

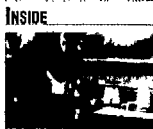
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Parking deck's fate in hands of voters

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Just as residents have their choice of locations to park their cars, so too will they have the choice of whether or not they want to add to the number of places they can do so.

A group of residents seeking to put the fate of a proposed downtown parking deck in the hands of voters last Friday submitted to the city petition containing more than 600 signatures in support of that effort.

Dave Busher and Lyonna Simoff, two of the emulators, said residents want questions answered about the size, cost, funding source, and even need for the structure. During their month-long door-to-door effort, they said they heard concerns about the parking deck's impact on the city's historic character and its impact on the city's future.

The Northville city council in June voted to build a parking deck on Wing Street between Main and Dunlap. It will be a surface and reconfigure the city's parking lot along

Dunlap behind the Marquis Theater.

"The biggest thing was the lack of information on what was going on with the parking deck," said Busher, who personally collected 110 signatures. Other repeated concerns were where the money to pay for it was coming from and specifics of the project itself, he said.

"They believe the people I talked to there's not a parking problem in downtown Northville," he continued. "There's a concern

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City entrance gets OK for art addition

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

The Northville city council Tuesday night endorsed an endeavor to make two entrances to the downtown more artsy.

Ken Nagus, chairman of the city's Arts Commission, presented concepts for erecting outdoor art work at the corner of Eighth Mile and Center and Main Street at Hutton. That they would be aesthetically pleasing to passing motorists and pedestrians was the extent of similarities between the two projects.

The council voted unanimously to make the \$37,000 department commission funds for local artist David Barr to purchase Vermont granite to be used in the sculpture that will be located on the Hillside site. The Northville work will be the first in a series that Barr is creating along Bawling Road throughout the state.

A second project to be located on the corner near Pook's Tavern is early in the concept stage. Len Ward, director of the Northville Downtown Development Authority, described with Nagus plans for the small plaza. Council members granted their consensus approval to proceed with pursuing the idea and presenting more defined plans at a future council meeting.

The development authority budget this year includes an allowance of \$15,000 to go toward such an art project, Ward said. A fountain depicted in a landscape master plan drawn for the downtown five years ago was eliminated as a cost savings, she said.

The business owners represented by the group supported the concept, reported mayor Chris Johnson. They wanted council endorsement of the idea before further pursuing it, he said.

City leaders concurred on the importance of designing a piece appropriate in scale for the space. They recognized the location as a local gathering spot. They asked for consideration of the safety of children who might consider a sculpture a climbing opportunity.

Nagus said he would ensure that the committee develop the

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Breakthrough



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The Northville Mustangs hit the field running for Friday night's opener against Livonia Franklin. Unfortunately, the spirit to start the season didn't last through the game, as the Patriots took out the Mustangs 19-13. Read about the start to the season on page 12A.

CHANG'S THE THANG

Taste of East opens in Northville

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Northville Township has a brand new restaurant for residents to sink their teeth into.

When craving for kung pao scallops, Mongolian beef or even chicken lettuce wraps strikes, look no further than P.F. Chang's China Bistro.

Known for providing top quality service and delectable Asian-American dishes, the bistro — located at 17905 Haggerty Road — opened its doors at its newest location in late August.

Restaurant manager Donna Davidson said the new facility has been warmly welcomed by the com-

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Standing next to a reproduction of a Chinese terracotta warrior, Alison Neuschwander, a waitress at Northville Township's P.F. Chang's restaurant, holds a couple of examples of their fare: mango chicken and Mongolian beef.

Gunman faces day in court, additional charges likely

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

The man who surrendered at gunpoint from his downtown Northville home last week is scheduled today to appear in court in what likely will be only the first

round of charges.

Northville police Thursday arrested 41-year-old Yves Street resident Scott Petreus for a probation violation in connection with a previous criminal sexual conduct conviction. According to Chief James Petreus, He is being

held in the Wayne County Jail pending a probation violation hearing today in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Additional warrants could be issued as early as this week, the chief said. Local officers are close to wrapping up their investigation

into allegations that Francis assaulted his nine-year-old son, he said.

We're still getting our report ready on our charges to send to the prosecutor Petreus said. We sent the initial report last week and they wanted more.

The Family Independence Agency is expected to discuss Friday how to protect Francis two adopted children. Petreus said a four-hour standoff with police Aug. 25 followed the removal ear

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Work on senior center to start at VicFest

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

The warm color tones, stylish carpet and natural-stone fireplace samples that local seniors inspected last week will combine for an upscale, yet cozy look for their new social setting on Main Street.

With \$2.89 million in improvements to the Community Center scheduled to begin mid-October, a facility committee is finalizing choices in floor and wall covering, wood trim among other features. Jim Nield, a senior advisory council member, and parks and recreation director Traci Sincok, presented the selections at an advisory council meeting last week.

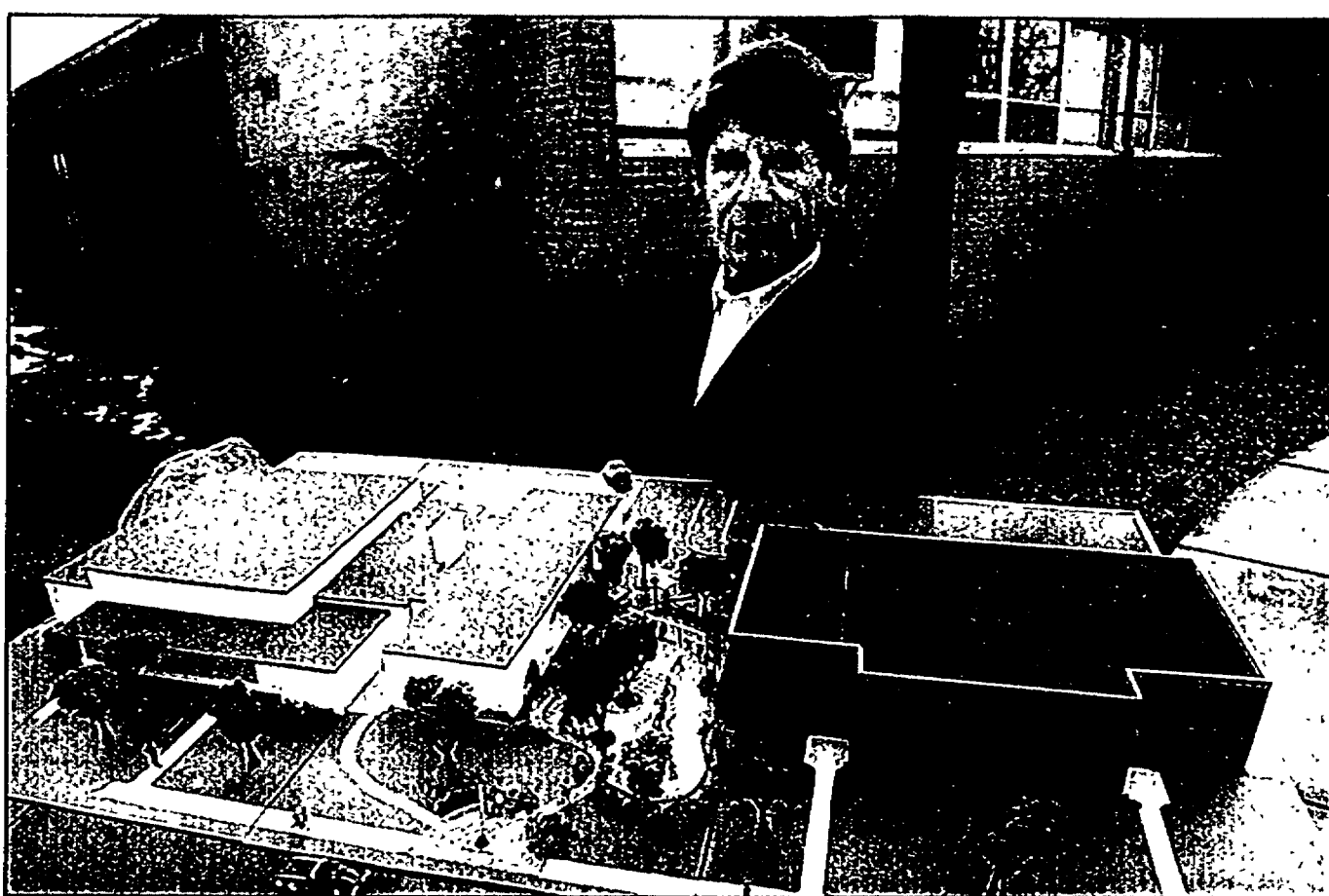
The groundbreaking ceremony to mark the start of the project is 7:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 12, following the Victorian Festival parade. It was almost 50 years ago to the day that original construction of the building began, Sincok pointed out.

In addition to Sincok and Nield, City of Northville and Northville Township administrators, an interior designer, as well as the project architect and construction manager have been meeting for months to firm up plans. Pending city Planning Commission and Historical Commission approval, they will seek bids to contract the work, Sincok said, hopefully by the end of this month.

The city and township in April pledged as part of their cooperative recreation agreement to expand senior opportunities in the Northville School District-owned building. In addition to a social center, the facility will continue to be home to many recreational activities.

With the expansion and enhanced decor, Sincok has described a projected increase in rental income phased in over three years as the center gains popularity as a special event site.

When the actual construction starts mid-October, annual events will shift to other facilities, said Sincok, who worked for weeks with entities that regularly lease the space. The fall and spring handicrafters' shows that typically draw 10,000 during three days at the community center will be condensed to two-and-



The photo by JOHN HEIDER
Jim Nield shows a model for the addition to the old Northville Recreation Center building on West Main Street, the groundbreaking for which is slated for next Friday evening at the start of the 2003 Northville Victorian Festival.

GROUNDBREAKING INFO

WHEN: Friday, Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m.
Immediately following the Victorian Festival parade

WHERE: 303 W. Main Street

WHAT: Groundbreaking ceremony, followed by a Northville Senior Adult Advisory Council ice cream social

The renovation/expansion project marks almost to the day start of the construction of the building 50 years ago on Sept. 18, 1953.

one-half days at the Hillside Recreation Center, for example.

For an hour last Thursday, the senior advisory group reviewed specifics of the plans for interior design at the future senior center. The move from the current Cady Street quarters to 303 W. Main is planned for July 2004.

The distinctive theme in decor, the "Mission" or "Prairie" look, will add appeal for the facility rental, Nield said. It also matches the mid-century-modern architecture of the building exterior, Sincok said. The warmer tones the committee proposed for the decor match the exterior brick coloring, she added.

The seniors gathered for a closer look as Nield displayed the samples of the three wall paint colors, fireplace stones, adjustable-door covering, and stained moulding. They concurred they did not want the room decor to appear too busy, and in the end reached consensus approval of the smaller committee's selections. The samples will be displayed at the groundbreaking ceremony, Sincok said.

The stone that will comprise the 16-foot fireplace expanse will be four inches thick, Nield described. Both he and Sincok enthused the group with their descriptions of the center's focal point.

"It will be the most dramatic fireplace in the county, bar none," the director said. The two-sided fireplace proposed in the initial plans had been sealed down for costs.

"We're really trying to have a nat-

ural look to the stone," Nield said. "We're trying to avoid the glue-on factory look."

The lobby desk, with a combination of natural and cherry finishes, will repeat the straight lines of Mission style. The Corian-brand countertop will have a laminate work surface.

Project specifications call for four multi-purpose rooms, three offices, and a gathering area for large group activities. The site will offer a much larger and updated site for area residents to play cards, chat, attend classes, sign up for programs, watch movies, and participate in other activities.

Nield assured members of the council that carpeting the entire senior center is the best alternative. Referring again to the marketability of the building as a special event site, he said, "You don't want to break between rooms because you're trying to rent the whole thing."

"It's warmer and you have a hearing issue," he said, referring to the noise generated by a hard surface. "Carpeting is the most economical floor covering to take care of."

When the group returned to their conference table to pore over elevations, Nield pointed out locations of wall sconces, the stacking door panels to partition areas, and cloak rooms. "We're not going to trash the place with rolling chrome carts," he said.

Plans to renovate the 1953 building also call for replacement of the heating and cooling systems and

plumbing, as well as improvements to the kitchen, meeting room and lobby. The former recreation department offices will become a computer room, and a barrier-free entrance will be added to the rear of the building.

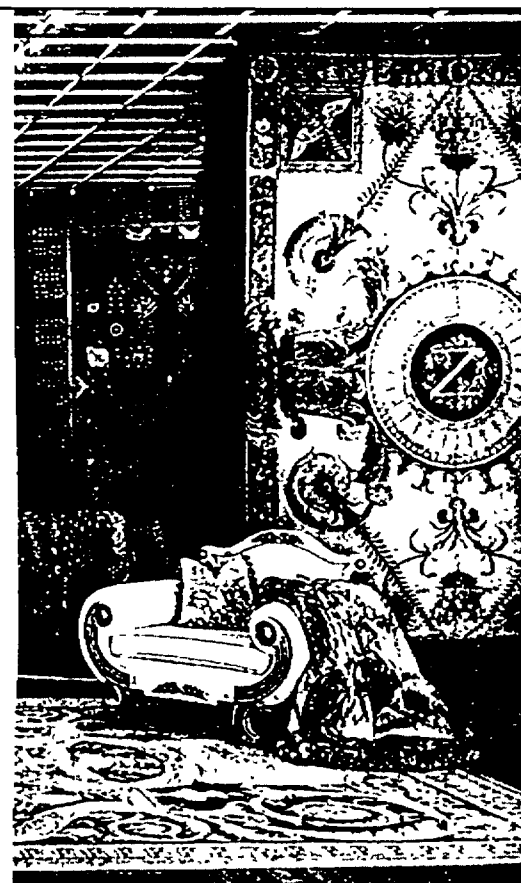
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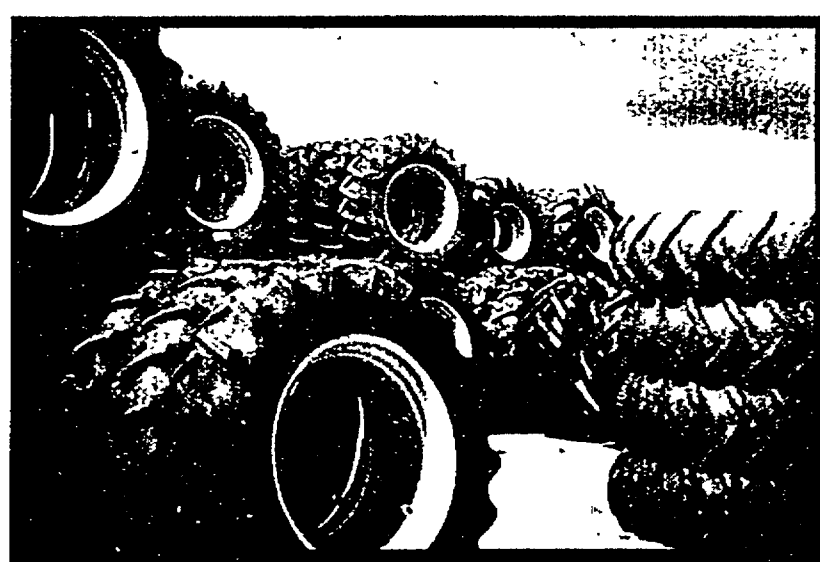
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School off and running without big problems

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Northville Public School staff and students headed back to the classroom last week and school officials reported a relatively smooth start to the start of the 2003-2004 year.

Northville superintendent Leonard Rezmierski and other administrative school

leaders gave a summary of "first day" events to the Northville Board of Education Aug. 26. Rezmierski said all the building sites were visited.

Northville schools, he said, now contain more than 6,100 students. Approximately 3,800 students were transported by district buses.

"I'm very pleased with the opening of school this year," said Rezmierski, adding that

staff members appeared to be comfortable in their teaching environment.

Assistant superintendent David Bolitho said Ridge Wood Elementary, Moraine Elementary and Northville High School — which received extensive additions and renovations — were ready for students on the first day.

"That was very gratifying," he said, adding that about 145,000 square ft. of space has been added to district facilities.

Bolitho also commended the custodians for their role in preparing the buildings for students, despite the elimination of several custodial positions.

He also said transportation glitches that surfaced on the first day would be quickly remedied.

"We're confident that will improve," he said to the board last week.

Human resources director Katie Doerr

Parker said she was struck by how calm the school buildings were.

Assistant superintendent Casey Reason also relayed to the board that the new teacher orientation went well.

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Northville Youth Assistance searches for adult mentors for 2003-2004 program

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

If you're interested in making a difference in the life of a child, Northville Youth Assistance is looking for you.

The organization is currently recruiting mentors and tutors to work with area youths. Male mentors are especially needed.

Led by director Mary Ellen King, Northville Youth Assistance has been heavily involved in assisting students and the community for nearly 17 years.

According to officials, the program is a volunteer-supported organization that provides social services to youths and

their families.

Northville Youth Assistance offers professional counseling as well as the opportunity for a youth to establish a supportive relationship with a trained volunteer mentor.

The purpose of the program is to mentor youths so they may become mature, responsible adults, said officials.

Typically, youths range in age from 5-16.

Officials said children who can benefit from mentoring are those who have recently moved into the community; have experienced a death of a parent; have no contact with one parent; have a grandparent as a primary caregiver or have a difficult time

making friends.

All mentors undergo a thorough screening and 15 hours of instruction.

Mentor training classes are slated to begin Sept. 25 and continue for five consecutive Thursdays. Classes are hosted at Hillside Middle School from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

"Children can benefit by having someone listen to them, care about them and consistently [be] there for them," said King.

She also said a mentor serves as a support person in a child's life that they may not have.

Once selected, mentors are asked to meet weekly with their youth for at least one year.

In addition to mentoring

opportunities, tutoring positions are also available.

"We have free tutoring for elementary school children," said King.

Tutors typically volunteer one hour per week.

For more information on Northville Youth Assistance mentoring or tutoring opportunities or to schedule an interview, contact Mary Ellen King at (248) 344-1618.

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MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES

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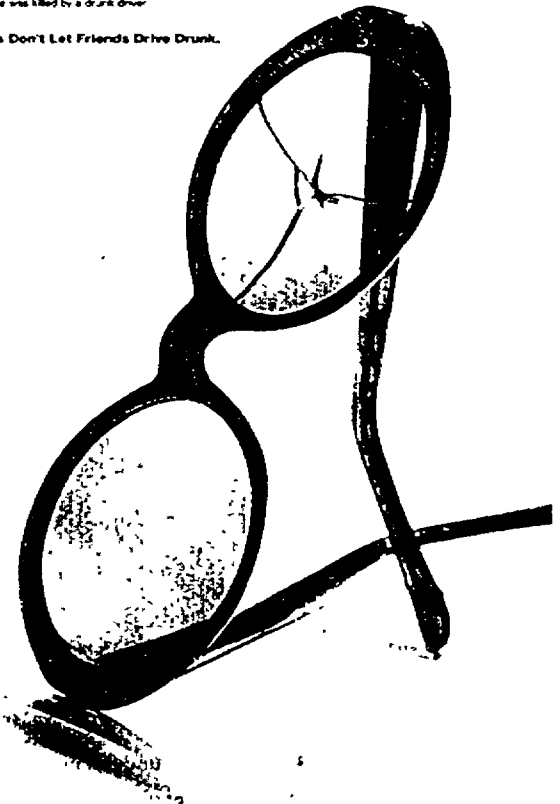
Mentor responsibilities include meeting with your child for a few hours each week for at least one year. All mentors undergo an application process, 15 hours of professional training and screening.

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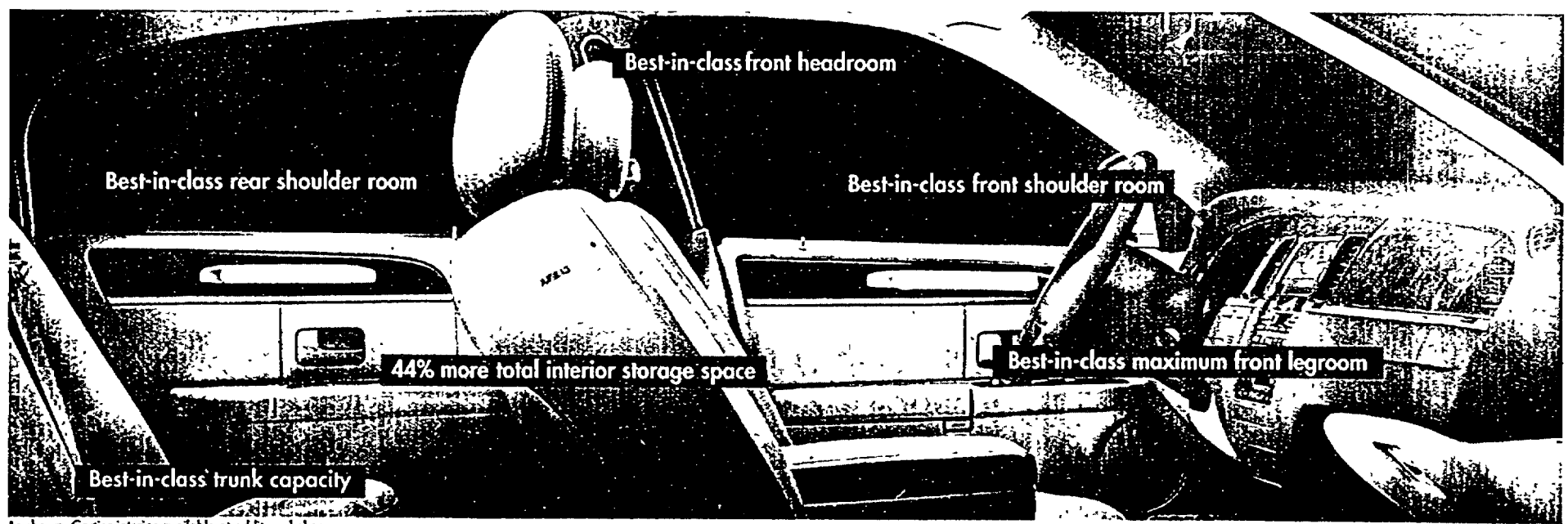
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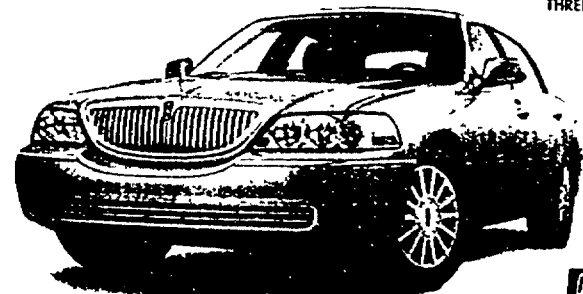
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The wild blue yonder awaits mini-planes

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

This weekend, all eyes should be on the skies in Northville as local flyers present Air Show 2003.

Sponsored by the Midwest RC Society, show participants are slated to bring a wide variety of remote-controlled aircrafts, including helicopters and large-scale airplanes.

Spectators will be able to view assorted aerial stunts as flyers steer their planes from the ground.

Steven McFall, a five-year club member and air show participant, said some of the featured remote-control planes have a 10 ft. wingspan. "It's like going to a real air show, only smaller," he said.

"Some of the things we do with the helicopters and airplanes, people aren't going to believe. It's just one of those things that we really like

doing."

Air Show 2003 — which will feature more than 100 aircrafts and an estimated 75 pilots—will take place at its Northville flying field, located on Five Mile Road, 1 1/2 miles west of Beck Road.

Show hours are Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission is a \$5 per car donation.

The air show will feature local pilots flying a variety of aircrafts ranging from jets to high-performance electric powered planes.

Among the participants are Northville residents Larry Markey, who is slated to fly a jet-powered model, and Howard Kendall who is planned to perform 3D model helicopter aerobatics.

Some of the aircrafts are tediously handmade, McFall said.

He added that the entire family can enjoy this event. Special programs for children will include introductory flights, simulator flying, free model building and prizes.

Food and beverages will be available.

McFall also said onlookers are likely to be awed by the air show stunts.

"Most people don't know that we're there," he said. "A lot of [pilots] like to put on a show. It's a really exciting hobby that most people don't know about or don't see."

For more information, call (313) 917-9676.

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Jack Markey of Northville shows off his Boomerang jet-powered model.

Downtown parking deck issue goes to ballot

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tions containing more than 600 signatures in support of that effort.

Dave Basher and Evonne Simoff, two of the canvassers, said residents want questions answered about the size, cost, funding source and even need for the structure. During their month-long door-to-door effort, they said they heard confusion, outright opposition, and in a handful of cases, unquestioning support.

The Northville city council in June voted to build a parking deck on Wing Street between Main and Dunlap, as well as resurface and reconfigure the city's parking lot along Dunlap behind the Marquis Theater.

"The biggest thing was the lack of information on what was going on with the parking deck," said Basher, who personally collected 140 signatures. Other repeated concerns were where the money to pay for it was coming from and specifics of the project itself, he said.

"They believe, the people I talked to, there's not a parking problem in downtown Northville," he continued. "There's an inconvenience problem."

A city resident since 1986, Basher said he talked to homeowners and merchants. He

described a scenario one woman relayed in she was seeking to quickly cash a check downtown. She circled the block for five minutes until a spot opened up.

"You didn't cancel your business for lack of a spot," he asked her. "Oh no," she said.

"I don't have the total answer," Basher said. "But that's what I've received in my survey."

Simoff, who coordinated the team of 18 who circulated petitions, said she does not think a multi-level parking structure fits the quaint character of the downtown. A Northville resident for seven years, she said six days a week she drives into town, visiting the library, restaurants, ice cream parlor, pharmacy.

"I was shocked that [council members] feel there's such a need for a large structure," Simoff said. "I understand there are some people who do not want to walk that far. I didn't think that the parking was that bad." "I understand the need for progress and development," Simoff continued. She said she is not opposed to any structure, just so it is not too large or an eyesore.

It was the task of city clerk Dianne Massa's office this week to confirm the petition signatures. Pending the city attorney's approval of the wording, the next step would be a city council vote to formally add the proposed bal-

lot question.

"If the form is proper and the signatures are valid, they have to put it on the ballot," city manager Gary Word said.

Specifically, the petitions address the city's intent to issue and sell \$6.5 million in bonds to pay for a parking improvement program.

In effect, validation of the petitions will stall the plan that the Northville Development Authority has shepherded through multiple-step approval processes during the past few months. Without a referendum, the project timeline targeted expansion of parking areas in time for next holiday shopping season.

"We can't issue bonds if it is on the ballot," Word said. "We can't formalize anything until after the election." "In terms of any formal action, it can't be done," he said. "We'll seek the advice of attorneys on what we can and cannot do."

Without the petition effort, city administrators at council's direction had been proceeding with plans to sell bonds to pay for the project. One of the legal requirements of the process was the publication of Monday as the deadline to submit a petition seeking a vote with at least 10 percent of the city's population of 4,700.

Provided that 470 of the sub-

mitted 600-plus names signed match up with the registered voter roll, the issue will be on Northville's Nov. 4 ballot. Council members who voted in favor of the project pointed out that delaying the project until after a vote will increase the expense to the city. Rising interest rates will affect the cost of the downtown development authority's deck, as well as the adjacent independent development projects, Mayor Pro-Tem Carol Ann Ayers has pointed out.

"It does delay the project to a certain extent," the city manager said. "We need to be under construction by January in order to be completed by fall of 2004."

Basher said he only came across five people who did not want to sign a petition. They thought elected officials should decide, he said.

"I had one person who was very irate," he said. "He said it was disgusting what I was doing."

Proposed developments on the north and south ends of the structure in part prompted the location and timing of the construction. Commercial projects planned by local business owners Jim Long and Bob and Margene Buckhave currently are being reviewed by city planners.

City finance director Nickie Bateson described to the council again Tuesday night how proper-

ty owners within the tax-increment-financing district would pay for the proposed project. Bond payment over 20 years would be made through the capture of tax increments within the downtown development district, use of the parking fund, and payment of parking credits.

Part of the discussion at the council meeting Tuesday, postponed from Monday for the holiday, centered on the need to extend the life of the Downtown Development Authority. In order to be able to issue bonds, the city has to ensure that collection of local business property owners will exist for a sufficient period to cover the debt.

Basher said he wanted to help educate his fellow residents about the project. "I can't tell you why they're not informed," he said. "They didn't understand DDA money. One of the questions was the cost of the number

of parking places. Physically they're increasing. The next question I propose is can some of these businesses down there survive for a year without parking."

For certain on the Nov. 4 ballot is mayor Christopher Johnson's two-year seat and two four-year council seats, currently held by Ayers and Councilman Tom Swigart.

Those three, as well as Councilman Kevin Hartshorne, are the four people who as of Tuesday had picked up petitions for the three seats set to expire, Massa said. Candidates are required to collect 50 to 75 signatures of registered city voters by Oct. 1.

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Ash and ye shall receive: trees bear hidden art

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Fred Shadko was heartbroken when an emerald ash borer pest destroyed 10 towering trees at his Northville Township residence that had been a part of the area landscape for centuries.

But this summer, Shadko used a bit of ingenuity to salvage the remainder of his trees and turn them into a permanent monument to nature and future generations.

"I decided to make the best of a bad situation when tree surgeons told me that the four-century-old white ash trees would have to come down," said Shadko. "They were part of the woodscape that had drawn my family to this quiet corner of Northville Township."

Shadko envisioned turning the tall stumps into works of art and turned to a Livonia resident for assistance.

"One of my co-workers at DaimlerChrysler told me about a talented Livonia tree sculptor, Shawn Mulville," said Shadko. "He had been trained as a chef, cooking at such notable eateries as Mackinnon's and had learned ice carving. He applied his talents to wood carving and after I contacted him, he told me that white ash was an excellent carving medium."

Recalling the area's hunting history, Shadko authorized the creation of four figures carved from the lofty remaining tree stumps. Among them include a bear, an old man with a cane, an owl atop a tall tree and Shadko's beloved Dalmatian.

Also included on his property are carvings of a small bunny, a snake and a red fox.

"Shawn Mulville wanted to make sure that the mental image he had of the sculptures was the same as the ones in my mind before he fired up his chainsaw," said Shadko. "We did some sketches, looked at a great many pictures, and in early July the sawdust started flying."

The first creature to emerge from the tree bark

"I decided to make the best of a bad situation when tree surgeons told me that the four-century-old ash trees would have to come down."

Fred Shadko
Northville Township

was the bear.

"When I told [Mulville] I wanted the bear to have teeth, he broke out a hand chisel and meticulously carved them," said Shadko.

The bear sculpture stands almost 15 feet high. Accompanying the growling bear, is a carving of an old man with a cane in his hand.

"The old man was done from an old postcard," Shadko explained. "Harlow's Wooden Man is a well-known old tree sculpture at the home of Marquette, Michigan's founder, Amos Harlow. The natural lean of the tree has given the old man a natural looking stoop. The tree's massive, exposed root system has been preserved and the figure appears to grow right out of the ground."

The carving also stands about 15 feet high.

Not too far away is a 25-foot tall owl sculpture that displays many of the creatures found in the woods along Northville Hills' unpaved roads, said Shadko. The owl is depicted with outstretched wings. Raccoons and cardinals are also incorporated into the monument.

Shadko said the dog replica is a tribute to his faithful Dalmatian, Sinatra, whose bright blue

eyes inspired his name.

The wooden dog stands 12 feet tall, Shadko said, and is detailed down to his bright red collar.

Shadko said the process to create these carvings involves multiple steps.

"After Shawn completes the rough carving, he sands the trees down and their beautiful graining starts to emerge," said Shadko. "Once they are stained, the grain really stands out. Finally, he hand-brushes two coats of polyurethane on to protect the wood from the elements. All the wood chips and bark are carefully gathered up and taken to one of the state-approved disposal sites."

Shadko said many nearby residents have responded well to his wooden front-yard wonders.

"My neighbors are delighted with the sculptures," he said. "They keep bringing people over and showing it off."

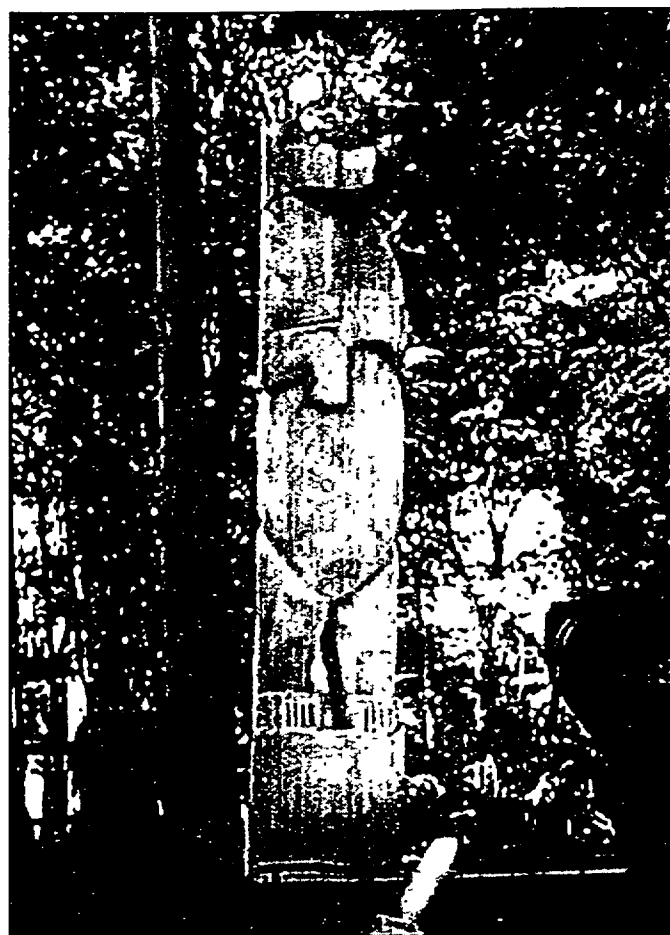
Although Shadko was saddened to witness the loss of his ancient trees, he's pleased to see the towering, artistic remnants.

"It was one of the best decisions I made, preserving part of the woodsy nature of old Northville," he said. "Fortunately, I have a mixture of [tree] species, so if a blight comes through you don't lose it all. It was sickening to see them go down, so that's why I tried to do something. I didn't just want to see a hole in the ground."

Shadko said other wooden figures are in the works and are planned to be displayed on public property.

"I'm having another (dalmatian) dog carved and I'm donating it to the Northville Dog Park," he said.

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Northville resident Fred Shadko felt the need to make the best of a bad situation when emerald ash borers infested his trees, so he turned to Livonia resident Shawn Mulville to convert the tree into a carving.

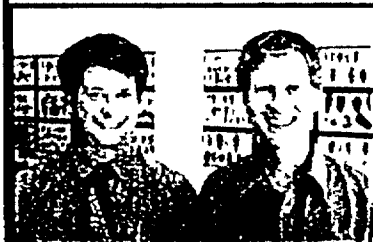
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Maybury book to make debut at VicFest

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

"Maybury Had a Little Lamb" is a heartwarming story filled with references that visitors to the beloved farm on state park land are sure to recognize.

The book, which will benefit exclusively efforts to rebuild the farm lost to fire in February, at the same time tells a story with universal appeal, according to author Cathy Blanck and illustrator Sarah Marino, both former farm hands. Their 48-page tale with 21 pencil sketches will sell for \$10 from a booth at Northville's 15th Annual Victorian Festival Sept. 12-14.

Only the chicken coop, milkhouse and fencing remain of the 150-year-old farm following a fire of undetermined cause in February. The state from 1975 through this summer offered this part of the park as an interpretive center where visitors could see first-hand the daily routine of an authentic farm.

"It was an educational tool for everybody, not just school groups," Blanck said. "Everyone who came out here learned something, I think."

When Blanck and Marino visited their former work site last week, they pointed with sadness where natural growth now covers the spots where the main barn and rabbit barn used to stand. When the remaining rooster crowed as if on cue, they happily recalled the surviving chickens and donkeys.

The two animal lovers started planning the book just four days after the fire, both motivated in their creativity by a sense of loss as well as a sense of purpose toward finding a means to fund its return.

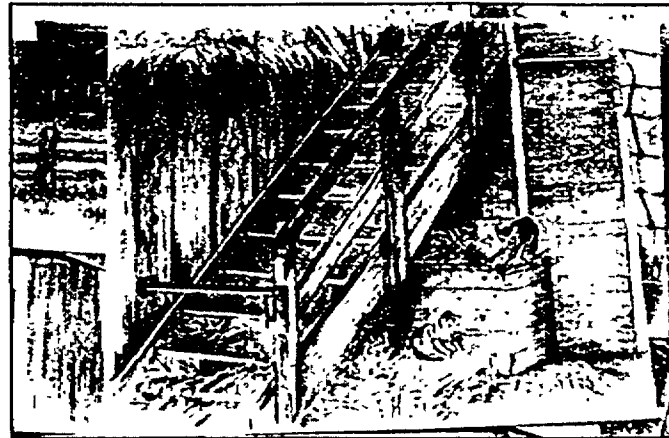
Both women stressed the need for a cooperative, community-wide effort to restore the vintage operation for the long-term.

"It was such a special place," Marino said. "When they have a gem like that, they should have the foresight to keep it."

Both Blanck and Marino will man the booth for the grassroots support group, Voices for Maybury Farm, during the Victorian Festival downtown. In addition to their book, they plan to sell T-shirts, notecards, and chances for a hand-stitched quilt donated by the Northville-based guild, Hands-All-Around.



Cathy Blanck and Sarah Marino have been working on the book "Maybury Had a Little Lamb" to help benefit farm restoration efforts at the state park in Northville Township.



photos by MAUREEN JOHNSTON

Excerpts from 'Maybury Had a Little Lamb'

The farm at Maybury State Park on Eight Mile Road led a family, sustained a sanitarium and educated countless visitors about an age gone by.

A book created by two former farmhands, called "Maybury Had a Little Lamb," will include a brief history of Maybury Farm destroyed by fire in February. The book will be available for sale the first week of September.

Karen Gourlay, a park interpreter and farm ranger since 1981, wrote the following to include in the book. Maybury Farm is located within Maybury State Park in Southeast Michigan, near the town of Northville. The land has been actively farmed for over 150 years.

Early records indicate that Robert Blackwood lived in the house and farmed the land with his wife, children and niece, Mary Blackwood. In 1871, Mary Blackwood was married to Dr. M.T. Wallin who maintained a medical practice in Northville. They purchased the farm from her uncle and moved in the same year.

The Wallins named their farm "The Maples." It covered 220 acres and had two large barns, a milk house, and a chicken coop along with the large farmhouse. The Wallins raised their three daughters and lived on the farm until 1908. They retired and moved to Detroit where one of the daughters had accepted a position teaching school.

In 1918, the city of Detroit purchased the farm,

along with several others in the area. A hospital for the treatment of tuberculosis was constructed under the guidance and supervision of William H. Maybury. In 1921, Spring Hills Sanitarium (later re-named Maybury Sanitarium) was opened to offer world-class care for the treatment of the disease, which was prevalent at the time.

The farm was supervised by Howard Whipple and was used to raise crops, fruits, vegetables, and supply milk for the many patients. Mr. Maybury was a frequent guest at the farmhouse, and they kept a room for him there. At Mr. Maybury's request, Frank and Helen Whipple often hosted visiting dignitaries at their home. In 1931, William Maybury was ironically infected with the disease he had dedicated his life to cure. He spent his last days at the farm he loved, and died with the Whipples at his side.

The farm continued to operate as part of the sanitarium complex until the hospital closed in 1969.

In 1971, the sanitarium land was purchased by the state of Michigan for a new state park. The farm was renovated to become an interpretive learning center of our agricultural heritage.

The farm opened in 1975 as a seasonal operation. By 1978, the farm was run year-round with the hiring of Farmer John Beemer as manager. Maybury Farm was designed to represent a typical

family farm that may have existed in the 1930s. Most of the field work was done with a team of Belgian draft horses. Large areas of hay, corn and small grains were planted and harvested to feed the livestock. The farm raised hogs, sheep, goats, chickens, horses, turkeys, rabbits, ducks, geese, and beef and dairy cattle. Many chores including milking of the goats and cows, were done by hand. The large garden had many types of vegetables; some varieties were common in the early 1900s. A fruit orchard was planted along with separate garden beds for herbs and flowers.

Many demonstrations were given during the year to teach visitors about tapping and collecting for maple syrup, beekeeping, dairy processing, grain harvesting, sheep shearing and wool spinning and many other farm activities.

However, since it was a working farm, one could visit the farm any day and see the staff working on a number of typical daily farm activities. This gave a sense of visiting "Grandpa's" farm, an opportunity that many people enjoyed throughout the year. One might see the horse harnessed and ready for a day's work, the hay being stacked in the loft, the corn being cut and tied into shocks, the stalls being cleaned, the animals getting fed or the gardens being tended. Or, if a visitor was a lucky, a newborn lamb taking his first tentative steps.

to be auctioned Sept. 14.

A first-time book for author and artist, both women said they learned a lot about the publishing process. The countless hours they invested in the project will translate a contribution into a memento.

"One hundred percent of the proceeds of the book will go to rebuild the barn," Blanck said. "No one is keeping anything for this."

"To get it to the publisher, it was a statewide effort of generous contributions."

"We wanted it to be that way — everyone who pays taxes, pays for the farm."

When the women earlier this

year outlined their book concept, Blanck said people jumped to support it.

"It's something everyone is so nostalgic about," she said. "With the story and Sarah's pictures, it all comes back to life again."

Familiar subjects Marino depicts in her sketches are the broken heart mounted on the farm fence soon after the fire; the stalls of "Andy," "Queen" and "Beauty," all horses that perished; "Farmer John" who takes care of the animals, and the cats who lived under the staircase, for example.

"If it was important to you, you would know," Marino said.

There are several little touches, regular Maybury visitors will pick up on as they review the book, she said. For example, in the rendering of the coop, close scrutiny will show the words "Old Village School" in honor of the students who so enjoyed collecting eggs and feeding the chickens.

Without revealing too much of the story, Blanck described the lamb as the central character of the book, with appearances by a lot of the Maybury Farm favorites.

"There's kind of a feel-good, fuzzy moment at the end," she said.

The former farm hands

agreed that Maybury was their favorite job. They swapped stories about the impact the experience had on the visitors, regardless of their age.

"There was always someone here older than said 'that's just how we did it on my dad's farm,'" Blanck said. "It was such a nostalgic place. Visitors taught us many things."

Marino said she loved providing the hands-on aspect of the tours. Children enjoyed the opportunity to feel the horns and hooves of a goat, the bristly hair of a pig, and the toenails of a chicken.

The interpreters also shared with students the purpose of each animal on the farm, Marino said. The horse pulled plows, the cows provided milk, the geese were the watchdogs, for example.

"They would let us know the tour was here," she said. Visitors always departed with a different impression of the farm, animals, food — even life, the women agreed.

"Farmers didn't invest in animals for no reason," Blanck said. "Everything was here for a purpose."

"During the tours, they also realized that a lot of these things ended up on their plates."

"Maybury Had a Little Lamb" will first be available at the Victorian Festival. Local businesses also planning to sell copies include: Barn Antiques on Eight Mile Road, Hidden Springs Veterinary Clinic, Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall and Northville Saddlery.

"Maybe it will touch the heart of someone with big bucks," the author said with a laugh, reflecting on the economic challenge of maintaining the vintage operation. "If someone can fall in love with it, someone can want to bring it back."

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TIME: Call for info
DETAILS: The membership is open to all U.S. military who have or are serving in hostile areas.
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Northville Garden Club meeting
DATE: Sept. 4
LOCATION: Home of Corrine Yoho (18947 Oakleaf Ct.)
TIME: Noon
DETAILS: A speaker from Executive Florist will be speaking on basic flower arranging and use of mechanics
PHONE: (248) 349-57810

Stage presentation: "Goldilocks & The Three Bears"
DATE: Various dates through Sept. 14
LOCATION: Marquis Theatre (135 E. Main Street)
TIME: Call for info
DETAILS: Tickets are \$7.50 The show is not recommended for children under age 3.
PHONE: (248) 349-8110

Good Grief golf outing
DATE: Sept. 6
LOCATION: Tanglewood Golf Club (53503 Ten Mile Road, South Lyon)
TIME: 10 a.m.
DETAILS: The shotgun-start event raises money for Northville-based New Hope Center For Grief Support. The four-person scramble is \$100 per golfer, and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, dinner and prizes. Dinner-only admission is \$50. Hole sponsorships are available.
PHONE / WEBSITE: (248) 348-0115 / www.newhopecenter.net

Suburban Kids Rockin' Under Ford Field (SKRUFF II)
DATE: Sept. 6
LOCATION: Ford Field-Northville
TIME: 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
DETAILS: Several local bands will be on the bill for the evening. Admission is \$5.
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DATE: Sept. 7

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DETAILS: Adult and children's clothing as well as accessories will be available. Participants are encouraged to buy and sell their own Victorian-era items.
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Auditions for "Halloween Patch"
DATE: Sept. 7
LOCATION: Marquis Theatre (135 E. Main Street)
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Auditions are for children ages 8-16. Performers must sing "Do, Re, Mi" from "The Sound of Music." An accompanist will be provided. Performers must also read a 90-second poem, which need not be memorized.
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Northville / Novi Garden Club meeting
DATE: Sept. 8
LOCATION: Call for info
TIME: Call for info
DETAILS: The topic of the evening is "Feng Sui In The Garden."
PHONE: (248) 349-5781

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

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Senior Fest 2003
DATE: Sept. 10
LOCATION: Waterford Bend Park (near the intersection of Northville and Six Mile roads)
TIME: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
DETAILS: The event, hosted by the Northville and Plymouth senior centers, offers a picnic lunch, entertainment and prizes. The deadline for registration is Aug. 29. Admission is \$3 for Northville and Plymouth residents and \$5 for residents of other communities. No refunds will be issued.
PHONE: (248) 349-4140

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Northville Victorian Festival
DATE: Sept. 12-14
LOCATION: Downtown Northville
TIME: Call for info
DETAILS: The Victorian Festival is the single largest annual event to be held in Northville. A variety of Victorian-era family events and entertainment are scheduled for the weekend. An in-depth guide to the festival will be published in the Sept. 4 edition of the Record. The festival begins at 6 p.m. Sept. 12 with the Victorian parade.
PHONE: (248) 349-7640

American Association of University Women Historical Home Tour
DATE: Sept. 13
LOCATION: Various homes in Northville
TIME: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
DETAILS: Four homes will be open for viewing. One thousand tickets are available for \$15 each and can be purchased at Gardenviews (202 W. Main Street) or Salutations (115 E. Main Street) or by mail. Photos or children under age 12 are not permitted. Shoes must not be worn. Proceeds benefit scholarships at Oakland Community College or Schoolcraft College.
PHONE: (248) 305-9066

Victorian parlor tea / vintage fashion show
DATE: Sept. 13
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)
TIME: 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Tickets are \$7 and are

available at the church office or at the door. Period costumes will be modeled by area women.
PHONE: (248) 349-0911

Mill Race Village Victorian Festival activities
DATE: Sept. 13, 14
LOCATION: Mill Race Village
TIME: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
DETAILS: Buildings will be open to the public. On Sunday, events will include the old-fashioned children's games, strolling musicians, hat contest, pie eating contest, and the duck race.
PHONE: (248) 348-1845

Spaghetti dinner fundraiser for ash tree replacement
DATE: Sept. 19
LOCATION: Highland Lakes Clubhouse (20301 Silver Springs Drive)
TIME: 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
DETAILS: Admission is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children
PHONE: (248) 348-1139

Historic tour of Hines Drive / Rouge Waterway
DATE: Sept. 27
LOCATION: Along Hines Drive (call for starting location)
TIME: 10 a.m.
DETAILS: The tour-hour bus tour will include video presentations and a visit to the Hines Drive museum. Tickets are \$15 per person, with a 55-person maximum. Proceeds benefit the Phoenix Mill Women's Museum. No refunds will be issued.
PHONE: (734) 522-0739

Michael Card concert - Biblical music
DATE: Oct. 3
LOCATION: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile Road)
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Tickets are \$5 for general admission. Card has written 19 songs to hit No. 1 and has won numerous Dove Awards.
PHONE: (248) 374-5920

8th annual Michigan State Police Fall Color 5K Run / Walk
DATE: Oct. 4
LOCATION: Maybury State Park
TIME: 10 a.m.
DETAILS: Registration by Sept. 22 (\$20) guarantees participants a long-sleeve T-shirt, while registration thereafter (\$25) does not.
PHONE: (586) 790-3990

OBITUARIES

Dr. H. James Vervser

H. James Vervser of Northville died Aug. 27 in Livonia. He was 87.

Mr. Vervser was born Feb. 2, 1916 in Detroit. A graduate of Detroit Eastern High School in 1935, Mr. Vervser attended the University of Michigan and later, the University of Detroit-Mercy school of dentistry. He served as a major in the U.S. Army's dental corps before starting a practice in Detroit from 1943 to 1969. He also held a practice in Ubyly.

Mr. Vervser was an adjunct faculty member at UDM's school of dentistry before retiring to Port St. Lucie, Fla., where he lived with his wife, Shirley, for 18 years before returning to Northville in 1998. Mr. Vervser was a life member of the Michigan Dental Association and Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville.

Mr. Vervser is survived by his wife his son, Dr. Thomas (Karen) Vervser of Plymouth; his grandchildren, Jeffrey (Kiesha) Vervser of Manistee and Renee (Jeremy) Johnson of Royal Oak; and his great-granddaughter, Kamryn Vervser.

A memorial service for Mr. Vervser will be held 11 a.m. Oct. 11 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1740 Mt. Elliott Avenue, Detroit, Mich. 48207. Funeral arrangements were handled by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Northville.

Dorothy A. Gupion

Dorothy Gupion died Aug. 27 at her daughter's residence in Detroit. She was 88.

Ms. Gupion was born May 29, 1915 in Detroit to the late William Montroy and Idessa Bosler Montroy. A machine operator for General Motors, Ms. Gupion retired after 30 years with the company. She was a member of the Eagles, First United Methodist Church and King's Mill.

Ms. Gupion is survived by her daughter, Sharon Ware; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two husbands, Morris Gupion and Homer Albini; her daughter, Darlene Kaniowski; and two brothers, Donald and William Montroy.

A memorial service for Ms. Gupion was held Aug. 29 at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, which handled funeral

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arrangements. Rev. John Hice of First United Methodist officiated the service. Interment will be at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Catherine E. Thomson

Catherine Thomson of Lansing, formerly of Northville, died Aug. 27. She was 87. Ms. Thomson was born Oct. 25, 1915 in Owosso to the late J. Ralph Gibson and Alice H. Hoyt.

She lived most of her life in the Northville area and was a graduate of Ferris State University. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, a past Girl Scout Leader in Northville and a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Stuart H. Thomson, Sr.; two children, Stuart (Mary) Thomson, Jr. of Ill. and Janet (Pete) Gross of Williamston; one sister, Myra Gibson of Pa.; five grandchildren, Peter, Garreth, Thomas, James and Megan; eight great-grandchildren, Amanda, Kim, Christopher, Steven, Michael, Jakob, Rialece and Danielle; and one great-granddaughter, Andrea.

A funeral service was held Aug. 30 at Casterline Funeral Home Northville, which handled funeral arrangements. Rev. James Russell of First Presbyterian Church of Northville officiated the service. Interment will be at Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville.

Memorials may be made to a charity of your choice of Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. Twelve Mile Road, Suite 100, Southfield, Mich. 48076

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P.F. Chang's bistro fires up restaurant

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community. "There's really nothing like it out here," she said. "It was a good area to come to because I think that the people of Northville needed something like P.F. Chang's here. I think a lot of people asked for it. We found a perfect area."

Davidson said the upscale Chinese bistro features fine dining service and quality food in a casual atmosphere. Reservations are not required but recommended.

With between 150-170 employees on staff, the estimated 7,000 sq. ft. bistro features room for more than 275 guests. A 25-seat bar, low lighting, slate floors, stone walls, dark wood furniture with round-style booths and contemporary, upbeat music further add to the ambience.

In addition, a Chinese wall mural depicting an ancient Chinese story and large terra-cotta warriors add an air of intrigue.

Davidson, who began working as a hostess for a P.F. Chang restaurant in Dallas worked her way to the rank of manager and was later sent to the new Northville Township location.

Joining her on the leadership team are managers Rob Cardenas and Eric Rimpela; culinary partner Mike Steczek and operating partner Rob Banish.

Davidson said the bistro takes pride in their food quality, service and atmosphere.

"If they give us a chance, we'll wow their socks off," she said. "We have great quality food. We have food you'd expect to get in a high-end restaurant. We use the best meats and the best vegetables and the freshest fish. Everything

"Our policy is to wow our guests and do the little extra things."

Donna Davidson
P.F. Chang's

comes in on a daily basis."

More than 50 wines are available on the bistro's wine list and are offered either by the glass or by the bottle.

Davidson said the menu consists of traditional Chinese recipes with an American twist. Recipes are drawn from four different regions in China, she said.

All meals are served family-style.

"We're really excited to be here," Davidson said. "Everyone seems really receptive and kind. It's just so wonderful. From the time you walk in the door until the time you leave we've got you taken care of."

Superior service is considered a staple at P.F. Chang's.

"We chose the best of the best," said Davidson. "We call it our variety team. Everyone works as a team together."

Although patrons will experience high-grade service and food selections, moderate prices won't drain your wallet.

Lunch prices range from \$6-10 and dinner prices range from \$8 to \$15.

"Our message to all of our guests is that we're truly glad to be in Northville and we'll do every-

thing we can to make you want to come back again," said Davidson. "We truly mean that. We go above and beyond. Our policy is to wow our guests and do the little extra things."

In just the short time that the bistro has been open for business in the township, Davidson said several celebrations — including a 50th anniversary party and a wedding proposal — have already occurred.

For the couple reaching their golden anniversary, a bottle of Merlot, signed in gold by many employees, was waiting on the table upon their arrival.

Another couple headed for matrimony also sought the grace of bistro employees in preparing a memorable proposal.

"We steamed open a fortune cookie and prepared a note inside reading 'Will you marry me?'" Davidson said. "She said yes."

"We've had so many special occasions come here. We've had people come in and say 'we were just counting the days till ya'll were open.'"

P.F. Chang's China Bistro is located at 17905 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads. Reservations may be made by calling (248) 675-0066. Restaurant hours are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday. Sunday hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Carry out is available.

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Gunman's legal battles get started in circuit court

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lier that day of the man's two adopted children from the 401 Yerkes Street house.

As a result of the investigation into the new allegations, Francis' probation officer filed a petition alleging that Francis violated the terms of his probation in the previous case. A condition of probation agreed to as part of the plea settlement was that Francis was not to have any unsupervised contact with anyone under age 17.

He had been living alone with his children at the Yerkes address. He is single, the chief said.

His Aug. 28 arrest, based on a bench warrant issued by Judge Brian Sullivan, followed his release from a psychiatric facility in Detroit. He had been transferred after initial evaluation at the Psychiatric Intervention Center in Westland.

The descriptions of behavior by the man's 9-

year-old son during a sleepover at a friend's house prompted his mom and dad to call authorities. After a court ruling the following day determined it was not safe for the boy and 11-year-old girl to remain in the home, Family Independence Agency personnel moved the brother and sister to foster care.

The standoff followed a call that Monday from a crisis-hotline worker that alerted the Northville department that the man renting the downtown home sounded desperate.

Once they coaxed the man to surrender around 9:30 p.m., police confiscated a gun inside the house. No one else was in the house during the standoff.

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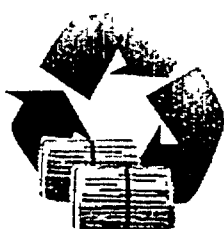


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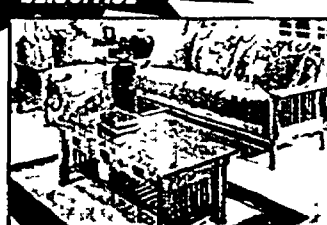
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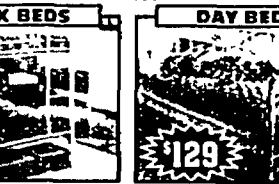
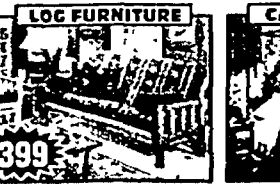
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Deck petition has a purpose

Twenty years from now, when (hypothetically, of course) the Northville parking deck's bond is paid off, no one will probably remember the additional 12 weeks of delays in construction caused by a petition movement. What they'll remember is how questions about the structure were answered to their satisfaction and how much better parking became in Northville after the deck was built. Those 12 weeks of delays will probably be caused by residents exercising their right to put the Main/Wing Street parking deck issue to a vote.

No one — us, least of all — would take exception with the rights of those demanding the issue be put before the voters. The project, after all, is a pricey one, and one that will create a parking mess for the months while construction of the deck is going on. That residents and business owners want questions answered before they agree to shell out money for the project is not only their right, it's also smart thinking.

What we don't want to see is the petition movement being used as a scare tactic, where doomday scenarios are generated, thereby deep-sixing the project on the basis of fire and brimstone speeches. What we do want to see are carefully thought-out questions being put

to city leaders followed by an educated voting body heading to the polls this November, armed with knowledge so that intelligent decisions can be made.

It's not as if city leaders haven't made any attempts at solving the parking crunch. The most recent effort — enforcement of the orange dot spot program — has been in effect for more than a year and a half. The program addresses the push-and-pull between merchants and customers, all of whom are looking for a spot close to their place of business. But the program has a finite lifespan, and will inevitably be shortened as new developments in Northville have business owners gobbling up parking credits for the sake of more square footage.

Northville's population is only going to grow larger. Its business climate continues to attract vehicular traffic through its streets. If there's an interest in having the cash registers ringing, it would help to have places to put the people who want to put their money on the counter. Not taking substantial steps to correct the growing imbalance between demand for spaces and spaces available can only result in frustrated visitors and dwindling sales. While size and scale of the parking deck is considered, we hope voters also keep that fact in mind, too.



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Steve McGuirk, second from right, President of Northville Soccer, gave Northville Township \$15,000 to be used for its expansion at Millenium Park on Six Mile Road. From left are Rick Shaffner; with Northville's Main St. Development Group, Northville Township Trustee Marv Gans, McGuirk, and Dave Jerome.

LETTERS

Thanks for assistance with reading program

The Northville District Library's Teen Summer Reading program, "Live & Laugh 2003" was a great success. We are proud of all the middle and high school students who participated in the reading game and attended the fun events held here at the library.

We would like to thank the Friends of the Library for providing us with programming funds; Little Caesar's Pizza on Seven Mile Road, Skatin' Station II, and Bonaventure Skating for providing us with prizes; and Busch's Marketplace for providing us with snacks for various programs. Without their help, the program would not have been such a success.

We would also like to thank our Teen Corps volunteers, who did a wonderful job assisting with various activities around the library: Shivani Agrawal, Shruti Agrawal, David Breitenbeck, Nathan Cook, Laura Garavoglia, Joe Gudobba, Shelley Gudobba, Ryan Jelso, Min Liu, Surya Sabhapathy, Sylvia Smith, Amanda Stacer, Melissa Straub, Miranda Thomas, Ellyn Yurgalite, Jenny Zhao. Congratulations are also in order for our Reading Game Prize Winners: Priya Ahluwaria, Ameen Al-Khafaji, Kathryn Deeds, Iain Kilpatrick, Andrew Tang, and Lucy Zhang.

Dierdre Morley
Teen Services Librarian
Northville District Library

Read the Constitution and learn a thing or two

This is in response to the letter by Irene Piccone in the Aug. 28 edition of the *Northville Record*. In her last paragraph she stated: "I am under a handicap: I was the 'A' student in our Constitutional Law class where the average mark was a 'D'."

I guess I came to believe too strongly in our democracy . . .

Sounds to me like she flunked Constitutional Law class. If she would have read her Constitution, she would have stumbled across Article IV, Section 4 of said document wherein it states: "The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion. . ."

Is a Republic a democracy? Witness the following definitions of Citizenship in a Republic and Citizenship in a

Democracy from the 1928 US Army training manual:

CITIZENSHIP Democracy: A government of the masses. Authority derived through mass meeting or any other form of "direct" expression. Results in mobocracy. Attitude toward property is communistic—negating property rights. Attitude toward law is that the will of the majority shall regulate, whether is based upon deliberation or governed by passion, prejudice, and impulse, without restraint or regard to consequences. Results in demagogism, license, agitation, discontent, anarchy.

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Take away any one or more of those four elements and you are drifting into autocracy. Add one or more to those four elements and you are drifting into democracy.

WHY DEMOCRACIES FAIL: A Democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of Government. It can only exist until the voters discover they can vote themselves largess out of the public treasury. From that moment on the majority always votes for the candidate promising the most benefits from the public treasury with the result that Democracy always collapses over a loose fiscal policy, always to be followed by a Dictatorship. (Written by Professor Alexander Fraser Tyler, nearly two centuries ago while our thirteen original states were still colonies of Great Britain. At the time he was writing of the decline and fall of the Athenian Republic over two thousand years before.)

The Founding Fathers specifically did not want to create a Democracy. Witness the words of James Madison:

Such democracies have ever been spectacles of turbulence and contention; have ever been found incompatible with personal security or the rights of property; and have in general been as short in their lives as they have been violent in their deaths.

Anyone who studies the Constitution will

come across many similar quotes from other founding fathers.

Unfortunately, major media would have us believe what Mrs. Piccone is purveying. How many times must a lie be told until it becomes the truth?

Blake Roberts
Northville

Questions remain over parking-deck issue

An issue has come to my attention over the past month, which has me questioning the purpose of this newspaper. My understanding of the press is to inform the public of all the facts pertaining to an issue.

Case in point is the proposed parking deck located along Wing, between Dunlap and Main Streets. The newspaper has identified the structure as three stories when proposed plans for the parking deck identify five stories (basement, ground floor, and three supported stories).

Your articles regarding this issue appear to report only the views of the city Council. There are no comments from the citizens or merchants in the area. Questions that I, as a citizen, would like to see the answers to are: What is the average height of the proposed parking structure? How tall are the elevator shafts? How tall are they relative to those shops adjacent to the parking deck? How about relative to those businesses on the west side of Wing and the remainder of the historic downtown? How do mothers with children and the elderly feel about parking in a five story parking structure? How do the merchants feel the construction period will affect their business? Are the existing parking structures being utilized in the city or do residents avoid their use? Is there a parking problem or is the feeling that there is only a parking inconvenience?

I believe the citizens of Northville would be much more comfortable with the construction of a parking structure once the above stated questions are answered. In addition, I feel that more information should be made available to the public with respect to the "sale" of the property at the north end of the "Wing Street" parking lot.

I have always felt that reading your newspaper would help me, a citizen of the community you serve, stay well informed. Unfortunately, I will read your articles with much less trust in their completeness.

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UAW contract means a lot

I don't want to be apocalyptic about it, but the contracts the UAW will be negotiating with the Big Three this fall could go a long way to determine the fate of the domestic auto industry, the union and the entire economy of Michigan.

How come? To put it bluntly, the foreign-owned "transplant" manufacturing plants, mostly located in the South and entirely non-union, are eating the domestic automakers' lunch. And, if present rhetoric are to be believed, neither the companies



Phil Power

nor the UAW seem much inclined to get serious about addressing their basic mutual problems this time around. First, consider what has happened in the auto market in recent years. Time was, the domestic auto companies dominated the market; virtually all their employees were UAW-represented. But the Big Three market share started dropping in the 1970s. By the time the Honda opened the Marysville, Ohio, plant in 1982, the domestic market share was down to around 80 percent. The slide has only accelerated, with the Big Three market share plummeting from 73 percent to 63 percent in the past seven years.

Of course, declining market share translates to fewer UAW-represented workers. In 1991, GM announced a plan to cut 74,000 jobs and 21 plants, including six assembly facilities; in 2002, Ford announced plans to close two assembly plants. Today, about one in seven autoworkers are not UAW members, and some experts are talking about 25 percent of the total auto workforce being nonunion by 2010.

Why is this happening? You get different takes, of course, but a good place to start is with labor costs. Most experts calculate there is a \$10-per-hour labor cost difference between the union domestic plants and non-union factories.

As direct per-hour wages are roughly the same between transplant and domestic

plants, a big part of the cost gap has to do with health care costs. The labor force of the transplant plants is, by and large, younger and therefore somewhat healthier than that at the domestic plants. Moreover, the UAW labor contracts offer very generous (and very expensive) "first dollar" health coverage.

Is the UAW willing to bargain about health care costs? Not if you listen to UAW President Ron Gettlefinger: "We are not going to pick up premiums. We're not going to pick up co-pays. We're not going to pick up deductibles."

Another part of the labor cost gap has to do with pension costs. Pensions are complicated matters, but in essence the foreign-owned plants have "defined contribution" pension plans. The companies put in \$X per week, which is invested; the employees get the money when they retire. Pensions at the domestic auto plants, on the other hand, are "defined benefit" plans; retirees' income is based on a formula that includes wages, years of service and age.

Because the value of the stocks that most pension funds use as investment vehicles has dropped so much in recent years, the rules governing pension accounting are requiring the Big Three to contribute billions of dollars just to prop up their pension plans. Will the UAW consider shifting from pensions from defined benefit to defined contribution? "No, we won't look at that," according to UAW President Gettlefinger.

The UAW says lots of other factors are involved in the slide of domestic auto fortunes, most of them the responsibility of management. They point to poor design and weak investment in new domestic models, saying it isn't their fault that domestic automobile product sells so badly. They say American companies wasted lots of capital in buying expensive foreign brands such as Volvo, Jaguar and Saab, rather than investing in the productivity of U.S. plants. And they point to badly deteriorated relationships with companies in the supply chain.

Regardless of which side is right in the argument — and I'm inclined to believe there is merit on both sides — neither union nor companies looks as though they are gearing up for a full-blown effort to overcome the disadvantages domestic automakers face against the foreign-owned transplants. Best guess by experienced

observers is that this year's talks will wind up with the UAW allowing the automakers to close some plants but doing little dramatic to close the \$10 per hour cost gap, thereby leaving the really tough issues to the next generation of auto executives and union leaders. By which time it may be too late.

In a good piece previewing this year's negotiations last week, the *Detroit Free Press* quoted

Comerica chief economist,

David Littman, to the effect that to

assure their mutual survival both the

automakers and the

UAW need to find

ways to cut at least

\$2,000 in cost per

vehicle, improve

quality and increase

the resale value of their cars and trucks.

"Instead of using this period to really even the playing field in terms of cost and better product," Littman said, "we continue in a time warp of the '50s. It's getting away from them. They are talking to themselves and the wall."

I suppose it's only human nature for this generation of UAW leaders and auto executives to want to duck really tough issues this time around. But if the consequence is the steady downward slide for all of Michigan's core industry, sometimes I wish there could be representatives of all of us sitting at the bargaining table holding both company and union feet to the fire.

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

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Set the rules for happier children

As school goes back into session many families focus on their children in a renewed way, at least for the moment. Wanting children to get back to school, and be prepared for the continuing and new challenges of the year are important issues on the minds of many families.



Paul Melrose

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has a public education web site for the support of parents and other adults to who care for kids. The site offers many suggestions for being involved with kids and the ongoing care and raising of them. The site can be found at www.samhsa.gov. Thanks to a religious periodical that I subscribe to I would like to share their summary of the useful and important information which is found there.

• Talk with your child. Talk with your child, every day. Establish good communication and reinforce it. The earlier in a child's life you do this will strengthen the adult child relationship and its importance as the child grows and the family develops.

• Get involved. Positive activities in a child's life give children worthwhile things to do. The involvement of parents and caring adults in activities with children is a wonderful preventative for mental health

and substance abuse problems. When adults get involved with kids it lets kids know that they and their activities are important and worthwhile to pursue; much positive reinforcement for kids occurs in this way.

• Set rules. Do this consistently, even when a child says "no." Set rules that are clear and simple. Communicate them in a way that is age appropriate. A two-year-old cannot understand long and involved explanations. From the age of even five and on up an explanation that is geared to the child's level of understanding and comprehension is imperative. Setting rules early and consistently provides daily habits of self-discipline. Self-discipline helps to protect the child's physical safety and mental well being; this can reduce the risk of substance abuse problems.

• Be a role model. It is true that actions speak louder than words. It really becomes important to "practice what you preach." Your child learns behaviors and thoughts by watching you speak and act. Do not take part of condone any illegal, unhealthy or dangerous practice unless you want to give your child the idea that such practices and ideas are okay.

• Teach your child to choose friends wisely. Be involved in your child's social development appropriate to the child's age. Show your child how to form positive relationships. The pressure to use tobacco, alcohol, and illegal drugs comes from wanting to be accepted. Find qualities in friends that model your value system and can help the child choose the friends that he/she wants for him/herself.

• Monitor your child's activities. Be aware of what your child listens to, what your child reads, where your child goes when he/she surfs the net. Talk with your

child about his/her interest's ideas and encourage them to talk to you. Through talking to them you can impart your values and beliefs. By monitoring your child's activities, research shows, children are less likely to engage in situations which are harmful and which you might disapprove of.

These are just a few ideas. Realize that they take time, commitment, and consistency to put into practice. But they will help you to raise the kind of children you can be proud of.

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Baseline theme to be incorporated in art

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design would consider their concerns. He said the work may include a water element different from the typical, traditional round fountain.

The art commissioner's request for funding for Barr's sculpture was his third presentation to the council on behalf of that project.

The total cost of materials for that project will be approximately \$17,000, he said, with Barr's creative contribution at no cost to the city. The carving will take 8 to 10 weeks, he estimated. Naigus said he is planning fundraisers to help pay for the artwork.

The artist described in July to the council how he would like to combine an aspect of local history

from his hometown Northville — namely the importance of Baseline Road in the creation of the system of surveying property — with an artwork of today. Naigus told the council he hopes that Northville can be the starting point for the statewide art project yet this year.

The goal is to have other communities along "Michigan's

Baseline" erect the same type of granite sculpture to merge the geography, history and sociology of the state and individual communities along the route.

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Stampeding!

■ Girls' harrier squad takes third-straight crown at high-octane Corunna Invitational cross country meet

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Victory is a taste that is sweet as honey, but only half as fattening.

The Northville Mustangs girls' cross country team proved they don't mind taking consecutive bites out of the honey pot that is victories as they went to work and became the three-peat champions of the Corunna Invitational August 28.

The girls' team, led by third-year coach Nancy Smith, scored 29 points to take the top spot while Flushing took second with 27.

The Mustangs had good performances across the board, but only one could be the winner — and that one was the talented Liz Hrivnak, who won the race with a time of 20:19.

"Liz led from the start of the race and raced by herself through the entire 3.1-mile course," Smith said.

Not far behind the top Mustangs was sophomore Bryn Smetana, who finished in third place overall with a time of 20:44. Andrea Mochle was next, taking home the sixth-place position with her run of 21:38.

In her first race this season,

Molly Gavin showed she was in good form already. She took seventh with a completed course time of 21:52, while fellow Mustangs Megan Sheremet and Meaghan Keiffer finished 12th and 13th respectively with times of 22:11 and 22:21.

Freshman Mary Sprader, who took to her first varsity race ever at Corunna, came in 14th place with an applaud-worthy 22:22.

In total, the Mustangs had 10 girls medal, including Lindsay Williams and her 20th place finish and time of 23:27, Lauren Rocco's 23rd place and time of 23:41 and Alex Barcelona's finish in 32nd place with a time of 23:38.

The race wasn't a sure thing for Northville throughout though, with Flushing giving the squad a run for their money.

"Throughout the race, Flushing had a pack of five girls who were ahead of Andrea and Molly and blocked them in the woods," Smith said. "Andrea and Molly worked hard to break them up in the last mile and split the pack up, which secured the win for Northville."

Smith noted that she was happy with the growth the team has gone through already at this point in the season.

"I am really pleased with our progress so far," she said. "The entire team continues to get stronger and improve from meet to meet. As a team, they continue to work together say in and day out and support each other."

But, as any coach knows, you can only plan on one race at a time. When it comes to Corunna, Smith indicated that it was a good way to get the girls on track.

"The entire team had good starts and finishes today," Smith said. "Each girl had a kick today in the finish, which is something we talk about daily."

The Mustangs will return to action when they take a trip to participate in the Bath Invitational September 6 at 8:30 a.m. — an event where they took second against some of the best competition in the state last season.

Following the invitational, the Mustangs will play host to the Western Lakes Activities Association Jamboree September 11 at 4:15 p.m. at Cass Benton Park.

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■ Boys' squad takes second at Corunna thanks to good times

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

When you run against some of the best competition around, it's never an easy task to even finish in the top five.

The Northville Mustangs boys' cross country team, coached by Chris Cronin, didn't mind the challenge, nor their second-place finish in the Corunna Invitational August 28.

"We ran well, but I think this shows how much work we have to do between now and October," Cronin said of his squad's first-ever second-place finish in the invitational.

The Mustangs finished the day with 39 points, just four away from first-place finisher Fenton. Kearsley took third with 53 points and Holly took 130 for fourth out of the 11 teams that participated in the event.

Northville's Tim Dalton, a senior this season, took second overall with a time of 17 minutes, 19.8 seconds. Crossing the line in first place was Fenton's Mike Walker II as he finished his run in 16:55.6.

"Tim looked good," Cronin

noted. "He was beaten today by a solid runner."

Finishing in a solid third was Rob Steiner, who completed his run in 17:34.6 as he still continues his hunt to improve and chase for the top spot on the Northville harrier squad.

"Rob Steiner looked strong," Cronin said. "He needs to close the gap to Tim, but he'll get there. He can be one of the top runners in the WLAA this season. He gives us a tough pair matched with Tim."

The Mustangs also had a solid performance from senior Colin Keiffer, who ran an 18:06 for eighth place in the invitational.

"Colin rebounded from a poor effort at South Lyon," Cronin said. "He looked in better form today and that was good to see."

Freshman Jasen Turnbull had a strong showing as well. The first-year varsity runner put together an 18:25.3 to finish in 11th place for Northville.

"Jasen Turnbull ran just off

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Let's all
just work
together
and win

Here I sit, in front of my little Apple computer, wondering what I should do for my game of the week.

So far, I'm 2-2 on the year, which isn't too terribly bad if you sit back and think about it. I guess I could be doing a whole lot worse, but then again I could be doing a whole lot better too.

So, I need to find a way to increase that first little number in the way of getting some predictions right with my game of the week. To that end, I'm going to pick the winner of the Northville basketball game when they host a tough Pinckney Pirates squad September 9 with the tip-off slated for 7 p.m.

The first thing I'd like to point out is that the Northville Mustangs girls' basketball team, coached by Pete Wright, is probably more than just a little excited about playing their first home game of the season. The crowd, the students, the fans and the cheers of the Mustang faithful are going to be enough to electrify the Northville hoops squad.

The Mustangs have plenty of talent on their team this year, and I am expecting that they are going to be eager to earn a victory in front of their home crowd and on their home hardwood.

Of course, getting to that victory isn't going to be an easy task. The Pinckney Pirates are going to be one of the top contenders in the Kensington Valley Conference this year and they won't be looking to let Northville get the upper-hand in this game. With some of the best ball-handling in their conference, the Pirates are going to be hungry for a win and to earn it while visiting Northville.

The Mustangs are a solid group of players and I am hoping that they are going to be geared up for some major basketball and salivating at the idea of getting an early victory this season.

With some good shooters, some decent height and a desire to win, the Northville hoops squad should be poised to earn a very tough win against a very quality opponent come September 9. It's a good way to show the Western Lakes Activities Association that these Mustangs are ready to redeem their losses from the 2002 season and do so in style.

And, to help them to victory, all of the readers out there who want to see the Mustangs climb to the heights of their potential should make sure they head over to Northville High School and cheer these girls on to victory.

I am confident that the Mustangs basketball squad and myself can work together on this one as we help each other earn a few victories this season and increase our final standings.

For Northville, I am going out and telling each and every reader of my sports section that I am expecting them to be the victors in this contest. I hope the Northville basketball team thinks the same way and goes out and earns that win.

Northville 49, Pinckney 44

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GAME
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Photo by John Heider

Mustang golfer Jim Gates tees off at Tanglewood during a game against the Novi Wildcat team.

■ Mustangs are oh-so-close to taking down defending champs

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It's never easy taking on the defending state champions, that's for sure.

The Northville Mustangs golf team, led by coach Tom Shaw, took it to the links against the defending Division I state champions in their cross-town rivals, the Novi Wildcats. Though the Mustangs walked away with a loss, they had much to be proud of — especially the fact that they fell by only six strokes, 155-161.

The following day, the Mustangs took the loss out on the South Lyon Lions, earning a 154-166 victory over their non-conference opponents.

Against Novi, the Mustangs put forth quite the effort and put on quite a show as they played to the best of their abilities on their home course of Tanglewood.

Brandon VanHeyde led the way for the Mustangs, notching an impressive 39 to tie for an overall second-place finish. Novi's Brandon Cigna earned the medalist honors, as the 2002 All-State selection shot a 35 to help his squad secure the victory.

Also turning in good scores for the Mustangs were Ryan Hunt and Greg Jones, with each varsity golfer carding a 40 on a day that found the team playing in 80-degree weather with a fairly wet course to deal with.

Recording 42s on the day were Matt Lewicki and Jim Gates, while fellow linkster Ryan Gideon shot a 43 on the day.

For the Wildcats of Novi, R.J. Makoski notched a 39 in the winning effort, while Mark Eberline collected a 40 and Brett Jaussi and Eric Ayté carded 41s. Mike Martinez shot a 42 to round out the var-

sity score card for Novi.

Northville's junior varsity squad managed to escape with a victory over their Wildcat foes, 163-165. Pat Uetz collected a 37 to earn the medalist position in that meet.

The Northville golf team will return to action when they visit Franklin in a Western Lakes Activities Association match-up September 10 at 3 p.m. Following that will be another WLAA meet against Churchill at 3 p.m. at Tanglewood.

Northville 154, South Lyon 166

The Northville Mustangs were quick to rebound from their loss against Novi as they topped the KVC's Lions August 27.

Leading the way for the Mustangs, as well as earning the medalist position, was Jones. Jones shot a 37 on the day to earn the honors.

Fellow Mustangs Justin Kolbow and Uetz shot 38s in the match to help their squad along for the win, while Andrew Bishop recorded a 41 in the win. VanHeyde carded a 41 in the outing and Tim Singleton shot a 42 to round out the Mustang varsity team.

For South Lyon, the biggest competition came from two 41s that were recorded by senior Tim Kubiak and sophomore Anthony Zaguroli.

In the junior varsity meet, the Mustangs took a hard 175-188 loss against their non-conference opponents. Ryan Parent, a South Lyon shooter, collected a 41 in the meet to take home the medalist honors.

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INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Individual scoring against the defending Division I state champion Novi Wildcats:

■ Brandon VanHeyde shot a 39 to lead the Mustangs.

■ Ryan Hunt recorded a 40.

■ Greg Jones carded a 40 on the day.

■ Matt Lewicki shot a 42 as the final counted player for the contest.

■ Jim Gates notched a 42 for the day, while Ryan Gideon recorded a 43 to round out the Northville scoring.

TEAM TOTALS: Novi won the match 155, 161.

MUSTANG CALENDAR							
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		STEVENS 7:00					
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			*Bath Invitational 8:30 a.m.				
			Bath Invitational 9:15 a.m.				
							Franklin 3:00
					Flushing 4:30	Walled Lake Western 7:00	
						SOUTH LYON 7:00	
					Franklin 4:00		CHURCHILL 7:00

Editor's Note: All games are PM unless noted

SPORTS SHORTS

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For girls in 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grades. Players will be placed on a team by random selection and will be coached by the 2002-2003 varsity softball team, high school coaches, and club coaches. The season will consist of an instructional clinic, games and an end of season tournament. All games will be played at Hillside Middle School or Northville High School on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings beginning Sept. 13. Cost is \$85 per player and will include a shirt. Registration will be held at Northville High School at the west end of the building, on Sept. 5 from 4-6 p.m. and Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to noon. Please call Coach Taryn at (248) 924-2482 or Dawn Mueller at (248) 449-4255 if you can't be at registration. Numbers are limited so call now!

Girls softball clinic

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It will be held on Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon at Northville High School. Registration will be held at Northville High School at the west end of the building on Sept. 5 from 4-6 p.m. and Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, please call Coach Taryn at (248) 924-2482 or Dawn Mueller at (248) 449-4255.

U10 Baseball try outs

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Date: September 9, 2003
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Northville Township Civic Center
41600 Six Mile Road

A public hearing will be held on September 9, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville Township Civic Center, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. The Planning Commission will consider a Conceptual PUD plan for acreage on the south of 7 Mile Road, east of Haggerty Road, formerly the State of Michigan Psychiatric Hospital site.

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

(8-14 & 9-4-03 NR 74520)

LISA ANDERSON, CHAIR
PLANNING COMMISSION

Western Township Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Synopsis 3:00 p.m. Monday, August 25, 2003

Regular meeting called to order at 3:11 p.m.
Present: Thomas Yack, Steve Mann, Richard Henningsen
Agenda - adopted as presented.
Minutes of the study session of July 28, 2003 - approved.
Minutes of the regular meeting of July 28, 2003 - approved.
Schedule of disbursements totaling \$848,030.10 - approved.
Operations & Maintenance Report for July 2003 - received and filed.
Director's Report for August 2003 - received and filed.
Financial Statements For The Nine Months Ended June 30, 2003 - received and filed.
WTUA Proposed Budget; Fiscal year 2003/2004 - approved as presented and authorization to submit the budget for approval during the September 2003 meetings of the member townships.
Capital Improvement Program - adopted as presented and authorization to update the document at least twice annually for Board approval.
Proposed WTUA Schedule of Meetings; Fiscal year 2003/2004 - approved as presented and authorization for WTUA staff to have the schedule posted within the three member townships.
Award of Contract; Infrastructure Management System - approval to accept the proposal furnished by GBA Master Series, Inc., of Kansas City, Missouri in an amount not to exceed \$25,990.
SBC Ameritech Complete Link Agreement Revision - approved.
YCUA Plant Expansion Update - received and filed.
The regular meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Chairperson
THOMAS J. YACK

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

Publish: September 4, 2003

09/01/2003

The following are the dates for the U10 baseball teams are for both the A-team and the B-Team. For more information, call either Todd Williams (248-305-7282) or Mike Putman (248-347-0118) for more information.

- Sept. 5 at 6 p.m. at Community Park #6
- Sept. 6 at noon at Henningsen
- Sept. 7 at noon at Community Park #6

Travel baseball tryouts

The Northville Baseball and Softball Association has announced its 2004 travel team tryout schedule. Below, the age for the players, the name of the coach, the number to call and the times and location are listed. All numbers are 248 area code unless noted.

Note: cutoffs are one's age as of 12/31/03 for girls and as of 7/31/04 for boys. Call the above coaches for tryouts.

Boys Teams

- 9-year-olds team, coached by Joe Perrino (734-420-3995), try-out is spring 2004 and the format is House League plus Tournaments.
- 11-year-olds, coached by Scott Baldwin (348-1828) at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 5, 5 p.m. Sept. 6 and 4 p.m. Sept. 7 at Millenium Park.
- 15-year-olds coached by Vince Marisco (734-464-6588), please call for information; 16 year olds coached by Carl Patterson (349-4973), please call for information; 18 year olds coached by Max Richl (380-9885), please call for information.

Girls' Teams

- 10-year-olds coached by Scott Combs (347-8914), please call for information.

• 12-year-olds coached by David Cooke (734-420-1042) at 3 p.m. Sept. 7, 6:30 p.m. Sept. 10 and 1 p.m. Sept. 14 at Community Park #6.

• 14-year-olds coached by Mary Cicala (347-4598) at 2 p.m. Sept. 7, 6 p.m. Sept. 11 and 2 p.m. Sept. 14 at Henningsen Park.

• 16-year-olds coached by Stacey Badeen (380-2712), please call for information.

Motor City Madness Tryouts

The 2004 Motor City Madness girls' travel fast pitch softball team will be holding tryouts September 7 and 14 at Powers Park 1 and 2, which is located between Novi Road and Taft on 10 Mile Road.

The times for the tryouts are as follows:

- 10 and under: 9-11 a.m.
- 12 and under: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 14 and under: 1-3 p.m.
- 16 and under: 3-5 p.m.
- 18 and under: 5 p.m.

Tryouts are open to anyone interested in playing high-level travel softball. Pitchers and catchers may be asked to stay beyond mentioned times to showcase their abilities.

For more information, please contact Coach Phyllis Wagner at (248) 982-2955.

Golf Lessons Available

Looking to improve that swing? Tanglewood Golf Club is offering individual and group lessons by PGA Certified instructors for private lessons.

Call (248) 486-3355 and ask for Brad, Larry or Tom.

NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT - MILLENNIUM PARK

Notice is hereby given that the Northville Parks and Recreation will accept sealed bids until Monday, September 15, 2003, 10:00 a.m. local time, at 700 W. Baseline Road, Northville, at which time all proposals received shall be publicly opened and read aloud for: Millennium Park Playground Equipment.

Specifications, bid documents and proposal forms may be obtained from the Northville Parks and Recreation Department during regular office hours.

The Northville Township Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

TRACI SINCOCK, DIRECTOR
(9-4-03 NR 81873) NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF SECOND READING AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE Chapter 170

Article 3 General Provisions, Section 3.1, N. Reception Antenna Facilities
Article 3 General Provisions, Section 3.3 E. Gazebos
Article 3 General Provisions, Section 3.3.I. Residential Entryways
Article 24 Landscape Standards, Section 24.5 c. I. Greenbelt
Article 28 Private Roads, Section 28.7 Standards for Shared Residential ARTICLE

Date: September 18, 2003
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Northville Township Civic Center
41600 Six Mile Road

A second reading of the Ordinance revisions will be held at the Board of Trustee meeting on September 18, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville Township Civic Center, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.

Complete copies of the revisions are available at the Township Hall office.
The public is invited to attend and express their comments and questions. Written comments regarding the proposed changes will be received by the Township Clerk's Office, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.

(9-4/11-03 NR 80406)

SUE A. HILLEBRAND
CLERK



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville's No. 1-ranked singles player Erica Dobson hits a backhand return in her match last week against Novi's Ashley Glover.

'Stangs win one, drop two

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It wasn't the week the Northville Mustangs girls' tennis team was hoping to have, but it definitely found the squad showing some bright spots in their ranks.

The Mustangs, led by coach Sandy Woolfall, fell to Ann Arbor Huron 6-2 and to Novi 8-0, but managed to top a very strong Brighton team 7-1 in non-conference play.

Against the Novi Wildcats, the Mustangs found themselves taking hard losses nearly throughout the flights.

"Naturally, I knew Novi was going to be a tough team," Woolfall said. "I was a little disappointed that we didn't chal-

lenge them a little more than we did."

The Mustangs found Erica Dobson putting up a heck of a fight in first singles, but eventually falling 7-6 (6), 6-2 to Novi's top player in Ashley Glover. In two singles, Shannon Farris fell 6-3, 6-2 to Lauren Carosio, while Chelsea Johnston took a 6-0, 6-1 loss to Novi's Anna Switzer in three singles. Laura Krstevich found herself falling 6-1, 6-1 to Diana Ticu in the fourth flight of singles.

In doubles play, the Mustangs showed a bit more moxy.

"Our doubles kind of hung in there and gave a few of their doubles teams a fight," Woolfall said. "But, you can't fault them."

Novi had a really good team."

Amanda Darish and Jen Harkness showed they weren't going to go down without a fight as they lost in three sets to Colene Brockman and Emily Holt 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.

The fourth doubles team of Catalina Oaida and Laura Randall fought hard as well before eventually falling to Lauren Thomas and Becky Thomson 6-1, 7-6 (5).

The two doubles team of Jackie Taylor and Jonnie Powers fell 6-1, 6-4 to Laura Vaughn and Ayano Nakamura while Amy Knoth and Kate Thomas fell 6-4, 6-4 to Amanda

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville is accepting applications for the contractual position of part-time Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector. Applications are available from the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167. (248) 349-1300 or (248) 449-9902.

Must have current license/registration with the State of Michigan, per Act 54, as a Registered Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector.

Please submit a resume and application to the City of Northville Building Department no later than September 30, 2003 E.O.E. (9-4-03 NR 80987)

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE CANVASSING, SOLICITING, PEDDLING FEES

At the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held Thursday, August 21, 2003, the Board resolved to approve the following Fee changes to the Canvassing, Soliciting, Peddling Ordinance, Chapter 133.

\$25.00 Non-refundable application filing fee
\$225.00 License Fee
\$500.00 Cash Bond

The proposed changes to the application and fee schedule are September 4, 2003

SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
(9-4-03 NR 81132)

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE ADOPTION

The Board of Trustees, at their regular meeting on August 21, 2003, approved the adoption of the Telecommunications Ordinance to be effective September 4, 2003.

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

The above is a synopsis of the adopted Ordinance, a true and a complete copy is available in the Clerk's office and may be inspected at the following locations:

Northville Township Public Service Building, 16255 Beck Road, Northville
Northville Township Financial Building, 41660 Six Mile Road, Northville
Northville Township Civic Center, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville
Northville Township Fire Station, 48515 Seven Mile Road, Northville
Northville Parks and Recreation Office, 700 W. Baseline Road, Northville

SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK
CHARTER TOWNSHIP
OF NORTHVILLE
(9-4-03 NR 81135)

Mustangs tamed by Patriots

Franklin comes to town with something to prove and earns win

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

This just goes to show that if you don't come out swinging in the Western Lakes Activities Association, you're probably going to get beat.

The Livonia Franklin Patriots came to Northville August 29 with something to prove. They were picked to finish in last place in the conference on nearly every major coaches poll, and they made it clear that if that's the case, they aren't going to do it without at least a victory.

The Patriots stunned the Northville Mustangs football team with a 19-13 victory. They came in with a plan and they stuck to it as they compiled 312 yards of total offense. Northville, on the other hand, collected 247 yards.

"We didn't look anywhere near as good as we did in practice," Northville coach Clint Alexander said. "We had some good opportunities, but we just couldn't get it to come together for us."

The Mustangs, who became the first squad to lose to Franklin since 1996, found their defense suddenly lacking as they lost the hard-hitting Brian Barton to an injury in the first series of play.

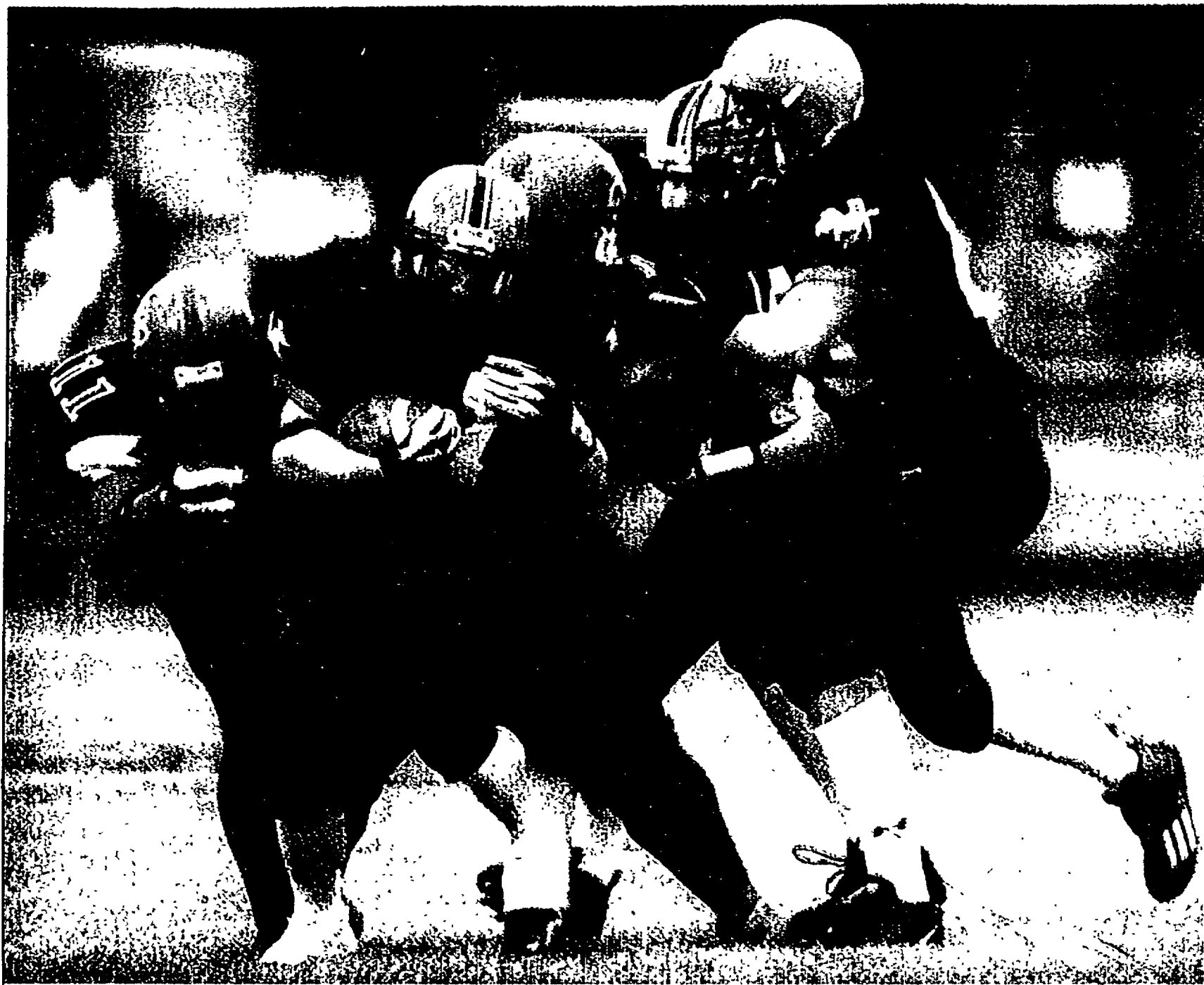
"He had five tackles in the first series and then dislocates his thumb," Alexander said. "The defense really had to scramble after that."

And Franklin took advantage of the confusion and ill-timed injury as they collected all of their 19 points in the first half of play. Using a familiar Wing-T offense, the Patriots took the opening kickoff and pounded out 15 plays for 75 yards and crossed the goal line from three yards out as junior Ryan Kowalski carried the ball in with 4:03 left in the quarter for a 7-0 lead.

An interception thrown by Northville's senior quarterback Mark Sorensen set up Franklin's next score as the Patriots hooked up on a seven-yard scoring strike but the PAT fell no good after a personal foul pushed the extra point attempt back.

The Mustangs weren't about to be left scoreless though, especially on their home turf. With 8:45 left in the first half, Sorensen connected with Mike Jamison on a 30-yard pass before senior kicker Bill Brown's extra point cut the Patriot lead to 13-7.

The Livonia squad wasn't done though and came out with a 74-yard jaunt by Kowalski with just under four minutes remaining in the half. A handful of downs later and the Pats were on



Photos by John Heider

A Malcolm Stilec (above) tries to escape from a traffic jam of his linemen and Livonia Franklin defenders during last Friday night's home opener at Northville. Below, Mike Jamison pulls in a pass from quarterback Mark Sorensen.

the board again on a one-yard touchdown run with 42.1 seconds left for a 19-7 lead.

The final scoring play of the game came from Northville as Sorensen threw his second touchdown pass of the night. Chris Oakland found himself on the receiving end of a 10-yard bullet in the endzone for the score following an impressive 43-yard passing play by Sorensen to Jamison.

"We knew they were going to be a much better team than they were last year," Alexander said. "They have been working all summer to get their program on the right track and they've obvi-

ously made some major improvements. Franklin isn't the team that everyone thinks they are, and I think they're going to surprise a few teams this year."

The Mustangs (0-1) are slated to host the Livonia Stevenson Spartans (0-1) tomorrow at 7 p.m. in their first official conference match-up. The Spartans lost their opening game to the Wayne Memorial Zebras 20-14.

"We're not going to change anything," Alexander said. "We watched the tapes and it's very clear that we had the right plays being called. If we would have had a catch here or a run there, we could have made it a totally

different ball game."

Livonia collected 177 yards on 20 carries from Kowalski, while senior Matt Parker added 103 yards on 21 carries.

The Mustangs, who had 10 penalties that slowed their progress throughout the night, found Sorensen going 12-of-24 for 142 yards with two touchdowns and an interception. The Mustangs gathered only 81 yards on the ground.

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Boys take second at Corunna

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of Colin's pace today," Cronin noted. "They need to learn to work together during the race. That's tough for a newcomer and a senior, but they will only benefit from working together."

Andrew Moore wasn't in top form for the event, finishing in 15th place with a time of 18:56.9, while Fred Oehmke ran a 19:05, which was good for 17th place. Ian Gunn-Boyar recorded a 19:27.8 with his performance.

"Andrew didn't run well today," Cronin noted. "But, he knows how critical his fifth position on the team is this season."

Putting in a good time for the Northville-B squad was freshman Josh Ermatinger, who topped out the B squad with a 22nd-place finish with a time of 19:43.1.

The Mustangs had good showings from a number of Northville freshmen.

"Along with Masaru Yokomura and Tommy

Sugawara, we had five freshman earn medals," Cronin said.

The Mustangs will return to action when they participate in the Bath Invitational September 6 at 9:15 a.m. before playing host to the Western Lakes Athletic Association Jamboree September 11 at 3:50 p.m.

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You win some, you lose some

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Cassidy and Kaylan Pustover.

In exhibition play against the Wildcats, the fifth doubles team of Maria Rice and Lauren Deneszcuk topped Novi's Megan Hsu and Tiffany Lin 6-1, 6-2 while Christine Curran and Alicia Raisinghani beat their 'Cat opponents in Pratyusha Devarakonda and Stephanie Park 7-5, 4-6, 6-4.

Northville 7, Brighton 1

The Mustangs were well aware of the potential the Brighton Bulldogs tennis team possesses, but the didn't let that slow them down as they routed their non-conference foes.

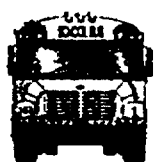
Dobson started things off right as she won first singles 6-7, 6-4 while Farris earned a hard-fought, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4 victory in two singles. Johnston had a solid showing in the third singles flight, winning 6-4, 6-2.

The doubles team of Darish and Harkness topped their first-doubles opponent 7-5, 6-1 to

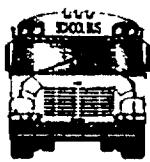
earn a point for Northville, while Taylor and Powers won 6-0, 6-3 with a solid performance at two doubles. Three doubles found Knoth and Thomas earning a 6-4, 6-3 win in their flight, while Oaida and Randall won 6-1, 6-3 in four doubles.

The only loss of the day came as Krstevich fell 6-4, 6-3 at four singles.

In exhibition play, Rice and Deneszcuk won 8-5 and Curran and Raisinghani won 8-5 in their respective matches.



Important Northville School Phone Numbers



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Northville High School - 248-344-8420

Hillside Middle School - 248-344-8493

Silver Springs Elementary - 248-344-8410

Meads Mill Middle School - 248-344-8435

Thornton Creek Elementary - 248-344-8475

Amerman Elementary - 248-344-8405

Winchester Elementary - 248-344-8415

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Making a killing at the box office



Freddy and Jason finally square off in the much anticipated New Line Cinema release of "Freddy versus Jason." In the battle of the baddies, who's going to win?

Epic battle a must-see for fans

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

It's been almost 10 years since "nightmare" fans have seen Freddy Krueger's ugly face on the silver screen, but last weekend that drought ended with his return. He also brought a close friend along for the fun ride. Well, maybe not a close friend. Jason Voorhees is more like a mindless killing machine who Krueger tries to use, then dispose of just as easily as he brought him back. He soon learns that he got more than he bargained for, however.

Freddy vs. Jason pits the two monsters from the "A Nightmare on Elm Street" and "Friday the 13th" franchises against each other for the first time in movie history. It's a union that fans have been waiting to see for quite some time... and they won't be disappointed.

In the movie, the adults of Elm Street have found a way to keep those who have had encounters with

Krueger in the past locked up in an institution and have drugged them with something that does not allow them to dream and erases any memory they may have of him. This, in turn, has left Krueger powerless. He is no longer able to invade people's dreams until he comes up with a plot for a return.

"I searched the depths of Hell until I found someone who can help me," Krueger says in the very beginning of the flick. That someone turns out to be Voorhees, who Krueger tricks into obeying him by impersonating his mother. Krueger uses Voorhees to get the citizens of Springwood afraid again. He knows that he can use that fear to return and once again claim his dominance as the number one feared killer in the area.

As he gains strength, Krueger finds that his return is becoming more and more possible. There is just one problem though, Voorhees has taken it upon himself to do what he does best - kill everyone in sight,

including potential victims that Krueger was planning on offing himself. When Krueger is finally completely back, he figures that Voorhees' job is done and decides to send him back to Hell for good. He underestimates his strength, however, and therein lies the fun.

The climax of the movie, of course, is the epic battle between the two mad men. Each one displays his own power to try to defeat the other. There are times when the audience is thinking that Voorhees is winning and times when Krueger seems to be the victor and it all leads up to the final dramatic scene when the winner is finally revealed. Or his he?

Fans of the two movie franchises will walk away from this film feeling satisfied, but wanting more. It is a modern classic which should not be missed.

Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.

Ken Kirzinger makes scary leap from stuntman to actor

By Sam Eggleston
ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

For stuntman turned actor Ken Kirzinger, the number 13 has proven to be a bit lucky.

Not only was he the stunt coordinator on the eighth installment of the "Friday the 13th" movies as well as "The 13th Warrior," but he found himself applying for the coordinator job for "Freddy versus Jason" and failing to get it — he got something else instead.

"I actually applied to be the stunt coordinator and interviewed for that," Kirzinger said during a phone interview. "I was very lucky, because the producers noticed my build and within two weeks, they had me back in auditioning for the part of Jason. It just blew me away, but I jumped at the chance."

From blowing things up to hacking folks up, Kirzinger found himself taking a step from one side of the film-making process to the other. No longer was he planning stunts and setting himself on fire, instead he was too busy putting on the hockey mask that has become known as the face of fear itself.

"I'm very fortunate to be able to play such an incredible role," Kirzinger said. "Jason is a highly recognizable character. In fact, so recognizable that you could easily call him the Frankenstein of this generation."

Prepping for such a role wasn't too hard for Kirzinger.

"I'm such a fan of the series," he said. "In that alone I had done a lot of preparation. Growing up, I watched all of the movies and I even worked on number eight. With all of that background, plus (director) Ronnie Yu's input, we were able to bring this version of Jason to life."

And bringing him to life was the easy part — as many folks know, the trouble with Jason is killing him.

"I think that's what makes him

such a scary character," Kirzinger said. "He's not going to run after you and he's not afraid of anything you can throw at him. Instead, he just walks along, waiting to get his chance because he knows either sooner or later he's going to get you."

Fans of the character will have noticed that Jason does something in this new film that he normally hasn't done in the past — react to a situation.

"He's not really the kind of character that reacts to anything," Kirzinger said. "The biggest reaction I had to do was in the dream world when the water starts coming down on Jason. Other than that, you can say that

Jason's reactions are subtle ones."

For Kirzinger, it wasn't so much landing the role that made him realize how big it was but rather a completely different situation altogether.

Having worked on the movie "X-Men 2" with director Brian Singer, Kirzinger said that he was surprised when his trailer received a call while they were on location outside of Vancouver.

"I was told the director from X-Men 2 wanted to come and say hi," he said. "It was the middle of the night, and he wanted to come meet Jason and Freddy. We posed for pictures and he and the eight other people he brought with him all acted like little kids. That was when the realization of how big this character really is hit me."

Putting on the mask wasn't all that hard for Kirzinger, and he noted that he was just glad he didn't have to play the role of Freddy.

"Robert Englund, as you know, has always been Freddy," Kirzinger said. "It literally took hours each day for him to get ready for the shoot. I don't know if I could have done it, but he's been doing it for so long that it didn't even bother him."

With one horror flick under his belt and the world of possibilities opening before him, would Kirzinger be willing to put the mask on if asked to do so once again?

"Without a doubt," Kirzinger said. "It was a great experience and I'd love to do it again. Who knows, maybe I'll even end up with an agent out of all of this. It that happens, then great. But, I'll always be ready if they need me to be Jason ever again."

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.



Courtesy photo

Ken Kirzinger, who played Jason Voorhees in his first major acting role, was more than happy to put on the famous hockey mask and do a little hack and slash for the fans.

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CONTACT: Al Qualman
PHONE: (248) 349-8437

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

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

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

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

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP NO. 755
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CONTACT: Alan Bennett
PHONE: (248) 349-7568

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

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

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WHAT: Assists with emergency needs and helps low-income families with clothes and baby items
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Each year, the Northville Chamber of Commerce celebrates the dedication and support shown by our volunteers through our Citizen of the Year award. Once again, we're asking the community to nominate individuals for this award. Nominations should include the name of the individual and a brief outline of the reasons they qualify for Citizen of the Year status. Send nominations to the Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 S. Main Street, Northville, Mich. 48167, or fax them to (248) 349-8730.

The award was started in 1976 as our way to honor a special individual whose effort made a difference in the community. The following are criteria for the nomination: (please return materials to the office by Oct. 3.)

- The nominee must:
- Be involved in actively supporting (through time, talent or financial support) an organization that improves our community.
 - Live or work in the Northville community.
 - Show concern for community, environment and family.
 - Be a role model for community youth and residents.

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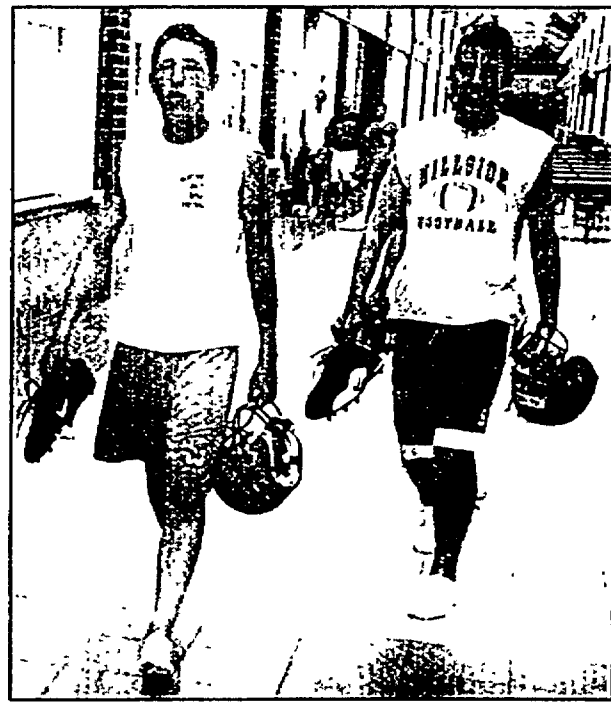
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Spray and glow and go

By Babita Persaud
ST PETERSBURG TIMES

The sun is shining brightly in the Sunshine State and world-class beaches are within a short driving distance, but still 17-year-old Claire Vasterling stands in a room the size of a walk-in closet to get a tan.

In a black bikini, as if she were going to the beach, she stretches out her arms like an airplane. Tanning specialist Julie Tate waves a small canister of tanning spray over the teen's wrists, her arms and then, her shoulders.

"Close your eyes," Tate says.

A thin mist covers Claire's face, which slowly glows sienna.

"I like having that sun look," Claire says.

The newest trend in tanning doesn't involve the sun or a tanning bed, and it is as fake as a beauty contestant's smile. It is spray-on tanning.

Introduced a few years ago, spray-on tans swept through Hollywood. Now the fake tan has hit Florida.

At D.I. Body & Boutique on Davis Islands in the Tampa-St. Petersburg area, most clients are from the toe-ring set.

Many avoid tanning beds because of potentially harmful ultraviolet rays. These clients also shun the sun, fearing skin cancer and wrinkles. No one wants to look "leathery," said Denise Barnett, a spray-tan customer.

These clients are also too busy to baste hours in the hot sun. A spray-on tan takes minutes and lasts about a week. It's the microwave version of tanning.

The mist contains the same product found in many over-the-counter, self-tanning products: dihydroxyacetone, or DHA.

Approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration about 30 years ago, DHA reacts with amino acids on the skin's surface to produce a bronzed appearance.

But self-tanning products came with complaints: streaking, pumpkin-colored patches, skin that looked like Tang.

Tanning devotees screamed for something better. Enter technology.

There are two methods:

■ By hand. A spa technician uses a chrome airbrush hooked up to a compressor to shoot a fine mist of DHA, aloe vera and bronzer over the skin. In tiny circles, the airbrush is waved as if doing a T-shirt. The mist has a slight starchy smell. Covering the entire body takes 15 minutes. It takes another 15 minutes in front of a fan to dry.

■ By machine. Marcus Callaway, district manager of Mahibu Rayz in Tampa, explained that first you put lotion on the palms of your hands, fingernails and toe nails. "A barrier." Then, you slip on a shower cap to prevent hair from getting damp. You disrobe, completely if you want to because the rooms are private.

Next, you step into the shower-like stall and press the bright green button.

Three pivoting nozzles spray a fine mist over the entire body for 15 seconds. You turn around and the back is sprayed for another 15 seconds. The client can towel off immediately, Callaway said.

With both methods, the client emerges brown. But the instant brownness is caused by the bronzer in the mist. It takes hours for the DHA to react with the skin to cause the more lasting, deeper darkness. Clients are asked not to shower for four to six hours afterward.

Costs differ from salon to salon, but generally a spray-on technique — by hand or machine — costs about \$25 to \$35. Some salons offer legs-only or face-only spraying for \$10 to \$20.

At the Davis Islands salon, client Jane Toombs emerges from her session. She walks out of the room. Her cheeks glow. Light bounces off her shoulders. She's visiting friends in Seattle soon.

"I want to look like I come from Florida," she said.

Sugar Babies

Perfect check-ups growing rare thanks to super-sized drinks, sweet treats and busy schedules

By Susan Glairon
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Joshua Brown sits completely still, made comfortable by nitrous oxide and Novocain, while Richard Abrams carefully removes one of his baby teeth. As the pediatric dentist gently pulls it out, the tooth splits, a tell-tale sign of severe decay.

Just before that, the 6-year-old Boulder, Colo., boy also had two cavities filled.

"I don't give as many 'Great job, good check-up' pats on the back as I used to," says Abrams, who practices dentistry in Longmont, Colo.

Joshua is among a rising number of young children and teens suffering from dental decay, some dentists say. They report filling more cavities, installing more crowns and pulling more baby teeth than in previous decades.

At the root of the problem, they say, are sugary foods and super-sized drinks that have become more accessible to children through school vending machines, juice boxes, quick stops and fast-food restaurants.

Also to blame are sugary drinks and foods marketed as "healthy," such as sports drinks, clear drinks, fruit punches and trail mixes and increasingly busy schedules that have made dental mainte-

nance a lower priority, they say. "Every time you see a teenager driving, they have a Big Gulp in one hand," Abrams says. "If a kid has money at lunch and he has a choice between sugar and what's good for you, you know what he is going to choose."

Dental caries, also known as tooth decay, is the most common chronic childhood disease, according to the U.S. Surgeon General.

In the 1970s and '80s, studies showed that tooth decay had decreased due to an increase in prevention methods. Although no recent studies have tracked the rate of tooth decay in children, anecdotal accounts from dentists nationwide suggest that tooth decay is on the increase, says Matt Messina, a dentist with a practice in Cleveland and a spokesman for the American Dental Association.

Over the years, dentists have developed preventive treatments to combat tooth decay, including fluoride rinses and toothpaste, which harden enamel, making it more difficult for acid to wear teeth down; brushing to reduce plaque; flossing to reduce tooth decay between teeth; and the application of sealant, a plastic filling material that flows into and seals the crevices of molars, preventing acid from penetrating and causing deep cavities.

There are different theories on the effects of the more potent pot. Some say stronger does not necessarily mean more dangerous, especially if it takes less smoke inhalation to get the same high.

But physicians and counselors chal-



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Nancy Winegard watches as Dr. Richard Abrams fills her daughter's cavity.

But those won't stop tooth decay if kids sip sodas all day and fail to brush, dentists say.

Acid-containing foods, such as soft drinks and sour candies, are the most damaging, they say. And sipping sodas or other sugary drinks throughout the day instead of drinking with a meal is more harmful because it bathes teeth in sugar for long periods of time.

"If your candy is already acidic, we have double the problem," Messina says. In addition, teenagers aren't taking the time to brush or floss their teeth, Abrams says.

He also says parents wait too long before taking their children to the dentist for the first time. They should bring them at age 1 to catch decay early, he says.

The cost of children's tooth decay can be substantial for parents. A procedure like Joshua's, which included two fillings, a tooth extraction and nitrous oxide, runs about \$400.

The good news is children with lots of cavities in their baby teeth won't necessarily have lots of cavities as adults, Abrams says. They just need to change their habits.

The same formula that has been promoted for decades still holds: eat fewer sugary foods, brush and floss on a regular basis and see a dentist twice a year. Those who have more decay might need to see a dentist more often.

"It sounds like a broken record but the old ways still work the best," Messina says.

Experts say today's marijuana is more potent than ever

By Anne Blythe
RALEIGH NEWS OBSERVER

Even though baby-boomer parents might have smoked pot in their younger years, experts say the kids today should steer clear of marijuana.

The straight dope? It's not your parents' weed anymore. What's on the streets now is much more potent than several decades ago.

Studies and reports show that street pot seized during drug arrests in the late 1990s was twice as potent as that confiscated in the late 1980s and four times the strength of that picked up in the 1970s.

Articles in scientific journals show that average levels of tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, an active ingredient in marijuana that produces the high, have risen from roughly 2 percent in the 1970s to an average of 5 percent two years ago.

"The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration actually monitors the THC content of their seizures," said Terrill Bravender, a professor of pediatrics and director of adolescent medicine at Duke University. "It's true that the majority

seized today has more THC in it than what was seized in the late '60s and early '70s."

High school students, law enforcement officials and counselors say alcohol and drug use have become the norm these days at many teenage gatherings.

"It's an old notion that alcohol and drugs are passageways to adulthood," said Kenneth C. Mills, a private behavioral counselor in Chapel Hill, N.C., and member of a local panel that wants to draw attention to the issue.

"The social norm that's creeping in is that pot is harmless. The second norm that is creeping in, with the potency that we're seeing today, with the strength we're seeing, addiction problems are creeping in."

Parents, counselors and others worried about the trend have banded together in Chapel Hill to get people talking about alcohol and drug use among teens.

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lenge such thinking. They say decision-making and cognitive skills are impaired long after the high wears off and that as long as THC is in the body — and that can

be two to three days after one-time use — learning new things can be difficult.

But it's not just the potency of today's marijuana that troubles counselors and parents. They say drug and alcohol use has become so accepted among teens that many forget it is illegal.

As has been the case for several decades, many parents often seem surprised to find that their children are among those drinking or using drugs.

"Most parents don't even know their kids are using," said Linda Hammock, a substance abuse prevention and intervention counselor at Chapel Hill High School who works consistently with 100 students in the 1,700-student body.

Many of the teens she talks with, she said, consider themselves moderate users if they smoke pot or drink three or four times a month. "To me, for high school kids to be drinking and using two or three times a month, that is significant," Hammock said.

"They absolutely think they're very moderate. For an adult, that would even be perceived as moderate, but they're in high school."

One-stop back care

By Jane Erikson
ARIZONA DAILY STAR

At any given time, 60 percent of adults in this country suffer from serious back pain. Now those living in Southern Arizona can be treated at a center dedicated solely to their needs.

Tucson Orthopaedic Institute's new Spine Center brings together the largest group of fellowship-trained spine specialists in Arizona, said Dr. Stephen Curtin, who heads the center's team of three surgeons, two physicians and one physician's assistant.

"Back pain is the No. 2 reason people go to the doctor, next to upper respiratory infections," Curtin said.

The Spine Center treats patients who have suffered serious back injuries and those with longstanding problems like curvature of the spine. The doctors also treat the more "garden variety" cases — those unfortunate individuals who one day bend over to pick something up off the floor, then start to straighten up only to find they cannot.

The center is part of the larger Tucson Orthopaedic Institute, which is part of the Tucson Medical Center campus.

TMC paid for construction of the two-story, \$8.2 million glass and concrete structure and another \$1.2 million to buy out practices and bring together 16 surgeons specializing in the treatment of shoulder, back, hip, knee and other skeletal problems.

The hospital funded the project that teams TMC and the surgeons so that they share the costs and the prestige of a high-profile operation.

The Spine Center houses two operating rooms and will eventually have two more.

The Orthopaedic Institute includes a physical therapy department, a convenience for back patients and others treated at the facility.

The center offers patients comprehensive care for back pain in a single location, said Curtin, who is president of the Tucson Orthopaedic Society.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

Will boomers see less of their retirement in coming years?

By Mike Meyers
MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

In the decades ahead, the U.S. economy may grow more slowly than in the past and workers are likely to keep less of the fruits of their labor. At least, that's if aging baby boomers claim the same Social Security benefits that they now think they have coming to them.

"When the non-elderly see a rising portion of their incomes being taken to feed into Social Security, there's going to be some sense of rebellion and resentment towards that," said economist Steve Nyce.

The distractions of war and terrorism have quieted the debate on Social Security's future, but the issue seems likely to re-emerge soon.

"I think Social Security is going to be front and center in the 2004 election campaign."

Syl Schieber
Economist from Watson Wyatt Worldwide

Syl Schieber, researchers at Washington, D.C.-based consulting firm Watson Wyatt

Worldwide, argue that gains in productivity will fall short of providing enough income for future workers to reap the full rewards of their work, while paying retirement benefits to swelling ranks of retirees.

Watson Wyatt estimates that in the decade starting in 2010, the average annual growth rate of the U.S. labor supply will be less than half the 1.13 percent yearly gain of the 1990s — a trend reflected, or amplified, in other developing countries, from Germany to South Korea to Australia.

Meanwhile, far more people will be 60 or older in the foreseeable future. In 2030, more than a quarter of the U.S. population will be in that group, up from 16 percent in 2000.

"In most of the developed economies, the retirement burden rate will increase by about half over the next three decades — and in some cases, by considerably more," Nyce and Schieber wrote in a recent edition of the Milken Institute Review magazine.

"We've spent a lot of time looking at whether or not we've got a funded or unfunded (Social Security) system," Schieber said.

But he said that debate masks a larger question surrounding Social Security: "What we really need to be looking at is the size of the pie, how it's going to grow over time and how those growth rates will be in meeting people's aspirations."

As the number of retirees grows and the number of workers supporting them declines, the economies of the United States and other industrial countries seem likely to be hit by slower rates of productivity growth — making the size of the pie grow more slowly even as more retirees seek their slice, Schieber argued.

One solution may be a politically unpopular decision to keep people in the workforce longer, raising Social Security retirement ages for the second time in the past 70 years. Delaying retirement even for another year or two means more economic output and a smaller Social Security burden on workers, Schieber said.

"I'm not advocating that we chain people to the mill until they're 80 years old," he said. "We're trying to raise questions about the evolution of the economy of our society."

Though some economists challenge the conclusions of Nyce and Schieber, they make the case that the numbers don't add up to prosperity for workers or retirees in the years ahead if nothing is done to change Social Security.

The burden of paying retirement benefits to tens of millions of baby boomers "implies that workers' living standards will not only grow more slowly than their productivity, but will also grow more slowly than the living standards of retirees," Nyce and Schieber wrote for the Milken Institute.

But another economist contends the past 30 years have been rougher on U.S. workers than the outlook for the next 30 years promises to be.

From 1973 to 1995, government statistics suggested millions of American families saw little or no increase in their standard of living, said Dean Baker, co-director of the Center for Economic Policy Research.

Looking ahead, workers indeed may pay a larger share of their incomes for the retirement benefits of their elders, but productivity gains of 2 percent a year — close to the average of recent years — would pay for Social Security taxes and rewards for workers rising, albeit at a muted pace, Baker said.

"We will need more taxes to pay for retirees because we're living longer time spans," Baker said. "It's exactly what's happened over the last 60 years."

CASH *from the* FUTURE

When borrowing from a 401(k) account, balance is the key

Story By David Benda ■ Illustration by Brad Garrison ■ Scripps Howard News Service

Paycheck after paycheck, you've diligently contributed to your 401(k) retirement account and have a handsome sum of money built up.

Now you're considering borrowing against your 401(k). Most plans allow the account-holder to do this.

But is it a good idea to siphon money from that nest egg, which for many people will be the major source of income when they retire?

"For some people it's a good option," says financial adviser Leroy Simpson of Redding, Calif. Simpson says people who borrow from their 401(k) must remember that any money withdrawn isn't going to be invested in the market, so the chance for gains on that money disappears with the loan.

Barbara Briggs, a financial adviser in Burney, Calif., doesn't like the idea of borrowing from one's 401(k). "It's nice if you know you will be able to pay it back in a real short period of time, but I have seen some disasters," she says.

A 401(k) plan is a retirement account that allows workers in private companies to make contributions of pre-tax dollars. You can start withdrawing from your 401(k) after the age of 59 without being penalized.

The 401(k) contribution limit rose to \$11,000 annually in 2002, and will continue to rise — reaching \$15,000 by 2006.

Typically, a 401(k) plan will allow you to borrow 50 percent of the amount in your plan, not to exceed \$50,000.

Interest rates on a 401(k) loan vary by each plan, but the rate most often used is the prime rate plus 1 percent, according to the Profit Sharing Council of America, a non-profit organization based in Chicago.

A 2001 survey by the Profit Sharing Council revealed that 24 percent of the people who participate in a 401(k) plan nationwide have an outstanding loan balance on their account. The average balance of those loans was \$7,000, the survey found.

Financial planners may debate the wisdom of borrowing from a 401(k) account, but they agree the loan should be used for non-frivolous things. In other words, don't borrow from your 401(k) to pay for that vacation or new car.

Ed Ferrigno of the Profit Sharing Council says the would-be borrower has to keep in mind the true price tag on the loan. "The true costs are the foregone earnings," says Ferrigno, vice president of Washington, D.C., affairs for the organization.

If by borrowing you lose an opportunity to earn 15 percent on the money you withdrew, that would be the true cost of the loan, he says.

"It's (the loan) not free," Ferrigno says.

When you borrow from a 401(k), you're "withdrawing money from your account balance and replacing it with an IOU," according to the Profit Sharing Council.

"That IOU continues to generate interest from your repayments, but generates no special investment return," the council's Web site says.

Ferrigno says government studies show that attaching a loan option to a 401(k) plan has enticed more workers over the years to participate in a plan.

Joe Rodola, director of Consumer Credit Counseling in Redding, Calif., says he considers borrowing from a 401(k) for medical expenses or a child's college tuition to be a smart use of the loan. "I think the key is whether the money is for a need or a want," Rodola says. "Vacations, the big-screen TV — those have a fairly low need factor," Rodola says.

Rodola added that borrowing from a 401(k) to retire credit card debt also might be a prudent choice. "If you are really going to retire credit card debt, not just pay it off but kill it (the credit card account) for good."

LOAN BASICS

■ In nearly all cases, you must repay the loan in 60 equal monthly payments over a five-year repayment period.

■ Typically, you will repay your loan through payroll deduction. Only a few companies will allow you to repay in any other way.

■ You can always repay your loan at any time with no penalties.

■ Many 401(k) programs will permit you to have more than one plan loan at a time.

■ Plan loans usually have a minimum amount requirement, typically \$1,000.

— SOURCE: PROFIT SHARING COUNCIL OF AMERICA

FISCAL PLANNING

Making financial decisions can be a crucial step for new couples

By Loretta Kalb
SACRAMENTO BEE

If you're a newlywed or in a new relationship, it's likely one of you has more income or owns more property than the other.

To deal with those money differences, each of you should be able to discuss them with some level of comfort.

Can you define what part of your assets you don't want intermingled? Do you or your partner have issues concerning debt that will affect the relationship?

There's no right or wrong way to formulate a plan for sharing income, expenses or property. But there are basic questions that can help you decide how joint finances will be handled.

You can start, for example, by discussing your respective goals for savings. Do you share a vision for what's most

important to you as a couple? As individuals? Can each of you accommodate one another's personal savings goals?

What are your combined monthly income and expenses? Will you prorate your living expenses based on income? Will there be separate bank accounts for each? A shared account for bills? Will retirement or pension contributions be part of the planning process? Who will manage the money?

It's unrealistic to expect that you'll agree on each issue. But those discussions should set the foundation for building a solid joint financial life.

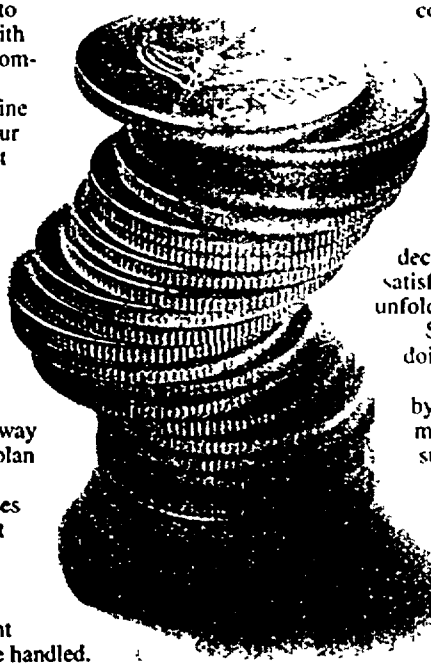
Couples who reach shared decisions should enjoy the greatest satisfaction with the plan as it unfolds, month by month.

Staying on track also means doing the calculations.

One useful Web site is hosted by Visa at www.practical-moneyskills.com. Choose "consumers" to download the interactive budgeting tool for both calculating and tracking monthly income and spending.

Or, invest in one of the popular software programs for money management by Microsoft or Intuit.

Microsoft makes the Money line of software. Intuit's product is Quicken for both the Macintosh and for PC users.



SAVING MONEY

Tips for living well on a tight budget

By Vanessa Winans
TOLEDO BLADE

When you move away from home, it's easy to think you have to live the way your family always did. But a fresh-out-of-school salary often can't support that kind of lifestyle — and that can frustrate the girl who doesn't know how to cope.

In the past, budget-impaired young working women had to rely on friends, family and experience to show them how to take on the world. But now twentysomethings can save themselves the angst-filled phone calls — Nina Willdorf's "City Chic: An Urban Girl's Guide to Livin' Large on Less" (Sourcebooks, \$12.95) "contains every trick your pals and relatives ever knew, and then some."

You don't have to be a city chica to appreciate it. While most of the advice within is very New York, much applies equally well to almost anywhere. Living cheaply and well, after all, transcends location.

The book covers the main aspects of living: housing, food, clothing and health. The beauty and fashion advice is generally on target, containing information even veterans can learn from, and it's well-written and funny.

Solid Advice

■ If you need to go longer than five or six weeks between haircuts because of money concerns, tell your hairdresser for a cut with a long life span.

■ Sometimes you see garments that you can't stop thinking about. Those are the items to buy, rather than clothes that don't inspire much passion.

■ Buy a team of wardrobe workhorses. If you find a pair of classic black pumps that fit like a dream, buy more than one pair.

■ Set a monthly clothing allowance and stick to it. Willdorf recommends 20 percent of your salary, but some folks lump clothes money into the rest of their after-rent budget. That way, a big entertainment month means no new togs, but a big-ticket item like a coat means a month of video store rentals.

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Culinary bachelor

Single and good-cooking men at home in the kitchen

By Kathy Stephenson
SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

For women still looking for Mr. Right — that sensitive, yet liberated guy who will help cook and clean — cookbook author Dana Holyfield says do not despair. There still are plenty of single men around who will cook a romantic meal for a date.

Holyfield features 56 of these "real men who cook" in "Bachelors With Recipes" (CEDesigns, \$14.95).

"Most women I've cooked for are pretty impressed," says Bachelor No. 35, Steve Andruzzi of Salt Lake City. The 40-year-old New York native says his culinary specialty is a breaded chicken cutlet, which he learned to make from his father, Big Lou.

"My dad was the cook in the family," says Andruzzi. "It's something he has made for years."

Cooking comes naturally in Andruzzi's big, albeit slightly eccentric, Italian-American family, that includes characters such as Aunt Sweetie, Uncle Porky and Cousin Impy. "These people are pretty funny, but they know how to cook," he says.

Holidays, especially, are "non-stop food" feasts in his family, with pasta, pasta, pasta. "Actually, we call it macaroni. We never say pasta," says Andruzzi, who is divorced and spends most of his free time with his 10-year-old son.

Bachelor No. 13 is Rand Fisher of Stansbury Park, Utah. The 49-year-old makes a mean chicken stir-fry with black bean sauce.

The bachelors and their cooking ways are still the exception. The majority of shopping and cooking in this country is still done by women, according to a 2000 study by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Busting the male stereotype was not what Holyfield had in mind when she published "Bachelors With Recipes."

The book includes black-and-white photographs of each bachelor, their vital statistics and personal history as well as their most romantic recipes. While serious cooks will probably find a few great dinner recipes, Holyfield says the publication is geared more toward women who want to look at hunky guys.

The cookbook is the follow-up to Holyfield's popular "Cajun Sexy Cooking," which included country recipes and pictures of voluptuous women trekking through the Louisiana swamps in low-cut shirts and short shorts.

"Women began asking when I was going to create a cookbook that featured good looking men," she said during a phone interview from her home in Slidell, La.

About a year ago she followed through, e-mailing her cookbook idea to dozens of men at several online dating services.

"A lot of guys thought it was a good pick-up line," says Holyfield, who is single and wouldn't mind dating a few men in her book. "Of course, they live in California."



Bachelor No. 35, Steve Andruzzi of Salt Lake City, cooks Chicken Cutlet Parmesan using a recipe passed on from his father.

Bachelor Recipes

BIG LOU'S CHICKEN CUTLET PARMESAN

2 fresh, boneless chicken breasts
2 eggs, beaten
Flour
1 cup or more Italian or seasoned bread crumbs
Extra-virgin olive oil
3 cloves garlic
Fresh mozzarella
Homemade or good quality marinara sauce
Baci rolls or other Italian bread, if desired.

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Wash chicken and trim fat. With a good fillet knife, slice chicken breasts lengthwise into 1/4-inch-thick filets. (Or place chicken pieces on a sheet of wax paper and cover with another sheet. Pound filets with a heavy frying pan until they are about 1/4-inch thick.)

Place beaten eggs in a bowl. Place flour and bread crumbs in separate dishes. Dip chicken filets in egg, cover completely with a coat of flour, then bread crumbs, coating completely and patting down crumbs with your hand. Let stand for 10 minutes.

Place a quarter-inch of olive oil in a non stick frying pan. Heat to medium. Add whole garlic cloves. Place chicken in oil and sauté (not deep fry) for 8 to 10 minutes or until each side is golden brown. In your hand. Let stand for 10 minutes.

Remove filets from pan and drain slightly. Place chicken pieces in an oven-safe glass pan. Top with slices of fresh mozzarella. Spoon a generous portion of marinara sauce over cheese. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes or until cheese is melted and sauce is hot. Serve as is or on rolls or bread as a sandwich.

SOURCE: STEVE ANDRUZZI, SALT LAKE CITY, "BACHELORS WITH RECIPES"

CHICKEN WITH BLACK BEAN SAUCE

1 clove garlic, minced
1/2 pound boneless, skinless chicken meat, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
1 small onion, sliced to 1-inch squares
1 carrot, thinly sliced
1 cup cabbage, cut into 1-inch squares
4 tablespoons black bean sauce
Steamed rice

Spray a wok or frying pan with non stick cooking spray. Heat to medium-high heat. Add garlic, sauté for 30 seconds. Add chicken, stir-fry until it is cooked through. Add onion, stir-fry for 1 to 2 minutes. Add carrot, stir 1 to 2 minutes. Add cabbage, cook until wilted. Stir in black bean sauce, mixing well. Serve hot over steamed rice.

SOURCE: RAND FISHER OF STANSBURY PARK, UTAH, "BACHELORS WITH RECIPES"

Right: Steve Andruzzi makes preparations to cook the cutlets.

Left: Andruzzi holds a finished plate of Big Lou's Chicken Cutlet Parmesan.



"Most women I've cooked for are pretty impressed. My dad was the cook in the family."

Steve Andruzzi
Bachelor No. 35

For the bookshelf

Lunch with food explorer Calvin Trillin

By Marty Meitus

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Calvin Trillin shows me his new business-card-size card, which he carries in his wallet. It's written entirely in Chinese, except for the translation on the bottom, which says, "Please order what I see at the next table."

Trillin is promoting his book, "Feeding a Yen" (Random House, \$22.95), a collection of updated food essays that originally appeared in The New Yorker.

He's relaxed, pleasant and friendly — not the food snob I'm expecting.

After all, this is the man who went to Galicia in search of pimientos de Padron, who keeps a list that he calls the Register of Frustration and Deprivation, foods that he can get only by traveling to their countries of origin.

Trillin, a cross between a humorist, an essayist and a reporter, will probably be remembered as the man who popularized modern food commentary. A native of Kansas City, Mo., he began writing for The New Yorker in 1963. In 1967, he began a series that didn't end until 1982. He traveled the country in search of interesting stories that became an ode to food.

"I realized that writing about eating was a way to write about my subject: the country. ... I was going to a strange city every three weeks, and if I didn't want to eat in (the hotel restaurant), I had to find a place to eat," he says.

In 1967, he guesses, you could have talked to 100 educated people and they would have been hard-pressed to name a chef. "It was harder to find a decent place to eat," he says.

Have we gone too far in the other direction with all the celebrity chefs? "I don't know that eating in the country has changed that much," he says. "I think the majority of people are doing what they always do."

What has changed, he says, is the restaurant "chaining" of America. "The chaining of America is bad," he says. "I remember doing a story on a restaurant in a remote county in my home state. The story was about a hog factory going in, and it was opposed by the locals."

There was a wonderful farm restaurant there, a choice of five vegetables with your meal — imagine. It was there for the people who came to town to get supplies, and I realized the place was only there because the town wasn't big enough for McDonald's. I think it's a shame."

Trillin sees his job as finding and writing about the interesting stories behind the foods of a city. Cincinnati is a case in point. People have intense arguments over who has the best chili, he says, yet people always want to take him to Cincinnati's five-diamond restaurant. He's not interested in the fancy restaurant, and he's not interested in resolving who has the best chili. He's interested in the fact that people feel passionate on the subject.

FINE LIVING

How to become a beer connoisseur

Enjoyed for centuries, beer is more popular than ever before, with breweries from Chile to China offering ales, lagers and stouts to an ever-thirsty global community.

If you've always stuck to one brand of beer, dipping a toe in the wider world, with its hundreds of distinctive flavors and colorful brand names, might seem intimidating. With a little help from a beer expert, however, you can learn all you need to know to become a sophisticated sultan of suds.

F. Paul Pacult of Wallkill, N.Y., is editor of the Spirit Journal newsletter and the author of "The Beer Essentials: The Spirit Journal Guide to Over 650 of the World's Beers." Here he offers his expert advice for developing a taste for great beer.

■ American lagers. For many beer drinkers, the standard American lagers — those mass-produced brands that keep sporting events on the air with their huge advertising budgets — are all there is to beer. But Pacult sees these mild beers as just the starting place. They're good beers, but not great beers, and the goal is to get your taste buds headed in a new direction.

■ Microbrews. The next step, according to Pacult, is trying out some lovingly crafted microbrews like Sam Adams and some gutsier small-batch lagers. Beers like this offer more character and a more concentrated flavor for a bolder taste.

■ British ales. Once you've begun to appreciate microbrews, it's time to move on to British ales, which Pacult considers the best in the world. These include brands like Sam Smith's, Young's and Fullers. A bitter from Britain is a good compromise between the meaty, heavy beers of Europe and the lighter American beers. It's an enjoyable midpoint, and the place where Pacult suggests most beer drinkers go.

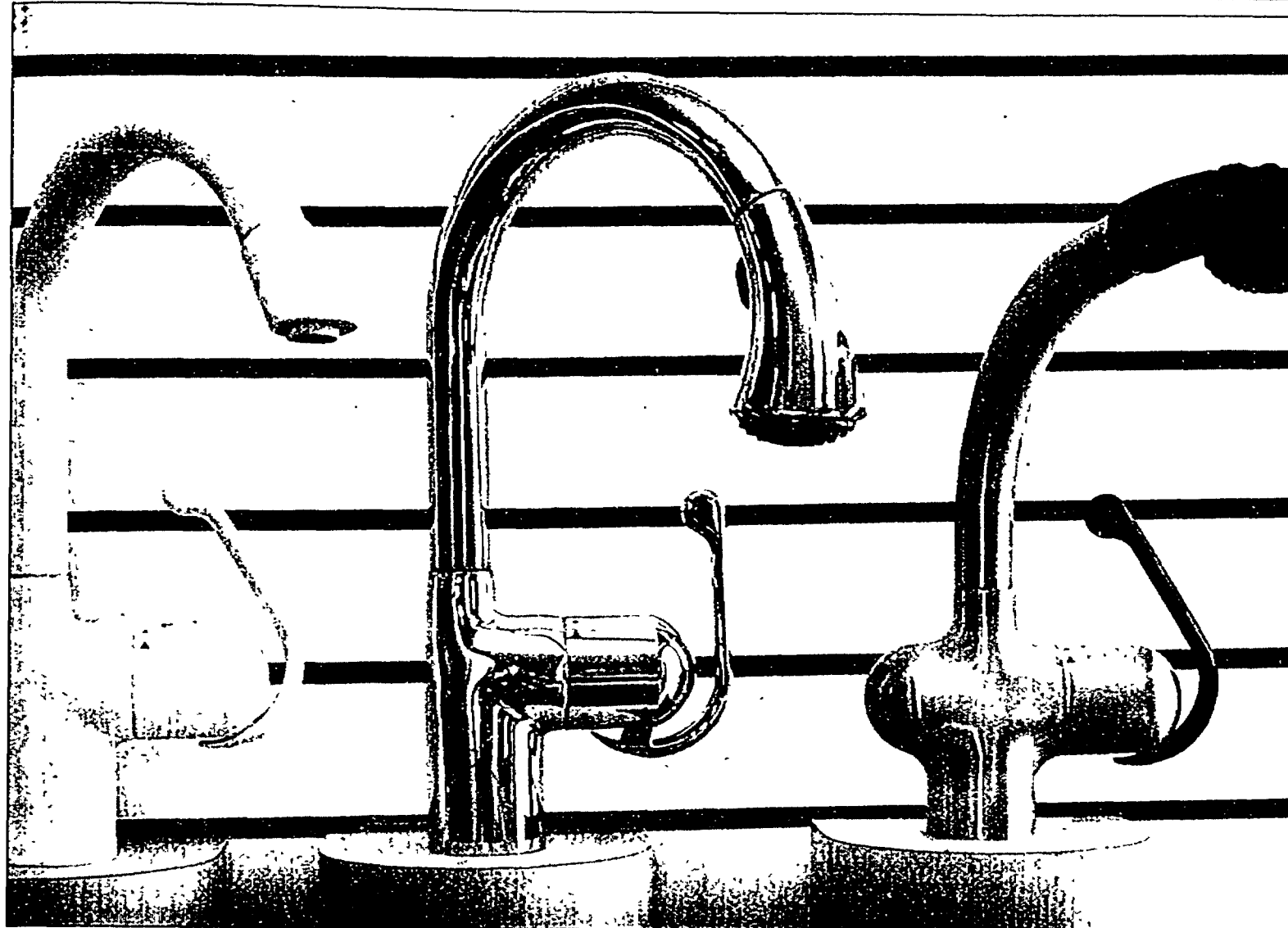
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FAUCET FASCINATION

For an instant pizzazz, change out the faucet in your bathroom or kitchen

By Cassandra Hinojosa
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

At one time, lavatory and kitchen faucets served a functional purpose — to turn water on and off. But now, they have become works of art that draw attention at first glance.

"The faucets we sell now are not just for washing your hands and shaving, but they're really pieces of architecture," said Bill Antonetz, general manager of Moore Supply in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Sleek, contemporary handles and spouts have become eye-pleasing features that add luxury to a room, Antonetz said.

"We've sold faucets (with arched spouts) that look like swans, and faucets that look like anything but faucets," Antonetz said.

Custom finishes — in both single-control or widespread (common three-piece style) designs — bring antique charm to any bathroom.

In high demand for lavatory faucets are: oil-rubbed bronze that appears almost black; weathered copper that turns green as it ages; and Tuscan brass that resembles the color of an old, shiny penny, said John Duke, showroom manager at Ferguson Bath & Kitchen Gallery in Corpus Christi.

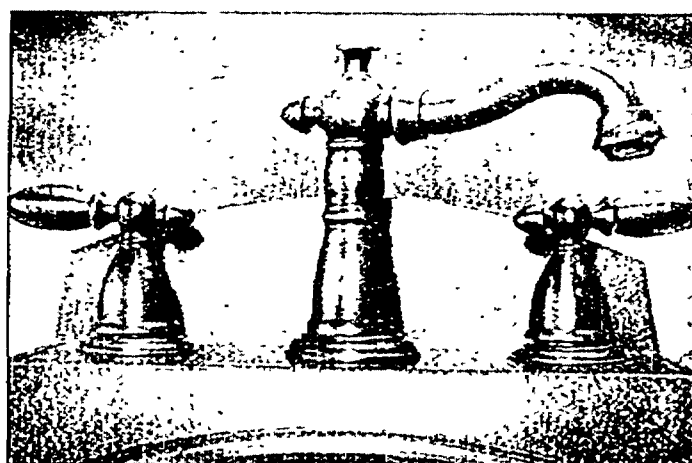
"They've come a long way from chrome and polished brass," Duke said. "Everyone is trying to get a more rustic, old-American look."

Brushed chrome, brushed nickel and Venetian bronze with copper highlights also are popular picks.

Dull gold (French gold) has replaced yellow-tone polished brass. And clear acrylic handles, which eventually turn cloudy because of moisture and debris, are starting to fade out, Duke said.

Handles come in numerous styles including scroll, knob, lever, cross handles and wristblade — a style that can be operated with the back of the hand.

Some folks might prefer a modern look with



European influenced designs characterized by dramatic curves, streamlined shapes, spouts that allow water to flow in sheets, and mortar-and-pestle influences.

Before dashing off to purchase a new faucet, there are some things to keep in mind.

■ Think about the room's floors, cabinets, walls, countertops and lighting to determine whether a traditional or modern fixture would be best, Duke said. Look at doorknobs, cabinet pulls, hinges and accessories to keep the same motif.

■ An antique brushed copper faucet will clash with a shiny silver towel rack.

■ Just the right faucets can give a kitchen or bathroom a facelift.

"It gives it a totally restored look," Duke said. "Even if you live in an older house, it can be done. Just make sure it matches."

The most popular kitchen faucets are made from brushed stainless steel that coordinates with trendy stainless steel appliances. Versatile shiny chrome complements just about any surface or color of sink. And choose biscuit-colored faucets to match cream- or almond-colored appliances.

While the kitchen faucet is used most frequently in the home, Antonetz said that people retreat to the master bathroom to be pampered.

Trends in the bathtub call for showerheads that mimic falling rain and body sprays, which are placed on the sides of the showers.

"They're almost considered like a human car wash," Antonetz said.

REALTOR ADVICE

Dress up house for new buyers

By Lesley Mitchell

SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

Haul Fido and Fluffy off to a kennel, take down the wall of family portraits and send that beloved but battered old recliner to charity.

You never know what may turn off a potential home buyer who may snicker on the way out the door never to return. Realtors say it is wise for sellers not to take any chances.

For many sellers, it's wise to pay heed to many of the time-honored tactics proffered by Realtors. Most of these ideas are not expensive but can take a lot of time and effort, which explains why many sellers often are not crazy about doing them.

But Realtors say they work.

The top suggestion may be one of the least expensive but one of the most difficult to convince sellers to do. De-clutter each room in your house, sending a fair amount of your home decor and belongings to a storage unit or to a favorite charity.

"One of the biggest mistake sellers make is to wait until their house is sold to start moving stuff out," said Tom Swallow, broker with RealtyPro Metro in Salt Lake City. "Don't wait. Move a lot of it into a storage unit now. The house will feel roomier, brighter and more cheerful."

De-cluttering is especially important for owners who collect things or those who have decorated their homes in a particular style.

Swallow also said sellers too often neglect their walls when trying to de-clutter. Some of the biggest offenders to potential buyers could be large paintings, family pictures or religious artwork. Too much on the walls can make it difficult for buyers to envision living there, he said, and also can make rooms and hallways appear smaller and darker than they actually are. Don't forget to repair any damage to walls caused by what once hung there.

"The goal should be to make the house as neutral as possible," he said.

Sellers willing to spend more money neutralizing their homes should consider light-colored carpet and paint and fixtures, Realtors say. Dark colors can make some small homes appear even smaller.

Need some inspiration? Patti Wardley, an associate broker for Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Heber City, Utah, recommends visiting a model home in a new subdivision.

"People prefer brand-new homes," she said. "That is why you have to make your home so beautiful and clean that people feel good about one that is not new."

"If you have the time before you have to show your home, light some candles, put on soft music and (if it is daytime) open your blinds," she said. "You want an ambience" just like those created by new home builders.

That also means no pets inside the home, Wardley said. Indoor pets often are one of the biggest turn-offs for potential buyers who have no pets indoors due to personal preference or allergies. Depending on how the animals act or if there is evidence they have damaged the house in some way, they also could turn off people who are used to having their pets indoors.

Above all, Wardley and other real estate agents agree that sellers should think clean.

"Cleanliness to me means no dishes in the sink and that the countertops are clean," she said. "... If you walk into a house with unmade beds, clothes on the floor and kitchen and bath in a mess, it doesn't show nearly as well as a home that's ready to show."

Another recommendation: Leave the house while it's being shown. Wardley and other real estate agents say too many sellers have to be coaxed out of their home. "Buyers feel more comfortable if the sellers are not there," she said.



Tips, tricks from HGTV

Ladybugs are the most popular bug to introduce to a garden. They are voracious eaters of aphids, which can be a prominent garden problem.

Fall is a great time to give container-grown perennials a permanent spot in the garden. Remove them from their pots and score their roots with a sharp knife before planting in the ground.

There are many steps you can take to dress up a deck, including screening off the area beneath the deck with latticework, then softening the area with flowers and shrubs. With some gardening magic and a little lattice know-how, you can transform a simple backyard into one that's beautiful and inviting.

Plants cannot be left alone and ignored when the family's away on vacation. It's not enough to simply over-water them or turn down the temperature in the house before leaving. Make a self-watering system by putting a few unglazed bricks in a large container and adding a few inches of water. Plants placed on top of the bricks will absorb moisture.



Special kit lets artists create lamp shades of their own design

By Judy Stark
ST. PETERSBURG TIMES

We asked four artists — three kids and an adult — to create lamp shades for us. You're looking at their creations.

The lamp kits came from Alluminare Lighting of Decatur, Ga. Friday Shamblen, who heads the company, created the Kid Print Lamp Kit to preserve the art that her nieces, 3 and 5 years old, gave her as gifts in a more permanent way than posting it on the refrigerator.

"I had the strange belief, from physics, that when you pass light through something, it throws the energy of whatever it's passing through into the room," Shamblen said. "I love my nieces, and I love everything they bring me. I wanted to keep something of theirs living and preserve it."

The kit consists of six jars of paint, brushes, paper paint dishes and a sheet of paper made from the leaves of the loka bush, which grows in Nepal. It's a renewable resource, and "it accepts paint very well, but it's translucent," Shamblen said.

The artists paint the designs of their choice on the paper, which is sent back to Alluminare to be turned into a lamp shade. There's a choice of brushed metal or brass

legs for the lamp and of black, navy, red or natural ribbon trim for the shade. The lamp and shade are shipped in about a week.

The cost: \$59, plus \$8 for shipping and handling.

These lamps seem to have "grandparent gifts" painted all over them. But there's no reason why kids should have all the fun. Adults can create unique lamps to match a room's decor.

Shamblen has, she acknowledges, "about 10" of her nieces' lamps in her home. They were "very definitely" part of product development, she says.

"I have a long, narrow hallway, and I have one of the lamps on a timer. When the hall is lit, with their handprints and stuff, it's a nice way to welcome yourself home."

To learn more

■ Alluminare Lighting: www.kidprint.org. Ten percent of the proceeds from the sale of Kid Print lamps goes to the Safe Kids Campaign to support programs for child safety.

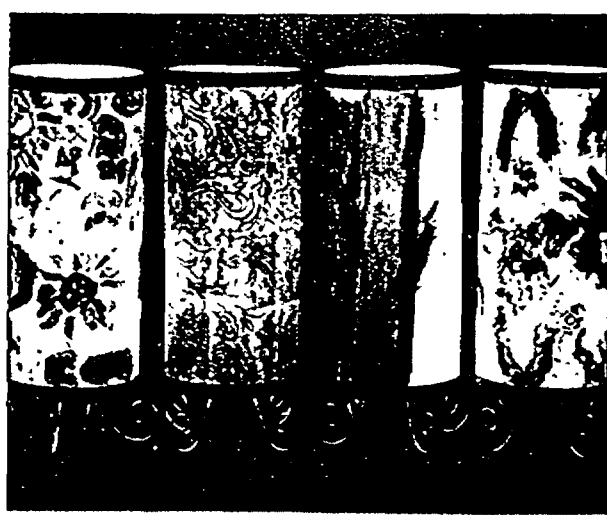


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Samples of lamp shades created by using the Kid Print Lamp Kit.

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NFIB UPDATE

Labor Day Flexibility

Let's face it: Labor Day is a big deal in America.

For many youngsters, it's the last day before they go back to school. For politicians, Labor Day is the start of the campaign season—an opportunity to stand on a bunting-wrapped platform to seek the favor of the voters.

But on September 5, 1882—the first Labor Day—it was a "workingman's holiday," the brainchild of the Central Labor Union in New York City. There was a demonstration followed by a picnic. Later, parades and speeches became part of the day. By 1894, more than 30 states had adopted the idea and Congress decided to make the first Monday in September a national holiday.

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Web site points out that "Labor Day is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers." Fair enough—if you include some of America's hardest workers: small-business owners.

In business, there are employers and employees, but workers are the men and women who toil side-by-side whether owner, manager or stock clerk.

Labor Day has evolved over time—fewer parades, for example, and more speeches.

It is unfortunate that the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) hasn't kept pace with the times. The FLSA became law in 1938. It provides minimum standards for wages and overtime. It established two classes of employees: blue collar and white collar—and requires those who are lower paid (blue collar) to receive overtime for work beyond 40 hours a week. White-collar employees are not eligible for overtime.

Few changes have been made to the FLSA in its 65 years. The regulations were last updated in 1949. Some of the job classifications listed then don't even exist today: keypunch operator, straw boss, gang leader and leg man.

More importantly, lifestyles have changed. Census data shows that in 1999 almost three quarters of households of married couples with children had both parents working. Women make up nearly half the work force. Commuting has added hours to the workday. Employees want more flexibility on the job, more time with their families.

Small-business owners want to accommodate those desires, but the FLSA won't allow it. U.S. Rep. Judy Biggert (13th Dist., Ill.) and U.S. Sen. Judd Gregg (N.H.) have introduced legislation to help. They want to give employers the option of paid time off or wages for overtime worked—an arrangement federal government employees have enjoyed since 1978.

The AFL-CIO has organized a campaign to derail the legislation, claiming that this is really an effort to end overtime for employees. They worry that employees would face unpredictable work schedules. But those issues have been addressed with safeguards to protect employee and employer.

So far the votes aren't there to pass the bill in the House and the Senate has not even held hearings on the proposal. It would be very ironic if lawmakers thumbed their noses at a plan for family flexibility, something their own employees have enjoyed for 25 years.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals. More information is available on-line at www.nfib.com.

ADVERTORIAL



Photo by JIM FARKAS

Whether it's lunch with a friend while afternoon shopping in town, a group of your office pals looking for something quick and different, or a place to take the family for a tasty, evening dinner, you're in for a treat when you dine at Sizzling Sticks Café.

Make the effort to seek out Sizzling Sticks Cafe

By James C. Farkas
SPECIAL WRITER

Ever wonder what Mongolians eat?

The very same things you and I eat except, according to Orlando Viato, owner of Northville's Sizzling Sticks Café, "In some areas of Mongolia, they have a different way of preparing their food."

Traditionally, their meats are cooked on chicken wire that sits above a flat grill. Vegetables are

placed directly below the meats so the natural juices drip on to the vegetables, spreading the delicious flavor throughout the entire entree.

Well, at Sizzling Sticks Café they aren't quite that traditional. However, upon entering, besides being greeted by a smiling face who will seat you, there is a distinct, pleasant aroma of fresh foods being prepared on an open, steaming grill. After selecting your choice of a large variety of meats, seafood, poultry

and vegetables from a buffet, you can watch while chefs prepare several orders at the same time, adding seasonings, spices and sauces to tantalize your taste buds. Be sure to include fried rice with your meal. You may also choose to order a stir-fry at your table if you don't care to stand in line while your food is being prepared. If you weren't hungry when you came in, it's guaranteed your mouth will be watering by the time you are ready to be served.

Orlando is an Italian, native New Yorker. (And what Italian isn't a good cook?) He grew up surrounded by a family of cooks in their own restaurant, learning the skills of the trade while attending school. He decided early on that he wanted to follow in his dad's footsteps which led him to the Culinary Institute of America in New York. Following graduation, he applied his art by working as chef at several well-known restaurants and worked as a consultant to the restaurant business. Other accomplishments to his credit include assistant teacher in the Culinary Arts Program at Washtenaw Community College and he is currently conducting informal classes on "Foods of Different Cultures" at "The Kitchen Witch" in Northville.

It was 17 years ago Mr. Viato moved to Ann Arbor where he began his own proprietorship with a pizza shop and a Mexican restaurant. Seven years ago he consulted with his friend and previous owner of Sizzling Sticks, providing his knowledge and expertise on how to run a successful restaurant.

Two years ago Orlando and his friend decided Orlando

would buy him out and take over the restaurant since the location was ideal and would allow him more time to spend with his family. In the past two years, Orlando has increased the public awareness and established a large base of regular customers due to the quality of food and excellent, friendly service. Evenings and weekends, and in between taking their two daughters to school, you will find Orlando's wife, Viola, meeting and greeting guests as well.

From the beginning, it was the popular place to go for a quick, reasonably-priced luncheon. It has become the gathering place for Northville and surrounding area businesses and offices that come in large groups from two to 12 at a time. And why not when you can select your fresh meats and veggies in a one-trip, buffet-style lunch for only \$7.95 per person? For those who like to "eat hearty", there is the all-you-can-eat luncheon for \$9.95.

Ask for the low carb specialties and the low fat dressings if you're watching your diet. You'll notice the staff in T-shirts proclaiming "The Healthiest Spot in Town". You may even choose to eat outside European-style, at the umbrella-covered café tables. Previously, Sizzling Sticks Café has been the recipient of The Taste of Northville Award.

Dinners are a little slower-paced, relaxed atmosphere. Orlando likes to point out that, "Sizzling Sticks is a family-oriented restaurant and the kids will enjoy watching their food being prepared on the open grill." It's a great place to go after shopping, the theater or the Friday evening, summer concerts at the Gazebo on Main Street.

DETAILS

Sizzling Sticks Café,
Mongolian Style

144 Mary Alexander Court
Northville, MI 48167
(248) 380-9400

Mon-Thurs: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
& 5-9 p.m.
Friday: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Saturday: noon-10 p.m.
Sunday: noon-8 p.m.

One-trip dinner is \$11.95 per person and if you're really hungry, there's the all-you-can-eat dinner for \$13.95. On Mondays, kids eat for free. Save room for the scrumptious Oreo cheesecake or delicious apple pie. If it's your birthday, dessert is on the house. There's also a senior citizen discount and how about a Sizzling Sticks Café gift certificate?

You'll find the wait staff and chefs to be pleasant and courteous. Most of Orlando's staff has been with him for a number of years. Those who attend college continue to work on weekends and during holidays. Service is quick for those who may be on a tight schedule.

Sizzling Sticks Café offers catering services as well. "We do lots of wedding showers and special occasion dinners," said Orlando, "even box lunches to take to the park or sporting events."

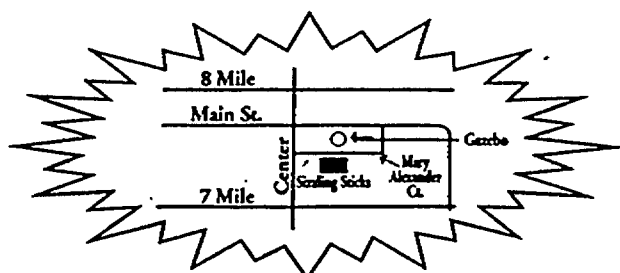
Located in Northville, one block south of Main Street, behind the gazebo (next to the free parking structure). It may be a little difficult to find, but it's worth the extra effort.



Photo by Jim Farkas

Orlando Vito, owner of Sizzling Sticks Café, with his wife, Viola, and their two daughters, Cecylia (standing) and Claudia.

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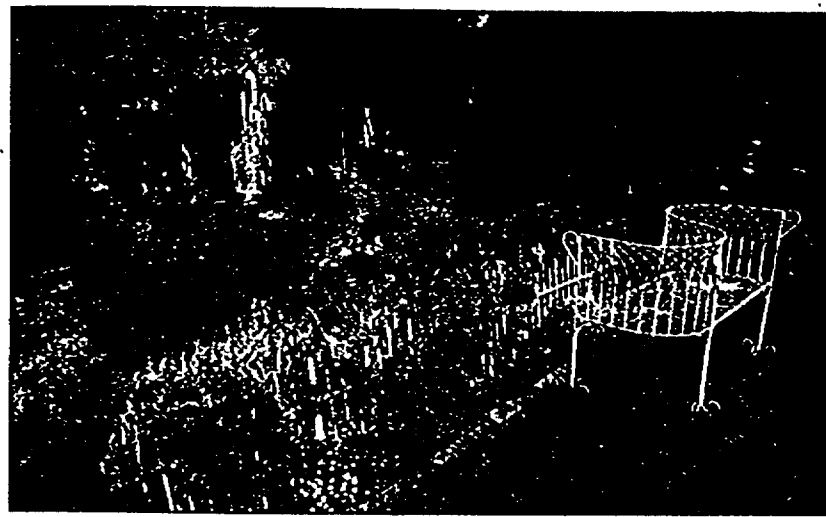
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Enchanted forest

Cordone Gardens offers views that are breathtaking, charming

By Annette Jaworski
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Nestled into a corner lot off the beaten track, Linda and Warren Cordone's yard looks more like an enchanted forest than a village plot. The white picket fence and lush English cottage garden is the perfect backdrop for their historical home.

When she and her husband, Warren, moved there 16 years ago, the structure had undergone an extensive renovation, so Linda turned her energy towards the gardens. At the time, she had no plans or preconceived ideas of how the landscaping might develop. Now the gardens encompass nearly every corner of her yard.

"It started out with some flowers that my mother divided. I guess I just learned over the years," said Linda Cordone.

Several arbors lead through the maze of gardens, adding a touch of mystery to them. One is an

archway covered with wisteria leading to the front door. When it blooms it's a welcome sign of spring for the Cordones.

"The wisteria blooms early. That's when I get excited that spring is on its way," she said.

Beyond the wisteria, a rose garden is currently in bloom leading to the house. Winding brick paths lead deeper into the gardens. Private little corners make it a perfect place to relax or a great spot for a game of hide and seek. A former elementary schoolteacher, Linda enjoys having children visit.

Several cozy seating areas are found throughout the gardens. In the center of the yard is a secluded spot where silver lace, grapevine and ivy have surrounded four posts to create a canopy. The posts were installed for a backyard wedding for their son. A pedestal table and café chairs from France make another quiet seating area.

Just as interesting as the

flowers and plants are Linda's choice of accents. These run the gamut from iron sculptures to cement cherubs. Some accents are shiny silver gazing balls or crystal pieces. Other accents favor the crisp white look, like tropical mosquito netting over a hammock. An avid collector, Linda used antiques generously throughout the gardens, mixing the old with the new. An interesting piece is a white wrought iron tete a tete seat. You'll also see antique stained glass windows and a garden shed that is far from ordinary.

A bird lover, she also has an assortment of birdhouses and feeders throughout her gardens. When the purple coneflowers are ready to deadhead, she always leaves a few for the finches to enjoy.

A charming garage sits on the site, which currently serves as a guest bedroom. The steps leading to the door are lined with antique tin watering cans. One



Photos by HAL GOULD
Linda Cordone (above) and her husband Warren slowly developed their magnificent gardens over many years.

watering can is a remembrance of her 92-year-old grandmother.

Although Linda is modest about her skills, the gardens thrive mostly because of her hard work and enthusiasm. She's been known to be in the gardens as early as 5 a.m. and some days work late into the evening under the streetlights to avoid the summer heat.

She pointed out that her husband, Warren is more than happy to help with some of the heavy work. And he appreciates the beauty they provide to the surroundings.

"It's been my hobby for years. I've been known to load 600 pounds of flagstone to haul," Linda added.

And then there are some things she just plain denies credit for and chalks up to nature or good luck, like the sunflowers, cosmos and flowering tobacco. It's also how a wild grapevine began growing along the side of the house. Apparently it took root

after they wound lights through the vine and hung it around the house for Christmas.

One of the blessings of her garden is sharing it with the wonderful people that she meets, says Linda Cordone. It's not unusual for perfect strangers to stop and admire the landscape. She enjoys sharing their beauty and meets the most interesting people that way. For example, one woman who came by asked to photograph some flowers. She wanted to send the pictures to cheer up her sister who was battling cancer. One photographer asked to use the gardens as a backdrop for portraits.

Linda and Warren's Milford gardens were a featured stop on this year's 2003 Milford Garden Club Tour, offering area residents a chance to enjoy their handiwork up close and personal.

Warren and Linda Cordone's home was built in 1858 by Edwin Fenny, an owner of the woodworking mill on the Mill Pond

Tree get struck by lightning? You can take steps to help it

Q: I have a huge tree in my yard. During the last storm, it got hit by lightning. There are two strips of bark, one on each side of the tree that got ripped off. I must save this tree. What do I do? Would fertilizer or tree pruning sealer help? How bad is the damage?

A: How bad would you feel if 200 million volts had just ripped through you? Fertilizing or pruning sealer won't help. Trim any loose bark to where it joins the tree. You don't want pieces flapping around or loose bark to accumulate moisture, insects and various fungi. You can also make sure to water the tree if the soil is dry. With this amount of electricity passing through the tree, the sap got boiled and vaporized in a microsecond. How much remains to run the tree will become obvious in the future. For some trees, wilting comes immediately. For others, it might be a slow decline over months or years. Other trees appear to have minimal damage. Hope for the last category but prepare yourself for the other choices. One of the theories of lightning damage is that trees with rougher bark seem to sustain less damage. This is thought to be because the rain is running down the bark fissures and the lightning follows the rain. Smoother barks have the lightning strike surrounding the entire trunk. But remember that this is a theory. Right now, what is happening with the tree is pretty much out of your control. It's up to the tree to determine the path to the future. So light a candle and think good thoughts. It's the best that you can do.

Q: I just looked at my pumpkin plants and they have this gray-white dusty substance on all the leaves. The leaves are yellowing and drying up. I looked at my lilacs and bee balm and it's there, too. What disease is going around making everything look so terrible?

A: It's the same thing that's been going around during humid weather for the last billion years. It's powdery mildew. Powdery mildew is a fungus. Once you have a fungus, you have a fungus. You can prevent them, you just can't make them go away. So currently, there aren't any options. Next year, you can use a preventative fungicide like Daconil 2787 before they problem occurs. Read the label to make sure that it will protect your particular plant from powdery mildew. It doesn't do everything. How will you know if weather conditions are right to have powdery mildew happen? If it is humid and the nights are warm, mildew is on the way. Treat before or at the time of first symptoms. You can't save infected leaves but you can save the others. Powdery mildew can do a great job of killing pumpkins and other cucurbits like squash, cucumbers and melons. It rarely kills lilacs or bee balm, but can certainly make them look disgusting.

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

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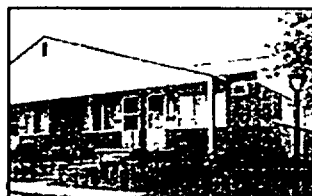
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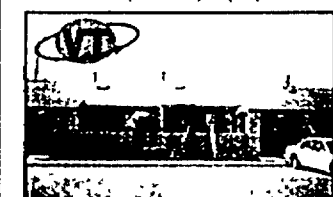
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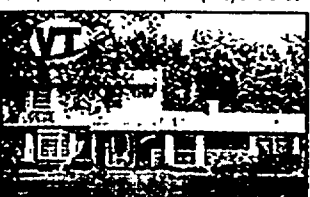
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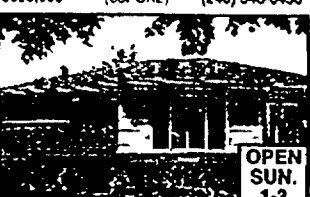
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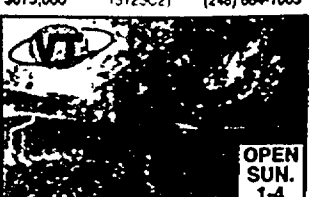
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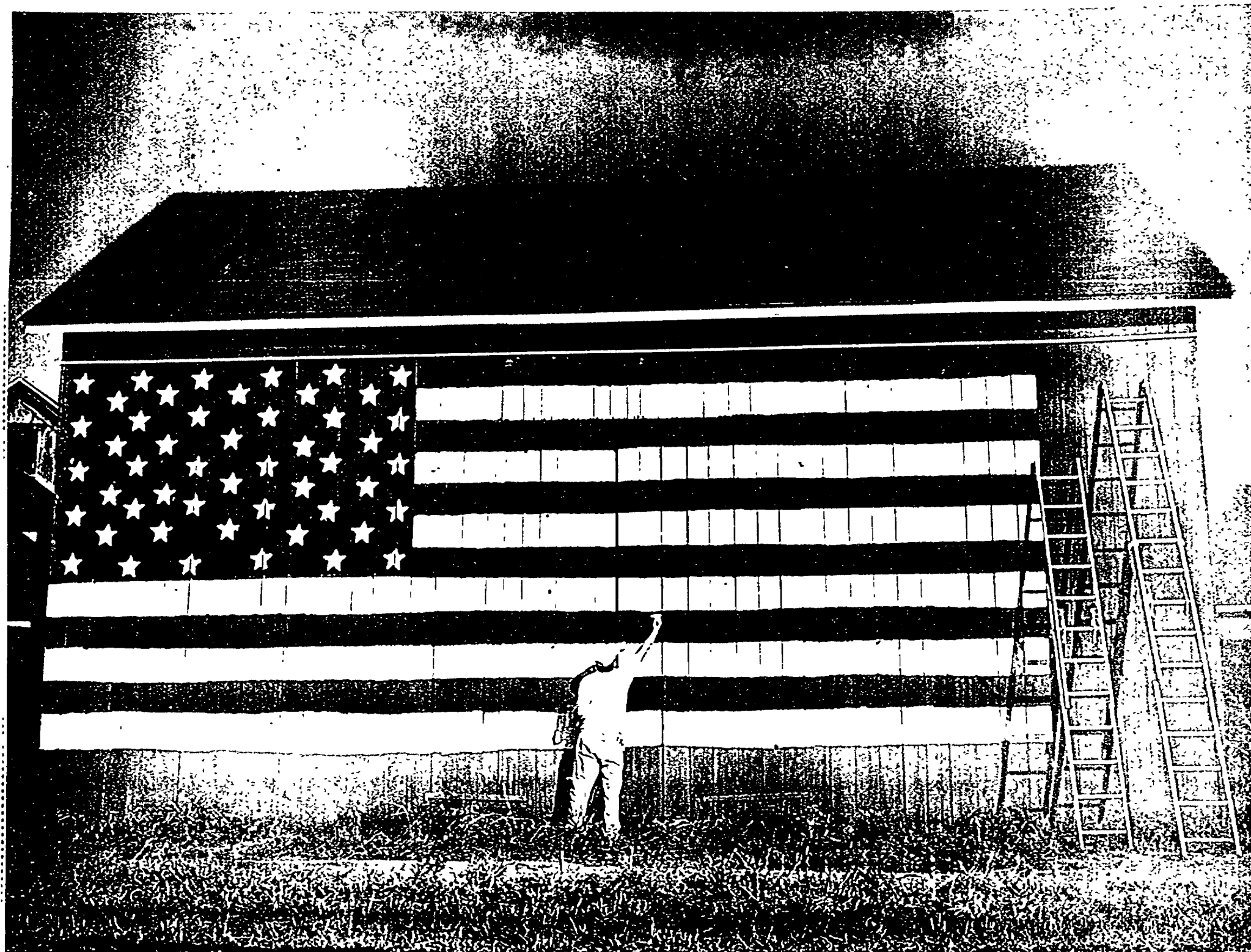
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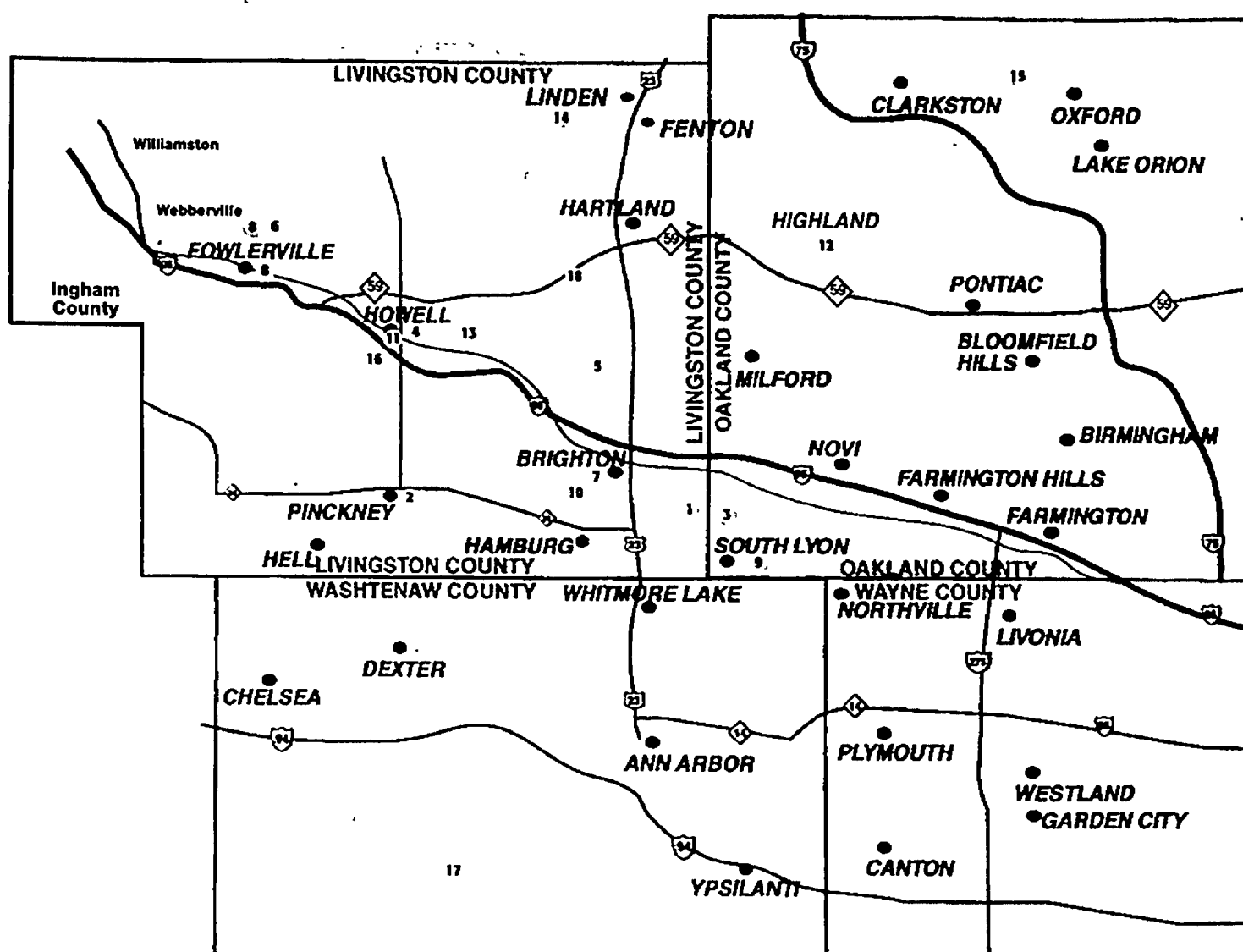
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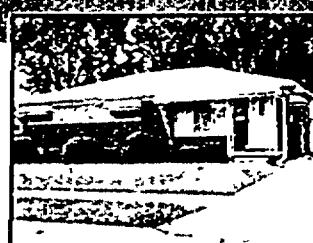
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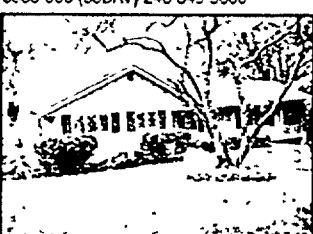
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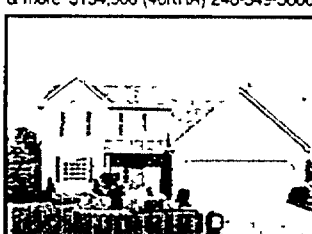
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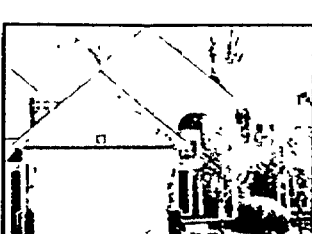
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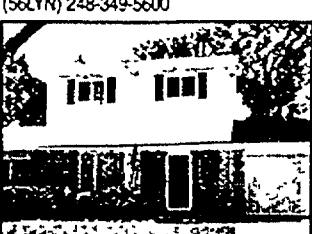
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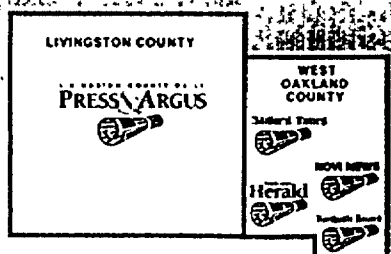
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Help Wanted General 5000**COUNTER PERSON / DELIVERY DRIVERS NEEDED**

Come join a winning team! Full time & part time counter & delivery driver positions open immediately with good career potential. Must have good customer service skills, exp & knowledge of auto parts helpful. EOE. Apply in person at Carquest of Brighton 206 E. St. Paul St. Carquest of Pinckney 1205 E. M-36 Carquest of Fowlerville 140 Veterans Drive Carquest of Howell 309 E. Grand River

DAIRY & FROZEN FOOD MANAGER

Must have at least 3 yrs management experience. Apply in person. Sefas Market 505 E. Grand River, Howell

DIE MAKERS/SHIFT SUPERVISOR

Must be experienced in die maintenance, building and troubleshooting of progressive dies. Full time position available for afternoon shift. Company paid benefits includes health insurance coverage, dental, prescription drugs, and life insurance. Paid holidays and profit sharing/401K plan apply in person between 9am-4pm or by appointment at Variety Die & Stamping Co., 2221 Bishop Creek East, Dexter

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DIRECT CARE ASSISTANT

Join the team and support special population adults in their home and community. Warm, friendly work environment. \$8.50 plus benefits. S. Lyon, 734-663-5637 and 734-662-4685

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Provide support services to special population adults in their home and community. Warm, friendly work environment. \$7.90 plus benefits. N. Hudson, 248-437-7535. Novi, 248-347-6412

DIRECT CARE STAFF

2 shifts available. Flexible hours, paid training. Call Sandy, 734-426-3167

DIRECT CARE STAFF

Come work w/people learning independence in their own homes in Howell. All shifts available. Health insurance for full time. \$8.50/hr, raise after 90 days. 248-807-0550

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mom's to demo toys, evenings. Call Linda for appt. (248) 477-8092

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MANAGER & Part Time Assoc. wanted to run Kiosk (call) at 12 Oaks Mall, Nov. Exc. pay & bonus. Call 765-564-9239

MANICURIST Experienced, one day per week. Nov. area assisted living center. 1-800-762-7391.

MORTGAGE**EXPERIENCE COUNTS**

Do you want to originate loans full-time/part-time? Do you have experience as a Processor, Closer, or Loan Officer? I am looking for EXPERIENCED people in the mortgage industry. We offer all the tools you'll need along with a generous commission split. Contact Jim. (248) 347-7440 x 204

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Private Interview
616-893-6024

NAPPER PERSON

12:30-3PM 4 days/week Experience in school setting required. Nov. Northville Montessori. (248)348-3033

NURSERY DIRECTOR

Church in South Lyon seeking Nursery Director w/responsibility for staffing the nursery at 8:15 & 11:00 Sunday worship services as well as other events. Responsibilities also include recruiting, training, relating to parents & cooperation in church staff. Related exp. is helpful, but love for & understanding of children is a must. Submit resume or letter to Ken Kessel, First United Methodist Church, 640 S. Lafayette St.

OPTICIAN

National Optical chain has immediate full-time and management positions available for experienced opticians. Great salary & benefits. Please call 800-248-2255 EOE

FAINTER

Custom home builder hiring in house journeyman (m/f) Painter. Good pay, benefits. Call 248-640-7679

PAINTERS AND PAINTERS

Painters needed immediately. Must have transportation. Call (517) 484-8219

PAINTERS WANTED

Will Train. Work Immediately. Pay Based on Experience. Call 248-343-5857

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

White Lake Pharmacy looking for friendly outgoing experienced Pharmacy Tech \$12/hr. (248) 698-2820

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PLUMBER

needed for growing company. Experience required in all phases of new residential construction. Good pay & benefits. 810-632-9255

PLUMBING RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

100% co. pd. benefits, 401K w/50% match, profit sharing & generous tool allowance. Top pay for top techs. Must have 3 yrs service exp. Journeyman's license a +. Apply in person 31015 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills MI or fax to 248-777-7579

POLICE OFFICER

Charter Township of Northville

Northville Township is accepting applications for the position of Police Officer.

Qualifications are:

• Must be a U.S. Citizen

• Must be 21 years of age

• Must possess a valid driver's license and have no criminal record

• Applicant must possess High School diploma & Associates degree from an accredited college or university

• Must have successfully completed and possess proof of C.O.L.E.S. certification or certification

• Applicants will be required to pass a written and oral exam, personal background check, physical and psychological exam

• Salary range \$40,265 to \$57,427.

Applications are available and returned completed to:

Charter Township of Northville Human Resource Department

41660 So. Main Rd.

Northville, MI 48167

by April Friday, October 3, 2003. An application form is also available on the Northville Township web site at www.northvillemi.com

Resumes without applications will not be accepted. EOE

PROFESSIONAL**MOM'S & RETIERS.**

Part time work. Nov. or at home. Collate papers, stuff envelopes, 1-3 days a week. Call Michelle, Johnson's Printing. (248) 735-7600

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at 12 Oaks Mall, \$10-\$20/hr. Includes generous bonus & commission. Flex. part/full time. Temp. to Perm. Visit www.greenys.com or fax 616-844-7109, e-mail preferred.

RETIRED LIC. plumber & electrician

to help remodel home. 810-599-2564 or (517) 545-1234 ask for Betty

ROOFERS (SHINGLERS)

Great pay, steady work. Experienced workers & laborers needed. (810) 220-3339

SHOP HELP

Experienced in Lam., fabrication & installation. Call Dan, (810)229-4389

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FREE TAX SCHOOL

Income tax preparers needed. Earn money after class. 248-756-2246, 248-756-0334. Small book fee. Liberty Tax Service

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Storage facility looking for a self-motivated, individual w/outm. tasking abilities who possess sales skills, knowledge of computers and exp. telephone & customer service skills. Fax resume w/salary requirements to 248-889-5600

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in Plymouth needs Personal Lines Customer Service Rep. Experience necessary, license preferred, but not required. 734-453-6000

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ANTIQUE BARN SALE

Tall 2 door cupboard, table & chair sets, wooden carts, small cupboards. Lots of SMALLS & OLDIES. 555 Forest, Plymouth. 2 hrs. S of Ann Arbor Trail 100. W. of Main. Sept. 6 & 7, 9-5pm. Yellow signs.

ANTIQUE & RECREATED RESTORATIONS

Sept 4, 5, 6 10-5pm Fry Rd. Highland Off Middle Rd. Btw Miford Rd & Hickory Ridge

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Rummage Sales & Flea Market (7040)

SOUTH LYON Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW Post 2502 will have their Fall Rummage Sale. Thurs. Sept. 12, 9-4pm, Fri. Sept. 13, 9-4pm, & Sat. Sept. 14, 9-2pm, at the VFW Hall, 125 E. McHaffie St. Donations will be greatly appreciated! Call 248-437-3525 or on Weds. Sept. 10 at VFW Hall after 9am 248-437-0642

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7100 Estate Sales (7100)

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BRIGHTON - ESTATE (furniture, household items, etc.) & STITCHERY - GOING OUT OF BUSINESS (fabrics, threads & supplies) 6241 Kevin Ct., off Brighton Lk. Rd. Sept. 5-7, 9-5pm

ESTATE SALE White Lake Twp. 1759 Ridge Rd. Sept. 4-6, 10am-4pm Antiques, beautiful furniture, bedroom set, patio set, art, exercise unit, John Deere tractor. Much more. MC/VISA ESTATES BY DORENE

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BRIGHTON Condo Sale On Kintyre Lane off Brighton Rd. Fri-Sat. Sept. 5-6, 9a-4p

BRIGHTON - Downsizing sale Boat w/ trailer, furniture, household, 95 & 96, 8-4pm 341 Forno, N. Hwy. S59, E 23

BRIGHTON - MOVING SALE. Sat. only, 9am to 4pm 996 Alpine Dr.

FALL PERENNIAL SALE Fri. Sat. Sun. Huge selection at great prices Superior Landscape Supplies. 4805 Musson Rd. 517-548-2068

HARTLAND Antiques, bikes, tools etc. 3825 Hartland Rd. in the Village. Fri. & Sat. 8-4 pm

HARTLAND Home Sportsman Dream Sale Pop up ice shanty w/ heat tents, camping equip. Bowfishing, scaffolding tools, men's 2-3xl clothes, Honda 3 wheel ATV, CD's books, lots more. Thurs-Sat. 9-5 Hartland Estates off Cullen Rd. & M 59

MILFORD - Sept 4 & 5 10-4pm 132 Shelley Housewares bedding towels baby clothes & more!

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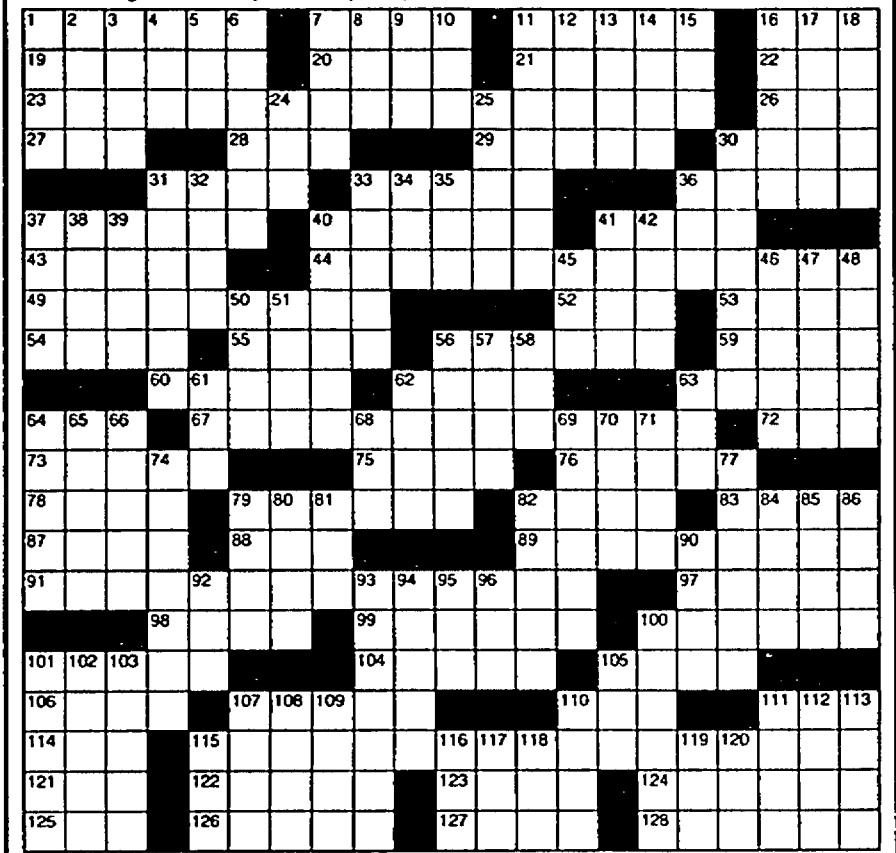
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NORTHVILLE Multi-family Sale Sept 5 & 6, 9am 528 Randolph, 8 mile & Tatt Clothing furniture, knick-knacks, baby small childrens items & more!

NORTHVILLE - Sept 5th, 9:30am-4pm & Sept 6th, 9am-Noon Boys clothes 2-3T Girls 10-12, toys & misc. 537 Grace St., S. of 8 Mile

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NORTHVILLE - Huge Sale 511 Baseline Rd. 95 & 96, 9am-4pm. Gentle used & brand new men's/women's/boys clothes, coats, shoes, toys, books & too many more to list

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NOVI Briarwood Condos garage sales, Beck & Cedar MM (beh. 10 & 11 Mile) Fri. & Sat. Sept. 5 & 6, 9-5pm

NOVI Fri. Sept. 5, 9-5 2 families Furniture, tools, kids items, bikes, etc. Downsizing 25 yrs of accumulation 1 block N of 10 Mi. off Willow Rd. Reserve Sub

NOVI - 95702 Village Wood Dr., Bldg #40, S. of 10 Mile, E. of Haggerty Sept. 5 & 6, 8-3pm. Household goods, tools, clothes.

NOVI - Sept. 5 & 6, 8:30-4pm. Furniture, kids clothes, toys, Power Wheels, hockey equip., books, Churchill Crossing sub, Novi Rd. & 10 Mile, follow signs.

SALEM, MULTI-FAMILY, Sept. 4, 5, 6, 8am to 5pm. 9400 Leola, off So. Main Rd. Model railroad stuff, Home Interior items & lots more!

SOUTH LYON Multi-family sales, in Bowers Hills Sub. 30922 Artisan Dr. & more! Furniture, household brand name clothing & toys Sept. 4 & 5, 6 & 9-5pm

SOUTH LYON Big Garage Baby and vintage furniture, home school, bedding clothes, more. 9222 Drybrook Rd. N. of 7 Mile W of Pontiac Trail, 9/4 thru 9/6, 10am-6pm

SOUTH LYON 2 family sale! Thurs. Fri. Sat. 9-4pm. Clothes Sewing Machines, household 9851 Ponderosa W. of 10 Mi

SOUTH LYON Multi-family sale! Pinebrook Estates, S. of 12 Mile Rd. on Rushton Furniture tools books microwave, childrens misc & clothes, oriental wall hangings, wood burning stove Saturday only, 9-4pm

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SOUTH LYON - Hunting supplies, furniture, antiques & misc. Thurs - Sat. Sept. 4th-6th, 9am-7 61375 Richfield

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SOUTH LYON, 3 Families Sept. 4, 5, & 6, 9am-5pm. Lots of household & misc. 1011 Oxford, off Pontiac Trail

SOUTH LYON, Fri. Sat. Sept. 5, 6, 9am to 5pm. Gas stove, entertainment center, furniture, misc. 12430 Wild Oaks Circle, Rushton & Doane Rds.

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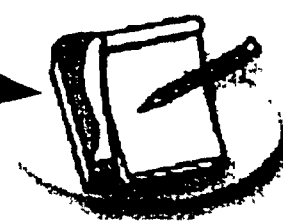


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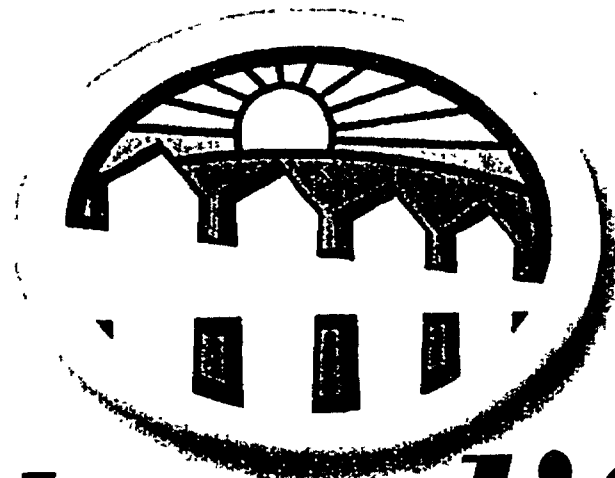
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On behalf of the Northville Chamber of Commerce and the entire Northville community, welcome to our 15th Annual Victorian Festival. Over the past years, this festival has doubled in size and popularity. As you can imagine, our staff and volunteers have worked many long hours to ensure you and your family have an enjoyable time.

The kick-off parade begins Friday evening at 6:30 p.m., followed by street entertainment. The next day, take a leisure stroll through town

and visit the Art Market, the Antique Show, participate in the children's games and rides, sample the delicious food at the non-profit booths, listen to the many bands and musicians, take a free horse and carriage ride, a mini-train ride, and watch the outstanding entertainment throughout the streets. There is something for everyone, regardless of age or gender. Due to our generous corporate sponsors, all acts are free of charge. Be sure to check the complete list of activities, times and locations within this guide.

As you walk through town, notice every effort has been made to preserve our rich Victorian heritage. The refurbished storefronts, historical buildings and the well-maintained streetscape are evidence of our commitment. I know you'll agree — Northville is a city with a beautiful past and a promising future.

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Kiwanians grill up some food for the Victorian Festival; people take to the streets wearing Victorian-era clothing.

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Nicholas Melucci and Scott Matthews enjoy Thornton Creek Elementary School's Victorian Festival day in 2002 by eating lunch at Mill Race Village.



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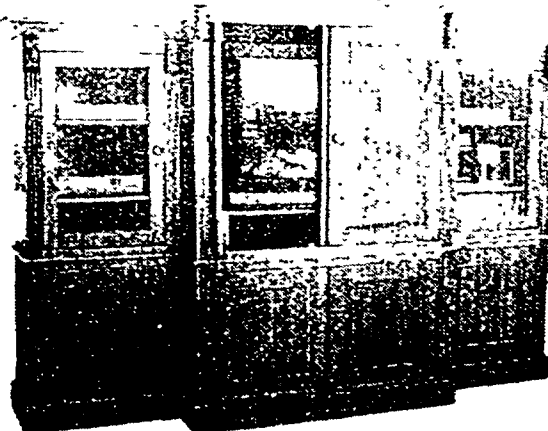
TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
9:30 a.m.-noon 5 p.m.-9 p.m.	Northville Public Schools Family Entertainment Kids' Korner Rides Non-Profit Booths Antique Show	
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.-8 p.m. 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 8:45 p.m.	Victorian Parade Roy Scoutz Chris Linn, Magician Clark's Punch & Judy Center Stage Dance Performance Chris Linn, Magician	Poole's Tavern Stage Reggish Stage Wayne B. Titus Stage Bandshell 8:15 p.m.- St. Mary Mercy Stage

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
10 a.m.-4 p.m. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.	Victorian Home Tour Fine Art Market Kid's Korner Rides Antique Show Free Train Rides Non-Profit Booths	Hutton & Main St., front of City Hall
11 a.m.-7 p.m. 11 a.m.-8 p.m. 11 a.m. 11 a.m. 12 p.m. 12 p.m.-5 p.m. 12 p.m. 12 p.m. 12:45 p.m. 1 p.m.-4 p.m. 1 p.m. 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. 1 p.m. 1 p.m. 1:15 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 2 p.m. 2 p.m. 2 p.m. 2:15 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 3 p.m. 3 p.m. 3 p.m. 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m.	The Storytellers Chris Linn, Magician Boogie Woogie Babies Free Horse & Carriage Rides Chris Clark, Juggler/Magician Josh Casey, Juggler Jonathan Park, Juggler Mill Race Village Open Clarks Punch & Judy, puppets Pix & Stix Heartstrings, Dulcimer Band Barbershop Quartet The Storytellers Jasen Magic, Magician Victorian Parlor Tea Josh Casey, Juggler Chris Linn, Magician Jonathan Park, Juggler Krispy Krackers Boogie Woogie Babies The Amazing Clark, Magician Heartstrings, Dulcimer Band Straw Hat Band Jasen Magic, Magician Victorian Parlor Tea	Reggish Stage St. Mary Mercy Stage Reggish Stage Main & Wing St. St. Mary Mercy Stage Wayne B. Titus Stage Reggish Stage Wayne B. Titus Stage Bandshell St. Mary Mercy Stage Poole's Tavern Stage Reggish Stage Poole's Tavern Stage Presbyterian Church Wayne B. Titus Stage St. Mary Mercy Stage Reggish Stage Poole's Tavern Stage Reggish Stage Wayne B. Titus Stage St. Mary Mercy Stage Bandshell Poole's Tavern Stage Presbyterian Church

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TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
4 p.m.	Jonathan Park, Juggler	Reggish Stage
4 p.m.	Chris Clark, Juggler/Magician	St. Mary Mercy Stage
4 p.m.	Josh Casey, Juggler	Wayne B. Titus Stage
4:30 p.m.	Richard Paul, Ventriloquist	Reggish Stage
4:30 p.m.	Charlene Berry, Dulcimer	Poole's Tavern Stage
5 p.m.	Clark's Punch & Judy, Puppets	Wayne B. Titus Stage
5 p.m.	Heartstrings, Dulcimer Band	St. Mary Mercy Stage
5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Center Stage Dance Company	Bandshell
5:30 p.m.	Merry Music Maker, Singer	Reggish Stage
5:30 p.m.	Jasen Magic, Magician	Poole's Tavern Stage
5:30 p.m.	Chris Clark, Juggler/Magician	St. Mary Mercy Stage
6:15 p.m.	Richard Paul, Ventriloquist	Reggish Stage
6:30 p.m.	The Amazing Clark, Magician	Wayne B. Titus Stage
6:30 p.m.	Charlene Berry, Dulcimer	Poole's Tavern Stage
7 p.m.	Merry Music Maker, Singer	Reggish Stage
7 p.m.	Heartstrings, Dulcimer Band	St. Mary Mercy Stage
7:15 p.m.	Richard Paul, Ventriloquist	Reggish Stage

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
11 a.m.-5 p.m.	Fine Art Market	
	Kid's Komer Rides	
	Antique Show	
	Non-Profit Booths	
11 a.m.	Josh Casey, Juggler	Wayne B. Titus Stage
11 a.m.	Merry Music Maker, Singer	Reggish Stage
11 a.m.	The Amazing Clark, Magician	St. Mary Mercy Stage
11 a.m.	Jasen Magic, Magician	Poole's Tavern Stage

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
11:30 a.m.	Box Lunch auction	Bandshell
11:30 a.m.	Richard Paul, Ventriloquist	St. Mary Mercy Stage
11:45 a.m.	Jonathan Park, Juggler	Reggish Stage
12 p.m.-5 p.m.	Free Horse & Carriage Rides	Main & Wing St.
	Free Train Rides	Hutton & Main St.
12 p.m.	Clark's Punch & Judy Show	Wayne B. Titus Stage
12 p.m.	Rick Morse Marionettes	Poole's Tavern Stage
12:30 p.m.	Chris Linn, Magician	St. Mary Mercy Stage
12:30 p.m.	Boogie Woogie Babies	Reggish Stage
1 p.m.-4 p.m.	Children's Games	Mill Race Village
1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	Pix & Stix	Bandshell
1 p.m.	Josh Casey, Juggler	Wayne B. Titus Stage
1 p.m.	Barbershop Quartet	Poole's Tavern Stage
1:15 p.m.	Jonathan Park, Juggler	Reggish Stage
1:30 p.m.	Richard Paul, Ventriloquist	St. Mary Mercy Stage
2 p.m.	Boogie Woogie Babies	Reggish Stage
2 p.m.	Chris Clark, Juggling/Magic	Wayne B. Titus Stage
2 p.m.	Jasen Magic, Magician	Poole's Tavern Stage
2:30 p.m.	Chris Linn, magician	St. Mary Mercy Stage
3 p.m.	Duck Race/Mill Race	Village
3 p.m.	Merry Music Maker, Singer	Reggish Stage
3 p.m.	Josh Casey, Juggler	Wayne B. Titus Stage
3 p.m.	Rick Morse Marionettes	Poole's Tavern Stage
3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.	Straw Hat Band	Bandshell
3:30 p.m.	Richard Paul, Ventriloquist	St. Mary Mercy Stage
3:45 p.m.	Jonathan Park, Juggler	Reggish Stage
4 p.m.	The Amazing Clark, Magician	Wayne B. Titus Stage
4 p.m.	Jasen Magic, Magician	Poole's Tavern Stage
4:15 p.m.	Chris Linn, Magician	St. Mary Mercy Stage
4:30 p.m.	Chris Clark, Juggling/Magic	Reggish Stage

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In Dr. Duncan's office, the focus is on the spine and muscles, tendons and ligaments which can cause a structural misalignment. By using a constant static pressure on specific points along the spine, these structures are relaxed, allowing the spine to realign and balance the nervous system.

"We try to treat our patients as if they are our family members," says Dr. Duncan. "Because we have been in the area since 1990, we are now starting to treat young athletes in the family as well as their parents." An initial consultation to discuss the problem, followed by neurological, chiropractic and orthopedic exam is the procedure for new patients at Soft Touch Chiropractic. Based on examination findings, x-rays may be taken for analysis and



Dr. Kathy Duncan

review.

A complete discussion of exam findings completes the process so that the patient has total understanding of their problem.

"It's important to the healing process that the patient have an understanding of our goals and what we are trying to accomplish. We are a team, the patient and doctor working together."

Dr. Duncan opened Soft Touch Chiropractic in Novi in 1990. The office is located at 23895 Novi Road, Suite 400 and appointments can be made by calling (248) 348-2000.

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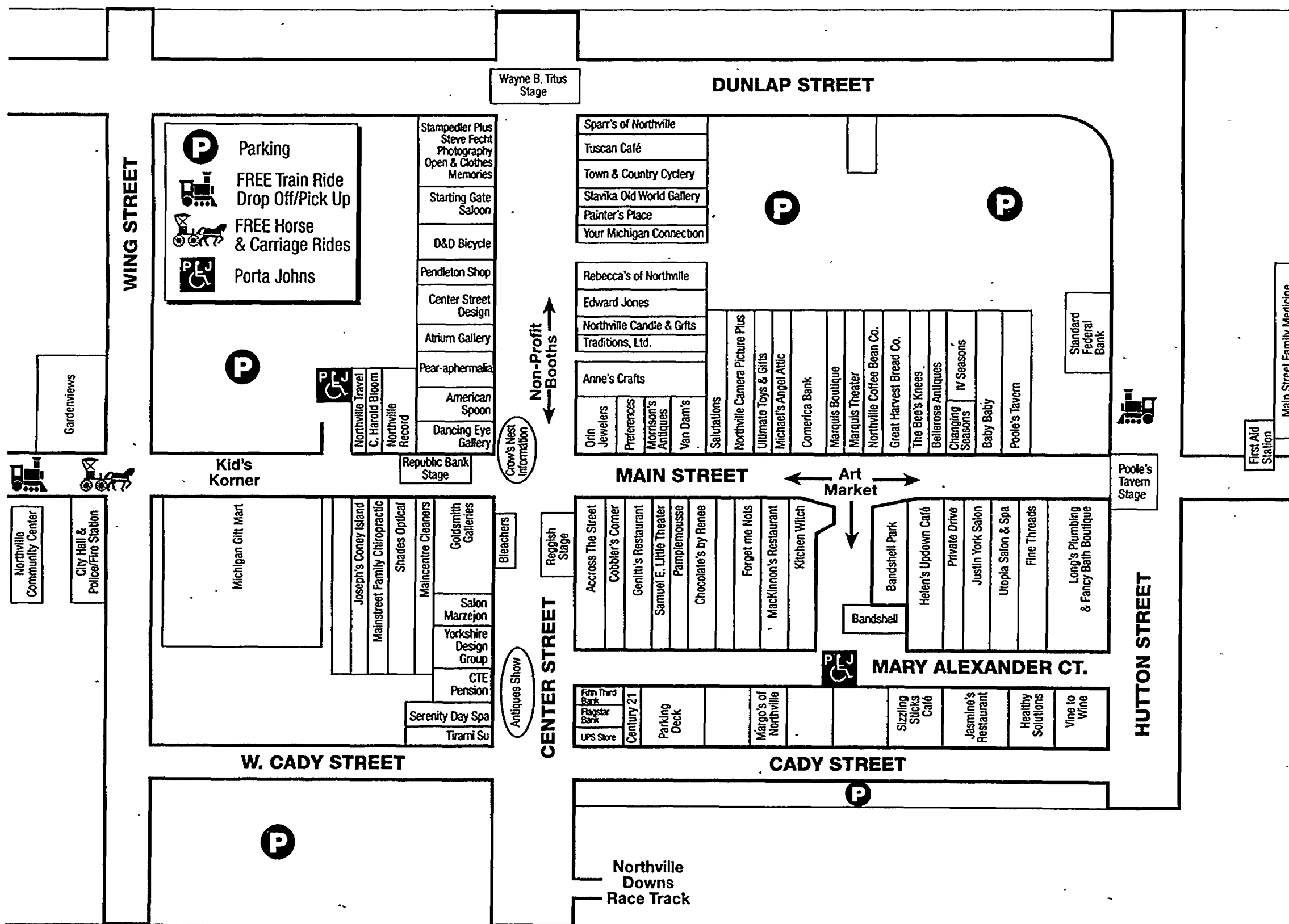
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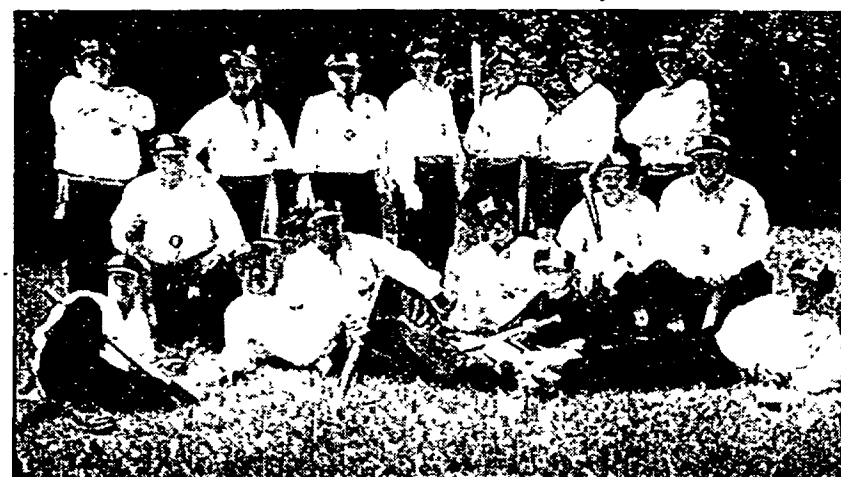
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▲ FESTIVAL FEATURE: ART MARKET ▲

By Anneliese Woolford
SPECIAL WRITER

A splash of contemporary art mixed with the Victorian Festival's historic atmosphere may seem contradicting, but for those who attend each year, it's picture perfect.

Celebrating its 17th anniversary as the Victorian Festival celebrates its 15th, the Art Market can only anticipate the success of this year to match, if not surpass, that prior.

"Now it's tradition having the two together," said Art Market chairperson, Sue Taylor. "It's just more that can be offered to people, and what better combination than art and entertainment? I think we enhance one another."

The market will be held Saturday, Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 14 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Booths will line Main Street from Hutton to Center streets featuring 60 artists and their display of work.

As a juried fine arts show, members of the Northville Arts Commission select artists from across the country to participate. While the majority are local or from Michigan, some

artists travel from as far as Florida, Arizona and Canada. This year's Art Market, like those before, will feature both new and familiar faces, said Taylor.

"The caliber of our artists tends to be high," she said. "We ask them to return because their work is very good, but they want to return because they enjoy the downtown events."

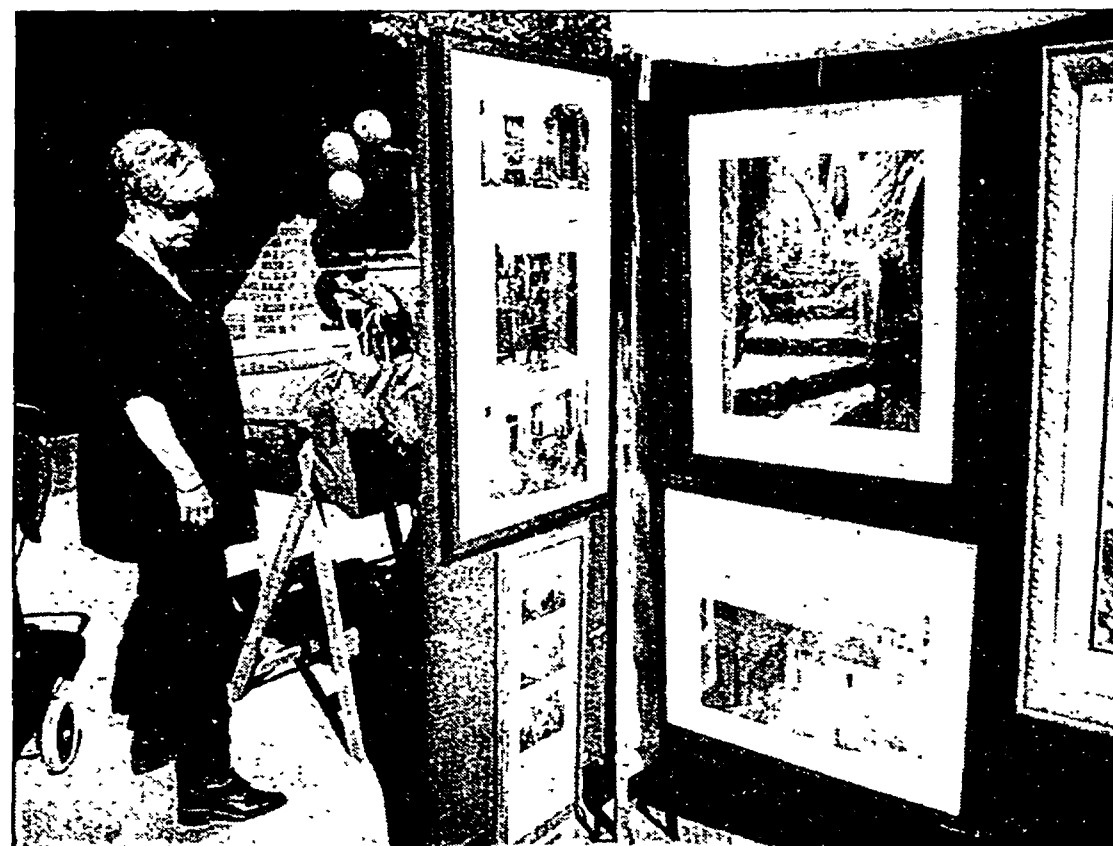
Volunteers involved with the Arts Commission, like Taylor, attend area art fairs throughout the year looking for artists to fit with-and-in-the Victorian Festival.

Taylor said the 2003 Art Market will feature a wide range of fiber art, outdoor art, wood, glass and metal work, jewelry, furniture, paintings, photography and pottery.

"We try to get a variety of different things so that it'll appeal to everyone."

For more information on the Art Market or to become involved with the Northville Arts Commission, contact (248) 449-9950.

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Victorian Fest-goers have a lot of art to choose from along the Main Street market.

▲ FESTIVAL FEATURE: STUDENT ACTIVITIES ▲



Students enjoy "their" day at Mill Race Village during the Victorian Festival.

By Anneliese Woolford
SPECIAL WRITER

In the eyes of Northville students and their parents, the Victorian Festival is something to look forward to not only for its entertainment, but also for the education it provides.

Student involvement in the festival has been a dominant aspect since its beginning in 1988. While students of all ages are encouraged to participate in activities held throughout the weekend, the Northville Public School system's establishment of a historic program has contributed to a significant increase in numbers.

The program, held Sept. 12 from 9:30 a.m. to noon, is geared toward elementary and high school levels. Only available to public school students in the past, this year marks the first to welcome students from the entire community.

"We're including whichever of the private schools want to participate as well," said Jan Purtell, Education Partnerships Facilitator. "It's really to give [students] all a sense of community and the history of the community, but also to give them the feeling of going back in time."

Purtell estimates a total of 23 classes with approximately 25 students per class to attend.

This year's activities will be similar to those in the past, among which third graders will rotate in half-hour time increments through downtown "stations." At each of the five stations students visit, specific events are designed to heighten both their excitement

and knowledge of the Victorian era.

Storytelling will be held at the Northville Public Library, traditional Victorian games at the Parks and Recreation Center, and a magician and puppeteer at the Main Street gazebo.

The fourth station enlists the help of approximately 50 ninth grade history students from the high school. They will lead a walking tour through Northville's historic district during which themed skits will be performed for the younger students. The skit series highlights everything from work and transportation to women's issues in Victorian times.

"High school students are studying history as well to put on their plays," Purtell said. "They try to key in specifically on Northville history to make it come alive for the third graders."

Treblemakers and Backbeat, two high school music ensembles, will perform at Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall restaurant as the final station. The afternoon will conclude with a noon lunch at Mill Race Historic Village.

Although students try to select their favorite event, they often can't decide on just one.

"I usually get feedback from students," Purtell said. "Some write thank-you notes and whatnot. Parents are always very excited about all of the things students get exposed to."

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▲ FESTIVAL FEATURE: VICTORIAN FASHION ▲



Linda Maxfield shows off Victorian fashion during the parade, which kicks off the three-day Victorian Festival.

By Anneliese Woolford
SPECIAL WRITER

With help (literally) around the corner, dressing the part for Northville's Victorian Festival is easier than one may think.

The Victorian Clothing Sale has provided men, women and children with clothing of the era to inspire participation in Northville's Victorian Festival for the past eight years. This year will be no exception.

The sale will be held Sunday, Sept. 7 in the church at Mill Race Historic Village from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. According to organizer Sonia Swigart, clothing and accessories available at the sale are made, remade, handed down and added onto by individual sellers.

"[Clothing] ranges from young people to adults: boys, girls, men and women, depending on what is brought to sell," Swigart said. "We even have people coming in from out of state."

Items ranging from knickers to knee socks draw crowds eager to participate in the weekend festivities. This year, they can expect to find a variety of day attire appropriate for scheduled events and activities held over the three day span.

"Because it's held the weekend before the festival, the majority of people that do come are involved," Swigart said. "But if people see the information that it's going to happen and they want clothing for something else, they're more than welcome."

Much of the sale's success is also attributed to students that participate in a historic pro-

"[Clothing] ranges from young people to adults."

Sonia Swigart
Victorian Festival organizer

gram offered through Northville Schools. Held annually at Mill Race Village and in downtown Northville, third grade students enrolled in the curriculum experience a realistic scenario of how life was lived in early nineteenth century.

With the program conveniently scheduled the same Friday as the festival, students often dress in Victorian fashion. They then continue to dress for the weekend's events, observes Swigart.

"For the children, I think it really depends a lot on that program happening," she said.

In addition to students, the clothing sale helps parade participants, vendors and volunteers authenticate their style. Its past success as part of the Victorian Festival gives Swigart hope for a promising future.

"Just the fact that we've been having it now for a couple of years has helped through word of mouth."

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Dressed in their finest Victorian outfits, families take a stroll along Main Street during the Victorian Festival parade. This year, the parade will be held on Friday, Sept. 12, beginning at 6:30 p.m.



▲ FESTIVAL FEATURE: VICTORIAN PARLOR TEA ▲

By Anneliese Woolford
SPECIAL WRITER

Make room in your busy schedule and you'll soon be sipping tea from fine china, surrounded by friends, family and neighbors, dressed in your finest, all while watching a live fashion show.

Sound like something out of a movie? Guess again.

For the past six years, the Victorian Parlor Tea has provided guests an opportunity to sit down and catch their breath. The tea is a favorite attraction for those who attend the Victorian Festival.

Held annually at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, this year's tea times are scheduled Sept. 13 at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. With each time usually attracting between 80-100 people, seating is limited.

"This is part of the church's fine arts series," said Darlene Kuperus, director of music and concert series coordinator at First Presbyterian.

Kuperus, for one, can't think of a more appropriate location for the event.

"The church was established in 1829 and it witnessed the Victorian period in Northville," she said.

Tours of the historic church will follow each sitting.

Vintage Victorian gowns, which will be modeled live, are the focus of this year's tea. Pam Yockey, a Plymouth historian of the Victorian era, will serve as hostess for the afternoon.

"Pam has a wealth of knowledge in this period of history," Kuperus said. "As the gowns are modeled, Ms. Yockey will share interesting stories about this amazing period."

The tea typically attracts a demographic of women and young ladies as guests. In fact, Kuperus has seen several

generations of grandmothers, mothers and daughters attend in the past. She also finds that many guests return from year to year in addition to those who are new to the experience.

To help authenticate the occasion, many of those in attendance take advantage of the chance to dress in Victorian fashion. While this may be the case, there is no dress code for the event. It institutes a "come as you are" motto.

"It's a wonderful way for people who come to the Victorian Festival to take a break, sit down, have some tea and relax," Kuperus said.

Advanced tickets can be purchased at the First Presbyterian Church office, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information, call (248) 349-0911.

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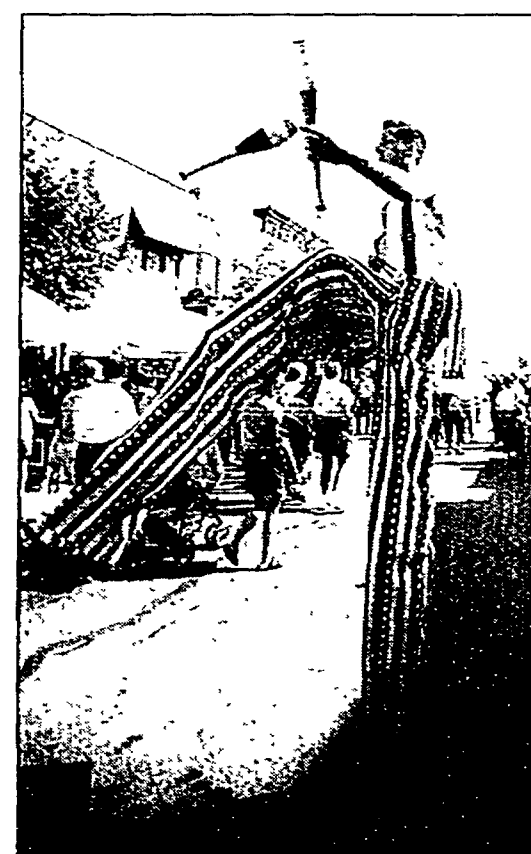
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Out and about on a Friday night, residents and Victorian Festival participants stroll the streets during the opening parade.



Stilt-walking juggler Joel Tacey entertains at Saturday's Victorian Festival.



Jordan Nesler, 2, seems tucked out on dad Jason's shoulder during last year's Victorian Festival in downtown Northville. Both hail from Novi and 2000 was their first year attending the fest.

▲ FESTIVAL FEATURE: BOX LUNCH AUCTION ▲

By Anneliese Woolford
SPECIAL WRITER

It's said that money can't buy happiness, but the Victorian Festival's Box Lunch Auction is one exception that proves the old adage wrong.

On Sunday, Sept. 14 at 11 a.m., money can buy happiness...even if only for an hour or so. Just show up at the downtown gazebo and experience it for yourself.

Sponsored by the Northville Council of PTA's, this year will mark the auction's 15th anniversary as part of the festival.

"[The box lunch auction] has been around

since the beginning," said Linda Maxfield, co-chair of the event. "It started out small and has been growing each year. It began as a fundraiser to raise money for the parent awareness program."

Even over the course of 15 years, things haven't changed much.

Auctioneers "Archibald and Reggie" (Northville residents Paul White and Dave Schmidt) will again open bidding on a variety of baskets donated by Northville schools, PTA's and local businesses.

"The original idea was to come purchase your lunch, go eat it at Mill Race and participate in the activities there," Maxfield said. "A

lot of people still do that, but it's not just a lunch anymore."

The baskets to be auctioned off range in both size/contents and price. Some continue the original tradition of offering a single lunch, while others have become more creative to include additional gift certificates, toys and tickets to sporting events.

Some merchants, like Stampeddler, donate smaller baskets at lower prices so that children can participate as well.

"It gives a chance for everyone to get in on it," Maxfield said.

More than 50 baskets were donated last year with winning bids from \$5 to \$350 raising

approximately \$6,000 for the Northville Parent-Teacher Associations. In the past, single baskets have raised as much as \$500 for the Association, according to Maxfield.

"We'd just like to meet with what we did last year," she said. "Especially because the economy is not very stable, if we could do what we did last year, we'd be happy."

All proceeds from the event directly benefit Northville schools through programs such as parent education and parent awareness.

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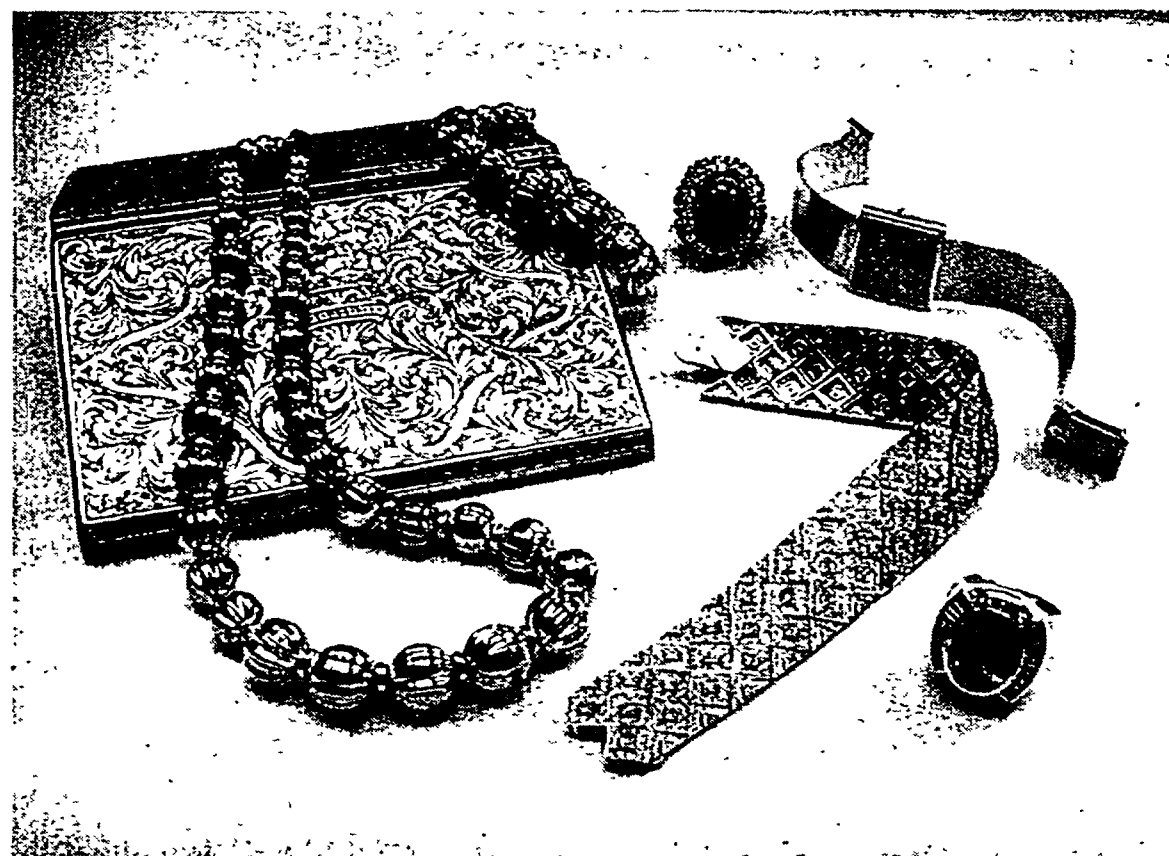
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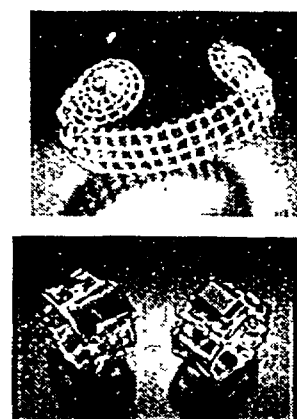
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Festival adds 5k run, expands hours

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Fall Festival is hoping a new 5K run and extended hours will keep the annual gathering from going financially into the red.

As a result of the city's budget crunch, city commissioners earlier this year cut back subsidies to many of the downtown events for police and municipal services. That means this year, the Fall Festival will pay the nearly \$16,000 for city services which had been absorbed by the city the past five years.

Mark Baldwin, president of the Fall Festival committee, said he got the idea of a run/walk from Northville and its Jingle Bell Run.

"I figured if they could get 500 people to run on a mid-December morning, and pay money to do it ... the light bulb went on," he said.

The Fun Run is set for Sunday, Sept. 7, with registration at 7:30 a.m.

Baldwin said the festival — scheduled for Sept. 5-7 — is hoping to raise \$5,000 by charging \$15 to participants in either the 5K run or a 1K walk, and soliciting corporate sponsor-



ships. The event will begin and end at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

"We'll also be cutting back on some of the paid entertainment, and have only two stages," Baldwin said. "That will save us another \$2,000 between the stage rental and the engineering that goes with it."

"Some of the entertainment on Saturday afternoon was going on while people were

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doing other things, so we'll try to get some local bands during that period and give them some exposure," he added.

Thus far, the only entertainment scheduled for the weekend festival is a return of musician Alexander Zonjic, his third year performing at the Fall Festival.

Most of the remainder of the money lost could be made up from having carnival rides stay open an hour later, until 11 p.m. Last year, city commissioners wouldn't allow the festival to stay open past 10 p.m. However, after taking away the subsidy, commissioners decided to let the activities remain open an hour later Friday and Saturday nights to raise more money.

The festival will continue to close at 6 p.m. Sunday.

"The carnival people tell us that's a crucial hour," Baldwin said. "On Friday, the high school football game doesn't get out until about 9:30 p.m., and kids don't have a chance to get downtown for the rides and food booths."

The carnival generated \$22,500 for the Fall Festival committee, which is about one-third of the festival's revenues.

Baldwin said the festival committee is hoping to "pump up" the beer tent. Three years ago it brought in about \$5,000, but slipped to about \$2,500 last year because of bad weather and poor visibility.

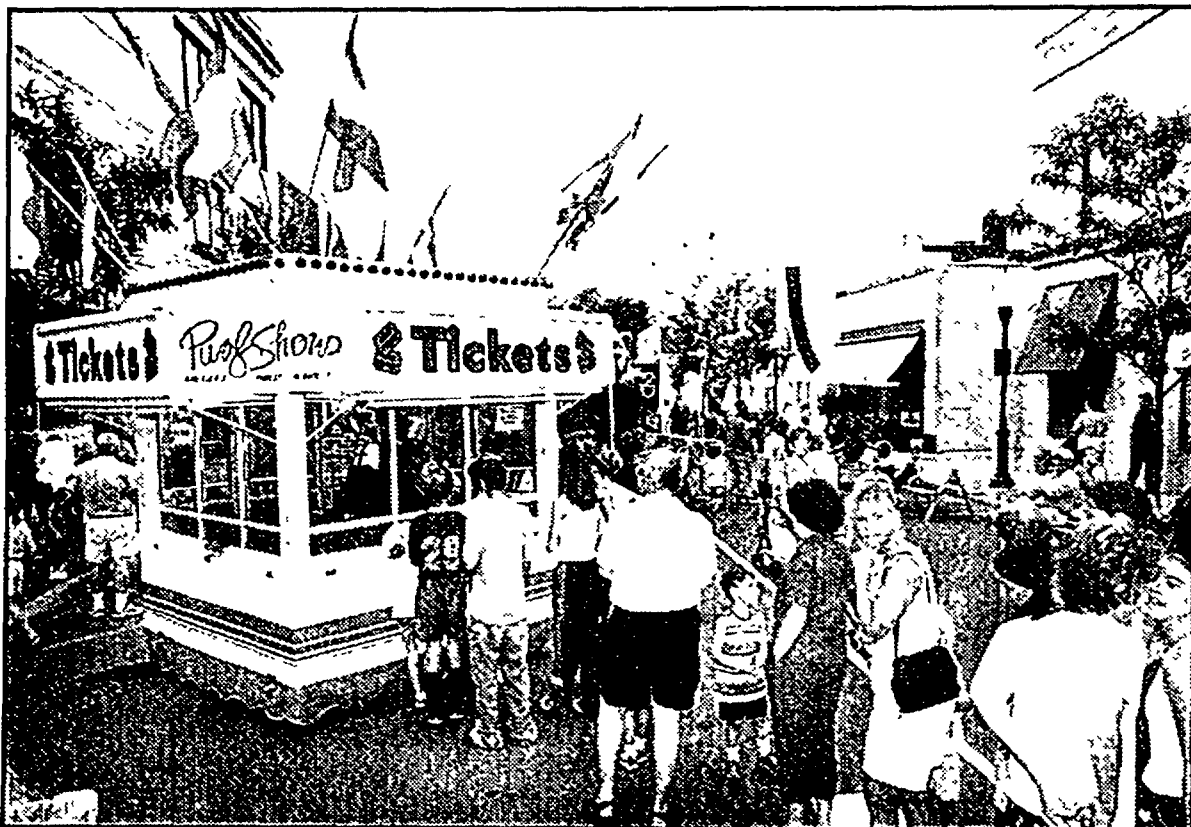
"We'll try to get a big screen TV in there, and maybe get some of the restaurants to donate trays of food, to get people more excited about going there," Baldwin said.

This year, community and nonprofit groups will pay a flat rate of \$350 to have a fund-raising booth at the Fall Festival. In previous years, groups paid a fee plus 25 percent of their net proceeds to participate, sometimes costing them more money than this year's fee.

Last year, the Fall Festival committee reimbursed the groups a total of \$10,000 from the surplus.

Other events scheduled this year include a classic car show, Optimist Club pet show, the Kiwanis Club pancake breakfast and the Rotary Club barbecue chicken dinner.

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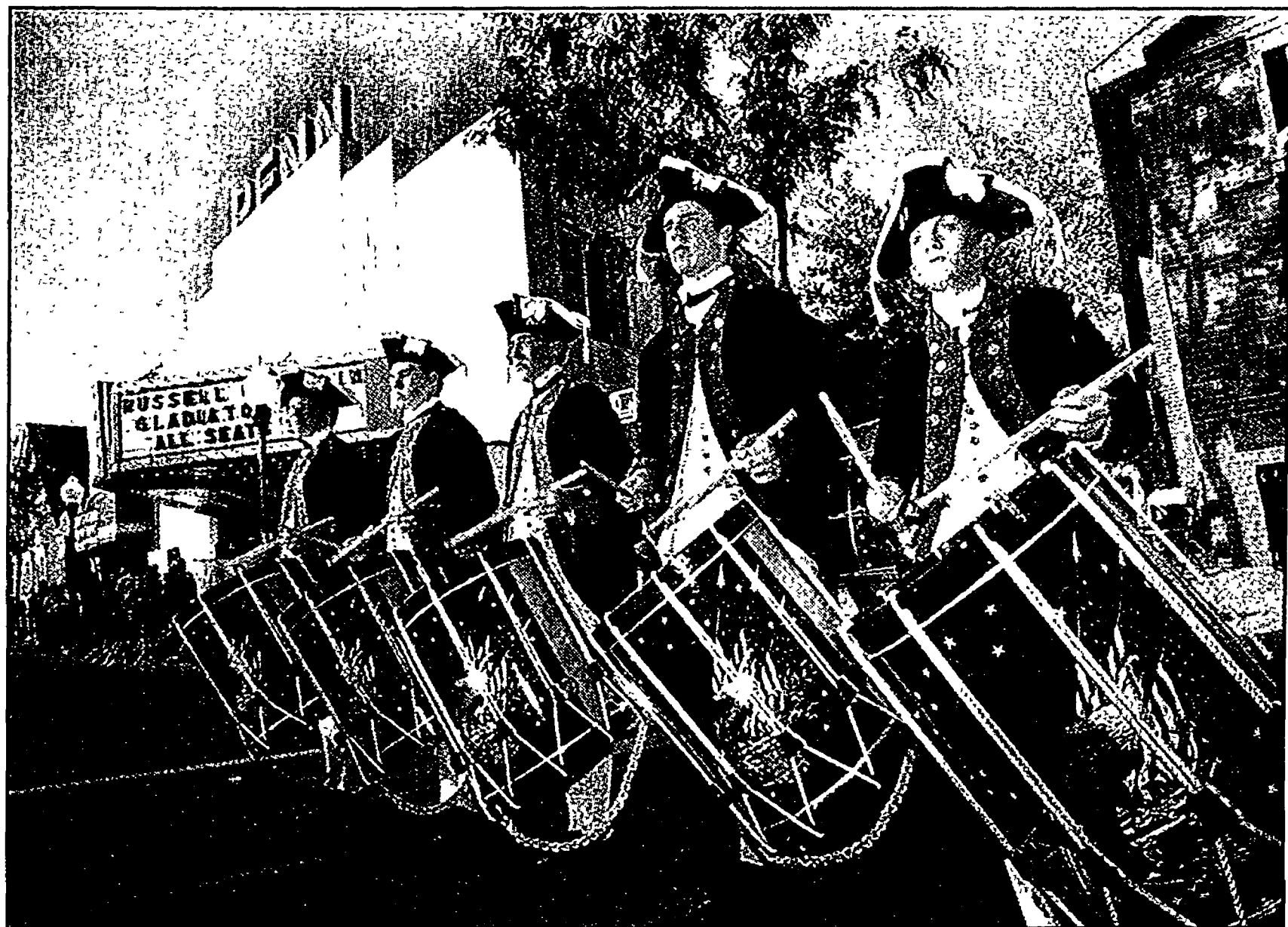
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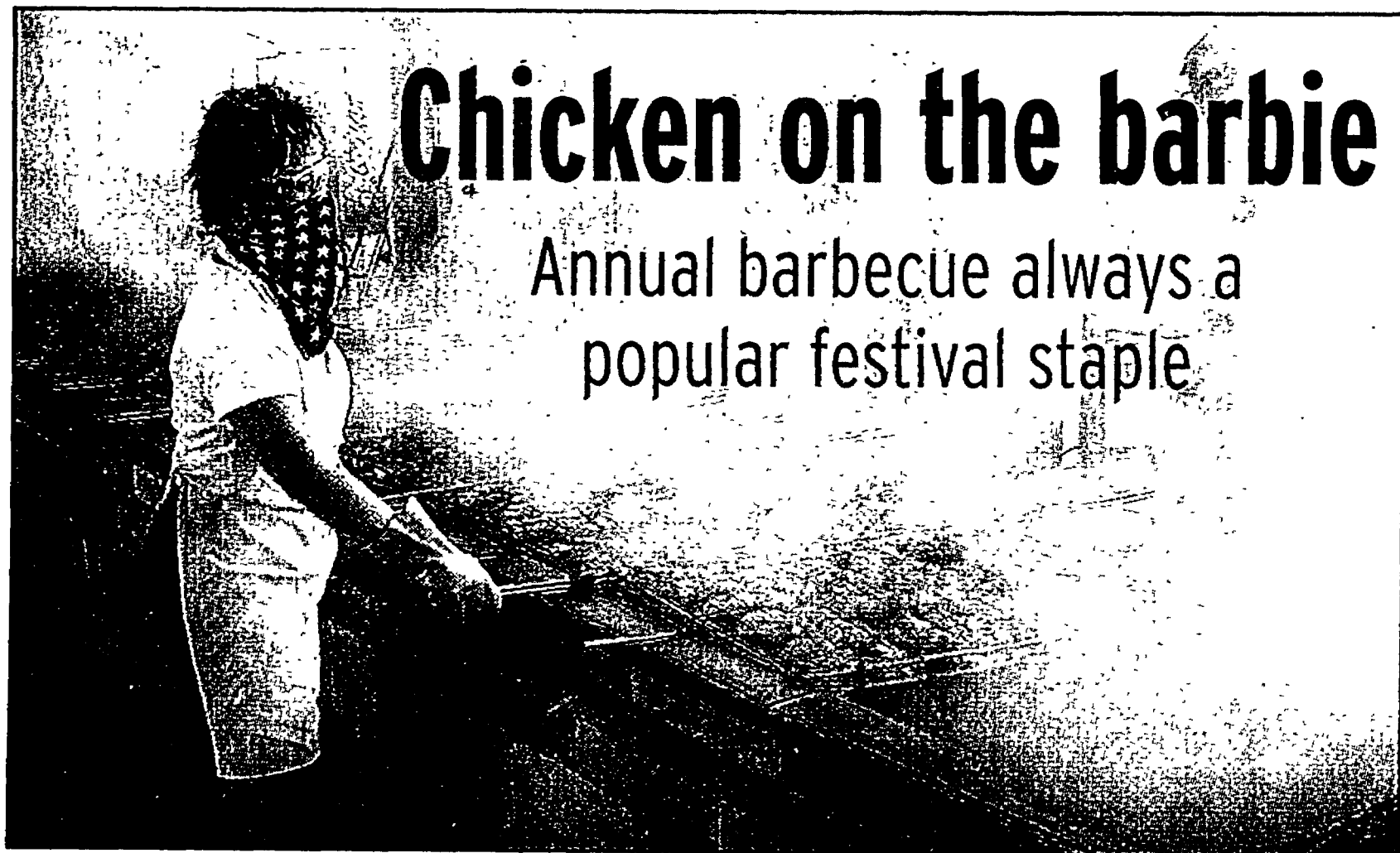
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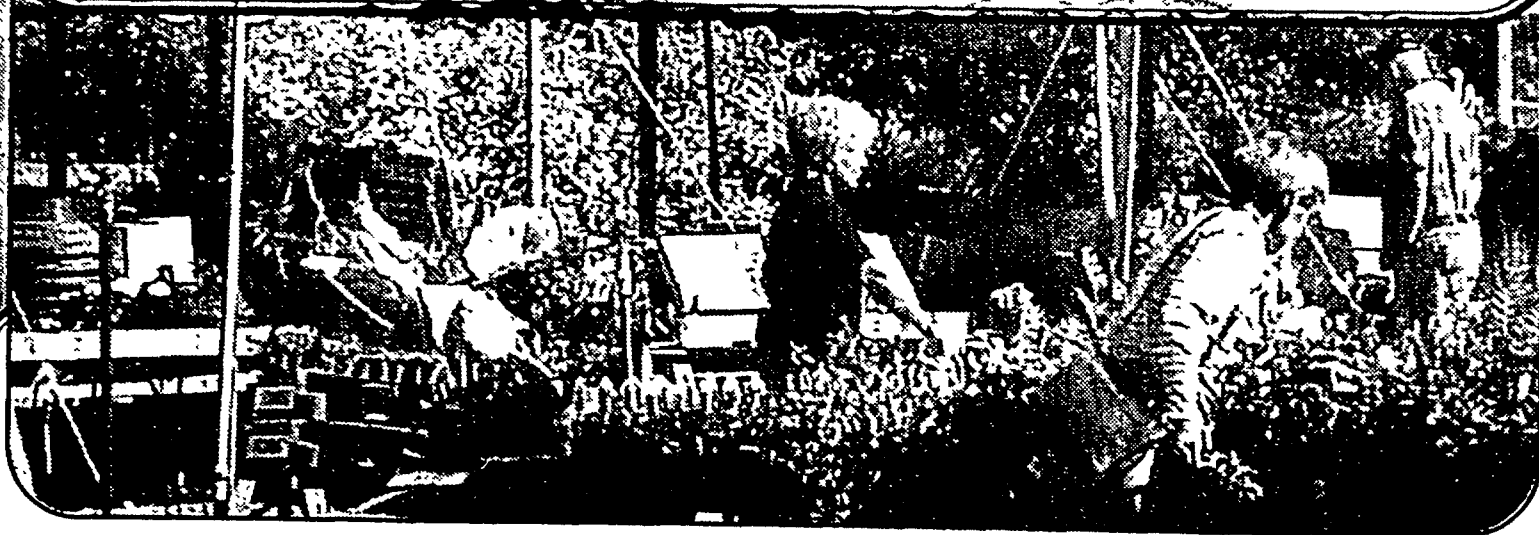
For organizers of the popular Plymouth Fall Festival Rotary Club Chicken Barbecue, the appeal is that the fund-raiser benefits a variety of community organizations.

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getting a good meal for a good price," said rotary member Jeff Horton of Horton's Plumbing in Plymouth. "It's a good chicken

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The Rotary Club's biggest annual fund-raiser, the chicken barbecue, is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7 in Kellogg Park. In total, more than 10,000 chickens, bought from Plymouth Marketplace, are expected to be served to hungry festival visitors.

Take-out dinners will be served at East and West Middle Schools. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$9 on festival day.

Rotary barbecue workers got a first taste of the barbecued poultry Aug. 16, after a gold outing at Rolling Meadows.

Annually, the barbecue raises some \$20,000-\$30,000 for the Rotary Club.

Not all money was raised through chicken dinners. Sponsorships were also sold last year, and are being sought this year. Those contributing \$500 or more will be acknowledged



DONALD J. ALLEY

Megan, Matt, and Joe Greco came from Livonia to enjoy the chicken dinners prepared by the Plymouth Rotary Club at the 2002 Plymouth Fall Festival.

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Plymouth Mayor Bill Graham was among last year's celebrity flippers at the Kiwanis pancake breakfast.

You'll flip over these pancakes

As Mom always says, it's important to have fuel to start your day.

One way to fuel up during the Plymouth Fall Festival will be at the Kiwanis Foundation Pancake Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 6 in The Gathering. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 on event day. They can be purchased from any Kiwanis club member. Ticket prices include pancakes, sausages, coffee, milk and juice.

Kiwanis member and Realtor Fred Hill said this year's breakfast will be an entertaining affair.

Diners may notice some familiar faces flipping pancakes, including the two gubernatorial candidates. Among the "celebrity flippers" invited this year:

- State Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township)
- State Rep. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton)
- U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia)
- Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll.
- Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington.

Hill said Bob Evans restaurant is donating all the pancake flour and sausages for the pancake breakfast.

Plymouth's three Kiwanis Clubs, the Plymouth Kiwanis Club, the

Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth and Plymouth Kiwanis Morning Club, have a combined membership of 150. Nearly all members will be at work during the breakfast.

This year's fund-raising goal is \$5,000. The pancake breakfast is an important fund-raiser for the Kiwanis Foundation, with most proceeds providing local benefit. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor is one primary beneficiary.

"It's a significant part of the Fall Festival," Hill said.



The pancakes and sausage at the Kiwanis pancake breakfast can be an eye-opener.

Local groups feed the hungry

It's easy to work up an appetite at the festival. When you're hungry you'll have lots to choose from, and help local organizations raise funds to support a variety of community projects.

Here are some food items that will be offered for sale:

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■ Community of Christ Church - French Fries, Chili, Pretzels, Cheese Topping and soft drinks

■ Kiwanis Club of Plymouth - Saturday morning Pancake Breakfast and the Pop Corn Van throughout the festival



Food is always one of the big attractions during Plymouth Fall Festival.

■ Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club - Yaki-Tori Steak, Chicken and Turkey Sandwiches. All sandwiches include a bag of potato chips

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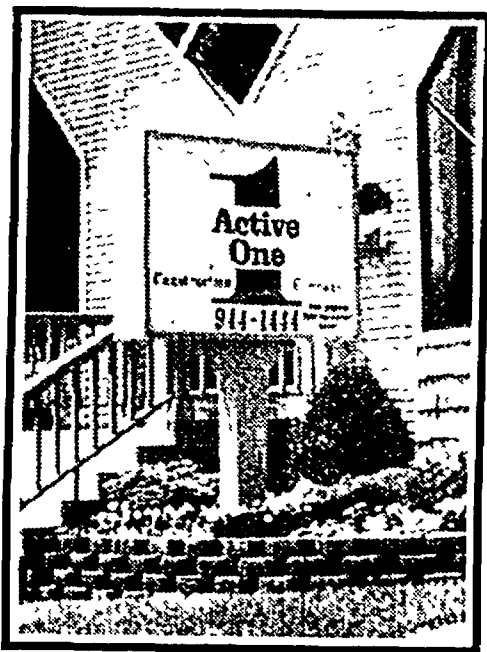
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Festival adds 5K fun run

The Plymouth Fall Festival is hoping a new 5K run will add some fun and help make a little money for the festival.

As a result of the city's budget crunch, city commissioners earlier this year cut back subsidies to many of the downtown events for police and municipal services.

That means this year, the Fall Festival will pay the nearly \$16,000 for city services which had been absorbed by the city the past five years.

Mark Baldwin, president of the Fall Festival committee, said he got the idea of a run/walk from Northville and its Jingle Bell Run.

"I figured if they could get 500 people to run on a mid-December morning, and pay money to do it ... the light bulb went on," he said.

The Plymouth Fall Festival Fun Run is set for Sunday, Sept. 7, with registration at 7:30 a.m. The 5k run begins at 8:45 a.m., with the 5k walk starting at 9. Awards and a raffle take place at 10 a.m.

The run is organized by age division, with competitors in age groups 14-under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60-plus.

Awards will be given for the 5K Run and first place in the 5K Walk. The top two finishers in each age division, both male and female, receive awards. The top overall male and female will receive an additional prize.

Post-race food and refreshments will be available for all participants.

Race-day registration fees are \$20 for adults, \$15 for kids 10-under.





Break time

With thousands of people crowding the streets at any given time during the annual Plymouth Fall Festival, Kellogg Park provides a great place to sit down and relax.

CHICKEN

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Here is a list of some ways the money is spent:

- Student scholarships
 - Student loan programs
 - Special reading and book programs in the schools
 - The Gathering for community use
 - Trees and playground equipment for parks
 - Start-up funds for new community projects
 - Support of community arts programs
 - The Salvation Army
 - Special community awareness seminars
 - World health concerns such as the eradication of polio through "Polio Plus"
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 - Numerous urgent humanitarian needs
- Some advice Horton has for festival visitors: Buy the dinners as early as possible. "We've sold out in the past," he said.



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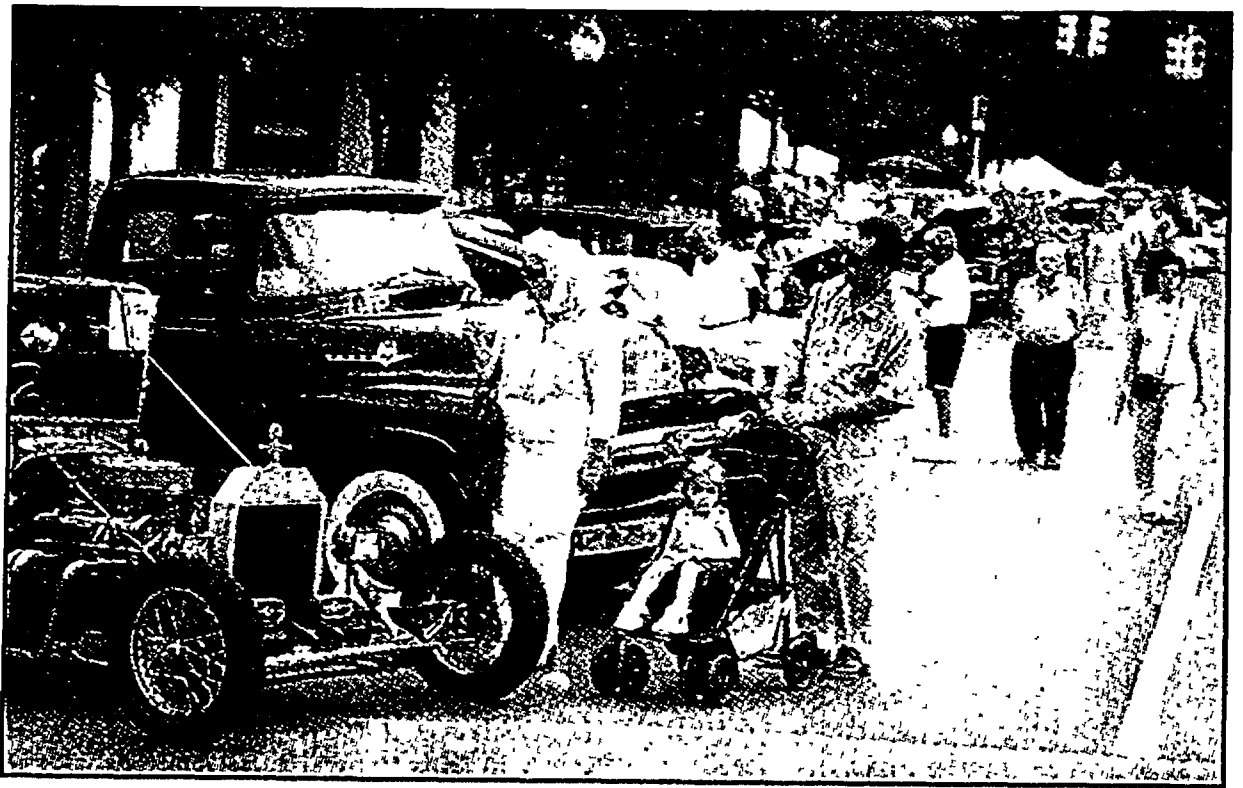
Auto enthusiasts used to getting their thrills during Fall Festival are getting a double dose again this year.

The Plymouth Fall Festival 2003 Antique Car Show is set for Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. The show, which features cars vintage 1975 and older, takes place at Ann Arbor Trail and Forest. It's the second year the car show has been expanded in two days.

There is room for about 200 vehicles a day, and show organizers expect to get at least that many. Traditionally, cars have had to be turned away.

To rev things up this year, show organizers have added a motorcycle show.

Drive-up registration fees the day of the show are \$15 for one, \$20 for both days. To be eligible to participate, cars must be vintage



The car show is a large draw for the people who visit the annual Plymouth Fall Festival.

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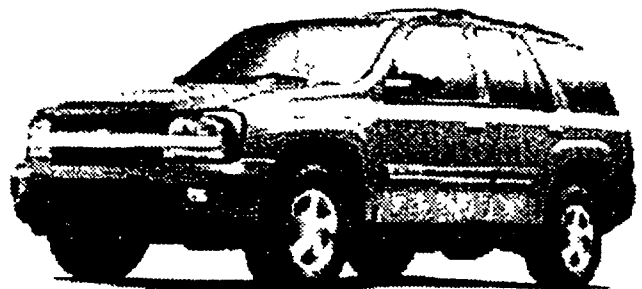
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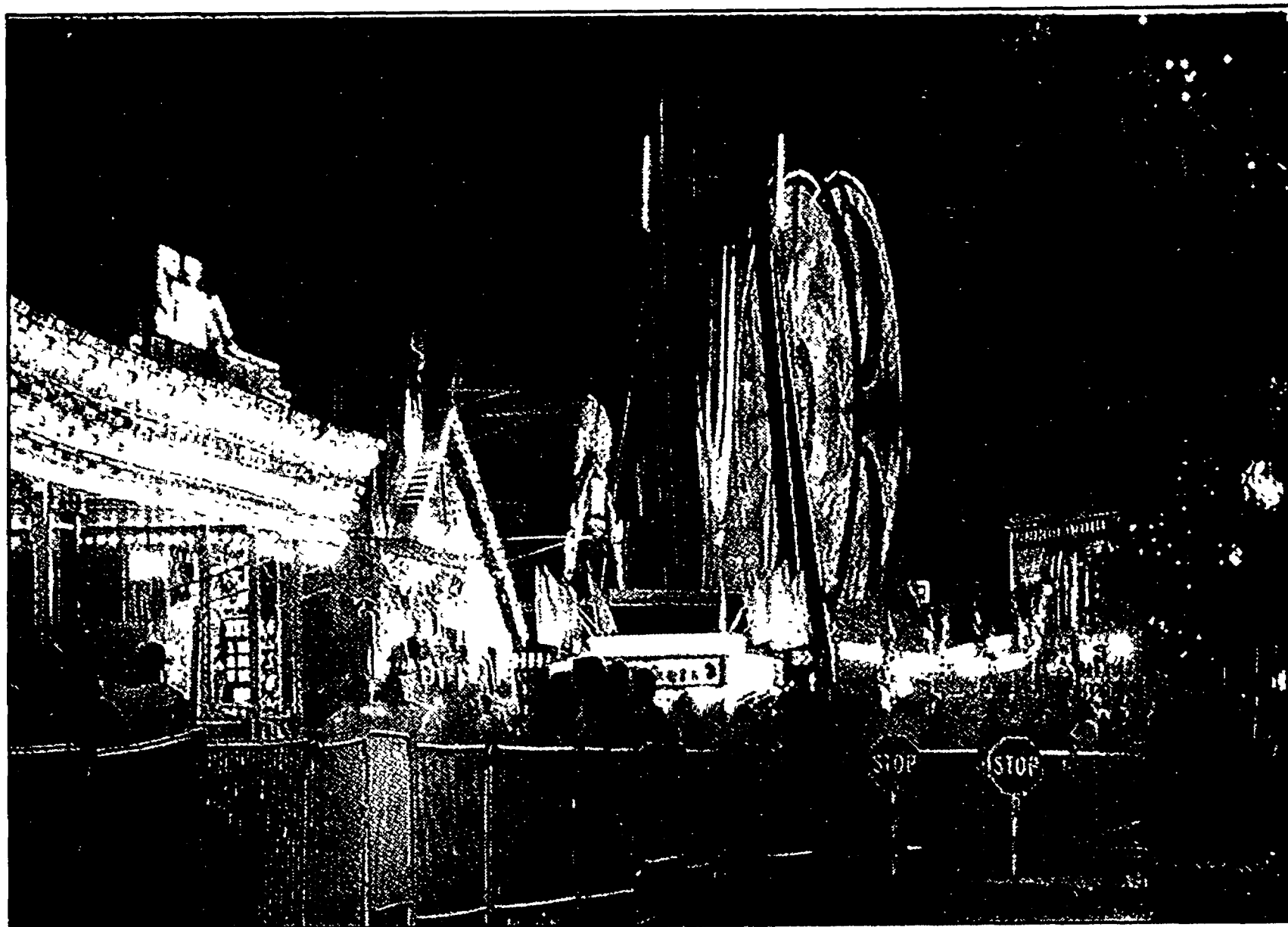
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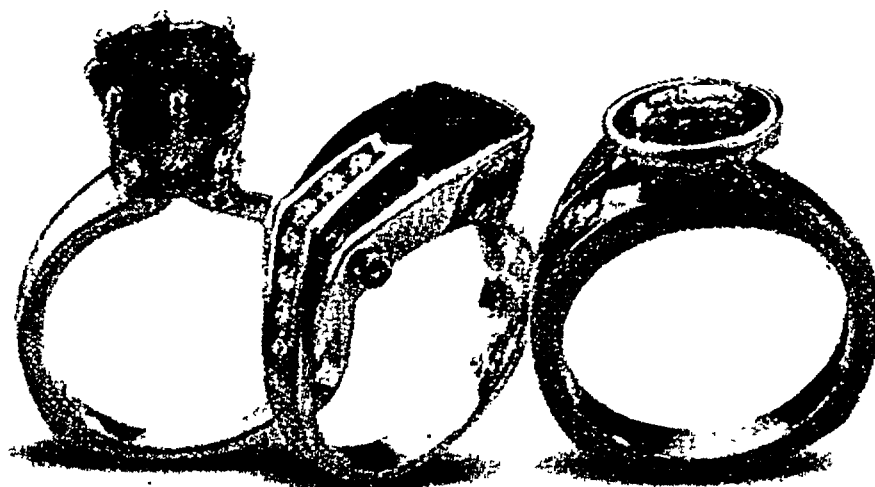
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Local singer on festival slate

The Plymouth Fall Festival entertainment schedule takes on a decidedly local flavor when popular Plymouth performer Sarah Lenore opens for Luther Keith at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5.



Plymouth Fall Festival entertainment draws huge crowds every year.



Lenore has performed at a variety of local events, as well as being on television. Recently, during a performance by country star Leeann Rimes at DTE Energy Theater in Clarkston, Lenore was pulled out of the audience to sing when Rimes saw the sign she was holding: "Leeann, can I sing with you?"

Entertainment will be at more of a premium this year than in past years, because there will be one less stage.

Festival organizers had to cut out a stage because of budget constraints. The remaining two stages will be located in Kellogg Park and at City Hall.

ALEXANDER ZONJIC

Main Stage, 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6

The biggest draw, and one of the festival's most popular acts in recent years, is flutist Alexander Zonjic.

Zonjic started his musical career at age 9 in his hometown of Windsor when he took up the guitar.

He was the lead guitar player in a rhythm-and-blues band at age 15, and at age 21 he discovered the beauty, power and intelligence of music.

While performing in Detroit jazz club Baker's Keyboard Lounge, Zonjic met keyboard legend Bob James, who asked Zonjic to join his band.

The collaboration led to recording with such jazz greats as Earl Klugh, Kirk Whalum, Harvey Mason and Angela Bofill, among others.

Zonjic has performed on stages around the world as a solo performer, with his own group and as part of James' band.

He has also performed at major classical and jazz festivals throughout North America, including appearances at Carnegie Hall, the Hollywood Bowl and New York's Apollo Theater.

SARAH LENORE

Main Stage, 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 5

Lenore's career started 10 years ago. She's performed in more than 25 musical plays; including *Mame*, her most recent credit, and the Broadway production of *Showboat*, her highlight role.

Most recently, Sarah traveled to New York City, where she performed at Carnegie Hall.

While there, Sarah was discovered by a NBC producer and asked to perform the next day on the nationally televised Caroline Rhea Show.

Sarah has also been selected as a contestant for the next installment of America's Most Talented Kid, an NBC reality show.

Last September, she was a feature performer in the City of Detroit's largest fund-raiser ever to raise money for a single charity, Impact at Ford Field. Sarah was selected from a group of more than 300 metro-Detroit singers who hoped to perform alongside Gladys Knight, Deborah Gibson and Dale Kristien.

In addition to Impact at Ford Field, also in 2002, Sarah performed the National Anthem at several high-profile events, including the pre-season home opener for the Detroit Lions at Ford Field, the NASCAR Fan Appreciation Day at Comerica Park, and at an invitation-only reception for Vice President Dick Cheney at Laurel Manor.

Sarah was featured on The Mitch Albom Show and the WXYZ Morning Show.

Over the course of the last three years, Sarah has performed at numerous festivals, including Jackson County Festival in Ohio, Fort Wayne, Ind., and the Plymouth Fall Festival.

Sarah recently completed production of her first demo CD, a mix of country and pop. She maintains an "A" average. Sarah plans to spend her summer working in the studio while touring the region entertaining festival-goers.

The rest of the entertainment slate features:

■ Luther "Badman" Keith, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5.

■ Hoo-DooPhaz, noon-2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7.

■ The Harry Stahl Band, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7.

■ Lady Sunshine & the X Band, 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7.

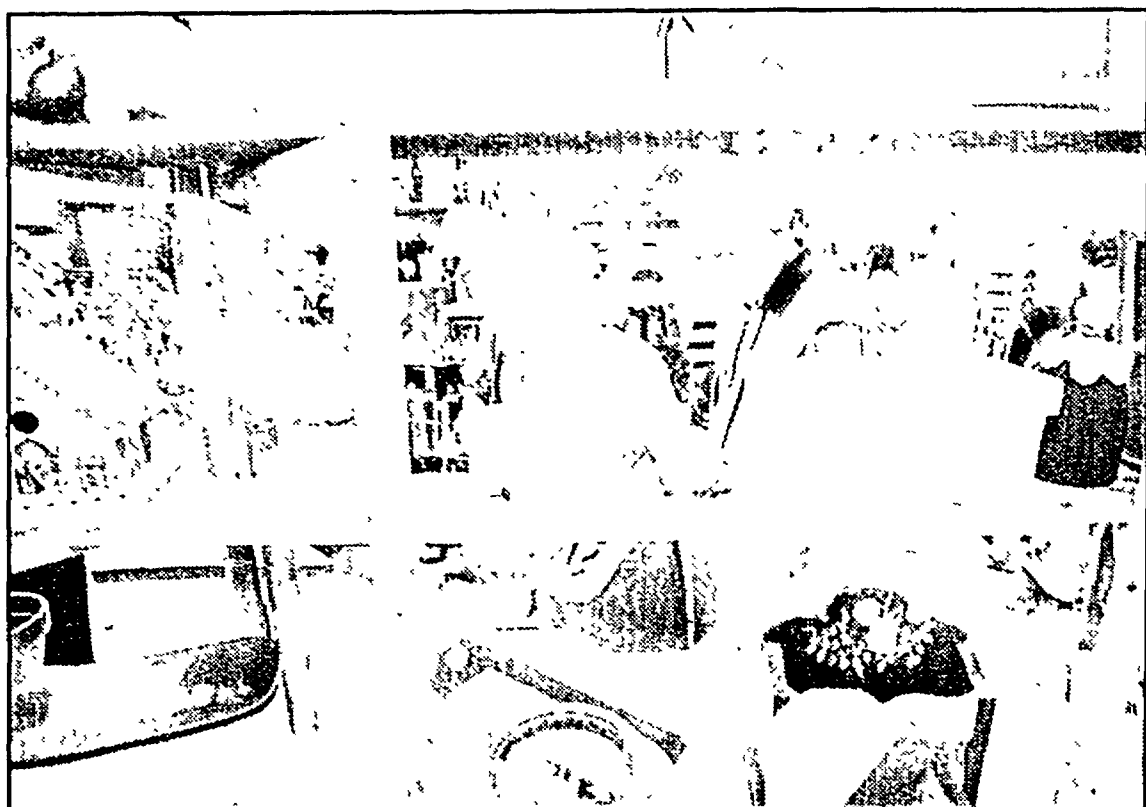
Painters sponsor craft show

The seventh-annual Treasure Chest Craft Show is set for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 6-7, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. in Central Middle School, at the corner of Church and Main in Plymouth.

Admission to the show, sponsored by The Village Painters, is \$1. It features a large variety of hand-painted items including painted furniture, glassware, watercolor and oil paintings, seasonal designs painted on wood and tin surfaces, jewelry and baskets.

The Village Painters is a local decorative painting chapter of The Society of Decorative Painters.

A raffle will include three hand-painted accessories for the home. Some of the proceeds will go to fund a tree at the Festival of Trees, and painted memory boxes for the Infant Bereavement Program at Providence and Riverside Hospitals.



Crafts are a big part of the annual Plymouth Fall Festival. The Village Painters host a craft show at Central Middle School Saturday and Sunday.

The Village Painters are also sponsoring a free "Learn to Paint" booth outside the school, where members will teach anyone stopping by to paint a project.

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Big drop

The slide was popular among the carnival-rider set during last year's Plymouth Fall Festival. The rides will be set up until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights this year.



Stacked competition

The Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club will sponsor a booth during the Plymouth Fall Festival that will host a cup-stacking competition. Rotary officials call it the "hottest and fastest-growing sport in America," involving the stacking and unstacking of specialized cups in a pre-determined sequence at lightning speeds. Officials say it promotes quickness, develops hand-eye coordination and improves mental concentration. The A.M. Rotary booth will be located in front of Gabriela's on Main Street. The fastest stackers will compete for prizes, and all proceeds will benefit Rotary charities.

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- Plymouth Family YMCA - Root Beer Floats, Boston Coolers and water
- Plymouth Lions Club - TCBY Yogurt, Smoothies, Bottled Water and Caramelized Apple Chips
- Polish National Alliance - Centennial Dancers - Kielbasa Sandwich, Kielbasa Sandwich with Kraut, Pierogies (Dumplings) Potatoes, Cheese or Kraut, Stuffed Cabbage, Pickles, Bowl of Kraut, Combination Plate (sample of all of the above), Nalesnicki (Crepe), Pop and Coffee
- Risen Christ Lutheran Church - Baked White Potatoes and Sweet Potatoes with toppings bar
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Pets show off animal charms

There are a lot of traditions associated with the 48-year-old Plymouth Fall Festival, and the Optimist Club's pet show is one of them.

The show, scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6 in Kellogg Park, always draws a wide variety of pets, primarily cats and dogs.

Some of the more exotic pets are caterpillars, turtles, rabbits, ferrets, peacocks, pheasants, parrots, goats and snakes.

All children will walk away with ribbons - either participatory ribbons or first-, second-, or third-place ribbons. Big kids can win ribbons, too.

Felix Rotter, past Optimist Club president, said he has a lot of fond memories about the pet show.

One such memory is of an older woman bringing a very tiny toy poodle to the show a few years ago, only to learn she was too late for the dog judging. She had the diminutive canine tucked under an arm.

Instead of turning her away, however, a new category for "smallest dog" was created, and she walked away with first prize.

"She literally floated off the stage," Rotter said. "These things seem to leave a mark in your memory."

Another fond pet show memory involves two

The annual Optimist Pet Show isn't just for all the usual pets. Sometimes, the stranger, the better.



Kids of all ages bring their pets to the annual Optimist Club pet show during the Plymouth Fall Festival.

giggling little girls, whose "pet" was a caterpillar they'd just picked up in Kellogg Park.

When asked how long they had their "pet", they said, "Oh, about five minutes." They walked away with a blue ribbon for most unusual colored pet.

The event is especially popular with children - of all ages.

"We can expect to see 150 little kids, anywhere from (age) 3 to 35," Rotter said jokingly.

Sometimes the children put him in his place. Rotter recalled telling a joke to a 12-year-old girl, who promptly dissed it.

"Why did the turtle cross the road?" Rotter asked. The punchline was, "To get to the shell station on the other side."

The girl was not amused.

"That's dumb," she told Rotter, who in turn, retired the joke.



Cats and dogs alike are welcome at the annual pet show.



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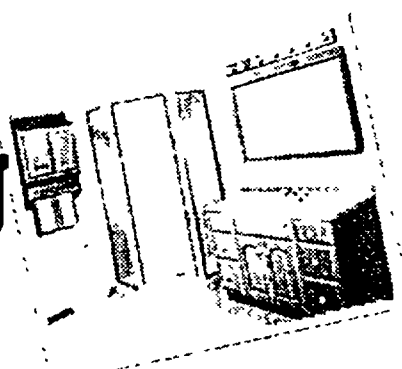
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Festival has come a long way

The Plymouth Fall Festival grew out of a community family picnic, sponsored by the Plymouth Rotary Club. The idea for the picnic was suggested by Don Lightfoot, a member of the club's Youth Activities Committee.

Lightfoot proposed that Rotary sponsor a chicken barbecue to raise funds to buy equipment for a playground at the end of Wing Street.

About 500 people attended the event, held at the Playground on May 20, 1956. During the outing, President-elect Don Sutherland of the Rotary Club presented the playground equipment, and Mayor Russell Daane accepted it for the City.

A second picnic was held June 9, 1957, at the



Starting young

This mom took a few minutes to see how her daughter liked the Kiwanis pancake breakfast during last year's Plymouth Fall Festival. This year's event takes place in The Gathering Saturday morning, Sept. 6.

Hamilton Street Playground. As in the preceding and succeeding years, Rotarians prepared and served the 500 chickens used that year. The price of the meal, consisting of barbecued chicken, corn-on-the cob, potato chips and coffee was \$2 for adults, and \$1.25 for children. The profit, \$505, was again spent for playground equipment.

The site for Rotary's "Third Annual

Plymouth Community Chicken Barbecue," held Sept. 18, 1958, was the athletic field of Plymouth High School (now Central Middle School). Tickets that year were reduced to

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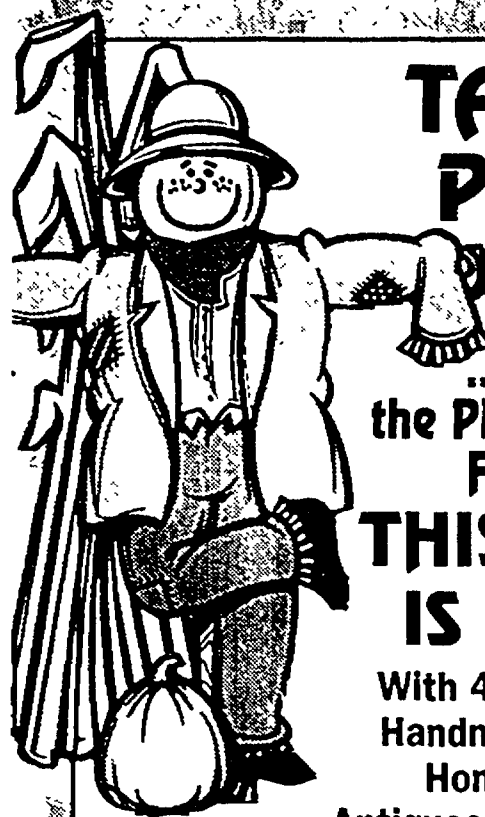
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\$1.50 for adults and \$1 for children.

The purpose was to raise money for Rotary's Youth Benefit and Community Service Fund "and to extend a welcome to our neighbors to visit Plymouth."

No festival was held in 1959. From these three barbecues, held on neighborhood play grounds, grew the first Fall Festival, which took place in the fall of 1960.

Frank Arlen, who was very thorough, went at the job of chairing the first Fall Festival like a time-study man and efficiency expert. We not only applied some of the ideas we had picked up at Manchester, he introduced some thoughts of his own.

He "automated" serving line and improved cooking techniques at the charcoal pits. The first Fall Festival in Plymouth was a huge success.

The first Fall Festival took place in Plymouth on Sunday, September 11, 1960, from 12:30 pm. to 6 pm. The good weather, ordered by Rotary's chaplain, the Reverend Henry Walch, came as scheduled, and the festival got under way.

The City had agreed to close Penniman

Avenue, between Main and Union. The concrete block barbecue pits were set up in the parking lot, owned by Chuck Finlan, adjacent to the Penn Theatre. Picnic tables and chairs were set up in Kellogg Park which was colorfully decorated by members of the Rotary Club.

The eighty members of the Rotary Club had sold tickets, at \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for children, buttonholing their relatives, friends, customers and anyone else with whom they came in contact.

Eventually, the Fall Festival was more than the Rotary Club could handle on its own. Other organizations were invited to join in the event and a Plymouth Fall Festival Board encompassing more than Rotary was established. The Festival was expanded from the one-day event sponsored by Rotary, to a several-day affair with many segments of the community represented.

There is no doubt, in terms of sheer numbers, that the Plymouth Fall Festival has exceeded the wildest expectations of its early planners. Those who serve on the Fall Festival Board have no easy job in piloting the event.

(Note: This historical summary can be found on the festival Web site, www.plymouthfallfestival.com, and in Sam Hudson's book, *The Story of Plymouth, Michigan: A Midwest Microcosm*.)

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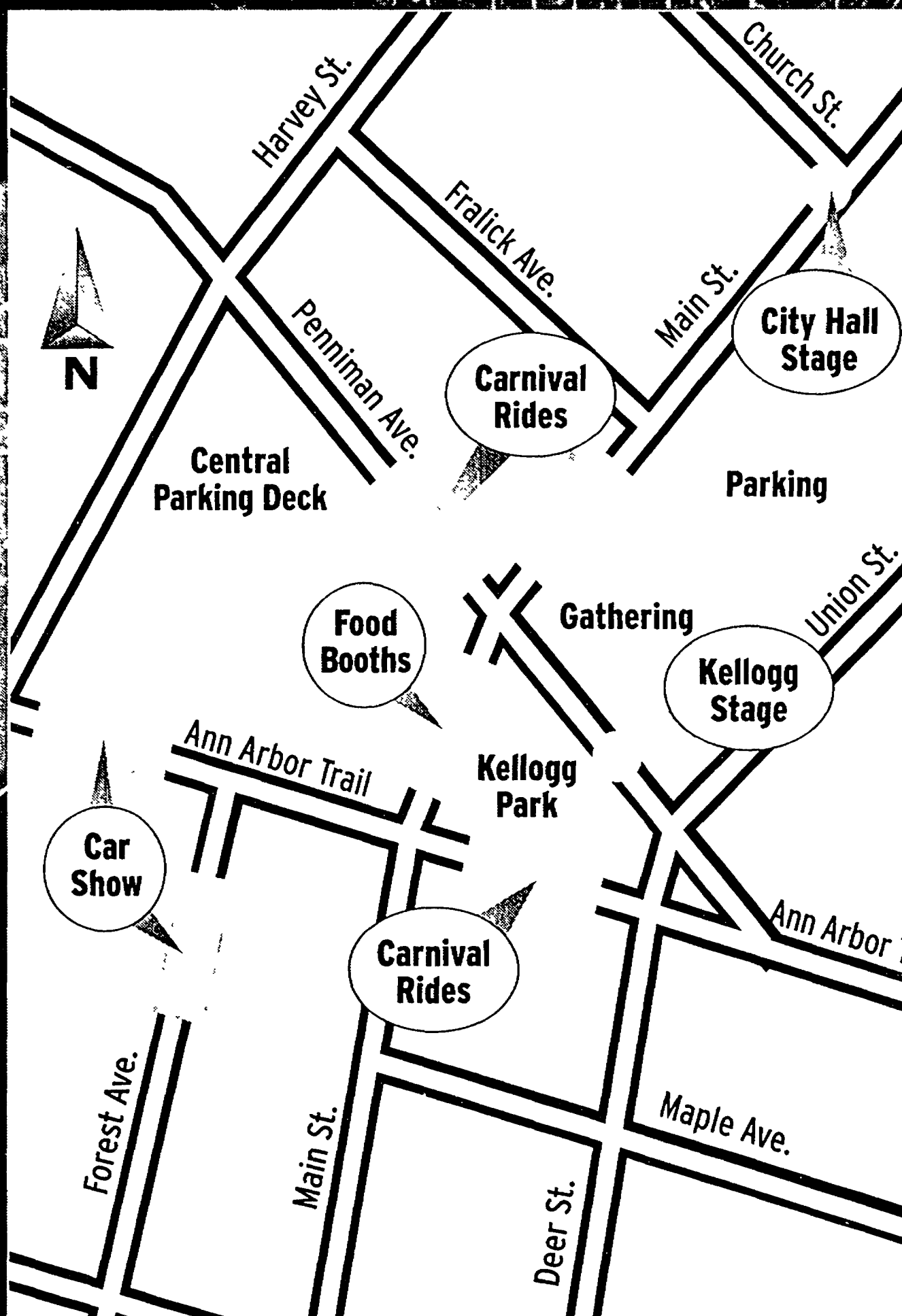
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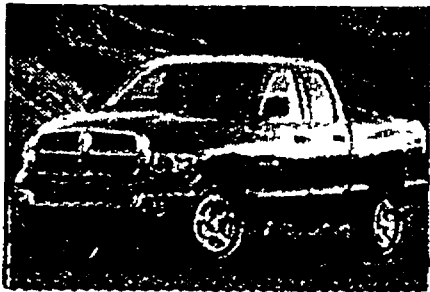
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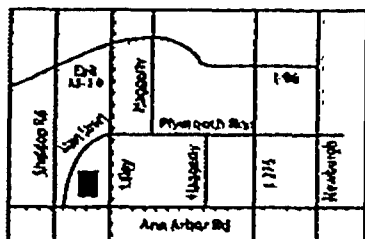


Dodge



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684 Ann Arbor Rd Plymouth, MI



Sales
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9 - 6 Tues, Wed, Fri
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Service & Parts
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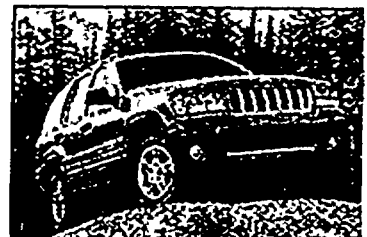
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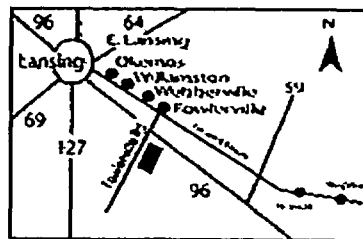
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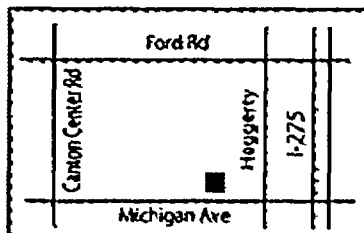
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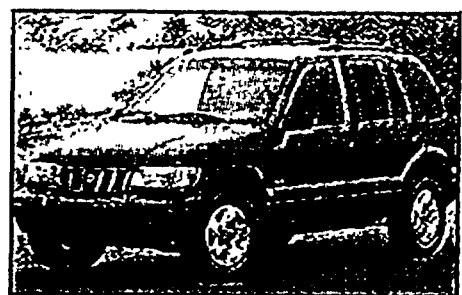
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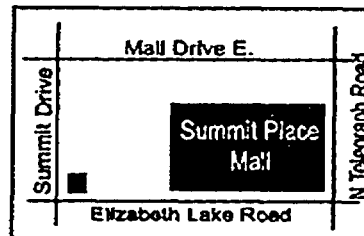
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Waterford



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2200 Elizabeth Lake Road, Waterford, MI



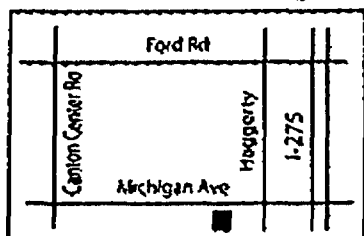
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Service & Parts
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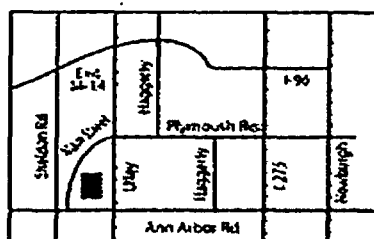


Sales
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Service & Parts
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Dick Scott COLLISION

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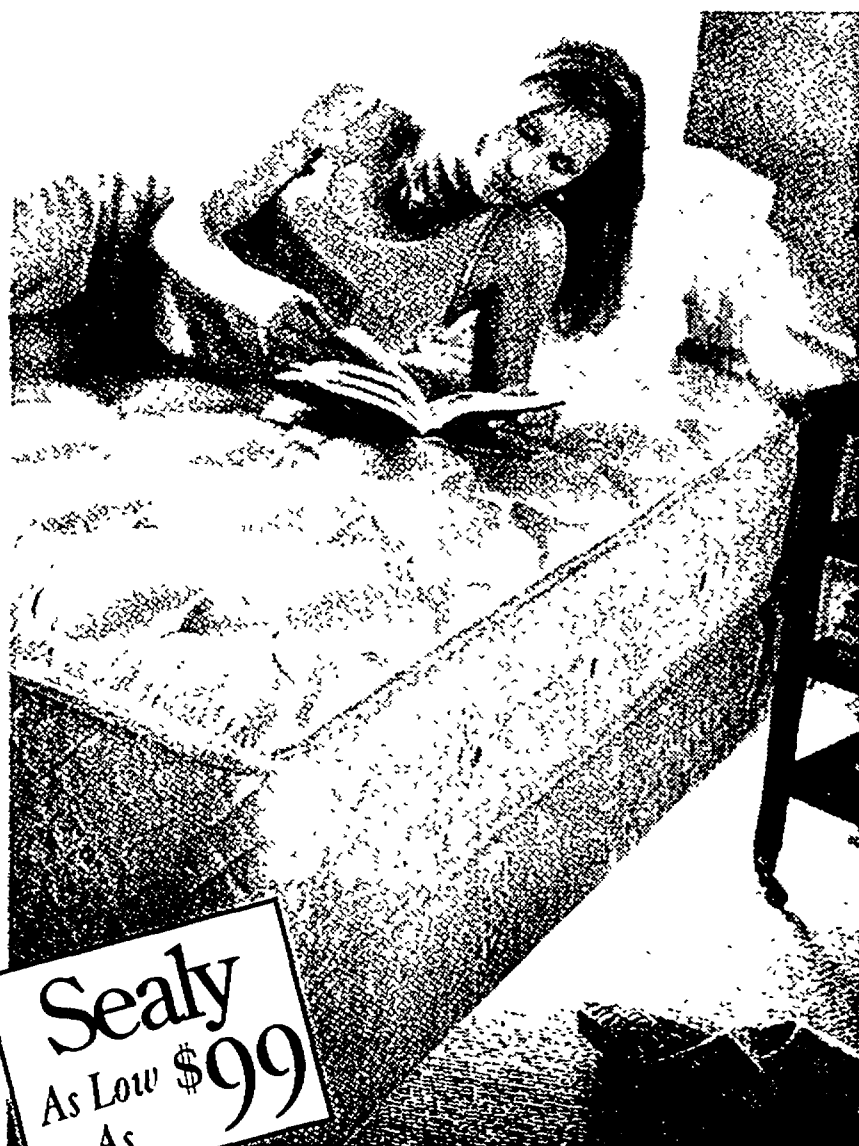


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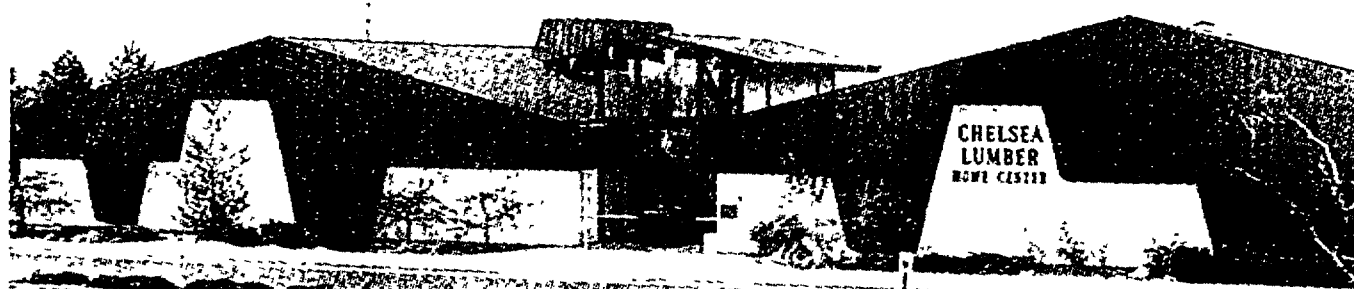
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Of special interest in this issue

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Chelsea Lumber's Construction Financing Plan

Compare our interest rates and material costs; you are not required to buy materials from us; we give you experienced help from start to finish.

We started Construction Financing 36 years ago. That experience makes us the best choice for you, hands down. We know how to help you make your new home a reality, not just a dream. Can you imagine the pride of managing the construction of your own home. Come on ... together we can make your dream come true ... and you can start now. *Come in and meet our Construction Financing Professionals. Call 1-800-875-9126 for an appointment.*

FREE! CLINICS!

CONSTRUCTION FINANCING

Tuesday, Sept. 9th • 7:00 p.m.

Wed., Sept. 10th
at 7:00 p.m.

**DECKS
or
POLE BARNs**

Separate Clinics,
Same Night

Wed., Sept. 10th
at 7:00 p.m.

**WOOD
BASEMENTS**

Tues., Sept. 9th
at 7:00 p.m.

**ANDERSEN
WINDOWS
AND
DOORS**



FREE! CLINIC! Tues., Sept. 9th

Kitchen & Bathrooms at 7:00 p.m.

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- Unlimited draws • No builder's license needed • We will even pay off your land contract
- Save money and build home equity • Kitchen displays that rival the best you'll see anywhere
- Thousands of sq. ft. of showroom space • *Chelsea Lumber is Small Town Friendly and Big City Capable*



Seated l to r: Shelley Wheaton, CeCe Riley, Jean Bust. Standing l to r: Neal Moor, Doug Beaumont, Joe Ewald, John Daniels, Kevin Kunzelman, John Robbins.

When you visit us, we'll assign you to your own Home Construction Financing Professional, one of nine people who work exclusively in our Construction Financing Department. They have the expertise to explain the financing details and to help you with your construction from start to finish.

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Come meet our friendly and knowledgeable people who are dedicated to helping you build your dream home! We feature energy efficient Andersen® products.



Why consider a Home Construction Financing Plan?

- **Compare our interest rate.** Banks provide the dollars for a final mortgage, but not during construction. **WE DO BOTH!**
- **You will save money** by being your own general contractor and, if you choose, by providing some of the labor yourself, or by using your relatives' and friends' help. And remember, we're there to help guide you.
- **You don't have to wait**, why not start your home now? Nothing will make you prouder than building the home of your dreams.

Why select Chelsea Lumber Company's Home Construction Financing Plan?

- **EXPERIENCE!** Our Financing Plan is the **original**. All others have tried to copy ours! For more than 36 years, we've been financing new-home construction, making it possible for over 4,000 homes to be built in a 17-county area. We've helped more people and financed more homes than all the others put together.
- **WE MAKE IT SIMPLE.** When you talk with Chelsea Lumber, the whole process shifts from complicated to doable. All the estimating, qualifying and arranging for any outside contracting is done with the help of your personal Home Construction Financing Professional.
- **WE PROVIDE FINANCING.** Cash to build your home is provided by Chelsea Lumber Company, and no payments are due until your home is completed. We are your one-stop source for money and materials (You don't have to buy the materials from us).
- **FOR SEVENTY-SIX YEARS**, Chelsea Lumber has been selling top-quality building materials at low prices. As a Home Construction Finance customer, you will get our lowest cash 'n carry prices (not even the boss buys for less). Compare our material prices with any other dealer.
- **WE NOW OFFER A DESIGN LIBRARY LOUNGE WITH 40 PRE-PRICED HOME DESIGNS PLUS HUNDREDS OF OTHERS TO SELECT FROM.**
- **WE ALSO HAVE DESIGN CONSULTANTS TO MODIFY A CURRENT DESIGN OR TO DESIGN TO YOUR SPECIFICATIONS.**

How important is this decision?

- Building your home is the most important financial decision you'll ever make - *it's that important!* Join the hundreds of Michigan families who choose Chelsea Lumber's Home Construction Financing Plan each year. Come learn the facts...see our facilities...meet our people at our **FREE CLINIC Tuesday, September 9th at 7:00 PM**, and then make an informed choice about this most important decision.

Chelsea Lumber has been the leader in Construction Financing Plans for 36 years. We now offer the most complete package available. Whether you are building a new home or want to re-mortgage your present one, we have services and rates that rival anyone...lumber companies or banks. The difference is, we know construction and financing like no one else. Our experience works for you.

Call us toll free now for an appointment at 1-800-875-9126.



kitchen & bath design center

New Home or Remodeling... start with us.

The Kitchen & Bath design center at Chelsea Lumber Company is sure to have all the right ingredients – from concept to completion and all the steps in-between. We can even wrap up your dream by the end of summer if you shop early! We've become one of the largest kitchen centers in Michigan and can offer you the finest cabinetry, countertops and fixtures.

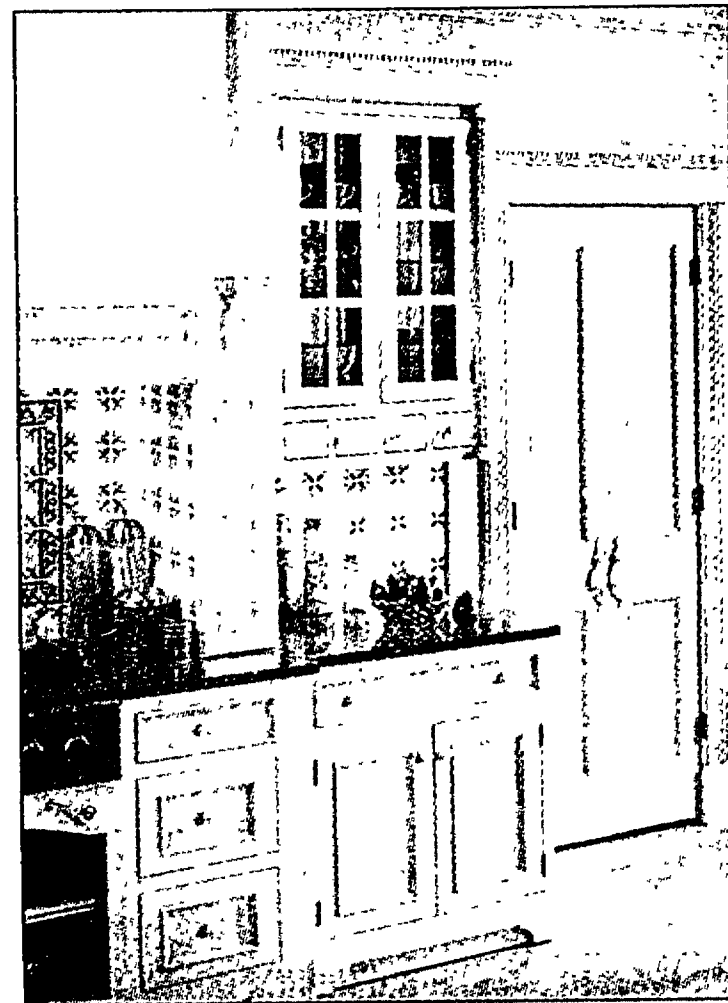
We are truly a kitchen and bath specialty house.

- 11 Experienced, creative staff.
- All of the best name brands.
- Over 3,000 sq. ft. showroom.
- Over 30 exciting and diverse displays
- Computerized, 3-dimensional designs
- Complete service from start to finish, including installation
- Learn more about our design staff and many of the quality products at www.chelsealumber.com

Service, Design Quality

Our goal is to bring your thoughts and ideas for your kitchen and/or bath areas to fruition, so every detail of the project is addressed from faucets to crown moldings. We'll help you select the right cabinetry and counter tops; we'll present fixtures and accessory choices that accent the space; and, we'll work with you in coordinating other material selections.

Whether you're expanding, remodeling or building new, you will find exciting ideas and products at the Chelsea Lumber Company design center.



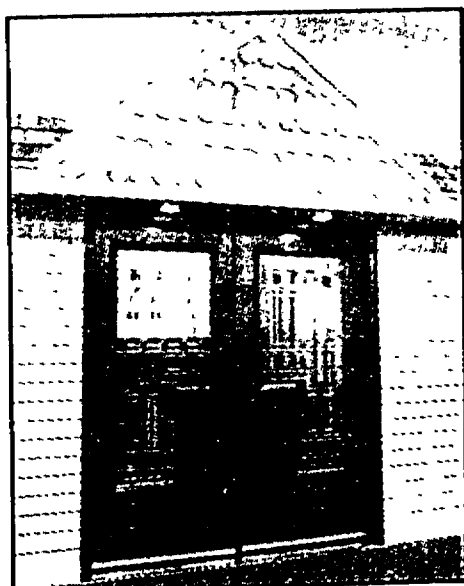
We can now supply interior doors to match the colors of cabinetry.

SEPT. 9th CLINIC

Please come to our free clinic on Sept. 9th at 7:00 pm. Rick Tarantowski, CKD (Certified Kitchen Designer) will be talking about all the different products available for today's kitchens. Chelsea Lumber designers, along with manufacturer representatives, will also be available before and after the presentation to work with you on your individual projects and to answer any additional questions you may have.



WINDOWS DOORS ENTRANCES STAIR PARTS MOULDINGS



Chelsea Lumber has added 3,500 sq. ft., displaying the world's leading manufacturers of windows and doors. You really should come and check us out!

FREE ANDERSEN CLINIC
Tues., Sept. 9th at 7 pm

- **WINDOWS**
Anderson
Norco
Marvin

- **STAIR PARTS**
L.J. Smith

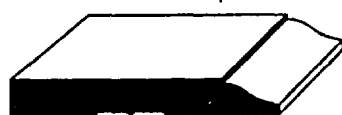
- **MOULDINGS**
Primed
White Pine
Oak

- **EXTERIOR DOORS**
Door Craft (Steel)
Therma-Tru

- **INTERIOR DOORS**
Woodharbor
Craftmaster
Oak and Birch Flush
Elite Molded Colonial

- **ENTRANCES**
International Wood Products

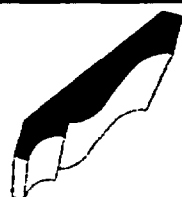
Primed Mouldings



Primed O.G. Base 7/16" x 3" **.33** per lineal foot
 Primed O.G. Base 9/16" x 4 1/4" **.77** per lineal foot
 (available in 16 foot lengths only)



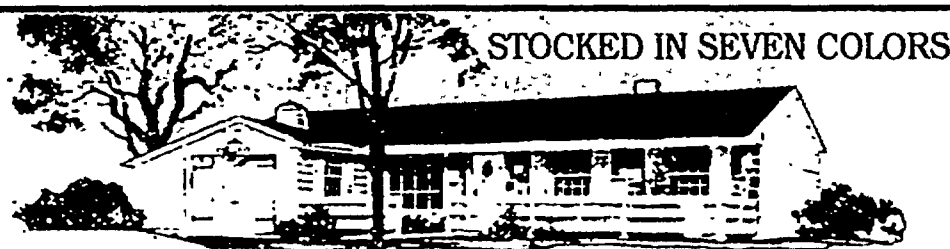
Primed O.G. Casing 1 1/16" x 2 1/4" **.31** per lineal foot
 (available in 14 foot lengths only)



Primed O.G. Crown 9/16" x 4 1/4" **.77** per lineal foot
 (available in 16 foot lengths only)

COMPARE OUR "FREE-DELIVERY" DEAL:

SIZE OF YOUR CASH ORDER	MILES TO JOBSITE				
	UP TO 20 MILES	20 TO 45 MILES	45 TO 60 MILES	60 TO 75 MILES	75 TO 90 MILES
Under \$1000	\$30	\$45	\$55	\$65	\$75
\$1000 to \$1500	\$20	\$30	\$45	\$55	\$65
\$1500 to \$2000	-0-	-0-	\$30	\$45	\$55
\$2000 to \$2500	-0-	-0-	-0-	\$30	\$45
\$2500 to \$3000	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	\$30
Over \$3000	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-



(Shingles are priced per square — one square covers 100 sq. ft.)

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THE ORIGINAL • THE BEST Douglas Fir Plywood Panels 5/8" Thickness	TI-11 4" and 8" Groove Spacing	\$27.39	\$36.49	\$42.49	Douglas Fir Plain Panels 1/2" Thickness \$17.39
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Economical! • Compare!
Dramatically Superior to all industry Standards • Strength, Durability, Workability
7/16" SIDINGS • 16' LENGTHS
6" - \$6.29 8" - \$7.79

Joists

Jager Super I™

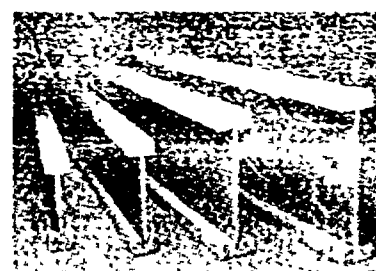
WE'VE SWITCHED! Why did

Chelsea Lumber switch to Jager Super I Joists?

- **Provable better quality** — EVERY joint in EVERY joist is tested for strength!
- **More builder-friendly** — 2 1/2 inch nailing flange rather than 1 1/2" flange makes nailing the subfloor easy.
- **Mechanicals can be cut in** to the floor system rather than suspended below it.
- **Stronger** — will span further and reduce deflection, vibration and floor squeaks.
- **Codes and standards** — Meets the latest revisions of all applicable codes and standards.



Jager Super I products are guaranteed to be free from defects in workmanship and materials and will carry the loads specified provided they are used under normal service conditions and in accordance with the instructions and specifications as referenced in our literature.



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40 P.S.F. LIVE LOAD & 10 P.S.F. DEAD LOAD
GLUED, NAILED SUBFLOOR L-360 DEFLECTION

JAGER JSI 25	DEPTH (INCHES)	O/C SPACING			
		12"	16"	19.2"	24"
	9 1/4"	19'8"	17'11"	16'9"	14'11"
	1 1/4"	22'10"	20'10"	19'00"	17'00"

JAGER JSI 25 PRICING

JAGER JSI 25	DEPTH (INCHES)	10'	12'	14'	16'	18'	20'
	9 1/4"	\$11.69	\$13.98	\$16.29	\$18.59	\$20.98	\$23.98
	1 1/4"	\$12.89	\$15.49	\$17.98	\$20.69	\$23.98	\$26.98

Doors

PRE-HUNG COLONIAL INTERIOR DOORS

COLONIAL
PANEL PRIMED

WITH FINGER
JOINTED JAMBS
AND STOPS

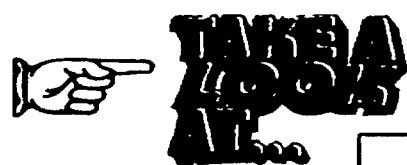


18" DOOR	20" DOOR	24" DOOR	28" DOOR	30" DOOR	32" DOOR	36" DOOR
\$52.95	\$52.95	\$52.95	\$56.95	\$56.95	\$57.95	\$59.95

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SELECTED
DECK-
GRADE
CEDAR

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2x4	\$6.69	\$7.79	\$9.69	\$10.98	\$12.98	—	—
2x6	\$10.98	\$13.79	\$17.89	\$19.88	\$22.79	\$25.98	\$30.98
4x4	\$18.89	\$22.89	\$27.98	—	—	—	—
5/4x6	\$8.89	\$11.69	\$13.69	\$15.69	\$18.69	\$21.69	\$24.69

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1X3	43' LIN. FT.
1X4	43' LIN. FT.
1X6	88' LIN. FT.
1X8	\$1.19 LIN. FT.
1X10	\$1.52 LIN. FT.
1X12	\$1.89 LIN. FT.

2x2'S AND
RAIL SPINDLES

CEDAR 42" TAPERED-END SPINDLES	\$2.10
CLEAR PREMIUM CEDAR 2x2x8'	\$4.98

CEDAR LATTICE PANELS
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4'x8' REGULAR	\$20.95
4'x8' HEAVY DUTY	\$30.95

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1x6 V-EDGE CEDAR Rough sawed face, sound knots, smooth back	\$1.08 LIN. FT.
1x4 V-EDGE CEDAR Smooth face, Ruff-back, clear	\$1.09 LIN. FT.

SMOOTH-FACE CEDAR
BEVEL SIDINGS

1/2x4	68¢ LIN. FT.
1/2x6	98¢ LIN. FT.
1/2x8	\$1.29 LIN. FT.

1x8 CHANNEL SIDING
CEDAR, RUFF-SAWED, KILN DRIED
\$1.45 LIN. FT.

KILN DRIED, RUSTIC THIK-BUTT
CEDAR BEVEL SIDING
1X6 73¢ LIN. FT. 1X8 \$1.06 LIN. FT.

A & BTR CLEAR
KILN-DRIED CEDAR

1X4	\$1.29 LIN. FT.
1X6	\$2.39 LIN. FT.
1X8	\$3.39 LIN. FT.
1X10	\$4.49 LIN. FT.
1X12	\$5.59 LIN. FT.



ABTCO Trim Boards now available at Chelsea Lumber Company. TrimBoards have a true cedar profile carefully molded into one side and the reverse side is smooth. Since it's free from natural flaws and knots, there's no splitting or checking, which means there is no waste. And that saves you money.
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5/4 x 4 x 16'	1" x 3-1/2"	\$9.98
5/4 x 6 x 16'	1" x 5-1/2"	\$15.69

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7 1/4 x 12' \$4.49

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- Realistic Woodgrains
- Won't Rot, Split, Crack or Burn
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SPLIT
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TWO RAIL \$20.00 THREE RAIL \$27.40

fire retardant materials

1 1/2" CDX	\$23.98
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3/4" CDX	\$32.99
2x4x8	\$3.68
2x6x8	\$5.59
2x4x10	\$4.49
2x6x10	\$6.98
2x4x12	\$5.99
2x6x12	\$7.79

construction lumber

	8'	10'	12'	14'	16'	18'	20'
2x4	PRE-CUT RAILS \$2.09 \$2.19	\$2.79	\$3.28	\$3.95	\$4.74	\$5.69	\$6.29
2x6	PRE-CUT RAILS \$3.39 \$3.39	\$4.29	\$4.79	\$5.39	\$6.89	\$8.15	\$9.29
2x8	\$4.89	\$5.95	\$7.39	\$8.39	\$9.69	\$12.29	\$13.69
2x10	\$5.98	\$7.69	\$9.49	\$11.29	\$12.59	\$15.39	\$17.39
2x12	\$7.98	\$9.98	\$11.98	\$13.98	\$15.98	\$19.89	\$21.98

ALSO PRE-CUTS FOR CEILINGS: 2x4's \$2.69 2x6's \$3.88

AND — NOW IN STOCK:
LVL BEAMS — 9 1/4", 11 1/4", 14", 16"

PER LINEAL FOOT	1 1/4"x9 1/4"	1 1/4"x11 1/4"	1 1/4"x14"	1 1/4"x16"
	\$3.25	\$4.10	\$5.15	\$5.75
	22'	24'	SPF EXTRA-LONGS 26'	
2x6	\$12.98	2x6 \$15.98		
2x8	\$18.69	2x8 \$20.69		
2x10	\$22.98	2x10 \$25.19	2x10	\$33.59
2x12	\$27.98	2x12 \$30.39	2x12	\$39.98

Chelsea Lumber is known for great personal service by exceptionally talented and experienced people, and our prices will please you. One trip to Chelsea Lumber and you will "feel" the difference.



FREE CLINIC!
Weds., Sept. 10th - 7 P.M.

deck packages

Only Chelsea Lumber pre-prices 14 decks with 6 floor options!

We'll bid on any size or shape deck. Each Deck Kit includes: construction guide, nails and all lumber to build. We've assumed a deck height 1-ft. above grade for pricing purposes. Railing and stairs are extra.

NEW!

Chelsea Lumber now has Nexwood composite, Weatherbest Premium composite and Evernew vinyl decking options. These deckings will not warp, rot or splinter. We also stock Nexwood in 2x6 planks.

.40 TREATED						
DECK SIZE	2x6 #1 S.Y.P.	5/4x6 POND. PINE	5/4x6 CEDAR	5/4x6 WEATHERBEST	5/4x6 NEXWOOD	2x6 EVERNEW VINYL
10X8	\$175	\$180	\$300	\$510	\$475	\$635
12X8	\$225	\$225	\$360	\$535	\$500	\$735
12X10	\$260	\$260	\$425	\$655	\$605	\$880
14X10	\$285	\$290	\$485	\$840	\$775	\$1140
14X12	\$360	\$375	\$605	\$1025	\$940	\$1385
16X8	\$285	\$295	\$465	\$700	\$655	\$965
16X10	\$335	\$345	\$560	\$855	\$790	\$1165

.40 TREATED						
DECK SIZE	2x6 #1 S.Y.P.	5/4x6 POND. PINE	5/4x6 CEDAR	5/4x6 WEATHERBEST	5/4x6 NEXWOOD	2x6 EVERNEW VINYL
16X12	\$425	\$450	\$705	\$1060	\$975	\$1405
18X12	\$500	\$505	\$790	\$1200	\$1115	\$1570
18X14	\$560	\$530	\$885	\$1240	\$1280	\$1880
20X10	\$410	\$430	\$690	\$1075	\$990	\$1485
20X12	\$495	\$520	\$840	\$1305	\$1200	\$1770
20X16	\$635	\$665	\$1100	\$1705	\$1555	\$2360
24X16	\$850	\$925	\$1440	\$2150	\$1965	\$2820

garages

Erected Packages to get the job done.

MATERIALS PACKAGE:

- Plans
- All materials including steel-clad walk-in door with Schlage lock
- 16x7 paneled steel overhead door
- Additional 9 x 7 overhead door included with the Cord.
- 12" overhang 4 sides (Hudson has 6" on eaves only)

ERECTED PACKAGE:

- Construction by dependable craftsmen backed by Chelsea Lumber

★ THE PACKARD
24 X 24

★ THE CORD
32 X 24

★ THE HUDSON
22 X 22

★ THE REGAL
28 X 24

TYPE OF SIDING	VERTICAL GROOVE SmartPanel® (TEXT 1-11)	VINYL WHITE DOUBLE 4.5"	ADD FOR SLAB ON LEVEL SITE SLAB BY US - AS PART OF ERECTED PKG. ONLY
MATERIALS ONLY	\$3335	\$3755	
ERECTED ON YOUR SLAB	\$7245	\$8040	\$4610
MATERIALS ONLY	\$4375	\$4565	
ERECTED ON YOUR SLAB	\$9435	\$10,395	\$6145
MATERIALS ONLY	\$3015	\$3215	
ERECTED ON YOUR SLAB	\$6425	\$7200	\$3875
MATERIALS ONLY	\$3860	\$4090	
ERECTED ON YOUR SLAB	\$8145	\$9045	\$5380

OTHER PRE-FIGURED-PACKAGE SIZES: 16'X22' & 30'X22' (or we'll custom figure any size).

*SLAB (FLOOR) INCLUDES: A 4" slab rimmed with expansion joint, fiberglass reinforced concrete, a 42" deep footing, two rows of block, a 24" apron at garage doors, and a 3x3 apron at service doors. 4" of sand is included for the base. Certain soil conditions may require additional reinforcement of slab and/or footing at extra cost. Important Note: Erected prices are based on a pre leveled site free of vegetation.

landscape timbers

The rounded-edge timbers are pressure-treated to point of refusal. Red pine rough sawn timbers are .40 retention.

3"x4"x8' Rounded-Edge	\$3.59
3-1/4"x5"x8' Jumbo Rounded-Edge	\$3.97

4"x6"x8' Rough Sawn Red Pine	\$7.98
6"x8"x8' Rough Sawn Red Pine	\$17.98
5"x5"x8' (full 5"x5") Rough Sawn Red Pine	\$9.79

#1 Railroad Ties	\$8.89
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Chelsea Lumber Company now offers WOOD BASEMENT INSTALLATION

We can build it on your site, or deliver it for you to build.

Why build a permanent **WOOD** basement?

- Warmer and dryer -Year around installation -Utility cost savings
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Let us answer any questions you may have and quote a price

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2x6 PRECUTS #1	\$6.98	2x8 PRECUTS #2	\$6.98	1x12x16	\$15.98
2x6x8	\$5.19	2x8x8	\$6.75	1/2" CDX PLY	\$22.98
2x6x16	\$11.39	2x8x10	\$8.98	5/8" CDX PLY	\$24.98
2x4x16	\$7.89	2x8x16	\$15.29	3/4" CDX PLY	\$29.98
2x10x16	\$20.98	2x12x16	\$25.98	3/4" T&G PLY	\$30.98

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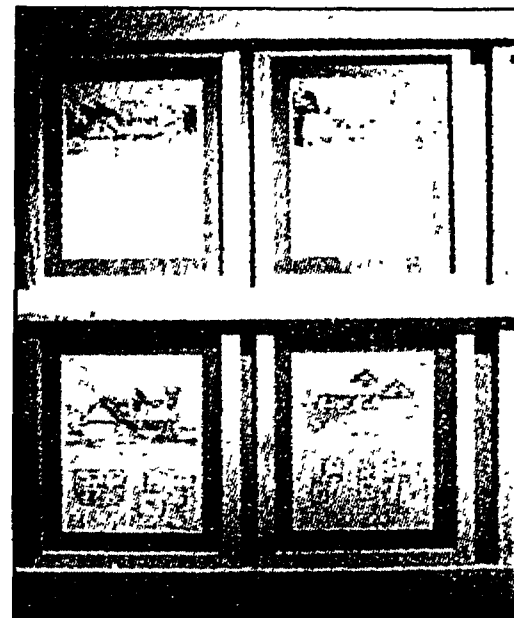
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for
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- Aluminum Overhangs • Insulated Steel Prehung Doors
- Andersen® Permashield Windows • Insulated RP Steel Garage Doors • Drywall • All Stair Parts • Interior Primed 6-Panel Doors • Primed Interior Trim • Fireplace (Not All Packages)
- Closet Materials • Kitchen & Bath Cabinets • All Countertops

The Pottersville - \$53,985
1,984 Sq. Ft.



The Granite - \$43,655
1,561 Sq. Ft.



The Thurston - \$52,785
2,316 Sq. Ft.



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POLE BARN:

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Equestrian Barns

(Give your horse a home)



THE STABLE



	MATERIALS PACKAGES		ERECTED PACKAGES	
	STEEL ROOF	SHINGLE ROOF	STEEL ROOF	SHINGLE ROOF
THE OAKWOOD 24'x32' 8 FT. HIGH WALLS 12 FT. x 7 FT. DOOR	\$3555	\$3605	\$5690	\$6430
THE ARROYO 24'x32' 10 FT. HIGH WALLS 12 FT. x 9 FT. DOOR	\$3785	\$3840	\$5935	\$6690
THE MESA 24'x40' 8 FT. HIGH WALLS 12 FT. x 7 FT. DOOR	\$4110	\$4130	\$6620	\$7505
THE CORRAL 30'x40' 10 FT. HIGH WALLS 14 FT. x 9 FT. DOOR	\$5125	\$5195	\$8135	\$9230
THE MESQUITE 30'x40' 12 FT. HIGH WALLS 14 FT. x 11 FT. DOOR	\$5480	\$5460	\$8510	\$9560
THE FRONTIER 30'x48' 10 FT. HIGH WALLS 12 FT. x 9 FT. DOOR	\$5680	\$5800	\$9195	\$10,525
THE ASPEN 30'x48' 12 FT. HIGH WALLS 12 FT. x 11 FT. DOOR	\$6050	\$6180	\$9585	\$10,955
THE ROUND-UP 36'x56' 12 FT. HIGH WALLS 12 FT. x 11 FT. DOOR	\$8445	\$8705	\$12,785	\$14,735
THE OSAGE 40'x64' 14 FT. HIGH WALLS 14 FT. x 13 FT. DOOR	\$10,620	\$11,070	\$16,890	\$18,860

We now offer 3 barns designed in the spirit of horsemanship. You can choose from our personal 2-stall barn, The Double Furlong, our 4-stall barn, The Stable, or our 6-stall barn, The Triple Furlong. Each has its own unique characteristics with everything to meet your stable requirements conveniently located on one level. All have a shingled roof with a 12" eave overhang and your choice of quality FABRAL steel siding or T-11 SmartPanel siding. We can prepare a material estimate for you with all the many options available or, if you choose, build any barn to your specifications with the same quality construction which has long been the Chelsea Lumber Company tradition.

BARN SIZE	NUMBER OF STALLS	MATERIALS ONLY SIDING OPTIONS	
		STEEL	T-11
24' X 38' - 10' (INCLUDES 8' OPEN END) THE DOUBLE FURLONG	2	\$5655	\$5795
30' X 40' - 10' - WITH 8' X 16' LEAN TO THE STABLE	4	\$10,430	\$10,345
32' X 60' - 10' - WITH 8' X 16' LEAN TO THE TRIPLE FURLONG	6	\$10,550	\$10,395

*STALL MATERIAL NOT INCLUDED. PRICES ARE FOR BASIC SHELLS ONLY. ASK YOUR SALESPERSON FOR PRICING ON STALL MATERIALS



GAMBREL-ROOF BARN

STEEL OR T-11 SmartPanel SIDING - SHINGLE ROOFS ONLY
(INCLUDES 12" EAVE OVERHANG)

	MATERIALS PACKAGES		ERECTED PACKAGES	
	STEEL SIDING	T-11 SDG.	STEEL SIDING	T-11 SDG.
THE WESTERN 24'x32' 8 FT. HIGH WALLS 12 FT. x 7 FT. DOOR	\$7460	\$7545	\$12,825	\$12,920
THE PRAIRIE 30'x40' 10 FT. HIGH WALLS 12 FT. x 9 FT. DOOR	\$10,040	\$10,275	\$17,110	\$17,375

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ALL BARN

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2x6	\$3.98	\$5.29	\$6.47	\$7.39	\$8.98	\$10.98	\$12.89
2x8	\$5.49	\$6.98	\$8.98	\$9.98	\$12.39	\$14.98	\$16.69
2x10	\$6.59	\$8.96	\$12.59	\$14.59	\$16.59	\$19.98	\$22.49
2x12	\$10.89	\$11.89	\$15.98	\$17.39	\$21.59	\$26.39	\$30.59
4x4	\$5.39	\$7.98	\$8.98	\$9.45	\$11.98	NOTE: 4x6 and 6x6 are .60 retention	
4x6	\$8.98	\$11.19	\$13.98	\$15.85	\$17.98	\$25.49	\$30.98
6x6	\$15.79	\$18.98	\$21.98	\$23.98	\$30.98	\$45.89	\$52.89
2x6 T&G	\$4.98	\$6.29	\$7.69	\$8.98	\$9.98	\$12.98	\$14.98

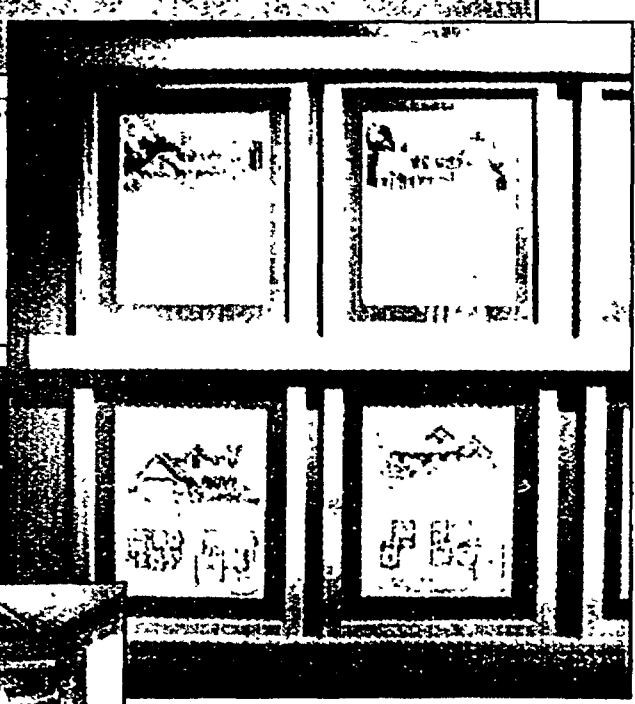
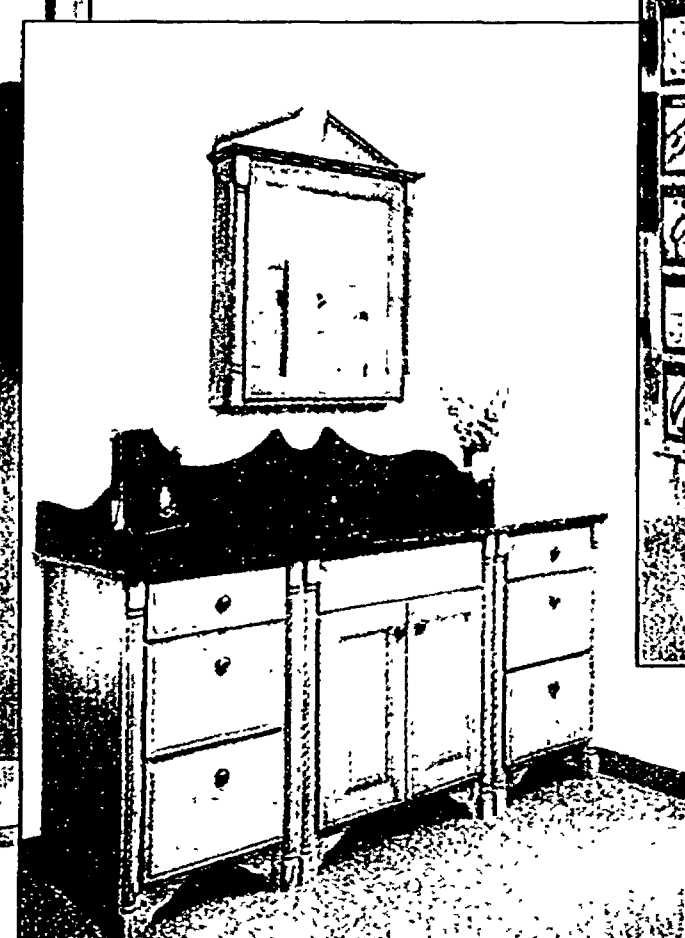
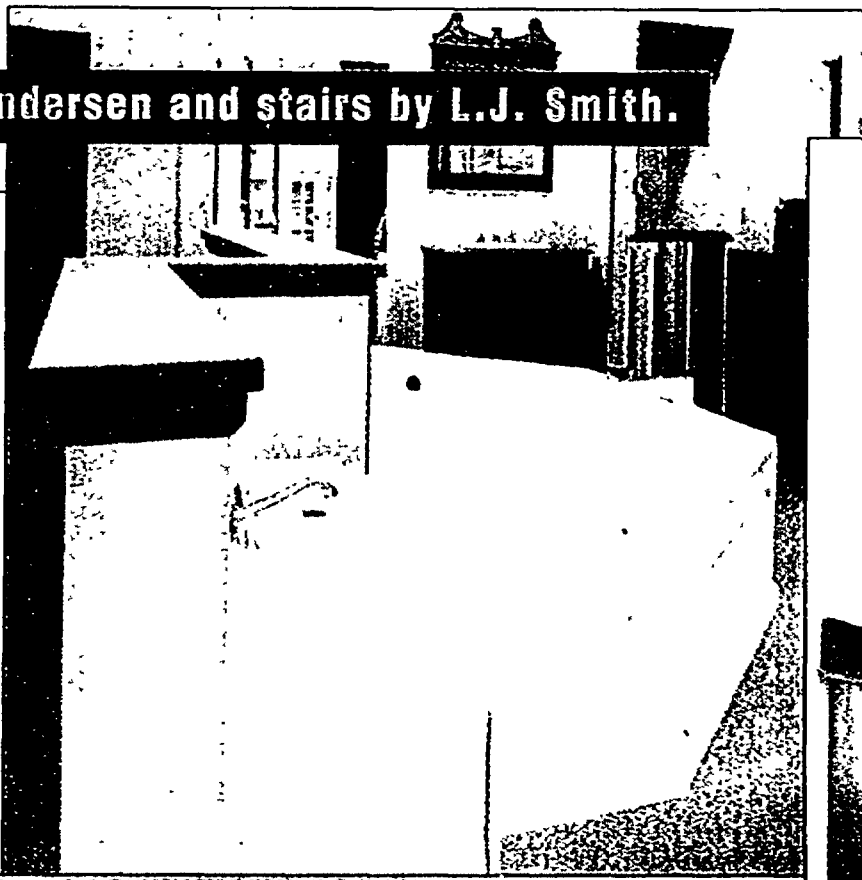
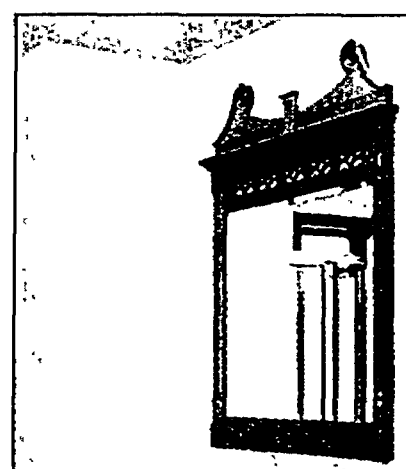
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LAMINATED POSTS BUILT TO STAY STRAIGHTER .60 CCA TREATED		22'		24'		26'		28'	
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.40 RETENTION PONDEROSA PINE		8'	10'	12'	14'	16'	18'	20'	
QUALITY DECKING 5/4x6		\$3.98	\$4.69	\$5.79	\$6.39	\$8.47	\$12.89	\$13.89	
1 x 4 SELECT GRADE		\$1.89	\$2.39	\$2.98	—	\$4.39	—	—	
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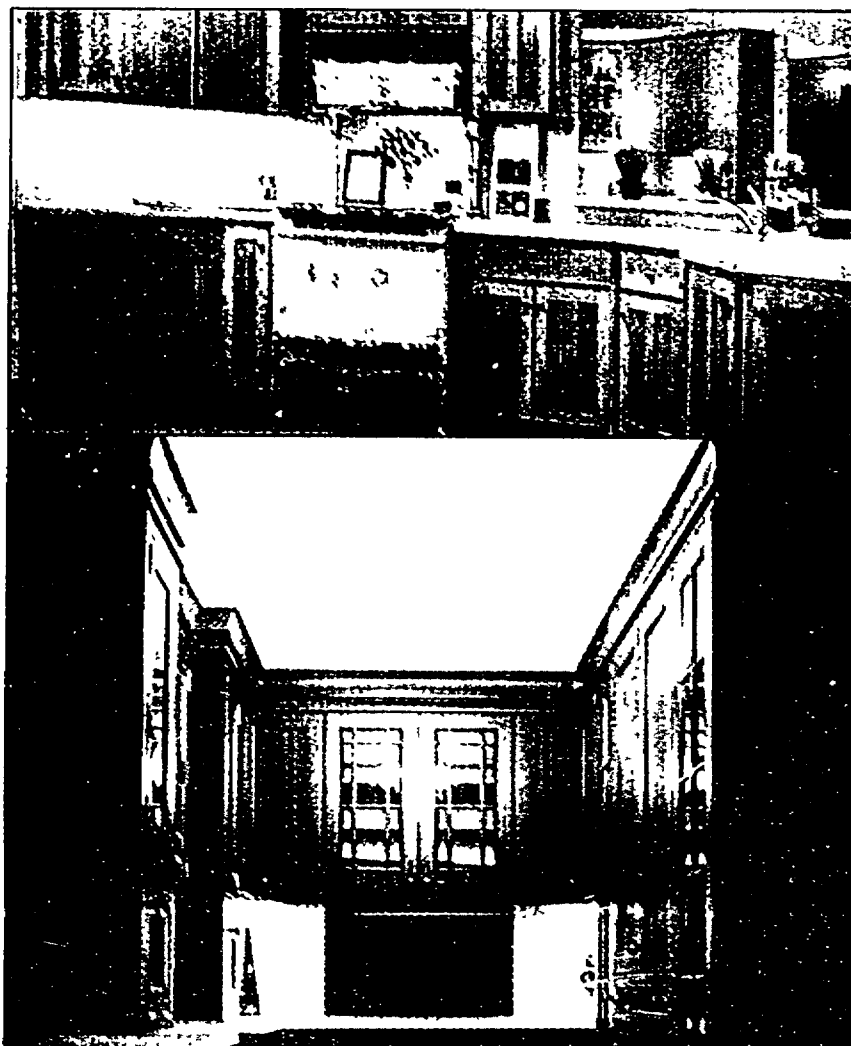
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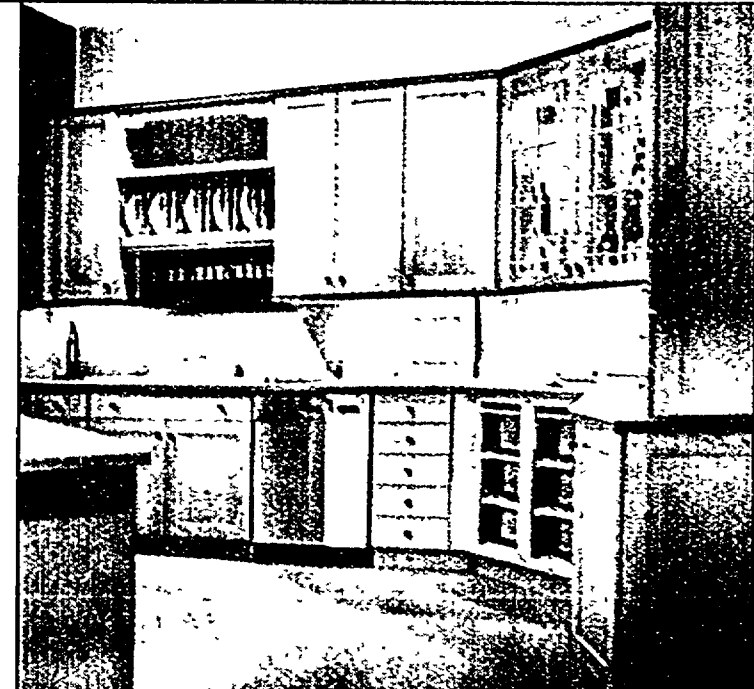


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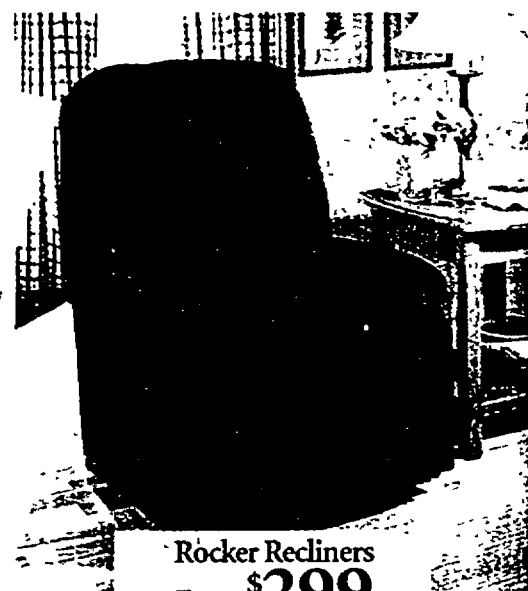
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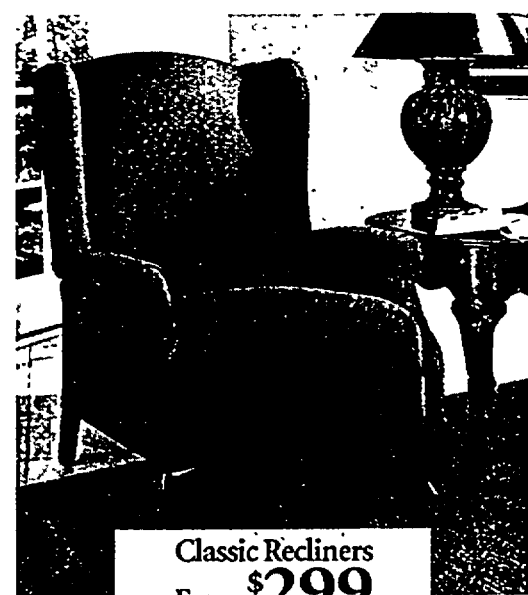
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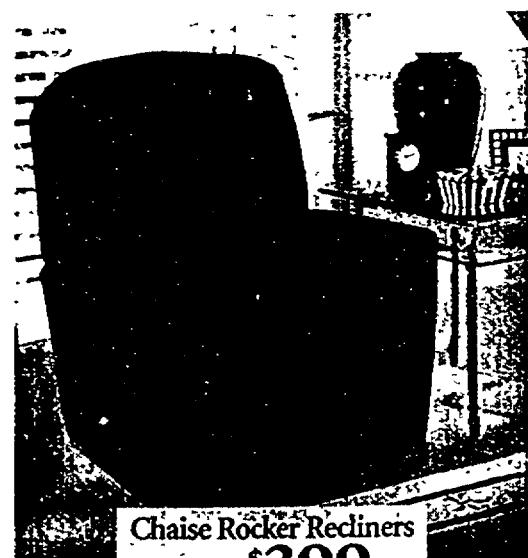
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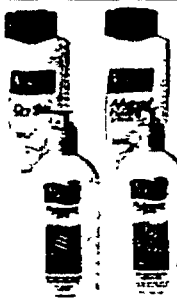
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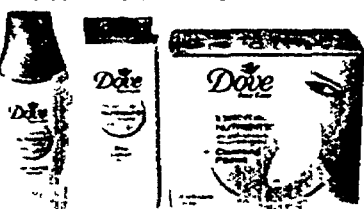
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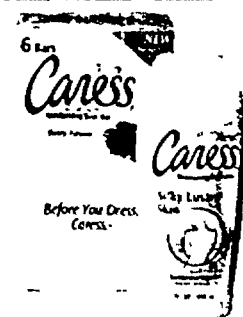
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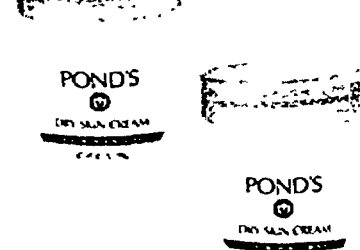
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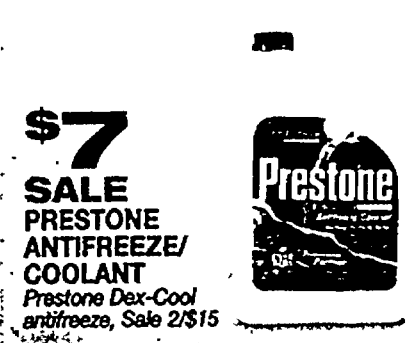
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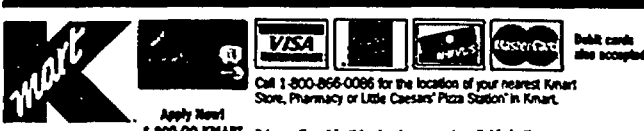


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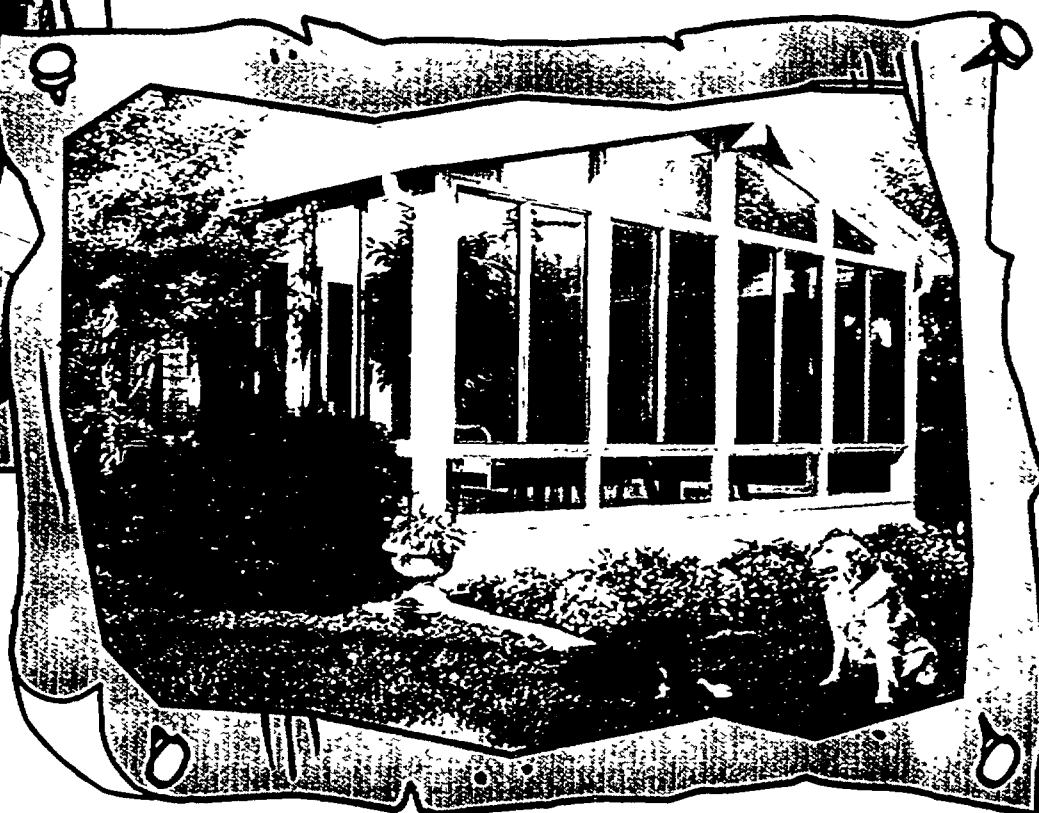
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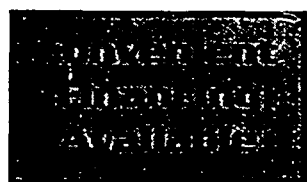


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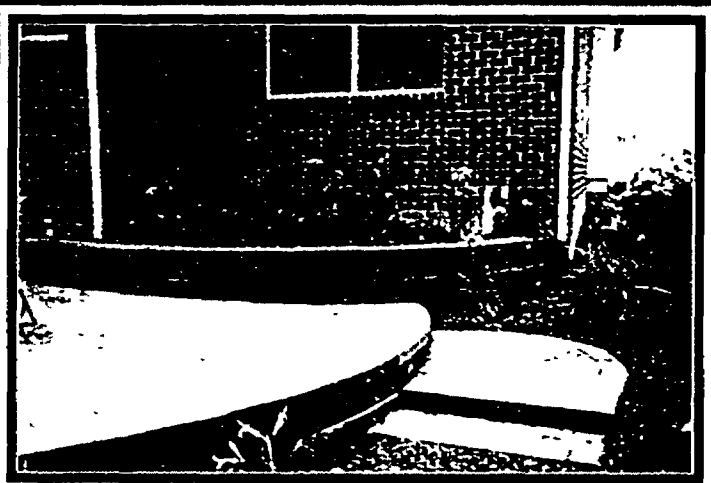
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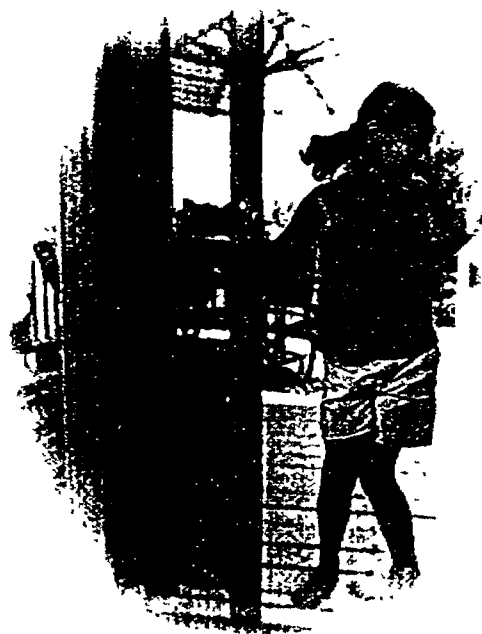


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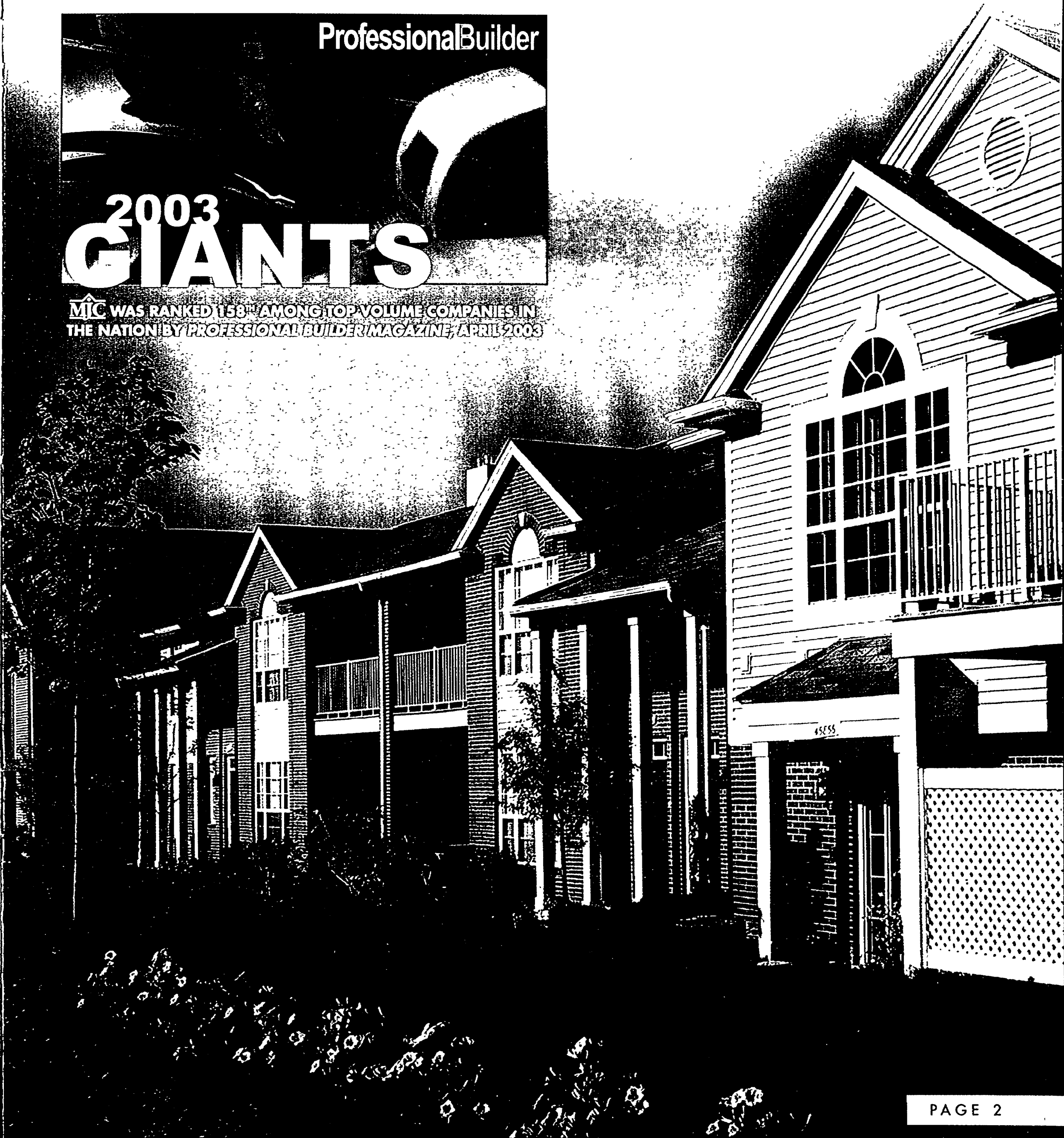
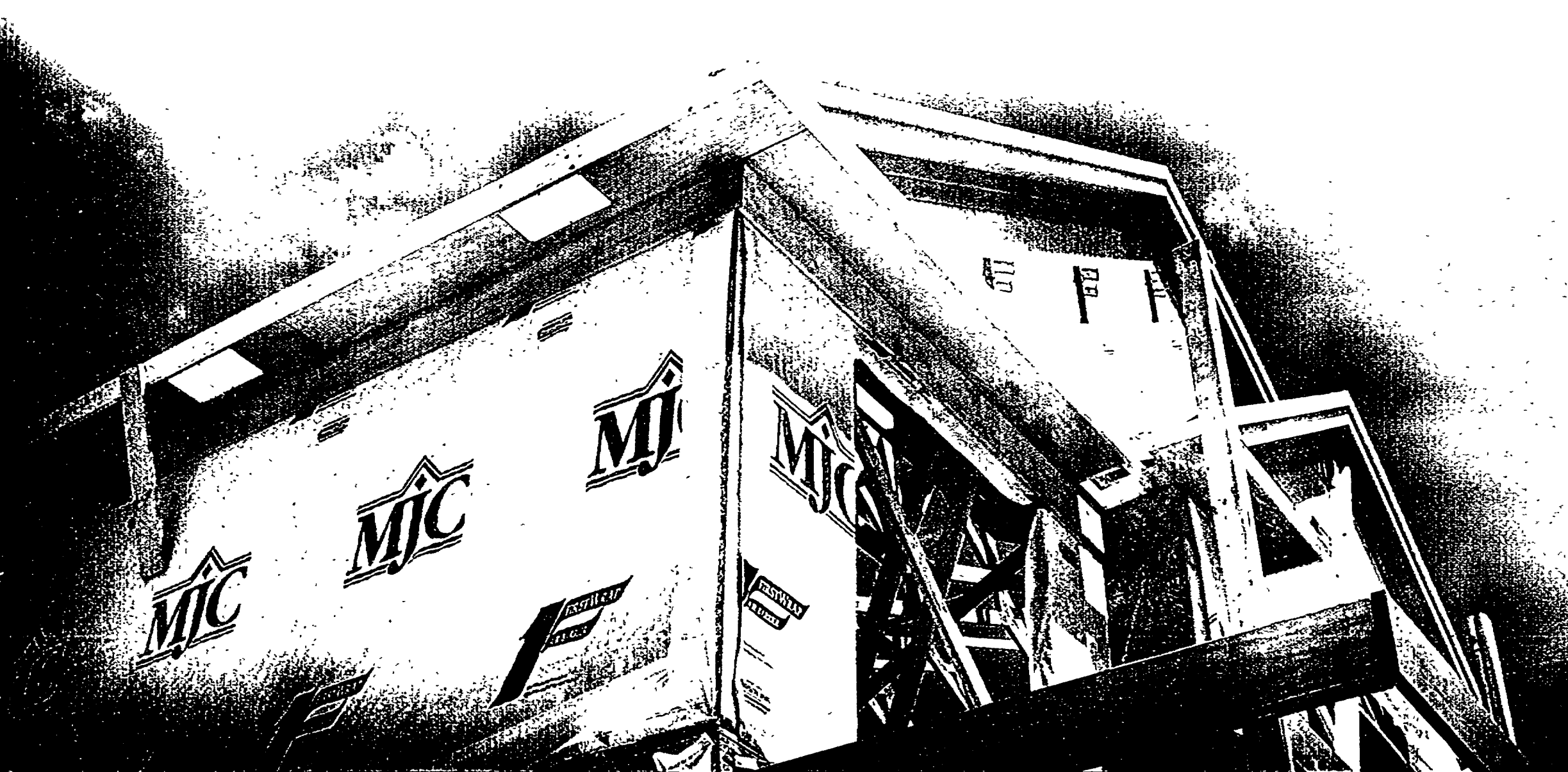
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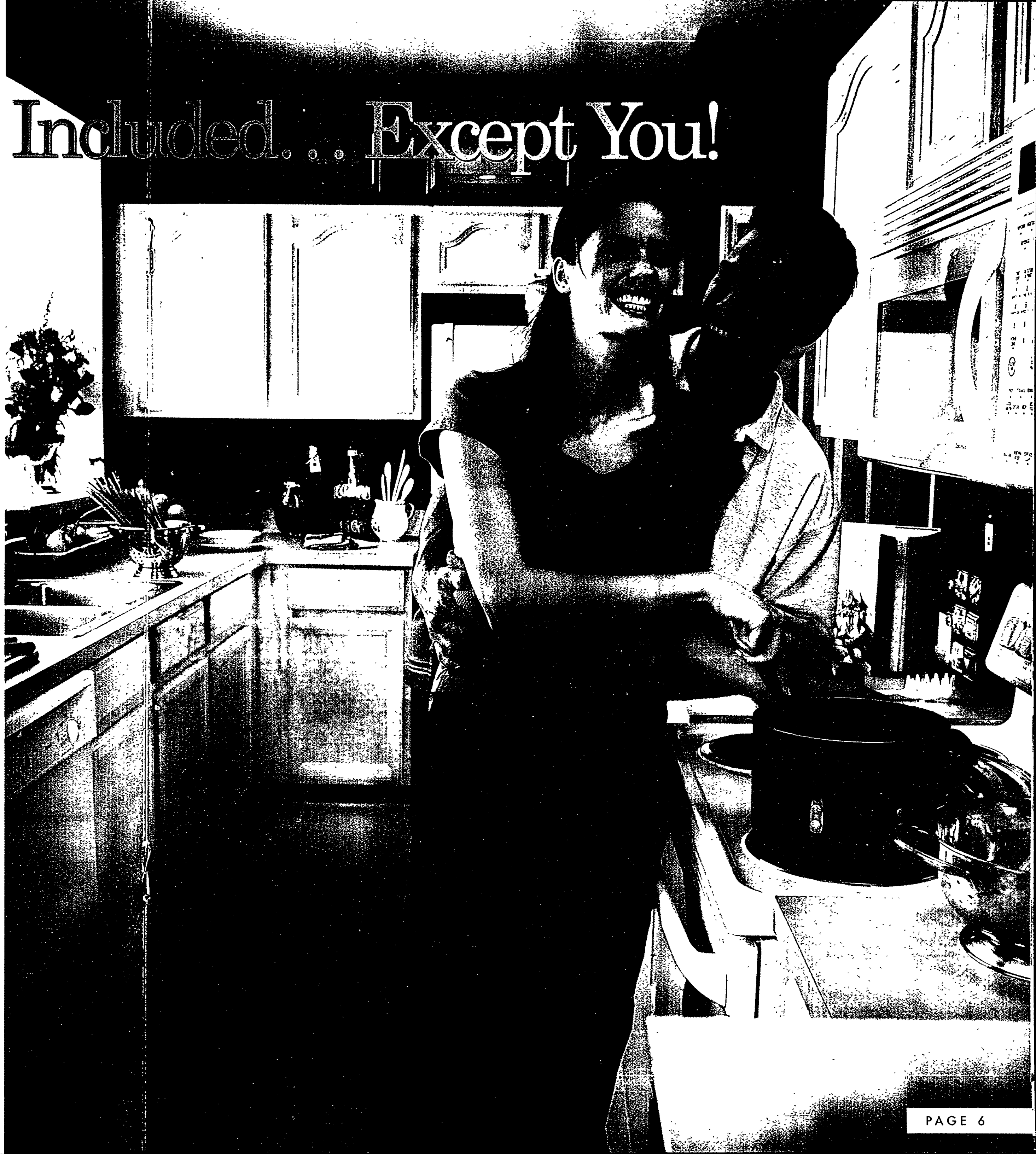
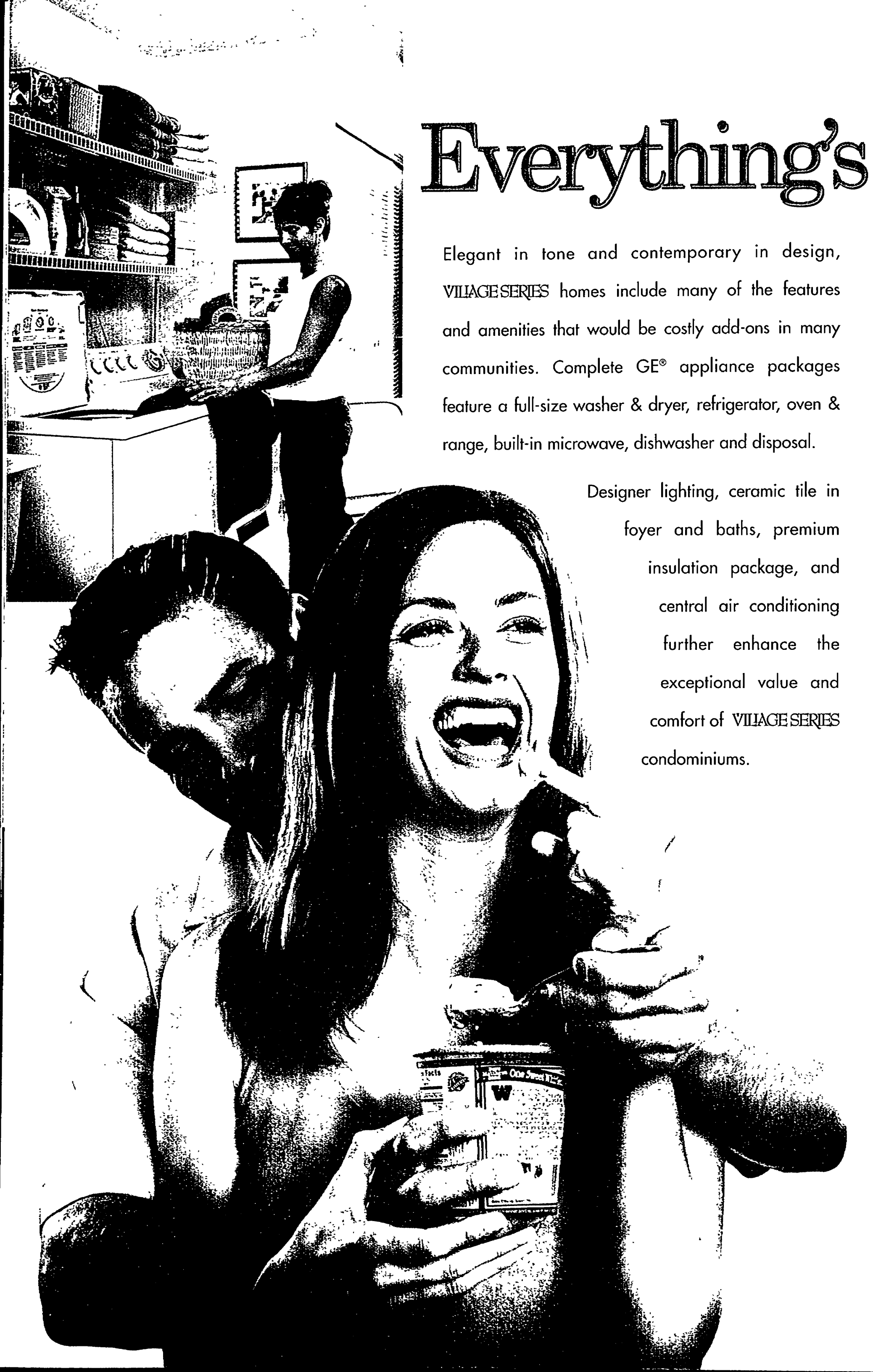
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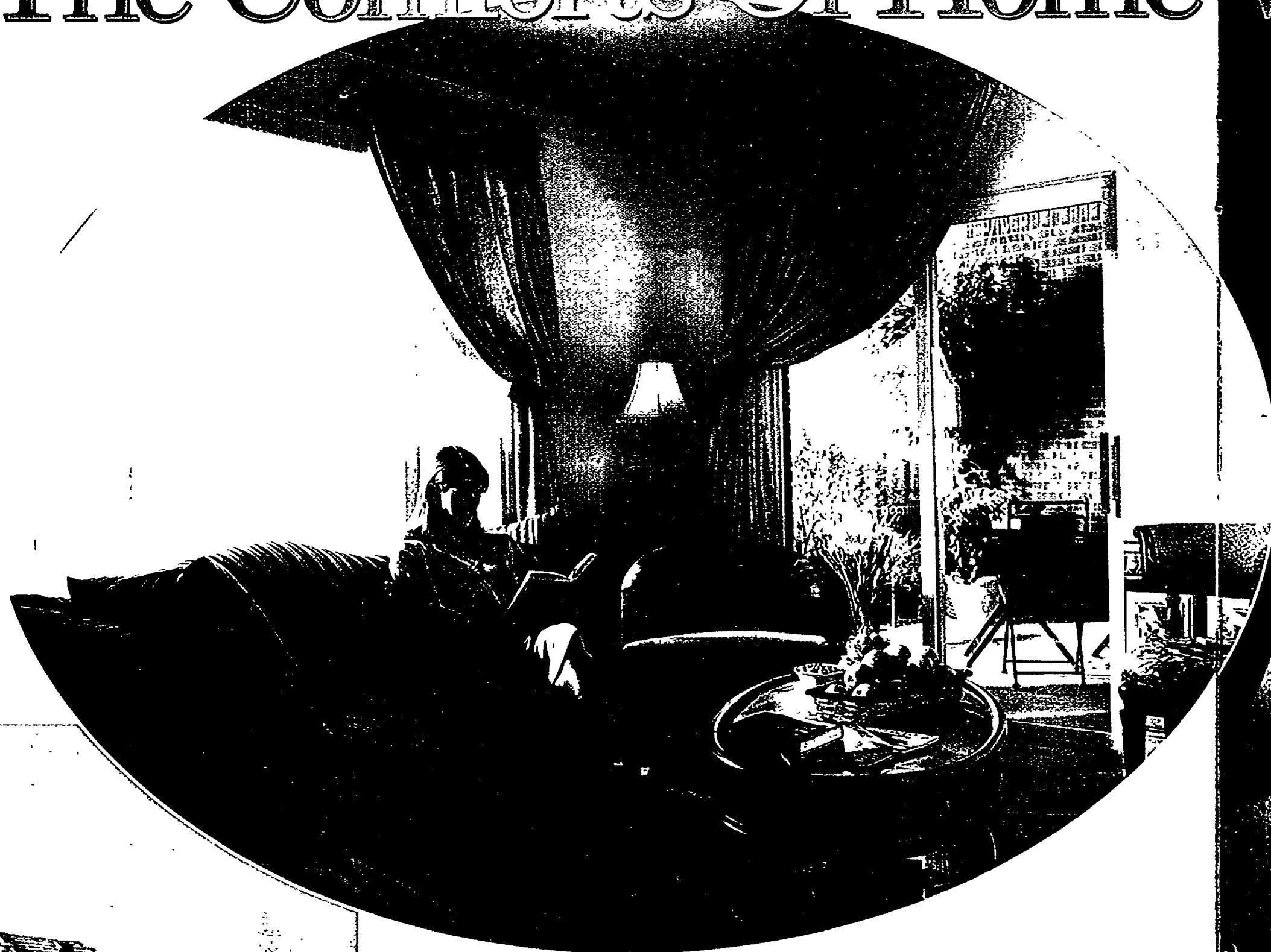
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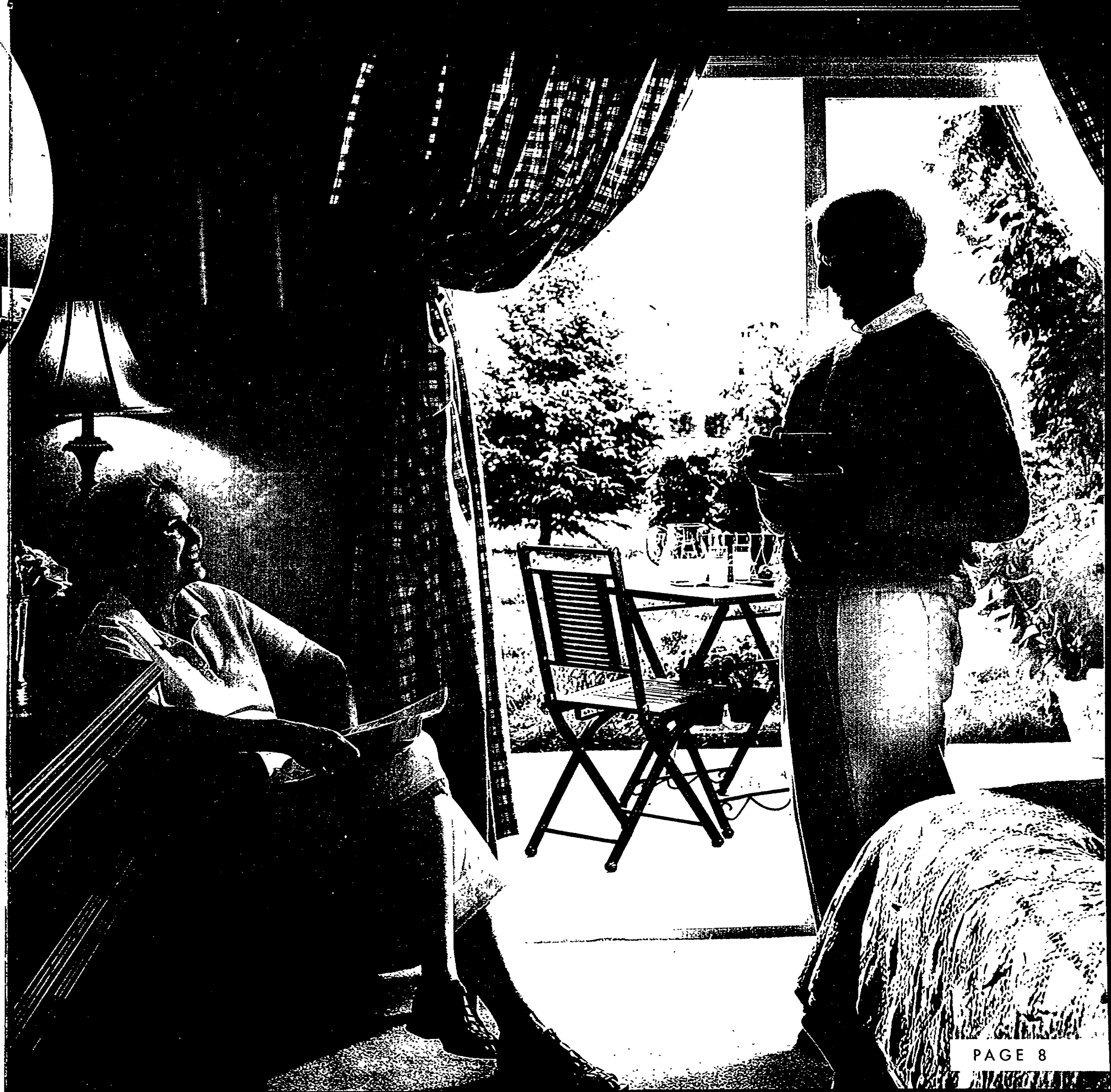
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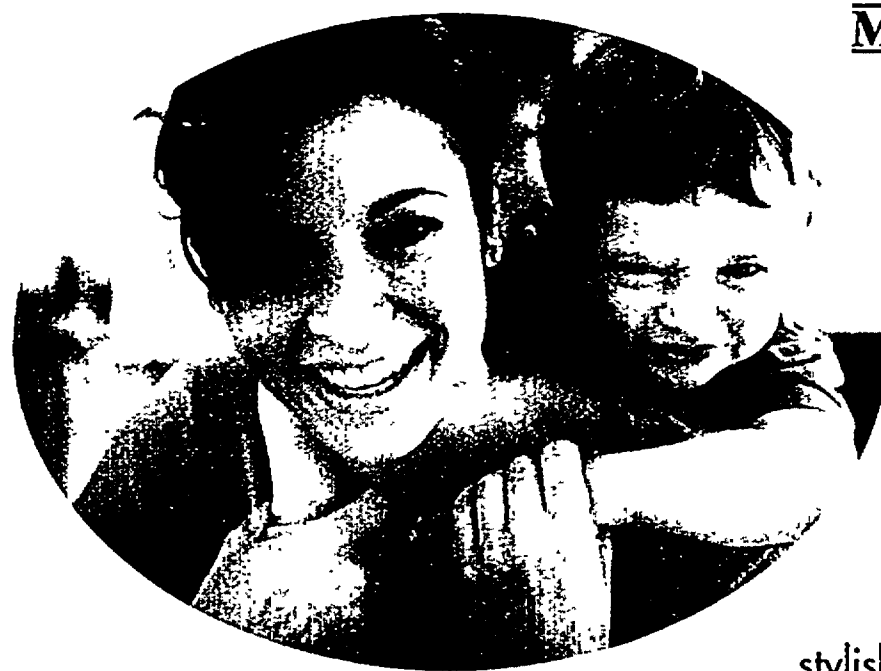
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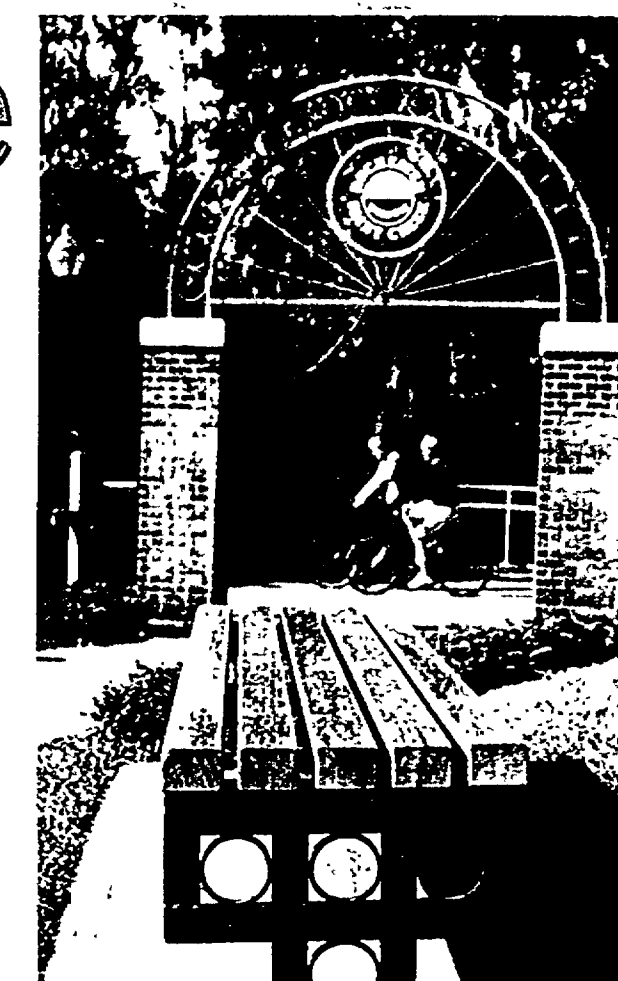
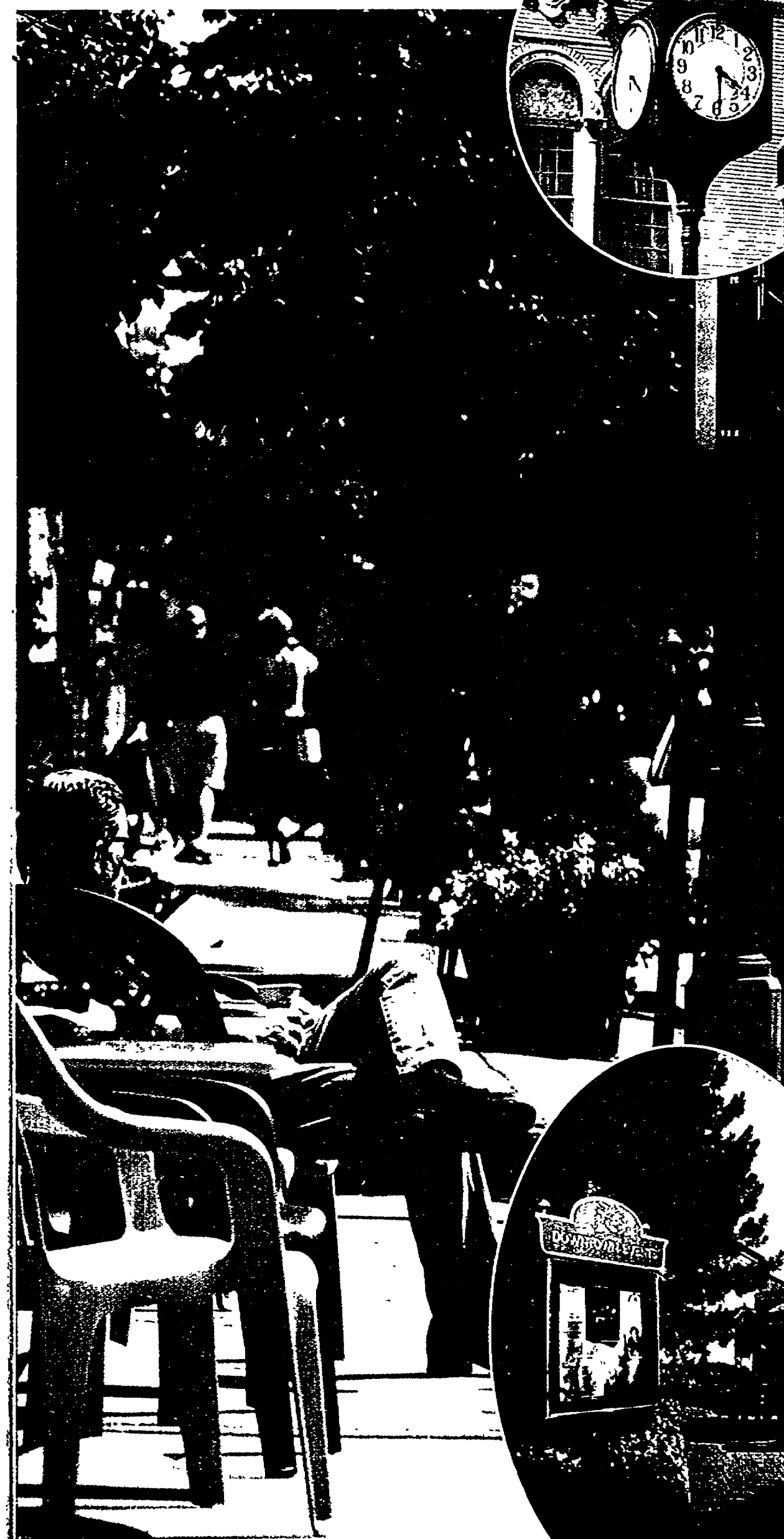


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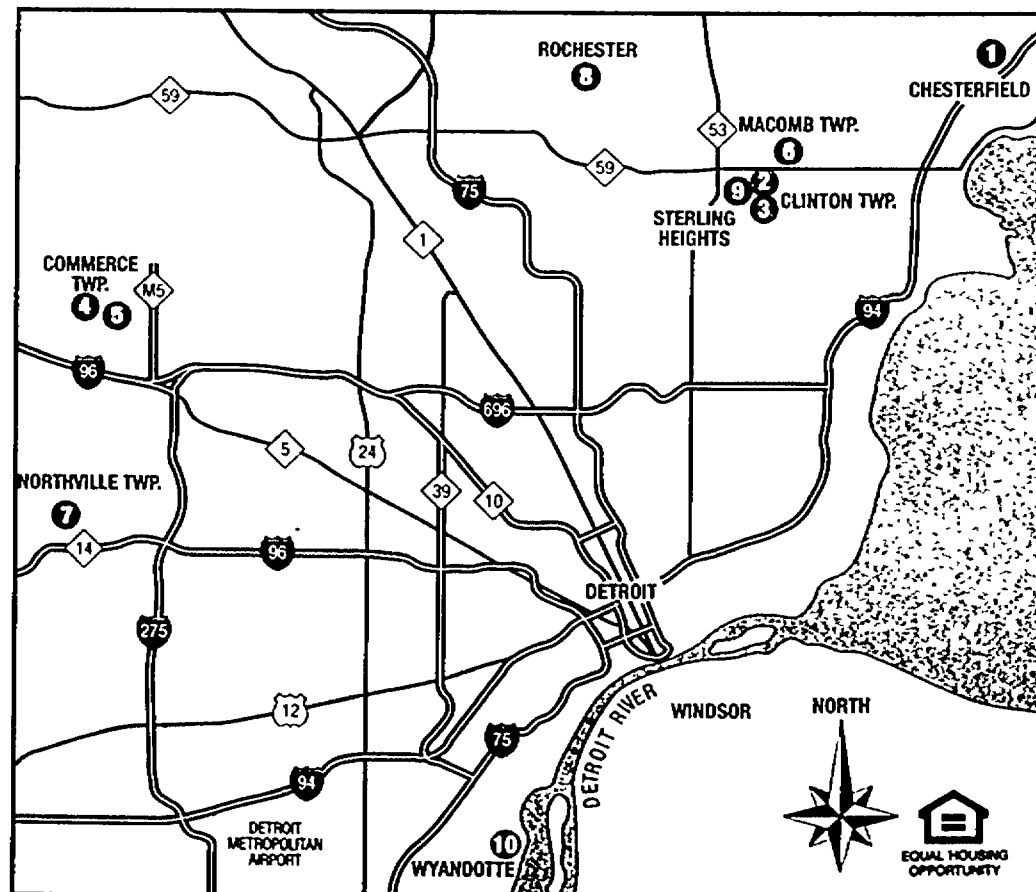
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Ask American Profile

Q I think Pam Tillis has one of the best voices in country. What can you tell me about her and how she got started?

—Ruth T., Iowa

Music was in the family for the Grammy-award winning Pam Tillis, the daughter of country star Mel Tillis. In fact, her latest album, *It's All Relative: Tillis Sings Tillis*, is a tribute to her father's music. Pam says her father would take her along on writing sessions in Nashville, Tenn., when she was a baby, tucking her into a guitar case on the floor. Pam began her musical training at age

5, studying classical piano and teaching herself to play other instruments. She

sang in nightclubs while in college in Knoxville, Tenn., then moved to California, where she was a successful jazz singer. She moved back to Nashville in 1979, working as a songwriter, session singer, and a backup singer on the road for her father, as well as playing local nightclubs. In 1991, after her No. 1 hit *Don't Tell Me What to Do*, she

won the Country Music Association's Horizon Award. In 1994, she was the CMA's Female Vocalist of the Year and was the first woman to join the Grand Old Opry in the new millennium. Tillis, also a successful record producer, has found time for acting, including appearances on *Diagnosis Murder* and *Touched by an Angel*.

Q I really like the television show *Mister Sterling*. Is Josh Brolin, the show's star, related to James Brolin?

—Carrie D., Oregon

James Brolin is Josh's father. Josh, 35, made his film debut in 1985



Pam Tillis follows in her father's footsteps.

in *The Goonies*. The Los Angeles native (whose stepmother is Barbra Streisand) moves easily between television, movies, and the stage. And he likes to juggle, so to speak. While starring in the movie *Hollow Man* with Kevin Bacon and Elisabeth Shue, Brolin also was starring on Broadway in Sam Shepard's production of *True West*. The NBC show, which has been cancelled, wasn't his first series; Brolin's previous ones were *Private Eye*, *The Young Riders*, and *Winnetka Road*. In fact, *Private Eye*, his first series, aired on NBC from 1987 to 1988. The accomplished stage actor spent five years at the Reflections Festival at the GeVa Theatre in Rochester, N.Y., performing in and directing several of the plays. Brolin's movie credits include *Flirting with Disaster* and *Mimic*. Engaged to Diane Lane, 38, he has a son and a daughter from a previous marriage to Alice Adair.

Q I heard that Frank Patterson, the great Irish tenor died. When did he die and from what?

—Hansel T., Louisiana

The man known as Ireland's Golden Tenor passed away in New York City on June 10, 2000, from a brain tumor. He is buried in Tipperary, Ireland, where he grew up, and is survived by his wife, concert pianist Eily O'Grady, and their son Eanan. Patterson declared that he would be a singer on his first day of school and performed locally as part of a group called the Wren Boys when he was in his teens. In 1962, he started formal voice training in Dublin and soon found himself gathering one vocal award after another at Ireland's national music festival. It didn't take long before his talent was known around the world—he's performed for both President Reagan and President Clinton, as well as Pope John Paul II. He acted and sang in the film *The Dead* alongside Anjelica Huston, and sang *Danny Boy* in the movie *Miller's Crossing*. He was thrilled when he was invited to appear on *The Tracy Ullman Show* because it gave him an opportunity to show off his flair for comedy. Patterson recorded more than 35 albums over his 30-year career, and delighted in bringing Irish music to American audiences through his PBS television specials. His final show for the public television channel was *God Bless America*, a musical salute to his adopted country. ☆

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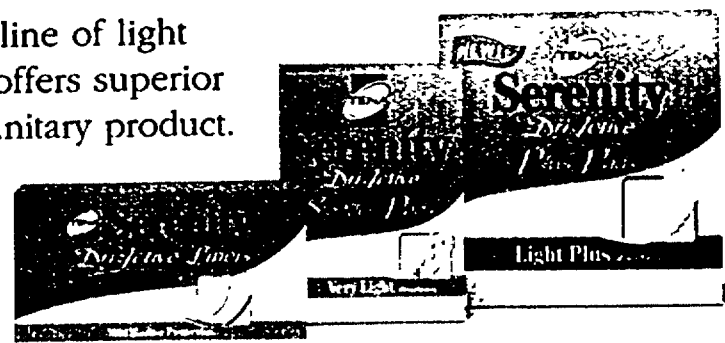
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by JOHN MCBRYDE

A Sweeping Tribute

As the window air-conditioner hums in the background and a radio plays '70s rock music, Jack Martin tightens another strand of broomcorn to a handle.

For this, he employs a contraption his great-grandfather, Will Hockaday, built in 1916 in the same building outside Selmer, Tenn., that Martin now uses. The mechanics of the broom-wrapping machine, also known as a kicker table, haven't changed in 86 years.

The sound of classic rock notwithstanding, Martin's broom-making shop has the atmosphere of a bygone era. One can watch him ply his trade on the archaic structure and easily envision the days before modern technology took over.

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"Of course, my great-grandfather didn't use Velcro," says Martin, referring to the strap he uses to hold the corn in place on the broom handle. "He used a leather strap. But it's the only thing different in the way I make brooms and the way he made them."

Martin, 48, is carrying on a tradition that Hockaday started as a supplement to full-time farming. After growing the corn that would yield the material, Hockaday founded Hockaday Handmade Brooms during the Woodrow Wilson administration. His son, Jack Hockaday, took over the business and ran it until 1980, when Martin, Jack's grandson, took the reins.

"I grew up watching Papaw make brooms and he taught me how to make them," Martin explains. "I gave Papaw a \$100 bill for the equipment. This was an important tradition in my family, and it was something I didn't want to see die out."

Martin eventually left a career in the oil business, and in 1986 he and his wife, Virginia, reopened Hockaday Handmade Brooms. Martin grows and harvests the corn, just as his ancestors did, then meticulously wraps and stitches a completed broom.

"It takes me five months and 45 minutes to make every broom," he says. "That's five months to grow and harvest the broomcorn and 45 minutes to put the broom on the handle."

Martin may cut a corner here and there by using Velcro instead of leather, but that's what puts the "living" in the "living history" of broom-making. Just as Will Hockaday didn't have an air-conditioner, he also didn't sell his brooms over the Internet. He didn't offer them in the variety of sizes that hang from the walls of Martin's shop, and he certainly didn't make the "Harry Potter" brooms that are now big sellers for Hockaday Handmade Brooms.

"It's unusual for someone of Jack's generation to so wholeheartedly commit himself to keeping alive a craft from his grandparents' time," says Robert Cogswell, director of the Tennessee Arts Commission's folk-art program. "He's very dedicated to his craft."

Martin's shop includes a broom museum, and his land is the setting for a Broomcorn Festival each September. In addition, he maintains a portable version of his operation, and often takes his show on the road to crafting events and public schools.

"I'm trying to preserve history, and I want to show the young generation how important that is," says Martin, who is teaching his craft to his three grandchildren. "Our show is centered around showing kids how we use all the basic skills (learned in school) in our old-fashioned broom business."

It is indeed a business. And many of Martin's customers aren't just buying his brooms as novelty items; they're using them to sweep kitchens, garages, and sidewalks. So while quality craftsmanship is a wonderful reminder of times gone by, it also serves a practical purpose.

Still, Martin's caring approach to the craft is mostly a testament to history—and family tradition. ☆

John McBryde is a regular contributor to American Profile.

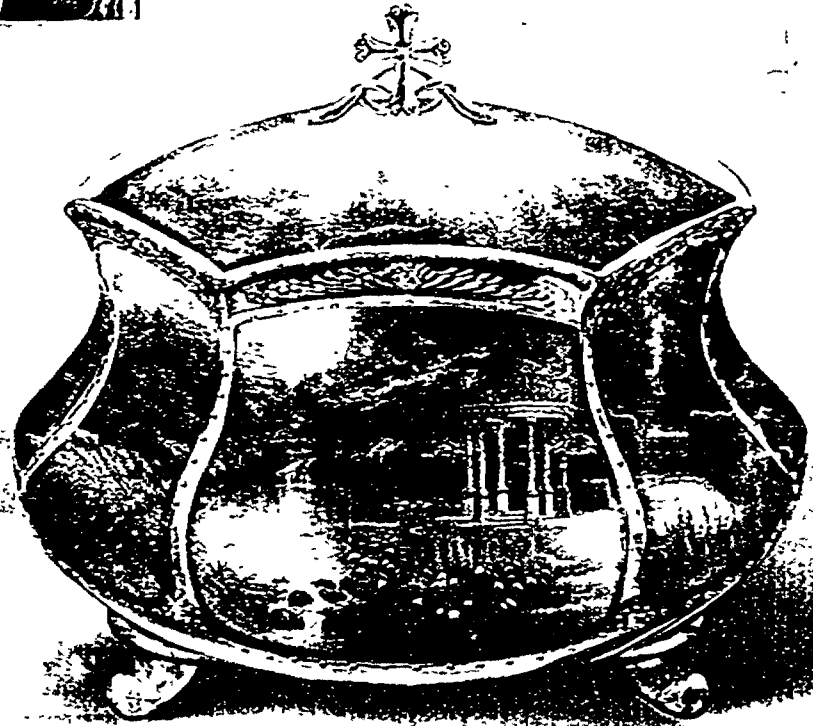
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Willie

by PATSY BRUCE

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Once again, Nelson will take time out of his heavy touring schedule to perform at Farm Aid's benefit concert to support America's family farmers. This year, the sold-out show will include Neil Young, John Mellencamp, Dave Matthews, Sheryl Crow, and Brooks & Dunn.

Nelson, Young, and Mellencamp organized the first Farm Aid concert in 1985 to heighten awareness about the loss of family farms and to raise funds to keep farm families on their land. It all started after Nelson overheard Bob Dylan say onstage at the Live Aid benefit concert for Ethiopian famine victims, "Wouldn't it be great if we did something for our own farmers right here in America?" The first Farm Aid show, which featured the concert's founders, plus Dylan, B.B. King, Loretta Lynn, and Tom Petty, raised more than \$7 million.

"Back in 1985 when we started, I thought we'd be able to solve the problems of the farmers completely with that one concert," Nelson says. "It took us a couple of years to realize that without government changing its policies toward the farmers and all of us taking better care of the Earth, the farm problem is never going to be solved. The farmers need a farm bill that insures them a fair price for their product. It's as simple as that. Without that, we will continue to lose 300 to 500 family farms a week."



Nelson teamed with Toby Keith for a No. 1.

Speaking for the heartland

As Farm Aid's president and co-founder, Nelson's work with farmers extends far beyond his time onstage. He's become the national voice of rural America as he's raised money for farm organizations, discussed intricate farming policies with national political leaders, and held numerous press conferences (sometimes as late as 2 a.m. after his show) to bring the media spotlight to the latest farming crisis.

"We were having a rally of 3,000 people on a gravel road and he drove his bus from Texas to Lincoln Township, Missouri, and spoke and sang," says Rhonda Perry, a farmer in central Missouri's Howard County (pop. 10,212).

"He isn't just a figurehead for a charity organization," Perry adds. "He has been deeply engaged in farm issues and dealing directly with the crises that are facing family farmers, from the ongoing price and income crisis to tornadoes, hail, and natural disasters."

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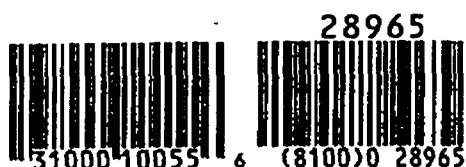
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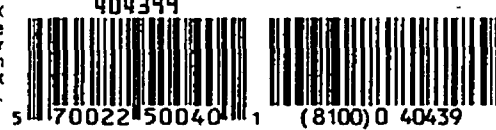
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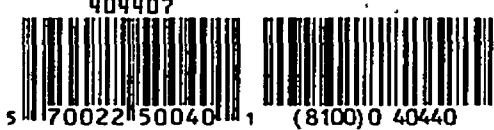
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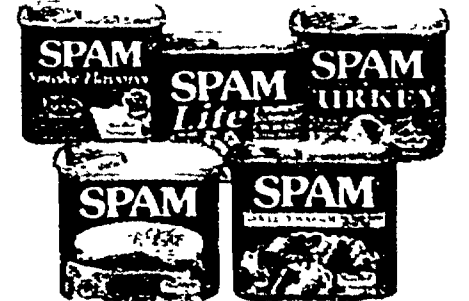


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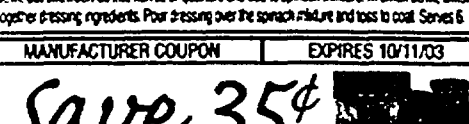


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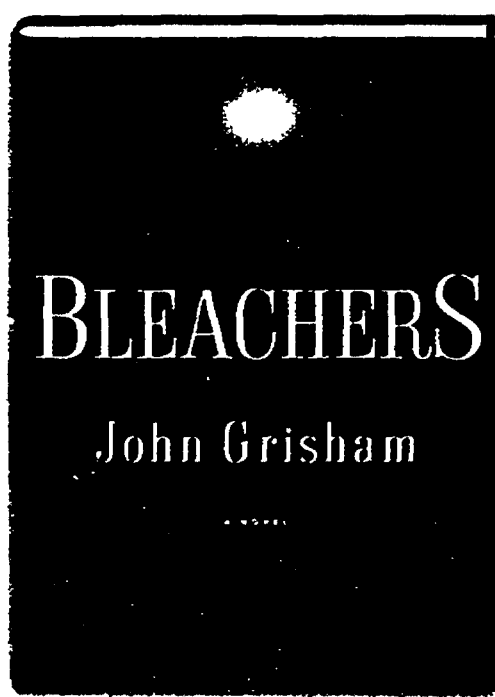
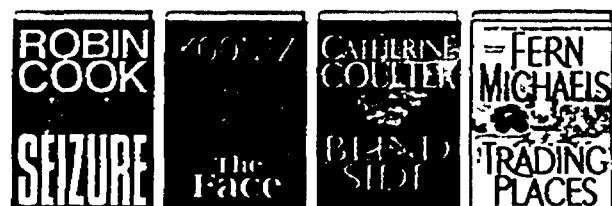
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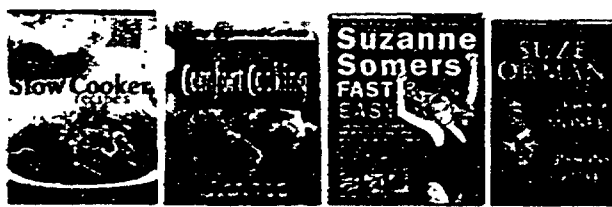


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Singer Dave Matthews (left) with Farm Aid founders Nelson, Neil Young, and John Mellencamp.

Last year, Nelson spoke at a press conference in Manchester, Vt., to address the effect of genetically modified organisms on family farmers. Peppering his vocabulary with phrases like "farmer-owned reserves" and "inventory management," he's publicly supported a national dairy policy, labeling on imported foods to protect consumers, and fair-trade agreements with other countries. "He understands the issues and that's what makes him so effective," says Jenny Nelson, a seventh-generation family farmer in Ryegate Corner, Vt. (pop. 1,150). "Willie was so hospitable to us and just so genuine."

Thanks to Nelson's efforts, Farm Aid has raised more than \$24 million to promote a strong and resilient family farm system through public education and direct grants. For instance, Farm Aid provided the grants that helped start organizations such as Rural Vermont and the Missouri Rural Crisis Center, which help keep family farmers on their land, and has offered ongoing financial support for nearly 20 years. Honeysuckle Rose #3, the country icon's tour bus that has logged more than 500,000 miles, serves as a mobile kitchen, where he invites farmers to sit across the table from him and share their travails.

"We've met with Willie several times now," Perry says. "He has been so informed and up to speed on what's going on that he picks up where you left off last time. 'So what's going on with your farm?' You don't have to get nervous about meeting him because he's so engaged."

He believes America's small family farmers comprise the first rung on the nation's economic ladder. "How are we treating the first rung on our ladder?" he asks. "Because when the backbone of our country is broken and the first



Nelson with the guitar he calls Trigger, a weathered Martin classical guitar that has been his companion for more than 35 years.

rung on the ladder is weakened, everything collapses. We all come crashing down.

"Food is a natural resource we can't afford not to protect. But the big money lobby forces the small farmers' interests to the bottom of the list. What people don't understand is that the part of America we are losing, our family farms, is the first part of a people that starts disintegrating.

"Farm Aid will help all we can, because someone has to repair that bottom rung of the ladder, and time is of the essence," he adds. "Every civilization that has gone under in the past, has gone under because of its inability to feed its people. We are running out of time."

In 1990, some of his farming friends tried to pay him back for all he has done for them. That was the year the Internal Revenue Service billed Nelson for \$32 million in unpaid taxes. The agency seized his homes and other property and began auctioning off his belongings, but he got a

little help from his friends and some from strangers, and some from farmers who appreciated what he had done with Farm Aid. "People stepped up to the plate and bought everything—the golf course, recording studio, ranch, and I got them all back. Felt good."

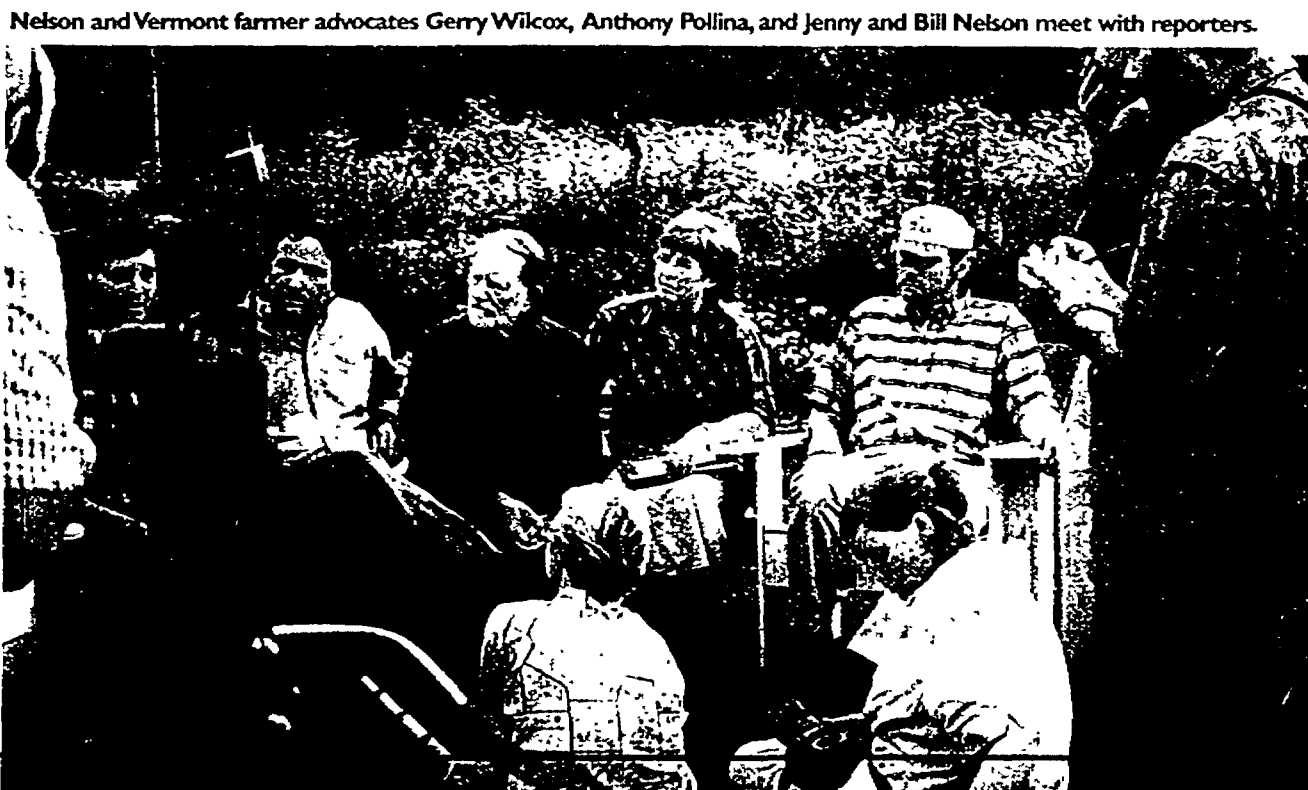
On the road again

After Sunday's concert, Nelson will quietly resume his recording and 200-date-a-year touring schedule that he's maintained for more than four decades. It's hard to imagine, but the redheaded stranger turned 70 this year. He's celebrating by releasing two new albums, *Willie Nelson & Friends: Stars and Guitars*, and a duet album with longtime friend (and former boss) Ray Price. *Run That By Me One More Time*. Nelson has no thoughts of retirement. "From what?" he asks. "I only play music and golf. Which one do you want me to give up?"

He's recorded more than 230 solo and duet albums and made countless appearances on albums of other artists. His recent duet with Toby Keith, *Whiskey for My Men. Beer for My Horses*, delivered his first No. 1 record in 19 years. While many of today's top stars idolize Nelson, whom they cite as a major influence, he remains unaffected by the accolades and his accomplishments. "It's the music that's important," he explains.

Nelson is recognized the world over as a true American music icon and known immediately by one name—Willie—and by his unforgettable sight and inimitable sound. This non-judgmental, non-materialistic man treats everyone the same—be they big star or modest farmer. "The right to save family farms isn't just about farmers," he says. "It's about making sure that there is a safe and healthy food supply for all of us. It's about jobs, from Main Street to Wall Street. It's about a better America." ★

Patsy Bruce is a Nashville-based journalist and songwriter of hits such as Mamas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Cowboys.



Nelson and Vermont farmer advocates Gerry Wilcox, Anthony Pollina, and Jenny and Bill Nelson meet with reporters.

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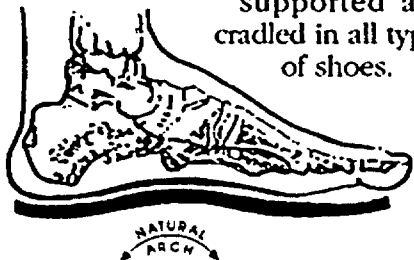
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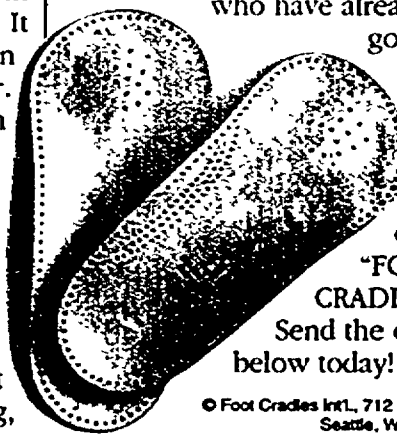
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ILLINOIS—In 1872, Aaron Montgomery Ward established a Chicago mail-order business and sent out a single-sheet price list with ordering instructions. By 1904, his Montgomery Ward catalog weighed 4 pounds and 3 million copies were being mailed.

INDIANA—The only animal named for the state, the endangered Indiana bat, was discovered in 1928 in Wyandotte Cave near Leavenworth (pop. 353).

IOWA—Fashion designer Roy Halston, born in 1932 in Des Moines, became famous for designing the pillbox hat worn by Jackie Kennedy for the 1961 presidential inauguration.

KANSAS—When students at Bluestem High School discovered that a town history book about Leon (pop. 645) had never been written, they interviewed residents, researched, and wrote the 99-page, *The History of Leon, 1860-2003*.

MICHIGAN—Brian Krause of Dimondale (pop. 1,342) spit a cherry pit 61 feet and 9 inches to clinch the 2002 International Cherry Pit Spitting Championship in Eau Claire (pop. 656).

MINNESOTA—Founded by Swedish immigrants in 1862, Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter (pop. 9,747) is the state's oldest Lutheran college.

MISSOURI—Fifty thousand Vietnamese refugees reunite each August in Carthage (pop. 12,668) during the Marian Days festival at the Congregation of the Mother Co-Redemptrix, an order of Catholic Vietnamese priests and brothers.

NEBRASKA—During the Depression, Kool-Aid creator Edwin Perkins of Hastings (pop. 24,064) cut the price of his popular drink to one-half cent a package and launched an endearing bit of Americana—kid-operated Kool-Aid stands.

NORTH DAKOTA—The 10th Space Warning Squadron at remote Cavalier (pop. 1,537) Air Station watches for sea-launched and intercontinental ballistic missiles.

OHIO—Employees whistle while they work at American Whistle Corp. in Columbus, the nation's only manufacturer of metal whistles.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Rick Heintzman of Onaka (pop. 30) is among the nation's leading flaxseed producers and targeted health-conscious consumers by selling the world's first food with a before-and-after cholesterol testing kit.

WISCONSIN—Union soldiers who served in the 15th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry were mostly Scandinavian immigrants. Of 906 soldiers, 128 had the first name "Ole." ☆

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INDIANA

Wizard of Oz Festival—Chesterton, Sept. 19-21. Held in conjunction with Munchkinland Market Days, this event features a picnic, parade, munchkin autograph sessions, Oz look-a-like contests, and children's activities. (219) 926-5513.

IOWA

Doll, Toy, and Bear Show—Maquoketa, Sept. 14. This annual fall event includes antique, modern, and collectible dolls, toys, and bears, plus doll clothes, games, and dollhouse miniatures at the Jackson County Fairgrounds. (563) 242-0139.

KANSAS

Fall Festival—Valley Center, Sept. 19-20. Join in this 42nd annual community celebration, which includes a parade, crafts, entertainment, a dance, 5K run and walk, golf, decorated bicycle and tricycle contest, and a car show. (316) 755-7340.

MICHIGAN

Festival of the Pines—Lake City, Sept. 19-21. Celebrating the area's tree and lumber industries, this event features a parade, arts & crafts, lumberjack contests, chili cookoff, youth archery tournament, and horseshoe competition. (231) 839-4969.

MINNESOTA

Grape Stomp and Fall Festival—Alexandria, Sept. 12-14. Grape stomping, live entertainment, crafts, and food highlight this event at the Carlos Creek Winery. Also includes an *I Love Lucy* look-a-like contest. (320) 846-5443.

MISSOURI

Callaway Community Festivals—Fulton, Sept. 13. Enjoy artists demonstrating and selling works during the Art Festival, historical crafters, entertainment, and food at the Heritage Festival, and music at the Jazz Festival. (573) 642-3055.

NEBRASKA

Classic Iron and Auto Show—Benkelman, Sept. 20. Features a car, truck, and tractor show, plus carnival rides, games, a horseshoe tournament, demolition derby, and soapbox derby. (308) 423-5210.

NORTH DAKOTA

Sunflower Festival—Enderlin, Sept. 19-21. Celebrate the sunflower harvest with a sunflower seed-spitting contest, sunflower recipe contest, parade, live music, craft fair, quilt show, scavenger hunt, and climbing wall. (701) 437-2877.

OHIO

Coon Creek Pioneer Festival—Spencer, Sept. 20-21. Step back in time and enjoy pioneer craft demonstrations, old-time food and storytelling, hawk and knife throwing contests, Scottish games, and wagon rides. (330) 648-2627.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Rail and Trail Rendezvous—Hill City, Sept. 20-21. Take in a model railroad show, handcar races, 1880 train rides, a swap and sell meet, and a bicycle tour of the 114-mile Nicholson Trail. (800) 888-1798.

WISCONSIN

R.S. Vintage Steel Steam and Gas Engine Show—Calumetville, Sept. 13-14. See a display of farm and garden tractors and gas and steam-powered engines, enjoy a flea market, and witness log sawing, rock crushing, and blacksmith demonstrations. (920) 795-4531. ★

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RECIPE: Banana Cake That Travels

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Catherine Gant
Prescott, Ariz



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2/3 cup sugar
1 cup cornstarch
1 egg, slightly beaten
1 tablespoon orange juice
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix dry ingredients. Stir in remaining ingredients. Pour into greased and floured 8-by-8-inch baking pan. Bake for 30 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean when poked into cake's center. Set aside to cool before icing.

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Crossing the River

In the early days of this nation, ferries were more common than bridges. And while a town or a county might establish a ferry to boost local commerce, many were privately run, a frontier entrepreneurship that provided a man's livelihood while at the same time easing transportation difficulties.

Today, all year round, all day long, free of charge, the Woodland ferry carries people 500 feet across the Nanticoke River from the banks of Woodland, Del., to the town of Laurel, back and forth, slow and steady, three or four vehicles at a time. The ferry has been doing the job for more than 300 years, and nobody seems to mind taking a route less traveled. Many prefer it; the ferry totes nearly 70,000 vehicles a year.

"It's quite possible that this is the oldest operating ferry in use in the United States," says local historian Jack Knowles. "Using the ferry does cut back on travel time. If I wanted to drive to Laurel, it would take me a good 15 minutes longer than it does using the ferry."

Folks who call Woodland home think of it as a place that never grows old. "I've lived here my whole life, 60 years," Knowles says. "My father did before me and his father before him. This is a beautiful, quiet place to live. It's almost like it's been trapped in time. It changes very little." He can cite one change, though: "We used to have a post office back in the 1800s. We don't have one now."

A single road winds along the river into and out of Woodland, whose population is about 50 souls. The river, edged with wispy grasses and tall reeds, flows on one side of the road, while a handful of houses line the other. The quiet sounds of Wood-

land sneak up on you—the gentle hum and swish of the ferry, the call of a water bird.

In the mid-1600s, Woodland welcomed English settlers and laid claim as a community. A ferry began traversing the river in 1671 when Colonial law required that free passage ferries be maintained to make rivers, swamps, and creeks passable for foot and horse. But getting across, even with a ferry, wasn't easy. Elbow grease from the ferrymen and help from horses, ropes, and notched poles got the cargo from bank to bank.

Today, the 65-foot steel boat's diesel engine pulls the ferry across by a cable. It's run by the Delaware Department of Transportation with a two-man crew—a Coast Guard certified captain and a deckhand.

"It doesn't get much better than this," says deckhand Eddie Joyner. "It's fun to work on a piece of living history."

Every September, since 1993, the Woodland Ferry Association has hosted a Ferry Celebration that attracts visitors from all over the country. The village comes alive with displays and demonstrations and tours of the town's historic homes.

"It's wonderful to be able to share the village, the ferry, and all of its history," says Donna Angell, association secretary. "I've lived here my whole life. This is where my heart is."

A diesel engine now powers what may be the nation's oldest operating ferry.



The Woodland (Del.) ferry provides a shortcut across the scenic Nanticoke River yearround.

One of the favorite stops for most visitors is Days Gone By, a two-building museum owned and operated by Knowles. One building is loaded with antique farm and fishing equipment; the other brims with old newspaper articles and records about Woodland, including the ferry. There's no fee to enter the museum, and the hours are simple: "I'm retired, so I'm around most of the time. If the museum isn't open, just knock, I'll let you in," Knowles says.

"Woodland gets quite a few tourists that don't mean to end up here," he says. "They're usually people in transit to somewhere else. But once they find it, they stay a bit. This town does that to people." ☆

Tracy Leinberger-Leonardi is a frequent contributor to American Profile.



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