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NPH bidder cries foul

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

While one pair of developers is out inspecting the Seven Mile Road site of the former psychiatric hospital as if they own it, another set of developers is complaining to the state that the site should be theirs.

Meanwhile, time is ticking toward the state's deadline to close the deal on the sale of the 400-plus acres so Gov. Jennifer Granholm can count the approximate \$70 million proceeds toward balancing her 2004 budget.

Locals know the parcel as the south side of Seven Mile Road, west of Haggerty, across from

Rocky's, east of the state police post, and backing up to a handful of Six Mile Road-access residential developments. Department of Management and Budget officials in Lansing know the property as the latest conversation topic with the state's attorney.

"We understand and respect the right of the bidder to protest,"

budget department spokesperson Bridget Medina said Tuesday. "We are taking it seriously. We will review it carefully and respond accordingly."

Jeffrey Cohen, chief executive officer of Rock Construction Co. of Livonia, said the right to develop the 422 acres belongs to him and his partners. Not only was

Rock's offer of \$76.7 million the highest of the five bids, Cohen said, his company best met the criteria outlined by the state in the bid process.

"We were the only ones that had no exceptions to their proposal," Cohen said. A contingency of

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Shopping hits Northville city sidewalks

By Anneliese Woolford
SPECIAL WRITER

Thanks to the creative planning of local businesswoman Toni Genitti with the community's support behind her, downtown Northville will prove a treat for the senses during the Sidewalk Sale, Shoppin' Jubilee and Health Fair held Aug. 1 and 2.

The event will kick-off Friday with a sidewalk sale slated to take place from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Over 30 downtown merchants will bring the inside of their stores out-

side to sell various merchandise, much of which will be at a discounted price.

"Customers love it because it's a great opportunity to get bargains," said Chris Van Dam, proprietor of VanDam's clothing store and Sidewalk Sale organizer. "It's a little more festive being outside and having all merchants come together."

The Sidewalk Sale has been an annual event for what Van Dam estimates to be the past 20 years.

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Rezmierski given admin presidency

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Northville schools superintendent Leonard Rezmierski has been named the Michigan Association of School Administrators' Region 9 President for the 2003-2004 academic year.



According to Rezmierski officials, as Region 9 President, Rezmierski will serve on the MASA Council

where his responsibilities include assisting in the formulation of policies, approving the budget and communicating between his region and the association.

MASA is a statewide association which represents the superintendents and first-line administrators of Michigan's local and intermediate school districts, officials said.

Within Michigan, there are 10 regions and each region elects one president and two representatives. The 2003-2004 Region 9 representatives are Robert O'Brien of Huron Valley and Bill Putney of

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Pretty and pink



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Ellie Kolpacke walks past a pink parfait mandevilla at Northville's Mill Race Village during the annual Northville Country Garden Club Walk. See page A6.

Participation in senior events skyrockets

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

More than a dozen seniors gathered at the Northville Senior Center Friday for another a cook-out and a showing of "Harry Potter."

The latest "Friday Flick" is one example of the senior program's varied entertainment, educational and practical offerings. From July

1, 2002 to June 30, 19,285 local seniors took advantage of drop-in events, transportation services, sign-up events, registered classes, and special services, Susan Koivula, senior adult service coordinator, reported Thursday to the Senior Advisory Council.

Council members said they were pleased with the level of participation. Koivula said she expects the move next summer

from the current Cady Street building to the renovated community center at 303 W. Main Street to bring in even more people.

In addition to the activities report, the advisory group discussed progress on the \$2.89 million renovation plan to create the new senior center site, as well as plans for groundbreaking ceremonies. Koivula also invited area seniors to check out the web site

www.metrodetroitseiors.com as a new resource for useful information.

The council members liked the idea of timing the groundbreaking and re-opening ceremonies of the renovated community center with the building's 50th anniversary.

Construction on the center, which has served the community in a variety of capacities, began in 1953. The council scheduled an

ice cream social groundbreaking event for the renovation for 7:30 p.m., Sept. 12, immediately following the Victorian Festival parade. The reopening is tentatively scheduled for July 4, 2004, 50 years after the center first opened its doors.

Advisory council member Jim Nield reported to the group on

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After many moves, they've Assembled

By Anneliese Woolford
SPECIAL WRITER

Despite numerous name changes, mergers, re-locations and expansions spanning four decades, Northville Christian Assembly seems to have finally found a place to call home.

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Reverend Otis Buchan sits in the sanctuary of Northville Christian Assembly on a recent Wednesday afternoon.

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Poole's Tavern creates night spot

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

A snifter of brandy, soft music in the background, a waft of cigar smoke in a dark, cozy setting — all are elements in the image of an upscale old New York-style hotel lobby bar.

Mary and Richard Poole will try to create that intimate, vintage ambiance with a downtown establishment targeted for open by the year's end. Tentatively named "Poole's Backroom," the new bar will be adjacent to the north side of their successful Main Street tavern.

The Northville Planning Commission last month approved the Pooles' plan to renovate the vacant, approximately 1,000-square-foot space with the address of 157 E. Main Street Rear. The new venture would complement the Poole business facing Main Street, which opens at 11 a.m. for a full-menu of indoor and patio service.

Hours of operation for the backroom will be 4 p.m. to 2 a.m., Mary Poole said. Food service will be limited to appetizers in the approximate 40-person capacity space.

The 4 p.m. open is an invitation to stop in after work, she said. Patrons will be equally comfortable stopping in for an after-dinner drink. It will be a great spot to share a cigar and a cognac, she said.

"My excitement comes from creating a new place, executing the design, the plan, making it all work," Poole said. "I'm excited to see a new clientele and atmosphere."

"I'm sure we'll see a lot of the same

faces."

Pending appropriate approvals from the Liquor Control Commission and health department, Poole said, hopefully they will open for business by Christmas.

"So much of it hinges on permits and investigations," she said. "I learn to just flow with those things."

Many of the details of the night club still are taking shape, the tavern owner said. Poole will employ her fine arts expertise in creating atmosphere through the decor.

"It will just evolve," she said. Perhaps a piano, she mentioned, along with the cigars and martinis.

"That's sort of conveys the image. I think the atmosphere will be upscale. It will be dark, rich, somewhat eclectic."

The comfortable, intimate setting will draw a range of ages, Poole predicted.

"I love the mix, 21 to 80," she said. "I love the melding of age groups and interactions."

As owner of the building, Robert Getzie was listed on the formal site plan application to the city. He for many years operated the former Getzie's Pub at the site, prior to the open of Poole's Tavern six years ago this November.

"I think it will be a welcome addition to the community," Poole said. It will help existing upscale establishments by bringing more people into town.

"It always helps," she said. "The more there are, the better I think for everyone."

Oh, Good! JO Jewels opens its doors

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

When Jenna Osgood started making bead jewelry several years ago, she had no intentions of opening a store in Northville.

But then her sister, Livonia resident Michelle Kramer happened upon a store that was ready to close its doors in Old Church Square, the two decided the time was now for a bead store in the city.

JO Jewels, which uses Jenna Osgood's initials as its store name, had its grand opening June 19 with about 300 people enjoying the sounds of 13-year-old harpist Katie Opperman and buying lots of beads.

"We had lines from the front door to the cash register. It was wonderful," Kramer said.

Kramer said she learned that the Daisy Den craft store in Old Church Square at the corner of Center and Dunlap streets was going to become available when she came to the store recently with a group of mothers from her son's school.

"I noticed things were marked down, and the owner told me she was closing the store," Kramer recalled.

"I called Jenna and said, 'We have to do this. This space is incredible.' I talked her into looking at the store the next day and convinced her that it was a good location. Daisy Den left and we moved in," Kramer said.

The deal was sealed quickly once the sisters made the decision to



photo by PAM FLEMING

Patrons stop in and check out the wares at J.O. Jewels, located in Old Church Square.

open the shop.

"We signed the lease and opened two weeks later," she added.

Osgood — wife of former Detroit Red Wings goaltender Chris Osgood — had never owned her own business, but started making bead jewelry about five years ago. Kramer was a comptroller of a retail furniture chain for 15 years, retiring in 2001.

"She learned the craft on her own and sold her work on consignment at boutiques in Manhattan and locally in Birmingham," Kramer said.

The former supermodel Carol Alt, whose husband was a former teammate of Chris Osgood's, noticed one of her necklaces and

said, "You have to make me one of those."

Alt wore the necklace when she appeared on a Manhattan news channel, which brought even more attention to Osgood's creations.

Kramer, who is co-owner of the store with her sister, said the Osgoods are living in their summer home in Canada now but will return to the Detroit area in September.

"Even though Chris was transferred to the St. Louis [Blues] in March, they still plan to retire in Detroit," Kramer said. "He's still a fan favorite in this area even though he's gone." Kramer will get to take a much-needed vacation when her sister returns in the fall.

"We carry all components to

make handmade beaded jewelry and are open seven days a week. In fact, we're the only bead store in Michigan that's open on Sunday," Kramer said.

She noted that their beads come from more than 50 vendors all over the world, including India, Bali, Indonesia, Los Angeles, New York, Seattle, Chicago and Indiana.

"My sister does all the ordering," Kramer said. One of the most popular choices are the Swarovski crystal beads from Austria.

The store will offer adult and children's beading classes in the fall and also has children's beading parties and bridesmaids beading parties during which the girls make jewelry to match their dresses.

JO Jewels staff will help patrons design choices and also has instructional books and videos.

A separate area for children includes toys, puzzles, books, pillows, table and chairs, a TV/VCR/DVD player with a library of children's movies and beading supplies.

Kramer said the children's area was designed to make adults' shopping experience more pleasurable.

"It takes time to pick out jewelry and we want our patrons to be able to do this in a relaxed atmosphere," Kramer explained. "People have really enjoyed it because it makes them feel at ease to bring their children with them. And the kids love it."

Kramer said she loves working in Northville.

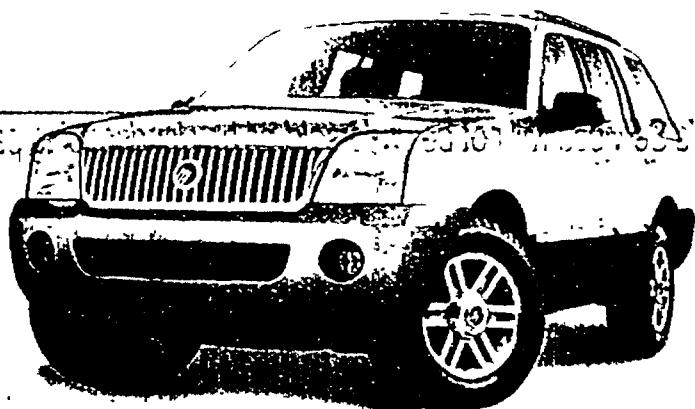
"We have had a very warm welcome. The people are nice, and it's a walk town. It's like Manhattan in Michigan," she said.



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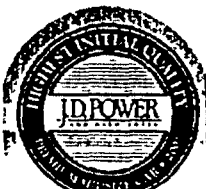
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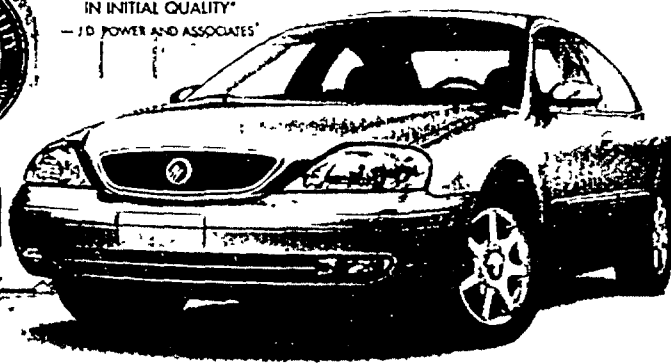
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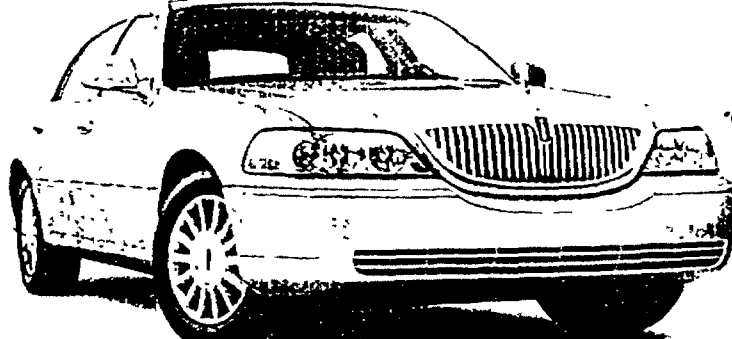
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LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

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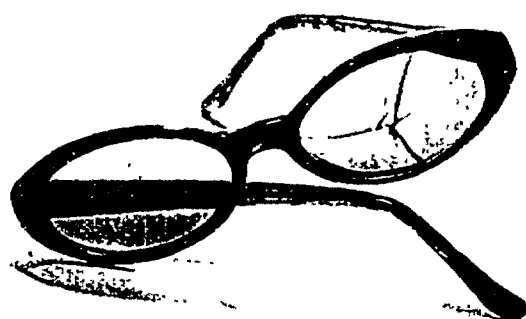
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Township maps future of Community Park

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

The Northville Township board of trustees set a special meeting next week to discuss the funding and extent of Northville Community Park expansion feasible at this time.

Costs associated with operating and maintaining additional facilities will be part of the discussion, said township supervisor Mark Abbo. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. July 31 at the Northville Township Civic Center.

At the same meeting, Northville school officials will describe a concept plan to build a community stadium on township property across the street from Northville High School on Six Mile Road. The board also is expected to discuss the possibility of designating as a brownfield the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital site on Seven Mile Road to facilitate proper environmental cleanup.

The township supervisor proposed the work session after landscape architect M.C. Smith of Grand Rapids at a special board meeting last Thursday wowed residents and officials with a series of Community Park expansion-concept boards, phasing plans, and a \$11.3 million price tag. Company president Michael Smith described a site inventory, site analysis of recreation potentials and opportunities, and five

"You can't evaluate this in a vacuum. This is just one phase."

Mark Abbo

Northville Township supervisor

development scenarios.

"It gives us an idea," Abbo said. "We're not even going to come close to [\$11 million]. It may take 20 years or longer. Some [aspects of the proposal] may never be built."

Phasing options Smith detailed in his presentation ranged from \$1.5 million to \$3.2 million, depending on the activity, lighting, number of parking spaces, and other factors. The trustees next week will look at the balance of the township's park development fund, which is supported by a millage that generates approximately \$1 million a year.

The trustees at last Thursday's regular meeting — which immediately followed the special session — began discussing timing and financing considerations, but decided to opt for a dedicated work session because of the complexity of the issues involved. That left some audience members who ques-

tioned the list of priorities initially presented to Smith relieved that funding was not yet specifically allocated, while others were nonplused that the process for pursuing field development would not begin immediately.

A couple of audience comments indicated concern that the board's priorities in developing the park might not fit with resident desires. Recreation commissioner Ken Roth cited a pie chart in the recent recreation needs survey conducted by a professional recreational consulting firm. Given a voice in allocation of recreation dollars, residents polled would be far more interested in bike and walking trails, improvement of existing facilities, and acquisition of new parkland and open space, than in construction of new game fields, Roth read.

Resident Fred Shadko too asked why results of the survey were not incorporated into the concepts Smith developed. One vocal group was being served, rather than the majority of park users, he said Tuesday.

"I believe that the community needs to develop a process whereby the wants and needs are clearly matched against the budgets and property assets available in this community," Shadko said.

This conceptual plan is based on the 2002-2007 recreation master plan, the supervisor said.

"What we're doing in Community

Park is not going to detract from our ability to provide other recreational activities," Abbo said. "This is another step. Before any decisions are made, there's a lot of homework to be done."

"You can't evaluate this in a vacuum," Abbo added. "This is just one phase."

As part of a shared-services agreement, city and township residents currently use Millennium Park, Henningsen Park, Ford Field, a temporary dog park, Fish Hatchery Park, and paths throughout community. The annual cost to maintain the 80 acres in those parks is approximately \$270,000, said Recreation director Traci Sinecock.

In addition to the proposed Community Park expansion, there also are other sites slated for future development, Sinecock said, including Thayer's Corner Park, a developer-donated parcel at Six Mile and Ridge roads, and potentially another 50 acres on the Seven Mile Road former hospital site. Other opportunities are Hines Park, Maybury State Park and subdivision paths, planning commissioner Jim Nield pointed out.

"The township can't do everything for everyone," Abbo said. "We'll do as much as we can with the resources we have."

M.C. Smith's inventory of the 120-acre park on Beck Road between Five Mile and Six Mile roads detailed the

location of natural features, including soils, topography and vegetation; site features such as utilities, on-site land-use and adjacent land-use, as well as utilization potentials for ranges of active or passive recreation use.

The site analysis Smith presented split the parcel into zones: for entry/arrival; "active," such as playing fields, courts and parking areas; "passive," such as picnic facilities, paths and landscaping; "buffer," for walking paths, landscaping and berming, and "conservation/preservation," for paths, greenspace and viewing decks. The majority of the parcel was designated active; large passive zones were set aside in the northwest and southwest portions of the property.

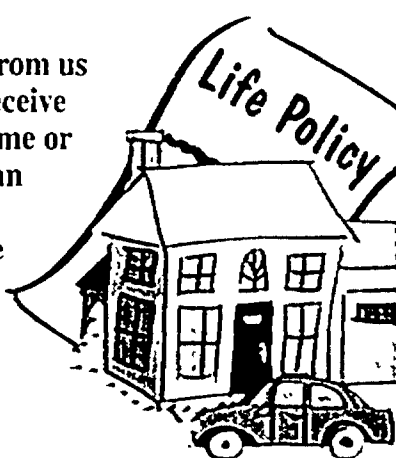
Smith's report breaks down cost per item of site preparation; site grading; pond; entrance off Six Mile Road from the south and from the east off Beck Road; parking areas; walks and trails; natural and artificial soccer, baseball/softball and lacrosse playing fields; basketball and sand volleyball courts; play areas; site furniture; miscellaneous park improvements; buildings; amphitheater; skate park; site utilities, and landscaping.

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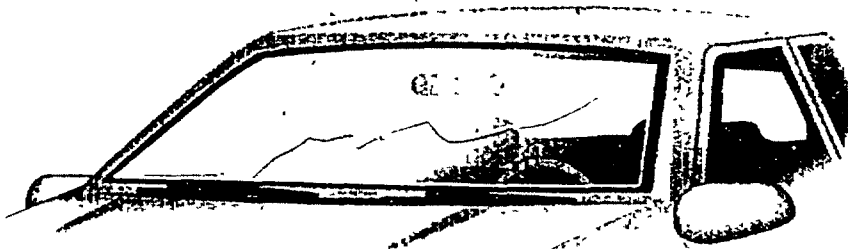
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Developer disputes NPH bidding process

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Farmington Hills-based Grand Sakwa could jeopardize the key state criterion that the sale be complete by Sept. 30, he said.

The state still is hoping to meet that deadline, Medina said. Grand Sakwa representatives are continuing their investigation of the former hospital site.

The developer has 75 days from the day the bids were due, June 25, to conduct due diligence, performing environmental studies, looking at the existing buildings, and performing other evaluations, prior to finalizing the deal with the state.

"I haven't heard anything that would be contrary to that, or anything that things weren't proceeding as expected," Medina said.

Although the \$76 million bid submitted under the corporate name of Grand Sakwa Northville Seven Mile to the state was the third highest of five, the developer was the unanimous choice of

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Mark Abbo
Northville Township supervisor

the committee appointed to select a purchaser.

Cohen said the thrust of his appeal to the state is that the developer selection was based on "typical political cronyism" and "backroom antics."

The developer said he is looking for reversal of the decision on

the bid award.

"We're hoping the governor does the right thing," Cohen said. "We're hoping the governor reverses the decision and awards the bid to the highest bidder, which is Rock Construction."

The company's protest currently exists as a letter to the budget department and State Administrative Board, which will approve the final sales contract. Cohen said he is awaiting word from the state before deciding whether to take formal legal action.

"We're currently reviewing all of our options that are available to us," he said. "I certainly would not rule that out."

The Northville Advisory Committee in its recommendation to the budget department detailed reasons that Grand Sakwa's offer was a better value for the state than the \$76.7 million by Rock Construction Company of Livonia, \$76.5 million by REI of Bloomfield Hills,

\$72 million by Pulte Land Company of Royal Oak, and \$65 million by Toll Brothers of Farmington.

The bid amount was \$11 million above the minimum required, Irwin said. The committee made its selection based on criteria set forth in the invitation to bid, which represented the highest return to the state.

Medina said she could not not detail specific charges in the Rock Construction letter.

"In reviewing it with the Attorney General's office, we're coming across clearly some factual inaccuracies in the protest," she said. "We feel that some incorrect conclusions have been drawn."

The state in June nixed an original round of bidding on the hospital site after a volunteer in Granholm's "executive on-loan" program disclosed to the budget department that he had an unrelated, outside business relationship with a consultant to one of

the bidding companies. Then-Budget director Mitch Irwin said the state would solicit a new round of bids "to avoid even the appearance of impropriety."

Cohen was not satisfied with those efforts. The developer said that he has a "smoking gun" in form of a communication from a budget official commenting on Grand Sakwa's ability to secure the property.

"That to me is as dirty as it gets when it comes to sealed bids," Cohen said. Connections between Granholm acquaintances and a Grand Sakwa consultant were the reason behind the property re-bid, he said.

Grand Sakwa, Pulte Home of Royal Oak and REI of West Bloomfield were the three companies that initially bid on the property.

Northville Township officials waited in the wings for the state's decision. Planning for the property to change hands township leaders last year adopted a

Planned Use Development ordinance for the area, which includes a mixture of office, research and development, residential and open-space land uses.

"I would be surprised if those allegations are correct," Township Supervisor Mark Abbo said Tuesday.

"We're not unhappy that the property was awarded to Grand Sakwa," he said. "They've been very generous to the community."

Local entities were direct beneficiaries in Grand Sakwa's bid unlike in any other; the developer indicated it would donate 50 acres to the township and an additional 20 acres to Northville Public Schools.

"That represents a \$9 million value to the community," Abbo said.

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Garden Walk hailed a success

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

The 10th annual garden walk hosted by the Country Garden Club of Northville was a treat of mild weather, beautiful tour sites and a tea room from the Orient.

"Everything went really smoothly," said garden walk coordinator Kathryn Novak. "Attendance was all that we hoped for."

The club featured homes on Byrne, Seven Mile, Eight Mile, Shadbrook roads, and Jonathon and Banbury courts. Members were pleased with the July 9 six-hour event, Novak said. They already are at work on next

year's tour, scouting gardens now for the beauty and originality to showcase next July.

An oriental copper fountain with mist maker donated for the day by Gardenviews, 202 W. Main Street, lent atmosphere to the club's signature setting for a reception at the Cady Inn at the Mill Race Historic Village on Griswold, Novak said.

Club members also executed the Oriental theme of the day with their kimono costumes, decoration, tea treats, and invitation to two musicians. Two women delighted visitors by playing the 13-string instrument, the koto, a trademark of their native Japan.

"The music was very serene," Novak said. "You just felt like you were walking into a Japanese tea room."

During and after their progress along the six-home tour, hundreds of the walkers took advantage of the garden-related offerings at Mill Race. In addition to the tea room, several vendors displayed their wares on the grounds. Spurred with enthusiasm after the tour, tour-goers picked up bird houses, gazing balls, perennials, and other yard ornaments.

"Mill Race was very lively," Novak said.

Gardenviews, which had served as a ticket site in the pre-

vious weeks, donated a statue as a raffle prize. Jan Hogg was the winner of the ticket drawing.

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

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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.

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Resident takes peace message to streets

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Northville Township seniors Phyllis and Michael Clancy have a passion for peace.

The married duo are leading a local effort to promote world peace and are looking for other like-minded area residents to join their crusade.

Phyllis Clancy, 65, and her husband, Michael, 67, began their public testament of their commitment to peace early last week and local motorists are beginning to take note.

Every Monday for one hour between 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., Phyllis and her husband plan to spread a message of peace through signs and slogans on the northwest corner of Eight Mile Road and Novi Road.

Phyllis added she plans to make this a routine event and others are encouraged to join her.

"I went to the city and got it all approved," she said. "I had to write a letter to the police department and the county."

With the necessary permission intact, Phyllis and her husband are looking forward to continuing their peace vigils and sending out positive messages.

When the war with Iraq commenced, Phyllis was in Arizona and

participated in a nighttime peace vigil, complete with candles and a dream of world harmony.

"Arizona Peace sponsored vigils at the onset of the war," she said. "We were interested in commemorating our soldiers."

President Bush declared an end to major U.S. military operations in Iraq on May 1.

Following the same chord of similar vigils that have taken place in other states and even in neighboring Ferndale, Phyllis and her husband are interested in involving others in government affairs and peace-keeping strategies.

"We are trying to get the public more aware of what's going on," she said. "I'm not telling to tell them to go anti-government. Whether they're for the war or against it, we're not trying to persuade them. We just want them involved. We are thinking of the soldiers that are dying every day."

Since Bush made his declaration, more than 90 Americans have died — 36 of them in hostile action.

Clancy also suggested government leaders take a more pro-active approach to maintaining peace.

"Instead of going to war, try to be more diplomatic and solve problems through talking," she said. "I would like our government to be more diplomatic and handle countries by talking to them instead of

pre-emptive wars. Pre-emptive wars are not the answer. I feel our government should talk more. If it can't be solved through diplomacy, then we have to go to war. It depends. We have to give peace a chance before we go into war. That's what we're trying to promote, is peace."

"We should do everything in our power to have peace instead of war. I hate to see lives wasted. I can see where if we're threatened, naturally we have to defend ourselves. I don't feel in my heart this was a war we had to be into. Every day there's another soldier, another Iraqi, dead."

Carrying handmade signs, which read "Peace saves lives" and "War is not the answer," Phyllis and her husband are committed to their cause.

Derogatory signs are not allowed to be used, Phyllis said.

These roadside vigils carry an important purpose for the Clancy family.

"It's to educate the people on what's going on," said Phyllis. "We do need to be educated."

"Right now it's just my husband and I. They started it in Ferndale. I thought maybe I could start one in Northville."

For some, standing alongside a busy road might be intimidating, but Phyllis doesn't think so. During one peace proclamation, Phyllis said she received approximately 30 honks

from car horns indicating agreement for peace.

"I've been in so many that I don't feel embarrassed anymore because I feel it's the right thing to do," she said. "We're trying to make lives longer for young people. Maybe I can help in my small way. I'm hoping this can get started everywhere."

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Evelyn C. Johnson

Evelyn Johnson, formerly of Northville, died July 17 near her daughter's home at St. Mary's Medical Center in Grand Rapids. She was 79.

Ms. Johnson was born in Detroit on Sept. 27, 1923, to Edmund and Rosalie (Zalewski) Ciborski. She was a member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church and the Northville Garden Club.

Ms. Johnson is survived by her daughter, Marie (Gregory) Brackett of Coopersville; her grandchildren, Clayton, Olivia and Madelyn; and her sister, Jean Campbell of Traverse City.

A memorial service for Ms. Johnson was held at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville, which handled funeral arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia Society of Michigan.

Virginia Rarog

Virginia Rarog of Livonia died July 18. She was 84.

Ms. Rarog was born Aug. 31, 1918, in Detroit. She later married her husband, Walter, who survives her.

A homemaker, Ms. Rarog relocated to Livonia from Detroit in 1974. She was a member of Divine Savior Catholic Church and enjoyed taking care of her grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Ms. Rarog is survived by her children, Lorraine (Suzanne) Rarog of Milford and Susan Porter of

Northville; her sisters, Irene (Charles) Baker of Dearborn and Genevieve Lisowski of Detroit; her brothers, Thomas (Delores) Sypula of Warren, Donald Sypula of Las Vegas and Kenneth (Clara) Sypula of Dearborn; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Ms. Rarog was held July 21 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth, which handled funeral arrangements. Rev. Father Alexander Kuras officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Odyssey Hospice or the Alzheimer's Association.

Sheila L. Wiggins

Sheila Wiggins of South Lyon died July 17 in Pittsfield Township. She was 27.

Ms. Wiggins was born March 9, 1976, in Ann Arbor to Gerald and Diane Wiggins of South Lyon, both of whom survive her. Ms. Wiggins relocated to South Lyon from Canton Township in 1992 and worked as a veterinary technician at Hidden Springs Veterinary Clinic in Northville. A member of MENSA, Ms. Wiggins had a fondness for animals, enjoyed cooking and music.

In addition to her parents, Ms. Wiggins is survived by her grandfather, Charles Pace of Clarkston;

several nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

A memorial service for Ms. Wiggins was held July 21 at Plymouth Baptist Church. Pastor Bill Barber officiated the service. Interment will be at Glen Eden Cemetery of Livonia.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Plymouth Baptist.

Lucina M. Svatora

Lucina Svatora of South Lyon died July 20 at St. Joseph Livingston Hospital in Howell.

She was 76.

Ms. Svatora was born Dec. 13, 1926, in Newark, N.J., to Charles Bauerle and Minnie Braecker. She married Richard Svatora on Feb. 28, 1947. He preceded her in death in 1982.

A Northville resident for 30 years before relocating to South Lyon 12 years ago, Ms. Svatora was a homemaker who enjoyed playing bingo and taking care of her cat, "Muffin."

Ms. Svatora is survived by her children, Richard (Susan) Svatora of Hope, Thomas (Patricia) Svatora of Alto, Marie (Scott) Runnals of Brighton, Lucina (Ron) Moomey of Hamburg,

Lawrence (Colleen) of Howell, Robert Svatora of South Lyon, Michael (Mary Ann) Svatora of Commerce and Patricia (Gregory) O'Neil of Howell; her sister, Louise Bauerle of Florida; and 17 grandchildren.

A memorial service for Ms. Svatora was held July 23 at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville, which handled funeral arrangements. Pastor Johnathan Wilkes of First Baptist Church of Northville officiated the service. Interment was at Rural Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the giver's choosing.

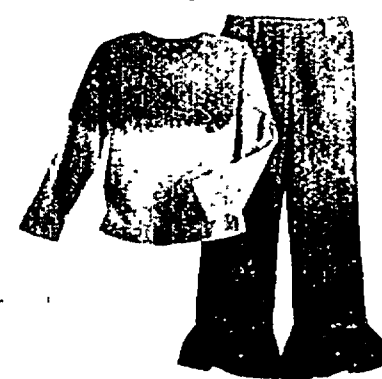
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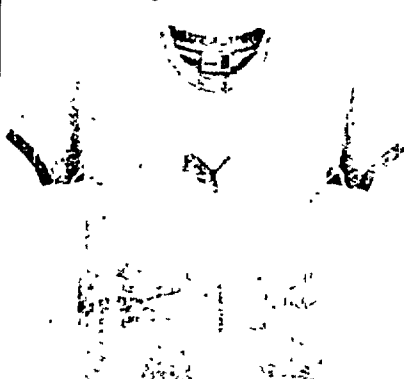
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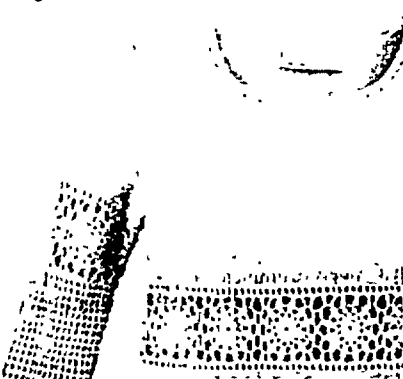
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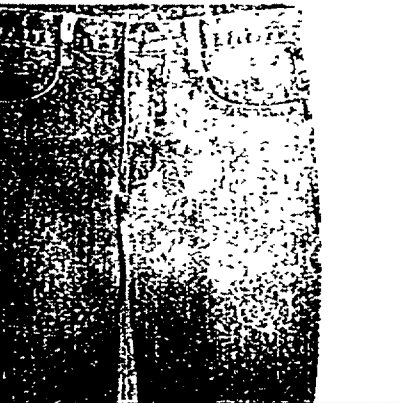
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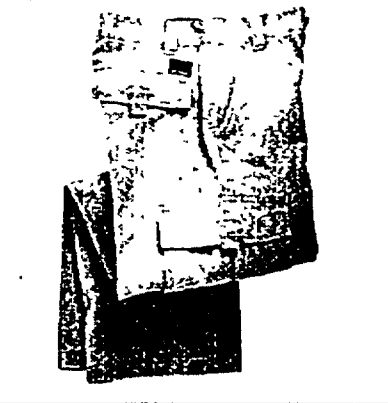
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Eagle Scout candidate seeks help with project

Got a tattered or worn U.S. flag to offer? This Scout wants to take it off your hands for proper disposal



By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Seventeen-year-old Tony Castro is hoping a collection of tattered U.S. flags will ultimately yield an Eagle Scout award, the highest honor available in the Boy Scouts of America program.

According to Castro's mother, Susie Castro, her son began collecting old and torn American flags early this month for his required Eagle Scout project.

Tony Castro, an upcoming senior at Northville High School, assisted fellow scouts and organization leaders in distributing flyers on flag etiquette and the project's mission to community residents July 5.

Susie said the scouts returned July 12 to pick up any flags that needed to be disposed of. The area that the scouts covered, she said, was southeast of Eight Mile and Center Street as well as southwest of Randolph and Center streets.

In the lengthy search for ragged and decrepit flags, 20 project participants headed on six different routes in the community to cover an assigned area that spanned 500 homes.

As a result, nearly 20 American flags were unearthed and donated for Castro's Eagle Scout project.

"They did come back with 17 flags," said Susie. "We didn't know quite what to expect out of 500 homes."

She added that one flag was donated by a couple who bought it when their son went to serve in Vietnam.

Susie said the flags will be properly retired at flag burning ceremonies later this summer. These ceremonies will be conducted with various scout groups, she said. An official event date will be set pending a meeting with the Livonia fire marshal.

Pending authorities' approval, the event will take place at the Northville Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at Six Mile and Meridian Road, she said.

Plenty of thought and preparation preceded the project's commencement.

"[Tony] spent a lot of time researching on the Internet about flag procedures, and the appropriate way to handle and display flags," his mother said. "He had to put it into a flyer, which would be very readable."

After receiving instructions to cover an area

with 500 homes, the Eagle Scout candidate was then required to recruit the manpower for the project and venture door-to-door.

"I'm just really proud he stuck with scouting," said Susie. "It's been such a wonderful program for us as parents. It helped us to help our boy grow into manhood."

Tony has been affiliated with Boy Scout Troop No. 1826 since age 8.

"It's been a wonderful growing experience for him and it's still not over," said Susie. "He has a great fondness in his heart for the flag and for veterans."

Along with his scouting responsibilities, Tony is employed part-time at Guernsey Farms Dairy and is a member of the chamber choir at Northville High School.

The project is slated to be completed before school begins this fall.

Tony is the son of Angel and Susie Castro of Northville and has one sibling, Amy.

Tattered or worn U.S. flags will continue to be collected through the end of July. To donate an old flag to the project contact Tony Castro at (248) 347-9645.

Worn flags like these are being sought by Eagle Scout candidate Tony Castro.

Northville residents take stage in 'The Kid Inside' presentation

'THE KID INSIDE' INFO

Performances
• July 25-Genith's, 8 p.m. **
Tickets are \$7.

• Aug. 2 inside Northville's downtown gazebo during the sidewalk sale. Showtime is at 11 a.m. Free admission.
Content for this show is family friendly.

• Aug. 16-Livonia Mall, 8 p.m. **
Tickets are \$7.

• Aug. 17-Livonia Mall, 4 p.m.
Tickets are \$7.
Content for this show is family friendly.

** This performance contains material that may be inappropriate for children under age 13.

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Four local area teens are preparing to dazzle audiences as they perform "The Kid Inside" at Genith's Little Theatre in downtown Northville tomorrow night.

The show is expected to commence at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7.

Northville resident and cast member Katie Hoeg described "The Kid Inside" as a cabaret style show complete with 13 songs and dialogue separating each song.

"It's a tribute to the works of new composers and artists in the new millennium," said Hoeg, 17. "It's all showtunes, mostly unpublished work."

Other cast members include Jillian Buckshaw, 18, Sean Widener, 17 and Andrew Keen in

Bolger, 18.

"We just decided to get together and do this show," said Hoeg. "We contacted different venues where we could end up performing it."

Hoeg added this four-person team has plenty of entertainment experience.

"We've been doing theater since we were tiny," she said. "We just kind of got together and we decided to do this show before we all left for school."

Hoeg will be attending the University of Michigan this fall.

Other performances of "The Kid Inside" are slated to take place next month.

The foursome is expected to present during the Northville sidewalk sales Aug. 2 at 11 a.m. in the downtown gazebo.

Further shows are slated to take

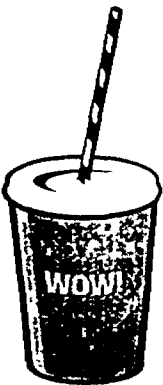
place in the Livonia Mall Aug. 16 at 8 p.m. and Aug. 17 at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$7 each.

"I think that people should come see our show," said Hoeg. "It's generally a very talented group of people. We like to perform together."

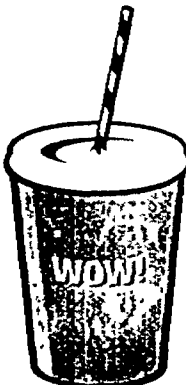
"I think it will be a fun performance that people can enjoy."

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Shopping, health merge in city sale

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Additional merchants have become involved throughout the years to the point where most stores located on Main and Center streets are now participating. However, this year marks the first to include the Shopping Jubilee and Health Fair.

"In the past, it's just been the merchants," said Lindsey Casterline of Casterline Funeral Home. "This is the first year it's progressed into something more."

Friday's sale will conclude with a 7 p.m. performance by the Farmington Jazz Band in the downtown gazebo, but the music doesn't stop there.

With the variety of venues that have been chosen, Genitti said entertainment and activities are a primary component of Saturday's Shopping Jubilee scheduled from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Local entertainers will be performing throughout the day at the gazebo, along with other performances on the main stage located at the intersection of Main and Center streets.

Roads will be closed Saturday allowing both vendors and patrons to enjoy the full experience of the Jubilee.

Plans to hold a Health Fair originally stemmed from physician Nathan Bloch of Main Street Family Medicine.

"I've always been into preventative medicine, and I wanted to concentrate on doing something for the community," he said.

After receiving support from chiropractor Kenneth Stopa, Jr. of Main Street Family Chiropractic Center, foot specialist Alan Bloch of Northville Podiatry and Dennis Engerer of Northville Physical Rehabilitation, Bloch proposed the



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Dianne McGraw shows how she and workers of Northville's Van Dam's clothing store will be displaying clothes for August's Sidewalk Sale and Shopping Jubilee (Aug. 1-2).

idea to the city of Northville.

Instead of holding an independent event, it was suggested and agreed upon that the Health Fair team up with the Sidewalk Sale and Shopping Jubilee to gain more exposure.

The doctors and their staffs will each contribute an aspect to the Health Fair based on their medical concentration. Some of what is expected to be available includes written screening tests, blood pressure tests, glucose tests, scoliosis tests, cholesterol screenings and information on strength and endurance. Each screening is obtainable at little or no cost, with a primary goal of providing and increasing awareness.

"It's a great opportunity for people to become more aware of what's available in their own town," Stopa said. "When they're able to come in

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and meet some of the physicians, they're able to make friendships."

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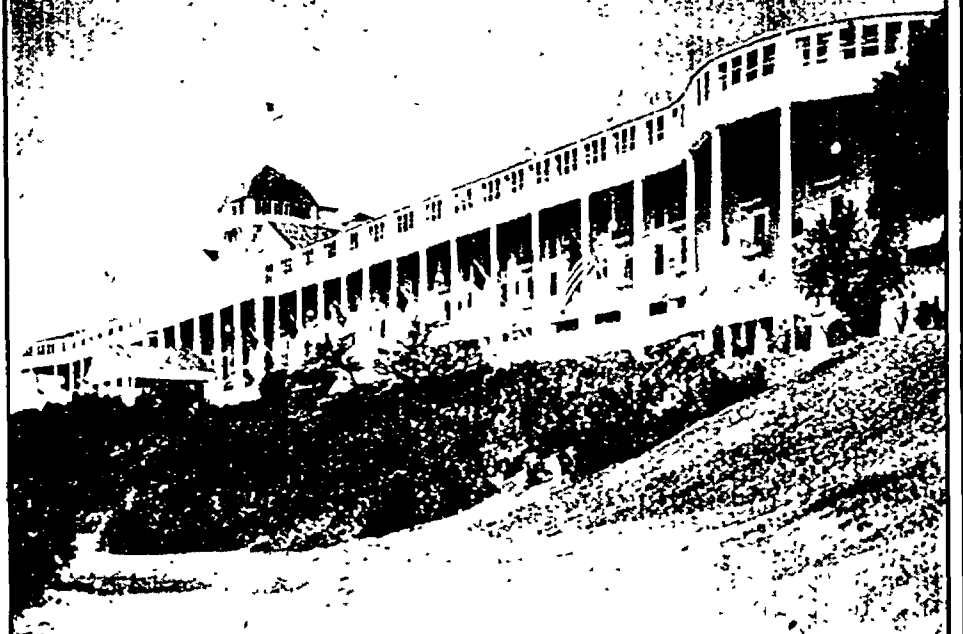
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Numbers bolster case for new senior center

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meetings with the building architect, interior designer and general contractor, as well as Traci Sincok, director of the parks and recreation program that oversees the senior services. The project, scheduled to start mid-October, will expand the building to the west.

Project specifications currently call for four multi-purpose meeting rooms, three offices, and a gathering area for large-group activities. Renovation plans also call for replacement of the heating and cooling systems and plumbing, as well as improvements to the kitchen, meeting room and lobby. The former recreation department offices would become a computer room, and a barrier-free entrance would be added to the rear of the building.

"I'm very impressed with the way they're tracking the estimated costs, line-item by line-item," Nield said. "I think if you're not careful with a project like that, all the money can be consumed in the hidden areas."

Addressing some of the project specifics, Nield said the planned two-way fireplace is an example of an item that has been modified. New plans call for the fireplace to be open on only one side.

"We can save some money there," he said. Meanwhile, the professionals are paying attention to ease of folding door operation, acoustics and lighting. Site plan drawings are expected to go before the city planning commission at the August meeting.

The character of the building will remain the same, Nield said, with the expansion imitating the existing architecture, including matching brick. The interior design will have a "Mission" look, he said, in the trim carpentry, carpet, light fixtures, and fireplace style.

"We want to be at a level above a school classroom and a doctor's clinic," he said. As a potential wedding reception or shower site, the facility will have to have a certain appeal, the council members concurred.

The group discussed the need to market the facility to generate

annually an additional \$90,000 rental income. The community center currently generates \$120,000 in rental income, Sincok said, from craft shows, parks and recreation activities, club lessons and special events. She told the group she planned to survey rates of neighboring reception sites to develop a fee schedule.

"The building is expected to be self-sufficient," Sincok said. The rental-income portion of the renovated center budget is phased in over three years, Nield added, to work up to the expected \$90,000 level.

The city of Northville and Northville Township in April pledged as part of their cooperative recreation agreement to expand senior opportunities in the Northville school district-owned building.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Rick and Barbara Shove, Anna-Lee Wilson, right and others enjoy a hot dog, other treats and some conversation during last Friday's gathering at the Northville Senior Center.

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JULY 17, 2003
REGULAR MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP
OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, July 17, 2003
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: 41600 W. Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Abbo at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mark Abbo, Supervisor; Marjorie Banner, Trustee; Sue Hillebrand, Clerk; Mary Gans, Trustee; Richard Henningsen, Treasurer; Shirley Klokenga, Trustee; Brad Werner, Trustee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. Agendas: Approve Consent & Regular Agenda-approved
2. Appointments, Petitions, Resolutions & Announcements:
 - A. Resolution to reserve Class C Liquor License-approved
3. Public Hearing: none.
4. Brief Public Comments & Questions: Several residents spoke regarding water connection fees
5. New Business:
 - A. Plante Moran CRESA-Change Order #5-approved
 - B. Progress Payment #4 for Municipal Building Project-approved
 - C. E D C. Brochure-Judy Costigan-approved
 - D. Community Park-Master Plan-tabled
 - E. Contract M C Smith (Design Services)-tabled
 - F. Utility Easements-Corner/Northville Technology Park-approved
 - G. Millennium Park Improvements-approved
 - H. Haggerty Road Pathway Change Order & Payment - tabled
 - I. Haggerty Road Edison Change Order & Payment-approved
 - J. Municipal Parking Lot Change Order & Payment-approved
 - K. Shelly Pond Land Donation-not approved
 - L. Sheldon Road Property disposition-approved
6. Unfinished Business: none
7. Ordinances:
 - A. 1st & 2nd Reading of the Telecommunications Ordinance-approved
8. Bills Payable: Bills payable in the amount of \$1,768,877.00-approved
9. Board Communication: Reports were given by the following: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Chip Snider, Marv Gans, Marjorie Banner, Shirley Klokenga and Brad Werner
10. Any Other Business: none
11. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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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."
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
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• COMING UP •

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."
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Northville High School hockey

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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 / tree health fair
DATE: Aug. 1, 2
LOCATION: Downtown Northville
TIME: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Aug. 1; 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Aug. 2 (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.
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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 participa-

tion is required.
PHONE: (248) 348-0437

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

Personal growth workshop
DATE: Aug. 6, 13, 20
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)
TIME: 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Participants will learn how to take a life inventory, understand obstacles to achieving goals and how to create a personal vision and mission. The course is \$28 if paid for by Aug. 1, or \$32 at the door.
PHONE: (248) 349-0911

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.
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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

Divorce recovery workshop
DATE: Aug. 14 - Sept. 25

LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)
TIME: 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
DETAILS: The course will outline the many facets of divorce recovery, including networking, dealing with the loss of a spouse, helping children through the process and the spiritual elements of loss. Guest speakers from a variety of backgrounds will provide their expertise. A \$35 registration fee covers the cost of the course's text, "Growing Through Divorce."
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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.
PHONE / WEBSITE: (248) 349-3437 / www.classreunionsplus.com

Northville Arts Commission free concert — Oak Pointe Band
DATE: Aug. 22

LOCATION: Downtown Northville bandshell
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Call for info
PHONE: (248) 449-9950

Women's Bible study program
DATE: Begins Sept. 9 (Registration starts Aug. 24)
LOCATION: Detroit First Church of the Nazarene (21260 Haggerty Road)
TIME: 9:30 a.m. (babysitting provided) or 7 p.m.
DETAILS: The focus of the study will be "Choices That Matter." The books 1 Samuel and 2 Samuel will provide the backdrop for the study. The course is \$15 and runs for three consecutive weeks.
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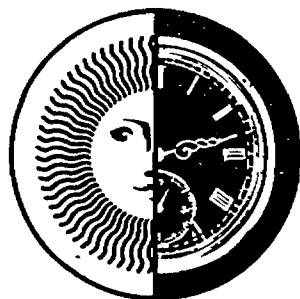
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BIRTHS



Lucie Kathryn Salvatore

Lucie Kathryn Salvatore was born May 17 at Prentice Women's Hospital in Chicago to Jennifer Beyersdorf Salvatore and Joe Salvatore. She weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 19 inches at birth.

Lucie is the granddaughter of Judy and Tom Beyersdorf of Northville and Geri and Toni Salvatore of Valley City, Ohio.



Samantha Riley Riordan

Samantha Riley Riordan was born May 16 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor to Jennifer and Rick Riordan of Northville. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 19 inches at birth.

Samantha is the granddaughter of Jerry and Nancy Smith of Canton, Trina Riordan of Farmington Hills and Dick and Corrine Riordan of Walled Lake.



Jack Williams Bugar

Jack Williams Bugar was born May 20 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor to Melanie and John Bugar of Northville. He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 21 inches at birth.

Jack is the grandson of Michael and Sherry Bugar of Northville, Philip and Molly Goodman of Northville and Larry and Jeanne Williams of Milford. He is the great-grandson of Edith Williams of Elyria, Ohio, and Kathleen Hanlin of Dearborn.

ON CAMPUS

Northville resident Matthew Schlanser was among the graduates of the United States Military Academy (West Point, N.Y.) He selected military intelligence as his branch of service in

the Army and will be stationed at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii.

The following Northville residents were named to the dean's honor list at the University of

Michigan for the winter 2003 term: Douglas Chenoweth, Laura Elssner, Justin Gervatowski, Meredith Hasse, Matthew McGrail, Daniel Mihalik, Rebecca Morello,

Christina Murdock, Jerin Philip, Scott Schanne, Stephen Traicoff and Maureen Vermeulen.

Northville residents Nicholas

Keszo and Christopher Stewart were among the graduates of Ferris State University during December and May commencement ceremonies.

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.

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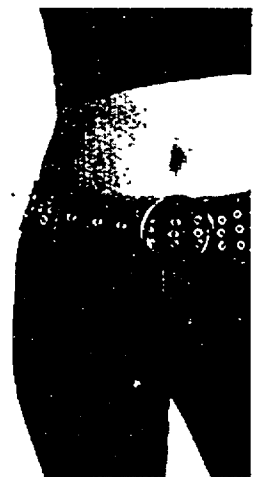
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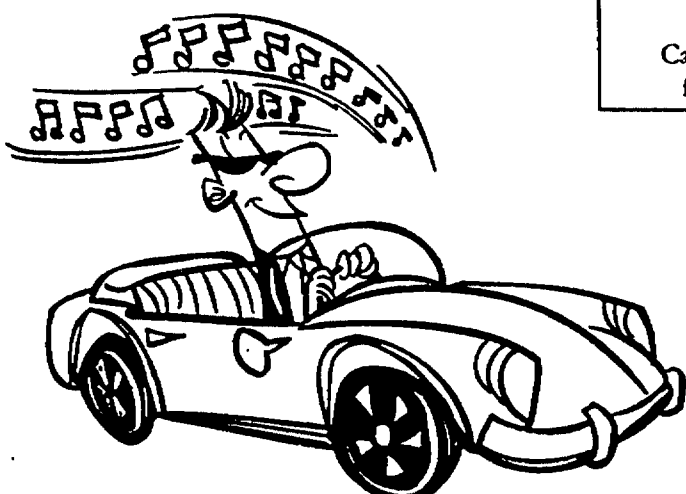
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Gursky-Mueller

Jeffrey Todd Gursky and Rebecca Kristine Mueller were married June 21 in Rochester, Minn. Pastor Gary Benson of Zumbro Lutheran Church officiated the ceremony.

The groom is the son of Robert and Carol Gursky of Northville. He is a 1988 graduate of Northville High School and a 1996 graduate of the Wayne State University school of medicine. He is employed by Olmstead Medical Center. The bride is the daughter of Richard and Kristine Mueller of Arlington, Minn. She is a graduate of Winona State University (Arlington) and is employed as a registered nurse at the Mayo Clinic.

David Felicelli served as best man. Groomsmen were Rick Subotich, Jon Richardson and Keith Stearns. Amy Stearns served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Tara Richardson, Anne Jones, Ingrid Anderson and Melissa Gustin.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and now make their home in Rochester, Minn.

ENGAGEMENTS



Baird-Cooper

John and Betty Baird of Northville announce the engagement of their son, Matthew Thomas Baird, to Lindsey Tennille Cooper, daughter of James and Diana Cooper of Elkhart, Ind.

The groom-elect is a 1996 graduate of Northville High School and a 2000 graduate of Purdue University. He is employed by Detroit Diesel of Redford. The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Purdue and is employed by Hayes Lemmerz of Northville Township.

An Oct. 11 wedding is planned.



Smejkal-Oleksinski

Frank and Maureen Smejkal of Burton announce the engagement of their daughter, Maria-Nicole Smejkal, to Nicholas Alexander Oleksinski of Northville, son of Donald and Susan Oleksinski of Berkley.

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Facts should rule discussion

Whenever you're talking about a project that carries a near-\$75 million price tag, it's only reasonable to expect that those jockeying for the big prize are going to do everything in their power to come up a winner. Such appeared to be the case this week, when Rock Construction Company of Livonia suggested that they — eventual winner Grand Sakwa of Farmington Hills — should have been given awarded the bid to redevelop the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property.

This can hardly come as a surprise, and to an extent, Rock CEO Jeffrey Cohen makes a compelling argument, not the least of which is that Rock's bid of \$76.7 million was the largest of the five bids received. At a time when money makes the world go 'round and the state is clamoring for ways to save a penny any way it can, extra cash in Michigan's treasury can't be considered a bad thing. If mere dollars don't say enough, Mr. Cohen's labeling of the developer selection process as an example of "typical political cronyism" and "backroom antics" adds an unmistakable smack.

And — heads up! — Mr. Cohen even suggested that legal action was not out of the question.

But as they say, there are two sides to every story, and this one

is no exception.

"In reviewing it with the Attorney General's office, we're coming across clearly some factual inaccuracies in the protest," said state budget department spokesperson Bridget Medina. "We feel that some incorrect conclusions have been drawn."

Couple that with precedent that in many cases, the most lucrative bids for projects aren't always the ones selected, and the case gets even more cloudy. Ideally, we'd prefer to see this situation ironed out minus attorneys and legal haggling. Northville Township has been through entirely too much of that hoopla the last five years such that we see nothing useful coming from a suit that would almost certainly drag the township back into the courtroom. Realistically, however, we see a huge money maker on the table, and get the sense that those sitting at the table are very determined to get their hands on it.

Rock has suggested the selection process was flawed. State authorities aren't convinced. Either way, it's been said that if you've got the facts on your side, you don't need to raise your voice, and if you don't have the facts on your side, you can't afford to raise your voice.

This will not be a case of bid awarding by decibel level. It has been — and should be — done on the basis of facts.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Members of the Northville Central Business Association who have organized the health fair which will happen along with the cities' sidewalk sales on Aug. 1-2, from left: Alan Bloch - DPM, Northville Physical Rehabilitation's Dennis Engerer, Margo's Cynthia Pfeiffer, Main Street Family Chiropractic's Ken Stopa, Nathan Bloch D.O., and Jason Postula-Stein M.D.

LETTERS

Owosso baseball gives thanks to Northville

The Owosso youth baseball organization would like to send a sincere thank-you to Mike Putman and the Northville Baseball & Softball Association for its generous donation of baseball equipment. The donation helped our organization, teams and most of all, our youth have a successful 2003 baseball season.

Thanks again for your generosity.

Daniel Lorigan
Owosso

If Bush isn't at fault, what will it take?

I agree with your [letter] writers in coming to the defense of George W. Bush and his leading us into a war with a country that was not threatening us. He is only one — though presumably the head honcho — in a cabal of highly placed officials hell-bent on getting us into this mess. This whole gang pressed our intelligence agencies to discard any evidence to the contrary and enhance any inkling that could be used to make Iraq into an imminent threat to the world.

The statement in the State of the Union address (and later on repeated by administration officials) that Iraq was trying to buy Africa was only part of the campaign. What about the repeated assertions that Hussein was involved in the Sept. 11, 2001 tragedy when there was no such evidence. Now, George Tenet, head of the Central Intelligence Agency will be used as scapegoat for failing to rein in the gang. Yes, Mr. Bush had Congressional approval for the invasion, but it was obtained by these lies (oops, I should say "misrepresentations.") He did not have United Nations approval and let us not forget that the UN was established by an international treaty of which we were prime promoters.

The UN Charter prohibits aggression against another country, and the definition of "aggression" specifically prohibits the invasion of one country by the other, what we have done in Iraq. And our Constitution makes treaties the "law of the land." So whichever way we cut it, the invasion by the U.S. of Iraq, irrespective of how vile Hussein is, was a violation of both U.S. law and International Law. The Constitution does allow impeachment for "high crimes and misdemeanors." If a president commits an action which results in the death of over 200 U.S. military (and more almost every day), over 40 British personnel, over 3,250 Iraqis (mostly children), and countless military and civilian personnel injured — If this is not a "high crime," what is?

Irene Piccone
Northville

Friendliness makes Northville a great place

The most amazing thing happened—and it's exactly why we choose to live in Northville.

We live on a dead end street in town, and at about 9:45 a.m. on July 4, the streets were getting pretty packed with cars. As people were scrambling for spots, my husband and I looked out our window and saw many families trying to find parking spaces. We knew that we were staying home for the parade, and that our neighbors were out of town. We offered our driveway, along with our neighbors, for people that couldn't find a spot. After the parade, as people started back, we noticed a family that had parked in our driveway with a very new baby. My husband asked if they would like to come in and cool off the little one, as well as themselves. They obliged, and were very grateful. I'm not sure that

my husband remembers his name, but we received the nicest note in the mail that said this:

"Dave, we wanted to thank you for letting us park in your driveway. It made our experience a great one. You give Northville a good name with your kindness and hospitality. — Mike, Meredith, Ava and Hugh Thompson, Canton Mich."

I can't tell you how touched we were to find a thank you note, in the mail, from complete strangers that took the time to remember our address on one particular day of their lives. Anyway, that's why we love Northville and we hope to host many parking deprived people in the years to come.

Dave and Gwynn Elbersen
Northville

Take your peace vigil to another community

John Heider does a great job for your paper with his photos, but I'd rather see a photo of people holding signs [reading] "Support Our Troops." To see the protesters who want to demonstrate with "peace" signs in our fair city, please go elsewhere and do so. The people of Northville don't need this. Don't bring us down to the level of those cities here in the good old USA where the demonstrators cause problems with traffic and brought on disturbances.

There are plenty of spaces you could go in this world. Start with Liberia or some other country where there is violence. There are many. Spread your message elsewhere. I'm sure the people of Northville believe in peace.

Many served so all could have freedom here in this country. Be thankful for these blessings of freedom you have and remember to thank a veteran. Now you have your picture in the paper and the people here will know you.

I would still like to see a lot of signs saying "Support Our Troops." How about it, Northville?

Walter Juterbock
Northville

A cleaner community could benefit us all

Let's keep Northville beautiful. I know we have an active City Beautiful Comm. which are kept busy, but so many of our subdivisions and businesses and yes even our city bldgs. they put out and spend alot of money on beautiful flowers and shrubs and as the year goes on the weeds take over and are taller than the flowers...gee don't they care or have no time keeping things neat and clean?

One terrible example is the Senior Center, the weeds are over the sidewalk and flower beds, full of weeds maybe they don't care because they are moving next year.

If every one does their part I am sure Northville will be beautiful.

Bernice Guelschow
Northville

Internship in D.C. was extremely helpful

Last spring, I had the wonderful opportunity to intern at Congressman [Thaddeus] McCotter's office in Washington, D.C. In this position, I helped the Congressman and his staffers with various projects around the office. This experience enabled me to see many of our nation's political leaders, while providing me

with practical lessons in my double major: international relations and political science. I even ran into Candice Miller, twice, in the elevator of the Cannon House Office Building and got to see Colin Powell testify before the House International Relations Committee.

Additionally, I worked as a work-study student research assistant for Professor Paul R. Williams, an international law professor at the Washington College of Law of American University. Professor Williams is also co-director of the Public International Law and Policy Group, a non-profit which provides "pro bono international legal services to states in transition, newly independent states and developing states, as well as non-governmental organizations, international tribunals, and international organizations in need of specialized public international legal counsel."

This experience provided me — only a freshman — with the knowledge of how Washington non-profits operate, while strongly increasing my interest in international law as a profession. I also have worked on several critical and confidential cases for the group. Additionally, each week, I had the responsibility of compiling a e-mailing, "Peace Negotiations Watch," which we send out to many Washington insiders, detailing unique international events and processes, such as the Tamil Tigers' resolution with the Sri Lankan government. I helped put up and maintain our website, www.publicinternationallaw.org.

Internships and work-study positions are a major part of the experiential education movement, growing in strength and popularity around the world. No matter what students are studying, practical experience — when coupled with classwork — allows students to immediately apply what they learn in the internship in the classroom and vice versa. I implore employers to consider expanding internship programs, for the benefit of students and companies, alike. It is a pragmatic decision, mutually benefiting everyone.

The lessons I learned and the experiences I had while interning for Congressman McCotter and for Professor Williams have helped shaped my professional interests, encouraging me to pursue politics and international law. I'm very grateful to both.

John Sannar
Northville

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Sannar's letter was sent in response to a July 17 column by Northville Record editor Chris Davis about internships.

Lawsuits, danger await at Eight Mile protest

I am somewhat surprised by the actions of Northville Police and Northville City Government by granting Mrs. Clancy permission for her "Peace" demonstration at the Novi Road and Eight Mile Road intersection. This city has seen in the year 2002 98 vehicular crashes. Of these crashes, 35 were at this intersection giving this intersection an accident rate of 35 percent.

Today with so many drivers being distracted by cell phones, music, food and possible media attention that a gathering of this type might bring, I really wonder about the amount of thought that went into this decision. With the "Peace" demonstration adding to the distractions of modern life I wonder about the safety of the drivers that will be passing through that area. I also wonder who will be giving the responsibility in case of an accident, for it is not the total responsibility of the driver. Therefore, I believe that if any one who is involved in an accident by driving through this intersection during these demonstrations that the responsibilities rest with the city and "Peace" demonstrators. In today's litigious society I would think that the city would have distanced itself from such demonstrations at high-risk intersections.

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OTHER OPINIONS

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Nothing's free for the Big 3

Contract talks between the United Auto Workers and the U.S. auto industry got under way last week. They are coming at a bad time for everybody.

The last contract was negotiated back in 1999 when the livin' was easy and the provisions were rich. The UAW got 3 percent annual wage increases (plus cost of living adjustments) for four years, a ban on plant closings and a fat and virtually cost free health care plan.

Things are different this time around. The Big Three, which collectively made \$18.2 billion in profits in 1999, made only \$1.2 billion in 2002. Ford is losing money and Chrysler is struggling to stay out of the red. Wall Street analysts are speculating that pension liabilities could push one of the domestic automakers into bankruptcy within a decade, possibly one reason why Ford's stock is down 80 percent since 1998 and even GM's is off 40 percent.

U.S. manufacturer share of the domestic car and truck market has dropped 13.5 percent since 1993, including a frightening 73 percent to 63 percent slide in the last seven years. Declining market share means fewer jobs, especially here in Michigan, where the auto industry is still the mainstay of our manufacturing base. The state has lost 172,000 manufacturing jobs — that's 19 percent of

the total — since 2000; the UAW-represented job loss alone is 52,000 since 1999.

The optimists dismiss all this as negative natter from the chattering classes. They point out that Detroit has survived through tough times before and that domestic quality and manufacturing efficiency seem to be picking up. And they say there's nothing like a good dose of good times to revive Michigan's most important industry.

Maybe so, but my old friend and director of the Center for Automotive Research, Dave Cole, makes a good argument that the basic business model of American auto companies is broken.

First, the industry's basic manufacturing strategy has always been that it's cheaper per unit to keep factory output as high as it can go and to rely on incentives to keep selling the cars. OK, but in order to sell its cars against competition from Japanese manufacturers, U.S. companies have had to engage in heavy discounting. Buyer incentives now come close to reducing the actual selling price to the variable cost to manufacture.

Remember the old saw about selling stuff below cost but making it up for it in volume? Second, the U.S. auto industry has about 20 percent more manufacturing capacity than it really needs. Faced with substantial structural overcapacity, a normal company would promptly close plants. But the auto industry is not normal because its UAW contracts forbid quick or easy plant closings. And UAW members who are laid off when manufacturers manage to shut a plant get 95 percent of their wages guaranteed.

Third and worse, even if it could downsize, the Big Three's competitive cost disadvantage against foreign-owned U.S. manufacturing plants keeps getting worse. Of course, the transplant plants are non-union, which helps in all kinds of ways. And, being new, the

transplants have a younger work force and fewer expensive retirees than the domestics. U.S. auto executives now figure the fringe benefits, health care and pension costs for their UAW-represented work force add up to a cost differential of around \$10 per hour, or something like \$1,000 per car.

The bottom line: The domestic auto industry has too much capacity that it can't sell without ruinously expensive incentives. It can't shrink output because of union contracts. And even if it could shrink, it would still face enormous cost disadvantages against foreign-owned plants.

Which gets us back to the negotiations that started last week. The Big Three need a ton of concessions, but they must bear in mind that whatever contracts are hammered out must ultimately be acceptable to the union rank and file. An angry work force is hardly a competitive advantage, especially when many American customers already think U.S.-made cars are below foreign quality standards.

The UAW, for its part, is facing an equally difficult situation made more complex by the fact that the union, unlike the companies, is essentially a political institution: A leadership team that doesn't deliver at contract time is not likely to enjoy a long tenure in office.

Both parties ought to recognize that issues of survival are working this time around. The real question is whether the UAW recognizes a scary parallel: The history of the United Steelworkers Union that contributed to the slow, steady strangulation of the domestic steel industry and ultimately to the marginalization of the union itself.

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@ht.com.net.

Phil Power

Seeing Northville on two wheels

I think I've finally learned the core-all to road rage.

Don't drive. That's right — leave the car in the garage and the travel mug in the sink. The time for under-the-breath four-letter words and the brake light menace is over.

Okay, not completely over, but it's a start. On days when the weather forecast looks promising (READ: "a giant blob of green goo isn't bearing down on metro Detroit on CNN") I make it a point to fill up my water bottle and make the 3.2 mile commute from home on two wheels instead of four. No, it's not as quick nor as comfortable, but the payoffs have been great. I've saved on gas and on sanity, and it's only added about 10 minutes to my travel time.

Now, I'm not writing this column as some sort of Greenpeace-ian plea to Save The Earth! and Reduce! Reuse! Recycle!, although those are certainly some peripheral benefits. No, on the contrary, I just wanted to share a few musings about what I've taken in and observed while trekking

through the Victorian Village on my two-wheeler. Here are some of the things I've noticed — good, bad and otherwise:

GOOD: Northville has an attractive downtown. Other towns may have more pizzazz than Northville, but I'll double dog dare anyone to show me a town that does a better job of keeping itself neat and tidy.

BAD: Northville has plenty of drivers who, quite frankly, don't give a rip about anyone or anything else on the road. The number of one-finger salutes and names I've been called for just doing what I'm supposed to be doing borders on laughable. A part of me hopes these jerks manage to run over a nail on the way home.

OTHERWISE: Riding a bicycle and parking it in a bike rack pays big dividends on days when the Michigan Gift Mart holds its monthly shows. It's nice wheeling up to the front door of my office, not having to snake my way through the parking lot to find the needle-in-a-haystack lone spot that remains. The new Northville parking deck will alleviate a lot of that problem...I hope.

GOOD: If you take your time and breathe deep, the smell of breakfast coming from Dandy Gander will start you salivating like Pavlov's dog.

BAD: How many dog owners refuse to clean up after their pets along the road? It's a street, folks — not your own private litter box.

OTHERWISE: I couldn't help but think what a great thing it would be to have a book store in downtown Northville. I know independent bookstores have a devil of a time competing when major chains are but

a stone's throw away, but still...

GOOD: Fresh air in most of Northville. **BAD:** The air on the inside of the bend along Northville Road near the wishing well. On certain days, it's got all the scent appeal of a hand-me-down set of hockey pads.

OTHERWISE: Did I mention how cool a downtown Northville bookstore could be?

Yes, it's amazing what you can notice when you don't have to worry about rushing to make the left turn or precariously lifting that Coke to your lips while jawing away on your cell phone. When the only thing you have to worry about is avoiding stirring a sleeping duck along the side of the road, commuters get a lot easier.

The moral of the story? Ride a bike and get to know your town.

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Chris C. Davis

Snip, snip — I'm cutting the strings

In less than a month, I will be moving into my first apartment. While the idea blissfully pulls me through each remaining 14-hour work day, it terrifies my parents. For me, the thought of having to cook for myself is more of a concern at the moment than the issue of security, yet my three roommates and I have already agreed to install an

ADT security system. Obviously something is hindering our notion of "freedom," or else the idea wouldn't have crossed our minds.

I'll admit that my apartment complex isn't in the best of neighborhoods. Unfortunately, accommodation expenses forced me and my roommates to seek off-campus housing in a marginal location. While the apartment is only a few miles from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, it's definitely well into the not-so-great area of South Bend.

Most people (myself included, until three years ago) think of podunk cities smack dab in the middle of a cornfield when they think of Indiana. I can — and will — state that this is true in some cases, but not in South Bend. As the fourth largest city in the state, South Bend is complete with (in

addition to plenty of good aspects) its fair share of crime... much of which conveniently happens in the same vicinity as where I'll be living later this year.

Like most in my situation, I am well-aware of the danger I may face, especially when walking from the street to my building at 2 a.m. after a long night of studying, going out with friends, or whatever the case may be. I'm well aware, but I'm not as frightened as maybe I should be. Go ahead and shake your head if you must. I consider it more of a learning experience than anything else, and I'm certainly not looking to tempt fate in the process.

As stated in a previous column, I have lived in Novi, Northville and surrounding communities my entire life. I can honestly say I'm glad to have been brought up in this environment, but it's time for a change. I hope no arguments will spawn from my saying that these communities don't offer a real world perspective, but I believe it true... at least for a 20 year old.

After graduating from Novi High School in 2000, I had no idea of the culture shock that awaited me. While South Bend as a city is larger than what I was accustomed to, the people I met there were what really opened my eyes. They came from a variety of locations, large and small, upper class and blue collar, all offering a wide range of backgrounds to share. While I'm able to, I'd like to experience some of those places for myself.

I'll assume it's safe to say that the majority of you reading this have already ventured outside of the area to a apartment or house of your own, only to return back to a safe and somewhat controlled community

in which to raise a family. I don't blame you. In fact, I'll probably do the same in a few years.

For the time being though, I need to get a dose of what's out there.

Without experience, the real world could be a scary place for an aspiring journalist who hopes to make it to Chicago someday. Who knows? Maybe I'll hate it, but I won't know if I don't try.

So while I see my upcoming situation as a positive step toward the future, I hope I will have to convince others of it less. Maybe I'll pick up a can of mace the next time I'm out buying Easy Mac, just to make my parents happy.

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Classes are offered to students of all ages (child/adult) and abilities (beginning/advanced).

There is also a Youth Band that meets each Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. Students must audition and have played their instrument for at least two years. All WCSFA faculty have earned degrees in their field and/or have extensive professional experience.

For registration information, call (248) 374-5913 or fine.arts@wardchurch.org.

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Residents purchasing school supplies and other qualifying items from Office Depot by Dec. 31 will be credited 5 percent of the pur-

chase to Ridge Wood in the form of a credit. The identification number 70125221 must be supplied at the time of purchase in order for the contribution to be banked.

RIDGE WOOD PICNIC PARTY

The Ridge Wood Blast Off Picnic is slated to take place Aug. 14 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Hines Park.

The event will be located at Seven Mile Road and Hines Drive, behind McDonald Ford. Picnic participants are to bring their own meal, drinks, table service, blankets or chairs.

Interested parties are to RSVP to Carla Williams at (248) 305-8782.

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.

RIDGE WOOD OFFICE HOURS

The office for Ridge Wood Elementary School will be 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. today. You can reach the principal, Nancy Raynes, or her administrative assistant, Yvonne Hughes, at (248) 344-8493 ext. 230 and 231, respectively.

TEE TIME, ANYONE?

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

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

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

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.

Rezmierski selected regional president of admins' council

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South Lake Schools.

Lisa Rentz, membership services manager for MASA, said Rezmierski will also be responsible for sending representatives from his region to three committees MASA has, which include membership services, leadership and legislation.

"I think he'll do an excellent job and we're really excited to get his new ideas," said Rentz. "He's really just bringing his regions' ideas and needs to the council."


"We are looking forward to the fact that he will be representing his region and we'll be able to commu-

nicate better and learn what's happening in his area on a monthly basis."

Officials said the mission of MASA is to develop leadership and unity within its membership to achieve continuous improvement of public education in Michigan.

Rezmierski was unavailable for comment at press time.

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Assembly required: NCA a fixture in Northville

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Road, Northville Christian Assembly is the result of a complex and somewhat tedious history.

Originally formed in Detroit, the church followed its members' residences as they migrated west of the city during the late 1960s. Revival Tabernacle, as it was then called, relocated to Livonia's Holmes Middle School until a permanent location could be found. In 1978, a new sanctuary was built at the church's current location as part of Christian Community Church. A final merge nine years later transformed the building into a location of Dearborn Heights based Fairlane Assembly.

At the time, current senior pastor Rev. Otis T. Buchan served as youth pastor in Dearborn Heights.

"The church leadership began to see a need for a pastoral presence here on campus and asked me to move from being youth pastor to being the resident minister," Buchan said.

In October 1988, Buchan left his congregation for the new position in Northville.

"I think it was God's providence," he said. "It wasn't something that somehow I sought. It was one of those things that just unfolded and I knew it was where I was supposed to be."

Church leaders voted to reorganize into two separate congregations, both to continue as part of the Assemblies of God fellowship, on Oct. 23, 1991. It was then that Northville Christian Assembly was estab-

CORE VALUES OF NCA

- Communication of God's word
- Pentecostal legacy
- Service
- Servant leadership
- People-relevant ministry
- Relationship center ministry
- Evangelism and missions

lished as a local autonomous church. Since, it has undergone two significant expansions.

The first, in 1994, added a second floor to the church, 10 classrooms and a balcony in the sanctuary with 180 additional seats. Today, the sanctuary holds approximately 800 people. Buchan estimates the average attendance at a Sunday service to be more than 500 members from Northville and other area communities.

"I think partly because of our history and partly just because of the way the suburban climate is, we have people from all over the western metro Detroit area," he said. "Our proximity to Interstate 275 and I-96 allows people to come from a broad base."

The second and most recent expansion took place in spring of 2001 to include a multipurpose gymnasium, church offices and another classroom.

Classrooms at Northville Christian Assembly are used for a variety of functions and services offered at the church. Included in these services are a number of ministries to help serve the community, several of which target specific demographics.

"I think it was God's providence. It wasn't something that I somehow sought. It was was of those things that just unfolded..."

Rev. Otis Buchan
Northville Christian Assembly

"Grief-Share" is a grief support group that meets in both large and small group settings. "Extraordinary Women" is a similar type of mentoring program designed to attract and empower women. "Alpha Outreach Program" is another popular program at the church. It is a ten-week course held each fall for people who seek more knowledge about Christianity in an informal setting.

These, along with many other

ministries available at Northville Christian Assembly, are open to all members of the community.

In addition to its ministries, the church is also proud of its age-related Sunday school classes, Kids Clubs, Children's Ministry, and three youth groups. Each service is geared toward an individual's attention.

"I think [services and ministries] help people who have come in and who are seeking to discover points

where needs are being met and their opportunity to serve is also discovered," Buchanan said.

Northville Christian Assembly also houses a Christian school with one of the largest contingent of students for its kind in the area. The school enrolls more than 400 students annually, ranging from pre-school to eighth grade. 25 percent of the student body stems from the congregation, while the remaining 75 percent come from 20 other area churches.

"Outside of the local church, we're probably best exposed by our ministry through the school with its stability and quality education," Buchan said. "Among those who've been part of the body of the community, we're best known as people who genuinely embrace one another in a truly authentic friendship."

Buchan hopes to provide constant visionary leadership to help the church stay on track with its core mission during his time at Northville Christian Assembly, and he's not expecting that time to be cut short anytime soon.

"As long as the Lord says 'Stay,' I'm here," he said.

Northville Christian Assembly worship services are held Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the summer and at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. beginning in September. Wednesday Family Night services are held at 7 p.m. Additional information about the church or its services can be found at www.northvillechristian.org.

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

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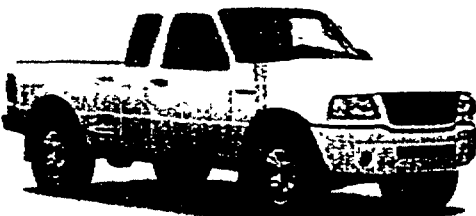
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Broncos gearing up for Series

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Years Coaching Northville teams:
Three.

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Favorite professional player?
Roger Clemens.

Favorite professional team?
The New York Yankees.

Who is your role model?
Stephen Jakso, the baseball coach at Central Michigan University.

Comments on the Broncos and the World Series:
This year's team has put in countless hours of dedication, commitment and practice to form a competitive Northville program. Each player has grown and is a tremendous athlete and person. The Northville Broncos will out hustle and team in the tournament and expose more heart as a team that expected from our program. The coaches appreciate the hard work put in by the players and their commitment to success.



Coach Aaron Knieper

It's that time of year again and the Northville Broncos have been gearing up all summer for this very moment — the NABF World Series.

The Broncos, which are sporting a slew of talented players and some serious bats this year, will be looking to show some of the most competitive teams from across the country that this little corner of Michigan houses talent equal to that elsewhere in this great nation.

The first thing a lot of fans of the World Series are going to notice is the bold statements under that mug shot of coach Aaron Knieper. He's putting it out on the line by saying the Broncos are going to out-hustle any squad in the series. I have to give it to him — I think he's right. Players like Jimmy Cicala and Brian Tellish have already done a good job of making their names and their faces known in this series as well as in the varsity ranks with Northville High School. They come to play each and every game, so why would we think the series is going to be any different for them?

Last year, the Broncos pulled out an exciting victory over the always tough and always talented Bayside Yankees. This year, they are hungry for more. With some intense training from the experienced Knieper and Coach Max Riehl, the Broncos will be in the hunt in each and every game. They have what it takes, now they just have to put the pieces together and earn the victories.

This year, over those of years gone by, the Broncos not only stand a chance of winning a couple of games, but they also have what it takes to give everyone a run for their money.

Sure, teams like the Bayside Yankees and the Indiana Bulls are staples in this tournament, but so are the Broncos. They have a tradition of hosting this event, and now they want to expand that tradition by being a contender for the division title and maybe even more.

Teams from all over the



Sam Eggleston

country play in regional tournaments with high hopes of making it to Northville to participate in this series. Northville, on the other hand, has the luxury of being the host team and earning an automatic bid into the fray. Sometimes, the Broncos have trouble keeping up with the fast-paced programs that come to town in hopes of earning the NABF title, but this year they look to have put together a deserving program of their own.

With the numbers these guys have been putting up, I wouldn't be surprised to see plenty of Northville players rounding the bags in this tournament. They know what it takes to win, and they are ready to go out and do it.

No matter who they play, or what their record ends up being when all is said and done, the Northville Broncos have to remember one thing — baseball is a game and it's meant to be fun. Sometimes it's hard to see past the numbers of winning and losing, but if you have fun while doing what you love, then you're always a winner.

I hope the best for our Broncos, and expect to be reporting on at least a single victory for next week's paper and hopefully much, much more.

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

Doug Thomsen #17

Position:
Pitcher, Right Field and First Base

Batting Average:
N/A

Pitching Statistics:
0-2, 3.98 ERA (Two saves)

What are your feelings and goals for playing in the 2003 NABF World Series?

I want to do my best, leave everything on the field and win games.

How have coaches Max Riehl and Aaron Knieper helped you as a baseball player?

Coach Knieper helped me with pitching and work ethic, and Coach Riehl taught me the fundamentals when I was 14.

How have they helped you as a person?

They made me realize that you have to try your hardest all the time at everything.

Who are your role models?

Nolan Ryan and Michael Jordan.

What are your future plans?

To go to college, get a job and be rich

Who is your favorite athlete?

Nolan Ryan.



Doug Thomsen

David Van Horn #10

Position:
Pitcher, Outfield

Batting Average:
.400

Pitching Statistics:
2-1, 3.07 ERA

What are your feelings and goals for playing in the 2003 NABF World Series?

I'm excited about participating in a World Series. I'd like to bring home the championship trophy to Northville.

How have coaches Max Riehl and Aaron Knieper helped you as a baseball player?

They have really helped me understand the mechanics of the game.

How have they helped you as a person?

I've learned that when I work on the little things, there is a big payoff at the end.

Who are your role models?

My parents. They taught me that if you want to achieve something, you have to work at it.

What are your future plans?

I'd like to attend college, although I haven't decided on a major.

Who is your favorite athlete?

Michael Jordan.



David Van Horn

2003 NABF WORLD SERIES INFORMATION

GROUP A TEAMS

1. Youngstown Astro Falcons
2. Huntington Hounds
3. **NORTHVILLE BRONCOS**
4. St. Louis Red Birds
5. Worth Copperheads

GROUP B TEAMS

1. Diamond Stars
2. Ohio Warhawks
3. Indiana Bulls
4. Baseball City Reds
5. Bayside Yankees

Schedule for 2003 NABF World Series

Today

Round One

- Indiana Bulls versus Ohio Warhawks at Hillside Field, 9 a.m.
- Youngstown Astro Falcons versus St. Louis Red Birds at Ford Field, 9:30 a.m.
- **NORTHVILLE BRONCOS** versus Huntington Hounds at Hillside Field, noon
- Diamond Stars versus Baseball City Reds at Hillside Field, 3 p.m.

Tomorrow

Round Two

- **BRONCOS** versus Falcons at Ford Field, 9 a.m.
- Bulls versus Stars at Hillside Field, 9 a.m.
- Red Birds versus Worth Copperheads at Hillside Field, noon
- Reds versus Bayside Yankees at Ford Field, noon

Round Three

- Copperheads versus **BRONCOS** at Hillside Field, 3 p.m.
- Yankees versus Bulls at Ford Field, 3 p.m.
- Falcons versus Huntington Hounds at Hillside Field, 6 p.m.
- Stars versus Warhawks at Ford Field, 6 p.m.

Saturday

Round Four

- Hounds versus Copperheads at Ford Field, 9 a.m.
- Warhawks versus Yankees at Hillside Field, 9 a.m.
- **BRONCOS** versus Red Birds at Hillside Field, noon
- Bulls versus Reds at Ford Field, noon

Round Five

- Red Birds versus Hounds at Hillside Field, 3 p.m.
- Reds versus Warhawks at Ford Field, 3 p.m.
- Copperheads versus Falcons at Ford Field, 6 p.m.
- Yankees versus Stars at Hillside Field, 6 p.m.

Sunday

Round Six

- Winner of Group A versus Runner-up Group B at Hillside Field, 9 a.m.
- Winner of Group B versus Runner-Up Group A at Hillside Field, noon

Round Seven

Championship Game

- Winners of Round Six games play for NABF World Series Championship at Hillside Field, 4 p.m.

Josh Szatkowski #18

Position:
First Base and Catcher

Batting Average:
.311

What are your feelings and goals for playing in the 2003 NABF World Series?

Playing in the World Series means a lot to me. This is what I've been looking forward to since the beginning of my Bronco career when I was just nine. My goal, as well as the team's goal, is to simply win the Series.

How have coaches Max Riehl and Aaron Knieper helped you as a baseball player?

Coach Riehl and Coach Knieper are two of the best coaches you can find. Both are very knowledgeable and love the game. They are both always there for you whether you need a ride to a game or you are just looking for someone to talk to. They have taught me an incredible amount about the game of baseball.

How have they helped you as a person?

These two coaches have helped in every aspect. Whether it's Coach Knieper teaching you how to act on and off the field or Coach Riehl with his confidence boosting practice and talks. Coach Knieper has taught me that hustling and working and striving harder and harder each day really does make a difference. Coach Riehl encourages that too, but also recognizes that it is OK to laugh and have fun while playing baseball — which is very important.

Who are your role models?

My father is my role model because he has always been there for me and will do anything to help me out.

What are your future plans?

Play varsity baseball at Catholic Central and then move on to play in college.

Who is your favorite athlete?

Chipper Jones.



Josh Szatkowski

Rob Moffat #13

Position:
Pitcher and Outfield

Batting Average:
.289

Pitching Statistics:
3-2, 1.95 ERA

What are your feelings and goals for playing in the 2003 NABF World Series?

I am looking forward to the competition.

How have coaches Max Riehl and Aaron Knieper helped you as a baseball player?

No answer.

How have they helped you as a person?

No answer.

Who are your role models?

Ken Dorsey, Juan Dixon and Ted Williams.

What are your future plans?

Play baseball in college.

Who is your favorite athlete?

Barry Zito.



Rob Moffat

Bobby Henderson
#9

Position:
Pitcher, Outfield and First Base

Batting Average:
.362

Pitching Statistics:
2-0, 0.44 ERA



Bobby Henderson

What are your feelings and goals for playing in the 2003 NABF World Series?

I am excited that the World Series is finally here, and my goal is to play without any regrets.

How have coaches Max Riehl and Aaron Knieper helped you as a baseball player?

Riehl and Knieper have shown me that the hard work I do in the off-season and by myself will eventually make me a better ballplayer.

How have they helped you as a person?

Coach Knieper stresses the importance of heart in an individual, and I think he has brought out the heart in all of us.

Who are your role models?

Cal Ripken, Jr. and Ted Williams.

What are your future plans?

My goal is to be one of the top starting pitchers on varsity next year.

Who is your favorite athlete?

Nomar Garciaparra.

Andrew Smith
#11

Position:
Pitcher and Shortstop

Batting Average:
.383

Pitching Statistics:
3-0, 1.65 ERA



Andrew Smith

What are your feelings and goals for playing in the 2003 NABF World Series?

I think that in the NABF World Series, it's not only my goal but the whole team's goal to win the whole thing. But, it won't be easy.

How have coaches Max Riehl and Aaron Knieper helped you as a baseball player?

Both of them have taught me to be a smart, "heads-up" player. If something goes wrong, they showed me what to do to correct it.

How have they helped you as a person?

They have helped me as a person by teaching me discipline, teamwork, striving to do my best and never give up.

Who are your role models?

My parents and professional baseball players.

What are your future plans?

To continue in school and try to attend the University of Michigan and try to play baseball there.

Who is your favorite athlete?

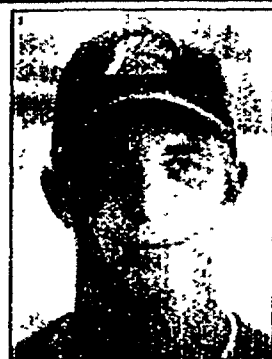
Nomar Garciaparra.

Cory Patterson
#7

Position:
Pitcher, Second Base and Third Base

Batting Average:
.333

Pitching Statistics:
0-0, 0.00 ERA in four relief appearances



Cory Patterson

What are your feelings and goals for playing in the 2003 NABF World Series?

I am looking forward to playing and contributing in every game of the 2003 World Series because it is a great opportunity. We have a unique advantage because we are playing on our home field.

How have coaches Max Riehl and Aaron Knieper helped you as a baseball player?

They have helped me acquire the proper technique to make me a better ball player.

How have they helped you as a person?

I joined this team so that I could improve my baseball skills and gain experience through the coaching of coaches Knieper and Riehl.

Who are your role models?

My head football coach of the Northville High School Mustangs, Clint Alexander, because of his positive attitude and he always encourages you to stretch yourself to do your best with your talents.

What are your future plans?

To continue playing baseball and football and possibly teach physical education or become an entomologist.

Who is your favorite athlete?

Ty Cobb, who is still known as the best baseball player ever.

Rick Birdsall
#21

Position:
Catcher and Third Base

Batting Average:
.400

Pitching Statistics:
N/A



Rick Birdsall

What are your feelings and goals for playing in the 2003 NABF World Series?

I hope to have a good showing in the World Series, but more importantly, I want to enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

How have coaches Max Riehl and Aaron Knieper helped you as a baseball player?

The one thing that my coaches have taught me is to be a fundamentally sound player; to be good in all aspects of the game by working on the basics.

How have they helped you as a person?

Off the field, they have shown me how to be a better person. They have helped me learn how to present myself when I am around family and peers.

Who are your role models?

My father is my role model.

What are your future plans?

After graduation, I plan on attending a major university to become an engineer.

Who is your favorite athlete?

Kirk Gibson.

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Jimmy Cicala #16

Position:
Shortstop, Second Base and
Outfield

Batting Average:
.413

Pitching Statistics:
N/A

What are your feelings and goals for playing in the 2003 NABF World Series?

I'm excited to represent Northville for the second year in the World Series. My goal is to win our pool and to make it to Sunday.

How have coaches Max Riehl and Aaron Knieper helped you as a baseball player?

Coach Riehl and Knieper have pushed me to work hard and play at as high a level as I can.

How have they helped you as a person?

Coach Riehl and Knieper emphasize hard work and dedication, which will help me beyond baseball.

Who are your role models?

Cal Ripken, Jr. and Richie Sexson.

What are your future plans?

Finish strong at NHS and attend a good school.

Who is your favorite athlete?

Mike Tyson.



Jimmy Cicala

Andrew Gonyea #4

Position:
Center Field

Batting Average:
.365

Pitching Statistics:
N/A

What are your feelings and goals for playing in the 2003 NABF World Series?

We, as a team, would like to compete for the NABF championship against some of the toughest competition in the country. This is a great challenge that should really define our team.

How have coaches Max Riehl and Aaron Knieper helped you as a baseball player?

They have taught me that hard work is essential for improvement in all aspects of baseball and life.

How have they helped you as a person?

See above answer.

Who are your role models?

JC and my parents.

What are your future plans?

As of now, to have an enjoyable summer.

Who is your favorite athlete?

Ben Wallace.



Andrew Gonyea

Ryan Des Jardins #5

Position:
Pitcher, Catcher and Third Base

Batting Average:
.282

Pitching Statistics:
1-0, 7.00 ERA

What are your feelings and goals for playing in the 2003 NABF World Series?

I think that it's a great opportunity for all of us. We should make the best of it by winning.

How have coaches Max Riehl and Aaron Knieper helped you as a baseball player?

Both coaches have worked with me on my hitting throughout the season. I've improved quite a bit.

How have they helped you as a person?

They have taught me that if I want something I've never had, I must do something I never have.

Who are your role models?

My parents, teachers and coaches.

What are your future plans?

To go off to a good college and eventually become a doctor.

Who is your favorite athlete?

Nolan Ryan.



Ryan Des Jardins

Rob Riehl #3

Position:
Second Base

Batting Average:
.310

Pitching Statistics:
N/A

What are your feelings and goals for playing in the 2003 NABF World Series?

I've watched others play in the World Series many years and I'm glad to have my chance to play in it.

How have coaches Max Riehl and Aaron Knieper helped you as a baseball player?

They have taught me that it is all about how you prep for a big game.

How have they helped you as a person?

They taught me that the little things set you apart from everyone else.

Who are your role models?

My parents.

What are your future plans?

Go to college and major in business.

Who is your favorite athlete?

Alfonso Soriano.



Rob Riehl

Coach Max Riehl

Though Coach Riehl didn't have a profile to be printed in the paper this week, the comments made by the players he coaches helped put one together.

It seems the Riehl is not only big on the game of baseball, but also big on letting his kids know that one of the most important parts of the game is to make sure to have fun. That's a philosophy on the game that deserves applause, especially in a world that finds kids striving to make money in the game instead of enjoying the time they spend playing it.



Coach Max Riehl

YOUTH RESULTS

T-Ball

The H-League (U-10) Tigers showed some strong skill on June 24 against the Diamondbacks, but were not able to pull off the win. Nick Kaiser was stung at the mound with a no-hitter in the 5th inning. Eric Storm and Peter Halash scored the only two runs for the Tigers. Diamondbacks were the victors 7-2. On July 1, the Tigers came back with a strong 20-5 win against the Rangers. Hamilton Cauffiel, on his first time as pitcher, showed a stellar performance with two strikeouts in the 5th. Dylan Bridges showed power at the plate, with two doubles and a single.

In a game that found the Braves versus the Reds, Scott Combs of the Braves hit a coach-pitch pop-up into the outfield for a single while first baseman Gunnar Spruit caught two ground balls in a row to finish the game. During the game versus the Tigers, Lee Moore of the Braves made a mid-air catch from the pitchers' mound for an automatic out while Jacob "Jonesy" Smith hit a long line-drive single to right field to bring home another run. In an evening game against the Cardinals, the Braves' David, Siroonian smacked one to right field while Jacob Namovich made a quick grab from third base to tag the runner out.

Boys' Soccer

The Northville Stompers were able to edge Livonia III 1-0 in a late-season game. The Stompers goal was scored by Thomas Bawden. The MVPs were Lukas Barnes and Austin Esqueda who both played a strong game and helped the Stompers control the ball in the mid-field area, support the offense and help out the defense. Against Novi, the Stompers pulled out a 5-0 victory as Joe Blasius, Kyle Cummings and Kevin Woods scored a goal each and Aris Zervos notched two of his own in the winning effort. The MVPs were Allen Chen and John Lubisco for playing solid defense and containing the Novi team.

The Northville Cosmos made short work of Farmington III as they topped their foes in an impressive 7-3 showing. The Cosmos goals came from the excellent shooting abilities of Blair Robinson, Daniel Jouppe and Cory Borawski while Nicco Buffone and Alex Zimmer scored two apiece. Most of the goals were notched in an explosive second half where passing was the key with four assists from the field. MVPs for the game were Kevin Fitzsimmons and Brennan Berry for superb defensive play stopping repeated attacks from some good ball handlers.

SPORTS SHORTS

Northville High School Golf Tryouts

The Northville Mustangs boys' golf team will be holding tryouts August 11, 12 and 13. Those interested in trying out must have a physical on file and can call the athletic department for more information at (248) 344-8414.

Golf Outing

The third annual family golf outing to benefit the Northville Football team will be held July 27 at Rolling Meadows Golf Club. Registration fees are \$80 for adults and \$60 for students, which includes 18 holes of golf, power cart and a BBQ lunch. Prize values are in excess of \$25,000 together with chances to win a Ben Hogan Golf Package or a four day/three night stay in Las Vegas. This is a "best ball" scramble so even beginners will have an

opportunity to have fun and contribute their best shots.

For more information or to learn how to register, please call (248) 347-6835.

Junior Golf Clinics

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

The clinics will be held on the following dates:

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

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

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Thursday, July 24, 2003

'Arc the Lad' reminds gamers that RPGing is fun, challenging

By Sam Eggleston
ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Role-playing game fans across the globe have known the special qualities of their genre for quite some time, and it seems that with each passing year there are more and more legions of fans drooling for the next RPG title to come out. Well, the wait is over for PS2 owners, as Sony has produced a gem in the form of "Arc the Lad: Twilight of the Spirits."

This is the newest installment of a long-running series that dates back to its first PlayStation One release in Japan in 1995. But, the title and its two spawns didn't hit the beaches of the United States until 2001 in the form of "Arc the Lad Collection."

Even though that particular collection drew the attention of plenty of RPG fans, I can tell you that the newest addition to the series blows them out of the water. It is a beautifully done RPG that doesn't try to test our patience with new styles of gaming, incorporated into it, but rather lets us enjoy the things we love about RPGs.

This "Arc the Lad" title takes place in the same world as the other three, but in a much later time frame. The events of the first games are referred to, but only as folk lore and not as history. Though the story is one that many gamers have come to recognize as a traditional plot line in this genre, it's also entertaining and worth the time spent in front of the television.

The plot has plenty of twists to keep gamers guessing throughout the majority of the game, with the player taking to the world via two points of view.



One is of Kharg, the prince of a small kingdom that is learning the tricks of the trade as a warrior. The other view is that of Kharg's brother, Darc, who is half-human and half-deimos. Darc doesn't have the luxuries of his kin though, and toils his way through life as a slave. Their only connection is that of an identical birthmark they share — which brings us to the questions of who their parents are and why they were separated at birth. All of those questions, and plenty more, are unveiled as the story unfolds.

The idea of having the gamer switch viewpoints throughout the game, between that of Darc and Kharg as well as their buddies and environments is a welcome feature to "Arc the Lad." Truthfully, it keeps the game moving smoothly along and gamers will find themselves not getting bored with a stale story or the same old characters each time they sit down to the controller.

In the end, one has to sit back and wonder exactly the point of a video game. In my opinion, it is there to entertain and keep a gamer busy when they've nothing else to

do — well, "Arc the Lad: Twilight of the Spirits" definitely does that and more. I found myself not only playing this title as I would any other game, but planned to the chair and refusing to put down the controller until I cleared the next challenge in front of my characters. Then, it was the next one and next one and so on and so forth.

The only complaint I have about this particular title, and this is purely cosmetic and nothing that hurts the game play experience in any way, is the fact that I can't change the name of my character. It's something I can get over, but I just like the option of calling my hero by whatever name happens to fit my fancy. Oh well, a slight fall in an otherwise perfect RPG.

For any RPG fan out there, this game is a great title to add to your collection. Not only does it keep you playing well into the wee-hours of the night, but it keeps you entertained as well. For those of you out there who are considering trying out an RPG, then "Arc the Lad: Twilight of the Spirits" is one to give a go with. It isn't so hard that you can't figure out the controls or what to do next, but it's challenging enough to make you try a few times before getting past certain points if you're not prepared.

If we were the kind of publication that gave a numbers rating on a title, I'd have to say I would have given this a 9-out-of-10. The graphics are well done, the story line is right on and the game play is quick to learn and fun to be a part of.

Sony definitely has themselves a winner in this game, and I'm already looking forward to the next installment in this popular series.

'Extraordinary Gentlemen' is worth the price of admission

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Ever since "Batman" came out in 1989, I have always said that some of the best movie stories can be found in the pages of comic books. Apparently, someone in Hollywood is thinking the same way. The recent emergence of films such as "Spiderman," "X-Men" and "The Hulk," just to name a few, have audiences flocking to movie theaters every weekend to spend a couple of hours on a magical ride in their favorite super hero's shoes, or tights, if you will.

Though "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen" isn't your typical super hero movie, it is an entertaining film that is worth the price of admission on a Saturday afternoon. Boasting a cast which includes Sean Connery, Stuart Townsend, Shena Wilson, Tony Curran, Jason Flemyng and Richard Roxburgh, this movie gives audiences a small glimpse of many different super-natural powers, which when they're all united, turn out to be useful to the League in its fight against the evil Phantom.

Connery plays the role of Allan Quartermain, the one first recruited by a man called M to form the League. Introduced next is Captain Nemo, who owns a ship he calls "The sword of the ocean;" Mina Harker, who is a vampire; Rodney Skinner, who's an invisible man; Dorian Gray, who is virtually indestructible; Secret Service Agent Tom Sawyer, who provided an American touch to the film; and last but not least, Dr. Jekyll, who but his brute



Courtesy Photo

Sean Connery takes the lead in his newest role as Allan Quartermain in "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen."

strength as Mr. Hyde to knock some bad guys around.

Now, I admit that I have never read the comic book that this movie is based on, so I don't know if it followed it well or not, but that really didn't matter to me. I thought that it was a refreshing idea to have so many different personalities come together who all possess a unique way to contribute to a team effort, as opposed to the more traditional story line of one super hero saving a city from a super villain.

There was one major flaw that I had with the movie however. When it was over, I had to ask my friend, Joe, who is a real comic book buff, where some of the characters came from. I really think that each character's past

should have been explained a bit more so people like me could understand all the Sherlock Holmes references, or the "Bram Stoker's Dracula" insinuations. I think that element would have contributed a lot to this movie, which in turn, would have made it better.

On the whole, "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen" wasn't the greatest movie ever made, but then again, most movies aren't. It was however, a fun ride which shouldn't be missed.

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Advocates giving away free wireless Net service

By Steve Alexander
MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

Matt Hallacy is giving away high-speed Internet access to anyone who passes by his apartment building in Minneapolis.

Next to a window in his apartment, Hallacy has positioned a wireless networking device for his PC that he bought at an electronics store. It transmits his Internet connection outdoors to any computer within 300 yards. Any laptop or handheld computer with a \$50 wireless circuit card can receive the signal and use it to access the Internet.

Thus, Hallacy has created a "hot spot" — a location where Internet access is available via Wi-Fi, an industry-standard technology whose name stands for "wireless fidelity." Thousands of such hot spots are springing up across the nation, some available for a fee, some free.

Among the beneficiaries of Hallacy's hot spot are the customers of a nearby golf course. "It's convenient for my buddies who are golfing and want to check on their stocks," Hallacy said.

People like Hallacy are just one indication that Wi-Fi is the hottest personal technology trend to hit the nation in an otherwise grim year for the hard-pressed PC and telecommunications industries.

Initially marketed to consumers as a way to link multiple computers in a home network, Wi-Fi is now being used to achieve a much bolder goal: Wireless Internet access almost anywhere, anytime, at a speed of 11 megabits that is about 200 times faster than most wireless phone Web access.

Wireless hot spots are proliferating, some of them run for free by altruistic individuals, and others operated by businesses that use them to distribute advertising. Still other companies sell Wi-Fi access to the public for a fee.

Some corporations provide Wi-Fi networks for use only by their employees. In December, AT&T, IBM and Intel announced that they had formed Cometa Networks to create a nationwide for-pay Wi-Fi network with 20,000 access points by the end of 2004.

Hallacy is a member of the Twin Cities Wireless Users Group, a mixture of hobbyists and business people, fascinated by Wi-Fi. Several members use Wi-Fi to broadcast their Internet connections to perfect strangers in the hope of creating a multitude of free Internet access points, or hot spots, throughout the metro area. The service area of these hot spots depends on the size of the antenna being used; it can range from 300 feet to several miles.

"The goal is not to make money," Hallacy said. "Some people do it just because they are interested in the technology. For others, it's more of a give-and-take, they see it as a sharing thing."

Anyone can gain access to such a publicly available Wi-Fi network by moving their computer within range of it. Computers outfitted to operate wirelessly will automatically see the Wi-Fi network and connect to the Internet.

Many of the group's members don't tell their Internet service providers that they're giving away free to others the Internet service they pay for fear of being cut off. Those who give away free Internet service are potentially adding Internet traffic to their service provider's network without generating additional monthly service fees.

Their fears might be justified. Minnesota Roadrunner, the Internet unit of Time Warner Cable, said customers who appear to be giving away free wireless access will be given the choice of being cut off or of subscribing to a business-class of Internet service that is at least twice as expensive as residential service.

Greg Wallgren, CEO of SurfThing Inc., a Minnetonka, Minn.-based Wi-Fi service seller, provides Wi-Fi networks at 44 Minneapolis-St. Paul locations, including Holiday Inns. Consumers can use the service for free; corporate customers pay SurfThing \$199 a month per location for use of the Wi-Fi network and a single computer kiosk (for users who don't have laptops) and an additional \$99 a month for extra kiosks.

Wallgren said he provides the Wi-Fi service to customer locations at cost and that his firm is supported by advertising revenue.

He doubts there are enough consumers willing to pay for a Wi-Fi service like his. "If you're charging for Wi-Fi, good luck," Wallgren said. "It just doesn't make sense."

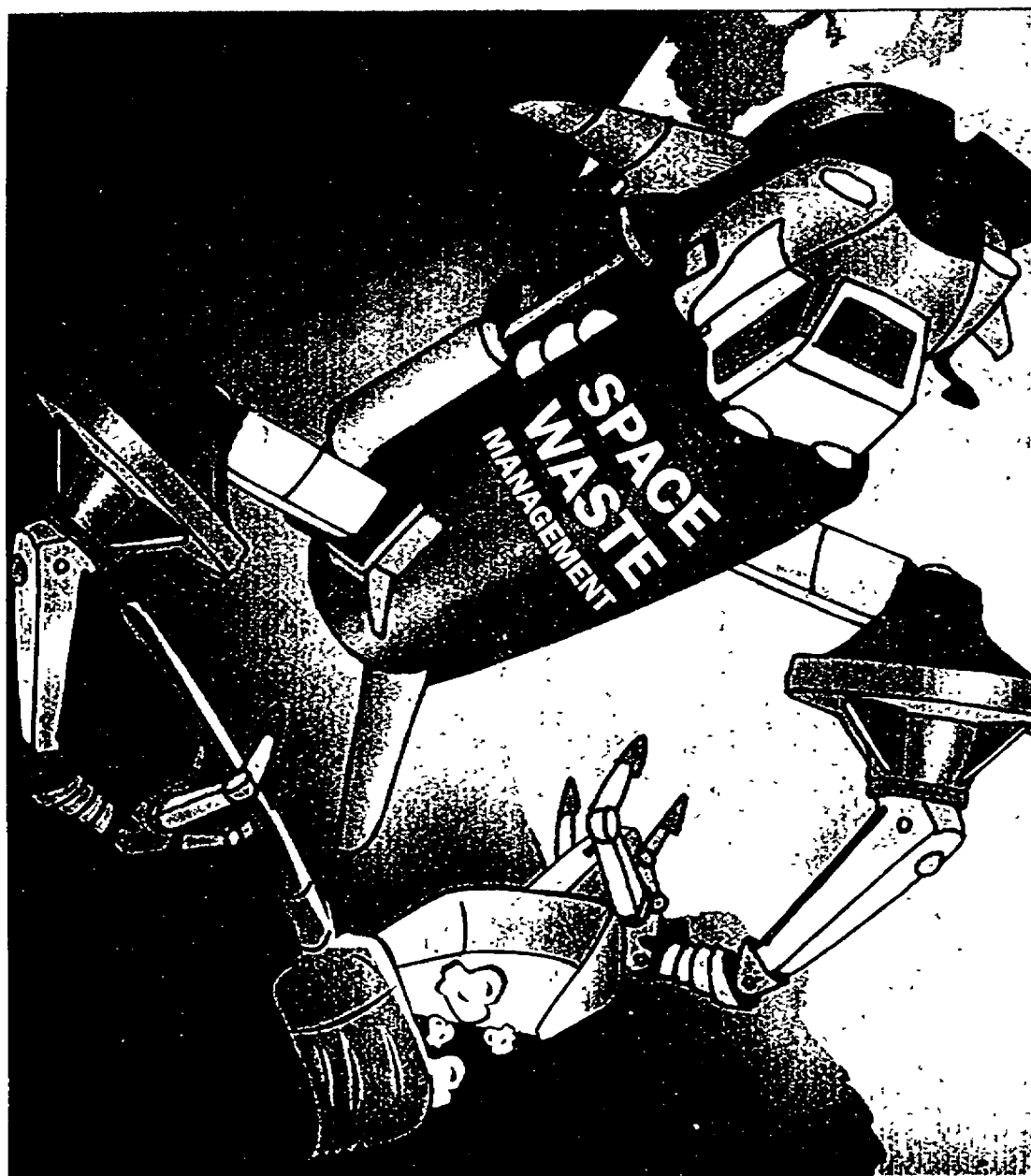


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Orbital debris

Trash collectors envisioned for a different type of refuse

By Thomas Stauffer

ARIZONA DAILY STAR

ASA should be doing all it can to clean up a steadily growing garage dump near Earth, says a University of Arizona researcher and former NASA engineer.

More than 100,000 objects larger than a tenth of an inch — enough to seriously damage a satellite, a space telescope and possibly a shuttle — are in Earth orbit from 40 years of space exploration.

Kumar Ramohalli owns a 15-year-old patent for a robot that would collect the treacherous space junk, but not until NASA appropriates the necessary funding, Ramohalli says.

The agency monitors larger pieces of orbiting junk and tests their effects on spacecraft. But NASA has not funded any efforts to collect space refuse.

"Orbital debris is something that needs attention, because it's only going to get worse," says Ramohalli, a professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering. "There have been many serious collisions with satellites. In fact, it happens on a regular basis."

Ramohalli's space janitors would hover in place and use small amounts of propellant to seek out the biggest pieces of junk drifting by and reel them in with their robotic arms.

The arms would position the object on a solar collector that works on the same principle used to

start a fire with a magnifying glass.

As the sun's power above the atmosphere is about double that on Earth's surface, the collector could easily soften the pieces enough for the arms to break them apart, says Bruce Babin, a thermal engineer at Raytheon Missile Systems Co. and former doctoral student of Ramohalli's.

After filling up with debris — each craft could load at least 3,000 pounds of material — the robots could be programmed either to plunge into the ocean or burn up re-entering the atmosphere, or could be retrieved by a shuttle or other spacecraft, Ramohalli says. By gleaming and separating found parts like solar panels and antennas, the robots also could use some of the junk to increase their power and extend their lives.

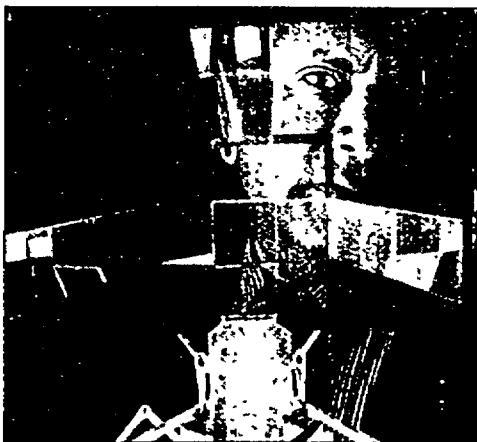
But the orbiting trash collectors won't come cheap.

"They would cost about \$10 million each with launch costs adding another \$15 million," Ramohalli says. He envisions a team of 10 to 12 robots scouring Earth's orbit.

Currently, NASA has no plans for removing space junk, Ramohalli says.

The U.S. Space Command monitors every piece larger than a softball with ground-based radars, and NASA steers shuttles away from close encounters. The agency also has a group that for 15 years has studied what objects traveling at 17,000 mph can do to spacecraft.

"Kumar's idea makes as much sense now as it ever did," says John S. Lewis, a researcher at the University of Arizona's Lunar and Planetary Laboratory. "The problem is, in a climate of decreasing budget, nobody wants to reprogram funds to pick up garbage."



Professor Kumar Ramohalli has developed a "space-junk collector," a robot that would clean up some of the thousands of bits of space debris in Earth's orbit. Here he holds a model of the craft.

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Grand Terrace, Calif., workers Mike Mullins and Mike Cruz check on a surveillance camera after removing it from its mount on a light post in a city park.

Vocal cameras join the fight against crime

By Elena Arnold

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Surveillance cameras that snap a picture and boom out a warning are the newest thing in crime fighting.

"So far it's been working," said Steve Berry, Grand Terrace, Calif., assistant city manager. In December, maintenance crews placed a camera atop a pole in a local park to monitor the restrooms, the snack shack and other areas plagued by graffiti. "We usually have been hit every week, but not anymore."

In San Bernardino, Calif., Xavier Leon, the city streets superintendent, uses cameras to deter a different type of criminal, with the same result. The city's two cameras monitor what were once prime locations for illegal dumping.

"It acts as, really, a good deterrent," Leon said.

The business owners whose buildings back up to an alley in San Bernardino hope to become one of Leon's success stories. "This place is atrocious," said music studio owner Jim Palmer, who with other tenants cleans up the mattresses, sofas, dishwashers and household garbage between visits by city workers, who come every few weeks to cart away the mess.

The possibility of eliminating such maintenance, and its cost, is part of the appeal of the cameras.

A \$3,200 camera and the cost of labor required to move it and change the film are a significant savings over the almost \$35,000 that Grand Terrace spends yearly

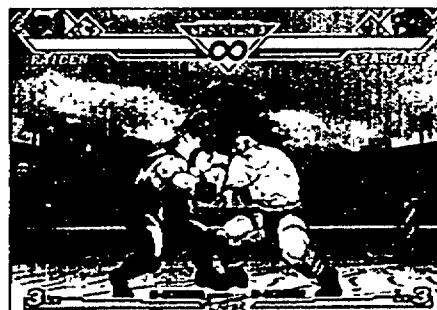
to clean up graffiti. San Bernardino spends about \$75,000 a year to clean up illegally dumped trash.

The cameras are programmed to come on at a certain time each night. When passersby step in front of a motion-activated sensor, they are greeted by a voice that alerts them that they are in a closed park or an illegal dumping zone. The recording also warns that their pictures will be taken and that they will be prosecuted for any criminal activity.

No one has yet been prosecuted as a result of the cameras, but Berry and Leon say that's further proof the cameras are working. It seems that once the warning sounds, most people don't stick around long enough to have their picture taken.

GAME REVIEWS

★=Poor ★★★★★=Excellent



Capcom Vs. SNK 2 E.O.

Genre: Action
Platform: Xbox
Publisher: Capcom
ESRB Rating: T for Teen

★★★★

From the creators of the modern-day genre of fighting games comes the latest in a long line of Street Fighter spinoffs, and one that brings the same quality bare-knuckles brawling with more than a few new twists.

The biggest and most obvious twist is that of online play, which opens up a whole new dimension for gamers sick of whipping up on the computer for hours on end.

Another huge jump is that of simplifying the special attacks of your fighter. Blanca's lightning roll and Ryu's whirling helicopter kick no longer require mashing three buttons while whirling the thumbpad around. Selecting the E.O. style lets you pull off the toughest and most devastating moves by pushing the right thumbstick in a specific direction. That's it. Just push the thumbstick and bring the noise.

A variety of fighting modes gives you options for how to take your pain, with survival mode being by far the most brutal. You have to get through a crew of bad guys without getting knocked out even once. This is the only place you'll find defense at a premium in this title, and mastering it takes work, although the E.O. mode will deflect many attacks.

The survival exception aside, the strategy in most modes and battles is to inflict more damage than you receive. Combos and super moves help you towards this goal, and ending a fight with a super move will give you a nice bonus. Don't fall in love with the super moves, though; even the computer can fight well enough to counter clumsy knockout punches, so fight smart and pick your spots.

With solid techno beats lacing the background and a huge arsenal of classic fighters (Ken, Zangief and Guile, to name a few), followers of the Capcom line of titles will be content with a reved-up version of their favorite fighting game.



Battle Engine Aquila

Genre: Action
Platform: Xbox
Publisher: Infogrames
ESRB Rating: T for Teen

★★★

Doct worker by day, loader racer by night. The underworld of high-stakes racing takes on a new twist as you help your fellow Forseti natives defend their home islands from the hostile Muspeli. Your main contribution to the fight: A fighting machine that switches from land-based walker to sky-roaming jet. However, despite a semi-intriguing story line and above-average fighting vehicles, Battle Engine Aquila never develops into anything more than a solid arcade-style shooter.

From the beginning, BEA has a familiar look to it, one of a long line of first-person shooters, and this familiarity is a plus. It lets you get into the game and start playing, and the basic gameplay will keep fans of this style busy for a little while. However, even with weapons upgrades and increasingly challenging missions, the overall experience is nothing new. Even advanced "Evo Missions," available after completing all objectives on a level, offer an extra challenge but no additional allure.

Gameplay is decent but not without flaws. The most quickly obvious problems are lack of speed in the clunky walker mode and poor maneuverability in sleeker jet mode. The range of weapons offers you a chance to develop a fighting style, whether it's using long-range pulse weapons to knock out targets with one shot, or strafing an area with automatic weapons. Your weapons controls will let you zoom in on targets (colored red on your radar and on-screen) for the best chance at a solid hit, and this close-up view will also help you dodge incoming missiles. The missile dodging is key, but hard to pull off because of the awkward movements of the walker. The jet, while cooler to fly, isn't the best for attacking multiple targets and really serves as transportation, stuck with good guns.

The sound is decent and actually helpful at times, with audio warnings telling you of incoming missiles and other threats. Music and sound effects are passable but nothing that really gets you locked in to the overall game setting.

A decent game when you've got some time to kill, but nothing beyond your basic expectations of the shooter style.

— Kelly Martin,

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MONEY

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How savvy folks end up losers

By Loretta Kalb
SACRAMENTO BEE

Many consumers savvy about their financial lives still do a crummy job of managing their assets and making appropriate money decisions, financial planners say.

They remain debt-prone, heedless of their long-term goals, and often indifferent to making basic decisions that will save money.

These assessments reflect a sort of money malaise evident on Web sites, in newspapers and in self-help books revealing that consumers aware of what financial moves they should make often don't make them.

"They know a lot of the basics but don't take the time to practice them or develop financial plans," said Paul S. Richard, executive director of the San Diego-based Institute of Consumer Financial Education.

"They don't comparison shop," he said. "They don't distinguish between wants and wishes. They are addicted to plastic."

Recent evidence came from Bankrate, Inc., which found in a national survey of 1,000 consumers that Americans are close to flunking financial literacy.

While many Americans know the importance of sound money moves, they often don't act on that knowledge, according to Bankrate, which runs a consumer banking Web site, www.bankrate.com.

The survey scored consumers on their handling of the basics, from paying bills on time and looking at bank account statements regularly to making above-minimum payments on credit cards and preparing a will.

Overall, respondents scored poorly, averaging 66 out of 100, or a "D" in the traditional A-through-F grading system.

Financial planners aren't surprised, and many consumers bearing this load seem oblivious to the price they pay.

"I see some very sophisticated physicians and lawyers who have a credit card that charges 19 percent," said Darold Mark, a registered investment adviser in Sacramento, Calif.

And they make plenty of other avoidable mistakes.

"There are a lot of high-net-worth people living on the edge," he said, adding that some adults don't ask simple questions because they don't want to show financial ignorance.

And schools can't adequately prepare large student bodies for adult finances.

In addition, many consumers learned bad habits from an equally ill-prepared source: their parents.

"Dysfunctionality goes down from generation to generation," observed Mark, who noted that many families discourage open discussions about money.

Chuck Ebersole, a certified financial planner in Sacramento, offered yet another facet of the problem: Consumers who feel satisfied for buying insurance or setting money aside for retirement can't really measure the effectiveness of those moves without a clearly defined life goal. A strategy for saving, insuring and spending means little unless it's tailored to achieve this goal, he explained. An overall financial plan can help consumers stay on track.

Common Mistakes

Consumers make plenty of financial mistakes. Chief among them is failing to determine what they want out of life in order to work toward that goal. Other mistakes include the failure to:

- Put a plan in place to achieve life objectives.
- Control spending through a budget or spending plan.
- Set aside money for emergencies.
- Establish a will or a trust.
- Periodically check credit reports.
- Make appropriate financial and tax decisions.
- Seek professional guidance where necessary.



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Money Marriage

Advisers, financial and relationship, say communication is key

By Tom Raithel
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Money may not be the root of all evil, but it sure stirs up its share of marital problems, experts say.

Marriage counselors say it is a chief topic of disagreement in marriages and a leading cause of divorce. One recent study found that the average couple argues about money about once each month.

"Money can be a problem, especially if one person is handling the money and the other doesn't like the way they're handling it," said Cecil Clifton, a licensed clinical social worker in Evansville, Ind.

And couples who can handle other problems well often will stumble over money issues, said Lynn Kyle, executive director for Family and Children's Services, an Evansville counseling agency. "People deal with money differently than they deal with other issues," she said.

But solving money differences is a lot like solving other marital disputes. The solution begins with communication, experts said.

"Managing the financial part of a marriage is often the key to having a successful marriage overall," said Rick Paul, clinical director of the Southwest Indiana Mental Health Center in Evansville.

Money causes anxiety among people for many reasons. It helps couples accomplish goals, achieve lifestyles and offers social prestige.

"It's a very powerful thing," about which there are often disagreements, said C. Diane Ealy, a somatic therapist who co-authored the book "Our Money Ourselves for Couples" with therapist Kay Lesh.

Money is also a topic veiled in secrecy for many couples. Parents often feel uncomfortable talking to children about money, and the secrecy extends throughout life, Ealy said. As a result, "it's easier to talk about our sex lives than it is about money," Ealy said.

Kyle said there are two kinds of money disputes in marriage. One is a surface money dispute that conceals an underlying problem. Perhaps one spouse is upset about not getting enough attention from the other. This may erupt in an argument over a bill, Kyle said.

The other way money can affect relationships is directly. This includes questions of who handles the money and what a couple's financial priorities are. "An important part of a functional marriage is to have some agreement on what to spend and what to save," said Paul.

Things can be further complicated for today's two-income families when one spouse makes most or all of the income, or when a couple is having trouble meeting expenses or is overwhelmed in credit-card debt, Clifton said.

How does one best address these problems? The key is to talk about money, experts say. "If you communicate, you can negotiate how to spend it," said Clifton.

Breaking down the secrecy is the key. "Just keep talking and keep listening," Ealy said.

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A New Way of Relating to
Money and Each Other

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Swapping leases: Dot-com is a clearinghouse

By Greg Paeth
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

For one of those notoriously risky dot-com businesses that got off the ground just before the country slipped into recession two years ago, Cincinnati's Swapalease.com doesn't have much room to complain.

During 2002, its second full year in business, the company traded car leases for roughly 650 customers, about twice what it did the previous year, according to Ron Joseph Jr., who launched the business with his brother Richard in October 2000.

The two are executive directors of the Joseph Auto Group, which owns 18 auto franchises in Greater Cincinnati, Dayton and Columbus, Ohio.

Now their dot-com is spreading its wings, with a 2003 sales goal of doubling the number of deals from last year.

It has room to grow. Even if it reaches its goal this year, Swapalease will have played a role in just a fraction of the estimated 14 million car leases in the United States.

At its most fundamental level, Swapalease provides a Web site where people who want to unload a car lease can advertise their vehicle and the terms of the lease.

Once the current lessee and a prospective lessee have reached an agreement, Swapalease handles the sometimes complicated paperwork.

Loss of a job or a driver's license, a growing family or a simple desire to drive something different are among the most common reasons why people want to get out of a lease early, Schroter said.

Besides reaching more and more people who want to dispose of their leases — about 5,000 vehicles are listed now by the company — Swapalease also plans to expand on a business-to-business basis.

Swapalease developed out of a common problem faced by customers on the showroom floors at Joseph dealerships. They wanted a new car but already had a lease on another one.

"Most people aren't going to pay to get out of a lease and they went home disappointed," Joseph said.

Creating the online service opened up a couple of revenue streams for Swapalease and the Joseph Auto Group. "It allows the dealer to sell a car and it allows the customer to dispose of a lease without getting beat up," said Schroter.

Swapalease charges \$49.95 to list a vehicle on its Web site for an unlimited length of time and a \$95 fee if and when the lease is transferred.

Auto dealers pay flat fees between \$250 and \$500 a month to use Swapalease services. About 5 percent of the vehicles on the site are leased vehicles that are being offered for sale, primarily because some banks don't allow leases to be assumed.

In general, the new lessee winds up taking over the existing lease for the balance of the term, making monthly payments and living within any mileage restrictions.

One of the big advantages is that the person who assumes the lease doesn't have to come up with a down payment, Schroter said.

The amount of the upfront payment has a direct correlation on the monthly payment, which means that the second lessee benefits from the down payment made by the original lessee.

How it works

- Check Web site www.swapalease.com to find appropriate vehicle.
- Once a vehicle is found, pay a \$24.95 fee to register, which is good for 90 days and multiple vehicle inquiries.
- Contact the seller to inspect the vehicle and reach a final agreement.
- The company will guide buyer and seller through the transaction.
- The lease company may charge additional fees for a credit application and transfer. These fees normally are paid by the buyer but are negotiable between buyer and seller.

Survey: Simplicity, security, comfort and space biggest needs for 50-plus buyer

By Judy Stark
ST PETERSBURG TIMES

Empty nesters and senior home buyers want to live near family and friends. They want maintenance-free homes. And they want houses and communities that promote a sense of safety and security.

Those are among the findings of a recent survey of 280 builders who built housing targeted at buyers age 50 and older. Results of the survey, conducted for the National Association of Home Builders and Countrywide Home Loans, were announced at the Seniors Housing Symposium sponsored by NAHB earlier this year.

A huge 77 percent of mature buyers wanted to live a care-free lifestyle: They'd had it with cleaning out gutters, painting and yard work. More than half —

52 percent — said their motivation in relocating was to be closer to children or family. Only 19 percent said they were moving because they wanted to live in a warmer climate.

Asked where their 50-plus customers were relocating from, builders (who could indicate more than one response) reported that their buyers were moving from a different community in the same state (57 percent) or from within the same community (58 percent).

All this suggests that builders will do well to focus their marketing efforts on potential buyers who live locally, not only on out-of-state retirees.

Strategically placed streetlights, home security systems and controlled exits and entrances were the top three features builders offered to their security-conscious buyers.

Builders also responded to the increasing technologi-

cal savvy of their mature buyers. Nearly 70 percent nationally offered structured wiring; 60 percent offered high-speed Internet service.

The survey showed that 22 percent of builders said "most of the seniors" were willing to pay extra for technology options and upgrades; 69 percent said some were willing to pay, and 10 percent said none were willing to pay.

The builders include a number of features and amenities that make their homes accessible for seniors or others with physical challenges: no-step entrances, wider doors and hallways, grab bars in the bathroom, lever-handle doors, non-slip floors, higher electrical outlets and lower light switches and first-floor master suites. Only 7 percent of builders said most of their buyers are resistant to those features. Fifty-three percent said some are resistant, and 43 percent said none are resistant.

Sixty percent of mature buyers pay cash for their homes, the survey showed. Twenty-seven percent made large down payments (30 percent or more); 9 percent made down payments of 10 to 30 percent, and 4 percent put down 10 percent or less. That is in line with what builders see along the Suncoast. Many older buyers who have sold a house up North and walked away with substantial profit pay cash for their new Florida home. Some do so for the peace of mind of knowing the house is paid for and a surviving spouse will not have to worry about how to pay the mortgage. Others find the house a better investment than the stock market.

Twenty-four percent of the buyers were paying more than the value of their previous home. Forty-one percent paid about the same, and 36 percent were paying less than the value of their former home.

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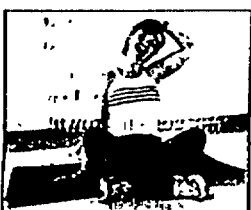


Sure, brisk walking is good exercise. Swimming and biking, too. But there's another aspect to physical fitness that is oftentimes overlooked — flexibility training

Hamstring #1: Lie on your back with your knees bent. Inhale and extend one leg upward. Exhale and slowly pull the straight leg toward your face. The straighter you keep your raised leg, the deeper the stretch.

STRETCH for FITNESS

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Neck: Tilt your head to the right, keeping your shoulders down and relaxed. Reach over and place your head toward your right shoulder. Switch sides and repeat.



Shoulders: Sit or stand with one arm raised to shoulder height. Bring your raised arm across your front to the opposite shoulder. Place your free hand on your raised elbow and gently pull it backwards.



Shoulders, arm and lower back: Get on your hands and knees. Sit your buttocks on your heels. Reach your arms forward. Press palms down and gently pull back with both arms, until you feel a stretch through your shoulders and upper back.

Sure, brisk walking is good exercise. Swimming and biking, too. But there's another aspect to physical fitness that is oftentimes overlooked — flexibility training.

"We know we should stretch, but it seems to take a long time and the benefits seem minor," says Renee King, Health and Fitness Director of the Anderson (S.C.) Area YMCA. "In reality, stretching takes very little time and the benefits can be tremendous. Regular stretching improves balance and posture, enhances athletic performance, and increases our muscles' range of motion. If our muscles are flexible, we're less likely to strain them with everyday activities."

The most important thing to remember is to start slowly, according to Bill Warner, a clinical massage therapist at Warner Muscular Therapy Clinic in Anderson.

"Don't get into a rigid program right away," he says. "Just go out and play and try not to take it too seriously. You'll strengthen your muscles and not hurt yourself by overdoing it."

Committing oneself to doing stretching exercises for just minutes a day is the first step toward a fit body. It might not seem like much, but every stretch counts.

"I'd rather have someone (stretch) than anything else. If a person is not stretching and sits at a desk all day every day, their muscles are going to get shorter and tighter every year," Warner says. "The key is really trying to do a little stretch here and a little stretch there. Take five minutes a day."

He says common mistakes in stretching include over-repetition and forcing a stretch. Never force your body into a position that causes pain. All this

will accomplish is causing damage and turning you off to any exercise at all.

"Every stretch you do should be done comfortably, not this massive stretch and feeling pain. Relax, breathe and hold for a comfortable amount of time," Warner says.

Physical therapist Jim Stoker, Director of Clemson Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation, reiterated the fact that intense pain has no role in correct stretching.

"The 'no pain, no gain' theory does not apply to stretching," he says. "You should only have what can be described as 'moderate tightness.'"

Also, one should avoid a jarring, bouncing stretch (called a ballistic stretch), but strive to maintain a more static position.

"Your muscles have a stretch reflex, an inherent protective mechanism. When you apply a ballistic stretch, this normal reaction is to contract in order to protect itself," Stoker says. "You're forcing a stretch that's neither safe nor productive."

He suggests warming-up aerobic activity prior to stretching, such as 5 or 10 minutes walking or riding a stationary bike, to increase blood flow to the muscles.

Of course, one who is new to stretching or exercise in general certainly shouldn't expect to be able to be a human pretzel right off the bat (without requiring medical attention). Training the muscles to stretch takes time, but is well worth the wait.

"Consistency in stretching is really important," Warner says. "If you just treat (the muscle) gently and you constantly remind it again and again, it becomes more flexible. If you can become more active than you were,

you've won. Even if you did nothing but stretch, your body would feel wonderful. You'd still be out of shape but you'd be ready to get in shape."

Limbering Advice

When stretching, remember these tips:

- Stretch your hamstrings. Tight hamstrings are common and can lead to lower-back pain
- Stretch your calf muscles, especially if you wear high heels. Women who wear high heels can end up with tight calves and Achilles tendons
- Breathe deeply while stretching. Don't hold your breath. Inhale before you execute the stretch, and exhale as you move into the stretch.
- Don't bounce. Ease in and out of each stretch, breathing deeply.
- Don't stretch hard before warming up. Very gentle stretching before exercise is OK, but stretching afterward is better and will result in a greater range of motion through the joint and muscle
- Don't over-stretch. Mild discomfort is fine, but stop if you feel any pain.

Source: Renee King, Health and Fitness Director of the Anderson Area YMCA



Lower back: Lying on your back, clasp one hand under each knee. Gently pull both knees toward your chest, keeping your lower back on the floor. Keep your neck straight and flat on the floor.



Hamstring #2: Sit on floor with one leg straight and the other bent at the knee. You should not sit on the bent leg. The heel of your bent leg should touch the inner thigh of your straight leg. Keeping the extended leg straight, lower your upper torso to your thigh.



Calves: Lean forward against a wall with both feet facing forward. Put one leg straight back and keep the forward leg slightly bent. Keep your back heel on the floor, and slowly lean closer to the wall until you can feel the stretch in your calf.



Photos by Regina Boone/Scripps Howard News Service
Left to right: Jennifer Staller, Thomas Malic and Monte Hawes participate in a Bikram-based Hot Yoga class.

People warming up to new yoga routines

New styles turn up heat on old form of exercise

By Donnie Snow
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Swimming in sweat in a 100-plus-degree room while straining through a workout is apropos for wrestlers, not so much, however, for your average exerciser.

That said, Hot Yoga, or Bikram Yoga, is drawing fans who want to bump up their regular yoga routine, in this case by cranking up the thermostat.

Bikram Choudhury, who operates Yoga College of India in Beverly Hills, Calif., began this new twist on a very old method of exercise, earning both praise and criticism.

Hot Yoga incorporates traditional though advanced yoga movements in a room heated to 110 degrees or more.

The trendsetter for Hot Yoga in Memphis is Dee Victoria, who operates the Edge yoga studio. Her Hot Yoga classes differ from Bikram's for proprietary reasons (Bikram copyrighted his name), and because of Victoria's personal preference.

"I believe people need more than 26 poses," Victoria said, referring to the set pattern of Bikram's workout. "Each class is a little different, and emphasizes a lot of upper body strength and joint mobility in addition to a firm foundation of rhythmic nose breathing."

Her class gets to about 100 degrees, which is why she advises participants to "superhydrate" beforehand and have a working knowledge of traditional yoga poses, preferably as a result of taking several beginner classes.

Before class Victoria asks new students about their medical history to avoid potential problems with the poses.

In a warmer room there should be more flexibility, more sweat, hence more weight loss and more meditative calm — all of which makes it much more physically challenging.

"It's definitely for certain types of people," she said, "but you can say that for anything. At different places in a person's life, there are things that are going to be a better fit for them. I'm not aiming for somebody who's sedentary. That's why I have it as an intermediate class, because you need to have a fair sense of your body's limitations and also be able to communicate that to me as well as your expectations."

Victoria doesn't profess the amazing benefits about her classes that Choudhury does about his. He and his adherents contend their Bikram Yoga helps ailments such as anemia, insulin regulation and varicose veins; that has some health professionals advising caution.

"I wouldn't be all too excited about prolonged exposure to heat stress," said Dr. Karl Weber, director of the cardiovascular diseases division at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis.

"There is some data that relates (using) saunas to heart failure," he said, pointing out that the practice could be detrimental for someone whose heart doesn't work properly.

Bikram Yoga and Power Yoga, the other new high-intensity yoga gaining popularity, represent a trend toward more vigorous, or Americanized, forms of the Eastern exercise.

Some yoga practitioners are unsettled by Hot Yoga's premise. They worry programs that stress fitness may push people seeking an aerobic workout into overstretching and injury. Others are fine with it, though, even if they're not personally into the practice.

Researchers report yoga can benefit people with asthma, arthritis and high blood pressure. For inactive people, stretching can improve fitness, according to a Hahnemann University (Philadelphia) study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. The study showed that the formal Iyengar style of yoga helped with repetitive stress injuries.

"As a practice, yoga stimulates every part of your body," Victoria said. "Obviously, certain people are more receptive (to the extra heat.) If you have certain things going on in your body, heat will help, but with some, it won't."

Popular footwear is a step in the wrong direction

By Carey Hamilton

SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

Being fashionable this summer could be painful.

With the re-emerging popularity of flip-flops — sometimes referred to as "thongs" — and sandals in recent years, podiatrists are seeing more patients who complain about tender heels.

"We're seeing more heel pain than ever in patients 15 to 25 years old, a group that usually doesn't have this problem," said Marybeth Crane, a spokeswoman for the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons in Park Ridge, Ill. "A major contributor is wearing flip-flop sandals with paper-thin soles every day to school."

Flip-flops have little to no arch support, bringing pain and inflammation. The clinical name for a common condition that leads to sore heels is plantar fasciitis, which is caused by chronic inflammation of the connective tissue extending from the heel bone to the toes.

Crane recommends wearing sandals with reasonably strong soles and arch

support. "Especially for girls and young women, thicker-soled sandals with supportive arches might not be considered stylish, but if you want to wear sandals most of the time, you'll avoid heel pain if you choose sturdier, perhaps less-fashionable styles."

The number of people wearing open-toed shoes, including flip-flops, is on the rise.

"People are certainly wearing open-toed shoes more, even in the colder climates," said Bill Boettge, president of the National Shoe Retailers Association in Columbia, Md. "They may not wear them in snowstorms, but they're wearing them year-round in many places. Kids are saying there are no rules about when you can wear certain shoes, and if there are, they'll break them."

Scott Clark, a podiatrist with a private practice in Salt Lake City and a faculty member at the University of Utah, said he sees more patients this time of year complaining about plantar fasciitis. About 15 percent of all adult foot complaints involve plantar fasciitis, accord-

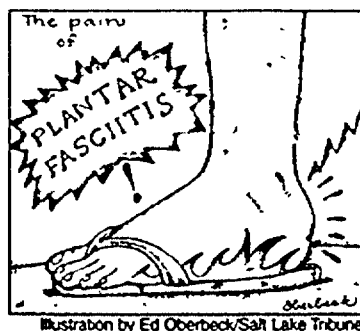


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ing to the college of foot and ankle surgeons.

"Plantar fasciitis is pretty common in a podiatry office," Clark said. "This time of year, I'll see more plantar fasciitis because people have cabin fever and get out and exercise and they've gained a few pounds."

He tells his patients to wear lace-up style shoes, such as cross-training sneakers, instead of slip-ons.

For people who are overweight, wear-

ing shoes with little arch support can lead to more serious problems.

"Obesity in younger people has become a major health problem and heel pain is a consequence of it," Crane said. "Being overweight and wearing inappropriate footwear are common contributing factors. The pain is most noticeable after getting out of bed in the morning, and it tends to decrease after a few minutes and returns during the day as time on the feet increases."

However, Clark said people who stand on their feet all day at work and people who have a collapsing arch also are at risk for plantar fasciitis.

There are several common treatments of plantar fasciitis: anti-inflammatory medications, padding and strapping of the foot and physical therapy.

Patients also should stretch their calf muscles regularly, avoid wearing flat shoes and walking barefoot, use over-the-counter arch supports and heel cushions and limit the frequency of extended physical activities, Crane recommended.

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New selection of BBQ cook-books is a grill's best friend

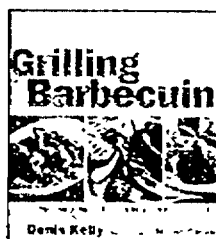
By Mike Dunne
SACRAMENTO BEE

Each year, a fresh crop of grilling cookbooks is rolled out along with the patio furniture and the Weber, just in time for summer barbecues.

All are thick with recipes geared to outdoor cooking, and many also address such backyard issues as the best techniques, fuels and gear, how to gauge whether that steak really is done, and safety precautions.

Here's a glimpse at four new grilling manuals:

"Grilling & Barbecuing: Food and Fire in Regional American Cooking," by Denis Kelly (Stewart Tabori & Chang, \$29.95)



Kelly's premise is that grilling and barbecuing in the United States, like baseball and politics, is primarily local. Therefore, he seeks out hometown specialties and presents them in 75 inviting recipes that range from traditional to inventive: Peppery baby back ribs with smoky tomato barbecue sauce, Hawaiian chicken with grilled pineapple and papaya salad, miso-crusted scallops with grilled bok choy, pork loin chops adobo with grilled chili rajas, peppery duck breast with Creole gravy.

Kelly weaves in a lot of history and colorful lore, he doesn't shy from addressing contentious issues that surround the subject, and he discusses astutely such topics as fuels, equipment, techniques, unusual ingredients and the like.

At least one new grilling book each spring claims to be the only grilling book you'll ever need. Kelly's book, with its many mouth-watering photos by Maren Caruso and smart, compact and helpful recipe graphics, doesn't make that claim, but that's precisely what it is.

"High Heat," by Wally Malouf and Melissa Clark (Broadway Books, \$30)



Promoted as the first cookbook in which most of its 125 recipes can be prepared either over an open flame or in a hot oven, "High Heat" is based on the contemporary roasting menu of the Beacon steakhouses in New York, N.Y., and Stamford, Conn.

It's restaurant food, but it's made appealing to home cooks both by the use of ingredients common to mainstream markets and by generally concise and friendly directions.

Few grilling books have chapters on soups, pastas, pizzas and desserts as extensive as "High Heat." Not surprisingly, however, so few ingredients in some of those recipes call for grilling that some readers likely will question whether they justify firing up the grill.

Dishes run to a refined, involved style of California and Mediterranean cooking, fine for restaurants and Saturday night entertaining but not the usual fare of the casual backyard barbecue party.

"Good Housekeeping Grilling Cookbook," by the editors of Good Housekeeping (Hearst Books, \$19.95)



Good Housekeeping gets hip with its first cookbook on grilling. But the book's editors also don't sacrifice their reputation for providing readers with a deluge of practical tips.

What's more, all recipes have been triple-tested, boasts a sticker on the cover, which should bolster the confidence of both buyer and cook.

Every recipe is confined to one page, and many are illustrated with a tantalizing photo. Virtually every page also offers a punchy tip. "Peach halves, brushed with jam and grilled, make a wonderful summer dessert."

Recipes for "All-American BBQ Chicken" and filet mignon with horseradish salsa are expected in any book bearing the Good Housekeeping imprimatur, but the editors also get daring with such playful and internationally flavored dishes like the flame-cooked chicken saltimbocca and the Korean style sesame short ribs.

"Fire Up The Grill!" by the editors of Woman's Day magazine (Filipacchi Publishing, \$14.95)



The editors of Woman's Day are updating their image with a book on grilling, with recipes ranging from the standard chicken, burger and ribs to variations with a more modern and international touch, such as Cuban pork sandwiches, Thai beef salad and Indian lamb riblets.

Short, easy recipes that add a touch or two of flair to customary grilling fare should make this a popular book for people just getting involved in the backyard entertainment scene.



Shanghai bok choy grown at Sanwa Growers in Wimauma, Fla., a farm which specializes in ethnic vegetables and herbs.

Chinese

With bok choy and its Asian cousins becoming more common in grocery stores, it's time to expand your vegetable palate

Story By Janet K. Keeler ■ Photos By Lara Cerri ■ Scripps Howard News Service

a chilly wind ruffles through the packing warehouse at Sanwa Growers in Wimauma, Fla., as workers gingerly push bok choy into boxes and twist ties around bunches of curly leaf parsley.

A group of students from Apron's Cooking School gathers near an oversize wok. The vessel could hold stir-fry for at least 50. Oyster sauce and ginger, scallops and cilantro are lined up on a stainless-steel table.

"I don't know what I'm going to make today," says veteran instructor and chef Warren Mah of the Florida Culinary Institute in West Palm Beach. "It all depends on what's in the field."

Soon, Mah and his students are standing in Sanwa's fields, casting their eyes over rows of lushly green vegetables. Lunch will include kohlrabi, Chinese broccoli, bok choy and its younger, more tender sibling, Shanghai bok choy, all fresh from the ground.

This is the cooking school's first off-campus class, and 40 people signed up to tour Sanwa, a grower of herbs and Asian vegetables, and see a demonstration by Mah. Apron's is a Publix venture with schools tucked into stores in Sarasota and Tampa.

Chinese and other Asian vegetables are becoming more common in mainstream grocery stores, with bok choy and napa cabbage, also called Chinese cabbage, available almost everywhere. Asian groceries and other produce markets carry more variety, including slender eggplants, daikon radishes and kohlrabi, a tuber that's related to kale and cabbage.

Chinese vegetables are a good alternative for people trying to expand their vegetable repertoire beyond broccoli, green beans and zucchini, Mah says.

"Asian veggies are a little more bitter than Western ones," he says. "But the flavor is fantastic."

The nutrition is there, too. Most Chinese vegetables are high in vitamins A and C, especially Chinese broccoli. They also contain antioxidants shown to help reduce the risk of some cancers. Plus, they are low in calories and generally fat- and cholesterol-free.

As Mah improvises, with prep help from several Apron's chefs, he lectures on the properties and applications of each vegetable.

First, he talks about bok choy. With its chunky white stalks and dark, leafy tops, bok choy looks like a cross between celery and Swiss chard. It's closer to chard in taste, with an unexpected spiciness from the raw leaves. The heat mellows in cooking.

Cook it very simply," Mah says. He serves it with just a drizzle of sesame oil so the audience can experience it relatively unadorned. Overcooked bok choy becomes mushy and loses its crunch, so cook it quickly.

Bok choy is a common ingredient in Asian stir-fries but would be a tasty addition to western vegetable soups, as long as it's added in the last minutes of cooking. The thick stalks need to be cut uniformly so they cook at the same rate. Sanwa also grows Shanghai bok choy, which is more tender and smaller than the more common bok choy. Choy means "white vegetable" in Cantonese.

Kohlrabi isn't stocked in many grocery stores, which Mah says is a shame. "It's a fantastic vegetable that should be used more in western cooking," he says.

Kohlrabi is a member of the crucifer family. Its orange-size, knobby bulb develops underground, and its leaves grow above. Both are edible, though the bulb is mostly used. The pale flesh tastes like an apple crossed with a potato: starchy, yet a little sweet. It can be grated into salads or chopped for stir-fries.

Because of its starchiness, peeled kohlrabi can be fried like mashed potatoes. It also can be juiced and served as a crudite with dip.

Chinese broccoli, sometimes called Chinese kale, has glossy, blue-green leaves with slender stalks, much thinner than western broccoli. It looks like rapini, which is becoming more available in grocery stores, but it is not as bitter.

Mah sautes slender stalks and fanlike leaves quickly in a little vegetable oil and then dresses them with earthy oyster sauce. Though it's a typical ingredient in beef stir-fries, Chinese broccoli would be a fine vegetable side dish on its own.

Steam or saute until soft and season with salt and pepper, maybe even a pat of butter if the diet allows.

Sanwa also grows daikon radish, cilantro and Chinese eggplant but didn't have any ready to pick on the day of the class. Cilantro, sometimes called Chinese parsley, is used in Asian, Latin, Indian and Caribbean cooking. In Chinese cooking, the leaves and stems are frequently used to garnish salads, or the leaves are sprinkled on top of stir-fries.

Daikon radish, which looks more like a white parsnip than a red radish, is crisp and juicy with a slightly sweet flavor. It can add crunch to a stir-fry, but it's most delicious grated in a salad. Like a carrot, it should be peeled. Daikon can be found in most grocery stores.

There are many varieties of eggplant, and Chinese eggplant might win the prize as the loveliest. It's usually pale violet or amethyst, sometimes white. It has none of the bitterness of its larger cousins and is even sweeter. In Chinese cooking, the skin is usually left on. Chinese eggplant is often used in a spicy Szechuan dish laced with hot chili paste, garlic, sugar and vinegar, among other ingredients.



Chef Warren Mah takes a questions from an onlooker during a cooking class at Sanwa Growers in Wimauma, Fla.

Recipe Corner

KOHLRABI CAKES

4 kohlrabi bulbs, peeled, shredded and drained
1/4 cup chopped scallions
2 tablespoons dried bread crumbs
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon fresh ginger, finely chopped
1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
2 eggs, lightly beaten
1/4 cup olive oil
Chinese greenery

Squeeze the moisture from the kohlrabi. Mix all the ingredients, except olive oil, together thoroughly in a bowl. Form patties with hands, much like crab cakes. Refrigerate for 30 minutes to set.

Meanwhile, heat olive oil in a pan. Saute patties until golden on both sides.

SOURCE: SANWA GROWERS

DAIKON AND CARROT SALAD

1 pound daikon radish, peeled
1/2 pound carrots, peeled
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1/2 cup cider vinegar
1 tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup sour cream
1/4 cup heavy cream
1 scallion, thinly sliced
1/2 cup watercress leaves

Coarsely grate daikon and carrots. In a bowl, stir together salt, sugar, mustard and vinegar. Toss with vegetables.

In a separate bowl, blend together sour cream and heavy cream. Cover both containers and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Drain vegetables thoroughly, pressing out as much liquid as possible. Add creams, scallions and stir. Sprinkle watercress on top and serve.

SOURCE: SANWA GROWERS

CHINESE EGGPLANT FRIES

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup cornmeal
1 pinch cayenne pepper, or to taste
Salt and pepper to taste
2 eggs, beaten
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 Chinese eggplant: peeled and sliced into fries

In a shallow bowl, stir together the flour, cornmeal, cayenne pepper, salt and black pepper. Place the eggs in a separate bowl.

Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. A few at a time, dip the eggplant pieces into the egg, then into the flour mixture, then back into the egg, and back into the flour mixture. Fry the eggplant in the hot oil until golden brown. Drain on paper towels, and serve immediately.

SOURCE: WWW.ALLRECIPES.COM

STIR-FRIED BOK CHOY

(Serves 4-6)
1 pound bok choy
2 tablespoons chicken broth
1 tablespoon oyster flavored sauce
1-1/2 teaspoons lite soy sauce
1-1/2 teaspoons corn starch
1/2 teaspoon sugar
3 teaspoons vegetable oil
2 fresh ginger slices
1 clove garlic, crushed and peeled

Separate the bok choy into stalks. Wash in several changes of cold water and drain thoroughly in a colander. Trim 1/4 inch from the bottom of each stalk. Halve each stalk lengthwise and cut stalks and leaves into 2-inch-long pieces. In a bowl, combine the broth, oyster sauce, soy sauce, corn starch and sugar.

Heat a 14-inch flat-bottomed wok or skillet over high heat until hot but not smoking. Add 1-1/2 teaspoons vegetable oil and ginger; stir-fry 10 seconds or until ginger is fragrant. Add the remaining 1-1/2 teaspoons vegetable oil, bok choy and garlic, and stir-fry 1 to 2 minutes, or until leaves are just limp and bok choy is bright green. Re-stir the broth mixture and swirl into wok. Stir-fry 1 to 2 minutes or until the sauce has thickened slightly and coats the vegetables. Serve immediately.

Source: "Wisdom of the Chinese Kitchen" by Grace Young; Simon & Schuster, 1999

Saucy Secrets

OYSTER SAUCE

This thick, concentrated sauce is the earthy combination of oysters, brine and soy sauce. Vegetarian versions often are made with tofu instead of oysters. Oyster sauce is common in Cantonese cooking, especially stir-fries. It brings a richness to dishes without overpowering other ingredients, thanks to the lack of sugar and sharp spices. Bottles of oyster sauce are often set on tables and the sauce used as a condiment.

PLUM SAUCE

The pink sauce in clear packets that accompanies Chinese takeout is also called duck sauce because it is commonly served with that fowl. Plum sauce is a sweet-and-sour condiment made with plums, apricots, sugar and seasonings that include toasted mustard seeds, garlic and ginger. Pork and spare ribs are often accompanied with plum sauce, and a generous dipping adds sweetness and punch to egg rolls.

HOISIN SAUCE

Hoisin (HOY-sihn) is a thick, reddish-brown sauce mostly used as a table condiment for dipping skewered, grilled meat and as a flavoring in meat, poultry and shellfish dishes. Hoisin, also called Peking sauce, is a Cantonese version of sweet bean sauce, predominantly found in northern China. Hoisin is made from fermented soy beans, salt, wheat flour, sugar, vinegar, garlic, chili and sesame oil. Depending on the manufacturer, it might include pumpkin.

— Janet K. Keel

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Stadium seating comes to Novi Town Center 8 Theater

If you've gone to the movies before and had your view of the screen partially blocked by the person in front of you, the Novi Town Center 8 Theater is in the process of eliminating this nuisance.

Goodrich Quality Theaters announced moviegoers will soon enjoy popular stadium seating in the Novi Town Center 8 Theater's largest auditorium along with new high-back seats.

The installation of stadium seating is accomplished with the placement of 12" concrete risers in every row of elevated seats. This familiar tiered "stadium" structure allows movie patrons to have a heads-and-shoulders view above people in the row in front of them, providing an optimum viewing experience.

To further enhance a trip to the movies, super comfortable Irwin high-back rocking seats with flip-up arm rests will also be installed in theater No. 8. Even the soundings will improve, with the interior of the theater to be done with new wall fabric in contemporary colors.

"Novi moviegoers will enjoy the comfort and unrestricted view they'll have with both the new stadium seating configuration and the new high back rocking seats," says Bob Goodrich, President of Goodrich Quality Theaters. "Add to this the digital stereo sound technology we added last fall, and you can see Goodrich Quality Theaters are intent on offering patrons the finest movie experience in the area."

Plans call for at least three additional theaters at the Novi Town Center 8 to be converted to stadium seating over the course of the next year. The conversion of older theaters to stadium seating has previously been done in twenty-five of the company's auditoriums.

Goodrich Quality Theaters, with its main office in Grand Rapids, MI, owns 33 theaters in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri, totaling 279 screens.

Iron Chef comes to Novi

Epoch Restaurant Group announced that Iron Chef Japanese, Masaharu Morimoto, will be joining Executive Chef Takashi Yagihashi in the kitchen at Tribute Restaurant on Monday, August 11 for an evening of world-class cuisine and fine wine.

Tribute will host Morimoto, along with three other world-renowned guest chefs, for its annual fund raiser to support the James Beard Foundation, which fosters appreciation, education and training in the culinary arts.

Morimoto is instantly recognizable to avid television viewers from Food Network's Iron Chef. Hailing from Nobu in New York City, he is chef/owner of Morimoto in Philadelphia and is known as much for the diamond in his left ear, as for his fun and inventive concoctions that inspire and tease the palate.

Also preparing courses for this event are: French Chef Andrew Carmellini from Café Boulud (and before that Le Cirque) in New York City; Douglas Rodriguez, cookbook author and chef/owner of Alma de Cuba in Philadelphia and Deseo in Scottsdale, Ariz., and considered to be the inventor of Nuevo Latino cuisine; and, Johnny Iuzzini, from the esteemed Jean Georges in New York City, named One of the Ten Best Pastry Chefs in America (as was Tribute's own Michael Laikonis).

The bios of each of these chefs read like a Who's Who of the cooking world, with a litany of awards and achievements. Ordinarily, Tribute showcases the finest Michigan has to offer. This one night exceeds even those standards by providing an unparalleled opportunity to taste creations by literally some of the best chefs in the world today.

The August 11 benefit at Tribute will have one seating at 6:45 pm. Seven courses will be offered including wine for \$250 per person (excluding tip and taxes). For reservations, call (248) 848-9393 or visit www.tributerestaurant.com

Epoch Restaurant Group (www.epochrestaurantgroup.com), Michigan's premier fine dining company owns and operates the area's foremost restaurant establishments, including nationally acclaimed Tribute in Farmington Hills, Forté in Birmingham; Latitude and Knot, just a bar in Bay Harbor; and Epoch Events, an off-premise catering and event

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Photos by Hal Gould

At Coyote Golf Club in New Hudson, Assistant Pro Jay McNeill, PGA Head Pro Jason Raney, restaurant Manager Mellisa Parr, Assistant Pro Nicolas Thompson, Superintendent Patrick Naszradi and Chef David Krupin welcome you to their beautiful course.

Discover the new Coyote Golf Club

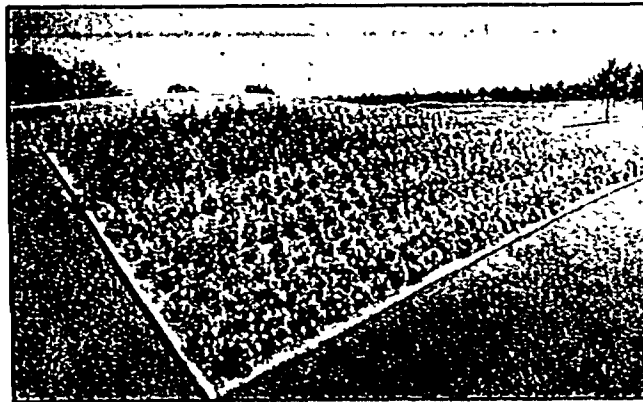
By Elizabeth Heer
SPECIAL WRITER

Drive into Coyote Golf Club and right away you get the idea. This place is so friendly, they offer a welcome in more than one language. The wood carved signs are just one clue that things have changed at the 18-hole golf facility. The entire golf club has been reorganized and updated - from expanded restaurant and banquet space, enhanced landscaping, right down to new management and a new 50-member staff that teams up to provide customer-friendly service.

"Come in and check out our new look," offers Sam VanDusen, Coyote's general manager, who adds that the fresh look extends to friendly and inviting new concepts in hospitality service.

The clubhouse, expanded to 3,200 square feet, now can comfortably seat up to 200 people with the addition of banquet space. The emphasis here is on providing a market year round for wedding receptions, showers, bereavement gatherings, Christmas parties, and special events, according to Mellisa Parr, restaurant manager. "We also have a smaller room where companies can hold breakfast or luncheon meetings," she added.

Besides booking hospitality events, Parr also oversees the restaurant and an all-new, very friendly wait staff. David Krupin, formerly at The Preserve Golf Club in Fenton, has taken over chef duties in the kitchen. With the help of line



"He uses more than 16,000 flowers on the golf course and grounds... It's probably one of the best kept courses in the area."

Sam VanDusen
general manager

cooks Diana Watkins and Trevor Allen, his new menu runs the gamut from burgers, ribs, stir fry, sliders, to regional favorites like quesadillas and Thai. Daily specials for lunch and dinner satisfy hungry golfers, who along with other diners, can also enjoy great weather and a beautiful view while dining on Coyote's patio.

"Weekends we do barbecues on the patio, with chicken, burgers, brats, watermelon, chips, and cookies," Parr said. "It's fast food for the golfers, which they appreciate," added VanDusen.

Parr is offering special summer events on the patio as well. During July, for example, music on the patio will lure diners outside to enjoy the beat and eat.

Coyote Golf Club staff go out of their way to make golf outings delicious fun. Golfers can enjoy beer carts set up on the course, and then feast on a great buffet after play. "We can set up anything - do steaks on the grill, mostaccioli, whatever they want," Parr said, adding that any outing, from corporate to fund raising, can be accommodated.

Back in the bar area, thirsty

customers enjoy daily drink specials and popular arcade games, like Golden Tee 2004 and Megatouch. Eight TVs add to the bar's comfortable atmosphere.

PGA golf professional Jason Raney heads the pro shop where leagues, outings, and tee times can be arranged.

"We have increased the number of leagues, but there are still openings," he said. Raney's two assistants, Nicholas Thompson and Jay McNeill, provide lessons by appointment, and junior golf clinics for the younger set aged 8 to 16 can be arranged.

"Our senior rates start at age 50 and the lady's rate for any age is available Monday through Friday before noon and weekends after 3 p.m.," Raney said. The fully stocked pro shop also sells top name brand products.

The 18-hole championship course offers four different sets of tees for all levels of ability, a driving range, and full practice facility. Patrick Naszradi, course superintendent and his crew of 10 work their magic in giving Coyote its unique look.

"He uses more than 16,000 flowers on the golf course and grounds to create the American flag, Red Wings logo, Michigan State University and U of M logo, and our coyote," said VanDusen. "It's probably one of the best kept courses in the area."

Unique woodcarvings throughout enhance the course as well. Environmental-friendly electric golf carts can traverse the six and a half miles of asphalt paths around the course,

DETAILS

Visit Coyote Golf Club and discover friendly service along with expanded banquet facilities and new restaurant features. Golf outings and leagues are still available for 2003 and 2004. Coyote Golf Club is located at 28700 Milford Road in New Hudson. Call (248) 486-1228 for more information. Visit Coyote Golf Club on the web at www.coyotegolfclub.com and reserve tee times online anytime night or day. Updates and discount coupons are also available on the website. Enjoy the restaurant and bar area, open from 6 a.m. till midnight to serve golfers and diners.

or golfers may walk if preferred. Coyote's updated Web site, at www.coyotegolfclub.com, allows golfers to book reservations online as well as print out handy discount coupons. Rate information, menus, updates on outings, and photos of the course and facility can be found on the website, Raney said.

Coyote's managers and staff invite you to stop on by and see for yourself how friendly the newly improved golf club can be.

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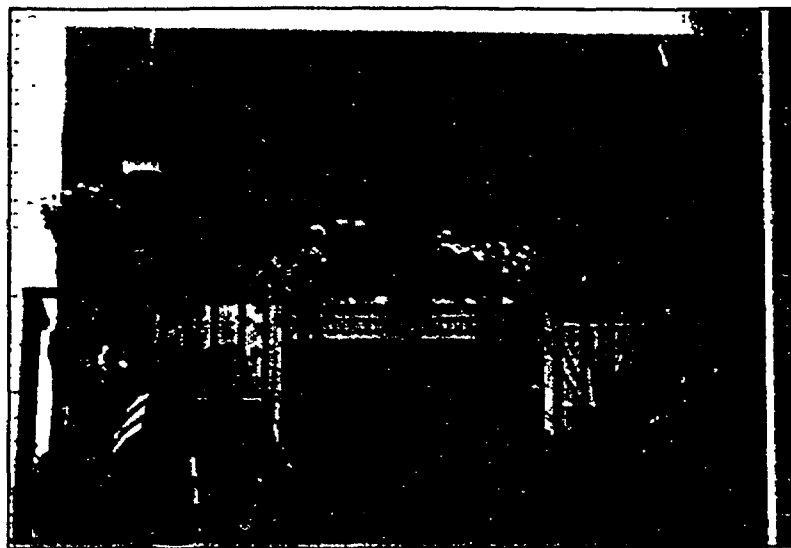
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Yard not needed

Flowers, furniture, whimsy bring patio gardens to life

By Annette Jaworski
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Holly Brandt discovered she didn't need a yard to enjoy a garden. When she and her husband Tim moved into their New Hudson apartment, they converted their patio into their own little patch of greenery.

"I'm between houses, so this is my garden," Brandt said. "I just want to make it as much like a yard as possible."

The couple resides in Pendleton Park apartments in New Hudson, which recently hosted a "Prettiest Patio" contest. Their third-floor balcony area was one of three selected winners of the contest.

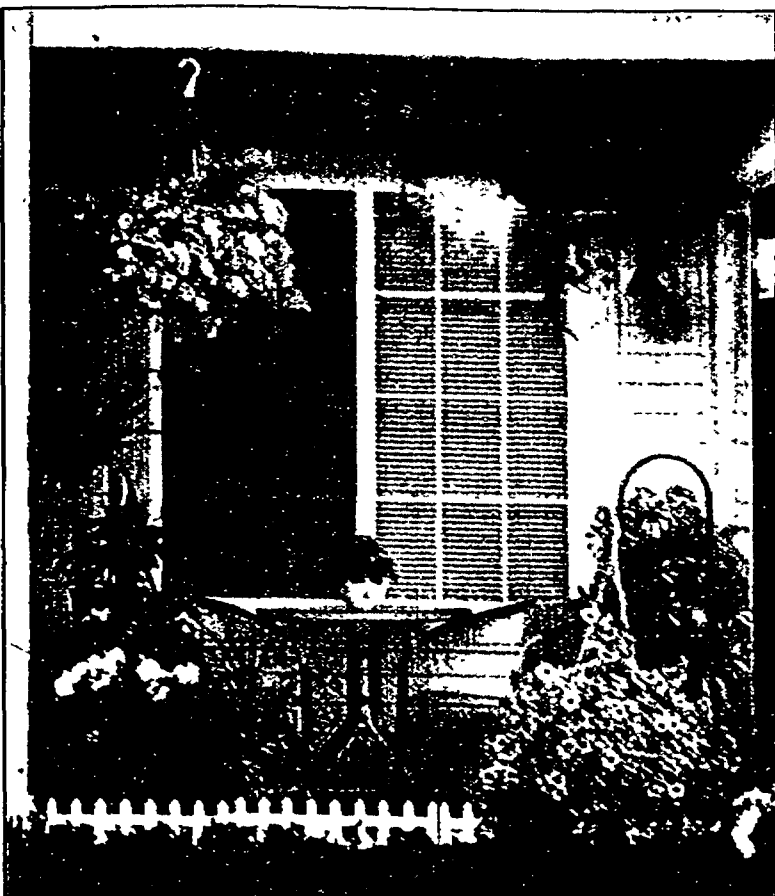
First-place winners Scott and Shiril Sims, who moved into the complex from a three-acre parcel, also decided to make the most of their open space. Many other fellow residents enjoyed brightening up their patios and balconies as well.

Flowers were by far the most popular way to add color and beauty to containers, hanging baskets, and window boxes. Others hung up colorful lawn and garden accents, such as flags or

wind chimes. Some patios featured comfortable lounge chairs or a chair and tables and a gas grill for those summer barbecues. Some encouraged the wildlife with birdhouses and bird-baths, all in an effort to make their space more welcoming and homey.

Holly says she misses the big garden, but there are advantages to her patio garden. She finds that you don't need as many flowers to make a great impact. At her previous home she felt obligated to coordinate the flowers with her home. Here she feels free "to go crazy with all the colors I like." Her favorites include hot pink, fuchsia and purple. And let's face it, it's much easier to water and weed a smaller space. Tim does the honors with planting, and he can even identify plants by their Latin name.

Using different dimensions can also make a patio or balcony area more attractive and interesting. The Brandts set their pots on wicker stands of different levels. They also used petunias in hanging baskets. You'll find petunias in their window boxes, as well as vine vines that "spill over the balcony," adding dimension and texture. Some of their favorite ways to relax on their



Every year, to encourage residents to enhance the beauty of their space, Pendleton Park Apartments gives away 60 flats of flowers from Eastern Market. Pendleton Park is located at 57715 Grand River Ave., just west of Milford Road.

Photos by TODD VANSICKLE

patio is to sit and listen to music or read. A romantic at heart, Tim says you need to light candles at night for the full effect.

Those with a ground-floor apartment, such as the Sims, and third-place winners Shannon Wilson and Joe Oprisiu have a slight advantage since the patio area appears more open, without the restriction of an upper railing. The open space allows more freedom in arranging big pieces like a table and chairs or a grill.

Lawn furniture was another favorite way to "dress up" the patio and balcony space. There's a wide variety used, including wicker, wrought iron, wood and some of the new composite material such as extruded aluminum. One creative resident built a cozy corner with a full-size table and brown wicker chairs. The table was complete with a checkered tablecloth, just begging for a picnic basket. The Sims

added a green wicker chair and table set, complete with a vase of flowers.

Mike Sherman, one of several judges and fellow resident, says it's amazing to see how many variations residents came up with using the same space and same type of items.

"They all put their own flavor on it," Sherman said.

Ornamental statues were another favorite accent used by creative dwellers. The Sims added flowers to a concrete Labrador retriever statue holding a basket in its mouth. A garland of wisteria added a unique touch to their patio and complemented the hanging baskets of purple petunias.

Shannon Wilson and Joe Oprisiu created a cozy corner with their patio with a tan wicker bistro table and chairs set. They set off their outdoor space with a small white picket fence. The couple also hung some of their indoor plants outside for a breath of fresh air

Fungal disease turns tomato leaves yellow

Q: Something is wrong with my garden soil. My tomatoes get bad each year. They get brown spots on the leaves; the leaves turn yellow and then fall off. It starts at the bottom of the plant and works its way up. Should I dig up the soil or pour bleach on it or what?

A: The soil is not possessed or evil. This is a very common fungal disease of tomatoes called

Home Grown

Gretchen Voyle



Septoria Leaf Spot. Science is so less interesting than

voodoo. Septoria Leaf Spot affects the lower leaves of the tomato plant first. This is because the diseased leaves fell on the soil last year. Bouncing rain, insects or other happenings will transfer the fungus to the leaves.

The leaves develop small brown or black spots. The spots get a yellow ring around them, then the whole leaf turns yellow. It then turns brown, dries out and falls off. This can happen almost as you are watching it. It advances up the plant, missing the fruit and infecting the leaves. Soon, there are tufts of leaves on the ends of the branches and some pathetic small fruit. A native fungus is trashing your exotic South American native tomato plants. For once we are beating up on them. That was to make you feel better, but I'm sure it didn't work. Septoria has minor effects on native plants. They have lived together for centuries. The exotic tomato has no defenses, so you have to provide them if you want something to go with the bacon and mayo. The key to success is using a fungicide. Daconil 2787 or Ortho Multipurpose Fungicide needs to be applied at seven- to ten-day intervals. The usual time to begin spraying is when the tomatoes are the size of dinky marbles or when you see the very first spot. Fungi are very unforgiving. Once they move into a leaf, they stay and ruin it. You can prevent fungal diseases; you cannot cure them. If you had Septoria in the past, it will be there every year in the future. Guaranteed.

Spray the plants now and any leaves that are not infected will be protected. Anything with spots or yellowing is beyond the point of rescue. Use a pressurized sprayer, not a hose end sprayer. Hose end sprayers cannot control the water and chemical properly.



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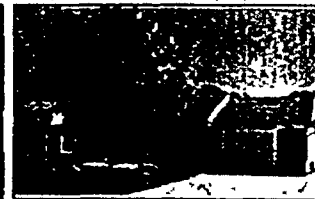
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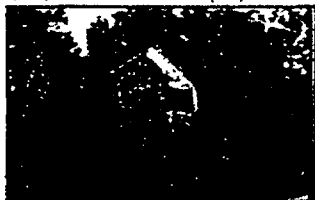
FARMINGTON HILLS - Fabulous immaculate home on wooded lot. Elegance surrounds you! Lovely 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath Cape Cod on wooded lot. Neutral T/O w/ every amenity. Gourmet kitchen w/ granite, master suite w/ luxury bath, library w/ French drs & built in bookcases. Lush landscaping.

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NOVI - Beautifully designed home! In a wonderful small sub. Dazzling kitchen & breakfast area, ideal family room, den, heated sunroom, great master suite, finished walkout, patio, deck & splendid finished touches.

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\$467,500 (80LYO2) (248) 348-6430



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BRIGHTON AREA \$220,000

7385 Herbst

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OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM

BRIGHTON AREA \$203,900

3117 Telluride

2 bedrooms, 2 baths. Off Grand River near Hackley. Beautiful Lake Edgewood condo large kitchen, wood windows. 4 season room off master suite w/hot tub. Private fenced in patio. Full basement plumbed for full bath. Hostess: Karen Cooper, Ext. 691

OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM

BRIGHTON AREA \$380,000

5387 Greenfield

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HOWELL AREA \$328,900

4762 Golf Club Rd.

E. of Linton, N. of Gr. River. Stunning new constr., country setting on 2 acres yet minutes to shopping in Howell. Brighton, I-96 & 23. Paved rd. 4 extra large BRs, 2.5 BAs, 2450 s.f., CA, GR with 13 ceilings, wall of windows & see-thru FP to DR. Daylight basement. 1st fl. laundry. Hostess: Susan Davidson, Ext. 645

OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM

HOWELL AREA \$299,900

675 W. Caledonia

4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Immaculate brick Colonial. Quiet neighborhood. Florida room, many upgrades. 3 car/2 bay garage. Hardwood & ceramic floors, Jacuzzi tub, skylight, energy efficient fireplace S. of M-59, W. of Michigan Ave. Hostess: Valerie Thomas, Ext. 670

OPEN HOUSE 12-3 PM

HOWELL AREA \$389,000

3288 Lakewood Shores

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OPEN HOUSE 12-4 PM

FOWLERVILLE AREA \$247,000

4060 Hogback Rd.

3+ bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Not a drive-by! Beautiful ranch, hot tub room, huge finished walkout lower level on 3 country acres. 42x48 pole barn, Grand River W - 3 miles past airport/discount mall, left on Hogback. MLS#23056922. Hostess: Jean Ladford, Ext. 269

OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM

HOWELL AREA \$174,500

91 S. Burkhart Rd.

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HOWELL AREA \$279,900

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HIGHLAND AREA \$289,999

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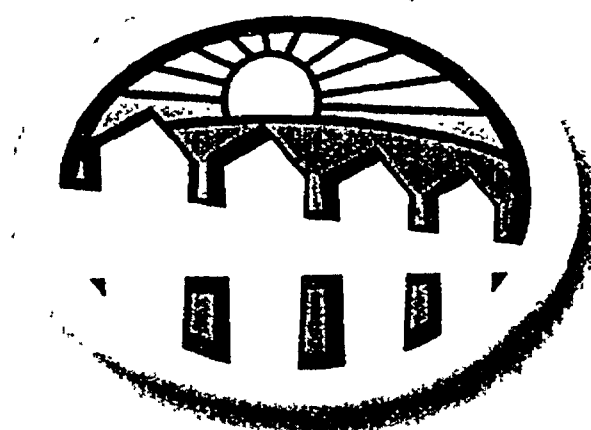


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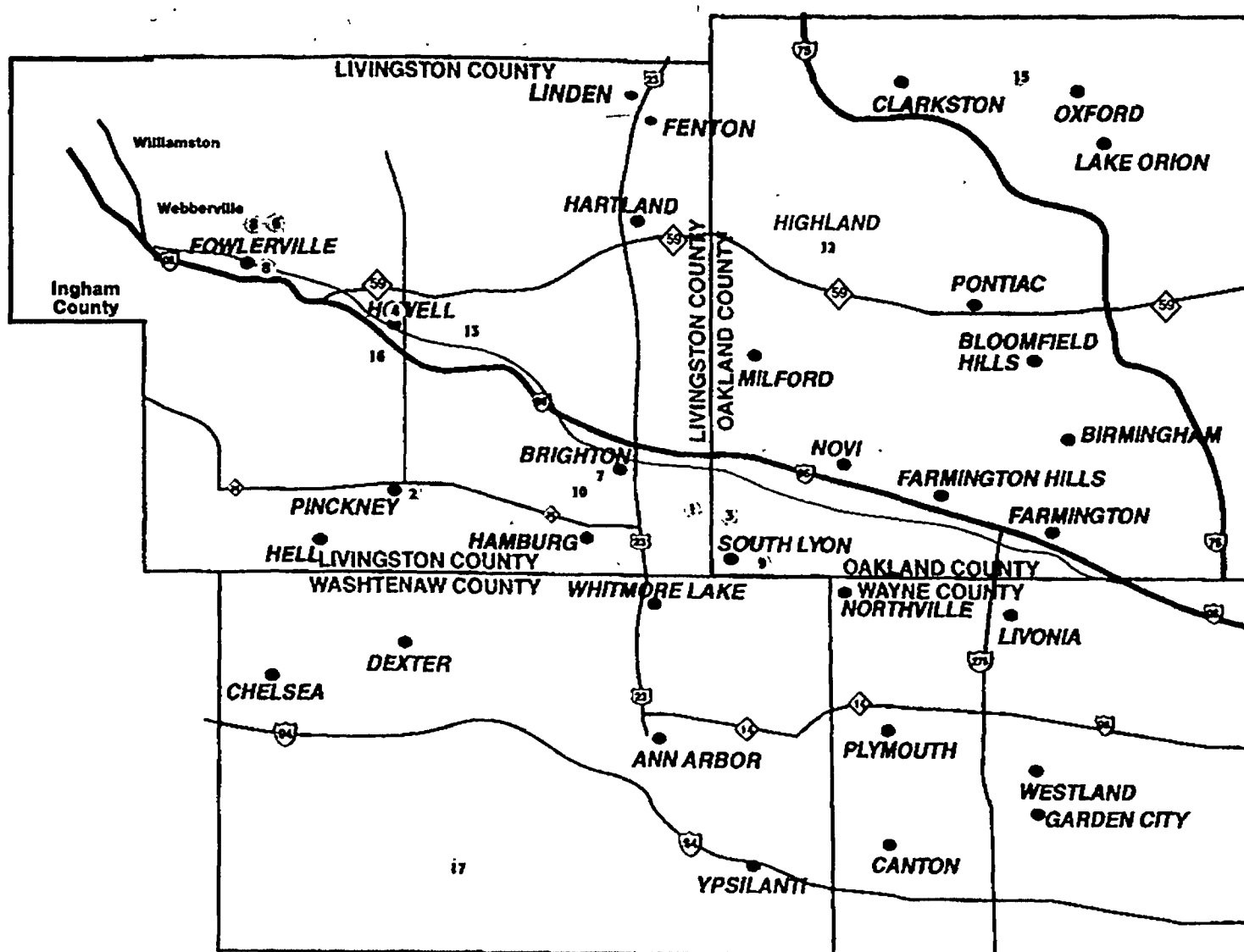


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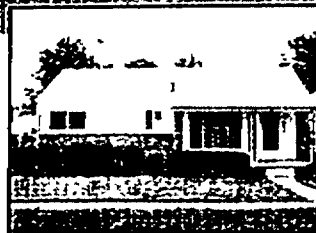
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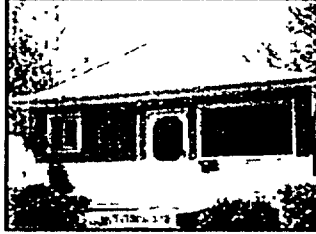
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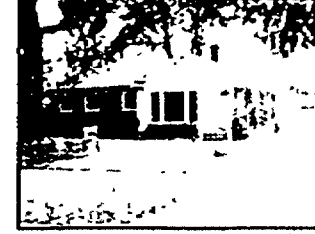
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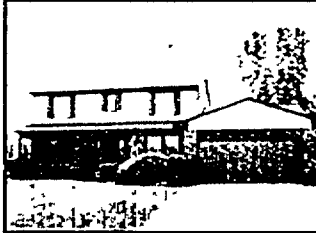
FARMINGTON HILLS - Beautiful Oakcrest Condo with 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, walk-in closet, cathedral ceilings in living & family rooms, fresh paint & carpet, bonus room over 2 car attached garage, same floor laundry fireplace & balcony. All appliances stay. Water included. \$184,900 (40LAU) 248-349-5600



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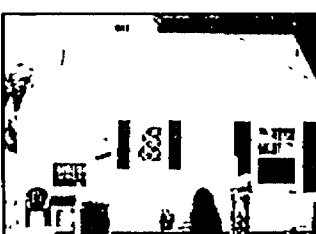
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REDFORD - Great curb appeal. Cute 2 bedroom Bungalow with room for upstairs expansion, offers spacious updated oak kitchen and bath, newer siding, furnace, central air, humidifier, hot water heater & more. \$112,000 (50NOR) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - A special place to live. Away from the urban crush. Master suite to match any Foyer, library, dinette & kitchen in hardwood floors. Kitchen has a ton of oak cabinets & appliances, double-door entry to library with built-in book cases. \$639,900 (72KAT) 734-455-5600



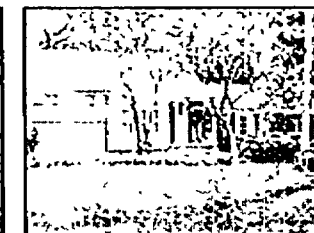
LIVONIA - Wonderful updated Ranch. Two car attached garage, finished basement, 1 1/2 baths, 3 bedrooms, great location. Close to park & rec area. Don't miss out. \$218,900 (25WES) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN - Great home. Four bedroom, 1 1/2 bath family home in nice location, close to schools, shopping and transportation, plus 2 car garage and full basement. \$124,990 (33ARG) 734-455-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Four car garage. All brick 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Ranch home. The rear covered porch with hot tub, newer baths, Andersen windows. Superbly finished basement with full bath. Four car garage is heated and has 220 line. Don't wait, won't last. \$199,900 (64TRE) 248-349-5600



SOUTHFIELD - Great opportunity. Brick Ranch on approx. 1 acre with 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, family room & large eat-in kitchen. Knoty pine interior for up-north feel. Part-finished basement with built-in bar. Master with walk-in closet & built-ins. Newer roof, furnace, hot water heater, central air & attached 2 car garage. \$184,900 (14FOR) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Forest Creek Condo. Gorgeous 2 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, 2 story with open floor plan & sky lights. Two-way fireplace in great room, first floor master with double shower in bath. Fantastic finished lower level with kitchen & media center. Many extras. \$489,900 (11CHE) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Unique home. Gorgeous home inside & out, updated carpet, windows & patio. Has central air, huge yard, large master bedroom with wood-burning stove. Second bedroom home on property can be used as rental - pull in some extra income! \$227,000 (89ORA) 734-455-5600



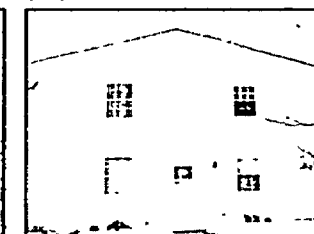
GARDEN CITY - Great updated Ranch. Cute 3 bedroom brick home with newer furnace, central air, electric, roof, windows & carpet. Glass block windows in finished basement, doorwall to patio & large 2 car garage. \$139,900 (71CA) 734-455-5600



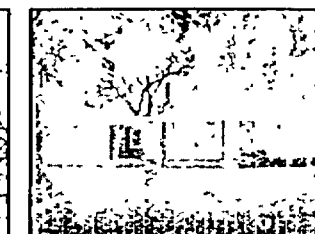
PLYMOUTH - Quiet street, downtown. Walk to Hines Park! Living room refinished hardwood floors, cove ceiling & picture window. Kitchen, newer Terra Cotta ceramic tile & eating area. Most windows, newer crown molding in bedroom. Bath, newer ceramic tile, vanity & lighting. Deck & garage. Home protection plan. \$209,000 (45HOL) 734-455-5600



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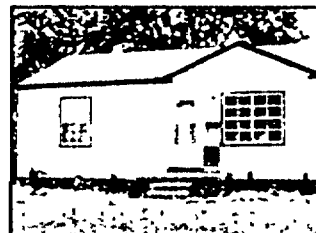
WALLED LAKE - Bonus Florida room. Upper 2 bedroom Ranch Condo in excellent location with a lot of updates. Newer kitchen & bath. Stove, refrigerator, washer & dryer all stay. Attached garage & large living room. Close to shopping & freeway. Pets are welcomed. Home warranty included. \$119,900 (52LAK) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Great treed lot. This spotless Ranch shines with pride of ownership. Seller hates to leave. Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home with formal dining room, fireplace, finished basement, 2 car garage & more. You'll love the approximate 6 acre lot & location too. Better hurry. \$187,500 (25HIL) 248-349-5600



DEARBORN - All brick beauty! Three bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Tudor-style Colonial with hardwood floors, covered ceilings, old world charm, family room & finished basement. \$214,000 (40WAR) 734-455-5600



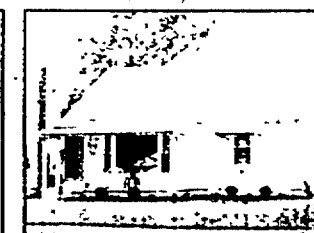
GARDEN CITY - This home needs a family. Charming 3 bedroom Ranch offering new roof, carpeting, floor in kitchen & some newer windows. New driveway in 2002. \$109,000 (21KRA) 734-455-5600



TAYLOR - Attention builders! Home sits on 4 total lots, possible splits available. Cozy home features central air, fireplace with insert, open kitchen, circle drive & covered patio. Just needs your finishing touches. All appliances stay. \$149,900 (31WIL) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Simply delightful. Three bedroom Ranch with 2 full baths (1 in master). A separate dining & family room with fireplace. Two car attached garage & full basement. Oversized lot in country setting. Dynamic kitchen, plenty of other updates, furnace, windows, hot water heater, landscaping & more. \$217,900 (10WOO) 248-349-5600



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REDFORD - Picture perfect. Better than renting. Three bedroom Ranch with newer white kitchen, furnace, air conditioning, roof, concrete, landscaping and windows updated. Soft neutral colors throughout. Move-in condition. \$119,900 (26NOR) 248-349-5600



DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Move-in condition. Three bedroom brick Ranch with bathroom, eat-in kitchen, dining L, spacious living room, all vinyl windows & two car garage. \$150,000 (63SIL) 734-455-5600



TAYLOR - Clean and updated 3 bedroom, finished basement with full bath, new furnace, roof, central air, hot water heater and appliances stay. Move-in condition, beautiful kitchen. \$123,000 (40ZIE) 734-455-5600



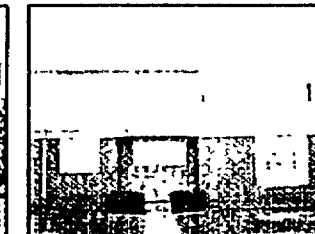
VAN BUREN - Wonderful Colonial. Large 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial offering 2 car attached garage, basement, beautiful landscaping, master suite with walk-in closet, formal dining room & much more. \$247,000 (85ANH) 734-455-5600



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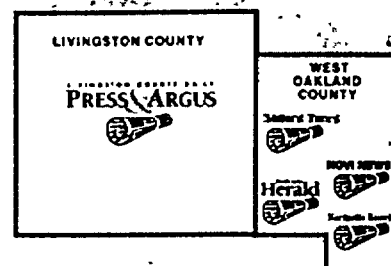
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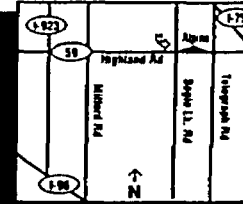
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MOVING SALE 48933 W 7 Mile Rd (1 mi. W of Beck Rd.) Furniture, electronics, computers, office furniture, lawn equipment, tools, saddles, books, CDs, vintage clothing 8:30am to 6pm on Sat. July 26 & Sun. July 27.

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car seat, Little Tikes platform slide, golf set, workbench, Step 2 dishwasher/sink, Cozy Coupe toddler car Children's clothing, sizes 4 to 7 Electronic toys & games, high chair, Power wheels w/ platform Bed rails, Smith Corona electric typewriter, puzzle, books, games, stuffed animals and more Sat. July 26, 9am to 3pm 430 Verkes St. 7 Mile & Northville Rd/S Main St. NO EARLY BIRDS! Rain or shine

NOVI Street wide Garage Sale,

Fri. & Sat. 9-5pm Austin Dr. Nov Rd. & Old Nov Rd

NOVI 21564 Bramblewood N

off 10 Mile, E. of Beck Thurs (7/24) & Fri (7/25) 10am-4pm

NOVI Household, hardware,

used lumber, doors tools, antiques, furniture, oak beams/ trim/ tables/ chairs, used building materials 46675 W 12 Mile July 26-27, 9-6pm

PINCKNEY Arrowhead Sub

Fri-Sat, 8-5 Furniture, household items, electronics decorative 5641 Navao Trail, off Chilson

Garage Sales (7110)

PLYMOUTH - 41793 Five Mile,

bet. Haggerty & Bradner. July 24 & 25, 8-4pm.

SOUTH LYON July 25-26, 10-4pm

220 Audubon. Lots of holiday items, lawn mower, washer & much more.

SOUTH LYON garage sale

Thurs., Fri. 9-4 Household & sporting goods. 13149 10 Mile. 59045 Francy Lane. See signs

SOUTH LYON Thurs-Sat. 6:010

Brooklyn Rd. off Pontiac Tr bet. 5 Mile & N. Territorial

SOUTH LYON Thurs, Fri, Sat.

9-5. Martindale N. of 11 Mile. 59045 Francy Lane. See signs

SOUTH LYON 1035 Oxford,

Singer sewing machine in fine wood cabinet, exercise items, adult clothes, 700-800 LP albums & much, much more! 1st sale in 10 years Fri (7/24) & Sat (7/25) 9-5pm

SOUTH LYON Lotza stuff!

Collectibles, double bed, counted cross stitch stuff, stuffed animals. 420 Ada St., 7-26-7/27, 9am-4pm

SOUTH LYON - July 25th &

26th, 9-3pm 157 Wellington. Household items, garage stuff, tools & misc.

SOUTH LYON - Lots of craft

supplies, samples, books, clothing, toys & furniture. July 25-27, 9-5pm. 24300 Farnham Dr., bet. Griswold & Milford Rd.

SOUTH LYON, July 25, 26,

27, 9am to 3pm. 397 University, off Pontiac Trail, between 9 & 10 Mile Rds. Lots of girls clothes, newborn thru 31, adult clothes, toys, baby items and misc.

WHITMORE LAKE 2 Family

Thurs/Fri. 7/24-25, 9am-3pm. Household items, furniture, clothes, misc home & garden 9022 Posey off Eastshore Dr

Moving Sales (7130)

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FARMINGTON HILLS 37856

W Meadow Hill, off 9 Mile & Halstead Sat-Sun, 9-3 Living room furniture, desk, lots of toys, Little Tikes, housewares & more

HOWELL LARGE MOVING

SALE! Antique furniture, household items. Reasonably priced, must sell! No early sales! 7/26 & 7/27, 8am-7:30pm 3260 Eager Rd. W. of Latson, N. of M59

Moving Sales (7130)

HOWELL Everything must go!

Something for everyone! July 25-26-27, 8-5pm. 403 S. Tompkins Mens clothing, toys, automotive, furniture.

NOVI - Selling Everything in

the Apartment! Meadowbrook Common Senior Apartments Meadowbrook Rd., Apt. 328. Call (843) 267-4518 Open Fri. July 25th & Sat. 26th, 10-7

PINCKNEY MOVING

Furniture, tv, plants, stereo equip. Kitchen table set, bedroom set, 7/24-7/26: 10-5 pm. 1648E M36 corner Howell Ln

SOUTH LYON - Household,

misc items, furniture, tools, Corvette & Chevy parts July 24th - 27th, 9-5pm. 11861 Shenandoah, Centennial Farms

Household Goods (7140)

\$145 BED A brand new queen double pillow mattress set. New, in plastic, w/warranty. Can deliver. 517-490-9404

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BEDROOM, A cherry 9 pc.

sleigh set, all hardwood/dove tailed & left line drawers New in box Cost \$6500, must sell \$1950 248-939-0013

Household Goods (7140)

BRAND NEW Queen Size 21"

Paper top Englander Royal Impressions mattress set. Sells for \$1,100, will sell \$350. (full size \$325, king size \$450). Call (517) 655-1355.

BUNK/LOFT BED with mat-

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DINING ROOM cherry solid

wood, double pedestal table w/leaves, lighted hutch & buffet, 8 Chippendale chairs, side-let. New in box w/factory warranty Cost \$10K. Must sell \$2250. 248-939-0013

ELECTRIC WASHER/DRYER

gas stove, floor console TV, freezer, kitchen table w/ 6 chairs, end tables All for \$500, or inquire per unit. Call (248) 486-9236 after 5pm.

FURNITURE SALE!

Sofa, chairs, dresser, cedar chest, end tables, etc. Best Offer. (248) 486-6030

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fee table, matching sofa table, benches. (248) 344-9853

LOVELY 5 PIECE Wall unit

Quail style & make Exc. Cond. \$1500/best 517-685-7656

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Dresser, great pine Hutch, Oak dining table, (810) 220-2783

MOVING! Provincial Cherry

piano, mant. Sacrifice, \$1,500 Cream formal sofa, \$600 Metal Masters kitchen set w/6 chairs, \$300. Occasional chairs, \$100 each. All pristine cond. (248) 348-2479

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5 piece bedroom set w/king headboard, casual table w/4 chairs, sofa, chair, recliner, rocker, tea cart, stereo equip (248) 348-9237

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Saturday, July 26, 10:00 am
Real Estate offered at Noon
US-231-75 to Cornuda Rd./M-21 ext #118
west 3 miles to Elms Rd.
north to 1347 N. Elms Rd., Flint
Real Estate: 31 acres, Ranch home, 6 barns. Sewer easement along north border w/ taps. Call for terms
1995 2-horse Trail RT, Kubota L2550 tractor w/loader, 3 pt equipment, lawn tractors, horses (grade mare,

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HOT TUB - Brand new, 7 person, 44 jets, dual 5 hp pump, warranty cover retail \$7500 Sell \$4350 313-384-3179

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MITSUBISHI 61m cc TV LCD screen \$1000/best

Farm Equipment (7330)

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FOUND Dog, long hair, black Green/Green Pine Dr 7/17 810-923-1124, 586-219-1599

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Auto Misc (8150)

Lost & Found-Pets (7190)

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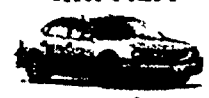
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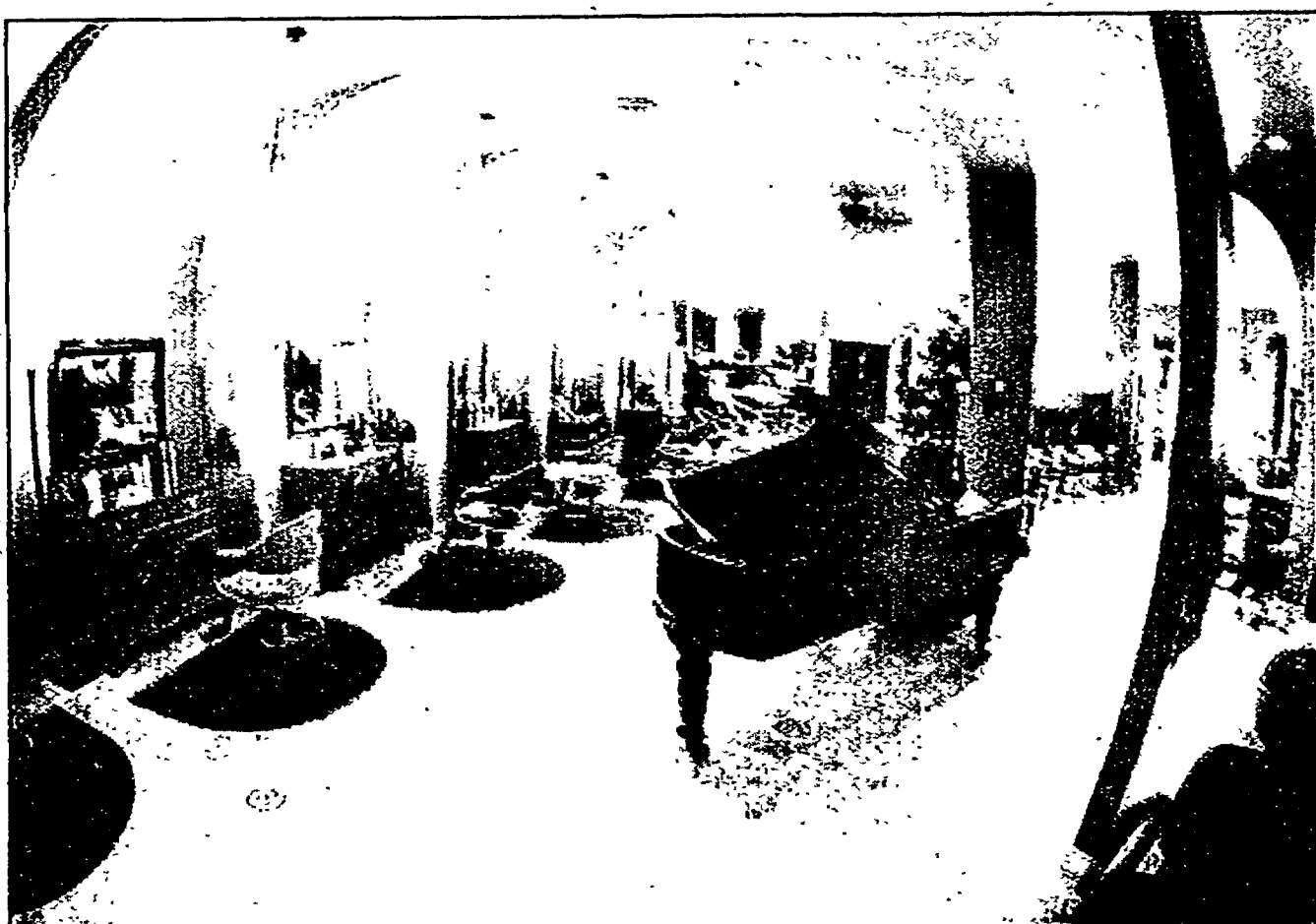
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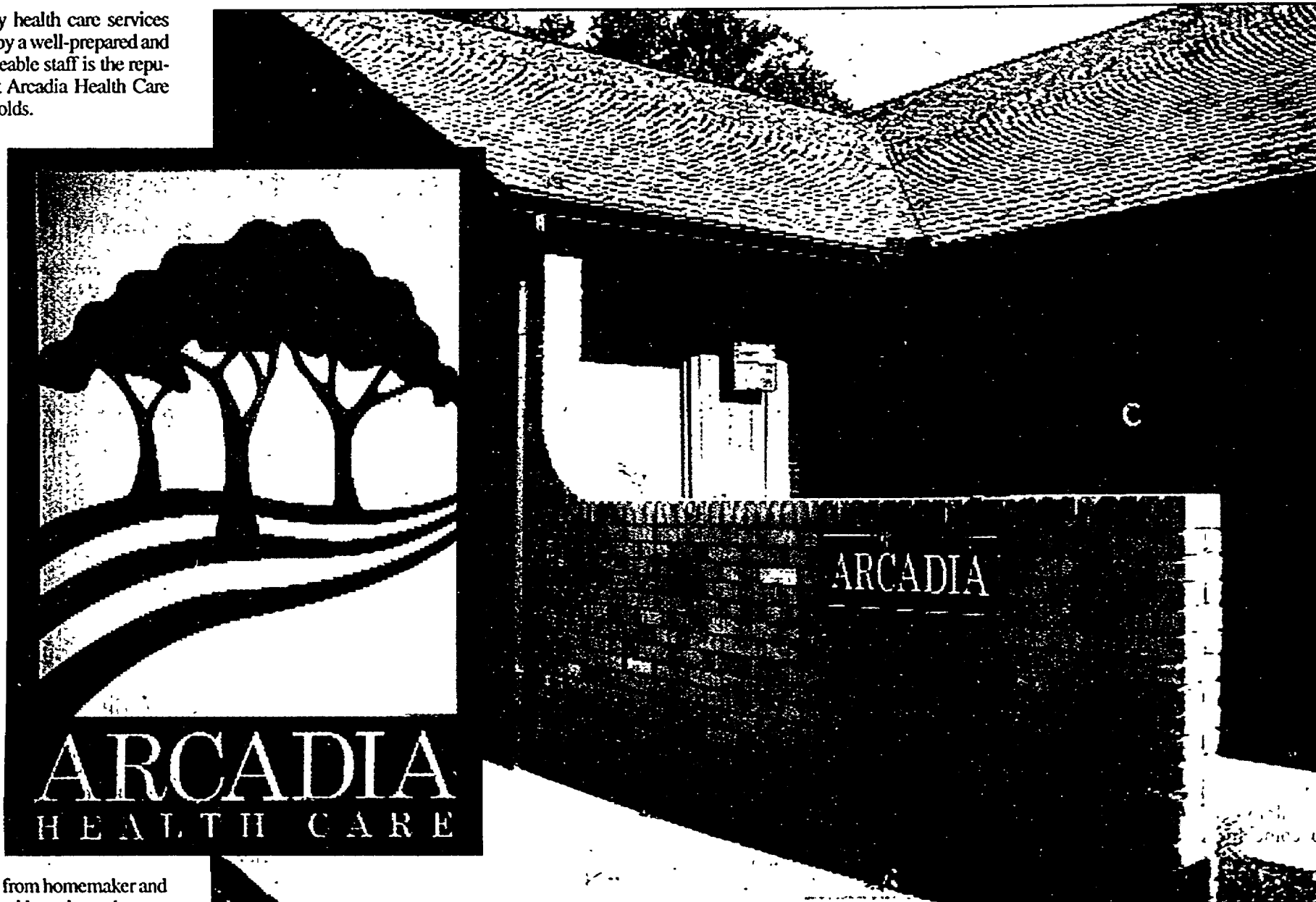
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Lori Szymanskim of Arcadia Health Care.



Linda Cohen of Arcadia Health Care.



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Donna and Larry Podpora, owners of Donna and Larry's Flowers in Northville, are surrounded by their dog Sammy and Larry's mother Theresa.

Donna and Larry's Flowers
(248) 349-2380

Donna and Larry Podpora have built their florist business on the old standards — service and satisfaction.

The owners of Donna and Larry's Flowers on Novi Road in Northville have been serving the community for 19 years and they take pride in customer service.

"From making a special delivery to exhausting every avenue to find a specific flower that a customer must have — we pride ourselves in serving the customers," added Larry.

And it isn't just helping with floral and gift arrangements; it is the family atmosphere that brings customers back.

Larry's mother, Theresa, is a friendly sight in the shop, greeting customers and acting "grandmotherly" to the many children who come in and share cookies or candy.

Even the Podpora's 1-year-old golden retriever Sammy gets into the act by greeting customers — just as the Podpora's other dog, Jamie, did for the past 13 years until his death this past May.

"Being husband and wife owners means that our hands are on every order that leaves the shop," Larry said. "Each order passes a stiff test — it must be something that we would be pleased to receive."

Donna added, "People call us and thank us for what we do — we get very good feedback."

Donna and Larry's Flowers offers a wide variety of flowers, cards, gifts, plants and silk flower arrangements, which can be shipped anywhere.

Store hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday; and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

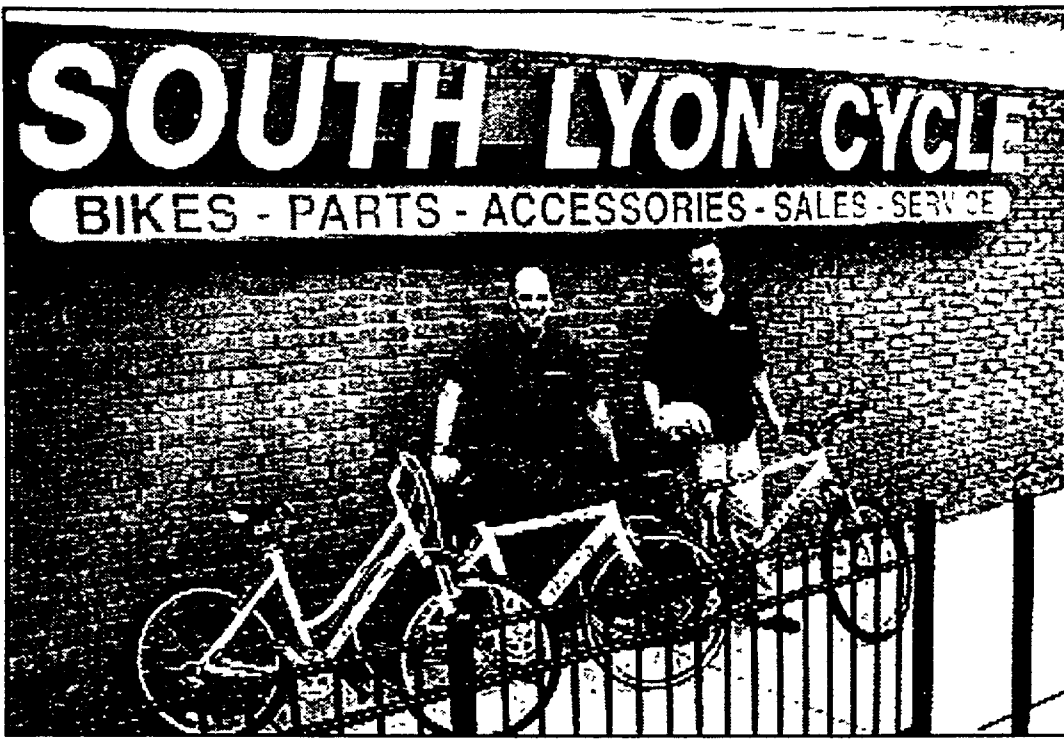


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Gary Childs, left, and his brother Mark Childs offer the latest in name-brand bicycles, parts, accessories and service at reasonable prices.

South Lyon Cycle
(248) 437-0500

As the owners and operators of South Lyon Cycle, the Childs brothers are devoted to bikes.

South Lyon Cycle stocks a large selection of bicycles at great values — including hard-to-find women's, children's and comfort models! Mountain, Comfort, Hybrid, Road, Cruiser, BMX, Freestyle and kids' bicycles from top brands including Trek, Giant and Haro are offered with expert assembly of all bikes from 12, 16, 20 and 24-inch wheel bikes for children to adult models.

Customers are sold a bike that meets their needs with proper fit for comfort and safety emphasized.

Helmets are recommended and correct sizing and fit for safety and comfort is free.

South Lyon Cycle offers an extensive

parts inventory and popular accessories — including trailers, pedal trailers, child carriers, bike carriers, and women's and men's gel comfort saddles.

One-day repair service is available on all brands.

Tune-ups are a specialty for better performance and safety of any bike.

South Lyon Cycle sponsors two charitable bicycle events — The American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure and The Multiple Sclerosis Society MS 150.

South Lyon Cycle is located in downtown South Lyon at 209 S. Lafayette (Pontiac Trail), two blocks south of Ten Mile — minutes from Northville, Novi and the surrounding area.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

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Dr. Allen Tuchklaper of Novi Family Dental Center helps raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital by offering a discount on teeth whitening from March to June.

Novi Family Dental Center

(248) 348-3100

Good oral hygiene is very important; and good healthy teeth should be cosmetically appealing too.

Those two aspects of dental health can be found at the Novi Family Dental Center on Ten Mile Road in Novi.

The business is a full-service dental center, treating adults and children. One of the specialties is the same-day ceramic crown.

The center is operated by Dr. Allen Tuchklaper and his staff of six employees and two dental hygienists.

Dr. Tuchklaper is a graduate of the University of Michigan Dental School and has studied at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Dental Esthetics — giving him an extensive background in cosmetic dentistry.

"There are so many new and exciting things in cosmetic dentistry today — that

almost anyone can have a beautiful smile in a very short time," said Pat Webb, office manager.

The center's philosophy is to give back to the community. The staff visits day care centers and schools in Novi to teach oral hygiene to children.

"We also have a no-cavity club for the kids and their names are printed in the Novi News each month," added Webb.

Dr. Tuchklaper is a member of the Crown Council, a group of dentists who raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital and his work with the Novi Family Dental Center has a direct impact on the fund-raising efforts.

"We offer a discount on teeth whitening from March to June every year — and 100 percent of the money goes to St. Jude's," said Webb.



Photo by JOHN HALL

Owner Mary Mansour, left, and Dawna Bennett provide friendly and courteous service to customers in search of used or new books.

Read It Again Books

(248) 474-6066

If book readers want to pay a lot less for their favorite pastime, then Read It Again Books in Novi is the place to visit.

The store offers a wide selection of previously read books as well as audios and new release books, which are also discounted.

"We strive to be very customer-friendly, including helping customers locate hard-to-find books," said Mary Mansour, owner of Read It Again Books. "We have a clean and comfortable store in which to shop."

Some of the customer benefits include a frequent reader program, new best seller rentals and customer want lists.

"We trade our want lists with other bookstores in order to help locate books for our customers," added Mansour.

The frequent-reader coupon prints out

on the customer receipt after 25 purchases and is redeemable for a free used paperback of the customer's choice.

Even little things are important to store customers.

"We package purchases in brightly colored bags which are a real hit with our customers who tell us they see them all over town," said Mansour. "They get a lot of re-use as lunch bags!"

With discounts and friendly customer service, Read It Again Books has developed a happy and relaxed customer base.

"Our store is an oasis in a day of stress," Mansour added. "It is friendly, there is no pressure and there are many book treasures to find."

Read It Again Books is located on Grand River Avenue, near Haggerty Road, in Novi.

Kensington Motorsports

(248) 446-0000

Kensington Motorsports offers a sneak peak at excitement and the service to make owning a motorcycle, dirt bike, snowmobile or waverunner nothing but fun.

Kensington Motorsport's 10,000-square-foot showroom is filled with the latest model bikes, including Yamaha, Polaris, Artic Cat, Suzuki and Kawasaki.

"In fact the Suzuki line is brand spanking new," said Rob Ritchie, sales manager for Kensington Motorsports. "And the '04 models have landed on select models."

Along with motorcycles, customers will find quads, dirt bikes and Kawasaki, Yamaha and Polaris waverunners. And, the staff is able to answer questions, offer

suggestions and help each customer select the perfect one.

Besides, special financing deals make it an ideal time to shop.

For example, Kawasaki is offering 2.99 APR on selected models. Yamaha is offering 3.9 percent financing until January 2005. And Polaris has zero down, zero interest and zero payments for six months. Payments can be as low as \$29 per month for 24 months or \$39 per month for 36 months.

"There's no better time to buy," said Ritchie.

And, there is no better place to buy than Kensington Motorsports where customer service is a top priority. In fact,



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Kensington Motorsports offers a 10 percent discount for an entire year on any accessories or parts with the purchase of a vehicle.

After selecting the bike, grab the gear. The possibilities are endless with coordinating helmets and racing suits. Customers can select helmets to coordinate with their machine or choose styles ranging from combat fatigue to flamethrowers. The staff, all cyclists and motorsports enthusiasts, are on hand to help customers select the exact features they need.

As a bonus, Kensington Motorsports also services what it sells. The service department is staffed with three certified technicians. The parts and accessories department members also have five years experience each to better help their customers.

Although many of the vehicles are fun, the four wheelers are hard working and handy for agricultural chores. These have

Combining an enormous selection with outstanding customer service, Kensington Motorsports has it all. Modeling the latest Ninjas are; from left, Rob Fuller, Joe Carter, Jeff Franks and Nick Castiglione.

The staff at Kensington Motorsports strives to assist customers anyway they can. From left, front row, are Tom Manosky, Pat DeLonge, Nicole Morse, Joe Carter, Pam Lesonay and Jeff Franks, and in the back row are Kevin Tymensky, Rob Fuller, Nick Castiglione, Store Manager Robert Ritchie and Charles Barolo.

a hundred uses including hauling and pulling.

And although it's summer, Kensington Motorsports is ready for winter with the latest model snowmobiles including Polaris, Arctic Cat and Yamaha.

Kensington Motorsports is located on 56605 Pontiac Trail, New Hudson.

Located near the growing development of Lyon Crossing and Lyon Towne Center at the I-96 and Milford Road exits, Kensington Motorsports is only 25 minutes from Detroit, 20 minutes from Howell, 15 minutes from Brighton, 45 minutes from Lansing and about an hour from Jackson or Toledo.

Stop by today and let the staff at Kensington Motorsports show you how to live life to the fullest.



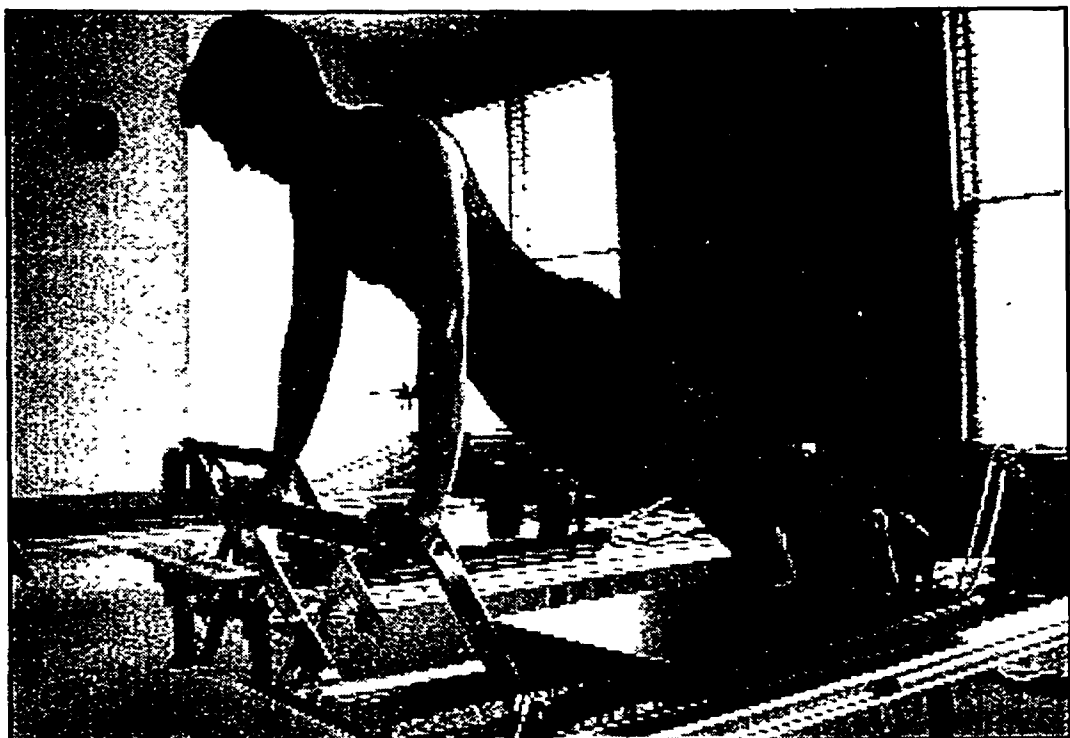


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Heidi Malzahn, co-owner of Poise Pilates, demonstrates one of the many pilates techniques used to increase flexibility and reduce lower back pain.

Poise Pilates (248) 349-3100

Pilates (pul-lah-tees) is a method of strength and flexibility training focusing on the core of the body (abs, glutes and lower back).

Joseph Pilates developed the exercise technique in the 1920s. As a youth, Pilates suffered from physical ailments such as asthma and rickets and dedicated his life to overcoming physical weakness through exercise.

Poise is a fully equipped Pilates studio located at 186 E. Main St., Suite 301, in downtown Northville. It is co-owned by Heidi Malzahn and Susan Steinke. Heidi was first introduced to Pilates over five years ago and after seeing the many positive changes in her own body (better posture, long lean muscles, better flexibility and less lower back pain), she decided to retire from her career as a hairdresser and open her own Pilates studio in July 2001.

"Our goal at Poise is to educate the

Northville community about what Pilates is and how it can benefit them!" Heidi explained.

The truth is, almost anyone can do Pilates. Because the exercises start at an easier level and become progressively more difficult as the body becomes stronger, people from every age group and fitness level can start exercising. The clientele at Poise is diverse: men, women, teens, seniors and dancers, from the unfit to the elite athlete.

The five highly qualified instructors at Poise conduct private and small group sessions by appointment. Prices range from \$16 to \$70 an hour. The 90-minute initial private (\$50) is the best way to start. To achieve maximum benefits, we suggest attending two to three sessions per week.

Take the first step to a stronger body and call for your appointment today at (248) 349-3100.



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Guy and Dawna McNesky of Michigan Water Service have been serving Oakland and Livingston counties for 31 years.

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Since 1972, Michigan Water Service has been providing eastern Michigan with excellent water service.

"We enjoy helping people invest in quality water treatment," said Dawna McNesky, co-owner of the South Lyon-based business. "Our reputation is based on referrals and quality workmanship."

With 31 years of experience in the business, this reputation is well developed.

Dawna does the marketing, accounting and customer service for the company while her husband Guy — who co-owns the business with her — specializes in the sales, service and installation portion of the business.

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Retail hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Evening and weekend appointments are available for water testing and evaluations.

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At far left, Basma Shamoun, pictured at left, and Kathryn Bailey help customers select fabric, furniture, lighting, wall covering, flooring and more in the new selection room of their Northville business. At left, Bailey, left, and Shamoun are ready to help you create the perfect room.

Bailey & Shamoun Interiors (248) 380-7898

If you are seeking a full-line residential or commercial interior designer, look no further than 767 Doheny Drive, in Northville — the address of Bailey & Shamoun Interiors.

Northville's newest interior design studio is a unique partnership between interior designer Kathryn Bailey and architectural designer Basma Shamoun.

"We are one of the few interior design firms in Northville that can offer top to bottom interior design services," said Shamoun. "From selecting the proper floor covering

to finding the perfect accent lighting — we cover everything."

Bailey & Shamoun recently expanded their Northville location to create a sample design room.

"We needed an area to showcase our extensive line-up of brand name upholstery, lighting, bedding, carpeting, and accessories," said Bailey.

Bailey & Shamoun Interiors offers home furnishings from Bernhardt, Taylor King, Wesley Allen, Lloyd Buxton, Hooker, and Brown Jordan. They offer fabrics for custom drapery and bedding

from Kravet, Beacon Hill, Lee Jofa, Pindler, and Robert Allen. They also carry a large selection of home accessories, Fine Art Lamps, original and reproduction artwork. Additionally, Bailey & Shamoun Interiors is the exclusive Detroit Area retailer for highly scented Salt City Candles.

Aside from a dazzling design studio that features luxurious fabrics, extensive marble and granite, and richly unique home accessories, Bailey & Shamoun Interiors prides itself on in-home customer service.

"Our business focuses on relationships — making the place you call home warm and inviting" added Shamoun.

"Life is busy for everyone. We understand how difficult it is to furnish a home amid dual careers, school and sports activities," said Bailey. "As a mother of three myself, I can relate!"

Nonetheless, Bailey & Shamoun's mission is to bring warmth and comfort to the place you call home.

"Our customers are our best form of advertising. People know

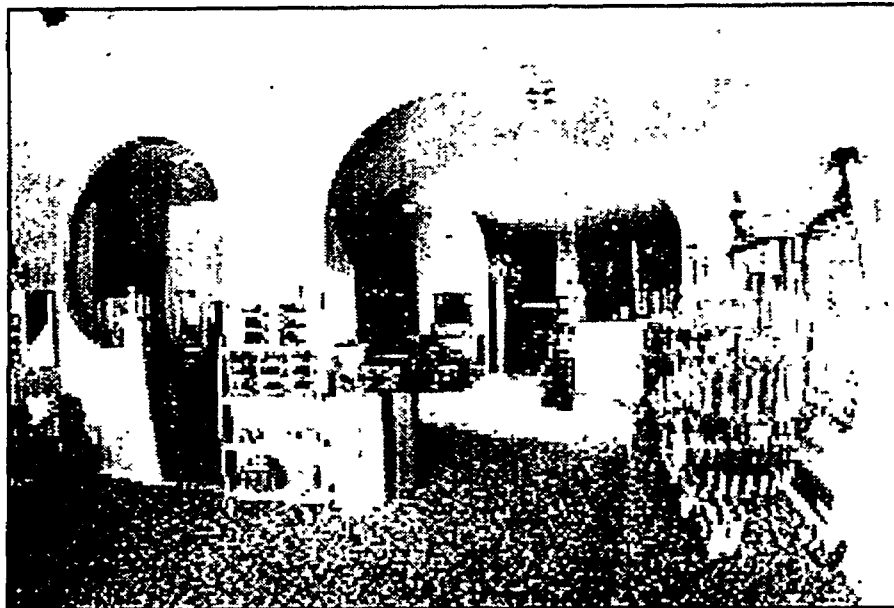
that Bailey & Shamoun Interiors will not call a job complete until the customer is totally satisfied," said Shamoun.

"We've been very blessed with a great clientele," added Bailey. "I truly enjoy getting to know the people I work with."

Bailey & Shamoun Interiors is located at 767 Doheny Drive, in Northville.

Studio hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Thursday, or by appointment.

Home consultations are available by calling (248) 380-7898.



Scapparé offers a wide range of name-brand products, including Aveda, Matrix and Alterna.



Customer comfort is crucial at Scapparé.

Welcome to Scapparé

Your full-service salon

Classy. It's the first word that comes to mind when you walk into Scapparé, the salon and day spa on Pontiac Trail in South Lyon. Soothing is the second word that follows quickly. Owners Chris and Lindsay Cortis have created an atmosphere that combines pampering and luxury with down-home comfort — and it works.

"Scapparé is Italian for 'escape to' and that's just what we are providing — an escape from the everyday. But we also don't want you to feel like you have to get dressed up to come here," says Lindsay.

"We tried to get that Beverly Hills feel with the look of Old-World Europe," says Chris.

Chris claims to be the social butterfly of the salon and loves making people happy. Both enjoy the feeling they get from offering a break to their clients.

It's no wonder they won the 2003 People's Choice Award, presented by HomeTown Newspapers, for the area's best salon.

With soft lighting that makes everyone look good and enough space that manicurists and stylists might never see each other, Scapparé has something for everyone.

Hair salon services include cuts for the whole family, perms, color and highlights.

Each stylist has a station that features an antique dresser and plenty of space.

Skills and styles are constantly being updated at training seminars featuring platform artists from around the world.

And did anyone say facials?

Scapparé's esthetician is the Repechage Skin Care District Trainer who can keep your skin looking its absolute best with a mini-facial, four-layer facial, or a Hydra Refine facial.

European acne treatments, waxing and make-overs are also offered.

Manicures and pedicures are handled by the best nail technicians available.

Bring a girlfriend — or boyfriend — and relax with a glass of wine and a pedicure in the private and cozy alcove that boasts double whirlpool foot baths for just this purpose.

Massage is also offered at Scapparé.

Chris Cortis always gets a massage before golfing.

"It loosens me up and I can swing better," he says.

And yes, his score has improved!

Can't think of where to start? Try a salon package.

The Mosta includes a mini-facial, hair style and make-up application.

Or you can get lost for four or five hours with the Valletta which includes a massage, hair cut and style, manicure, pedicure, four-layer facial and arch, make-up and lunch.

The soft lighting, rich wall colors, gilded mirrors, couches and easy chairs, antiques, and

paintings by local artist Tim Sabados (available for purchase) add to the experience.

On weekends, enjoy a wide range of music played on the 136-year-old grand piano.

Of course, gift certificates and custom packages are available, and parties are encouraged!

Scapparé's commitment to caring extends beyond the salon.

They are a Locks of Love participant, and are actively involved in the South Lyon community.

The salon sponsors women's softball and other athletics, and Destination Imagination, a



Owners Chris and Lindsay Cortis enjoy pampering the customers at Scapparé.

problem-solving competition.

They were also involved in the recent Walk for the Cure fund-raiser, which raised \$2,300.

Product lines available at the salon include Aveda, Matrix and Alterna. Scapparé is the Midwest training facility for the Alterna line.

Looking for some star treatment? Scapparé carries Alterna's Private Reserve White Truffle Luxury shampoo, a Jennifer Aniston favorite.

Hair cuts at Scapparé range from \$45 to \$60, nails (full set) start at \$55, and facials start at just \$35.

Call or come in today to plan your escape from the ordinary at Scapparé!

Scapparé is located at 21190 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday and Friday; and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Scapparé is closed Sunday and Monday.





Submitted photos

Above, on the weekends, Scappare's customers are treated to the melodious sounds of the 136-year-old grand piano during their relaxing visit to the area's premiere salon. At left, the staff of Scappare is ready to pamper you.



Scappare

(248) 437-1112

www.scappare.net

21190 Pontiac Trail
South Lyon

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—Lindsay Cortis
Co-owner of Scappare



Relax and get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life with a massage, hair cut and style or pedicure.



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Jim Seghi of Jim Seghi Renovations will make your house exactly what you want — without the hassle of moving.

Jim Seghi Renovations
(248) 437-2454 • www.jimseghirenovations.com

Thinking about moving? Before you put down that final house payment, think again. Jim Seghi of Jim Seghi Renovations knows the hassle and expense that moving requires, which is why he offers home renovations and additions that will get you the best value for your money.

Jim Seghi started Jim Seghi Renovations in 1989 after realizing he had a knack for fixing up his own house. The company handles kitchens, bathrooms, recreation rooms, master suites, additions and ceramic tiles and services the entire tri-county area in their search for the best value for their buck.

"We know that everyone works hard for their money," explained Seghi. "That's why when the customer spends it, we assess the project and get them the best value possible."

Their professional design and installation

services allow customers to plan ahead and receive exactly what they ordered with the help of the Jim Seghi Renovations team.

"Each customer is different," Seghi said. "Some customers have detailed plans already made and some have no clue what they want. I like taking their thoughts and creating their dream."

For more information, give Jim Seghi Renovations a call at (248) 437-2454.

Customers can also visit the Web site at www.jimseghirenovations.com. The Web site is constantly being updated with numerous renovation and addition pictures as well as links to suppliers so that customers can easily work through the Web site and Jim Seghi Renovations in order to get their dream project finished with the most value and least hassle possible.

— By Stacy Anderson



Photo by JOHN HALL

Sunny Pointe owner Linda and her students are one happy bunch.

Sunny Pointe Child Care Center
(248) 347-6580

In a comfortable, home-like setting, children can gain a multi-cultural experience while enjoying the many activities at the Sunny Pointe Child Care Center in Northville.

The center offers infant care starting at 12 weeks through private kindergarten at five years of age.

"The toddler program, pre-school and full and half-day sessions are taught by certified teachers," said director Linda Orosz, a state certified elementary teacher. "Kindergarten morning session or all-days sessions are also available."

So, what is this multi-cultural experience? "Children have the opportunity to learn about the Japanese culture from the many Japanese children attending — and from the three Japanese teachers on staff," added Orosz.

The center's 18 full- and part-time employ-

ees are well-trained in classes offered by the Child Care Coordinating Council in Basic Child Care Training and Infant/Child CPR.

"We offer outstanding childcare service from a staff that truly cares," said Orosz. "And our clients share the positive experience with friends and coworkers."

"We give little gifts to our clients with our name on them to reinforce awareness, such as pens, key chains, bumper stickers and T-shirts."

Orosz added that parents and guardians can feel at ease when they drop off their children each day.

"You will have peace of mind when leaving your child at Sunny Pointe, knowing that they are in a safe environment with a professional staff and a well-planned program."

Sunny Pointe Child Care Center is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays.

New Hudson Chiropractic Wellness Center • Dr. Paula Ruffin

(248) 486-5684

Despite technological advances and hygiene hysteria it is well known that today's children are suffering from an escalating host of infectious, degenerative and immune/autoimmune disorders.

In the U.S., 5.9 million preschool children had recurrent ear infections (four or more in one year) in 1998. This number is up 44 percent from 1990. The most conceivable answer to this downward health trend can be summed up in one word: STRESS.

Stressors may result in global posture changes which then results in altered nerve function (or central nervous system distortions), then ultimately in disease and pathology.

Because life is experienced and expressed through the central nervous system it is paramount that it functions optimally.

From an early age children are exposed to a wide variety of unnecessary and reducible stressors.

Stressors such as birth trauma and childhood accidents are frequently documented.

School-age children spend most of their time in the seated position. 14 years of desk work and a high incidence of musculoskeletal problems is not a coincidence.

Kids carry heavy backpacks yet we can't understand how 42 percent of symptomatic 15-year-olds have degenerating discs. What about the children who don't have symptoms?

Stressors include continuous bombardment of negative and hostile stimuli which are found in world events, television shows, video games, movies, sports and

music videos.

There is an overabundance of toxic stressors including pesticides, fungicides and herbicides. Perhaps in the attempt to manipulate and control our biological world we have actually weakened our defense system to the point of irreparable immune evolution.

Your children may already be in a state of disease from stress exhaustion and you, the parent, may or may not be aware of it. This stress exhaustion creates distortions in the central nervous system and, over time, slowly breaks down overall health.

Society has been trained to medicate first because it is unaware or uneducated about alternative, non-invasive types of care available. This reactive type of health care will never result in an improved overall state of health for our society.

Studies have shown that chiropractic care may influence the numbers of T and B lymphocytes which assist in our immunity. There have also been studies that show chiropractic positively affects one's state of well-being.

As the country's third-largest primary care provider, chiropractors are urging parents and communities to help our children avoid taking drugs and medications unnecessarily. Better health through chemistry is failing.

New Hudson Chiropractic Wellness Center offers state-of-the-art technology that will objectively help Dr. Paula Ruffin and her staff detect areas of nerve distortion, deliver the appropriate chiropractic care and document and monitor your child's results. The best part about this technology is it takes nothing from the body nor does it put anything in.

The quality of your health is in your own hands.



Photo by ANNETTE JAWORSKI

Dr. Paula Ruffin of New Hudson Chiropractic Wellness Center named her golden retriever Palmer after the college she attended and the man who developed the art of chiropractic. New Hudson Chiropractic Wellness Center offers state-of-the-art technology to help children and adults become and remain healthy without the use of medication or surgery.

You have a choice ... Check it out today or live with it tomorrow.

New Hudson Chiropractic Wellness Center is located at 30033 Shefro, New

Hudson. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Call New Hudson Chiropractic Wellness Center today at (248) 486-5684.

Margo's of Northville Salon and Spa

(248) 348-9130 • www.margossalon.com

Margo's Salon and Spa encourages clients to completely relax by offering quality service in a friendly, non-pretentious environment.

The salon offers trendy and classic styling, custom coloring, precision cutting, specialized perms and straightening.

The spa features a quiet, relaxed atmosphere for skin care and rejuvenation, pedicures, manicures, electrolysis, waxing, facials and massage.

Staff members are dedicated to being the best in their professions and are members of the major leading organizations in their professions: The International Hair Color Exchange, Americoif of Detroit and the National Cosmetology Association.

Technology in this industry advances rapidly. Education is key to stay abreast of the exciting changes. The line between cosmetics and skin medications continues to blur. The expertise of the Pevona Botanica chemists and educators keep staff informed of the most current advances in skin care and rejuvenation.

Staff also attend numerous seminars and training sessions and study the leading education-



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Ready to make your day at the spa a day to remember are, from left, sitting: Margo Kramar and Linda Ranta; second row: Sheryl Landskroner, Pat Carlton, Jennifer Stanton, Cheryl Hayes, Monica Mack and Dawn Raymond; third row: Kris Proteau, Nicole Granick and Cynthia Pfeiffer; back row: Bill Swearengin. Call today for an appointment for any spa or salon services.

al and technical journals and magazines concerning salon and spa services.

The spa offers state-of-the-art skin care equipment and services for men, women and teens.

Each professional treatment delivers superb skin care health with personalized optimal

results.

Spa services feature:

- Omni Spa — a luxurious pedicure foot spa and massage chair
- Pevonia Botanica callo-peel treatments for callous removal in one session
- Deeply hydrating hand, foot, elbow and knee wraps
- Therapeutic massage featuring treatments for improved health
- Hot stone therapy
- Stress reduction
- Improved circulation and mobility

Margo's Salon philosophy is to work for a better community. Their volunteerism, compassion and outreach benefit many through the Northville Chamber of Commerce, Northville Central Business Association, Early Bird Kiwanis, Rotary and Civic Concern. They also spearhead fund-raising events for individual causes and offer customized services to cancer patients.

Visit www.margossalon.com to learn about the salon's new promotions, classes and offerings. Margo's Salon and Spa is located at 141 E. Cady St., in downtown Northville. Call (248) 348-9130 to schedule an appointment.



Photos by JOHN HALL

Above, the staff of seven workers are described as "knowledgeable and wonderful" by Dr. Kirk, pictured third from left, and Dr. Crissman, third from right. At right, Dr. Timothy Kirk and Dr. Amy Crissman consult during a patient's examination.



Town & Country Eyecare

(248) 347-7800 • www.tceyecare.com

Providing quality eyecare services and eyewear aren't the only priorities for Dr. Timothy Kirk and Dr. Amy Crissman of Town & Country Eyecare in Novi.

The 9-year-old practice's mission statement is "to contribute to a lifetime of healthy eyes and vision for our community."

That means community involvement.

"We are involved with the Novi and Northville schools as Partners in Education," said Crissman. "Dr. Kirk and I speak to second-grade classes about eye anatomy and eye safety. We also support community events such as the Rotary Club, Safety Town and local high school events."

Kirk added, "By honestly supporting our community, people have returned the favor with their patronage."

But it isn't just community involvement that brings people in. The doctor's care and commitment is a reflection on what goes on inside the four walls of Town & Country Eyecare.

"Our practice is divided into two operations," said Kirk. "We offer professional health care for patients, including emergency services. And we offer eyewear services, which is filling a need for patients in our optical department."

"We value patients as individuals," added Crissman. "We take the time to sit down

and explain eye exams to each patient in a comfortable setting. We listen to what the patients say — whether they want a different design of contact lens for more comfort or a different prescription of glasses based on the patient's work environment."

Town & Country Eyecare uses state-of-the-art technology — taking a digital image of each patient's retina to analyze eye health.

"We also perform a visual field test during each exam to test for glaucoma or neurological disease," added Crissman.

The exams and treatments are just one of many services offered by Town & Country. They diagnose and treat dry eye disease,

manage Lasik surgery, provide low vision rehabilitation, monitor eye changes for diabetes or hypertension, treat eye injuries and prescribe medications for eye allergies and infections.

Kirk is also excited about the businesses' impending move (late 2003) to its new location at the corner of Nine Mile and Novi roads.

"This will provide easier access for customers, more square footage and more exam rooms. There will be less waiting time and more efficiency."

They are located at 22112 Novi Road, just south of Nine Mile, and are open Monday through Saturday.



Photo by JOHN HALL

The staff at Main Street Family Chiropractic strive to create trusting relationships with patients. Standing behind Dr. Kenneth Stopa Jr. are, from left, Karen Stopa, Erin Kopera, Colleen Johnson and Christine Gutierrez. Contact the staff at Main Street Family Chiropractic today for an appointment.

Main Street Family Chiropractic Center, P.C. (248) 735-9800

One of the strongest selling features of the Main Street Family Chiropractic Center in downtown Northville is its honesty in dealing with patients.

Beyond offering services such as quality chiropractic treatments, nutrition consultations, therapeutic massage and a wide variety of structural supports, the center promotes a trusting relationship with patients.

"Our patients come to us with honest questions and we give them honest answers," said Dr. Kenneth Stopa Jr., director of the center. "We are a health center, and we take great pride in servicing our patients. They know we care about their individual needs."

Dr. Stopa has been published in the National Registry for Who's Who which recognized him as the Northville People's Choice Awards

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—Dr. Kenneth Stopa Jr.
Director of Main Street Family Chiropractic Center, P.C.

winner for best chiropractor.

His official title, as specialist of the spine, is Doctor of Chiropractic.

"Patients who suffer from neck and back pain find relief with chiropractic adjustments," he added. "There are no drugs or surgery involved."

The center is open on from 9 a.m.

to 7 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday.

The center is a provider of several insurance companies including Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Medicare and PPOM.

"I enjoy working with families and

guiding them in their quest for a preventative lifestyle," added Dr. Stopa. "We also have a professional and courteous staff who are ready and willing to answer any questions the patient may have. We have five rooms and three traction tables to ensure that patients get serviced in a timely manner."

Dr. Stopa also likes to keep the center on the minds of local residents by his involvement in the Northville community.

He is a member of the Northville Rotary International, Northville Chamber of Commerce, Northville Central Business Association, Michigan Chiropractic Society and National Strength and Conditioning Association.

Above it all, Dr. Stopa said he "gets to the source of the patient's problem and diagnoses the cause of the pain."

Call to schedule your appointment at (248) 735-9800.

Our Towns • Novi

Named for the No. VI toll gate on the road from Detroit to Lansing, Novi is a shopper's dream with many shopping centers and malls filled with a variety of stores. Don't miss these points of interest:

Main Street, Novi

Novi's new, multi-million dollar downtown is located just south of Grand River and east of Novi Road. Restaurants and breweries such as BD's Mongolian Barbecue, Lazy Lizard Cantina, Red, Hot & Blue and Novi's first micro-brewery, Local Color Brewing Co., make downtown Novi the place to be.

Novi Expo Center

Located on Novi Road just south of the I-96 exit, the Expo Center features events such as dog shows, home and garden extravaganzas and even Star Trek conventions. It is now also home to the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

Twelve Oaks Mall

One of the largest malls in the metro area, Twelve Oaks Mall is located on Novi Road just north of the I-96 exit. It features JC Penney, Marshall Fields, Sears and Lord & Taylor as well as more than 180 specialty stores. Mall hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Call (248) 348-9438 for



With help from the Organization "Novi Cares for Senior Citizens", Whitehall residents like Bert Andrews had a brighter holiday. From left is Novi Police Officer Diane MacGregor, Whitehall Activities Director Christine Valley, Bert Andrews, Carolynn and Tony Mallia of the VFW, and Officer Joyce Nelson.

more information.

Fountain Walk

Fountain Walk is one of Novi's newest shopping complexes, featuring Gaylan's and The Great Indoors with more stores, restaurants and theaters slated to open in the future. It is located south of Twelve Mile Road and west of Novi road.

Novi Town Hall

Destroyed by an electrical storm in 1912, Novi's first town hall was built on property donated by C.C. Cage and constructed in 1876 for \$800. Now, the white frame building built

in 1914 is cared for by the Novi Historical Society and in 1986 was moved from Novi Road to its present site on Ten Mile Road just west of the Novi Public Library.

The town hall can currently be rented for weddings and meetings, while it also acts as a site for preteens to congregate after school as part of the Community that Cares Coalition program to combat substance abuse.

Sam White House

Once occupied by a women's golf club, then said to be a bordello, the Sam White

house was built in 1839 by Col. Samuel White himself. This house features eight rooms with beamed construction and all wood-pegged floors. Windows have hand-blown glass and the interior doors have been restored to the original condition.

A red barn east of the house, built in the early 1800s, was purchased in 1979 by Dan Williamson and converted the interior to a multi-level home, retaining the original hay hoist.

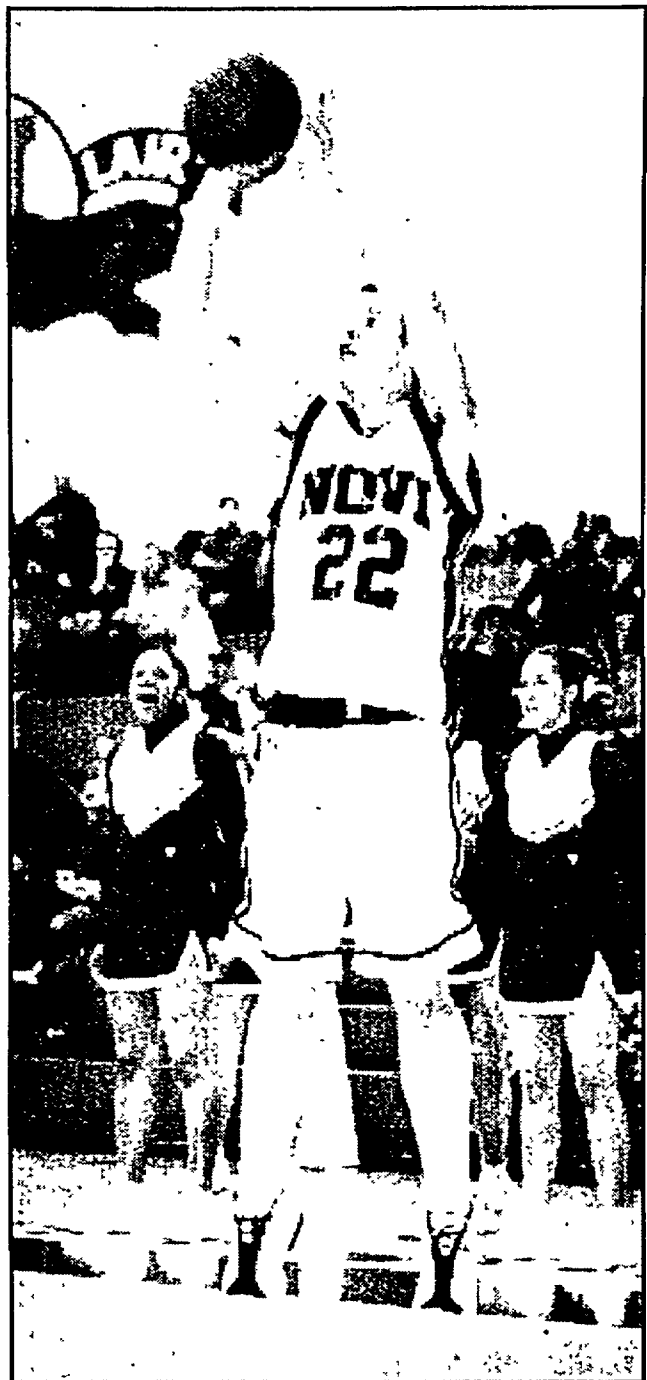
Tollgate Farm

Featuring 160 acres of rolling meadows and unique mint green barns, this largest working farm still left in Novi was originally named for the No. VI toll gate on the toll road to Lansing. It was built in about 1840 and is currently owned by the Americana Foundation and Michigan State University.

Tollgate features demonstration projects to educate the public about topics such as agriculture, composting and land management.

Guernsey's Rock

Located on Novi Road, just north of Eight Mile, Guernsey's Rock is Novi's own version of Stonehenge. Locals gather at the huge rock to observe annual spring and summer rites-eating ice cream cones from the adjacent Guernsey Farms Dairy and Restaurant.



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Novi's Shaun Dicken takes a shot from the 3-point line during a high school basketball game.

Pendleton Park

(248) 446-4400

It's the little things that make a house a home, and a group of families a neighborhood. It's beautifully cared for landscaping, sidewalks to stroll or ride bikes on, and getting together for a barbecue. That's the kind of small town atmosphere you'll find at Pendleton Park in New Hudson.

Most importantly, there's the caring staff of seven, who know all of the residents as well as their pets. And since pets are part of your family, they're welcome, too, at Pendleton Park.

"Our atmosphere is not a complex, it's a neighborhood community," said Michelle Herrst, property manager.

The staff encourages the neighborhood camaraderie by hosting special events like a weekly breakfast or luau barbecues. There's a cookie day on Friday where kids can come in for a treat.

"Our staff really does care about our residents. We know who they are and even their pet's names," said Herrst. "We try to help them any way we can."

Pendleton Park offers luxurious one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments from 915 square feet up to 1,500 square feet, offering great options for a cross section of lifestyles.

"They went a step further with the interiors, like eggshell paint to give it a homey feel, Whirlpool appliances and a full-size washer and dryer. It's the little things that make living here nicer than the standard apartment," said Suzanne Graham, leasing consultant.

Their brand new facilities have an upscale elegance to them. Special amenities include an outdoor pool, hot

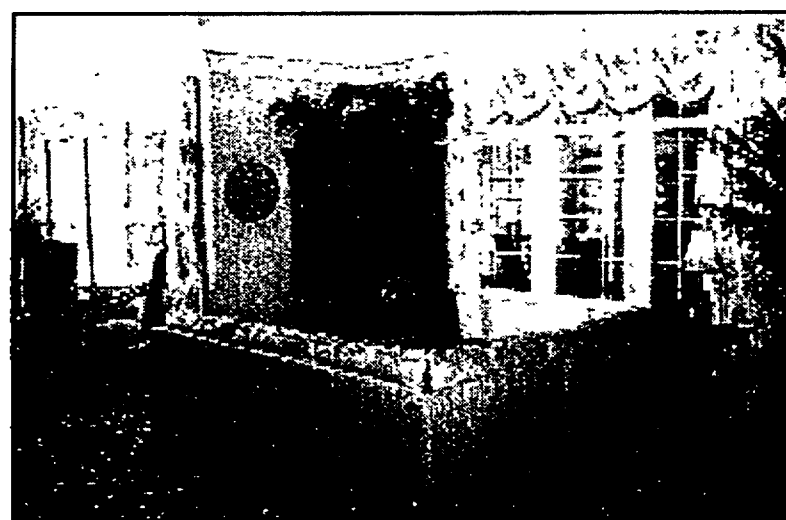


tub and sauna. There's a 24-hour exercise facility with an adjacent glassed-in playroom for children.

"It's nice to have a fresh product at a reasonable price," said Herrst.

Pendleton Park is conveniently located minutes from I-96, across the street from the new shopping complexes of Lyon Oaks and Lyon Towne Center.

"We're located just outside the hustle, but close enough to have access to major freeways," said Herrst. Find them just west of Milford Road at 57715 Grand River Ave., New Hudson. Call (248) 446-4400 for information.



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Pendleton Park in New Hudson offers the kind of small town atmosphere that is important in creating a neighborhood community.

Water Wheel Health Club

(248) 449-7634 • www.wtrwheel.com

Unlike other clubs that state they are for everyone, the Water Wheel is the exact opposite — stating they are not for everyone; and meaning that they are not a kid's club, or a "show off" club.

The Water Wheel is an all-adult, limited membership specialty club with special focus on those who have been away from a club or never been a member of a health club before. Water Wheel has a range of members from serious athletes to people recovering from serious illnesses or who have challenges like arthritis and fibromyalgia, and they have the staff to handle them all. And most importantly, they welcome the people who need help or are afraid to step into a gym.

Ellen Klebba, Chris' wife and co-owner explains what their goal is, "We wanted a place where people would feel comfortable no matter what their state of fitness was, with the right amount of compassion and motivation."

Chris and Ellen learned first hand about compassion since Ellen has suffered from the chronic pain of arthritis and fibromyalgia for over 10 years.

Mix a top team of over 20 fitness coaches and support people with the latest equipment, training and group fitness classes, with hands on owners and operators and finally add an exciting and completely unique facility and philosophy and you have the makings of something special.

Recent winners of the People Choice Award for the best health club in the Northville area and Hour Magazine's Best Health Club in Metro Detroit speaks for itself — there is something special and unique at the Water Wheel!

Owner and operator Chris Klebba states, "We really appreciate the honors of best club in Northville and Metro Detroit. What is unique is that we have about the same number of mem-

bers as we have had over the past eight years. We are not out to be the biggest, rather we are out to simply work closer with fewer members to help them better their quality of life. We consider ourselves a "LEC" or Lifestyle Enhancement Center. We are much more than traditional equipment and treadmills; we sit down with our client and find out what they need to enhance their own specific quality of life. Some want to lower their cholesterol, some to lose weight, some to play golf longer and more pain free. We had a client who worked 50 years to retire and do what he enjoys — play golf. Because of pain in his elbow and back he couldn't play more than nine holes a week. One of our fitness coaches guided him through our golf specific conditioning and now he can play double or triple that amount. Another client is off high blood pressure medication all together, and yet another has lost 65 pounds and you should see the new her. For us, that is what we are here for."

The Water Wheel has a menu of services open to members and non-members, including a complete smoothie bar with over 50 different tasty and healthy smoothies to choose from; a Pro Shop offering all the latest drinks, bars and supplements and a top team of multiple certified trainers who offer everything from home sessions to sessions at the club covering customizing programs to help you lose weight, tone or help you ski or golf. They also offer Bodyshapers, two very popular group weight loss programs. Water Wheel also offer over 25 classes per week including Pilates, yoga, spinning and all the latest aerobic and toning classes.

Chris adds, "Our Bodycombat and Bodypump classes are very unique. We license from a company out of Australia that professionally choreographs the classes and has new versions every three months."

Water Wheel is one of only a handful of



Photo by JOHN HALL

Chris Klebba, co-owner of Water Wheel Health Club in Northville, offers one-on-one training sessions to each of the club's new clients.

clubs in Michigan that offers these classes.

As with everything the Water Wheel does, these services also have a special twist. For example, the group classes are specifically designed for only six to 12 people per class. This brings that personal touch where the instructor can meet everyone at their own level.

Another example is supplements. The Water Wheel does not just sell supplements, rather they take you through an extensive data based review of your health conditions, goals and eating habits before they recommend anything. This assures you don't waste time and money or worse your health on supplements you don't need. Everything has a personal touch to it at the Water Wheel.

Member Sue Mortony confirms this.

"I had been away from a club for over 10 years and had two children and I knew it was time to do something. I checked out all the chain clubs but found them too large and impersonal — 10,000 or 20,000 members didn't give me a personal feel. I checked out all the new women's only clubs in the area and liked the smaller women's only idea but found the

variety and services very limited, plus there were no group fitness classes and I knew I would be bored in a week. When I tried the Water Wheel five-day, free membership I knew I had found a place for me. Variety, classes, plenty of trainers and help and I felt completely comfortable, with people like me. Not a fashion show — my time, my place and no kids or crowds. I deserve a few hours per week to look and feel my best. I would recommend the club to every woman looking for something a little more from their workout experience," she said.

The Water Wheel talks a great game, but they back it up as well.

Chris comments, "We offer a five-day, free membership to show people first hand what we are all about and what we can offer them. There is no obligation and you can have a training session, try a class, and meet our members and staff. If we earn your business great, if not at least you know what we are about."

Water Wheel Health Club is located at 235 E. Main St., Northville. The club is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday; and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Total Mortgage • Michelle Wilson

(248) 408-9900 • www.michellewilson.net

If anyone can get you into your dream home, it's Michelle Wilson, senior loan officer for Total Mortgage.

If you've found the right home, and wonder if you can afford it, she can clear up any questions you have about qualifying for a mortgage.

Michelle decided to learn the business firsthand after a less than satisfying experience with her first mortgage.

"When I went to buy my first house, nothing went the way it was supposed to. I try desperately to make it the way it should be for my customers, with no surprises," she said.

Her honest and hard-working approach to clients has worked extremely well — 99 percent of her business comes from referrals, either Realtors or previous satisfied customers. She doesn't stop searching for the best options for her customers, allowing them to make the final choice.

"Until I go to the closing, I keep checking, or until they decide to lock in," Michelle said. "And then I call people back if the interest rates go down. I put myself in their shoes."

She believes in treating each client individually, because they each have different financial needs. She works with all types and sizes of loans, making all clients comfortable from the first time homebuyer to experienced jumbo loans.

"I do everything from zero down to FHA and VA loans and construction," she said.

There are low to no closing costs involved.

Right now with the incredibly low inter-



Photo by ANNETTE JAWORSKI

Michelle Wilson is the senior loan officer for Total Mortgage.

est rates, there's no better time for anyone to buy a home. It's in the customer's best interest to check their interest rate, even if they don't plan to move, she said.

"A lot of people are getting more house now for the same payment," added Michelle.

And the best place to borrow money is

"When I went to buy my first house, nothing went the way it was supposed to. I try desperately to make it the way it should be for my customers, with no surprises."

—Michelle Wilson
Total Mortgage

from your house because it's tax deductible. Many are tapping into this resource to make additional investments.

With the brisk refinancing rush, she recently hired an assistant, Kim, so she can continue to provide a high level of service to her customers. With rates changing daily, she believes it is crucial to stay on top of things.

Michelle keeps on top of all the financial markets while caring for two young children, Gunner, 3, and Brandi, 2. She realizes that this is only possible because of the continuing support of her husband Mark.

For all your mortgage needs, contact Michelle Wilson of Total Mortgage at (248) 408-9900. She is accessible from several locations in the metro area. Or visit her Web site at www.michellewilson.net.

Atlas Gutter Helmet

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Photo by BETSY McDONALD MOORE

Bringing innovative products that take the work out of owning a home are, kneeling from left, Brad McDonough, production manager and Nick Voltz, and standing, Dave Calvin IV, Mike Biondo, Michael Barnaby and Kevin Fritz.

Never Clean Your Gutters Again!

Atlas Gutter Helmet

The First, The Best, The #1 Gutter Protection System in the World.

Meticulously manicured lawns and professional paint jobs add value to home exteriors, but a dirty little secret could be brewing that belies picture perfect curb appeal and impacts home values.

"The reality is that most people don't clean their gutters and this can lead to serious home damage," warns David Bobby, owner of Atlas Gutter Helmet, a gutter protection company serving Livingston and Washtenaw County residents.

"Cleaning gutters is a household chore that falls to the bottom of the honey-do list. It's drudgery and time-consuming," and Bobby adds, "dangerous. Average homeowners don't own the ladders and equipment to do the job properly and safely. So they ignore the situation, which can cause bigger problems."

Bobby's focus with Atlas Gutter Helmet is to educate homeowners on the purpose of a gutter system and to convince them that their top priority should be to keep them clean. He recognizes that time constraints prevent many homeowners from properly cleaning their gutters and is passionate about offering them the Gutter Helmet Protection System — "The First, The Best, The #1 Gutter Protection System in the World. Never Clean Your Gutters Again!"

"The primary purpose of rain gutter and downspout systems is to collect and divert water away from foundations," explains Bobby, a licensed builder. "They can't perform properly when the gutters are loaded with debris and the downspouts are jammed"

Mature trees or pines around homes provide shade and aesthetics, but their leaves and needles accumulate in gutters blocking downspouts. In winter, this blockage can cause snow and ice build-up creating ice dams on roofs. Water can seep under shingles and into attics and ceilings.

In rainy seasons, the blocked gutters fill with water and spill over

causing landscape erosion, or worse, water leakage into crawl spaces, basements and foundations. When the gutters fill and overflow, water also goes behind the gutter and down the fascia board. After repeated moisture contact, this wooden board can rot. Rotted fascia boards equate to loose spikes and falling gutters. The wood rot can also affect soffit and rafter tails. Gutter Helmet gently lifts and strengthens your entire gutter system, keeping ice, snow and everything else out — no more loose spikes or falling gutters.

Gutter blockage also creates standing water that leaches the tannins and tannic acids from accrued leaves and pine needles creating a concoction that gushes over gutters staining them and home siding. What Bobby refers to as zebra lines appear. The natural acids chemically etch the factory finish on gutters.

"Standing water breeds mosquitoes — the main carrier for the West Nile virus," notes Bobby. "Dirty gutters are the number one entry point of wood-destroying insects such as carpenter ants."

Investing in the Gutter Helmet gives you the best warranty. Atlas Gutter Helmet crews clean gutters and downspouts thoroughly, check and repitch gutters if needed, and caulk all inside, outside corners and end caps — whether they need it or not — and then install the Gutter Helmet.

Gutter Helmet, developed by retired engineer Bob Demartini in the 1980s, is the recognized pioneer and leader in the gutter protection industry. Atlas Gutter Helmet is an authorized dealer.

The system has no vertical openings and boasts a specially designed nose-forward profile that pulls rainwater down, around and over the nose and into the gutter. Rain goes in, leaves and other debris stay out!

For free estimates call (810) 227-9164 in Livingston County and (734) 954-9033 in Washtenaw County, or visit www.atlasgutterhelmet.com.

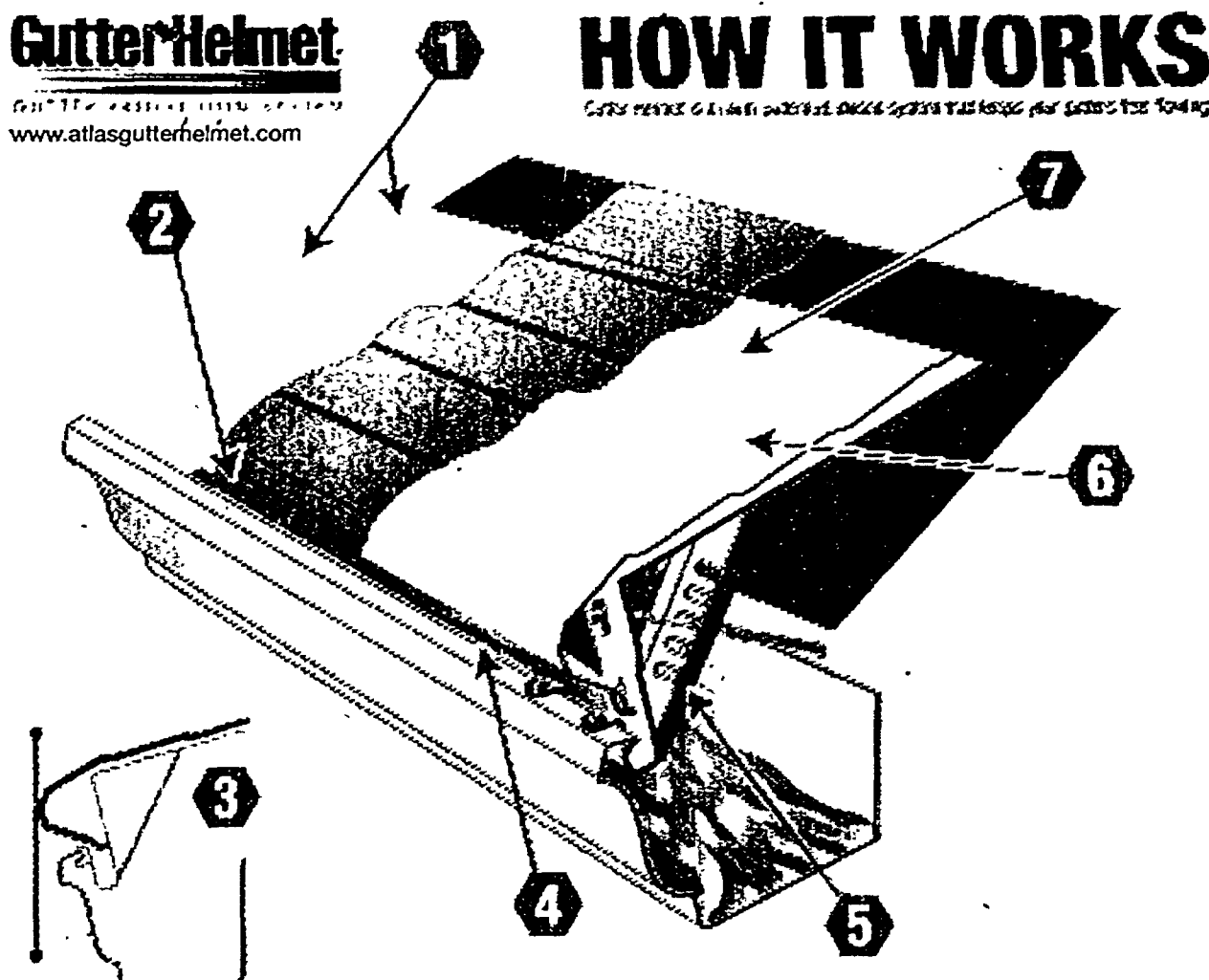
— By Betsy McDonald Moore

Gutter Helmet

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HOW IT WORKS

Learn how the Gutter Helmet system works and why it's the best.



1. The patented flow-limiting, ribbed design slows and spreads water as it nears the gutter.
2. Rainwater is directed around the nose and into the gutter by the simple physical law of surface tension, the same principle that causes water to cling to the outside of a glass as it spills. This exclusive, patent-pending, textured design increases the surface tension performance of every panel by 60 percent over other products.
3. The patented nose-forward design eliminates all vertical openings, forcing leaves and other debris over the edge and to the ground.
4. Rainwater enters the gutter through the factory pre-set, 3/8" horizontal water gap, perfectly designed to channel the heaviest rainfall into the gutter, but engineered to keep birds, animals and debris out ... permanently. The continuous water gap means there are no slots or screens to clog or clean.

5. Gutter Helmet panels are installed with patented 50-gauge brackets that reinforce your existing, full-size gutters, supporting even the heaviest snow loads. The new Tri-Bean support bracket fastens securely and invisibly to the fascia, eliminated roof penetration.
6. Our patent-pending texturing process adds depth and strength to every panel without adding weight and stress. Our panels are 33 percent thicker than other products, yet other products weigh 21 percent to 26 percent more! More weight equals more stress on your gutters!
7. The patent-pending PermaLife coating will not fade, will not chalk and is not affected by corrosive acid rain. No other company can make this claim. In fact, the polyester coating on most other products are recommended for limited exterior use! And, the PermaLife coating has special additives that work overtime to help prevent the dirt and organic build-up common to other products. See the transferable warranty for specific details.

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Since 1970, Jim Davis has focused his business toward meeting his customer's needs and has successfully forged Davis Auto Care into a name synonymous with quality and integrity.

Customers receive expert auto repairs and prompt, friendly service at Davis Auto Care's main facility where a full range of service is offered on most vehicle makes and models.

Next door is Jim's Oil Depot, where oil changes and tire services are performed in a "fast 'n fun environment," while you wait.

And Davis' Ultimate Image Auto Spa can restore your vehicle's showroom finish, offering a full array of vehicle detailing packages from upholstery cleaning to exterior buffing and polishing — all designed to protect your vehicle investment.

Focus on the customer. "We encourage customer feedback," says Davis. "We ask our customers what we can do to service them better, then we integrate those ideas to improve and expand our business."

Many services provided at

Davis Auto Care extend beyond the mechanical repairs themselves. Davis offers free shuttle service, free Internet access in the reception area, and extended evening hours on Monday and Thursday.

Davis' well trained service staff is well versed in automotive repairs and maintenance, and welcomes the opportunities to advise customers on repair priorities and preventative maintenance services.

Jim explains, "The majority of vehicle break-downs can be traced to lack of routine maintenance. Simply following the manufacturers outlined maintenance schedule can prevent many problems down the road."

One visit to Davis Auto Care is proof that Jim Davis and his staff set themselves apart from other service providers.

Davis concludes, "We like what we do. We like working on cars. This makes providing exceptional service a pleasure."

Davis Auto Care is located at 807 Doherty Drive, in Northville.

Hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Thursday; and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Call Davis Auto Care at (248) 349-5115 for more information.



Left bottom: Jim Davis, Dennis Rau, David Massel and April Rice form the "upfront" team that customers first interact with when they call or visit Davis Auto Care. Left: Norm Holton, Steve Fisher, Matt Murdock and Joe Williams pose in Jim's Oil Depot, the company's instant oil change business. Top: Ultimate Image Auto Spa Manager Fred Radloff stands in the auto detailing area. Right top: Technician Craig Becker performs some engine work in the company's shop. Right middle: Technician Franklin Ward works on the struts of a customer's car. Right bottom: Technician John Cutting inspects brakes in one of the company's 16 service bays.

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TOP FIVE REASONS WHY CUSTOMERS COME TO DAVIS AUTO CARE

1. QUALITY OF WORK

Our goal is getting the repair done right the first time and repairing vehicles on a timely basis.

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Davis also backs up his quality promise with quality parts, including Motorcraft, AC Delco, Bendix, Interstate Batteries and more.

"There are many parts for cars and we choose the best parts at the best prices — utilizing our experience. We have economies of scale and get better pricing for parts, which we pass on to our customers."

2. CONVENIENCE

This means more than just a convenient location in Northville — much more. "We offer services like a complimentary shuttle when people need to leave their cars," said Davis. "We look for times when we can be heroes, like driving kids to a soccer game when Mom's car is being fixed."

"We can also check out a cell phone to a customer if they need to stay in touch with us. If someone is waiting, we have high-speed Internet access in our lobby for people to stay in touch with news or their business."

3. FRIENDLY, KNOWLEDGEABLE STAFF

Making people feel comfortable and at home is very important.

"We know most of our customers by face and name," added Davis. "And our front desk people, Dave and April, are experts on car systems."

Davis also has two award-winning mechanics in his shop who recently won high honors in national competitions. And all of his mechanics have immediate access to car maintenance procedures, which are available throughout the shop on remote computer terminals.

4. HONESTY

This is extremely important when dealing with repair and maintenance problems — a high priority for Davis.

"Honesty is so important — from the top down. From my desk to the guys doing minor maintenance," he said. "We are honest in what we see and we are good advisors. We call this integrity."

5. TRUST

Trust comes from building strong relationships and taking an interest in the customers.

"We are not just here to repair a car," added Davis. "People trust us to do the job right the first time. A misdiagnosis usually happens because people just don't know what they are doing. We have the latest diagnostic equipment and our technicians regularly attend factory training classes. This combination builds the trust that allows our customers to depend on us for quality vehicle repairs."



Photo by BETSY McDONALD MOORE

The Window Doctor crew has got the cure for your heavy-duty cleaning needs. From left, Steve Bohn, Jeff Luttermoser, Brian Maynard, Drew Blazo, Eric Towne, Bart Maas, Jordan Blazo and production manager Kevin Fritz are ready to clean your windows, gutters, refrigerator, ceiling fans, skylights, French doors and other hard-to-reach items homeowners don't like to clean.

"For a difference you can clearly see!" The Window Doctor

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Do you see spots or experience blurred vision as you gaze out your windows? Do you think you just saw something resembling a gray hare peeking from under your fridge? You don't need an eye doctor. You need The Window Doctor.

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Admit it. It's been six months since you cleaned your windows and even longer since you vacuumed under the front panel and coils of your refrigerator.

The Window Doctor, a fully insured, professional window cleaning and home services company, has just the prescription for your allergy to drudgery.

The Window Doctor is a homegrown Brighton company started in 1992 by Darian Bobby when he was still a Brighton High School student. His proud father, David Bobby, provided the financial boost, but the younger Bobby's conscientious determination and perfectionist attitude made the company a success.

"With squeegees in hand, he and three friends started cleaning neighbors' windows," reminisces Bobby. "Today, The Window Doctor's clientele includes more than 1,000 satisfied homeowners and businesses throughout Livingston and

*"Never clean your windows again!
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—Darian Bobby
Owner of The Window Doctor

Washtenaw counties and beyond."

Darian, a mechanical engineer, concocted and perfected an environmentally friendly cleaning solution containing a secret special ingredient that not only cleans perfectly and streak-free, it generates a loyal customer base.

Besides the cleaning solution, The Window Doctor boasts uniformed crews of clean-cut college kids whom, according to Darian, "are routinely recalled to homes because they're so respectful." They always use drop cloths to prevent spills, remove their shoes when entering homes, and will clear cobwebs, remove and clean screens, and wipe sills inside and out.

The Window Doctor crews don't just do windows inside and out. Additional home cleaning services include careful cleaning of chandeliers, mirrors, exterior globe lights, shower glass, ceiling fans, skylights, French doors and kitchen cabinets.



They'll also clean and repair gutters, lubricate garage door tracks and chain drive and drain hot water tanks to reduce mineral build-up.

The most popular chore they perform is cleaning underneath refrigerators.

"Few homeowners enjoy that job," declares Darian. "They love to have us do their dirty work."

He adds that it's normal for people to neglect such labor-intensive chores, but it is crucial to clean items such as refrigeration coils to obtain optimal, energy-saving performance.

The Window Doctor uses special tools and attachments that safely clean condenser coils and other hard to reach places.

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— By Betsy McDonald Moore

The Window Doctor crew will perform the following tasks:

- Clean windows, inside and out
- Clean screens
- Clean chandeliers, mirrors, exterior globe lights, shower glass, ceiling fans, skylights, French doors and kitchen cabinets
- Clean and repair gutters
- Lubricate garage door tracks and chain drive
- Drain hot water tank to reduce mineral build-up
- Clean refrigerator top, coils and the dust from underneath
- All work is fully insured and satisfaction is guaranteed
- Free estimates are available



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Jeffrey Jepko, pictured far left, and John Gallagher bring a little taste of Italy to Northville. The partners also offer casual seating at the Bacchus Bar, pictured at left.



Little Italy Ristorante

(248) 348-0575
www.littleitalynorthville.com

Jeffrey Jepko and John Gallagher have turned an 1890s Victorian home in downtown Northville into one of the areas leading dining establishments — while bringing a touch of Italy to Northville.

The restaurateurs are owners and operators of the Little Italy Ristorante and Bacchus Bar on Hutton Street. Jepko said the establishment is definitely unique.

"We offer an intimate retreat from most other restaurants, especially the ordinary chain restaurants which seem to be taking over the American market," he

said. "The feeling of being in someone's home is one of the first impressions felt when settling in at one of the 16 tables. The size (or lack of) is important because all of the food is prepared to order from scratch — in the true Italian fashion of making everything at the last minute from the freshest ingredients, assuring the highest quality of individual preparations."

Jepko knows about freshness and Italian cooking, having been an executive chef in the Detroit-area Italian restaurant scene for over 20 years. In fact, some of his original recipes remain on restaurant menus in the

Detroit area.

Both Jepko and Gallagher travel to Italy at least once a year to keep current on the world of Italian food and wine, which Jepko said sets their restaurant apart from others.

"We are dedicated to representing the finest Italian food and wine products available," he added. "These are the defining factors in separating our restaurant from all of the other so-called Italian restaurants. We have created a true Italian experience."

That experience is evident in the fact that Jepko and Gallagher are founders of the "Sociata da Bacchanalia" or

"The Bacchanalian Society," an organization dedicated to the pleasures of food and wine.

Besides an exquisite food menu, Little Italy Ristorante includes a selection of over 400 wines, which are also served in the Bacchus Bar, a 2-year-old addition to the business. The menu at the Bacchus Bar is more casual and less expensive version of Little Italy's. In the summer, the outdoor brick patio is a favorite gathering spot for local patrons.

For information on hours of operation and for making reservations (recommended) call (248) 348-0575 or visit www.littleitalynorthville.com

Old Church Square

Corner of North Center and Dunlap streets in downtown Northville

Although worshippers no longer congregate at the old Methodist Church in downtown Northville, people still flock to the building.

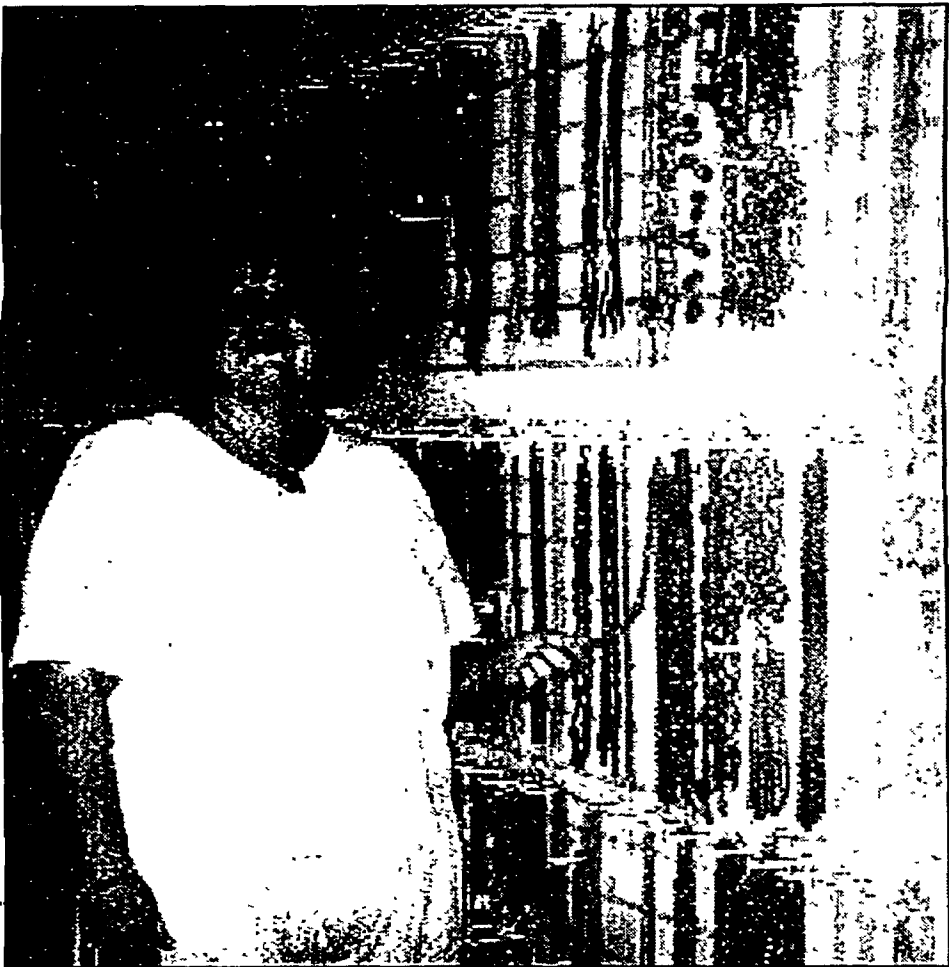
Purchased in the late 1990s by Bob and Margene Buckhave, the old church has been converted into a beautiful shopping center, featuring six stores, a banquet facility and an apartment for the owners. Although there is room for one additional business, the old church and its additions feature a lovely courtyard surrounded by a women's clothing store, a scrapbook store, a rubber stamp store, a bead store, a music store, a banquet facility and a photography studio.

"All of our (merchandise) is kind of creative and it goes so well together," said Margene Buckhave.

The courtyard features a fountain and benches.

"It's a pleasant place for people to come and hang out," said Margene Buckhave.

For more information on the Old Church Square banquet facilities, call (248) 348-3433.



Jo Jewels (248) 347-3737

Sisters Jenna Osgood and Michelle Kramer recently opened Jo Jewels, a retail bead shop offering "all components for making all types of jewelry," said Kramer.

The store specializes in semi-precious gemstones and Bali silver.

"Bali silver comes from Indonesia and is very ornate. It's the hottest thing in the beading business," said Kramer.

The silver sells for only .59 cents per gram and Kramer said she knows Jo Jewels offers the lowest prices on semi-precious gems in the area.

The store has a huge selection of beads, pewter, pendants, Swarovski crystal, pressed glass, pearls and semi-precious gemstones — all grouped by color to make selecting the perfect ones simple.

Additionally, books, storage containers, tools and other supplies are available.

Even original designs by Osgood are available for those who do not want to make create their own jewelry, but still want a one-of-a-kind piece.

Kramer plans to start classes in the fall and hopes to have a designer come in on a regular basis to offer assistance to customers.

Kramer said she has received a huge response from the people in and around Northville since she opened.

In fact, about 300 people attended her grand opening and "it's been pretty constant since," she said.

Jo Jewels is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Michelle Kramer, who owns Jo Jewels with her sister Jenna Osgood, offers thousands of beads, pendants, Bali silver, Swarovski crystal and semi-precious gemstones at low prices.

Steve Fecht Photography (248) 347-9655

Steve Fecht, award-winning newspaper photographer, has returned to Northville to serve all the photography needs of Northville and the surrounding areas.

Fecht, who got his start as the staff photographer for The Northville Record and The Novi News, most recently worked as the director of photography for The Detroit News. He recently resigned to open his own studio in Northville.

During his 25 years as a newspaper photographer, Fecht learned to walk into any setting with any lighting condition and take quality photos. He was privileged to shoot the World Series, the Stanley Cup and numerous other momentous occasions. He has won over 60 awards for his news photos.

Additionally, Fecht has published eight books, including, "Stanley's Back: The Detroit Red Wings Recapture the Cup," and "Home Sweet Home: Memories of Tiger Stadium." But, Fecht said he missed the people of Northville and Novi and was anxious to return to where it all began.

Although he said he would never trade his days as a newspaper photographer, he is happy to open his own studio.

"At this point of my life, this is exactly where I want to be," he said.

Fecht now offers senior pictures, family portraits, business and corporation photos, weddings, sports and more, either in his studio or on location.

By using high-quality digital pho-

tography, Fecht is able to show his customers their photos right after he takes them and can distribute photos on site. Digital also gives him the opportunity to make CDs available to his clients and gives him complete control when it is time for retouching.

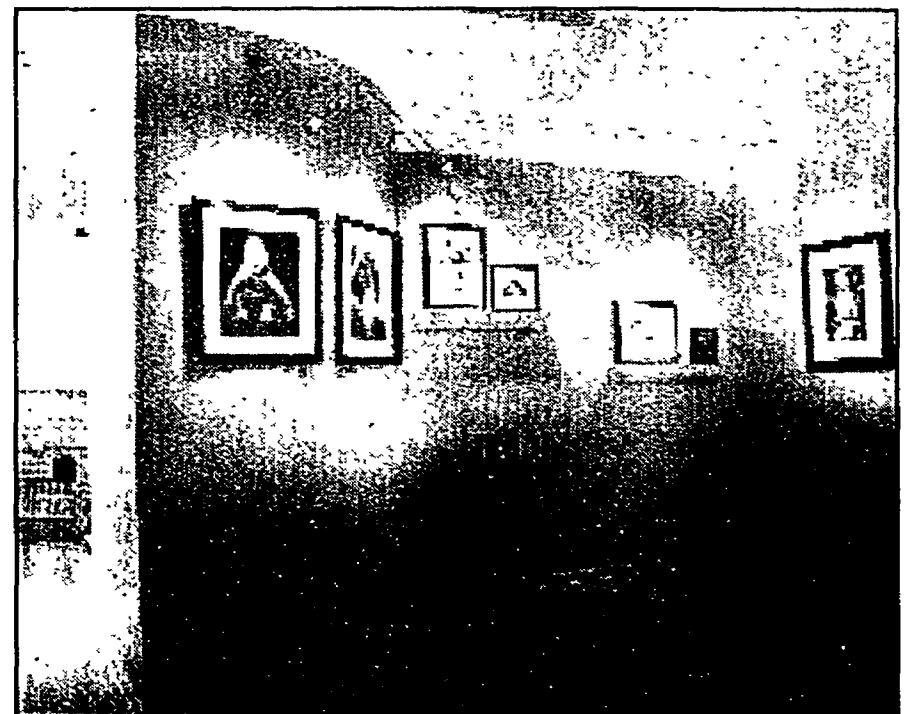
In addition to photography, Fecht can also perform photo restoration work and will offer photography classes soon.

By offering quality work and quick turnaround, Fecht hopes to become the only photographer families will ever need.

"I want to be the town photographer—that's the goal," he said.

Steve Fecht Photography is open by appointment from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

—By Candy Parent



Submitted photo

Steve Fecht Photography is located in the Old Church Square.



Stampeddler Plus and Memories by Stampeddler

(248) 348-4446
www.stampeddler.com

"Art that anyone can learn to do," is what Margene Buckhave offers in her two stores.

Stampeddler Plus features thousands of rubber stamps, custom papers, brass templates, inks, ribbons and accessories to make elegant cards, invitations and jewelry. Buckhave said people also use rubber stamps on fabric, walls and furniture to give their homes a custom touch.

"We can teach anybody to stamp," she said.

Her second store, Memories by Stampeddler, offers 3,000 square feet filled with albums, paper, stickers, die cuts, embellishments and everything else needed to preserve memories through scrapbooking.

"It's the hottest thing right now," said Buckhave. "It's a hobby with a purpose."

In fact, the hobby has expanded to include young chil-

dren, teens, senior citizens and even men who enjoy creating scrapbooks of their families, racing, hunting and other hobbies.

"It's not a gender thing and there is no age limit," said Buckhave.

Classes are available for those who have never rubber stamped or scrapbooked. Advanced classes for those interested in book making, paper embossing and more are also offered every regularly, with a new schedule created every three months. Additionally, Buckhave said her employees will offer suggestions and help customers pick out the perfect elements as time allows.

Both stores are open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

— By Candy Parent

Margene Buckhave offers 3,000 square feet of rubber stamps, inks, embellishments and accessories at Stampeddler Plus. Next door, her 3,000-square-foot scrapbook store offers albums, papers, stickers, die cuts, pens, punches, stickers and more for scrapbooking. Both offer beginning and advanced classes.

Broughton Music Center (248) 374-5596 Northville Center for Music & Art (248) 374-1920

Laurie A. Jarski brings music to the Old Church Square.

Jarski's two businesses, the Broughton Music Center and the Northville Center for Music & Art, offer instruments, sheet music, accessories and lessons to the residents of Northville and the surrounding areas.

"Musical expression is a pathway to the oracle of the soul," Jarski said. "In this day and time we need that. We're getting too caught up in what we can see and feel on a physical level and sometimes we lose touch with our inner self."

The Northville Center for Music & Art is the lesson portion of Jarski's business. Currently, 350 students take private lessons in voice, piano, all strings, guitar, electric bass, woodwind, brass, drum set/percussion, banjo, mandolin and hammered dulcimer from 18 different private instructors. Each instructor has 20+ years of experience performing, teaching and/or they have a master's or doctorate's degree.

"We attract the highest quality of

teaching that we can bring to Northville," said Jarski.

Lessons are available for adults and children over 4. Day, evening and Saturday appointments are available.

Jarski said The Old Church Square is ideal for lessons because there are so many things for parents to do while waiting for their child to take lessons.

"Parents can walk around the beautiful town or grab a cup of coffee," she said.

Jarski is currently in the process of creating Northville's first Youth Chamber Orchestra, including group lessons that will culminate into regularly scheduled performances. A string chamber group class for adults will be returning again in August.

"Adults often don't get the opportunity to play music together," Jarski said. "There aren't very many outlets for adults to find others to make music with."

Ensemble classes for youths will be offered for Wind, Brass, Percussion and Rock groups,

along with an adult Slow Jam group featuring hammered dulcimers and a Folk Jam group featuring a variety of folk instruments.

The Broughton Music Center is Jarski's newest store. Located in the Old Church Square's courtyard, the center specializes in string instruments. New, used and rentals are available for guitars, violins, cellos, woodwind, brass and other instruments.

A special 90-day rental trial period is available for students to try the instrument of their choice and then use the rental fees to either buy that instrument, switch to a different one or upgrade to a better instrument.

An extensive array of sheet music is available in the store, or can be brought from the store's sister location in Kalamazoo in just a few days.

The Northville Center for Music & Art and The Broughton Music Center are open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday; and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

— By Candy Parent



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Jesse Kincaid, the day manager at The Broughton Music Center, shows off a fine selection of guitars. The store carries string, woodwind and brass instruments, along with sheet music, instructional books and additional accessories for the musically inclined.



Photo by JOHN HALL

Open & Clothed (248) 349-9900

Karen Slack was beginning to feel a little boxed in at her popular "Traditions" store in downtown Northville. So she went across the street and opened up a clothing store to fill a niche in the area — Open and Clothed.

"This store has evolved from the home décor items that we carry in Traditions," said Slack. "Our clothing was selling well there and we have a great client base. But we needed more space so we moved here in February 2002."

Slack describes the women's clothing and fashion accessories as "fun and comfortable — casually affordable."

Store manager Joanne Molin said that people like to drop in the store after walking by and added, "People say that our store is exactly what we need in town. We draw a lot of lunchtime crowds, too."

Open & Clothed carries name brands like French Dressing jeans, Putamayo casual wear and April Cornell.

In the fall they will be selling clothing designed by Ralph Lauren lead designer, "Palizzi."

In addition, the store sells colorful accessories including typewriter key bracelets, magnifying spectacles and watches.

Slack added, "Everything in our store goes with black. You aren't going to see that in many department stores."

Slack and Molin run the store during normal business hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. They are open on Sundays during special downtown Northville events.

— By John Hall

Joanne Molin, store manager, shows off some of the many fun and casual outfits offered at Open & Clothed, located in the Old Church Square in downtown Northville.



Photo by STACY ANDERSON/HomeTown Newspapers

Mondi Miller and Barb Denton of Heirloom Oriental Rugs and Fine Arts offer in-home consultations to help customers place the perfect piece in the perfect place.

Heirloom Oriental Rugs and Fine Arts (810) 227-4751

Mondi Miller and Barb Denton of Heirloom Oriental Rugs and Fine Arts have pleased their customers for almost 10 years and continue to help them make important decisions to improve the quality of their home.

"Customer service is very important to us," Miller said. "We want each client to have an enjoyable experience. The more they learn, the more comfortable they feel and the more confident they are about their choices. It's fun to see their excitement grow along with their knowledge."

Heirlooms offers a broad selection of hand-knotted oriental rugs from all over the world. They also showcase a unique collection of original oil paintings, porcelains, bronzes and hand-crafted furniture.

Partners Miller and Denton are no strangers to the beauty that a hand-crafted piece of art can convey. Frequent domestic and overseas

buying trips bring home the best the world has to offer.

"Mondi might inspect a stack of 200 rugs and only find two or three that meet her standards," Denton says.

Miller and Denton extend their service far beyond the walls of 307 W. Main St., Brighton. They also provide free in-home consultations to help customers place the perfect piece in the right place. The lighting, color and personality of a client's home are all important factors that must be taken into consideration.

Both Miller and Denton are longtime Brighton residents. They embrace the small town atmosphere and enjoy being part of the retail community.

During July and August, Heirlooms is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.



Miller Media Vision's new gameday action photos are printed immediately at the event or can be placed on a CD on the spot. They can also be ordered online.

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Richard Miller's video and photography service, Miller Media Vision, LLC, offers a "professional atmosphere and product at an affordable price," featuring award-winning videos and portraits taken right in your own home.

With over 18 years of experience, Miller began his own service two years ago, specializing in portraits and video and now gameday photographs of your child's sporting events. He wanted to do something different than the average photography and video service, so he decided he would come to the customer.

"I didn't want to convenience myself," Miller said. "I wanted to convenience the customer."

Miller's photography services are perfect for graduations, weddings or just to capture that special moment with your family. His award-winning video services have been seen

on major television networks across the country and really show the professional nature of Miller's work.

His newest venture, gameday action photos, is proof of Miller Media Vision's professional atmosphere and affordable product. With the help of a league, Miller attends sporting events and takes professional photographs, which are then printed on the spot for the customer to take home or can be ordered from his Web site. CDs are also available on the spot. Miller will also give a portion of the funds back to the league he works with.

Miller Media Vision is perfect for any event you want photographed or videotaped. Any and all sports or events are covered by the game day action photos and with all of Miller's experience, you'll be sure to receive the best video or portraits around.

— By Stacy Anderson

Northville Chamber of Commerce

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It's distinctive colors set it apart from other structures as visitors enter the town from the north. As Northville Road morphs into Main Street and curves westward, a multi-colored home catches the eyes of visitors on the east side of the street.

This home is home to the Northville Chamber of Commerce, which serves businesses in and around the quaint town.

Its mission statement is simple — "To promote, develop, and support businesses

and industry for the benefit of the Northville community."

According to Executive Director Laurie Marrs, the chamber is a unique mouthpiece for Northville businesses.

"We are the premier advertising agency for the Northville community," she said. "In addition, we are an answering service replying to inquiries about the community, business and service groups."

The Northville Chamber of Commerce offers a number of business services including:

- A clearinghouse for general information and promotional activities, by maintaining an inventory of statistics, maps, flyers, brochures, etc.

- An answering service replying to inquiries about the community, business and service groups.

- A political voice to keep elected officials up-to-date on the needs and priorities of the business community.

- A training agent sponsoring workshops and seminars on subjects related to small business.

- A membership directory and buyers guide and an award-winning Web site.

- Monthly networking activities for business people to exchange information, services and ideas.

- An image-maker



The Northville Chamber of Commerce is housed in a historic home on Main Street in downtown Northville.



Photos by JOHN HALL

Helping the businesses and residents of Northville are, from left, Gilly Serjeant, Executive Director Laurie Marrs, Jeri Johnson, Janet Bloom and Gail Mitchell.

creating favorable impressions for the area, its businesses and its residents.

The Chamber keeps its name in front of local residents and businesses by its involvement in community activities.

"We continually sponsor events that keep Northville in the public eye," added Marrs.

The chamber is open from 9 a.m. to 4

p.m. Monday through Friday. The staff of five will be happy to answer questions or visitors can learn more about the chamber and its members at the Web site.

Marrs stressed the importance of the chamber in the community.

"We create favorable impressions for the area, its businesses and its residents."

Gardenviews

(248) 380-8881

When customers walk into Gardenviews in downtown Northville, they experience an event, not just a shopping trip, thanks to a peaceful, serene ambiance carefully assembled by owner Louis Mascolo, buyer/designer Lori Jermont and their staff of 10 employees. "Gardenviews is like a catalog — only the real-life version," Mascolo said.

"People can touch and feel the merchandise — to bring the catalog to life." The products in Gardenviews are hard to classify into any one category. The one common link is their nature of floral theme, that is usually where the similarity ends. "People will come here to find things they cannot find anywhere else," added Jermont. "They can find a porcelain spoon decorated like a flower for \$11 and they

can also find an \$8,000 sculpture." Mascolo and Jermont attend several trade shows every year, searching for the unique products that keep customers coming back year after year — especially visitors from out of town.

"People who visit our quasi-tourist town are usually brought by local friends and family to our store," said Mascolo. "The out-of-towners stay in touch (via guest book and newsletter) and often ask us to send a gift certificate to a local family member or friend."

Gardenviews has been located on Main Street, directly across from City Hall, for eight years, occupying 6,200 square feet. The old gas station has been carefully and thoughtfully designed with the help of local architect John Winters and designer Bob Von Buskirk.

"We have taken an eyesore and made it into a pleasant, eye-appealing building," Mascolo added.

But it is the relaxed atmosphere and properly displayed merchandise that are the key to Gardenview's success.

"We take the products out of the boxes and show what they will look like in a customer's home, and we have some of the



Louis Mascolo and Lori Jermont can help create a tranquil seat in your home or garden.

best designed and priced silk floral assortments anywhere," said Jermont.

Even children have fun during their visits, spending time in the kid's playhouse while Mom or Dad shops.

"People can relax here," added Mascolo.

Gardenviews is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.



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Gardenviews' employees, from left, Brad Martin, Jeff Corbitt, Betsy Holda and Cindy Duncan, gather around a popular sculpture outside the store.

Helen's Uptown Café

(248) 449-4040

Dante LaManna likes to leave a good impression when patrons visit his establishment — Helen's Uptown Café on Main Street in downtown Northville.

He wants them to feel that they have just experienced a healthy and delicious meal. Sometimes that means bending the menu a bit to give customers what they want.

"I'd rather give people what they want instead of having a manager massage what they should have," he added. "We don't offer a specific cuisine, just the best of concept — an eclectic menu."

That menu includes popular items like fresh perch and fresh salads. Fresh is the operative word.

The restaurant caters to a lot of local businesses and Dante takes the opportunity to demonstrate how fresh and healthy his menu items are.

"I bring in catered food to pharmaceutical rep business meetings at least



Photo by JOHN HALL

Helen's Uptown Café of Northville is available for catering and private parties.

once a week," he stated. "The food comes in under see-through lids and people in offices can see how fresh it is. We get a lot of referrals and word-of-mouth business as a result. These people appreciate a healthy food."

Besides a catering business, Helen's Uptown Café is open for dine-in or carry-out lunch and dinner on Monday through Saturday.

The restaurant is open on Sunday for special downtown Northville events and for private parties, including birthdays, anniversaries or showers.

Dante also caters to local schools, calling his roll-up sandwiches "a big

hit."

Dante has been serving patrons for three years and depends on local advertising, outdoor sidewalk seating, cozy booths and good reviews from satisfied guests to keep people coming back.

He also credits his success to his background and business philosophy.

"I've cooked more than half of my life," he added. "Food is very simple. I make sure customers know what they want — and then I give it to them."

He said his staff of 12 truly enjoy what they do.

"We are here to feed people — not to punch a time clock."



Photo by JOHN HALL

Owner Dante LaManna and one of his "key" staffers Jennifer Copeland want people to visit Helen's Uptown Café for a healthy and delicious meal that even the pickiest eater can enjoy.



Photo by CAROL PALMATIER

Danielle Garber displays some of the thousands of colorful beads on sale at Brighton Beads and More.

Brighton Beads & More (810) 844-0066

The town of Brighton is fast becoming a destination for bead-workers from all over Michigan and the United States, thanks to Brighton Beads and More.

What gives this small shop such pulling power is its selection of unique and unusual beads, and its focus on the art behind the craft.

"We stay on the cutting edge of trends," explains Nancy Garber, who owns the store with her daughter Danielle. "We also focus on events, and try to offer our customers more than the usual classes and workshops."

Glass is a very attractive media. Michigan has rapidly developed as one of our country's premiere art glass regions. People want to explore first-hand this seductive media.

"We are responding by offering instructions and supplies for lampwork bead making, fused glass and Precious Metal Clay

with glass components."

Paul Garber, an accomplished lampwork artist, heads the glass-teaching staff.

Nancy Garber offers a wide variety of innovative classes based on her art, metal-smithing and glass background. Nancy is a certified Precious Metal Clay instructor.

Recently relocated to 9850 E. Grand River Ave., Brighton, Brighton Beads and More has expanded quickly since its beginning in November of 2001. Garber says she chose the location because of its easy highway access and the great atmosphere of the local community.

The store is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends. The shop is closed Mondays, except during special events and workshops.

— By Carol Palmatier



Photo by STACY ANDERSON/HomeTown Newspapers

Bob Gwizdala and son Robert Gwizdala of Great Lakes Reupholstery, Inc. offer free in-home estimates on furniture needing reupholstering.

Great Lakes Reupholstery, Inc. (810) 632-1000

"My dad started working in the upholstery business when he was 16 years old, learning everything from prepping furniture to be reupholstered to cutting fabric and covering the furniture, and later the sales end of the business.

"He brought Great Lakes Reupholstery, Inc. to Fenton in 1987 and the company has flourished. So when I took interest in reupholstery, who better to learn from than my dad?"

"I started working in the shop, learning how to prepare customers' furniture and making it ready for recovering. I learned a great deal about the furniture I was working with. I could tell that it was well made and worth recovering and quickly learned how much material would be needed to cover each piece. While I enjoyed doing this during the summer holidays, I turned my inter-

est into the sales end of the business. I went out on some sales calls with my dad and quickly learned how to give free estimates. I enjoy talking with people and I can do this while I work for and represent Great Lakes.

"The quality of work done by Great Lakes is superior and it shows by the number of referrals I receive each week. Customers are pleased with the craftsmanship of the service performed and are happy to recommend Great Lakes Reupholstery to others.

"Anybody interested in having their furniture reupholstered may contact us for a free in-home estimate. We carry hundreds of in-stock fabrics, as well as dozens of custom order fabric books in many styles and designs. Wood refinishing is also available and we now offer Hunter Douglas Blinds as an in-home service. Give us a call and we will be glad to help you," Robert Gwizdala.

Orin Jewelers (248) 349-6940

Celebrating their 70th year of business in 2003, Orin Jewelers continues to offer quality, integrity and style, drawing upon the ideals established by the company's founder, Orin Mazzoni Sr.

The Orin Jewelers legacy began in 1933 when Orin Sr. began with a watchmaker and jewelry business. He devoted his early years to building his reputation as a fine craftsman, offering quality work and service at a fair price.

Mazzoni's children were very important to the business as well. Growing up in the family apartment above the Garden City store, the children had the unique opportunity to learn the business at an early age, garnering a vast knowledge from their father. In time, the children were ready to take a more active role in the family business. In 1969, Orin Jr., along with his brother, Michael, and sisters, Joyce and Carol, were ready to run the family business, beginning a new chapter in the storied history of Orin Jewelers, building upon traditions their father had established.

A new chapter in the Orin Jewelers story began with the opening of their second store, in downtown Northville, in 1983. Located on the northeast corner of Main and Center streets, Orin Jr. realized the importance of the store's building to the community and put much time and effort into revitalizing and restoring it to reflect its original grandeur.

Equally important was the need to provide the community with a quality jeweler. Twenty years later, as the People's Choice Award winner for Best Jeweler in 2001 and 2003, Orin Jewelers continues to provide the



Submitted Photo

The staff at Orin Jewelers participates in many fund-raisers and special events.

Northville area with fine quality and service.

Orin's has their own design and repair shop (in the Garden City store) allowing them to custom-design a finished piece of jewelry from a customer's drawing or idea. Often a modification can be made to an existing piece of jewelry to make it a more

personal item for a customer. Restoration and repair of existing pieces of jewelry is also a strong part of Orin's shop.

"A lot of times a customer will come to us because they cannot find anyone to repair their piece of jewelry," says Orin Mazzoni Jr. "Quite often, that consumer ends up

being a lifelong Orin's customer and cheerleader, recommending us to their relatives and friends because we took the time to repair their piece of jewelry. We try to evaluate each item that is brought to us. We recognize that it isn't necessarily the value of the item that is important as much as it may be the sentiment and history of the item that gives it the importance that it has to the customer."

Both Orin Jewelers locations have properly credentialed appraisers with the ability to provide professional, detailed appraisals.

"All of our appraisals are reviewed and signed by one of our Registered Jewelers or Certified Gemologists, ensuring accuracy and proper identification and valuation of the jewelry being examined," says Orin. "We frequently have customers come to us for appraisals because of referrals from their family, friends and sometimes even their insurance agent or company, because of the detailed nature of the appraisal we provide."

Orin's is heavily involved in the various events held in the city throughout the year, exhibiting in the annual Chamber Business Expo, sponsoring an ice sculpture during the Art-in-the-Sun and a float in the 4th of July parade events, and dressing their sales staff in period costume during the Victorian Festival, just to name a few. A scholarship is offered at Northville High School each year to a graduating senior, in addition to many other fund-raisers, programs and community events.

Orin Jewelers, located at 101 E. Main St., is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.



Photo by BETSY McDONALD MOORE

Denny Stima, owner of Masters Medical Supply, wants to keep mobility-challenged people moving with aids such as properly-fitted wheelchairs or power scooters.

Masters Medical Supply
(800) 286-9989 • (810) 225-6093
www.mastersmedicalsupply.com

Aging threatens our mobility, but Masters Medical Supply aims to keep people moving as long as they can grip a walker or steer a wheelchair.

Located on Old U.S. 23 in Brighton, the home medical products company serves senior citizens, accident victims and physically and mentally handicapped people throughout southeastern Michigan.

"We gain great satisfaction in helping people stay mobile and comfortable," says Denny Stima, owner and president. "It's rewarding to see them happy and living easier lives."

Besides mobility aids — wheelchairs, power scooters, ramps, seating systems, lift chairs, canes and crutches, walkers and rollators — Masters Medical Supply sells shower chairs, commodes, transfer benches, hospital beds, supports and braces. In addition to selling, they

rent some equipment and employ a full-time certified seating and repair technician. They also offer a full-service equipment repair center in their location or their customer's location.

Masters Medical Supply accepts most insurance including Medicare. Stima stresses that the company offers free delivery, in-home instruction, service calls and evaluations on all equipment.

"A client might want a power scooter, but if their house is too small to turn it around in, we're able to advise them on other alternatives," he explains. "We can offer and order different sizes of chairs; each needs to be fitted to the specifications of the patient."

Masters Medical Supply is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. After-hour appointments are available.

— By Betsy McDonald Moore



Photo by JOHN HALL

Dr. Kathy Duncan demonstrates the pressure point (soft touch) treatment.

Soft Touch Chiropractic — Dr. Kathy Duncan
(248) 348-2000

Dr. Kathy Duncan's message is loud and clear, "Getting patients to live better, healthier lives is my greatest satisfaction."

At the Soft Touch Chiropractic office in Novi, Dr. Duncan has developed a close relationship with patients who are seeking ways to relieve pain and discomfort in the lower back, neck and legs. Besides her expert analysis and treatment, Dr. Duncan offers a new service to her patients — massage therapy.

"We now have a Massage Therapist, Susie Wallace, on staff," added Dr. Duncan. "She is a graduate of the Health Enrichment Center in Lapeer and has been a therapist for over eight years. She integrates Swedish, deep tissue and myofascial release to give a therapeutic and relaxing massage."

Dr. Duncan utilizes a "soft tissue" approach to treatment, focusing on the spine and muscles, tendons and ligaments — all which can cause structural misalignment. By using this constant

static pressure on specific points along the spine, the structure relaxes allowing the spine to realign and balance the nervous system. Dr. Duncan's interest in chiropractic treatment began on the other side of the table — as a patient. As a former registered nurse in a critical care unit, she suffered from severe headaches and sought out a chiropractor to relieve her suffering — which was accomplished by correcting a misalignment in her back.

Dr. Duncan chose a career as a Doctor of Chiropractic and eventually graduated as president of her class at Life Chiropractic College in 1986. She is now celebrating her 13th year at the Novi location. And what has been the favorite part of her work at Soft Touch Chiropractic?

"My close contact with patients," she said enthusiastically.

Soft Touch Chiropractic is located at 23895 Novi Road, Suite 400.

Republic Bank • Tom Tuckey

(248) 437-8186

Tom Tuckey of Republic Bank wants to be "your lender for life."

Tuckey also prefers the term mortgage consultant over lender. An experienced consultant for over 14 years, Tuckey believes in servicing his customers and tailoring the mortgage application to fit their needs.

"I know what the options are and what would be the best fit for the customer," Tuckey noted. "Any mortgage company can lend money, but the real service is giving the customer the correct loan product to fit his/her financial needs. My mentality is that I want to be their lender for life."

Through Republic Bank, Tuckey can offer fixed and adjustable rate mortgages, new construction lending, investment property lending, vacant land financing, second home purchases at greatly reduced down payments and an in-house portfolio non-conforming loans as well as zero closing cost loans, jumbo loans, bridge loans, and zero down payment.

"Republic Bank is an extremely reputable bank and has been around for over 30 years," he noted. "When you compare both rates and fees, you'll find that Republic is very competitive."

Customers, who deal with Tuckey for their mortgage needs, can be assured that Tuckey will treat them with integrity, honesty and no surprises when it's time to close the deal. He explained that many times a low percentage will be advertised by a mortgage company, but by the time the rates are weighed in, fees are tacked on and the qualification process is done, the low rate is no longer there.



Photo by HOPE LASH

Tom Tuckey of Republic Bank makes sure his clients get the best offer.

"I make it a practice to make sure, that what you sign at your good faith estimates, is what you'll see at the closing," he said. "I deliver what I promise. When it's time to sign the final papers, there are no last minute fees tacked on."

ing," he said. "I deliver what I promise. When it's time to sign the final papers, there are no last minute fees tacked on."

Tuckey explained that almost anyone can qualify for a home mortgage even if they don't meet normal mortgage lending guidelines and suggests that potential buyers take advantage of the free pre-approval process.

"I think people owe it to themselves to get a free mortgage consultation and pre-approval," he said. "It saves time, energy and takes the guesswork out of how much home a customer can afford."

Tuckey has a BA in Economics from Michigan State University and a MA in Finance from Walsh College.

He keeps on top of the latest mortgage trends by attending regular mortgage seminars.

"I truly feel that mortgage lending is my calling," he said. "Helping first time homebuyers is my absolute joy. When I see their faces and excitement at the closing, it feels pretty special knowing I had a part to play in making their dream come true."

Tuckey, his wife Beth, and two children, Andrew and Amanda, have lived in the area for more than eight years and enjoy being a part of the community.

Tuckey participates in the chamber of commerce, his church and the Jaycees.

"I have two loves in my life — my family and mortgage consulting," he said.

For personalized and honest mortgage services just call Tom Tuckey.

To make an appointment that fits your schedule contact him at Republic Bank, 419 S. Lafayette, (248) 437-8186 or mobile (248) 806-4755. Evening and weekend appointments are available.



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The doctors' office is located at 40015 Grand River Ave., Suite 100, in Novi. The new facility offers numerous amenities for all your health care needs. Call for an appointment today with Drs. Mondrusova, Brateman and Bullach at (248) 473-8580.

Family Practice

Dr. Robert Brateman

Dr. Peter Bullach • Dr. Olga Mondrusova

(248) 473-8580

Livingston County citizens are so busy these days that going to the doctor's office is just another stop on the list. That's why Novi's Family Practice makes medical care easier than ever.

Drs. Brateman, Bullach and Mondrusova are board-certified family physicians — meaning they treat the whole person and the whole family.

"From children and adults to babies and seniors, this is the place to begin," said Dr. Brateman.

All three doctors provide routine health care and monitor ongoing health problems in order to keep the people of Oakland County feeling healthy. Each family can bring multiple members into the office and be treated at the same time, receiving the most medical care available in one place.

"We understand family dynamics and how they impact every member of the family," explained Dr. Brateman. "We simplify the delivery of health care spanning multiple generations, providing each family with fewer doctors to deal with."

Each physician is residency-trained and board-certified and provides modern, professional health care. Dr. Bullach joined the practice one year ago with a degree from Wayne State University. Dr. Mondrusova is a University of Michigan graduate who

has distinguished herself academically throughout her career. Dr. Brateman was a faculty doctor teaching at Providence Hospital before founding the practice in 1989.

"I believe our experience and

desk staff is professional and well-trained as well. We're poised to meet challenges and opportunities in the future."

The practice moved into their new facility on Grand River Ave.

as a spacious waiting room; larger hallways and bathrooms and no curb for easy wheelchair access. Also, more physicians provide more appointment times for every busy schedule.

"We offer modern, diagnostic equipment in our state-of-the-art Novi facility," said Dr. Brateman. "We're proud to be in Novi because of the quality of its citizens and national reputation.

There's exciting growth and dynamic leadership and we hope to deliver excellent quality care to the community."

The new facility also offers an on-site lab where blood work can be done as quick as possible, presenting patients with "one less line to stand in."

In the future, the practice will be working with the new Providence Hospital expansion, referring patients to consultants working with the hospital and hospitalizing people as their medical conditions demand.

"Just because we're off-site doesn't mean we can't use the facility," Dr. Brateman said. "We're working hand-in-hand with consultants and are ready and willing to serve patients who want to be part of the Providence Park family."

Drs. Brateman, Bullach and Mondrusova enjoy seeing new patients as well as entire families throughout generations. To make an appointment, call (248) 473-8580. The office is located at 40015 Grand River Ave. in Novi.

— By Stacy Anderson



From left, Olga Mondrusova, M.D., Robert K. Brateman, M.D. and Peter Bullach, M.D. are doctors who care.

knowledge set us apart from other practices," Dr. Brateman explained. "We have excellent physicians with extensive backgrounds and our front-

almost one year ago after spending 13 years on Ten Mile Road. The new building allows better service and less waiting time, providing amenities such

The Piazza Dance Company

(248) 348-3720 • www.piazzadanceco.com

The Piazza Dance Company has been offering quality dance education in the Northville community since 1981.

A staff of 14 teachers instructs students of all age and skill levels in Tap, Jazz, Russian Method Ballet and Pointe, Hip Hop, Polynesian, Irish-Step, Pre-school Rhythm, and All Boys and All Men's classes. Piazza Dance Company instructors are certified to teach by examination and are members of the oldest and most respected professional dance organization in the country, Dance Masters of America.

Recognizing differing needs of its student body, the Piazza Dance Company offers two curricula. Most students of dance are looking for a fun way to spend time in a weekly activity with friends. The recreational program is offered for such students who wish to take a casual approach to dance. In fact, 85 percent to 90 percent of the student body is made up of the recreational student.

The other 10 percent to 15 percent of the student body is enrolled in the intensive program. A candidate for the intensive program is one who may be considering dance as a career and spends much more time learning the art and in weekly practice. A student in the intensive program also has the option of participating in competitive dance, where he or she may meet and compete against students of dance from schools all over the state of Michigan.

Historically it is this group of competitive students, while small in number, which tends to gain a lot of attention because they are highly decorated in competition and are taking classes at the school several days per week. People are always surprised that they represent only 10 percent of our student body as they are so visible around the school and at performance time.

Indeed, a number of graduates of Piazza Dance Company's intensive program are dancing professionally, or are teaching, or



Photos by JOHN HALL

Above, students from The Piazza Dance Company perform. Piazza offers classes for children, teens, men and women. Classes for both the serious student and recreational students are available in jazz, ballet, tap, hip-hop, ballet and many more.



Owners Marilynn Piazza-Esper, left, and Gina Piazza operate The Piazza Dance Company.

touring with professional shows.

Whether a student is part of the recreational or intensive program, the same high quality instruction taught by the same teachers is given to all students.

One of the unique features of The Piazza Dance Company is that it offers something for all students. The Piazza Dance Company is proud to offer a place for the serious as well as the casual student, the very young or the senior citizen, as well as the dance student with learning challenges.

The Piazza Dance Company is also proud

of the quality of the dance instruction as evidenced in the performance abilities and showmanship of the students.

The Piazza Dance Company is offering a 2-week summer program beginning the week of Aug. 4. Call the studio at (248) 348-3720 for enrollment information or you may access a complete schedule on the Web site at www.piazzadanceco.com.

Fall registration will be held the last two weeks of August, Monday through Thursday, from 4-7 p.m.

New for the coming dance year, a number

of day-time fitness classes will be added to the over 95 classes already being offered. And another large dance room is being added on to support the demand.

Another feature which makes the school unique in the area is the professional "sprung" floors. These resilient structures protect against injuries. The company also has an intensive training program for apprentice teachers.

The Piazza Dance Company is located on Seven Mile Road between Haggerty and Main St./Northville Road in Northville.

South Lyon Orthodontics, P.C.

(248) 437-1620

South Lyon Orthodontics knows how important a smile can be, which is why they take such great care to make sure your smile is everything you want it to be.

Dr. Renée Geran and her friendly staff are dedicated to giving South Lyon and the surrounding area the best care around. They provide individualized attention and get to know the patient and their family in order to build a trusting relationship.

"It's through that attention and interaction that a lot of good things occur," Dr. Geran said.

One of the most important aspects of the patient-staff relationship is knowledge. Patient education is vital and each visit is designed to be educational, personal and enjoyable. Dr. Geran and her staff spend a lot of one-on-one time with every patient making sure every step of the process is understood.

"We get better results with good communication, as patients follow instructions and brush better," she added.

Patients will also find that Dr. Geran insists on achieving the highest quality of care.

"Our focus is on providing the most advanced orthodontic treatment which uses the highest quality materials and latest technological advances," she said.

Some of that technology includes the use of digital photography, which allows patients and other health professionals to instantly see progress.

Dr. Geran is also one of the few orthodontists who offer Invisalign, which uses clear, invisible retainers to straighten teeth.

At SLO, taking care of teeth has never been more beneficial. A unique reward system is used to encourage patient cooperation. Simple things like brushing properly or following instructions can earn points that patients can then redeem for cool prizes like ice cream, Borders Bookstore gift certificates and walkmans.

Dr. Geran and her highly-educated and dedicated staff make it a point to establish a rapport with all their patients, making sure that the patient trusts each and every member of the staff to take care of their teeth.

"They really get to know everyone quite well," she said, "and take a lot of pride in their work."

South Lyon Orthodontics is located at 22890 Pontiac Trail, in the King Plaza between Nine and Ten Mile roads. The office is convenient to middle school students



Photo by STACY ANDERSON/Hornet Newspapers

The staff at South Lyon Orthodontics, P.C. has the knowledge to help you make an educated decision about your orthodontic needs. Pictured here, from left, back row, are: Deanna Steling, Kendal Blair and Wynona Allen; front row: Michelle Kraft, Dr. Renée Geran and Karen Fenner.

who can often walk to their appointments.

Open Monday through Friday, South Lyon

Orthodontics offers some convenient evening hours.

Most insurance plans are accepted.

The Novi News The Northville Record

(248) 349-1700 • www.hometownlife.com

MEET CHRIS DAVIS



Chris Davis, editor of The Northville Record, does exactly this, keeping the Record timely and featuring important information for all Northville residents.

"We're trying to change our look and content in order to fit the times," Davis said. "The city of Northville is stable — it's the heart of the community. Families have lived here for multiple generations and I'm glad to see the town has flourished as well as it has."

Born and raised in Novi, Davis graduated from Central Michigan University and took over as editor of the Record in 2000.

"I enjoy the variety of responsibility here, especially being able to educate readers about what goes on here at the newspaper," explained Davis.

When he's not hard at work at the office, Davis enjoys working out, traveling, photography and church involvement with his wife, Emily, and dog, Samantha.

Novi and Northville are growing at a record rate and with this flurry of activity, residents need to know what's happening and when and where it happens.

The Novi News and The Northville Record work together to keep people informed.

The Northville Record is the oldest weekly newspaper in Wayne County that is still in operation — founded in 1869 by Sam Little under the name Wayne County Record.

The Novi News was born from the Record 48 years ago. Conceived as a one page bonus section inside the Northville Record, it became its own paper and has been working with the

Record in their present office for almost 40 years.

The Novi News/Northville Record office, located in downtown Northville, is an interesting place in itself. The office is said to be haunted and many staff members working late at night will attest to hearing the sounds of footsteps and seeing unexplainable visions out of the corner of their eye.

As both Novi and Northville keep growing, so does each newspaper, adapting to the new trends and hopeful future that each town holds. Both papers have a reader circulation of just under 6,000 which means there's plenty of people who want to know what's happening in Novi and Northville.

MEET CAL STONE



Cal Stone, editor of the Novi News, has learned to keep up with the ever-growing pace of Novi.

"With the creation of Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi has been a constant flow of retail lately," Stone explained. "A lot of people are moving here because it's such an attractive place to live."

Stone, who has been with HomeTown newspapers for nine years, became editor of The Novi News in March of 2002.

"I love all the different aspects this position holds for me."

Stone grew up in Pontiac and received his degree from Oakland University.

He plays bass in his band, the Jumpcats.

Stone also enjoys spending time with his wife, Carrie, and his three children — Caitlyn, Cullen and Christian.



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■ Popular Northville landmarks include the Northville water wheel and duck pond on the grounds of the old Ford valve plant and the Northville well that still supplies refreshing, cool well water to passers-by.

■ Lakes including Silver Springs Lake, the only natural lake in all of Wayne County and the beginning — or end — of Wayne County's Edward Hines park, which runs along the Rouge River, are beautiful attractions to scenic Northville.

Events

■ The Farmer's Market is sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce and is held every Thursday from May through October from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Northville Downs parking lot. Call (248) 349-7640 for more information.

■ The 15th Annual Victorian Festival, held this year from September 12-14, features the art, history and romance of the 1800s in historic downtown Northville. The festival features a parade, antique show and auction and a fine art market and is sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

■ The 22nd Annual Christmas Walk will be held on November 23, 2003, from noon to 5 p.m. Downtown merchants will welcome visitors with free holiday treats and special activities in their stores and free horse and carriage rides with Santa, courtesy of Bank One and Community Federal Credit Union, is the highlight of the Walk.



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William Randall, visiting the area from his home in Australia, rides his bike in Northville's Fourth of July Parade.

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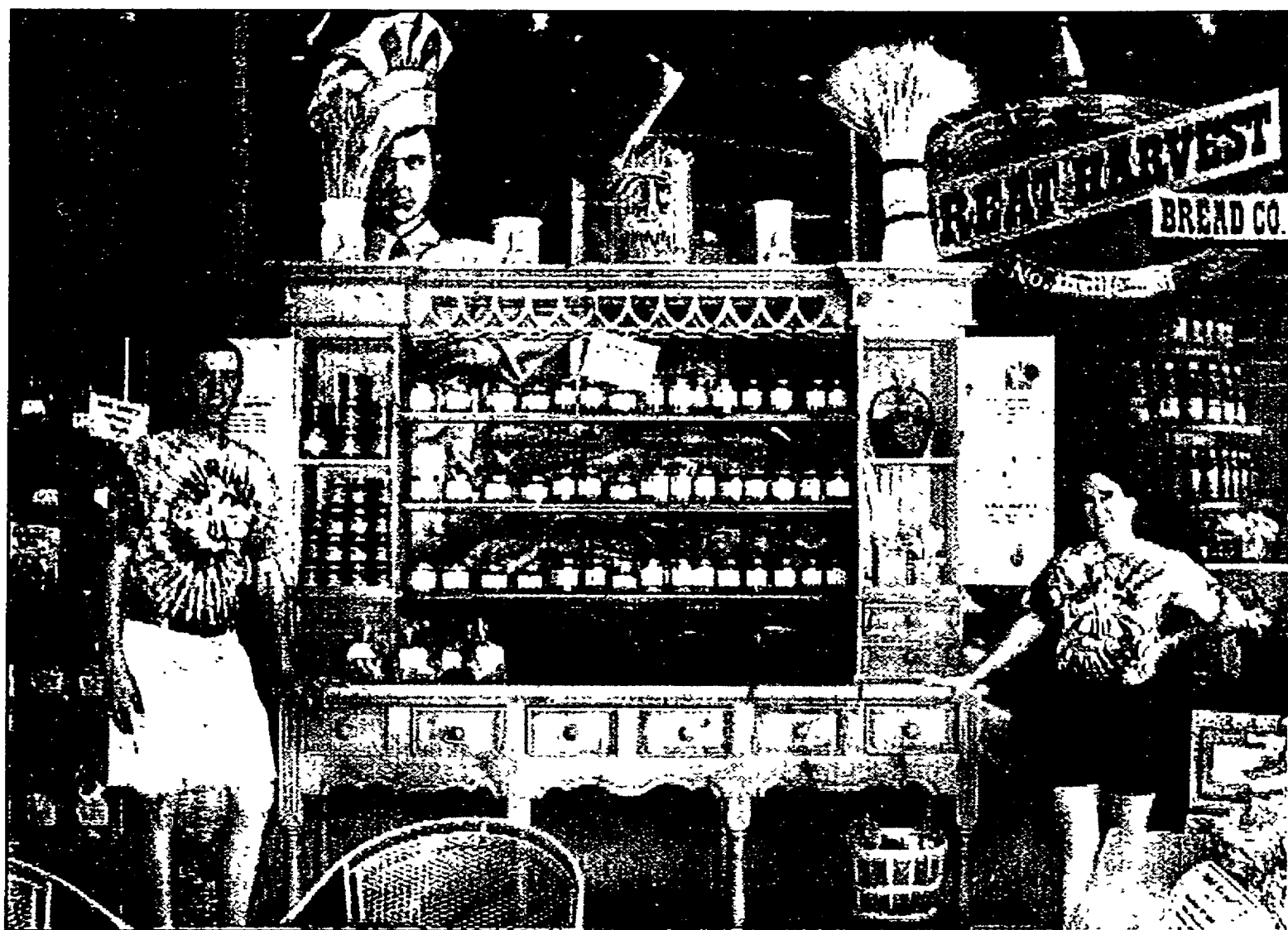
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Dayn Benson, owner of My Handyman, sends out professional repairpersons to fix problems around the house and crews who can do day-to-day maintenance on the home, office building or restaurant in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne and Oakland counties.



"This was a big lifestyle change for us, but we wanted to be part the community and we wanted our kids in the Northville schools. Northville has that flavor of a small resort town — we love the history here. The fact that our store was right in the heart of downtown was a major appeal for us."

—David and Julie Cole
Great Harvest Bread Co.

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Baking over 2,000 loaves of bread a week takes time, patience and skill. David and Julie Cole possessed all these skills as well as a love for bread, so joining the Great Harvest Bread Co. team was the obvious choice.

After first visiting a Great Harvest Bread Co. in Chicago, the Coles knew this was what they wanted to do with their lives. They purchased the bakery in downtown Northville last October and have come to love the town so much they're moving their entire family, including children David, 10; Travis, 8; and Jacqueline, 3; from Ann Arbor to the Northville community.

"This was a big lifestyle change for us," the Coles explained. "But we wanted to be part of the community and we wanted our kids in the Northville schools. Northville has that flavor of a small resort town — we love the history here. The fact that our store was right in the heart of downtown was a major appeal for us."

Great Harvest is wildly popular for their natural, whole wheat products baked with carefully selected wheat from Montana that is milled daily in the store. Only five simple ingredients are added: water, yeast, honey, salt and freshly ground whole wheat flour. These ingredients make a truly fresh everyday loaf that will stay fresh for seven days — guaranteed.

"People are addicted to our honey whole wheat," said David.

Along with their high-quality old-fashioned white bread, which is used to make the Northville favorite, cinnamon swirl, Great Harvest offers batter breads in flavors such as blueberry sour cream and raspberry lemon.

"People usually get one slice of the sweet stuff and a loaf of the whole wheat," explained the Coles. "Northville definitely has a sweet tooth."

Other products in the store range from jam, granola and cookies to homemade gift baskets by the resident basket coordinator, Deborah Southworth. Last holiday season, Northville's Great Harvest prepared over 1,300 gift baskets and gift boxes.

Great Harvest offers tours for any group in order to share with the community how the bread-making process works as well as to display the warm, friendly feeling that Great Harvest Bread Co. is known for.

As the Coles prepare to move into



Northville, they already feel at home because of the many community activities they have experienced through Great Harvest. They donated 1,000 race rolls for both the Solstice Run and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and have donated cookies and bread to community centers, schools and events like the American Diabetes Foundation's American Girl's Tea.

"Any event, big or small, we're happy to donate bread to," said the Coles.

Great Harvest also uses many local vendors, such as Guernsey Dairy, in order to help out other community businesses.

David and Julie Cole invite everyone to stop in for a free slice of bread and to experience the incredible variety of products Great Harvest has to offer.

Great Harvest Bread Co. of Northville is located in the heart of downtown, at 139 E. Main St. Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 11 a.m. until the bread runs out on Sunday.

—By Stacy Anderson



Top: Owners David and Julie Cole offer much more than bread in their bakery to tempt your tastebuds.

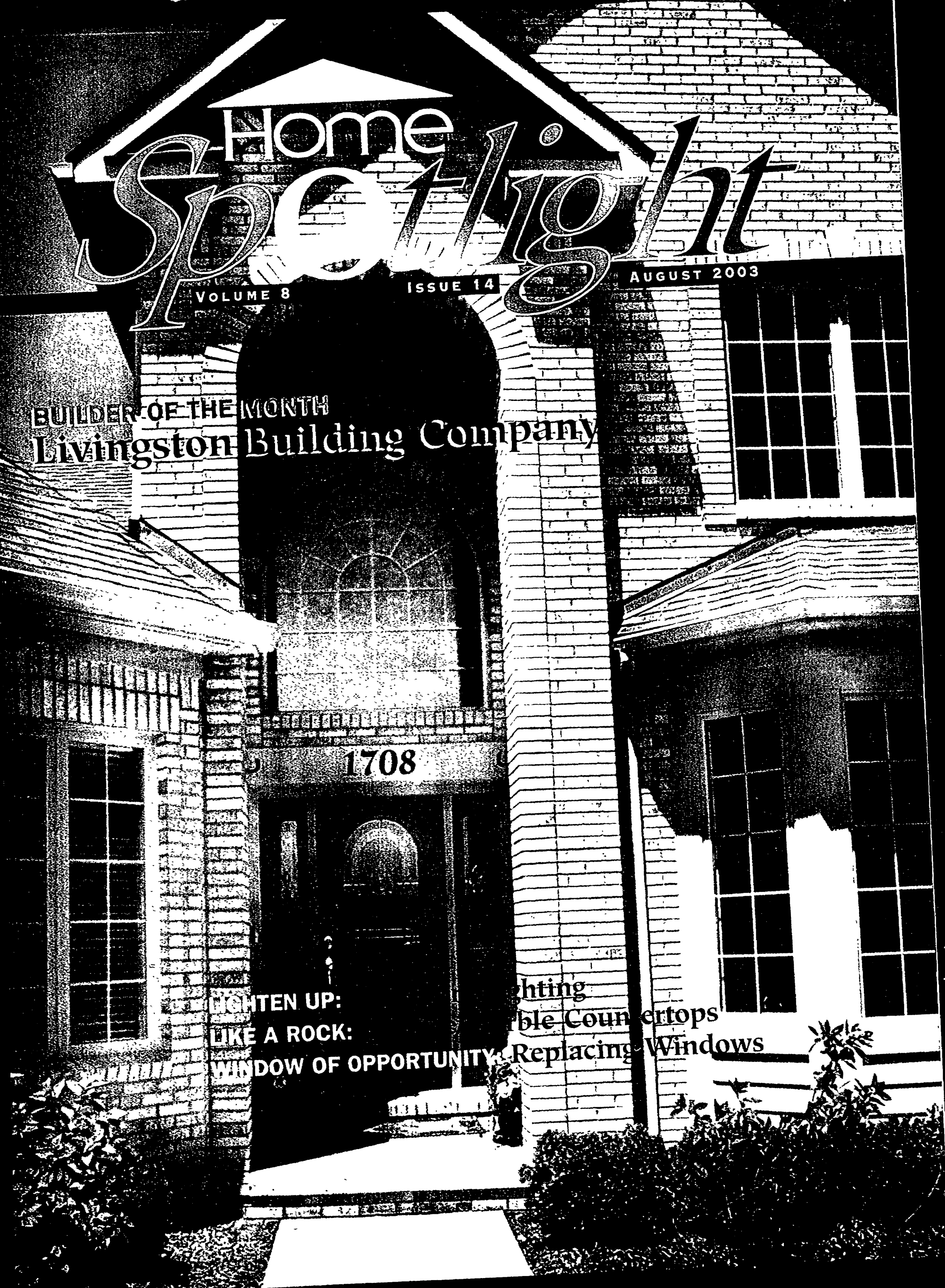
Top left: Deborah Southworth, the resident "basket coordinator," created over 1,300 gift baskets and boxes last holiday season.

Top right: Store manager Sean Sinclair looks on as pounds of dough are kneaded into loaves of bread their all-natural Whole Wheat.

Left: Sinclair helps his team mold dough into numerous shapes and sizes.



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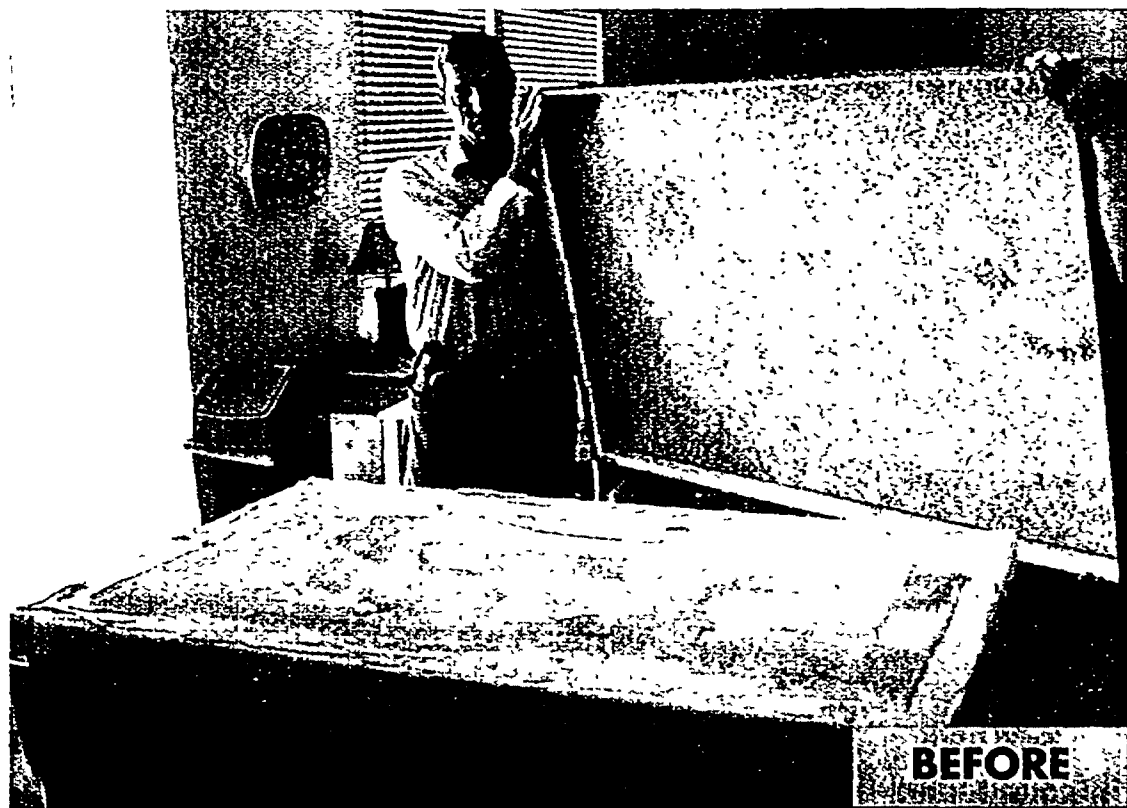
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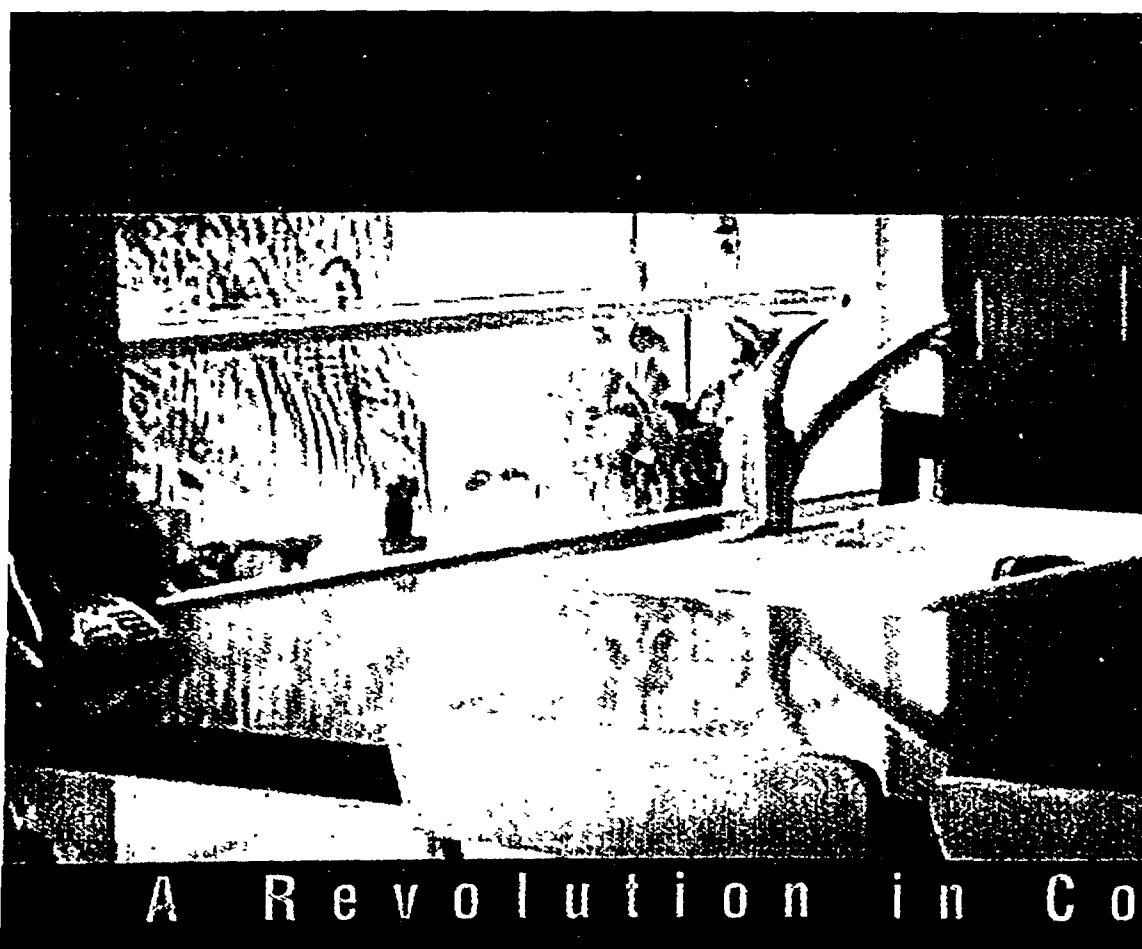
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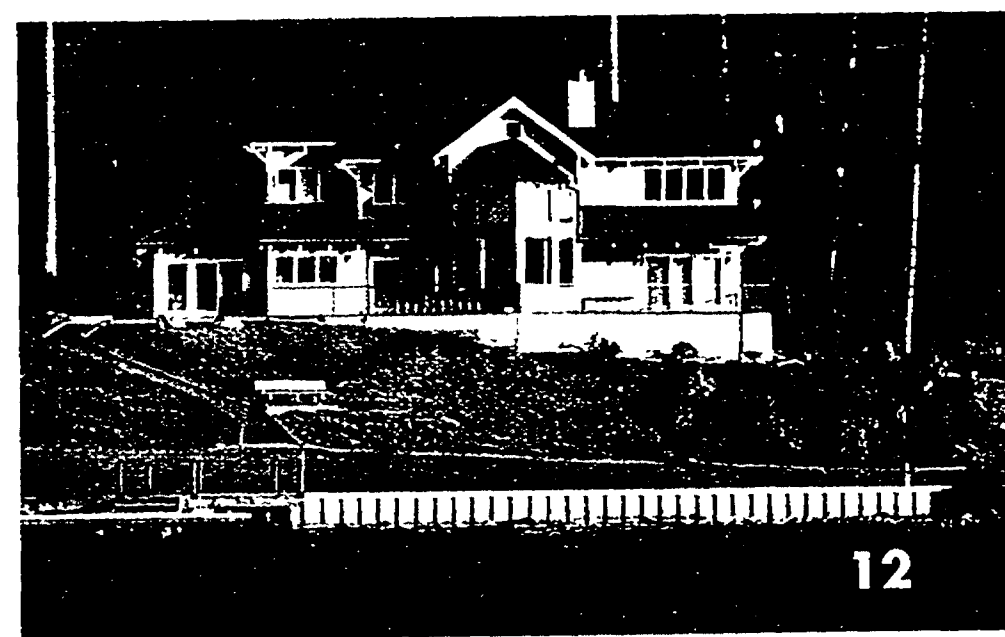
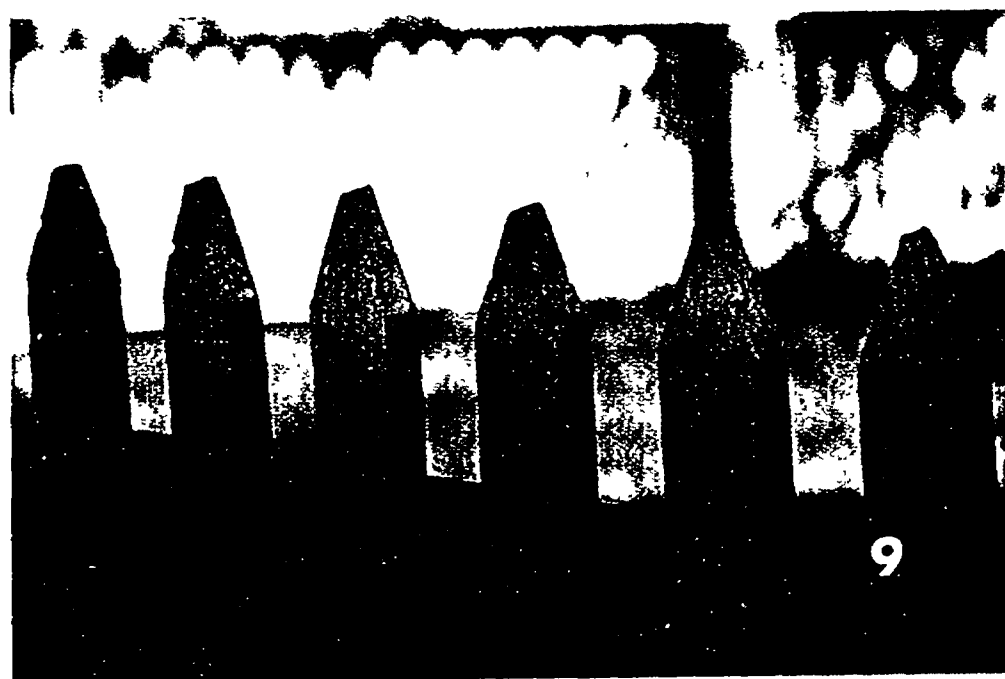
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The Peninsula, a collection of homes nestled in a wooded lakeside area near Brighton, seems so far from the hustle and bustle, and yet, I-96 and U.S. 23 are a mere two miles away, and M-59 only four.

Keeping the natural elements and historic charm of the area was what Brighton-based Livingston Building Company had in mind when establishing the nearly 100 luxury attached condominium homes and half-acre single-family homes that make up the Peninsula.

Situated on Old U.S. 23 and Hilton Road in Brighton, the Peninsula offers the best of country and city living, says Livingston Building Company President Marcus Yono.

"The condominiums are ideal for those who want to live in luxury with little maintenance, and the single-family homes are ideal for families looking for plenty of space," he points out.

When the entire project is completed, the heavily wooded gated community will feature two entrances with dramatic waterfalls with full-color night lighting, lush landscaping with brick paver courtyards, ponds with nightly lit fountains and paved walking and biking trails.

In addition, homeowners will have access to more than 30 acres of open space, a tennis court, swimming pool, private roads and the private body of water known as Lyons Lake.

Unique in design

Livingston Building Company maintains that homes must reflect the style and taste of their owners, and that is why the single-family homes in the Peninsula are custom designed with full brick and stone fronts.

By giving customers the opportunity to choose the features they want inside and out, no two homes look the same.

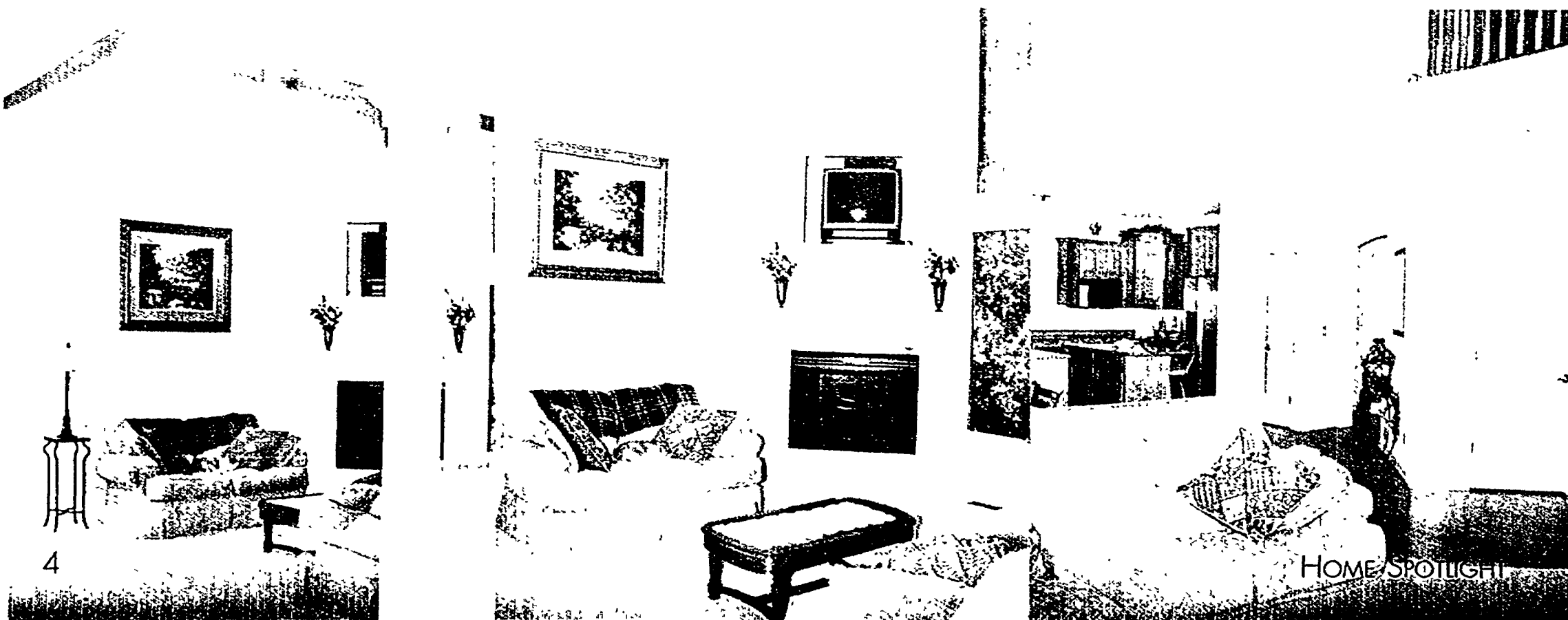
"We control the exterior design and color of each home to ensure variation," says Yono.

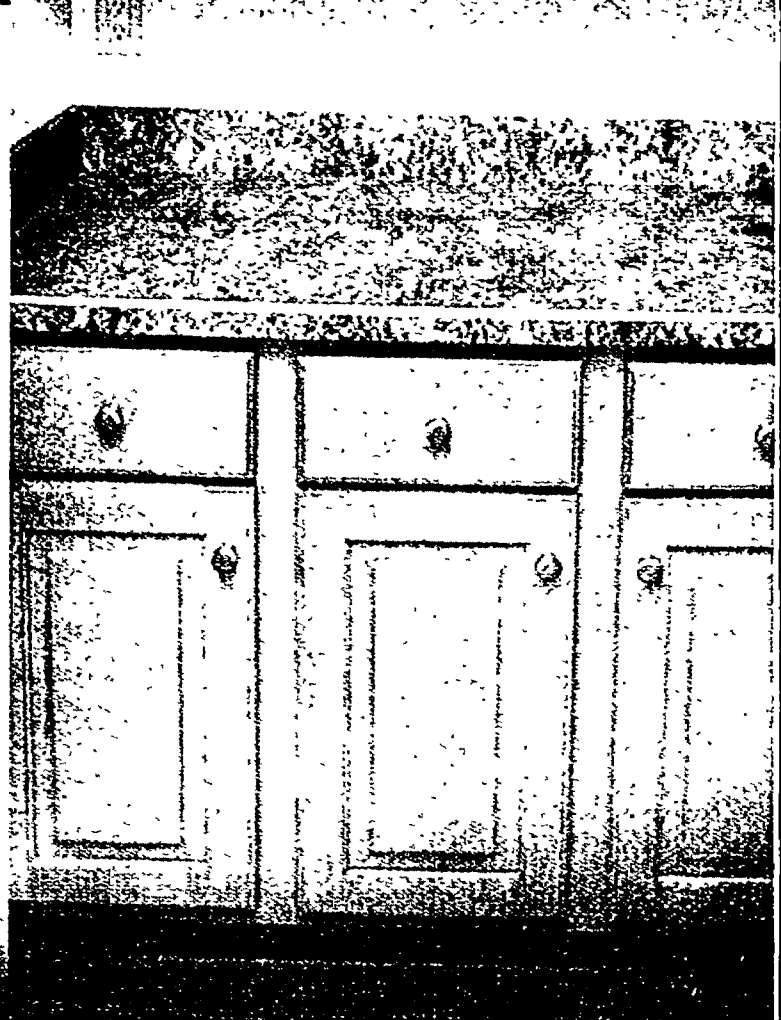
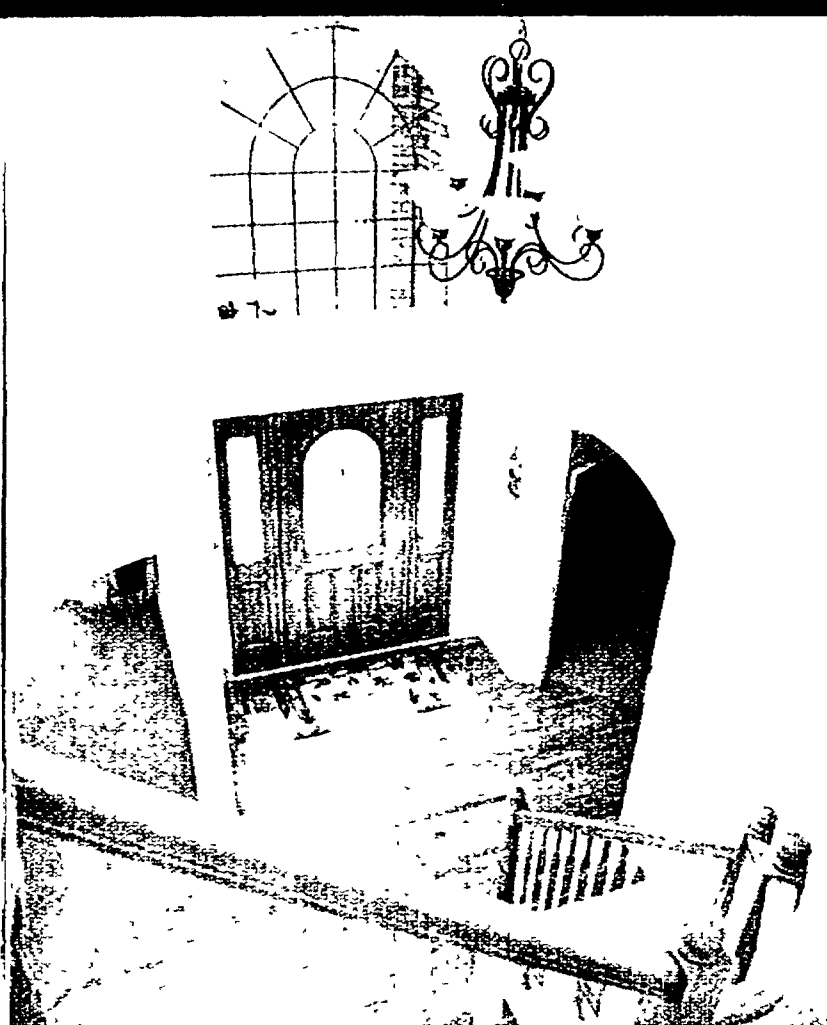
Many of the single-family homes have stunning lake views or are situated lakeside, and many of the sites are completely private. The homes vary in size from 2,600 square feet to well over 4,000 square feet, and all have at least three-car side-entry garages. Prices are anticipated to start in the low \$400s and climb to well over \$1 million.

Regardless of price or size, a Livingston Building Company home boasts superior amenities such as brick exteriors with stone accents, two-story foyers, high ceilings in the great room and nine-to-12-foot basements.

High-end cabinetry, granite countertops, hardwood and ceramic flooring, oval archways, curved corners and charming details are all features that homeowners have come to appreciate in a Livingston-built home.

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Living in ease

That attention to detail extends to the condominium homes being constructed at the Peninsula. "The attached condominium homes each have a private courtyard and an iron gate entry to the courtyard," says Yono.

This level of luxury is also carried inside the home with amenities such as nine-foot-high first-floor ceilings, a large walk-in closet, and a first-floor master

bedroom with elegant master bath including a two-person Jacuzzi whirlpool, full-ceramic shower and his-and-her sinks.

A custom kitchen with built-in appliances, wood cabinets and granite countertops includes island seating along with a full dining room.

"The foyer/kitchen/hallway area will be fully completed with hardwood flooring, in addition to solid six-panel wood doors and custom wood windows throughout," says Yono.

The nearly 2,000-square-foot homes also feature a large great room with a fireplace, a laundry room, a second floor with a large library/loft open to the first floor and an additional bedroom and bath.

To complement the natural facade, the fully finished two-car attached garage with opener sports wood-grained eight-foot-high doors.



Homes that inspire

In addition to the Peninsula, Livingston Building Company is also in the process of establishing two more sites in Livingston County, and is unfolding its newest project in the Traverse City area. The Pointe of Suttons Bay will more than double the size of this northern Michigan village when it adds more than 320 waterfront luxury home sites with marina, clubhouse and village square. And Livingston Building Company is helping the district to set the theme for architectural design for all future projects in the quaint village.

Livingston luxury homes can also be found in Brighton at Worden Lake Shores, a collection of high-end waterfront luxury home from the low \$700s.

In Fowlerville, Livingston built Fawn Meadows, which offers homes in the high \$190s. In Hamburg, there is Park's Edge with homes in the low \$300s.

With such a diverse amount of home styles, prices and locations, Livingston Building Company certainly makes living easy; it's just choosing only one that might be hard. But then, who says you have to?

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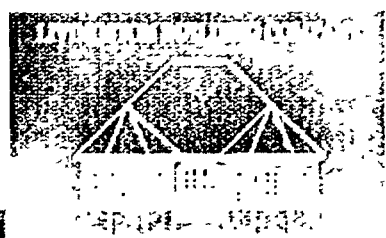
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COLORFUL ROOMS: The psychology of color

Most do-it-yourself enthusiasts will agree: painting is at once the simplest and most daunting of all home improvement projects. The painting itself is easy; almost anyone can do it.

Choosing the perfect color, on the other hand, leaves many reeling in frustration.

"Color is the first thing that strikes a person when they enter a room, so it's important that it set the right mood - for the room and its occupants," says Home Depot's Jason Feldman. Case in point, soft, billowy clouds might inspire one person's bedroom, while another prefers a passionate, stirring pink boudoir.

To help select paint colors, Feldman suggests jotting down adjectives that describe the look and feel you want to achieve in a particular room. Words like calm, energetic, or cozy all evoke emotional responses that will influence your color scheme.

"For example, red stimulates the senses and works well in dining rooms. Golds, yellows and earth tones tend to make rooms feel smaller and more intimate, and are a good choice for family rooms and study areas," says Feldman.

Cool colors like greens, blues and purples tend to soothe and relax the senses, creating a nice backdrop for a bedroom or nursery. They also create an illusion of distance, making them good choices for small rooms.

Remember that every component of the

room should be considered when choosing your color palette - walls, ceilings, trim, doors and windows. Each plays a distinctive role in the final result.

"Most people think they can't go wrong with off-whites, but choosing the perfect color scheme for a room is one of the true joys of decorating," says Feldman. "And the great thing about taking a chance with wall color is that you can repaint if you don't like the results."

Here are a few of Feldman's color suggestions to get you started:

Pretty in pink

Chic in 2003, pink hues range from cool mid-toned mauves to warm roses with just a hint of yellow. Pink is an eye-catching color known for its exuberance. It is also surprisingly versatile.

"The warmer pink shades, moving towards peach, are definitely in style this year," says Feldman. "And the deeper, richer rose hue is an elegant partner to chocolate brown. While such grown-up pairings are in vogue for adult spaces, pink is a perennial favorite for girls' rooms."

Hues of blue

From walls to soft furnishings, color trend forecasters predict blue will continue to grace color palettes this year and for many years to come. Muted denim tops the list, but shades of green-blue, highly

saturated cobalt, and deep, classic navy are all in style, proving that blue is a hue for all seasons.



Red rising

For a high impact yet remarkably refreshing look, a dramatic red may be just what the *décor doctor* ordered. Considered a "life force" color, red is multi-cultural and dramatic. From spicy orange-reds to lush blue-reds, the color is wonderfully adaptable when paired with another shade. ▲

Designers' favorite tricks

Like most professionals, interior designers have favorite techniques they adapt to a variety of situations. Here are some tried and true decorating tricks for every area of a room.

"Always put color on the ceiling," says D.D. McClendon of Brava Designs Studio, Oak Park, Ill. "Choose subtly patterned wallpaper or pale-tinted paint that relates to the colors on the walls."

"Don't be afraid to add a substantial rug—even a small Oriental—to the powder room," she says. "It gives an unexpected texture in contrast to tile."

"Horizontal planes, such as chair rail molding or striped wallpaper installed sideways, make a small room seem larger," McClendon says. "Move artwork and mirrors around to change perspective and

refresh a room."

Other designers like to incorporate elements of surprise. Insert one square glass votive candle holder within a line-up of identical round ones along a mantel. Add dimensional art, such as a metal sculpture, wood carving, or patterned plate, amidst a cluster of prints. Install a wall-hung vase containing a single rose.

Self-adhesive mounting products make it easy to hang and rearrange art and small objects on a wall. Sawtooth and wire-backed picture hangers hold framed art and wire plate-holders. You can display framed photos, artwork, diplomas and awards that are mounted on wood with adhesive interlocking fasteners. Attach one fastener to the wall and the other to the frame or wood so that the strips snap

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FENCE THEM IN The right fence for your pet

One of the top reasons homeowners choose to fence in their yard is to keep their pets from wandering off, according to one expert.

"Homeowners have several options for fencing in their pets. They can put up a kennel, fence in the whole yard, or even create a special area within a fenced yard," says Certified Fence Professional Tom Phillips.

Phillips, who has built kennels for veterinary practices, says vets prefer long narrow runs, instead of square areas. "They usually like a kennel that is 4' x 14' instead of 8' x 8' because the dog can get more exercise that way," he says. Most kennels are constructed of 6' tall chain-link.

Homeowners who wish to enclose the entire yard often choose privacy fence styles in either wood or vinyl. "If a yard is enclosed with a privacy fence, dogs can't see movement outside of the yard, and they don't bark as much," he says.

Some homeowners choose to fence in their whole yard, then create a special

area for their pets to keep them separate when children or guests are present.

"A special fenced area within a fenced yard can keep the dog from jumping on people," Phillips says.



Pet fencing contains some unique challenges. "Most people want the fence installed close to the ground to prevent dogs from digging under it."

says Phillips. "We usually recommend the fence be at least an inch from the ground. Wood fences in particular should not touch the ground to prevent premature rotting."

While installing the fence close to the ground keeps pets in, it can create a landscape challenge. "People either hand trim the grass under the fence or use weed killer to get rid of the grass beneath it," says Phillips. "Other alternatives are to put decorative rock beneath the fence to keep grass or weeds from growing there."

Some homeowners opt for a maintenance strip, which is a 6" x 12" wide concrete strip beneath the fence that prevents dogs from digging and grass from growing there. "A maintenance strip can be expensive, but many feel it's worth the expense to ensure dogs don't get out," Phillips says.

To find a professional fence contractor, call the American Fence Association at (800) 822-1342 or search the Web site at www.AmericanFenceAssociation.com. 🏠

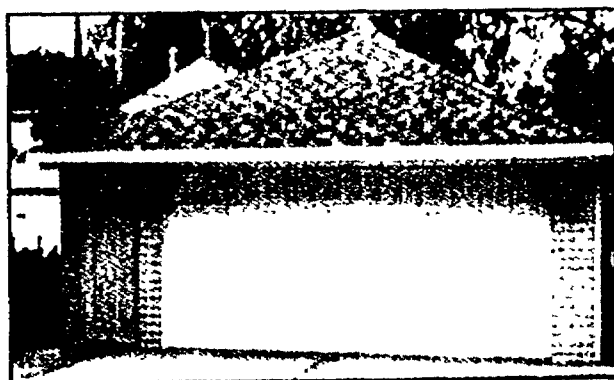


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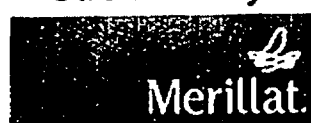
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BY ALICE RHEIN

Because purchasing replacement windows might only happen once or twice in a lifetime, most homeowners greet the occasion with trepidation. And with so many companies vying for your window replacement business, it's hard to know what is important when choosing a company.

Tom Masson, vice president of Pella Window & Door Co., says there are several considerations that will help you decide.

"First, consider a company with a strong reputation and a good warranty," he says. "Next, be sure that the windows have size variation."

Some companies only make standard sizes and fill in the extra space with wood or trim. The result is a smaller glass area and a potential for water seepage.

"Custom-size is one aspect that is very important. Another is reputation," says Masson. "Will the company be there down the road when a baseball breaks a window and you need a replacement?"

Made from a clear pinewood frame, Pella windows have an aluminum-clad exterior that comes in every color

imaginable. And because wood responds better to Michigan's climate, the energy efficiency helps reduce monthly heating bills.

Masson says another aspect to consider is the window's air infiltration rating. "Pella puts every ventilation window to the test at the factory for air infiltration," says Masson. "This way, the windows are assured of having a tight seal that won't let wind blow through when closed."

And hand-in-hand with air infiltration is sound transmission. A window that can cut out noise is invaluable, especially for homeowners who live near expressways or airports. Masson says that Pella was recently given the contract to install sound-reducing patio doors in homes affected by new air traffic patterns at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

A good test of air infiltration and sound transmission is to watch and listen for the wind coming through closed windows. If you see curtains move, or hear whistling, it may be time to consider replacements.

Masson also suggests you ask about the installers. "Quality installation is critical. You can buy the best tires in the world,

but if they are not installed correctly, your car will be out of alignment. The same is true of windows," he says.

For homeowners who are adept do-it-yourselfers, Pella can sell the windows directly. Pella can recommend a contractor to install them, and can also complete the whole project, start to finish, using its team of certified installers.

Masson says before considering price, think about reputation, warranty, efficiency and performance.

"Is there an initial difference at the time of sale? Yes, but the overall value of a quality window will more than offset the difference," says Masson.

And feeling comfortable with the company you choose is of utmost importance to many homeowners. "Most people don't look forward to buying new windows just because they don't do it that often," says Masson. "We try to take the fear out of it."

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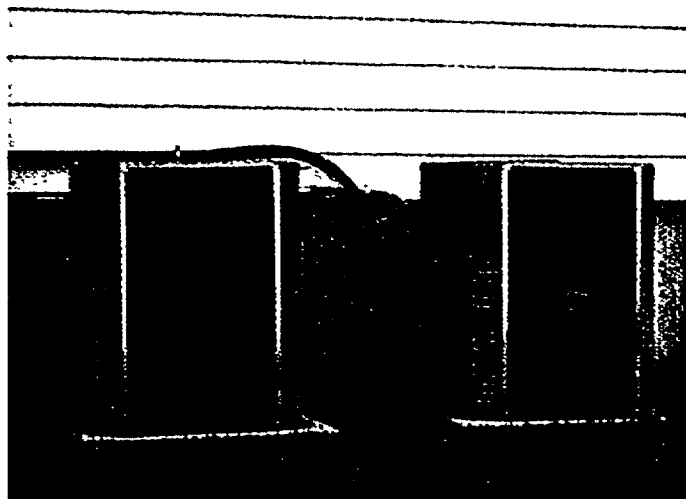
With energy rates approaching record levels, 90 percent of all American homeowners are concerned about saving money on household energy bills. Nearly half of homeowners say their bills are "somewhat" or "much" higher than just one year ago, according to a national energy savings survey.

Interestingly, while consumers accurately ranked air conditioning and heating as the top energy-using home appliances in the survey, the leading energy-saving action taken by consumers to save energy is turning off the lights. While that helps a little, lighting accounts for only about 10 to 15 percent of a household's total annual energy expense bill. On the other hand, heating and cooling costs make up nearly 50 percent of the expense.

The second leading energy-saving measure homeowners are taking to conserve energy is keeping their homes at an uncomfortable temperature — either too warm or too cold — while they are awake in the house, coping with

their discomfort by adding or removing layers of clothing. Yet only 69 percent of homeowners surveyed say that they adjust their thermostats to keep home-energy costs down.

"There's a big gap between what



homeowners know about saving energy and what they actually do to save energy," says Mark Winston, vice president and general manager of Honeywell North American Homes. "What many home-

owners don't realize is that they could achieve big savings by using a programmable thermostat — up to 30 percent, or \$200 in annual heating and cooling bills for the for the average home.

"With a programmable thermostat, people wouldn't have to sacrifice comfort for savings when they are at home, because they can be saving when they are asleep or away from the home," Winston says. "Homeowners don't even have to think about energy savings — it just happens."

According to Winston, purchasing a programmable thermostat is a minimal investment of \$70 to \$200 that easily pays for itself in annual energy savings. Many utilities even offer rebates on thermostats.

Honeywell provides an easy-to-use tool on its Web site for homeowners to calculate their estimated annual average energy use and potential energy savings. Visit their Website at www.honeywell.com/yourhome and click on "Save Energy." ■

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HOME AWAY FROM HOME **Second homes**

Whether it's a rustic cabin in the woods or a luxury poolside condo, the private getaway retreat is a hot commodity. Second home ownership is at historic highs according to the National Association of Realtors (NAR) and the U.S. Census Bureau.

Low interest rates, recent tax

buyers cashing out securities to acquire second homes more than doubled during the last two years, the NAR reports.

Nevertheless, most American buyers purchase a second home to use as a family retreat, not just as an investment. And, over half choose a vacation home within 200 miles of their primary residence, preferring an accessible home-away-from-home, rather than an exotic vacation spot.

"As Americans reassess their priorities and opt for more time with close friends and family, a second home provides fun and togetherness in a familiar, worry-free environment," says Mike Short, design director for Sauder furniture.

Short and his staff suggest these tips for creating a carefree, family-oriented getaway haven.

- Seek out low-maintenance decorating elements, advises Short. "The goal is to create a casual setting that requires minimum upkeep," he says. Bright, washable painted walls, sturdy slipcovers and flooring, and easy-care laminate furniture finishes make a hassle-free atmosphere.

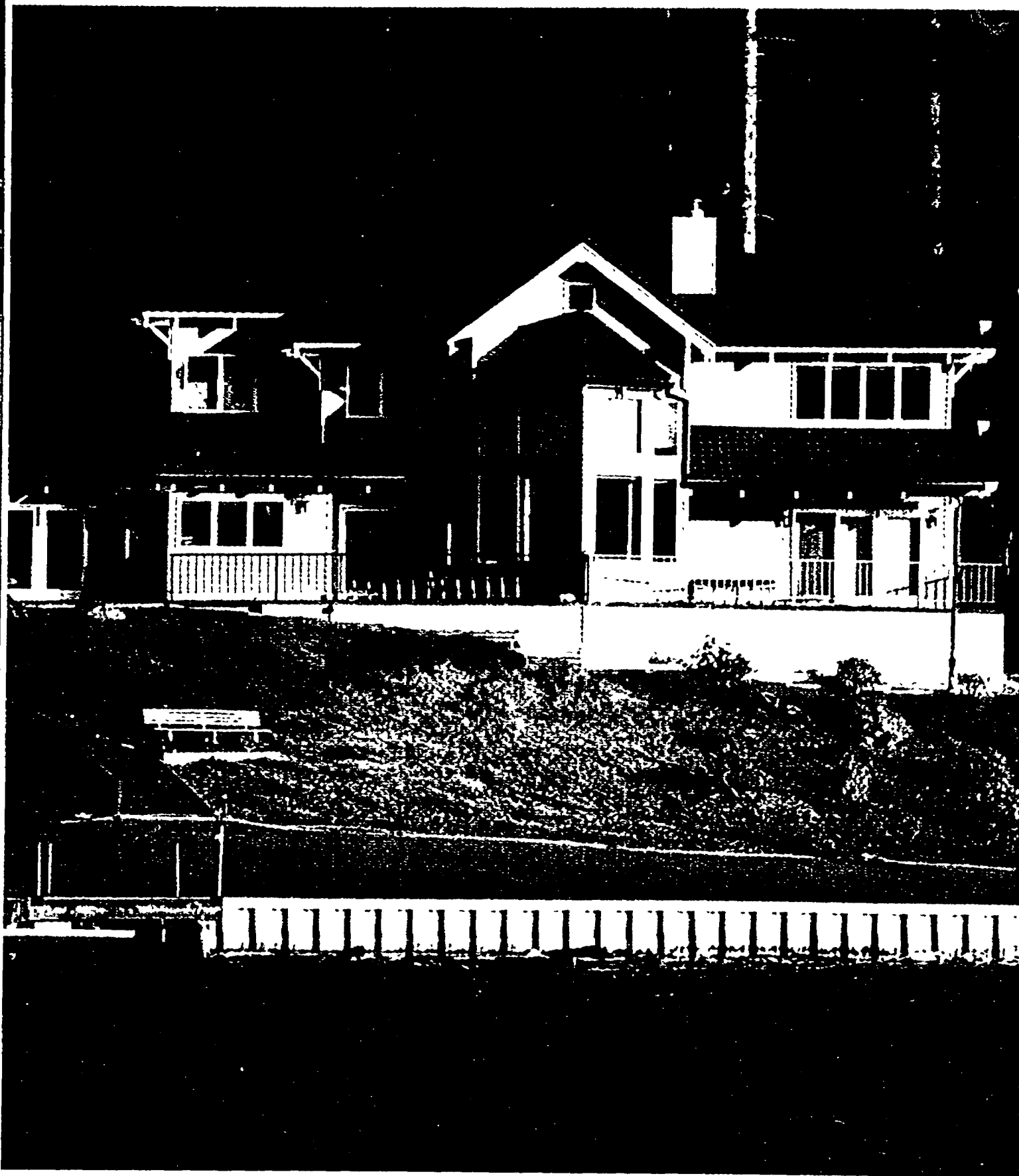
- Select furnishings that reflect timeless pleasures and relaxation, such as country and cottage-style designs. Although over half of the nation's second homes are in rural areas, today's casual looks are at ease in any environment.

- Don't sacrifice contemporary comforts. "People want privacy, not isolation, in their second homes," Short says. "So, technology needs to be gracefully accommodated."

- Plan a central gathering spot, whether a cozy fireplace, a hearth-like home theater or a commodious table, to nurture togetherness. Short says, "For family bonding across the generations, stock up on old-fashioned board games or jigsaw puzzles as well as classic videos and DVDs."

- Bring the outside in, with oversized windows and outdoor-themed upholstery that sports animal and landscape motifs. 🏡

reform benefits and recreation-minded baby boomers with healthy equity in their primary residences are all fueling the second home market. Financial analysts also say that vacation real estate is an appealing, stable investment alternative. In fact, the number of



BATHROOM ELEGANCE: Redecorating for a luxurious feel

BY MARILYN STEIN

People are spending more time in the bathroom these days because it's become one of the most luxurious rooms in the house.

Bathrooms have been transformed into "rooms with a bath," offering a variety of amenities fit for a king or queen in every price range.

"Many people want to make their bathrooms extra special," says Linda Welch, (CKD, DBD, ASID Interior), senior designer for NA Mans, a kitchen and bathroom design center headquartered in Trenton. "Now, the master bath in a home, especially in new construction, is equipped with a whirlpool bath, separate tub and shower and a two-station his-and-hers vanity often done in granite or ceramic tile."

And if decorating one bathroom isn't enough, many homeowners also enjoy transforming the powder room into a lavish nook for guests to visit.

Back in the master bath, customers are passing on the 1960's style of decorating with a double sink because the average homeowner does not have two people in the

room at the same time standing together.

"Men and women each want their own privacy area," said Welch. Many privacy areas are custom made with vanity seating for a woman to apply make up and with taller (kitchen counter height) counters to accommodate a man's height.

Gone is the once popular recessed lighting in the ceiling that creates a shadow on the face. Wall-mounted lighting made stylish with an Art Deco, Victorian or traditional flair is currently a popular choice. And customers love to find that unusual fixture to make their bathroom one-of-a-kind.

"Many people are replacing their vanities with actual pieces of furniture and antiques," she said.

According to Welch, this year's popular color is "anything with a green tint or undertone" and a Tuscan look enveloped in reds and golds and the "ornateness" that goes along with it. For those who prefer simplicity, the "minimalistic" look with flat, paneled cabinets and very little embellishment is the décor of choice.

As with fashion, everything travels in a

cycle including color. Welch said that oddly enough, a color like avocado green that was popular in the 1960's is now named "moss green."

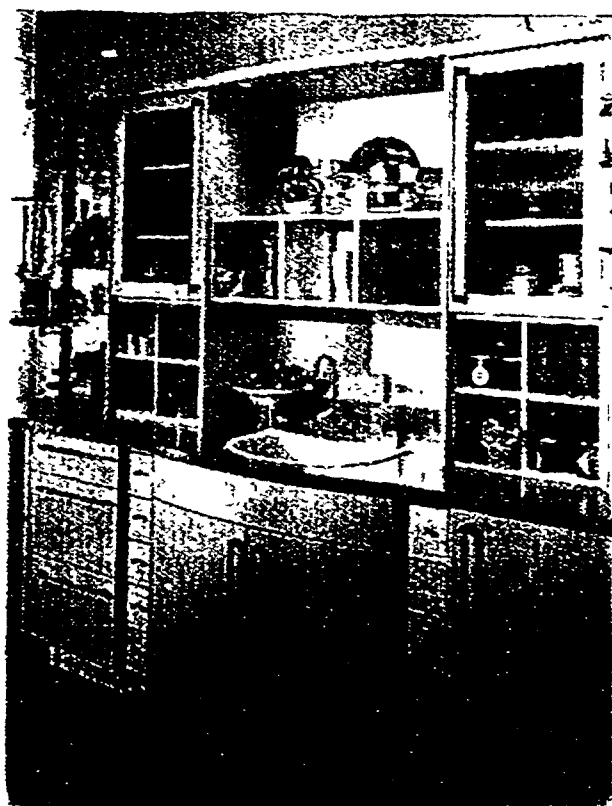
"The colors themselves never change but the names do," she says.

Next to creating a spectacular space for privacy, comfort is the second order of business. Welch said the whirlpool bath is the most wanted item in the bathroom but is the least used appliance. Customers are now enjoying the multipurpose shower head (many have up to five heads) often described as a "human car wash" that pulsates.

But no matter how much money you spend on amenities to make your private bathroom pretty and comfortable, remember that the "construction threesome" of plumber, electrician and carpenter is the greatest expense.

"The more complex the design and fixtures are, the more the installation will cost," Welch says. "But it's well worth it."

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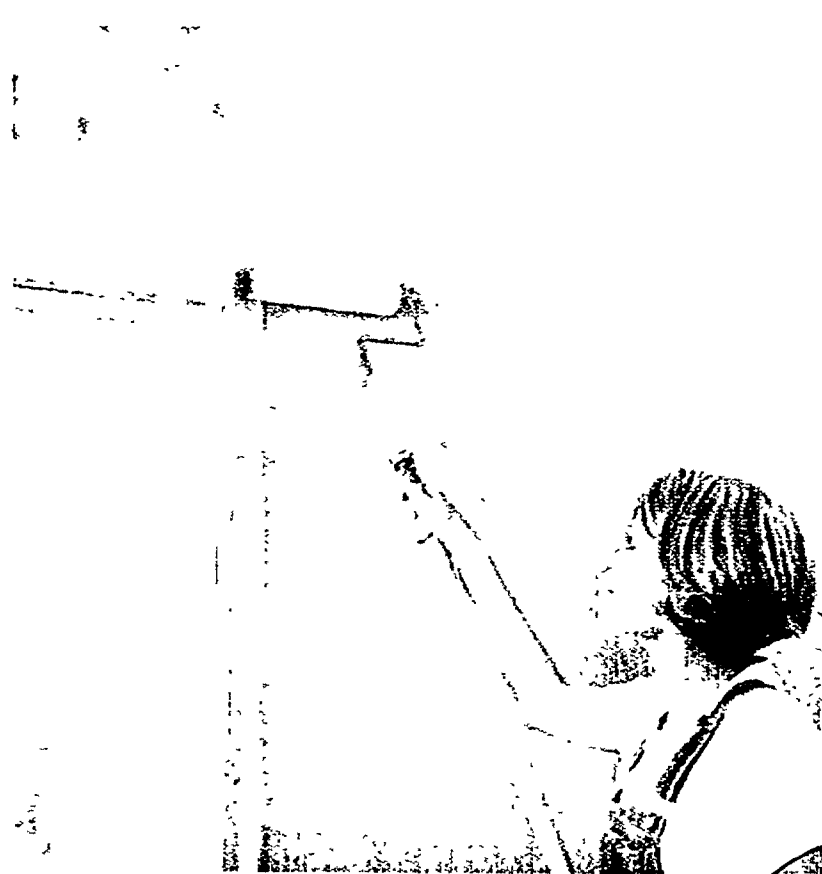
Professional painters recognize that a quality paint job starts with surface preparation. Just like an artist who carefully prepares a canvas before he begins to paint, a good painter prepares the surface to ensure that existing colors, stains and imperfections don't compromise his work. The use of a quality stain-killing primer is an essential part of his or her "prep". Here's why:

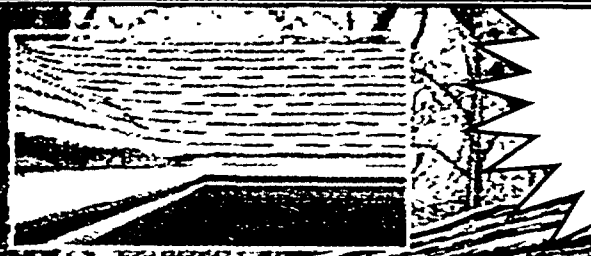
- A quality primer creates a sealed, consistent surface so paint spreads further and will be more uniform in color and sheen. If the surface has been previously painted, priming will help keep the previous color from showing through and create a more uniform finish. If you're painting new drywall or painting over "builders flat," a paint that's often found in new homes, priming

seals these porous surfaces. That means you'll use less paint and create a more even, consistent finish. Hint: Tinting your primer toward the color of your paint will help the topcoat cover in just one coat.

- A quality stain-killing primer blocks stains and prevents them from bleeding through the topcoat. Ever try to paint over a water stain, crayon mark or kitchen grease? It's almost impossible to cover them completely without priming before you paint. Water-base stain killing primers are great at sealing oil-soluble stains like kitchen grease, lipstick and crayon. For water stains or other water-soluble stains, like smoke or ink, use a shellac-base primer or an oil-base primer.

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BATHROOM LIGHTING:

Tips for powering up your powder room

BY MARGARET ROSLER

Are you looking for a way to update your bathroom without incurring the high costs of remodeling? Never underestimate the power of light in your home. Light can expand a small room, turn a large room into a cozy haven, and provide comfort, safety and usability. Three types of lighting need to be blended to create a harmonious scheme: general (ambient), task and accent.

Regardless of your bathroom's size, one common lighting element is task lighting around your mirror. Joslynn Wilson, general manager of Michigan Chandelier, recommends placing lights on the sides of the mirror at eye level: this casts a more favorable light on your features. "Even a pair of sconces on the sides of your mirror can give you the light you need," says Wilson.

"Never use recessed lighting for your mirror areas as it causes too many shadows on noses and cheekbones," she says. "Recessed

lighting is fine for the shower, where you don't have the need for 'detail' work."

Add ambient light to your bathroom — generally an overhead ceiling fixture — if the size of the room warrants it. Accent lighting, which can refresh

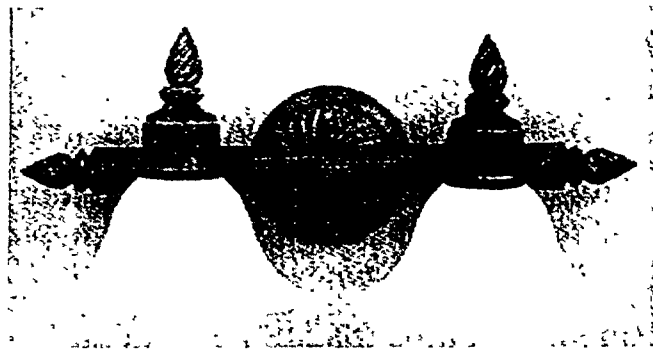


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those neglected corners, includes recessed lighting in the shower or a focus light over the commode.

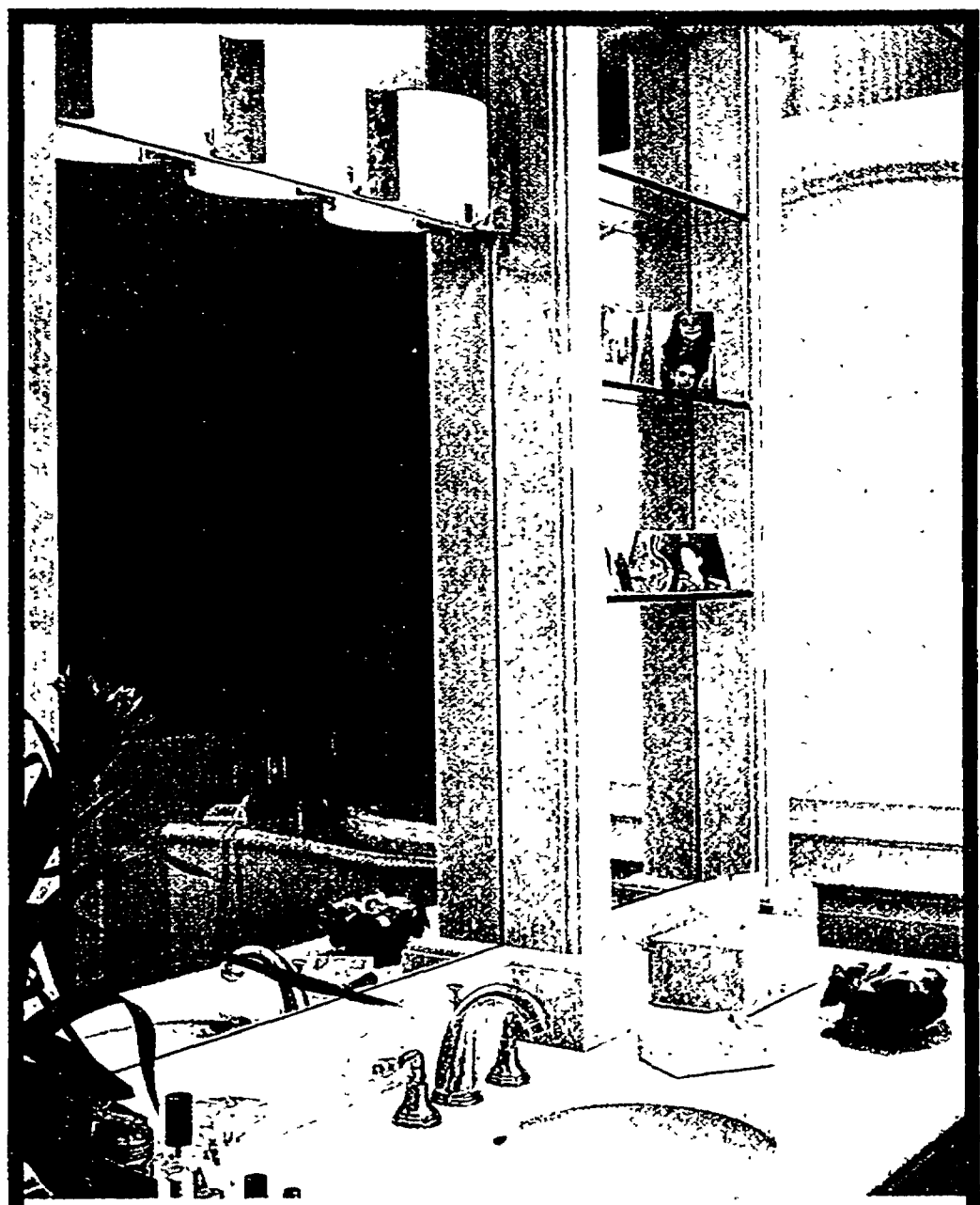
Wilson highly recommends using dimmer switches. Dimmers can cast an inviting glow when entertaining or to guide the path for little ones' midnight visits.

Unlike other areas of interior design, the functional nature of the bathroom makes it somewhat trend-resistant. Homeowners can select from a vast variety of fixtures in finishes such as chrome, polished brass and nickel — in both contemporary and traditional styles.

After you select a fixture, the light bulb you use controls the fixture's effect. "There are pros and cons to all the different types of light bulbs," Wilson says. Halogen bulbs provide a good white light source but can get hot. Incandescent bulbs have a yellow-white hue and are inexpensive. With fluorescent bulbs, getting the color right is difficult and they are not easy to dim.

Don't be afraid to get creative with your bathroom décor. While matching faucet finishes and lighting fixtures is still common, many are matching lighting fixtures to something else, such as paint or wallpaper, and using fixtures with painted or rustic finishes, Wilson adds. If blessed with a larger bathroom, consider other design strategies like softening the room by adding a table lamp in an area safe from water sources.

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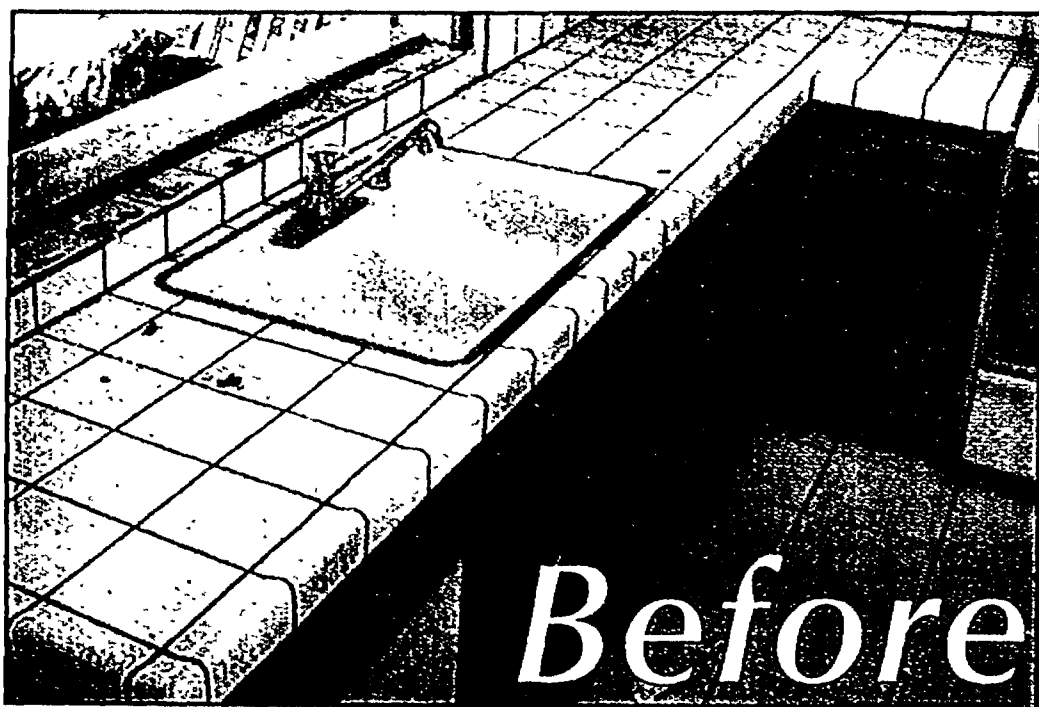
LIKE A ROCK Granite & marble countertops

BY AMY PARRENT

From ancient volcanoes and new technology come the classic looks for kitchen, bathrooms and other areas of your home.

Natural granite, a top choice for creating elegant countertops, is a volcanic rock. If you want to explore the look and feel of natural granite, a trip to the Sterling Heights showroom of A.P. Marble & Granite is worth its weight in stone. A.P. is a wholesale distributor of granite.

"We help with the selection process," says owner Fred Cardinali. "The customers pick slabs, and we sell it to the fabricator. If the customer doesn't have a contractor lined



up, we can recommend one."

Cardinali says granite is the best natural material to use in kitchens. It's scratch- and stain-resistant, and not heat sensitive. "You can take a pan out of the oven and put it on the countertop," he says.

Granite is used in kitchens, bathrooms, floors, vanity tops, tables, vestibules and hallways.

Cardinali doesn't recommend marble for use in kitchens because it is porous and scratches, although it works well in bathrooms and on tabletops.

Cardinali says, "The costs of natural stone vary by rarity - some marbles or granites only come from one source, for instance. These pieces are like art. Each one is unique - each has its own beauty."

"Our end goal is to have happy customers who will come back if they buy a new home," he says. "We try to educate them so there are no surprises."

His company is even offering seminars for potential buyers later this year. (Call 586-323-7902 for information.)

Homeowners who'd like a beautiful granite look at less cost might consider a product that originated Down Under. Rocksolid Granit™ was first used as a flooring tile. Eight years ago, some Aussies got the brainstorm to transform

it for use in countertops.

"One of its biggest advantages is its ease of installation," says Jim Narens, co-owner (with Alan Schwartz) of Granite Transformations in Farmington Hills.

Because Rocksolid Granit™ can be installed over existing countertops, Narens says, "There's no demolition step, no mess to clean. We transform the room in a day or two. And the product is very durable - it lives up to rigors of active kitchens."

Rocksolid Granit™ is 95% natural stone reconstituted with polymer resin. Narens says it fills a niche - "that big gap between Formica and granite."

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Narens also points out that although natural granite will stain, Rocksolid Granit™ isn't porous. "So you can spill red wine, soy sauce - it won't stain," he says.

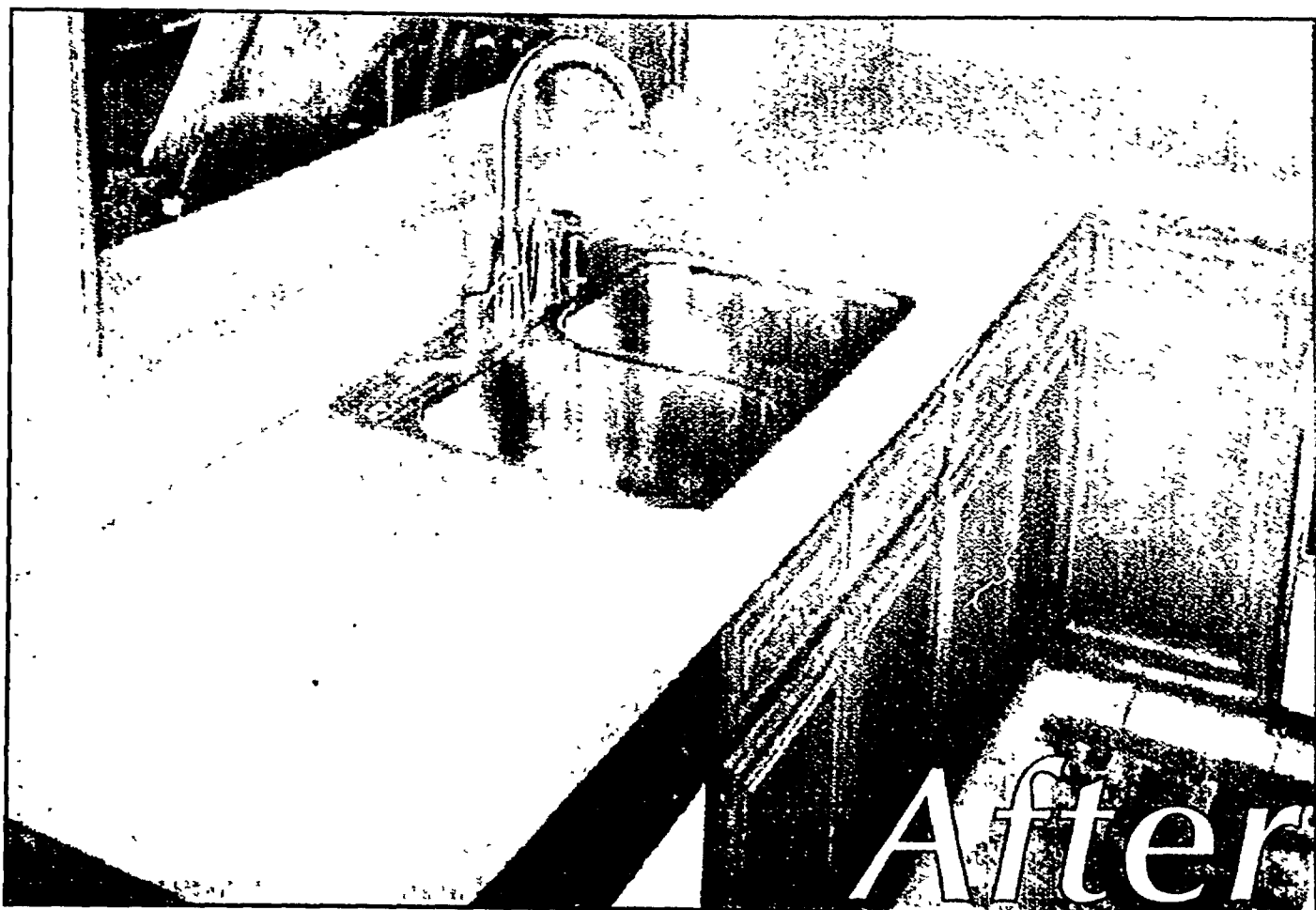
Rocksolid Granit™ is primarily used for kitchen countertops and bathroom vanities. But Narens notes it can also be put in showers, on bar countertops, fireplaces and walls. They can even turn plywood into a granite shelf.

"I haven't found a surface that it can't be applied to," he says.

Rocksolid Granit™, which comes in 13 colors, has a ten-year warranty. Narens says complete costs to install a 55-65 square foot countertop run \$2800-3200. Prices for smaller kitchens are \$1800-2400, and bathroom vanities are \$750-1500.

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HOME SPOTLIGHT

HOME SECURITY: Safety tips

The family vacation has finally arrived, but so have anxieties about leaving your home vacant for an extended period. "Don't let your home become a target while you're off having a good time," says Richard Dale, global product merchant for home safety and security products for Home Depot. "A little common sense and a few simple and affordable projects will help divert burglars and give you peace of mind while you're gone."

Dale recommends making the following pre-vacation checklist:

- Ask a neighbor to keep an eye on your house and to pick up the mail and newspaper.
- Arrange to have your grass cut if you'll be away for more than a week.
- Install deadbolts on every entry door.
- Make sure back doors, walkways, and entrances to garages and basements are well lit at night.
- Outdoor lighting systems linked to motion sensors startle would-be intruders by instantly exposing them to light.
- Install timers on lamps in several rooms to create the appearance that someone is home. Look for timers that stagger when the lights go on and off from day to day.
- Clean up your yard so that all debris is removed and all patio furniture is secured in case of a storm.
- If you use gas, turn off the pilot light on your hot water heater, stove, oven and clothes dryer.
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DECKS Keeping decks in ship-shape condition

The average cost of building a new deck is about \$6,000, approximately the same price as a new plasma-screen TV. Yet, the average annual cost of maintaining a deck is about the same as going to dinner and a movie. Annual maintenance can stop common deck problems before they ruin decks—and household budgets.

In a recent survey, the most important factors for consumers when choosing deck stains and water-proofer were durability and wood protection. Other important factors include color retention, protection from the sun's harmful UV rays and mildew protection.

Here are some simple steps for a hassle-free, do-it-yourself deck refinish:

- **Get the Right Equipment:** You'll need rubber gloves, plastic drop cloths (to protect flowers and vegetation), goggles, broom, hose with spray nozzle, good quality brush, 3/4" nap paint roller or pad with arm extension, paint tray with liner and deck stain/waterproofer.
- **Clean It:** Sweep your deck and remove debris.
- **Prep It:** Home centers carry a variety of deck preparation products. Depending on the condition of your deck, a finish remover, mildew stain remover and wood brightener/conditioner may be needed. Before apply-

ing deck-prep products, make sure that you are wearing protective goggles and gloves, and then follow the label instructions for application. Most deck-prep products are simply sprayed on, scrubbed lightly, then rinsed off.

- **Finish It:** Pour weather-proofer into a lined paint tray and apply using a paint roller or brush. Coat a small area at a time, maintaining a wet edge when applying. Always remove excess product and evenly distribute the finish by brushing backward on the sur-

face during all application methods. Apply product end to end or to board lengths to prevent marks left on the finished surface from one coat's edge drying before the edge of the previous one, resulting in an uneven thickness. Coat wood on all sides for optimum performance and always follow manufacturers' label instructions.

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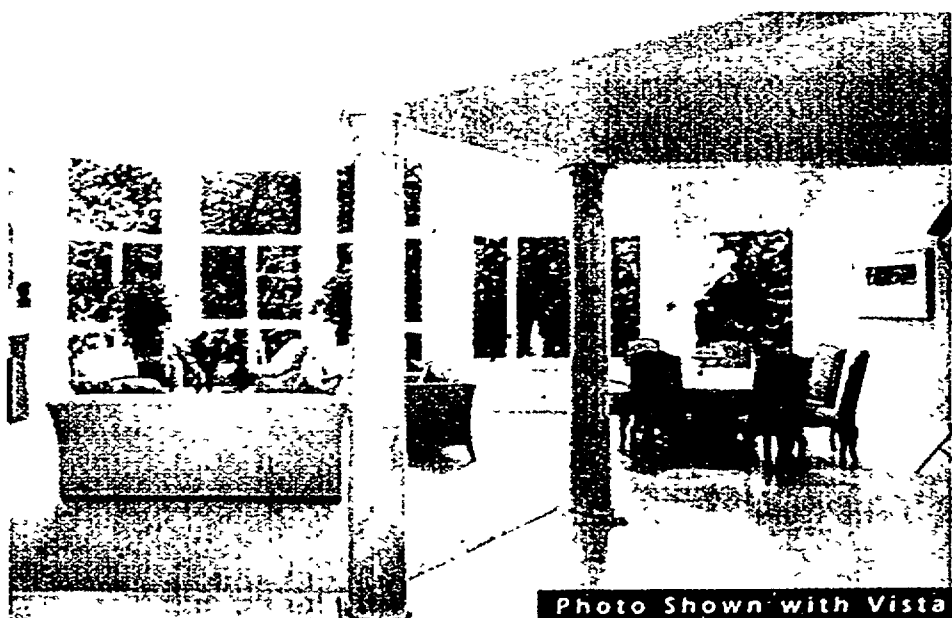
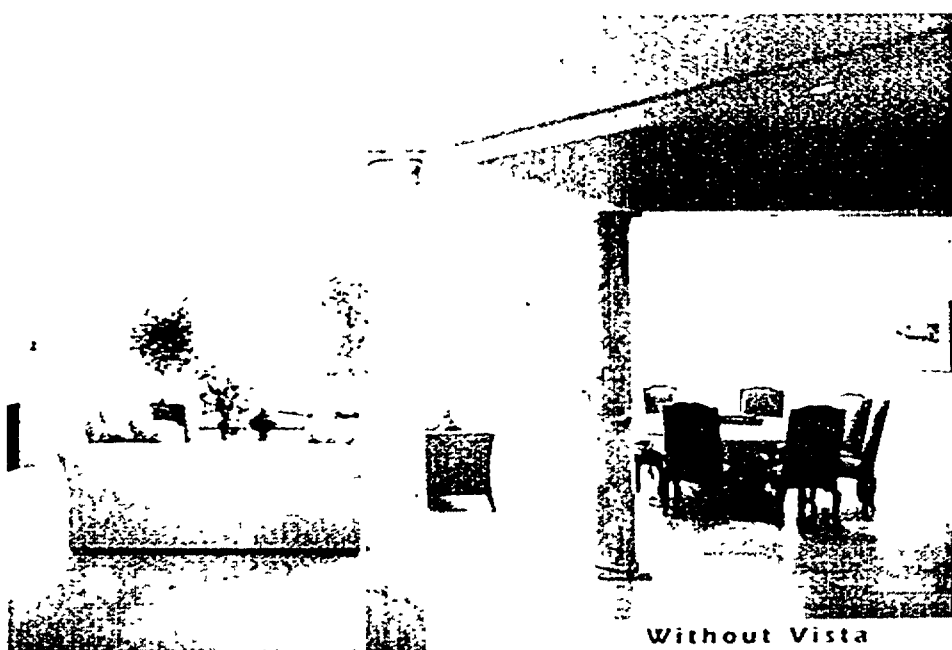


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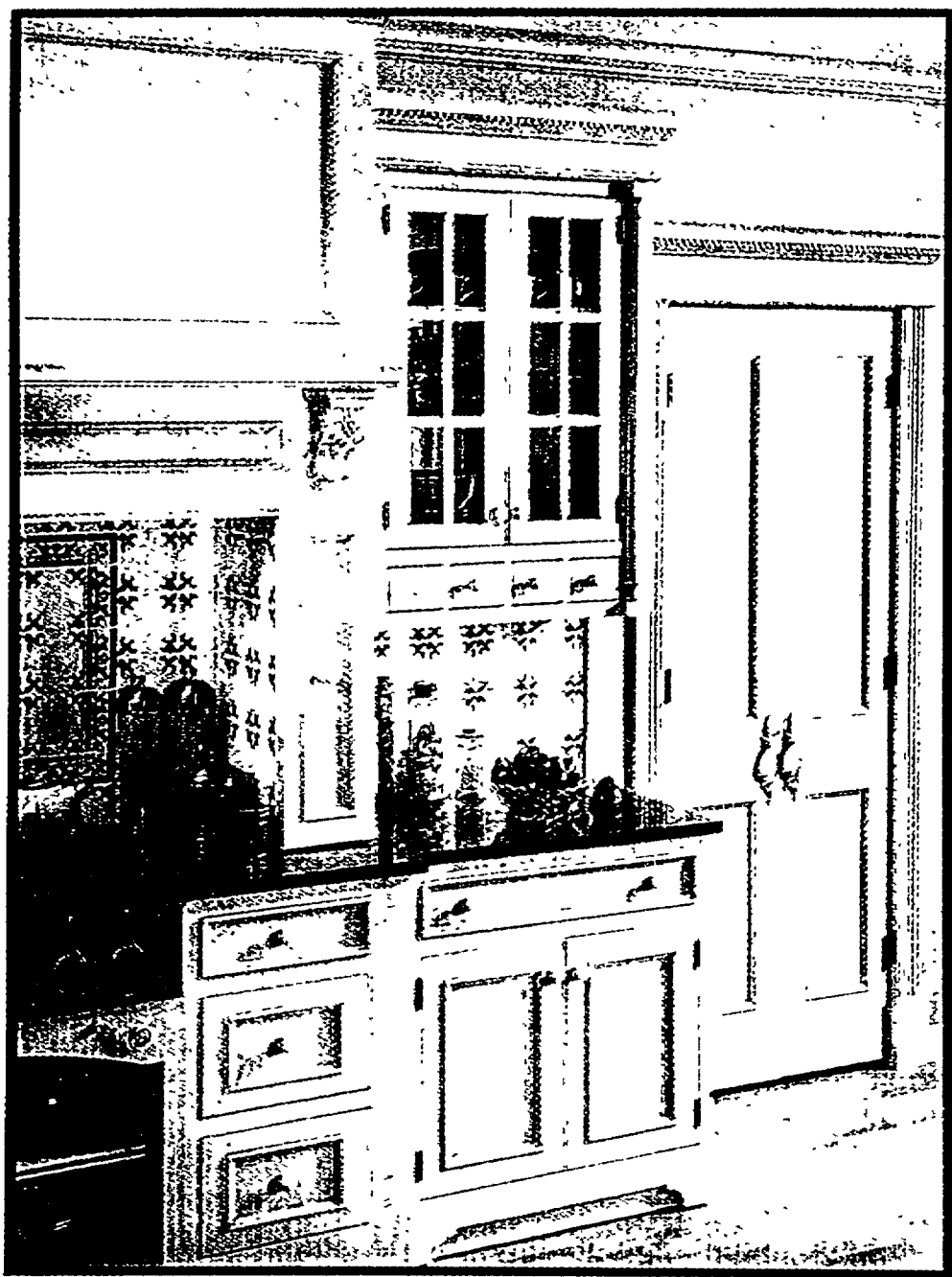
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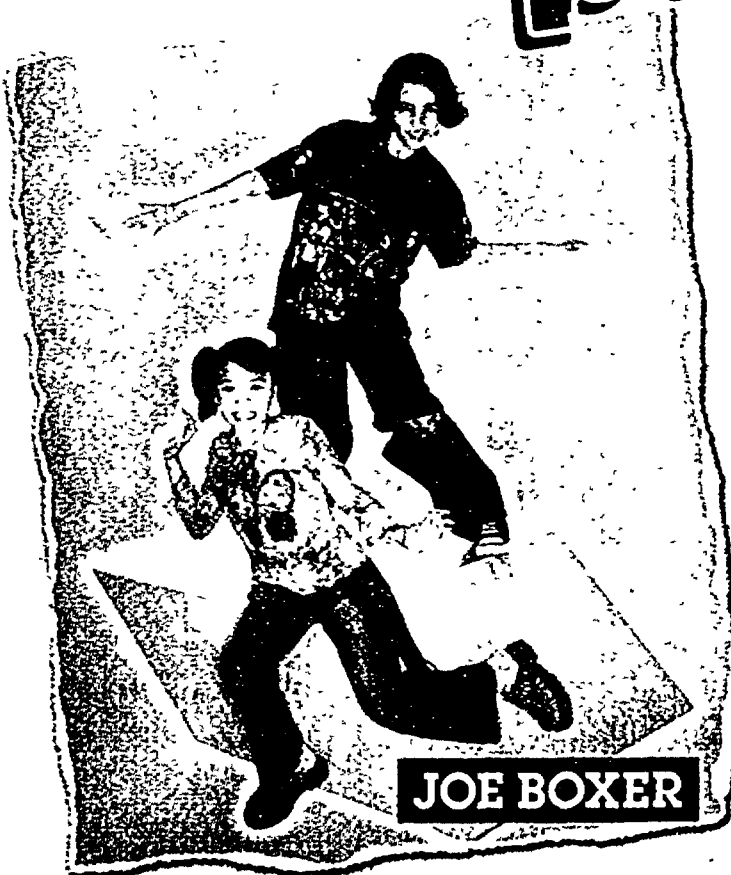


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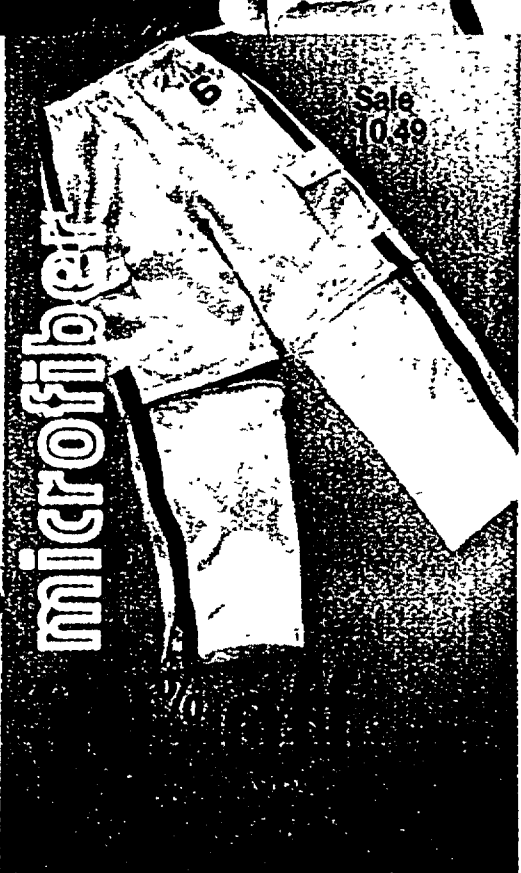
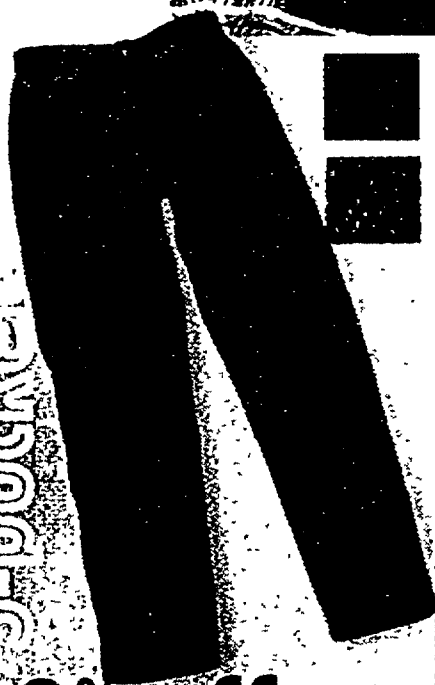
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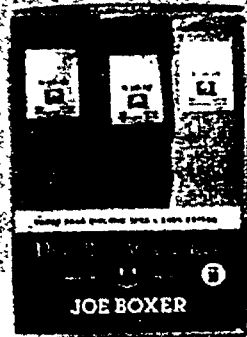
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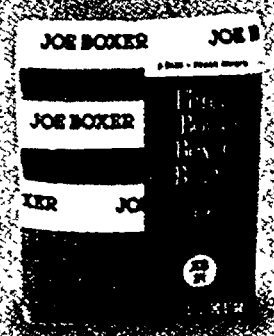
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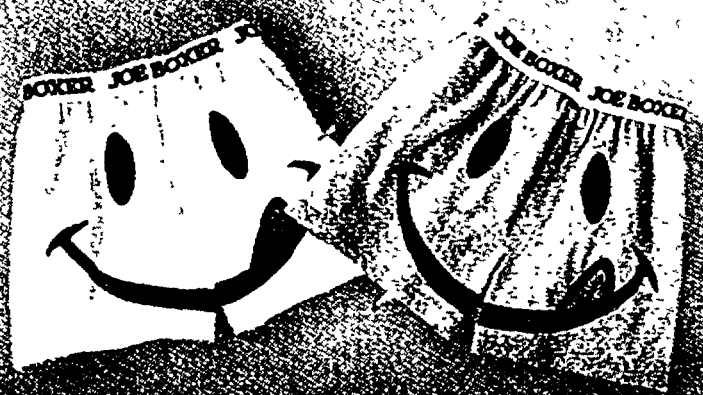
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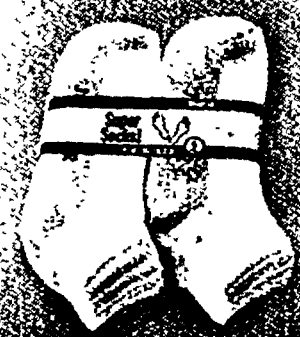
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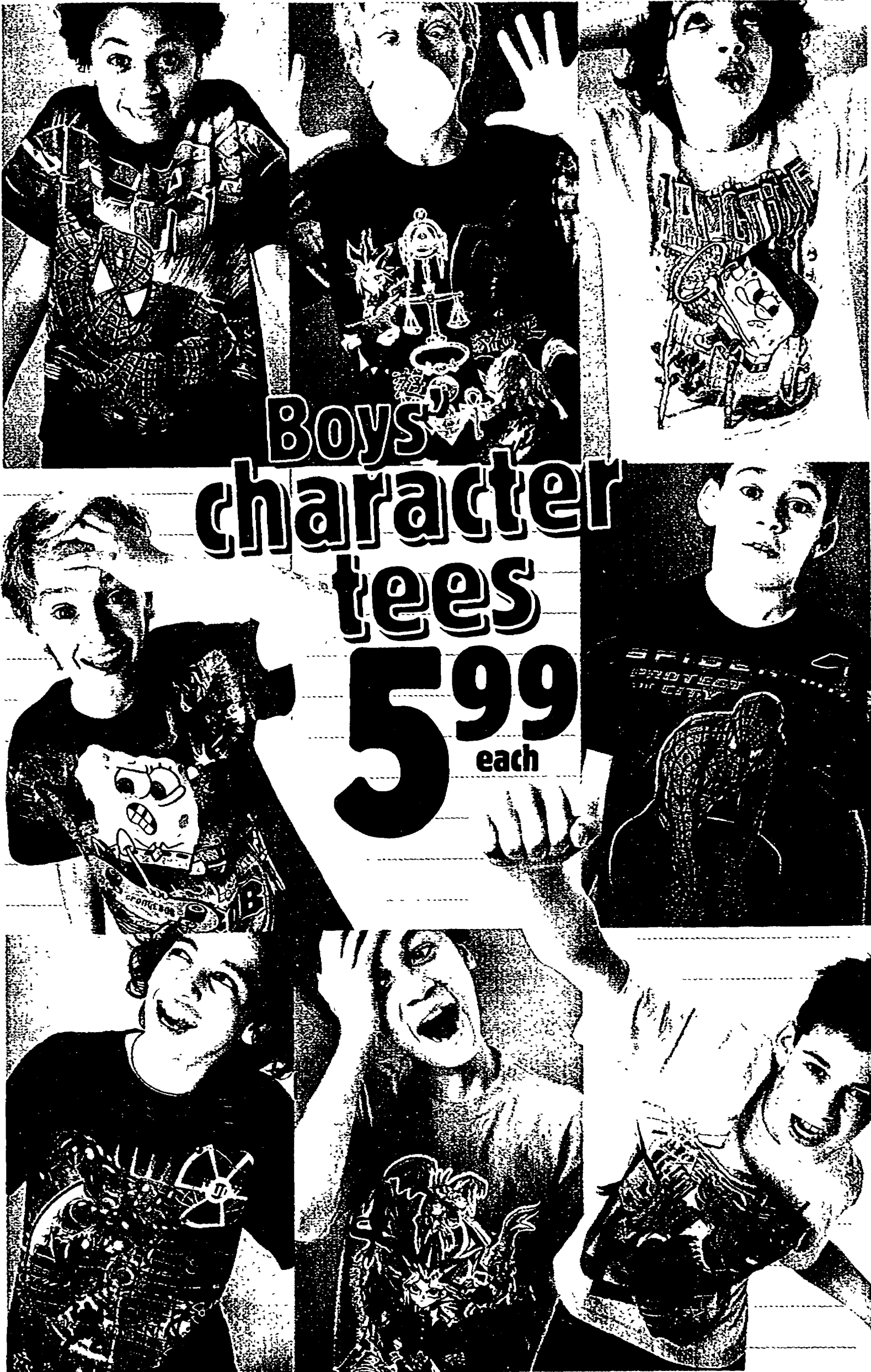
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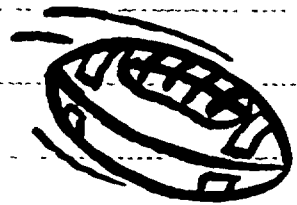
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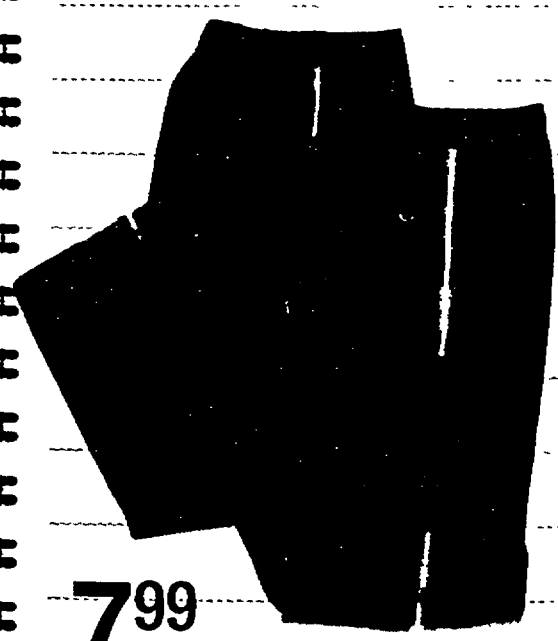
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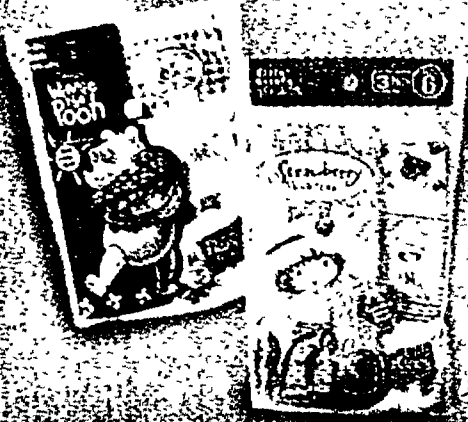
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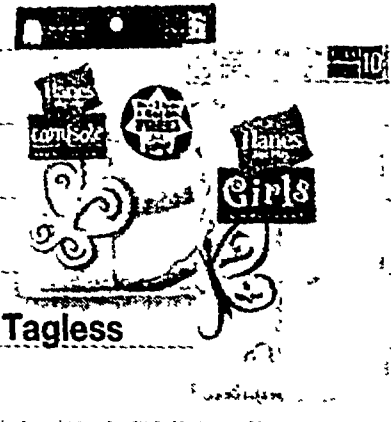
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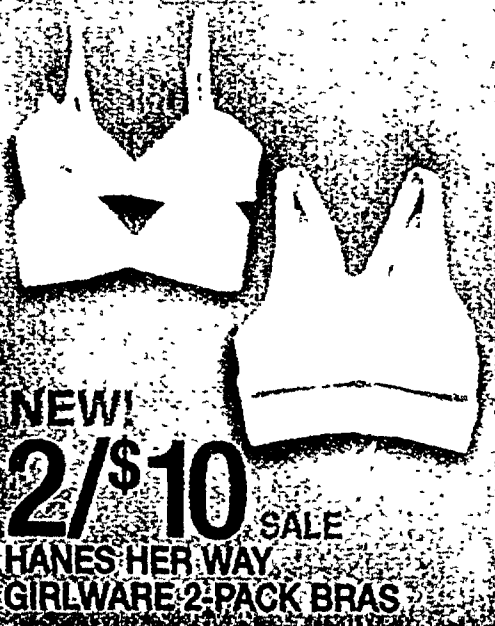
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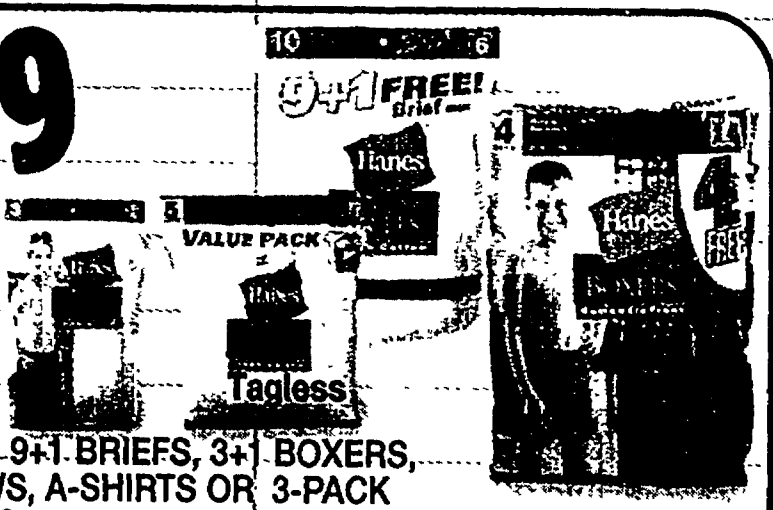
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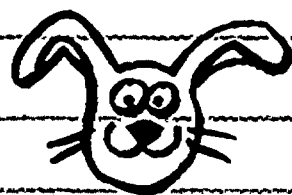
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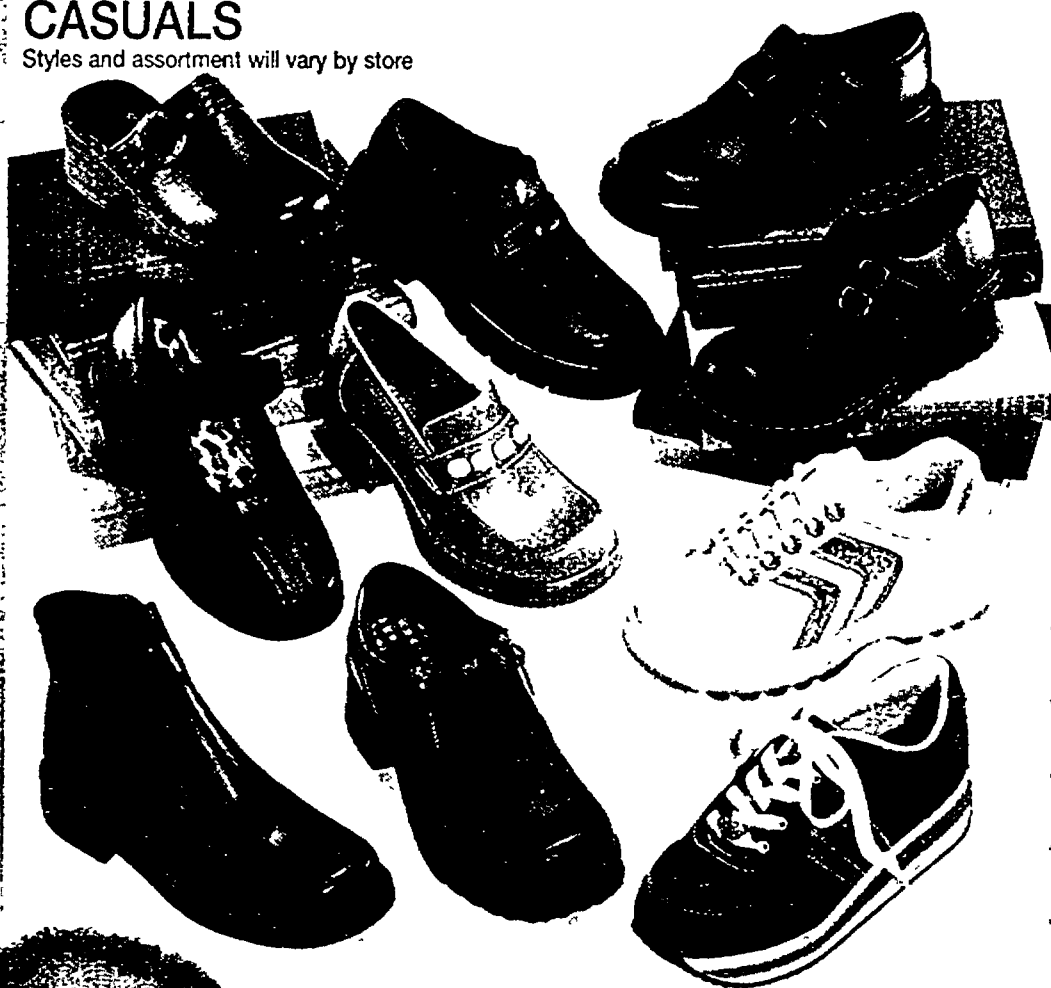
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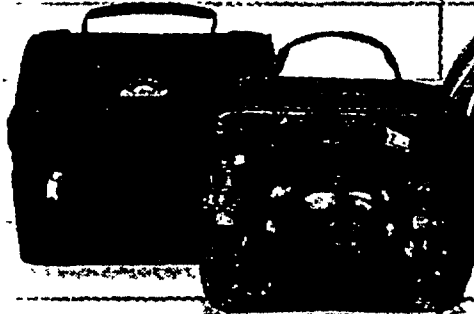
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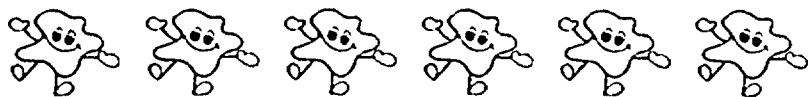
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Q Can you please remind me which movie put Elijah Wood's career "on the map?"

—Cheryl H., Colorado

The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Rings catapulted the 22-year-old star from respected child actor to serious movie star. Before that, he worked in many films, making it difficult to pinpoint the movie that, "put him on the map." Born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, he started out as a child model and did local television ads until his family moved to Los Angeles so he could pursue acting roles. His first acting job was in a Paula Abdul video. He made his movie debut in *Avalon*, and went on to significant roles in *Forever Young* with Mel Gibson, *The Good Son* with Macaulay Culkin, and *North*. Although the critics panned *North*, they praised Wood's performance. He solidified that impression with his work in *The Ice Storm*, which was both a critical and popular success. You might argue that he emerged as a real up-and-comer as the intelligent high school student who discovers an asteroid hurtling towards Earth in *Deep Impact*. That film exposed him to a far larger audience.

Q I'm puzzled as to why Paula Zahn is no longer on *American Morning* and wonder what she's doing now.

—Virgil S., Florida

The newswoman who caused a bit of a stir when she left the Fox News Channel to join CNN in 2001, has moved into prime time. She now hosts the cable channel's *Live From The Headlines* as well as its *People In the News*.

The 47-year-old Omaha native has been a reporter for more than 20 years. Zahn spent 10 years with CBS, co-hosting *The CBS Morning News* and serving as anchor for the Saturday evening news. In 1999, she joined the fledgling Fox News Channel as anchor for its nightly news, and went on to host her own news/interview program there, called *The Edge with Paula Zahn*. When CNN succeeded in signing her away from FNC in 2001, her arrival was announced with a 15-second spot that asked, "Where can you find a morning news anchor who's provocative, super-smart and, oh yeah, just a little bit sexy?" Zahn and the head of CNN immediately voiced their

Noted newshound Paula Zahn.



Elijah Wood found his star vehicle in *The Lord of the Rings*.

disapproval of the ad, and it was pulled from the air, but not before it became a big news story itself. Since that controversial start, Zahn has settled into her duties at CNN. An interesting bit of trivia about Zahn: She's been playing the cello since she was 5 years old, attended Stephens College in Missouri on a cello scholarship, and made her Carnegie Hall debut with the New York Pops in 1992.

Q My husband and I are curious about a line on the credits following each week of *The District*, which reads, "For Jack Maple—who lived it." Who and what does this refer to?

—Dick and Patricia M., Wisconsin

Jack Maple helped to create the series, which is based on his own experience as a deputy police commissioner of New York City. Maple passed away two years ago, at age 49, from colon cancer. A native of Richmond Hill, N.Y., Maple started his career in law enforcement as a transit cop in New York City, keeping the subways safe for residents. Over the years, Maple began tracking and charting transit crimes, discerning patterns that allowed him to put officers in areas where they were most needed. When the head of the Transit Police, Benjamin Bratton, was named police commissioner of New York City in 1994, he took Maple with him. As deputy police commissioner, Maple took his charting technique to the entire police department, reducing the crime rate in the city as a result. He left the New York job soon after Bratton left, going on to work as a consultant to police departments across the country. He wrote a book, *The Crime Fighter*, and then began co-writing the series, *The District*. ☆

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Potluck & Picnic Ideas

by MARY CARTER

It's the time of year when it's just more fun to eat outside. It seems like everyone is throwing a potluck, reunion, block party, beach picnic, or outdoor church supper. When each cook contributes a favorite dish, there's less work for all.

While reviewing the many recipes submitted to *American Profile*, these two stood out as great for picnics and potluck get-togethers. They are easy to make and welcome additions to any main course. Reader Julianne Dorr's cabbage salad is a sure-fire winner for any gathering. She writes, "My cabbage salad is always a 'hit' at potlucks and picnics. Everyone asks for the recipe. I love this salad." And you will, too.

For the collective sweet tooth, reader Billie Terwillegar offers up a really tasty gem, peach cobbler. You may substitute your favorite seasonal fruit for the peaches. She writes, "I grew up in the South where cobblers are made frequently. My mother made this many times. My family carries on the cobbler tradition to this day."

Making your dish is one thing, getting it there safe and sound is another. Here are some tips for safe transport and enjoyable dining:

- Insulated food totes are ideal for transporting a covered dish to a potluck or picnic. While insulated totes keep hot food hot and cold food cold, they have limited effectiveness. They are best for short-term use.

- Consider non-breakable dinnerware. Bright and summery plastic plates, cups, and utensils are stylish, inexpensive, and reusable.

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Mary Carter is *American Profile's* contributing food editor.

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RECIPE: Cabbage Salad



Julianne Dorr
Columbia City, Ore.

Salad:

- 1/2 large head cabbage, chopped
- 1/2 bunch of broccoli, chopped
- 1/2 head cauliflower, broken into florets
- 4 green onions, chopped
- 1 package Ramen chicken-flavored noodles
- 1/2 cup slivered almonds
- 2 tablespoons sesame seeds

Toast noodles, almonds, and sesame seeds on a cookie sheet in oven until golden. Toss with chopped vegetables in a large bowl.

Dressing:

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 3 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Chicken flavor pack from Ramen noodle

Stir together all ingredients, pour over salad, and mix well. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Tips From Our Test Kitchen: This salad is ideal for picnics because the dressing is mayonnaise-free. Try tossing in slices of sweet red pepper or shredded carrot for additional flavor and color.

RECIPE: Quick and Easy Cobbler



Billie Terwillegar
Valencia, Calif.

Batter:

- 1 cup self-rising flour, or favorite baking mix
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup milk

Stir together all ingredients and set aside.

Fruit:

- 3 cups fresh fruit (or one 15-ounce can)
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons flour, or baking mix
- 1 stick of butter or margarine

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Melt butter in a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Toss together fruit, sugar, and baking mix. Pour batter into baking dish. Spoon fruit mixture over the top. Bake 30 to 40 minutes or until the batter is golden and fruit is bubbly. Serve warm with ice cream.

Tips From Our Test Kitchen: This juicy cobbler can be thickened by adding 1/2 cup baking mix to the batter. If you prefer a more cake-like cobbler, double the batter recipe. Use one of the seasonal fresh fruits available at the market or consider picking your own at a local farm or orchard. This easy cobbler also is delicious chilled. It travels well when cooled and even makes a delicious breakfast.

Outdoors

by ALAN ROSS

Car. Camping Made Easy

On a nice Saturday morning, you say to your spouse, family, or a friend, "Great weekend for camping. Grab the tent and sleeping bags, and let's get into the car and go!"

The reality of it is, by the time you've assembled the gear for the outing, it's 4 o'clock in the afternoon and a wonderful opportunity to engage with the great outdoors is history.

But if you want the thought to be the father of the action, be prepared.

Assembling a portable camping box, and keeping it filled with the essentials for a successful campout, provide the key. Build it or buy it (an old trunk can be put into service), but of critical importance is size, making sure it fits neatly into the car trunk or the back of your RV or SUV—a 24-hour "on standby alert" box. Think of it as an already-packed, camping "suitcase."

Start with the basics: flashlight, batteries, matches, first-aid kit—and toilet paper. Pack the mandatory cooking gear, including pots, cutlery, utensils (spatula, tongs, etc.), paper plates, cups, charcoal, canned food, snacks and condiments that won't spoil over time, soap (dish and bath), paper towels, resealable baggies, aluminum foil, and a pair of hot pads.

Other useful items include a compass, a whistle (in case you get lost on a hike), and binoculars. Water purification tablets aren't a bad idea, and sunscreen, lip balm, sunglasses, and bug repellent will assure a more enjoyable time on hikes or around the campfire. If there's room, you can put in ground pads, sleeping bags, and your tent, but because of bulk, you may want to store these separately (but near to hand).

It's also entirely likely that the weather may turn inclement during your adventure, so you'll be thankful you packed a poncho or other rain gear. If you're going to be at a campsite for very long, you might stick in a deck of cards, some games or other surprises for the kids, and possibly a battery-operated radio.

Some unglamorous necessities that should make the traveling squad include a goodly length of clothes line, a basic tool kit, extra tent stakes, a battery-operated clock, trash bags, towels, and that savior against airborne nuisances—a flyswatter (for use inside the tent).

If you've packed well, all you need to do is lift the box into the trunk, check that you have plenty of food, and you're on your way. ☆

Alan Ross is a freelance writer from Monteagle, Tenn.

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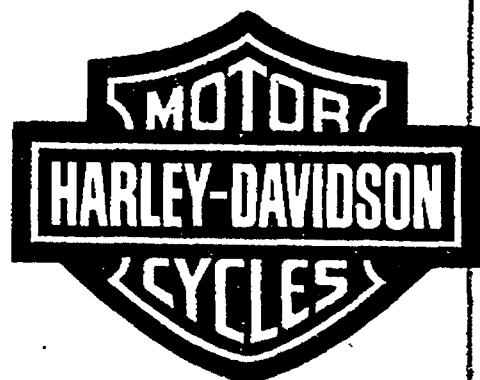
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Hundred Years of Harley



Founder William S. Harley.



Founder Arthur Davidson.

When William S. Harley, age 21, and Arthur Davidson, 20, created their first motorcycle in a Milwaukee shed in 1903, they couldn't have known they were launching an icon.

That first machine was little more than a motor mounted on a bicycle frame, a noisy, uncomfortable rig seemingly designed to spook horses and scare children. They crudely scrawled "Harley Davidson Motor Company" on the door of that shed, and so began America's love affair with a motorcycle.

On Aug. 27, 2003—100 years later—some half million descendants of the machine they produced will roar into Milwaukee for an anniversary party at Harley-Davidson's corporate headquarters. The riders will cross lines of culture, age, sex, and social status, but they'll all share a common bond—they ride and love Harleys.

Bob Brodbeck, president of Dick's Supermarkets, will be among them. A resident of Platteville, Wis., he's perhaps representative of the 21st-century Harley rider—successful and affluent but, when he's on his bike, he's a world away from his corporate image. "I guess I'm in love with the romance of being a biker," he says, taking a break from an 80-hour work week.

"I wouldn't ride anything except a Harley," says bartender Yvonne Jamnik, of Lewisville, Texas, explaining the almost visceral attraction Harley-Davidson motorcycles have for their riders. "I guess it's the history, but I love the power and the speed, too. I work hard, but I'm only an outlaw when I get on my bike."

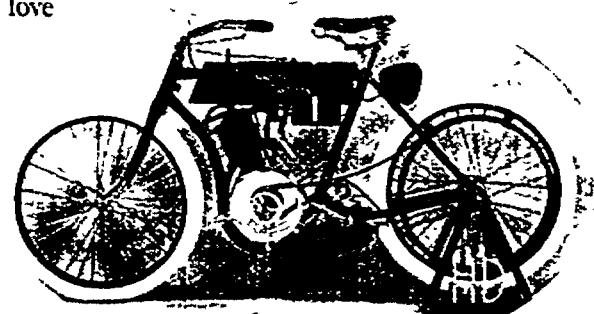
It was love that put Barry Kotek in the saddle nine years ago, when he met his wife, Carlene Thissen. One of her first questions to him was, "Do you ride?" When he said no, her response was quick. "You'll have to learn," she said. And he did, riding as her passenger to his motorcycle road test.

Today, they ride their twin Road Kings together through the Midwest, the Carolinas, and in their Florida home base, which offers just about year 'round riding. "I particularly enjoy riding just with him," Thissen says.

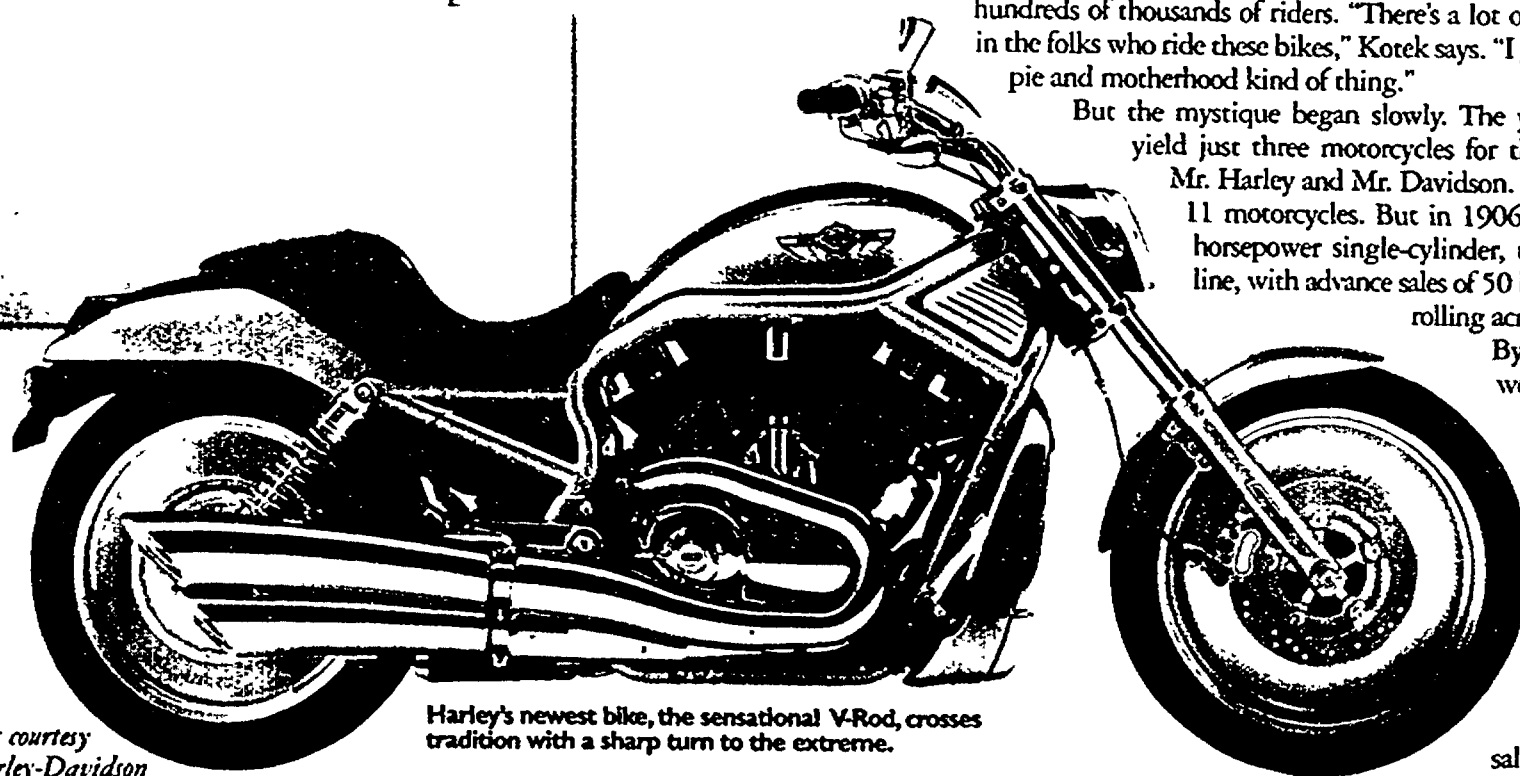
"The people who ride Harleys are an amazing group," Kotek says, "from pony-tailed grass-cutters to clean-shaven doctors and lawyers." They've made their pilgrimages to Sturgis, S.D., and Daytona, Fla., almost legendary biker gatherings on the road warrior itinerary, events that draw hundreds of thousands of riders. "There's a lot of American spirit in the folks who ride these bikes," Kotek says. "I guess it's an apple pie and motherhood kind of thing."

But the mystique began slowly. The year 1903 would yield just three motorcycles for the partnership of Mr. Harley and Mr. Davidson. Between 1903 and 1905 they sold just 11 motorcycles. But in 1906, the first production bike, a 440cc, 4 horsepower single-cylinder, the "Silent Gray Fellow" rolled off the line, with advance sales of 50 bikes. It would lead the two-wheel wave rolling across the country.

By 1909, more than 150 manufacturers were building motorcycles in America, a number that would grow to 230 by 1920. In that year, the Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Co.—followed closely by Indian Motorcycle Co.—led the pack, unveiling its first V-twin engine, "The American Motorcycle," the design that set the stage for 83 years of production. By 1921, Harley was the largest motorcycle manufacturer in the world, with sales in 67 countries.



The very first Harley-Davidson.



Harley's newest bike, the sensational V-Rod, crosses tradition with a sharp turn to the extreme.

Photos courtesy of Harley-Davidson

By the 1930s, most of the competition Ace, Arrow, Cleveland and Cyclone, Eagle, Emblem, Excelsior, and Henderson—stars that shined brightly but briefly in the motorcycle galaxy—were gone. Only Harley and Indian remained, and the Harley-Indian wars began. The battle for the consumer's heart—and money—was carried out on the racing circuits and cross-country marathons that captured the nation's attention—and helped identify Harley with the notion of freedom.

Dot Robinson, already a successful racer, with her husband Earl, set the transcontinental sidecar record with a time of 89 hours, 58 seconds on their Harley in 1935. Dot also founded the Motor Maids Motorcycle Club and, as the First Lady of Motorcycling, eventually sparking the flames of motorcycling in a million female hearts.

A half century later, Thissen became one of them. She rode as a passenger for the first time when she was 13, and it was love at first ride. She bought her first Harley while living in Chicago in 1990, and says she was one of only eight female riders in the city at that time.

"I couldn't imagine riding any other bike," she says of her first Sportster. "It was the freedom," she says. "I spent a lot of my life just trying to be cool, and with that bike, I was."

But perhaps the biggest boost for Harley came during World War II, when the motorcycle company supplied 90,000 two wheelers to the battlefields of Europe and Asia. At war's end, returning servicemen bought the surplus bikes and added a new word to the American lexicon—choppers. Cutting, welding, and stripping the machine to its bare bones, they rode across the American psyche on their chopped down bikes.

Wisconsin rider Bob Brodbeck eventually became one of them. "I wanted something unique and one of a kind," Brodbeck says of the custom chopper he designed and rode in the 1980s. The ride on the stripped down machine was more pain than pleasure and he sold it to buy the first of his current three road Harleys. "I loved the feel and the sound, the mystique about it. It's just a tremendous release. I can just let my hair down and be myself. Incognito."

But as the image grew, there were embellishments and detours. In 1953, for instance, Marlon



The mighty V-twin engine is Harley-Davidson's mark of distinction.

the face of foreign competition. It was almost the death of the icon, but in a rejuvenation engineered in 1981 by Arthur's grandson Willie G. Davidson—who more than anything loved motorcycles—the company began a phoenix-like rise unrivaled in American business history, today making it one of the best selling motorcycles in the world.

Why has Harley-Davidson done so well and virtually become America's motorcycle? It may be the

throaty rumble of an accelerating Harley. Or it could be the enduring "outlaw" image, embraced today, if only on weekends, by dentists, accountants, engineers, and business executives. It may be Fonda, and Brando, and a pack of 100 Hell's Angels roaring down the road on "Hogs." It may be a brother and sisterhood, and a wave on the road as bikers meet, and a slogan—however exaggerated—that says "Live to ride and ride to live."

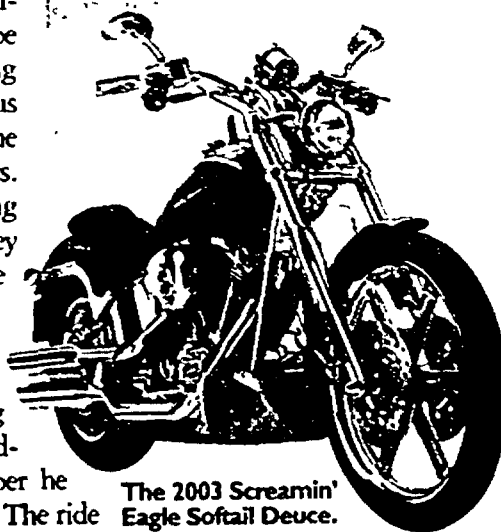
Whatever, the mystique is very much alive. It lives in millions of Harley riders putting on leathers, throwing their leg over the saddle, twisting the throttle, and following their front wheel on that endless road, roaring into open space under the big sky, through the twisting valleys and across mountain vistas. It lives in that escape from the everyday bonds that hold them, on the road that goes on and on and never stops.

Until Monday morning. ☆

Freelance writer Warren Jorgensen occasionally hits the open road in New York state.

I Ride a Hog!

Harleys, especially the bigger models, are often referred to as hogs. The word first began to be applied to Harleys in 1920 when an Harley-Davidson racing team began carrying its mascot, a pig, on a victory lap after every race the team won. Since they won often, the "hog" became famous and soon was being applied to the bikes.



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One of Carlene Thissen's first questions to Barry Kotek was, "Do you ride?" When he said no, she said, "You'll have to learn."



Harleys from World War II stayed in many veterans' stables.



Harley made its reputation as a racing legend.

Breakthrough Discovery To Grow Beautiful Nails

Even if you have never been able to grow strong beautiful nails before

By Jana Lynn

Delo Enterprises, a Coral Springs Florida company, has announced the introduction of Trind™ Natural Nail- Repair in the U.S.A.

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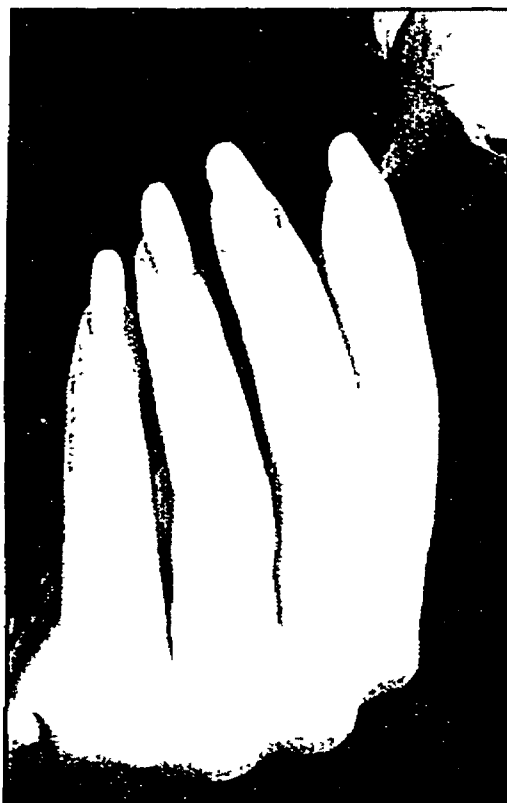
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**Sonja Strickland
Kingsland, Georgia**



"After exhausting so many products and methods to help my splitting, peeling and non-growing nails, I felt I had nothing to lose and decided to try the product. I'm so glad I did! Believe me, it works!"

"My husband had two split nails that would not grow out and he too, decided to try TRIND. Now he adds his voice to mine, 'It really works'! I'm amazed at the condition and growth of my nails. It's unbelievable!"

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**Vee V. Garry
Venice, Florida, Channel 36**



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**Michelle Hogan
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**Mindy Coulter
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**Florence Atkinson
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Hometown Spotlight

Honoring Old-Time Farming



Reunion volunteers pitch oat straw into a threshing machine—a labor of love over Labor Day weekend.

Willard Kee doesn't mind a little itchy oat dust sifting around his shirt collar on a hot, humid late summer day. He and a handful of old-time farming enthusiasts around Niobrara, Neb., (pop. 379) actually enjoy the loud whir of a threshing machine separating oats from straw as bundles of the ripened grain are pitched into the loud contraption.

Expensive self-propelled combines with comfortable, air-conditioned cabs replaced the old threshing machines at harvest time decades ago, but those who volunteer at the Northeast Nebraska Threshers' Association Reunion each Labor Day weekend forsake modern conveniences to help a new generation learn about their agricultural roots.

Threshing grain was once a necessary summer-time tradition on Midwest farms that combined the difficult work with a sense of community farmers felt when neighbors gathered in ripened grain fields to help each other bring in the harvest.

"Some kids grow up today and have no idea what their grandfathers did for their part in American history," says Kee, 37, who has coordinated the reunion the past eight years. "They lived a plain, basic, and simple lifestyle."

Through their threshing demonstrations, Kee and reunion volunteers bring the old days of farming back to life, resurrecting a home-

All aboard the buckboard wagon.

town threshing reunion that began in 1956 and was one of Nebraska's first events honoring old-time agriculture methods.

"They are keeping our past alive," says Valorie Zach, editor of the weekly *Niobrara Tribune*. "They maintain an important part of our heritage."

After friendly prodding from his neighbors, Bill Mayberry first re-enacted old-time threshing 47 years ago with a vintage steam tractor on his farm east of Niobrara. Although that initial demonstration was not publicized, 200 people showed up.

As years passed, horse-drawn threshing, nine steam tractors, and a myriad of other antique farming implements and demonstrations were added. It became the largest threshing reunion in the Midwest, drawing at times 10,000 visitors over a weekend to the Mayberry farm.

The last Mayberry threshing event was held in 1976. When Mayberry passed away in 1983, his old steamers and antique machinery were sold. Kee attended that sale and began to dream of reviving the old threshing reunion, which he and others did in 1995.

"One of the most enjoyable parts of the event is watching horses and horsepower," says Mayberry's son, Bill Jr., about the event his

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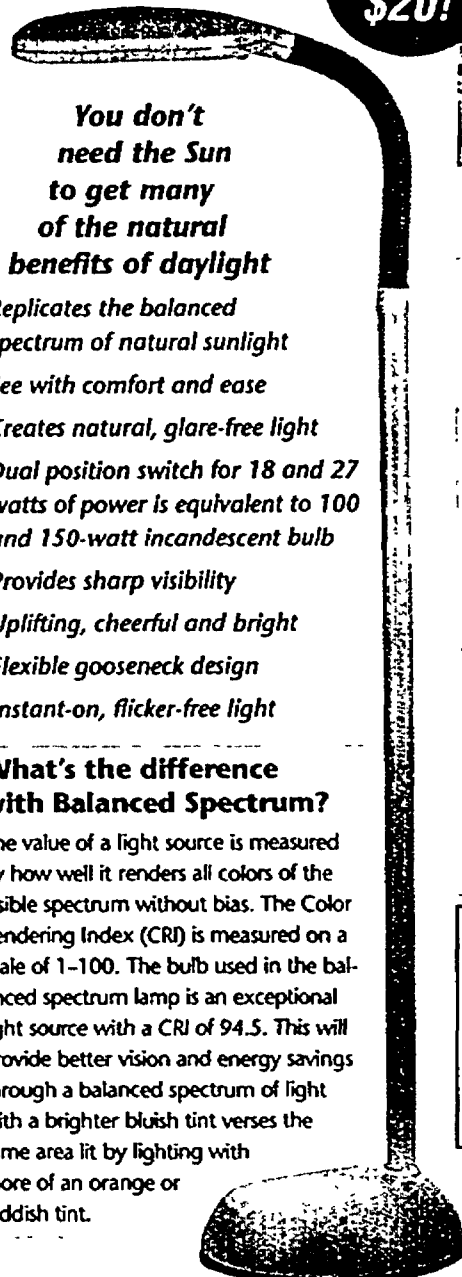
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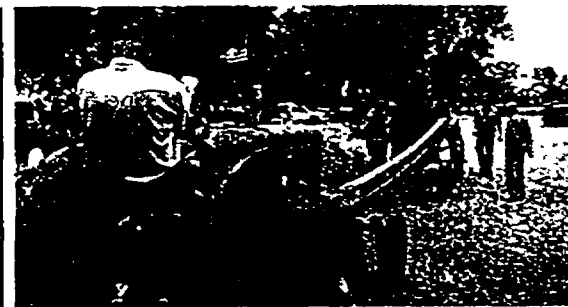
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An antique tractor supplies the horsepower.

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father started. "Preparation is one of the most important things."

He enjoyed helping his father prepare machinery for the annual event weeks in advance. He likes helping Kee and other threshers prepare the modern event too, although the new version begun eight years ago usually draws a more modest crowd of 500 to 700 people.

It's challenging to maintain equipment and fire up tractors every month or so through the year to make sure their fuel systems are clean and working properly. "I like the hand-crankers (tractors), because you don't have to worry about batteries," Kee says. But Kee, who owns a repair shop, jokes that if he didn't have to work to make a living, he would tinker with antique machinery all day just for fun.

The current threshing reunion includes demonstrations of a horse-drawn corn sheller and grain elevator as well as oats threshing, hay baling, and potato digging with antique tractors. It's now held on leased land just east of Niobrara and a stone's throw from the Missouri River.

Kee says threshing and other old-time farming methods are part of Americana that is being lost. "If we don't revive it now, it will be lost forever," he adds. ☆

Curt Arens is a farmer and freelance writer and photographer in Crofton, Neb.

The Northeast Nebraska Threshers' Association Reunion is scheduled Aug. 30-Sept. 1. For more information, call Willard Kee at (402) 857-3454.

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by TOM MILNER



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Double-D Rodeo—Toledo, Aug. 8-9. This 26th annual Iowa Rodeo Association-sanctioned event includes a wild cow race, stagecoach and trolley rides, concessions, dance, and children's activities. (641) 484-4375.

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Crawford County Fair and Rodeo—Girard, Aug. 4-7. In its 87th year, this event features 4-H and open exhibits ranging from arts & crafts to chickens and cattle, a livestock auction, and demolition derby, plus homemade ice cream and entertainment. (620) 724-8233.

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Antique Wooden Boat Show and Festival of Arts—Hessel, Aug. 9. See some 150 vintage wooden boats from runabouts to canoes, shop at the juried arts & crafts show, and enjoy food and entertainment during this 26th annual event. (906) 484-2821.

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Flekkefest-A Troll Festival—Elbow Lake, Aug. 1-3. This community event features a dance, parade, game show, fireworks, picnic, Scandinavian foods, car and tractor show, airport fly-in, and children's activities. (218) 685-5380.

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Great Stone Hill Grape Stomp—Hermann, Aug. 9. Celebrate the beginning of the grape harvest by stomping a barrel full of juicy grapes during this competition for all ages at Stone Hill Winery. Also includes folk music by the Boney Goat Band. (800) 909-9463.

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U.S. Indian School Reunion—Genoa, Aug. 9-10. Join in this celebration that includes a banquet, speakers, and other activities for all former students of the 1884-1934 school, their families, and friends. (402) 993-6636.

NORTH DAKOTA

Cats Incredible Catfish Days—East Grand Forks, Aug. 1-3. A fishing tournament, entertainment, games, music, chili cook-off, and food highlight this 16th annual event on the banks of the Red River. (218) 773-7481.

OHIO

Dan Emmett Music and Arts Festival—Mount Vernon, Aug. 7-10. Celebrate the legacy of 19th-century composer Daniel Decatur Emmett with entertainment, antiques, fine arts & crafts, bike races, and car, cycle, flower, and quilt shows. (740) 392-3378.

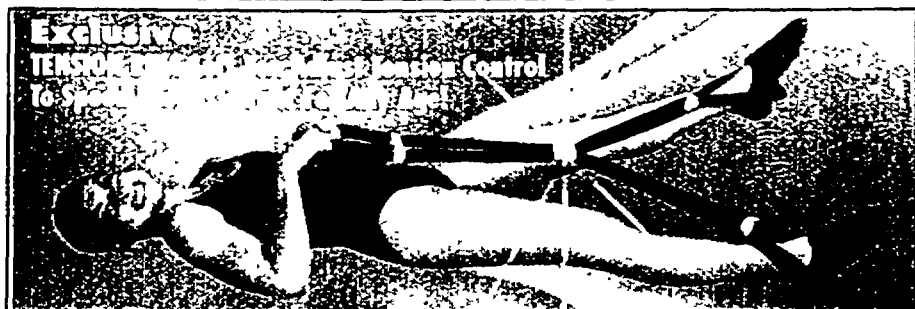
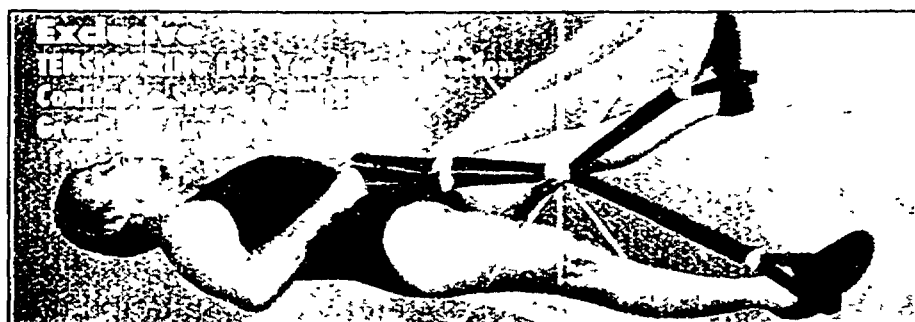
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Red Wall Music Festival—Hot Springs, Aug. 8-10. Enjoy bluegrass and folk music performed by Tom Paxton, Laurie Lewis, The Bluegrass Patriots, and others—plus band contests and jamming at the Allen Ranch. (605) 745-1890.

WISCONSIN

The Summer Art Classic—Baraboo, Aug. 9. This 39th annual event celebrates the visual arts with more than 85 artists and craftsmen from the upper Midwest. Also includes an art competition for Sauk County high school students. (608) 356-9048.

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INDIANA—Das Dutchman Essenhaus, the state's largest family restaurant, in Middlebury (pop. 2,956), serves 8,000 diners on a busy day and makes up to 14 tons of noodles each week.

IOWA—On July 6, 1881, Kate Shelley, 15, became an international heroine after crawling across the Des Moines River bridge on a stormy night to alert an oncoming passenger train about a collapsed trestle. A railroad museum in Moingona near Boone (pop. 12,803) is named after her.

KANSAS—Sterling College in Sterling (pop. 2,642) offers the nation's only undergraduate degree in social entrepreneurship, which prepares students to apply business principles to non-profit ventures.

MICHIGAN—The Rev. George Bennard wrote the popular hymn, *The Old Rugged Cross*, and first sang it in 1913 at the Pokagon (pop. 2,199) Methodist Episcopal Church.

MINNESOTA—The state was the first to host all 13 United States Golf Association national championships.

MISSOURI—Since 1929, Ted Drewes Frozen Custard has served motorists along old Route 66 in St. Louis. Its specialty "concrete" shake is so thick that you can flip it upside down and it stays in the cup.

NEBRASKA—Academy Award-winning actor Marlon Brando was born in 1924 in Omaha. He won awards for *On the Waterfront* in 1954 and *The Godfather* in 1972.

NORTH DAKOTA—Logging Camp Ranch, a working cattle ranch at Bowman (pop. 1,600), is the state's oldest guest ranch and has been in the same family since the 1880s.

OHIO—Built in 1868, the 228-foot-long Harpersfield Bridge, which spans the Grand River near Geneva, (pop. 6,595) is the state's longest covered bridge.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Organized in 1875, Yankton (pop. 13,528) High School was the first high school in the Dakotas.

WISCONSIN—The 7,800-square-mile wetland bog at Necedah National Wildlife Refuge in Necedah (pop. 2,156) is the state's largest bog and a reintroduction site for endangered whooping cranes. ★



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Hometown Hero

Dr. Silly

by PAMELA ROHLAND

When Tony Palumbo, a social worker and psychologist, found himself at a puppet play in France, his life changed.

"I saw how these two little dolls mesmerized even the adults, and I had an epiphany," he recalls. "I said, 'I want to do that.'"

That was 1984, and one of those moments no one could have anticipated—certainly not Palumbo or any of his former colleagues in academe. The professor, who had taught in universities around the world, abandoned academia to study at the French Marionette Academy and work as a puppeteer in the French circus. Some assumed he'd had a mental collapse. "I was either losing my mind or gaining my soul," he says.

Time has proven the latter to be the case, and troubled children in the United States and abroad are thankful for Palumbo's wonderful madness. Most kids know the 60-year-old pup-



Tony Palumbo tickles funny bones with his educational and therapeutic puppets.



pet man as Dr. Silly, a persona he's created to make therapy less threatening to children who are homeless, hospitalized, or traumatized. Convinced that play is the key to healing and personal growth, Dr. Silly uses puppets to help kids learn to laugh and be themselves.

"Puppets are magical and powerful," Palumbo says. "They span psychology and art: Look at Punch and Judy or Jim Henson's Muppets. I use puppets to illustrate behaviors and get across values to kids, and I put sugar on it so the message goes down."

Investing his own funds in the effort and driven by his convictions, Palumbo has worked to advance the use of puppets as therapeutic and educational tools in the United States. After studying and performing in France, Palumbo returned to his home in West Barnstable, Mass., and worked in a homeless shelter and at a school for children with disabilities to earn enough money to launch the nonprofit Puppet Therapy Institute.

Palumbo has created modified puppets that children with motor impairments can use; one of those allows quadriplegic children to operate the puppet simply by blinking their eyes. "That project was like a mania for me," Palumbo says. "I spent years in the cellar working on it."

Since then, he's transformed old buses into mobile play centers that travel into low-income neighborhoods where children have little access to play therapy. He's converted his 80-acre property in Vermont, dubbed The Funny Farm, into a summer camp for children with disabilities and adults interested in learning about puppet therapy. And, convinced of the power of humor to heal, he's launched the Children's Radio Network, which broadcasts light-hearted programs with a message. "I want to make destroyed kids smile, or what's the purpose of life?" he asks.

Sometimes his victories are small. He helped lift one seriously depressed foster child out of her trauma by tape recording her as she sang country songs and supervising her as she proudly drove one of his brightly painted school buses around a parking lot to celebrate her 12th birthday. Three years later, she e-mailed Palumbo to tell him she was reading to children at a library on Saturday mornings, a sign of her own healing.

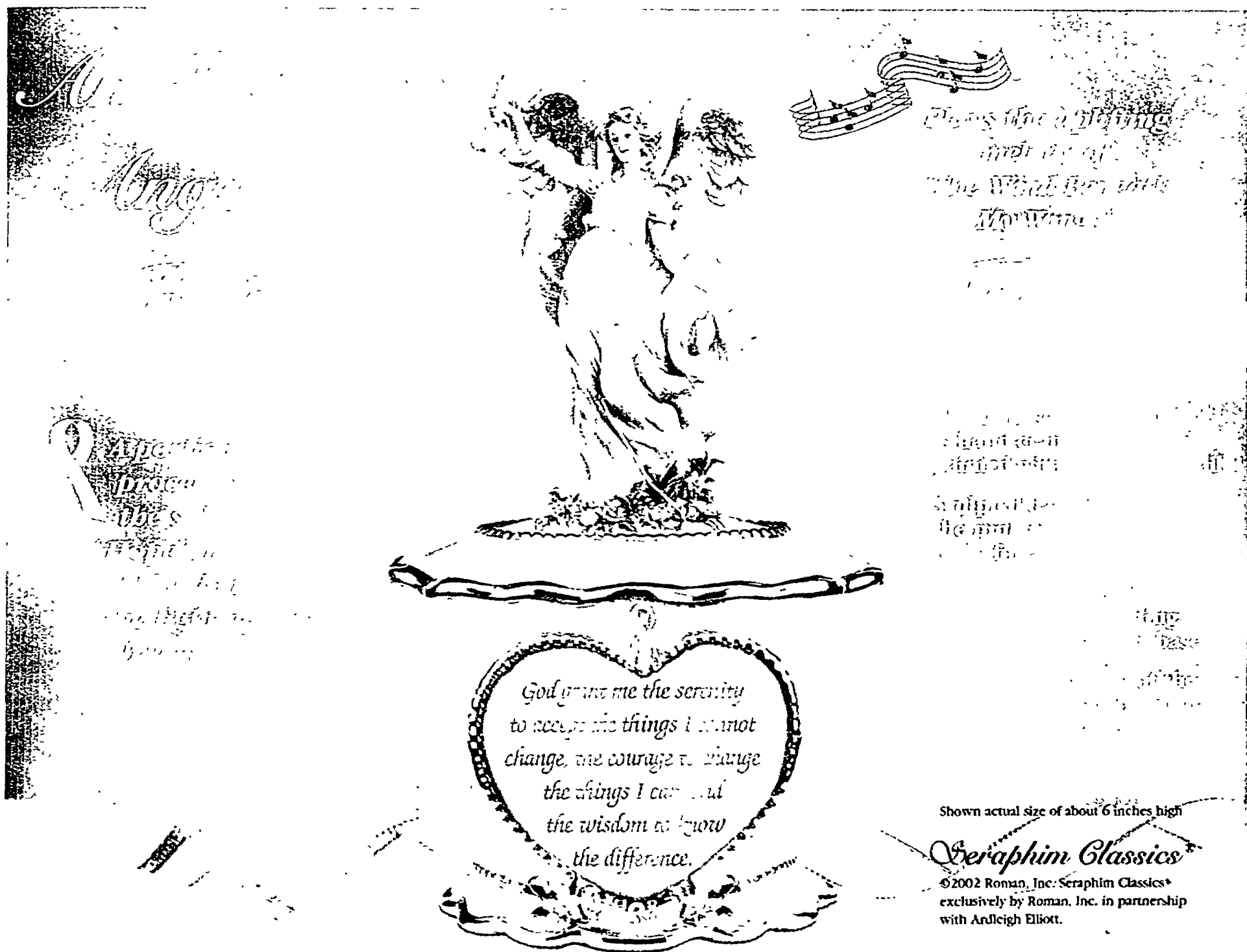
Palumbo is acutely aware of the two legacies he wants to leave with his work. The first is "people who laugh together grow together." The second is the idea that children today need to learn how to be brave. Many people confuse bravery with "Rocky"-style bravado, but it's everyday life, he says—maintaining your health, helping others, enduring at home, daily getting dressed and going out to do battle, and holding on to the will to survive—that constitutes true bravery.

Palumbo believes puppet therapy is a key to opening the locked doors of so many traumatized children.

"The main purpose of all therapy," he says, "is so that we can enjoy each other." ☆

Pamela Robland is a frequent contributor to American Profile.

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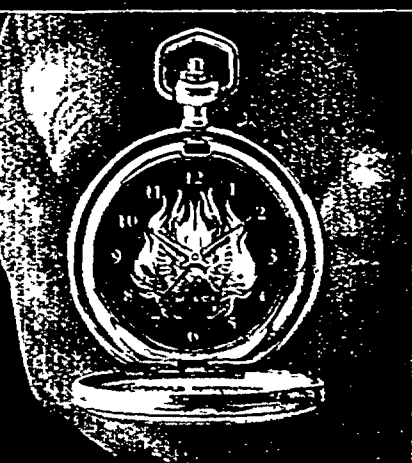
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