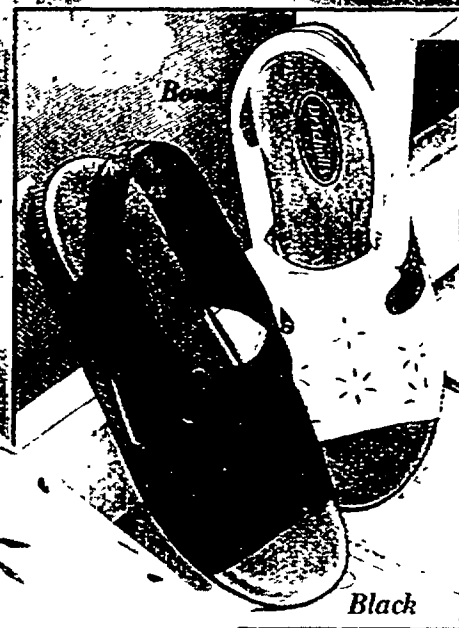
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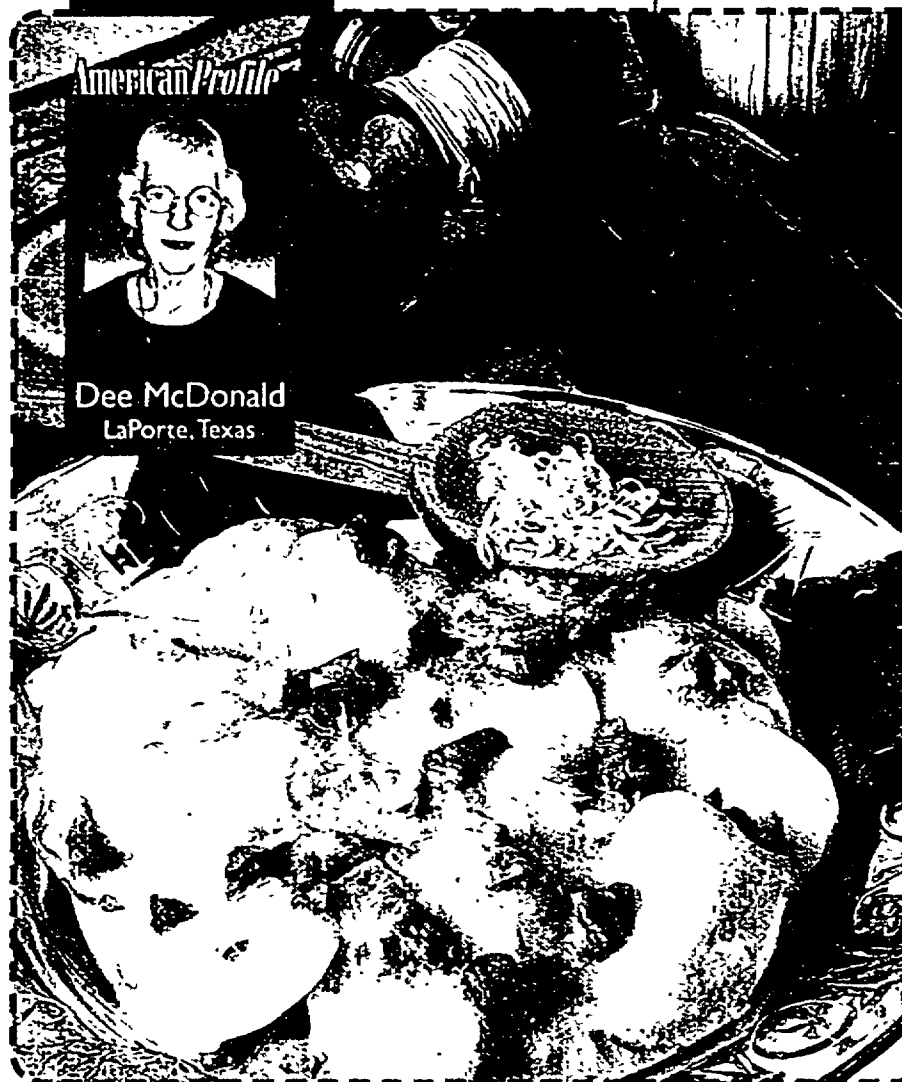
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RECIPE: Rotel Potatoes



Dee McDonald
LaPorte, Texas

- 1 10-ounce can Rotel tomatoes
- 1 10 3/4-ounce can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 10 3/4-ounce can cheddar cheese soup
- 1/2 soup can water
- 1 tablespoon onion flakes or fresh chopped onion
- 1/2 stick margarine
- 10 to 12 small potatoes, peeled and sliced

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a bowl, mix Rotel tomatoes, cheddar cheese soup, cream of mushroom soup, water, onion, and salt and pepper to taste. Pour mixture over potatoes in a greased baking dish. Place margarine slices on top and bake for one hour or until potatoes are soft when stuck with fork.

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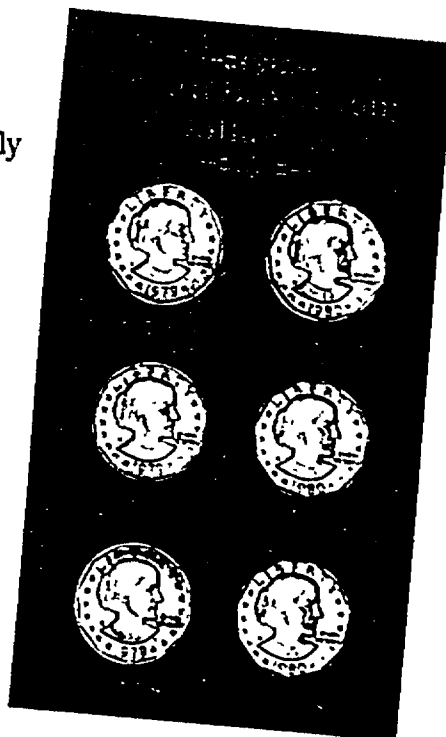
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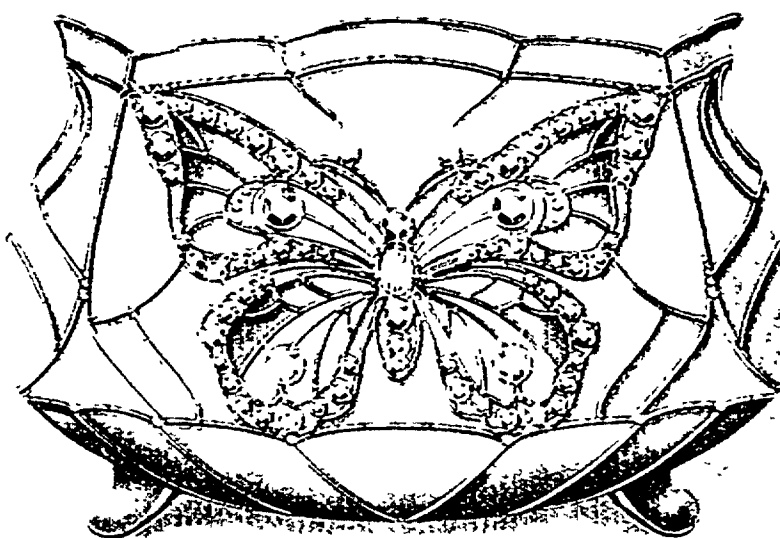
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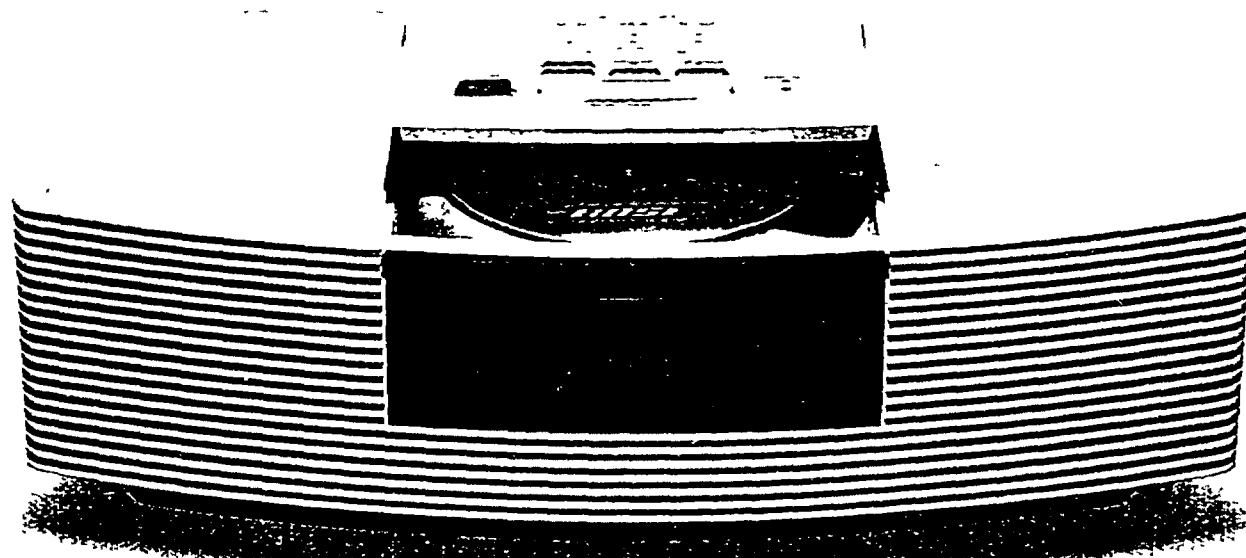
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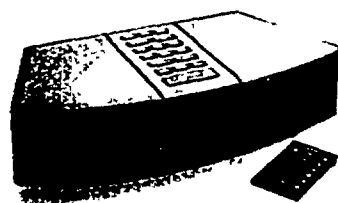


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