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Community Foundation takes over Maybury farm

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

It will take the same kind of roll-up-your-sleeves heart and hard work that charmed visitors to the historic farm at Maybury State Park to now return life to the barns, gardens, pens and fields.

Seven months after fire destroyed the vintage operation, state officials and a local non-profit agency announced Tuesday there is a plan to restore it. The 15-year just-inked lease agreement will anchor the fundraising effort ahead.

During a press conference at the park's demonstration building — near where the barns stood for more than a century — representatives from the Northville Community Foundation and state Department of Natural Resources announced the collaborative effort. The state maintains ownership of the park land, while putting in local hands control of the vintage farm operation that was doomed to state budget cuts even before the February fire.

"It is a unique lease, the first of its kind," said Foundation president Shari Peters, joined by Lowen Schuett, acting chief of parks and recreation for the natural resources department. "We're very proud to take on this project. We're elated. We're very, very grateful."

The Northville Community Foundation has the willingness and experience to partner with the state on reviving the farm operation, Schuett said. The local organization will be able to tap into community support, volunteers and business connections, he

THE BOTTOM LINE

Here are the facts on the Maybury State Park farm takeover.

- The Northville Community Foundation has signed a 15-year lease to the Maybury State Park farm.
- The state of Michigan will retain ownership of the park land.
- The Foundation has raised approximately \$45,000 of the estimated \$1 million needed to get the farm restarted.

said. He thanked the foundation for stepping forward.

"We expect this to be a south-eastern Michigan rebuilding event," Peters said. "People just want to see it rebuilt."

Describing the history of the Foundation's interest in assuming responsibility for the farm, Peters said negotiations with the department of natural resources began in December, even before the fire. After the fire, she said her office fielded offers of assistance from 25 communities.

"The overwhelming response to the tragic fire illustrated just how important this facility was to southeast Michigan citizens and we are enthusiastic about entering into this public/private partnership to restore, enhance and maintain the Maybury Living Farm,"



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Lowen Schuett, left, acting chief of parks and recreation for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Shari Peters, President of the Northville Community Foundation discuss their plans Tuesday morning with the press for the NCF to lease and take over operations of the Maybury State Park farm.

DNR Director K.L. Cool said in a prepared statement.

"We are grateful to the Northville Community Foundation for their appreciation

of what the farm meant to families, for their understanding of the state's financial challenges, and for taking the initiative to step forward and volunteer to undertake

this significant challenge," Cool said. "They have a good sense of what it will take to succeed, and

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HOLY TOLEDO!

Cat stows away on truck, gets free ride from Ohio into Northville

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

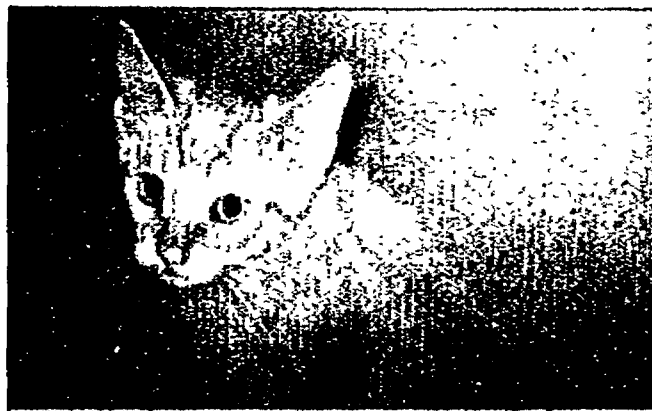
A 2-month-old kitten is lucky to be alive today after enduring a journey from Toledo, Ohio to Northville hidden within a large truck chassis.

The truck — driven by a vendor participating in Northville's weekly Farmer's Market festivities — arrived in Northville Sept. 4.

Laurie Marrs, executive director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, said the vehicle parked at its specified spot at the Farmer's Market area and workers began to hear plenty of "meowing" cries.

After some searching, Janet Bloom, marketing events director for the chamber, located the kitten, got down on her hands and knees and tried to cajole it out from the vehicle.

Marrs said a hot dog was offered and hunger pangs forced



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"Toledo" stowed aboard a truck for an interstate trip.

the kitten to come out for the treat.

"They were able to coax it out because the poor kitten was starving," she said.

Workers found it that the young kitten managed to hide within the frame of the truck and stay there throughout the inter-

state commute.

"[It was] probably holding on for dear life going down the expressway," said Marrs.

Bloom later took the cat and placed it in a box, along with the hot dog, and brought it to the

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THE BEST OF TOLEDO



Jamie Farr



Mudhens

Parking deck plan back on November ballot

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

A Nov. 4 vote will determine if Northville residents want a parking structure to be built on Wing Street.

In response to a petition drive to seek voter

opinion of the project, the Northville city council

voted 4-0 Monday to accept the

signatures and place the issue on the ballot.

Mayor pro-tem Carol Ann Ayers was absent.

Mayor Christopher Johnson recommended the action, acknowledging the hundreds of people who had signed their name to the petitions. Several of the approximately 50 residents assembled at city hall for the meeting thanked the council members for their decision.

Better to delay the project, and end up with a plan pleasing to everyone, said Councilman Jerry Mittman.

"I think it's appropriate to have

Jerry Mittman
city council

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State ponders next move in NPH sale

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

It may take Round Three of bidding to land a purchaser for the state-owned property on Seven Mile Road.

With the Sept. 5 decision by Farmington-Hills based developers Grand/Sakwa to withdraw their \$76 million bid on the 422-acre site of the former psychiatric hospital, state officials said Tuesday they are deciding how to proceed with selling the property.

"At this point, we are reviewing our options with the attorney general's office,"

Department of Management and Budget spokesperson Bridget Medina said Tuesday. After announcing in November 2002 the close of the 50-year-old facility, the state listed the site for sale on May 15 with a minimum \$65 million asking price. Two rounds of bids have failed to yield a deal, for different reasons.

After Grand/Sakwa bowed out, state officials Sept. 8 invited Rock Construction Co. of Livonia to reaffirm its second-round June offer of \$76.7 million for the 422 acres. Jeffrey Cohen, chief executive officer of Rock, declined the invitation, but said he

probably would bid again if the state offers the property for bid again.

"We're not really sure at this point," Cohen said. "We're going to wait to see what the state is going to do."

Cohen said the Rock construction partners at this point were not interested in purchasing the property with the price and conditions contained in their first bid. Grand/Sakwa concluded their July and August due diligence investigation of the property by withdrawing their offer.

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Hospital property sale snarled by back-out

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Developers are looking at their net costs to transform into revenue-producing entities the property that is littered with abandoned buildings, alternately rolling hills and dense woodlands, and suspected site of decades-ago dumping. The land deal that the state projected closed by Sept. 30 has become more complicated.

Grand/Sakwa, Pulte Home of Royal Oak and REI of West Bloomfield were the three companies that initially bid on the property. The state budget office in June nixed the original round of bidding on the former hospital site after a volunteer in Gov. Granholm's "executive on-loan" program disclosed to the budget department that he had an unrelated, outside business relationship with a consultant to one of the bidding companies. State officials at that time said they would solicit a new round of bids "to avoid even the appearance of impropriety."

In the second round, Cohen raised concerns about the basis on which Grand/Sakwa was awarded the property. At that time, he said his company best met the criteria outlined by the state in the bid process. If the state didn't offer the parcel for bid a third time, Cohen said, he did not think Grand/Sakwa should be allowed to bid.

Grand/Sakwa did not return phone calls seeking comment.

Cohen said he expected a next round of bidding on the property will bring lower offers. Environmental-cleanup costs initially estimated at \$8 million to

NOW WHAT?

What's the status of the sale of Northville Psychiatric Hospital and its property?

- Farmington Hills developer Grand/Sakwa has backed away from a proposed \$76 million purchase for undisclosed reasons.
- Livonia-based Rock Construction Company may be interested in the land, but at a reduced price from what was originally offered.
- Because NPH is a state-owned piece of property, Northville Township has no official role in the sale, except to work with the state to ensure the buyer of the land develops it in a manner consistent with community values.

\$12 million likely will be closer to \$20 million, he said.

The developer next to consider buying the site will be afforded the same due diligence period Grand/Sakwa exhausted Sept. 8, Medina said. That investigation calls for various professionals to visit the site to perform environmental studies, look at existing buildings, and perform other evaluations, prior to finalizing the deal with the state.

Northville Township has been

watching from the sidelines the negotiations between the state and prospective developers. Planning for the property to change hands, township leaders last year adopted a planned use development ordinance for the state property, part of an overall vision for the Seven Mile Road Corridor. Renderings specify locations of office, research and development, residential and open-space land uses.

"Northville Township does not own or control property," township supervisor Mark Abbo said. Local officials have offered to work with the state to achieve selling the property so long as it is consistent with the core values of this community, he said.

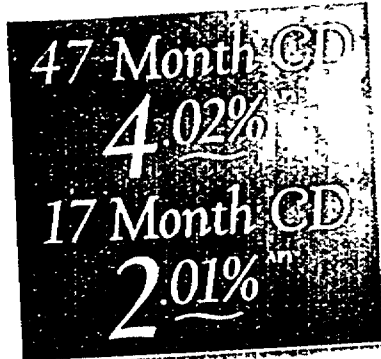
The property is on the south side of Seven Mile Road, west of Haggerty, east of the state police post, and backing up to a half dozen Six Mile Road-access residential developments.

The Seven Mile Road vantage point shows the eight-story, many-window, reddish-tan brick main hospital and a series of two-floor facilities. Beyond the parking lots and series of service drives, the topic property reaches back into heavily wooded, rolling hills.

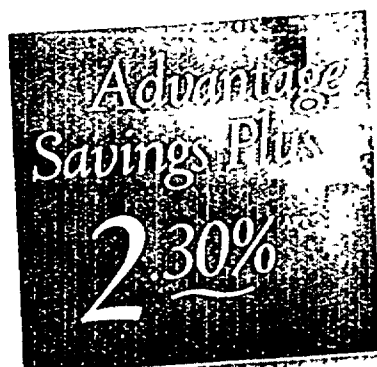
Northville Psychiatric was built in the 1950s with the capacity to house more than 1,200 people. At the time state officials announced plans to close the facility, they cited the nationwide movement away from institutionalization and toward community-based placements.

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Ashley Robinson (7), Morgan LaLonde (8) and Grant LaLonde (6) set up a lemonade stand over the summer with the intent of using proceeds to purchase new books for Ridge Wood Elementary School's library. The trio raised enough money to purchase three books on the "teachers' wish list."



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Andrew Minielly and his sister, Amy Minielly weren't terribly excited on Andrew's first day of school, but 12 years later, they're all smiles at Andrew's graduation. Andrew is currently attending Western Michigan University, while Amy is a student at Northville High School.



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Northville High School cheerleaders perform a stunt in front of their booth at the Northville Victorian Festival last week.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Margo Kramar, owner of Margo's of Northville salon met with Candy Shaw of Jamison Shaw Salon in Atlanta, Ga., following Shaw's reading of Kramar's comments in an article in *Salon Today*. Kramar responded to a reporter's inquiry about which fellow salon owner she'd most like to spend a day with. Kramar responded her favorite fellow hairdresser was Shaw. In response, Kramar was flown to Atlanta and treated to a day of pampering and education by Shaw at her salon.

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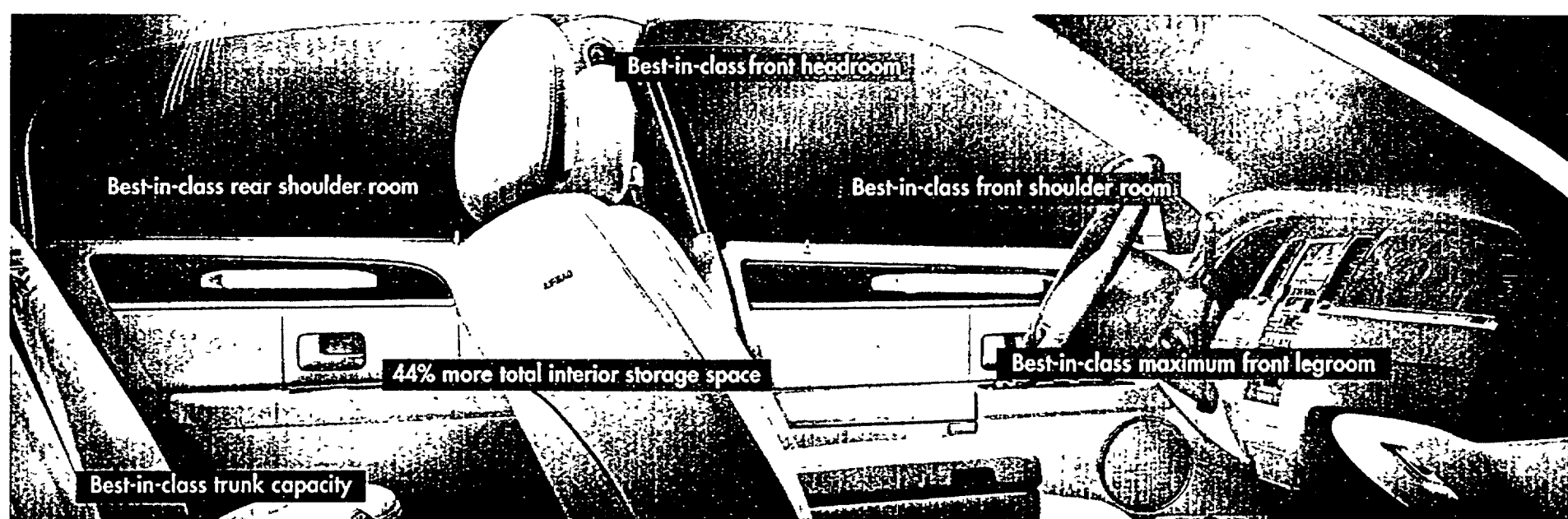
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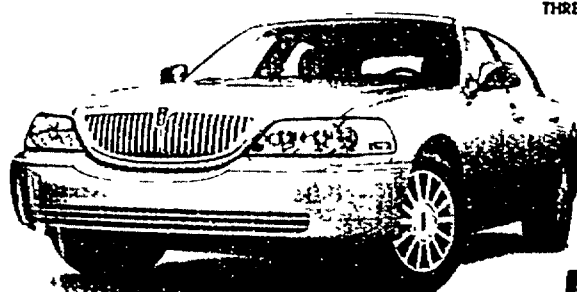
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Foundation inks deal to take over farm

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they know that a vital component will be reaching out and tapping the talents, ideas, energy and enthusiasm of all who want to contribute in some positive way to restoring the Maybury Farm experience."

The lease, with additional 15-year renewal options, also establishes an advisory committee to include representatives from the state natural resources department, community foundation, and other community groups supportive of the Maybury Farm.

"I'm very eager to start work with her on it," said Susan Smith, president of Voices for the Maybury Farm, a grassroots group ignited as the fire was extinguished. "I look forward to a good working relationship with the Northville Community Foundation."

"We've been a dynamic group since we formed," Smith said. "We plan on continuing to be a dynamic, enthusiastic group."

Since the loss of the farm, support for its return surfaced in the community in countless forms, from school fundraisers to a quilt raffle to a pancake breakfast. A most recent example is the publication of a book, *Maybury Had a Little Lamb*, written and illustrated by two former farm hands.

The farmer's position is among those the Foundation will have to fill. "We've had a few people already at the office," Peters said. "It will be an interview process."

The organization is ready to assume the day-to-day duties associated with supervising the historic farm when the time comes, with oversight of the seven-member Foundation board.

With the framework of the lease in place, efforts to begin raising money to hire staff, replace machinery, restock animals and fund ongoing maintenance can begin in earnest.

"We don't want the 15-minute

plan, we want the 15-year plan," Peters said. The Foundation office continues to regularly field questions and offers of support, she said.

The approximate \$45,000 raised so far is a start toward the Foundation's first goal, Peters said, which is to raise \$1 million by May 2004.

"After the initial fundraising goal is met, the barn will be rebuilt and programs very similar to those previously in place at Maybury Farm will resume," Peters said. "We are doing this so that the children can have their farm back as soon as possible."

The Foundation's larger goal is to accumulate \$3 million, the foundation president said, which would fund the farm operation for the long-term.

"We hope to have the farm restored to working order in the next two years, depending on donations," she said. "What we're looking at is to replace what was here."

Through interpretive programs, farm hands led tours of school children and families inside the daily operation of a farm from a bygone era. While experiencing farm life hands-on, Maybury Farm visitors also learned the purpose of each animal, crop and product.

In addition to financial contributions, Peters listed the following items needed: paint, lumber, tractors, farm equipment, roofing, seed, feed, a windmill, picket fencing, split rail fencing, wheelbarrows, incubators, gravel, hitches, horse trailers, horse plows, a gravity box wagon, 8-foot wooden tables, sheep, dairy cows, beef cows, calves, sows, an observation hive of bees, smoke detectors, and fire extinguishers.

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Caller stops car break-in

Kings Mill resident telephones police in midst of attempted theft of car

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Northville Township police arrested five Detroit men Tuesday who were accused of breaking into several vehicles in the area.

At approximately 3:45 a.m. that day, a Kings Mill resident telephoned the township police.

The caller reported there were several individuals outside her window that appeared to be breaking into a car, said Lt. Ray Garbarino, of the Northville Township Police Department.

Officers soon responded to the woman's call.

"As they were getting there, the suspects had gotten into their van and were leaving the area," said Garbarino.

He said police stopped the van as it was leaving the Kings Mill Court area and discovered that the van was reported stolen out of Detroit.

All five occupants of the van were placed in police custody. Garbarino said further investigation revealed that the suspects had broken into three other vehicles that same night prior to police arrival.

"They attempted to get into a fourth, but weren't able to," said Garbarino.

The five Detroit men—which consisted of three juveniles and two adults—were transported to the police station.

Police said none of the five individuals are related to each other.

Garbarino said two of the juveniles were released to their guardians. The other juvenile, he said, was an escapee from a youth home in

Wayne County and was released back to Wayne County.

The two adults, ages 17 and 32, were in custody at press time pending further investigations and charges.

Garbarino said the 32-year-old man has a warrant out of the Detroit Police Department for aggravated assault.

The investigation is ongoing.

Garbarino lauded the alertness of the woman who reported the incident and encouraged other residents to report any suspicious behavior.

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Schools take moment to remember Sept. 11

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

A mere 737 days have passed since that the fateful morning of September 11, 2001.

In memory of the two-year anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the

Pentagon, Northville Public Schools last Thursday took time to recall and reflect on the world-changing events that unfolded.

Northville school superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said flags were lowered to half-staff on district flagpoles. At 8:46 a.m. a moment of silence was initiated.

Rezmierski also said a moment of silence was also recognized at the elementary level soon afterward, as the students began their academic day.

Students and staff members at Northville High School, Rezmierski said, created and signed a banner which was later sent to a fire station in New York.

"The issue was one of somber remembrance of the situation," he said.

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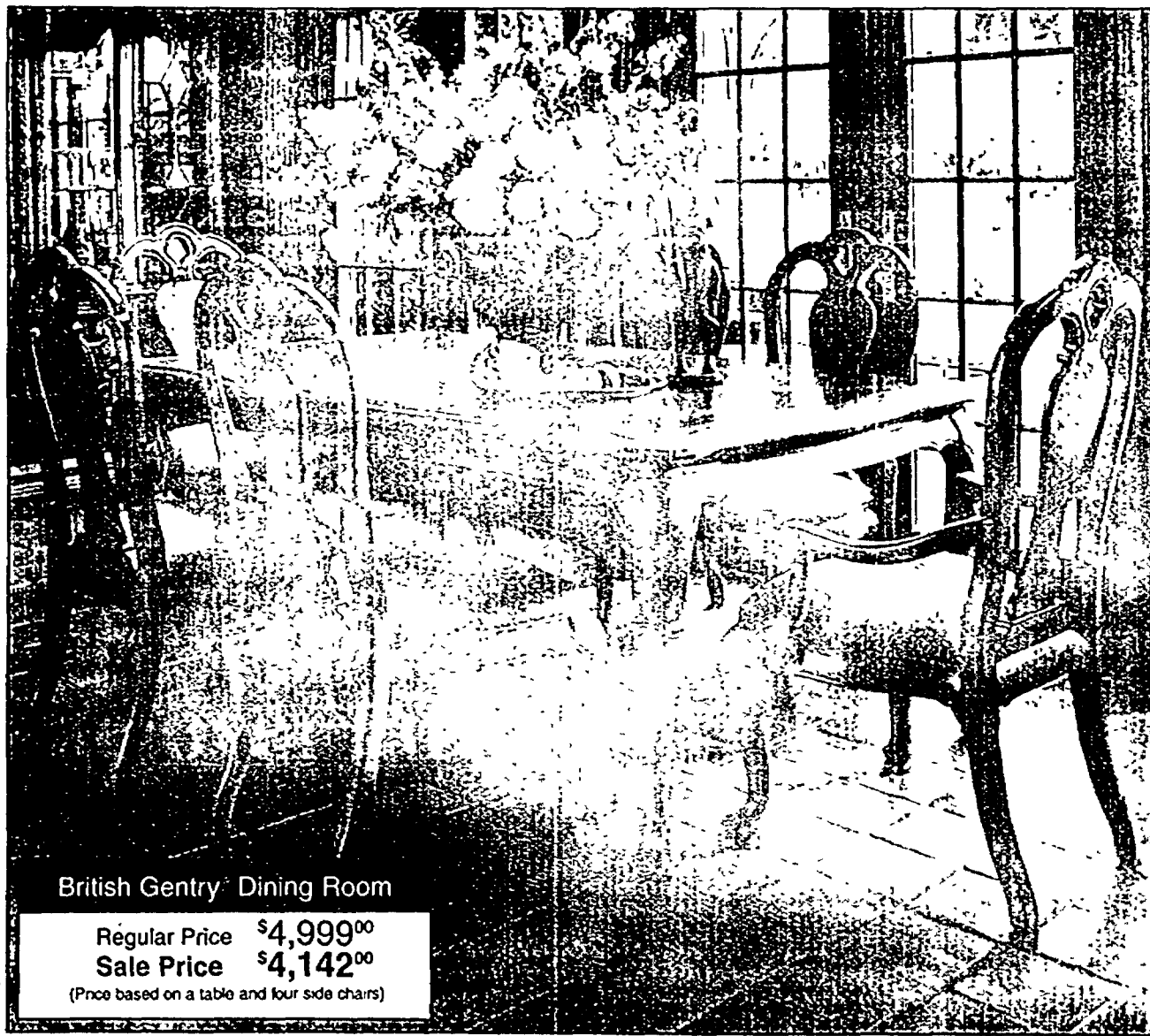
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Kitten gets free ride from Ohio to Northville

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Chamber of Commerce offices.

"It was so small and so scared I had to take care of it," said Bloom. "I walked by and heard meowing. It was very tame. It was probably just so tired and exhausted."

Bloom also said the kitten had grease and oil on its fur.

"It looked like it had a rough morning," she said.

After bringing the young cat to the Chamber's Main Street offices, phone calls were soon in progress to local veterinarians to have the kitten's health assessed.

Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic, located on Eight Mile Road in Northville Township, took on the task of treating the travel-weary animal.

Upon examination, the female kitten—which vet officials named "Toledo" in honor of its long journey—was treated for worms, ear ticks, dehydration, an upper respiratory infection and was underweight.

Due to having an infection contagious to other cats, Toledo could not be housed at the clinic.

Lauren Matuszak, a receptionist at the Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic, volunteered to keep Toledo at her home and nurse it back to health.

"It had to be taken somewhere away from other cats," said Matuszak. "I was one of the only ones that don't have cats."

After willingly accepting the responsibility of caring for the orange, tiger-striped kitten,

Matuszak said Toledo is now eating and drinking well and has been gaining weight.

Upon its complete recovery, Toledo will be ready for a family to call her own.

"[She] will be up for adoption in the next week or so," said Matuszak. "As soon as she's clear of the respiratory infection, she's up for adoption."

Residents interested in adopting Toledo may contact the Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic at (248) 349-2598.

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Parking deck proposal back on city ballot

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it on the ballot because so many people signed the petition," he said.

The 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.

Flawed, but accepted

Monday the city leaders opted to formally accept the petitions, despite assessment by the city's bond counsel that the documents were flawed in format. The two dozen volunteers who went door-to-door with their issue succeeded in obtaining signatures from at least the required 10 percent of the city's 4,668 registered voters as required for a referendum.

City staff prepared 22 pages for council study Monday night, describing the petition contents, legal review of the petitions, five options for council action, and proposed resolutions regarding

ON THE BALLOT

■ Mayor Christopher Johnson's two-year seat

■ Two four-year council seats held by Mayor Pro-tem CarolAnn Ayers and Tom Swigart

■ Parking Bonding Proposal

setting an election. The options for council action included acceptance or rejection of the petitions.

The council vote effectively dismissed flaws, allowing space for a petitioner to write and sign his or her name, for example. City Clerk Dianne Massa, whose office had to confirm each signature as valid, detailed the signature breakdown: number submitted, 614, number needed, 467, and number valid, 517.

Worded the ballot

Providing data projected on a

large screen, city finance manager Nickie Bateson led some of those very signers through a description of bond options for the project and corresponding proposed ballot language. The proposal the council endorsed calls for the issuance of limited tax bonds, which would be paid back by the Downtown Development Authority.

Mittman, who with council members Kevin Hartshorne and Tom Swigart voted in favor of creating the ballot question, said the weeks up until the election will provide an opportunity to reach a community consensus on the parking improvement project. City staff offered to inform by e-mail anyone interested of a date yet-to-be-determined informational meeting.

Part of the comments by residents who took turns complimenting the mayor's recommendation

conveyed the concern that they did not feel well informed. How the building will be paid for, what the structure would look like and which buildings would be located adjacent the structure were repeated questions.

"That's one of our challenges, to make sure everyone's informed," Mittman said.

The parking improvement plan the council approved in June calls for issuance and sale of \$6.5 million in bonds to pay for the multi-tier Wing Street structure, as well as the Dunlap lot reconfiguration, all in the interest of adding additional parking spaces in close proximity to the downtown.

Who pays for it

Bateson described how property 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.

A portion of the taxes paid on properties contained within the district are "captured" for use on projects undertaken by the downtown development authority. Specifically the authority currently is backing the parking improvement project; the larger goal is preventing the deterioration of the downtown, stimulating the downtown economy, and encouraging private investment in the downtown.

The City Council in 1978 created Northville's DDA. The body subsequently has expanded its scope and projects, along with their accompanying financial obligations.

Part of the discussion at the

Sept. 2 council meeting 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.

Validation of the petitions stalls the plan that the Northville Downtown Development Authority has shepherded through multiple-step approval processes during the past few months. Prior to setting the election, the expansion of the parking areas were targeted for completion in time for next holiday shopping season.

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NORTHVILLE POLICE REPORTS

EXPLORING THE WRONG WAY: A 24-year-old Garden City woman was headed in the opposite direction of home when she told a Northville police officer that was her destination.

The driver of a burgundy Ford Explorer caught the officer's attention near Eight Mile and Center roads at approximately 2 a.m. last Wednesday. According to police reports, she was weaving in her lane and using the curb to keep her vehicle traveling straight. The officer reported smelling a strong odor of intoxicants from inside the sport

utility vehicle.

The woman initially told the officer she was heading home to Garden City, then she said she was going to a friend's house in Farmington Hills, the report says. The officer noted she was headed in the opposite direction of both at the time she was pulled over. Then she said she was lost, the report says.

After administering field sobriety tests, the officer recorded the driver's preliminary breath test at 0.165. She was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor

and unlawful blood alcohol content.

DRIVER CROSSES THE LINE: Driving through a red traffic signal in at an intersection marked "no turn on red" tripped up a 28-year-old Ann Arbor man early Sunday morning.

After the Northville police officer saw a black BMW turn from Novi Road to Eight Mile Road, the driver proceeded to cross white lines, according to a police report. When the officer pulled the man over at just before 2 a.m., he noted

a moderate odor of intoxicants.

The field sobriety tests the officer administered included reciting the alphabet. The driver achieved A through V, stopped for several seconds, then said to the officer, "You got me on that one," according to the reports. The report also details the driver "swaying visibly" and a blood alcohol content of 0.153.

The officer arrested the driver for operating under the influence of liquor and an unlawful blood alcohol content, the report says. He was placed in a cell at the station

until sober and he could post a bond.

FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS: A 39-year-old Dearborn man driving a Chevrolet pickup that his friend had rented was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor and an unlawful blood alcohol level, according to police reports.

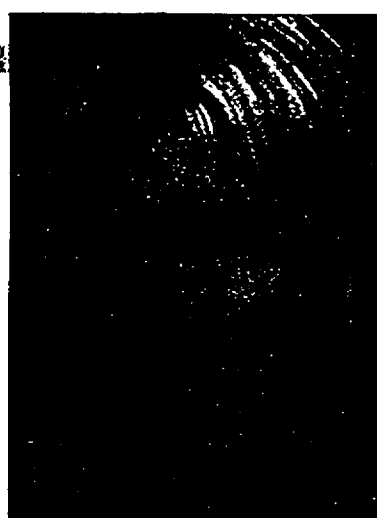
At approximately 2 a.m. last Thursday, a Northville police officer spotted the driver and his passenger, a 33-year-old Northville man, traveling southbound on

Novi Road, near Allen Drive, the report says. The officer measured the truck speed at more than 50 mph in a 40 mph zone, the report says. The report details the truck drifting in one lane, then overcorrecting.

The officer's approach to the vehicle revealed the smell of "strong odor of intoxicants." A preliminary breath test measured 0.11 blood alcohol content, the report says. The officer arrested the man and put him in a cell at the station, pending sobering and posting bond.

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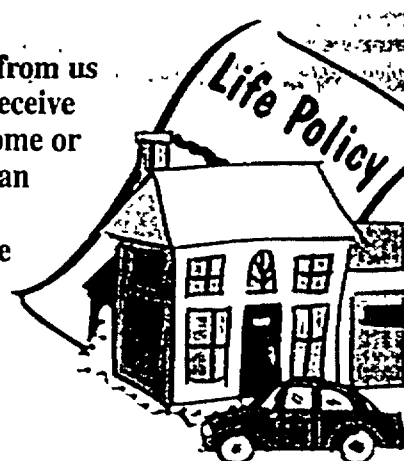
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LIBRARY HOURS

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BOOKS, CHAT & CHOW

Open to students in grades 6 and up, this monthly book club meets to enjoy talking about some fun reads, as well as making friends and having treats. On Sept. 24, join us to discuss "The Loser's Club" by John Lekich. Please register starting Sept. 2.

JUNIOR BOOKS, CHAT & CHOW

Students in the fourth and fifth grades are welcome to make friends, have treats, and enjoy a lively book discussion of Richard Scrimger's "The Nose from Jupiter." Join us on the last Wednesday of the month, starting Sept. 24 at 4:15 p.m. Please sign up at the Information Desk, starting Sept. 2.

BETWEEN THE LINES

For a lively discussion of interesting books, save each second Monday night at 7 p.m. Join us on Oct. 13 to talk about the memoir "A Girl Named Zippy." Author Haven Kimmel describes with humor her quirky memories of growing up in a small mid-western town in the 1960s. No pre-registration required.

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SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

Children who are able to print their first and last name can sign-up for their very own library card, receive a fun surprise, and have their names proudly posted, during the month of September.

FRIENDS FALL USED BOOK SALE

Look for bargains and treasures at the Friends of the Library semi-annual Used Book Sale, on Sept. 19 from 3 to 7 p.m., Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sept. 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. Members of the Friends are welcome to attend the special Friends Preview on Sept. 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. All proceeds of the sale are used to enhance the library.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Northville District Library Board of Trustees will be on Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings, which are typically scheduled on the fourth Thursday of the month.

MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Village is an 11-acre collection of 19th century buildings along the Mill Pond operated by the Northville Historical Society. The Village is open dawn to dusk seven days a week and is located on the west side of Griswold north of Main Street in downtown Northville. The office, located at the Cady Inn, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Archives are open on Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment. The 2nd Sunday in June through the 3rd Sunday in October the buildings are open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. with docents (hosts/hostesses) in each to share the history of that building. For detailed information about special programs or renting the facilities call the office at (248) 348-1845.

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Sept. 19	9 am - 1 pm 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Archives Open to the Public Rehearsals	Cady Inn Church
Sept. 20	12:30 pm - 2:30 pm 3 pm - 5 pm 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Wedding Wedding Wedding	Church Church Church
Sept. 21	10 am - 12:00 pm 4 pm - 7 pm 4 pm - 6:30 pm	Mill Creek Community Church Eagle Court of Honor Venture Scout Crew #8	Church Church Cady Inn
Sept. 22	10 am - 3 pm 4 pm - 5:30 pm 7 pm - 9 pm	Heirloom Rug Hookers Brownie Scout Meeting Lion's Club	Cady Inn Cady Inn Cady Inn
Sept. 23	9 am - noon 4 pm - 6 pm	Stone Gang Scout Bridging Ceremony	Buildings & Grounds Cady Inn & Bridge
Sept. 24	3:45 pm - 5:30 pm 7 pm - 9 pm	Brownie Scout Meeting Mill Creek Community Church Prayer Service	Cady Inn Church
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One-liners underscore Northville native's act



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Northville native and comedian Kerri Pomarolli performs last Saturday night at the Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase.

By Sam Eggleston
STAFF WRITER

For Kerri Pomarolli, stand-up comedy might as well be therapy.

Up there on the stage, she's able to spill her guts about marriage and the lack of it in her life, as well as the childhood she had here in Northville. She can be someone she's not if she wants to be, or she can be completely true.

"It's such a great time when you're up there," Pomarolli said. "The only problem with it is that it goes by so fast. Just about the time you feel like you're warming up, it's time for your last joke."

That was the case for Pomarolli at the Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. The Northville native and current Los Angeles resident did her act as a guest with the club, and did so in front of a packed house for her opening show.

"It was amazing," she commented. "I could look anywhere in the audience and see people I knew. My friends from junior high even came to see my show, and that means so much."

With so many family and friends in attendance at the show — such as her mother and father, Barbara and Dick Pomarolli and her godfather Mike Smail — Pomarolli was able to pull out some material that may not have made sense in the L.A. comedy circuit.

She talked about her mom's dedication to finding her a husband, she discussed her days of getting "Welcome Back, Kotter" dolls for Christmas and even having her parents drag her down to the local grocery store for the days they were serving samples.

"Here, put on this coat and glasses and get your father some more sausage," she said. "My brother is saying, 'But I'm not hungry any more.'"

Though Pomarolli loves the spotlight and the laughter that tends to come with it for a woman in her position, she says there is something a little frightening about being up on stage.

"I was terrified," she said. "The adrenaline has never been pumping so hard. Even my Jewish friend, Joshua, was praying for

me before the show."

With two shows at the Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase firmly under her belt, Pomarolli said that she is excited about the possibility of coming back.

"The owner of the club said that any time I want to do some stand-up, to give him a call," she said. "It was such a great time and I had such a blast, I am already looking forward to the day I get to come back."

For Pomarolli, this may have been the first step in a long line of shows for her.

"This is definitely something I want to do," she said. "I want to tour and I want to do it in all kinds of different cities."

Even her peers in the industry expect she'll find herself on that road if she so chooses.

"She's a talented woman," said Steve Bills, the headline comedian at the Comedy Showcase the night Pomarolli played. "There's not a doubt in my mind that she'll be a name in this business if she keeps working at it. It's a hard business to stay in, and she just has to be dedicated."

For Pomarolli, that need for dedication is clear. She's been everywhere from the Comedy Channel to "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" and she has a grasp of what she needs to give and take to succeed in the business.

Of course, there are a few things she'd like to take away from it beyond fame and money.

"Maybe I'll get a husband at one of my shows," she said, adding a laugh. "I can just hold up some cards, tell them to pick a card, any card and when they do I can say 'Oh, it's my phone number. You're a winner.'"

Be it she takes away a husband, a few laughs or just the satisfaction of knowing she did a good job, at least Pomarolli will always know that if nothing else, she has the therapy of comedy to help her deal with life.

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NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

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Stewart's district includes the cities of Northville, Plymouth and Wayne.

SKATING STUDENTS

Moraine and Winchester Elementary are teaming together to offer several evenings of roller skating at Riverside Arena, an indoor skating facility. Food and rental equipment is available. This year, the skate time from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Sept. 18, Nov. 5 and Jan. 20.

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TEE TIME, ANYONE?

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

The event is slated to take place at the Woodlands of

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

WINCHESTER FALL SOCIAL

Winchester Elementary plans to host their annual fall social event Friday, Oct. 10 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. The event will feature a silent auction, face painting, children's games, a magician and a DJ.

There is no charge for admission.

For more information, contact Karen Heiser at (248) 449-6497.

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OBITUARIES

Lynda Kaye Bogart

Lynda Bogart of Honor died Sept. 6 at her home. She was 54. Ms. Bogart was born Dec. 16, 1948 to Warren and Jean (Lyke) Bogart. A member of Empire United Methodist Church, Ms. Bogart was a homemaker who enjoyed travel and shopping.

Ms. Bogart is survived by her friend, Donald Sowa of Honor; her daughter, Candi Bogart of Empire; her sons, Cameron Olds and Nicholas Olds of Empire; her mother, Jean Bogart of Northville; her aunt, Shirley Mazur of Northville; and her cousin, Cyndi (Dr. John) Sutton of Boston. She was preceded in death by her father, Warren Bogart.

A memorial service was held Sept. 12 at Empire United Methodist. Memorial contributions may be made to Munson Hospice or the church. Funeral arrangements were made by Bennett-Barz Funeral Home of Beulah.

Ione M. Artley

Ione Artley of Northville died Sept. 14. She was 71.

Ms. Artley was born Jan. 18, 1932 in Detroit to the late Like McLachlan and Mary Glaab McLachlan.

She was employed at M.A.G.S. (now Michigan Gift Mart) in Northville at the time of her death. She was a member of the Ladies League at Our Lady of Victory, the Northville Woman's Club and the Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

Ms. Artley is survived by two children, Gregg Artley of St. Louis, Mo. and Mary (Mark) Whitman of St. Joseph; three grandchildren, Tyler, Abby and Megan Whitman; four siblings, Rod (Mary Lynn) McLachlan of Bloomfield Hills, Mary Rose Murray of Bardonia, Ky., Helen Schneider of Northville and Geraldine Scholl of Ann Arbor.

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Interment will be at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights.

James E. Waterman

James Waterman of Winter Haven, Fla. died Aug. 27 at Winter Haven Hospital. He was 69.

A native of North Dec. 20, 1933 in Wixom to John and Florence Waterman, and retired from working at the Hawthorne Center after 30 years. He was an Army veteran, serving in the Korean War.

Mr. Waterman is survived by his wife, Marcie M. Waterman of Winter Haven; his mother, Florence Van Housen of Winter Haven; his sister, Nyla Cerka of Hudson, Fla.; his stepchildren, Richard A. Wheelers of Winter Haven, Larry W. Wheelers of Lewiston; his daughter, Gail Trout of Kalkaska; five step-grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Ruby W. Nash

Ruby Nash, formerly of Northville, died Sept. 12 in Keller, Ky. She was 89.

Ms. Nash worked for a factory that produced machine guns for the military during World War II. She relocated to Kentucky from Northville in 1992.

Ms. Nash is survived by her children, Ed (Pat) Nash and Wayne (Donna) Nash; her grandchildren, Ronda (Steve) Polansky, Michael Kane Nash and Terra Kristin Nash; and her great-grandson, Caden Conner Polansky.

A memorial service for Ms. Nash was held Sept. 16 at Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Chapel in Keller. Interment will be at Siloam Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home of Colleyville, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward J. Artley.

Visitation for Ms. Artley will be held Sept. 18 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church from 10:30 a.m. until time of Mass at 11 a.m. Father John Budde will officiate. Interment will be at Rural Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville.

Mary Makara

Mary Makara of Northville Township died Sept. 13 at Presbyterian Village in Redford Township. She was 98.

Ms. Makara was born in Poland on Sept. 8, 1905, the daughter of John and Catherine (Lesko) Zerucha. Before retiring she had owned a confectionary store.

Ms. Makara is survived by one daughter, Florence Lukashuk; one son, Paul Makara; four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and three sisters.

A funeral mass was held Sept. 17 at Our Lady of Victory Church.

Civics Institute eyeballs teens at special community breakfast

Most people would agree that it is a good idea to get young people more engaged in the process of government. But how to you get a teenager interested in the intricacies of Medicare funding?

You don't. But laws that could affect when and how they receive a driver's license might get their attention. Once engaged, the teens might find the working of the state government more relevant.

That's the idea behind the non-profit Civics Institute, which has been working relatively quietly for about three years on a project to improve middle school and high school course work regarding state and local government.

The initiative goes beyond lesson plans. Organizers hope to actively encourage youngsters to become more involved in the process, including drafting and supporting new legislation.

"It's clear the students aren't involved," said Craig Ruff, who works for Public Sector Consultants, a public policy research firm in Lansing.

The goal of the project, he

"It's clear the students aren't involved."

Craig Ruff
Public Sector Consultants

said, is for students to learn "how you practice good government, what you have a legitimate right to expect and how you advocate" your position within the governmental process.

The project is hoping for both a fund-raising and publicity boost Friday with the first Celebration of Civic Engagement at the Double Tree Hotel in Novi.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm is the keynote speaker at the \$250-a-plate breakfast, which is hosted by an array of bi-partisan lawmakers, educators and business and civic leaders.

Ruff was attracted to the project by its biggest booster and Civics Institute chair, Doug Hart, who is also a Republican state representative from Rockford,

near Grand Rapids.

Democracy depends on an informed citizenry, but Hart was convinced that "students lack the basic knowledge about how state government works and what it does," said Ruff.

A former teacher, Hart enlisted the state's association of social studies teachers to create a curriculum that brings state and local government to the classroom.

To further involve students, Hart has recruited up to 30 state representatives to conduct workshops around the state in which students are encouraged to suggest new legislation.

Tiffany Aurora, who is on Hart's staff, says there have already been at least two legislative initiatives prompted by students.

As a result of one, Granholm signed a resolution that declares October as Backpack Safety Awareness Month. The other will result in budget language that will encourage the state to provide \$10,000 in phone cards for Michigan residents serving overseas in the military.

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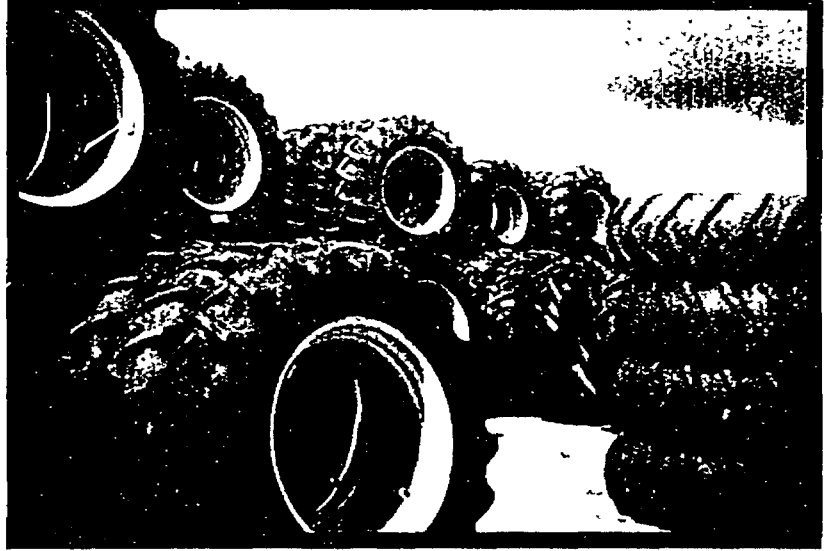
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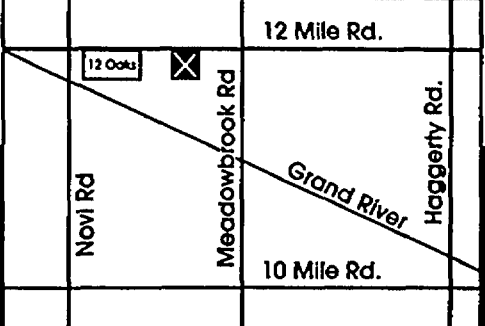
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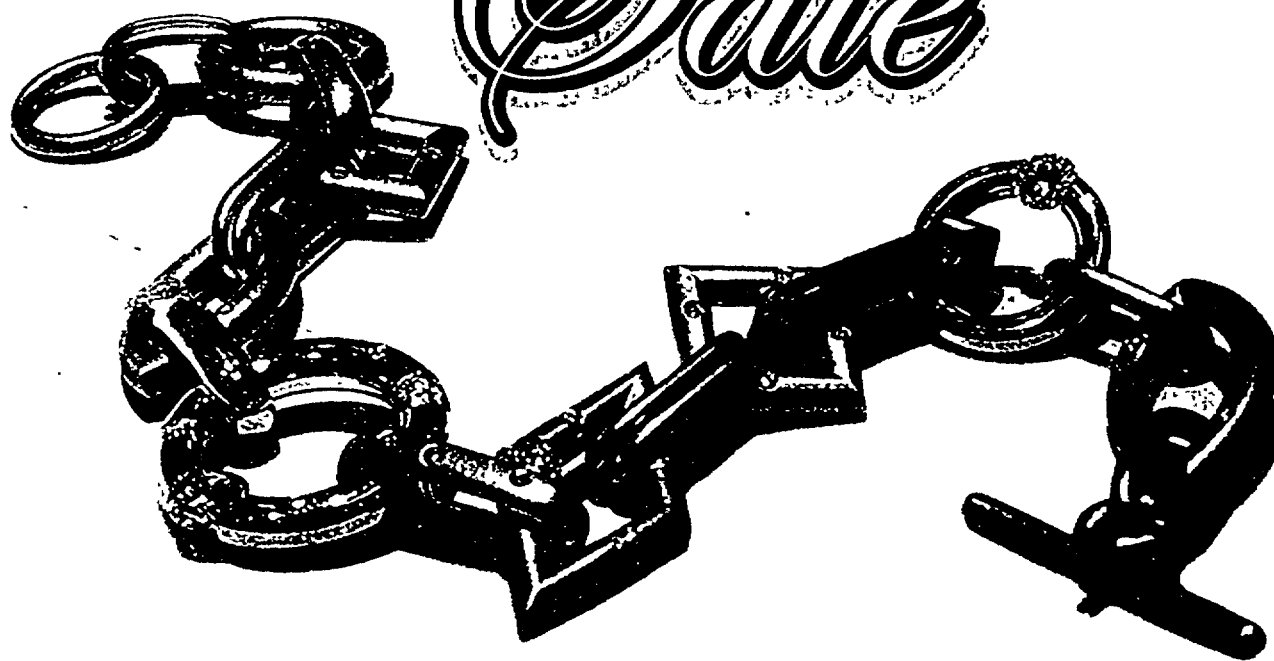
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Demise of ash trees is big business, heartbreak

By John Heider
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

With more than 6 million ash trees in the metro Detroit area dead or in declining health, local tree trimming companies like Northville's All Season Tree Service are busy.

Busy like Lucy in the chocolate factory.

Busy like a kindergarten teacher with 25 charges.

Busy like a fox in a henhouse.

"A day hasn't gone by that we haven't cut one," crew leader Jeremy Stubbart said of the diseased ash trees.

With the thousands of dying ash trees in the Northville and Novi areas alone, tree trimmers have about all the work they can handle. All Season's crew was busy on a recent Wednesday afternoon in Novi's Dunbarton Pines subdivision taking out a stand of four dead ash trees in a backyard.

Stubbart, All Season's chainsaw wielder and stump grinder, has been working for the Northville-based service for seven years and said he likes the day-to-day aspect of the job: "I like doing this. It's always a challenge when you get to the job and you've got to figure out how to do it (drop a tree) without busting up the place."

Some of the factors that Stubbart had to consider at this Novi job were how big the trees were, where they were located, how to keep dropped limbs from damaging the surroundings, and how to allow for the most efficient cleanup.

In 20 minutes, Stubbart, with the assistance of climbing spurs strapped to his ankles, had ascended a 40-foot ash tree with a roaring 15-pound chainsaw dangling from his waist and cut it down piece by large piece and then reduced the trunk to four

"We're backed up four to five weeks...it's devastating. It's overwhelming."

Marlene Jezewski
All Season Tree Service

neat little packages.

Taking a quick break in the noonday sun, with sweat dripping off his sunburned skin and taking swigs from a water bottle, Stubbart talked about their current gig.

"For us, this is a small job," he said. The four, relatively small ash trees in this homeowner's backyard didn't require any major strategy, but sometimes they do.

"The size of the trees and how they're placed goes into how I do it. If limbs were hanging over the house, I'd have rope them down," Stubbart said, referring to a more complicated method of bringing large limbs down slowly with ropes.

"It is nice when you can just drop them, but sometimes you can't," he added.

Looking toward a growing pile of ash tree bits that were being spit into a dump truck by a powerful chipper, Stubbart added, "It's good for business but it's terrible to see all these trees dying."

All Season Tree's Marlene Jezewski (co-owner and husband, Ed, was home nursing a broken ankle) stopped for a moment amid the diesel fumes, smell of chainsaw oil and fresh-cut trees to talk about their 14-year-old business. The recent ash tree die-off has noticeably

affected the business and the speed with which they can get to customers.

"We're backed up four to five weeks, and it used to be eight weeks," Jezewski said about how soon All Season can get to local jobs. "It's devastating. It's overwhelming," Jezewski said of all the ash trees dying. "Earlier this summer I've had to say to customers 'I can't trim — I'm too busy to trim.'"

Jezewski works herself and her crew hard, but not too hard. They put in a regular eight hour day. "I want my crew to come back tomorrow," she said.

Ed and Marlene Jezewski usually spend a day on the weekend doing estimates for jobs and then join their crews in the field while completing them on the weekdays. Seventy-five percent of All Season's work recently has been devoted to the removal of dead ash trees.

The four-tree job Marlene and her crew of four were tackling that day in the Novi neighborhood was estimated to cost its homeowner \$600. Jezewski noted as she picked up another 40-pound log to carry to the chipper. "People can only afford so much at a time. They've got to pick and choose what to cut and when."

Business for local tree trimmers should remain funeral-march steady in the coming years, unless a cure for the ash borer infestation is found.

Looking at a nearby neighbor's set of ash trees Jezewski notes, "I'll probably be coming back here next summer for their trees."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Norb Leppanen, a volunteer at Novi's Tollgate Farms, gives a buss to Percheron "Tom" last Friday afternoon. Tom and his brother Tim will be hitched up to a wagon this Sunday giving rides at the Fuerst Farm Family Day in Novi.

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A copy of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection at the Township Clerk's office beginning September 8, 2003 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Residents are invited to attend for comments and questions concerning the proposed budget at the public hearing.

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Great things expected for Von Maur opening

By Stephanie
Angelyn Casola
STAFF WRITER

Shoppers at Laurel Park Place can hardly wait to get their first peek of Von Maur – the department store set to fill the vacancy left when Jacobson's declared bankruptcy last year.

"I am waiting for it to open," said Judy Gulian of Livonia. "Hopefully it's going to bring in a lot of people."

Marianne Khoury agreed. She worked at the Jacobson's store in Livonia for 15 years and is anxious to see how the space has been transformed, and to find out just what Von Maur will have to offer.

Jan Watton, also of Livonia, joked she'll be camping out to catch the opening – slated for October 18. "We're all looking forward to it," she said.

Von Maur opened its first store in 1872 in Davenport, Iowa. Now there are 18 locations in the Midwest and two new stores – the company's first in Michigan – are set to open in Briarwood Mall and Laurel Park Place this fall.

The Livonia location will host a grand opening Saturday, Oct. 18, but those interested in checking out the new chain earlier can visit Von Maur's Ann Arbor location at Briarwood Mall beginning Saturday, Sept. 20. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Von Maur is known for its upscale and brand-name merchandise, antiques, spacious store designs and expert customer service.

The family-owned department store wins comparisons to Nordstrom, another upscale department store at Somerset Collection North in Troy.

Jenny Musselman, manager, has spent her retail career with Von Maur and came to Livonia from Minneapolis specifically to open the Laurel Park Place store.

"It's not all about glitz. That can be intimidating. It's not the type of store a lot of folks have seen before."

Ed Nakfor
retail consultant

key to Von Maur's success in Michigan will hinge on educating the public as to what the store is, and what the store is not.

Von Maur will sell apparel for men, women and children, as well as footwear, lingerie, fashion accessories, fine jewelry, and gift and seasonal items.

The store will not have a restaurant or hair salon, Musselman said, but it will carry Godiva chocolates.

Designer names will line the tables and shelves at Von Maur, from Waterford crystal to clothes by Tommy Hilfiger, Sigrid Olsen, Calvin Klein and Liz Claiborne. Merchandise is expected to arrive as early as this week.

Beyond the brand names, Von Maur's signature is customer service, according to Musselman. The store offers perks like free gift wrapping, an interest-free credit card, free shipping and transfer of goods to or from another location for convenience. Aisles are made extra-wide, so shoppers can easily move around.

If an item doesn't fit quite right, customers can take it directly to Von Maur's in-house alterations. Basic alterations, like taking up a hem, are free.

Nakfor called these special services "almost unheard-of" in retail.

"I think it almost sounds too good to be true," he said. Nakfor described the store as offering a comfortable shopping experience, one where shoppers can buy "updated basics" but avoid becoming "a slave to fashion."

"There is a place for this type of store," according to Nakfor. "It's not all about glitz. That can be intimidating. It's not the type of store a lot of folks have seen before. The closest Von Maur is in suburban Chicago."

He commended the company for maintaining its family roots and for growing slowly in a new market.

"The challenge any retailer faces is to cater to tastes in so many different regions," he said.

Inviting, entertaining

At Von Maur, clothing will be arranged on tables and easy to reach out and touch. "We want people to feel the merchandise,"

Musselman said.

The space itself will be filled with more than merchandise. Shoppers will be treated to live piano music throughout the store, television in the men's department and in the children's department for entertainment. Plenty of comfortable chairs will be placed around the store so shoppers can sit down and rest, or just enjoy the music.

"It's been a great experience," Musselman said. She's had the opportunity to hire – and hand-pick – the staff who will open Von Maur, and be part of the process from the start.

"We've had a lot of fun doing it too," she said.

When it opens, the store will employ about 180 people. Doreen Murphy, a Westland resident, will be among that group. She has been hired as manager of the boys department at the Livonia store.

"I was interested in working for a very professional organization," she said. Like her co-workers, she can't wait to see the store once it's set to open.

Von Maur is hiring sales associates and seeking pianists. Visit Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh roads, to apply. For more information, check the Web site at www.vonmaur.com.

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photo by JIM JAGDFELD

Workers at Von Maur put the finishing touches on the escalator shaft area of Von Maur.

Suburban opportunity

Musselman said Von Maur saw an opportunity to purchase space when Jacobson's closed, and took it.

"We're very much a suburban type of store," she said.

Shoppers around the community have been curious. They could be found asking questions at the store's temporary management store front in the mall and trying to sneak an eyeful at the space while it is undergoing renovations.

At close to 150,000 square feet, the Livonia store's transformation is moving along. Reportedly, renovations will cost about \$10 million. Just a year since purchasing the space at Laurel Park, the store includes 44,000 square feet of porcelain tile on the floor, new light fixtures and an airy, open atmosphere.

Ed Nakfor, a retail consultant from Birmingham, predicted the

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville High School students cheer on their football team during last a home game against Livonia Stevenson. After defeating Plymouth Salem last week, the Mustangs improved to 1-2 on the year.

LETTERS

Car wash owner in Novi showed real Americanism

A special thanks to Zack of Zax Auto Wash on Grand River and Wixom roads in Novi for his symbol of Americanism on Sept. 11. He gave every one who came to his car wash was a free car wash. I think he deserves a special thanks as he gave hundreds of free car washes.

Daniel M. Lorigan
Northville

Additional reflections on role of United Nations

In reply to the letter from Ms. Piccone in Aug. 28 edition of the Northville Record, she made some statements about the abysmal record of the United States involvement with Nicaragua. Perhaps she has forgotten that we in this country have function for the last 160 years with a document called the Monroe Doctrine. This Doctrine basically reminded European Powers, for that matter any powers, that we would dictate the policy for this hemisphere and that their intrigue was not welcome.

For the time being and due to space limitations we will look at the actions of President Woodrow Wilson, the founder of the League of Nations the grandfather of the United Nations. President Wilson needed someone who he could depend on. He supported the dictator with arms and training for his national police force. It would be President Franklin Roosevelt who in 1936 put Somoza in power. Although President Roosevelt felt that Somoza was brutal that he would be the perfect puppet until someone that could be controlled better would come along. It was President Roosevelt feelings that Nicaragua was to become a base of operations for America. Like I said in other letters that I have written America needed to be the most powerful and influential nation in the world.

In 1979 the Sandinitas would oust Somoza. After 43 years the people of Nicaragua would be freed of brutal dictator. Daniel Ortega would become the new leader of that country.

It would soon become apparent that the Sandinitas would be exporting their revolution to El Salvador and the only one that would support these revolutions would be either Cuba or the Soviet Union. To counter this we would support a force to bring a contra revolution to Nicaragua. Because Sandinitas were in effect a client of Cuba it would adopt tactics that Fidel Castro would use in removing opposition in Cuba. For this we had no other choice but to support a side that had some questionable people too.

In 1990 the Civil war in Nicaragua was over both sides agreed to have free elections. But the UN and Ex-President Carter were asked to oversee the elections. As mention before the citizens of Nicaragua were in fear of the Sandinitas. The Sandinitas were removed from power by the free choice of the people. From this time forward the Sandinitas has had a small voice in the government of Nicaragua, they had not been the choice of the free people before these elections.

The other countries that you mention Iran, Iraq, Guatemala, and Chile always had citizens that supported us and without our military aid they would become the future victims. I know that this might be hard for you to understand that governments supported by the Soviets and Cuba have done terrible things to the citizens of other countries for the reason that they supported the United States. Don't these people have the right to support us? Why is it that when terrorist attack it is always our terrorist, not the terrorist supported by Cuba or Soviet Union? Aren't you the least bit curious of who is supporting who when you see the "people's army" carrying weapons of Soviet design? I have never seen rebels carrying M 16s they always seem to be carrying AK 47s.

Ms. Piccone you seem to make it your duty to point out our transgression of the UN Charter while ignoring the transgressions of the Former Soviet Union and the Peoples Republic of China. Are your sympathies with the Soviet Union and Peoples Republic of China? Remember that the Soviet Union was the first country in the 1980's to violate the sovereignty and self-determination of Afghanistan. That is why we boycotted the Moscow Olympic Games. Today Peoples Republic of China still violates the sovereignty and self-determination of Tibet. Ms. Piccone who is the hypocrite now?

You make the statement in regards to what power the UN wants "It (UN) never has and there is no indication it ever will." Let us look at the Monterrey Conference and get a true picture of the goals that the UN have. In March of 2002 the UN had International Conference on Financing for Development. This weeklong conference had social planners, non-governmental organizations, and Third-World Leaders directing accusations and frivolous charges against the world's wealth nations, especially the United States. We were charged with for our alleged role in keeping third world nations poor.

This conference passed the following resolutions;

- Force by law passed by UN General Council that the wealthy nations must contribute a portion of their Gross Nation Product to UN Program. The UN would administer the Programs with no accountability.

- Force a uniform tax code on all nations base on their use of natural resources. This tax would be supported by the country's general population and would be an extra burden on the poor.

- These new taxes must have a definite start up time to be determined by the UN General Council.

- The UN would abolish Security Council giving each country one vote. Thereby giving Third-World nations the power to control a wealthy's nations sovereignty and self-determination.

If this is not a power grab by the UN what is? Ms Piccone the Monterrey conference is not about money, nor taxation, nor even development. It's about power, the power to micromanage the smallest details of every human (you, me, and the readers of this newspaper). What will it be? The freedoms fought for by this country's patriots or the tyranny of the UN.

A final thought for you, the United States is not a democracy. We are a representative republic for if we were a pure democracy each issue would need mass meetings to decide policy. This would be much too cumbersome for a nation of this size and would be too inefficient.

Dwight Wild
Northville

2003 Northville Citizen of the Year Award

We want to say thank you to the scores of people who commit their time, energy money and talents to making the Northville Community a special place to live. We want to say thank you to the individuals who work with service groups that help the less-fortunate in our community. We want to say thank you to the men, women and children who clean up our parks, plant flowers around town, drive meals to those who can't get out, work in our schools, in our businesses, and in our governments. And to do this, we need your help.

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. 5.)

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.

I nominate _____ for Citizen of the Year because

Nominated by _____ Phone No. _____

OTHER OPINIONS

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Thursday, September 18, 2003

Fixing this mess ain't so easy

In last week's column I pointed out it was time the politicians realized just how much pain and agony is being caused by the evaporation of American manufacturing. And I said I'd suggest some remedies for this serious economic disease.

One cure is simple: Protectionism, plain and simple. Undo NAFTA and muffle the "giant sucking sound" of American jobs exported abroad. Set up tariff and trade barriers against foreign manufactured goods. Argue that all American manufacturing needs is a breathing spell while labor costs in countries like China and India catch up with our own domestic



Phil Power

wages, thereby setting up a level playing field.

All this has a certain naïve, nationalistic appeal. And there is some economic rationale behind it. Look, for example, at what has happened in just a few years to wages in Mexico and Korea, formerly ultra low-wage competitors. The jobs that once moved there are now migrating to China and India, where wages are even lower. And sooner or later even the big global companies are going to run out of places where wages are lower than anywhere else, at which point they might discover the merit of moving manufacturing back to America.

Sounds good? Maybe. But consider the consequences: Likely zero growth for the world economy, increased costs of goods

for the American consumer, certainly a trade war and legal attacks from the World Trade Organization, outrage from "economically literate" elites and big companies. Won't ever happen, I'd guess.

Another possibility is to face the fact that as much as 75 percent of the job loss in manufacturing is the result of astounding increases in factory productivity and only 25 percent because jobs are being exported to low-wage countries. Manufacturing jobs represented 40 percent of all U.S. jobs in 1950, but only 15 percent in 2000 and, I suspect, will be something like 10 percent in 2025. But the amount, variety and quality of goods manufactured in the U.S. keeps going up because steadily rising productivity enables fewer workers to produce more and more.

The analogy here, of course, is farming. In 1900, something like 40 percent of U.S. jobs were on the farm, less than 15 percent in 1950 and barely 2 percent in 2000. But the U.S. agricultural sector produces far more farm products than it did in 1900, again because of enormous productivity increases.

So the policy consequence of this chain of reasoning seems something like, "Kick back, relax. All this is inevitable. People who used to work in manufacturing jobs will find something else to do (at, quite possibly, much lower wages and benefits). And U.S. consumers will continue to enjoy a vast range of high quality, cheap goods as a result." No wonder economics is called "the dismal science."

Another approach is suggested by what happened right here in Michigan when then Lansing Mayor David Hollister (now state economic czar for the Granholm Administration) cut a deal with General Motors and the UAW to build the new Grand River auto plant in Lansing. The idea was to negotiate relaxed work rules with the union, design a highly automated

manufacturing plant and get some tax breaks from the city.

It worked. According to David Cole, president of the Center for Automotive Research, the Grand River plant can produce up to five separate car models based on one vehicle platform, which keeps the plant running at high capacity with low labor and capital costs per unit of output. And GM plans to take the next step at the plant now being built in Delta Township, near Lansing, where three different platforms can generate a multitude of models. Such manufacturing facilities that are lean, economical and agile. They may not employ as many workers as the old assembly lines used to, but they get terrific productivity that justifies paying big salaries for the workers that are left.

The catch phrase here is "flexible manufacturing," which means a system that can respond quickly to changes in consumer demand and even make automobiles in response to orders from individual customers. The folks who make Levi jeans, for example, take individually sized and customized orders from people over the Internet and custom-manufacture jeans to fit even the oddest shapes.

This is not easy. It takes a highly trained work force, great flexibility in work rules, good relations between labor and management. But it might just be one route to a good future for our slimmed-down but prosperous manufacturing base in Michigan.

This column is based on conversations Phil Power has had with experts George Kuper, CEO of the Council of Great Lakes Industries, David Cole, and Paul Dimond, a partner at the Miller, Canfield law firm. 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.

Stowaway cats, petitions, Xmas, etc.

Random thoughts and observations on life...

- The startup of the school year means I'm putting out the invitation again to youth and community groups interested in getting a tour of the Northville Record office and learning a bit about the newspaper.



Chris C. Davis

In the five years I've been taking visitors through our humble abode at 104 West Main, the one constant has been the surprise on people's faces when they see the guts of the newspaper business. If your group is interested in getting a peek at what goes on here, drop me a line or give me a call. Giving tours is one of my favorite parts of this job.

- Not that this happened to me or any-

thing, but if you happen to drop your car off at a garage to have work done, and you then leave the garage to get a bite to eat, make absolutely certain that the key the mechanic returned to you isn't in the empty take-out bag you throw in the trash, or you may find yourself up to you shoulders rummaging through a garbage can trying to find the key.

- In California, they're signing petitions to recall a governor. In Northville, they're signing petitions to influence parking deck construction. If those aren't two classic examples of the pen is mightier than the sword, I don't know what is.

- Ask anyone who's been through the college experience, and they'll tell you they've awoken and asked the question, "Where the heck am I?!" at least once or twice. I've got to believe the same thing was going through that cat's mind when it jumped out of the truck after getting shipped all the way up from Toledo. If you're a cat lover and have space in your heart for a little nomadic feline, give Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic a call at (248) 349-2598.

- I'm sure I'm not the only one keeping my fingers crossed that the Northville

Psychiatric Hospital property sale smooths itself out. It's simply too large a piece of property to keep sitting vacant for too long. It'll make that vacated Farmer Jack supermarket on Seven Mile Road (now in its fifth year of being mothballed) look like a drop in the bucket.

- Hats off to the Kings Mill resident who spotted the would-be car thief casing out her ride. Police can only be in so many places at once, so they need the eyes and ears of residents to be looking out for each other's well-being. It's nice that the theft was apparently thwarted, but watching your car being eyeballed by a crook has got to be a rough way to start a morning.

- Brace yourself: there are only 98 shopping days until Christmas. If my mentioning this isn't a reminder of this little fact, take a walk in any major retailer. You'll be made well-aware of the calendar by the strains of "Jingle Bells" as you walk past the display wearing shorts and a T-shirt.

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GUEST COLUMN

We all remember the tragedy of 9/11

Last week we recognized the second anniversary of one of the most tragic events in American history. We all marked that day in our own way, and chose the form of our individual reflection. In the forefront of our minds were the heroes of that fateful day and all the innocent lives that were lost. For me, that day is seared into my memory in two different forms. On the one hand I, as



Michael Bouchard

most, was shocked, angered and full of sadness. And yet, watching people respond filled me with great pride and hope.

As we prepared a relief column to head to New York on the night of 9-11, a news reporter asked me how people in Michigan could help. Given the dire circumstances in New York, with the power out in the World Trade Center area, I suggested people could bring water, flashlights and batteries and we would take them to ground zero. To that quick and short answer came a huge public response. Within an hour we had a line of cars from the front door of our main building winding its way out to Telegraph Road. They came, and came and came.

People from all walks of life and of all colors. People filled with the desire and need to help others. One word described them all, they were, Americans. Some came with two gallons of water, and you could tell that was all they could afford. Others came with pick up trucks full of water bottles. Each touched you equally because people were giving all they could. As this moving scene unfolded, I began to be concerned how we might transport all the supplies. With that mere thought came another angel. A man called and said he heard what was going on and he would donate a tractor-trailer and if needed, a driver. And boy how it was needed. By midnight when our convoy pulled out to head to New York, it was carrying 80,000 pounds of batteries, flashlights and bottled water with its mud flaps dragging on the pavement. Officers from Auburn Hills, Royal Oak and Lake Angelus joined the deputies from our office. They headed to New York not knowing how they would be used, what danger they might face or how long they would be gone. Yet, they were eager to get underway. They, as all Americans, just wanted to help. We were lucky, because our profession allowed us to help.

Nothing you have seen on TV comes close to comparing to what it was like at ground zero in person. It was 100 times worse.

The scope, the sounds and the smells hit you like a baseball bat in the face. The same two emotions cascaded over you, anger and sadness on one hand and the other hand, with equal intensity, pride and inspiration. People were working there

non-stop without sleep in dangerous conditions - the air still full of cement, asbestos and death. Yet, you could not pull these men and women from the area. The area was still very unstable, on fire and building collapses still very much in the picture. As the buildings were shifting and tilting, engineers were monitoring them. If it was thought a collapse was imminent, an alarm would sound and people would run from ground zero, not knowing if they were running toward or away from danger. When the all clear would sound, they headed back with the same intensity, without hesitation.

Now as I look back on my time at ground zero and here in Michigan I remember how people pulled together. All of the things that sometimes divide our country were irrelevant. We were all Americans. We were a family that had been savaged. We were one. That is an incredibly powerful thing. We also saw a complete reordering of priorities. The trials, tribulations and focus of the everyday busy life gave way to single-minded focused concern for family, friends and fellow citizens. As we move forward on a professional level, we will continue to prepare and work to make America safer and more secure. However on a personal level, let us all remember the needs and priorities of that day: family, friends, god and country. Hug your family and friends a little more and never leave words unspoken as we relish each day.

Michael Bouchard is sheriff of Oakland County.

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Hazardous waste to be collected by city

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

This Saturday, it's time for homeowners to gather any toxic waste substances from their homes and dispose of them free of charge during the fall 2003 "Hazardous Waste Day."

The event — sponsored by Northville Township and the City of Northville — will take place at Northville's public works yard, located east of Northville Road and south of Doheny from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Anne Naszradi, an engineer with Northville Township, said residents of Livonia, Northville and Northville Township are invited to participate.

"Anyone who lives in those three areas can bring waste to this event," she said, adding that residents will need to show their driver's license to confirm residency.

By having a special coalition in place, Naszradi said hazardous waste collection takes place twice a year, as opposed to other communities only accepting toxic waste annually.

"It's a good thing for all the residents and the community," said Naszradi. "It gets all the hazardous waste out of your home, so there's a less likely chance of a child or pet becoming endangered."

She added that this event also benefits the environment and various ecosystems.

As a result, "We have less in our community and that means less illegal dumping," she said. "People think if they dump [hazardous waste] in a storm drain it disappears and it doesn't."

Instead, she said, waste travels into ditches, streams and ultimately the Detroit river.

"We want to dispose of it correctly," said Naszradi. "It's such a great thing for our community and it's free. It's a community service that we feel benefits everyone."

Jim Gallogly, public works director, agreed.

"It's one of those programs that everyone likes," he said. "When people come to this event, they're always happy when they drive away."

Officials said a new mercury-

WASTE NOT, WANT NOT

DATE: Sept. 20
PLACE: Northville's DPW yard, located East of Northville Road and South of Doheny
TIME: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
INFO: For more information, contact Northville City DPW Services at (248) 449-9930.

This event is for the disposal of residential hazardous waste only. The wastes that will be accepted at this event are listed below.

- Aerosol cans
- Any household chemicals
- Computer equipment
- Fire extinguishers
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Gasoline/gasoline and oil mixes
- Herbicides/pesticides
- Insecticides/fungicides
- Kerosene
- Medical waste (sharp items in containers only)
- Mercury items
- Mercury contaminated debris
- Oil based paints/stains
- Primers/turpentine/varnishes
- Propane tanks
- Transmission fluid/antifreeze
- Pool chemicals

A new mercury-free digital thermometer will be given to each person who brings a mercury-containing thermometer to the event. Limit one per household.

free digital thermometer will be given to each person who brings a mercury-containing thermometer to the event. A limit of one free thermometer per household applies.

"We're trying to get mercury out of everyone's houses," Naszradi said. "You don't want it in your house."

Although the event is free to residents, organizers are charged a per-car fee and are encouraging participants to ally with their neighbors and fit as many waste items as possible in one vehicle.

Not all waste items are accepted. Smoke detectors, radioactive materials, commercially generated waste, tires and ammunition will be refused.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

• THIS WEEK •

Fall youth basketball registration
DATE: Ongoing through Sept. 26
LOCATION: Northville Parks & Recreation (700 W. Baseline Road)

TIME: Call for info
DETAILS: The league is for girls in grades 4 through 6, while the boys' league is for grades 4-5 and 6-7. All players must complete a personal data form. Practices are held once or twice a week starting Oct. 20. A \$10 late fee will be assessed for registration after Sept. 26.
PHONE: (248) 349-0203, ext. 1405

Women's Bible study program

DATE: Begins Sept. 11
LOCATION: Detroit First Church of the Nazarene (21260 Haggerty Road)
TIME: 9:30 a.m. (babysitting provided) or 7 p.m.
DETAILS: The focus of the study will be "Choices That Matter." The books 1 Samuel and 2 Samuel will provide the backdrop for the study. The course is \$15 and runs through Nov. 18.
PHONE: (248) 348-7600

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

Michigan Humane Society Mutt Strut

DATE: Sept. 20
LOCATION: Maybury State Park (20145 Beck Road)
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Clothing drive

DATE: Sept. 20, 27
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)
TIME: 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
DETAILS: Items of particular need are career and career-casual clothing, shoes, winter coats, slacks, warm socks, hooded sweatshirts, hats and gloves. Items should be dropped off in garbage bags or

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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

College Night program

DATE: Oct. 1
LOCATION: Schoolcraft College physical education building (18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia)
TIME: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Many Michigan colleges and universities, as well as out-of-state campuses will be present to answer questions for prospective students.
PHONE: (734) 362-4426

Blood drive

DATE: Oct. 2
LOCATION: Schoolcraft College McDowell Center (18600 Haggerty Road, Room 200 - Livonia)
TIME: 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Walk-in donors are welcome.

PHONE: (734) 462-4422

Northville Woman's Club meeting

DATE: Oct. 3
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Country Club (40941 Eight Mile Road)
TIME: 11 a.m.
DETAILS: The opening luncheon will recognize past presidents, honorary members and new life members of the club. WDW-TV (Channel 4) meteorologist Chuck Gaidica will serve as guest speaker.
PHONE: (248) 349-5446

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 (20145 Beck Road)
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

Northville Woman's Club meeting

DATE: Oct. 17
LOCATION: Mill Race Village (Griswold / Main Street)
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Barbara Louie will be speaking on "Our Northville."
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Scenes from the 2003 Northville Victorian Festival

FLASH FROM THE PAST

Photos by
John Heider



With soot on his face to complete his costume as chimney sweep, Colin McGibbon walks in Friday's parade with Michelle Benson.



The Ladies' Precision Parasol Brigade does its routine during last Friday night's Victorian Festival parade.

By Staff Writer
MAUREEN JOHNSTON

Friday night's procession through town was ladies and gentlemen flouncing their Victorian finery, peppy stepping to marching band music, uptown ladies simultaneously wielding their parasols, and an audience appreciating all the spectacle of the passing parade.

The hour-long event spread the flavor of the 15th annual Victorian Festival through several city blocks to kick off the array of activity concentrated on Main and Center streets through Saturday and Sunday. Parade participation open to anyone — young, old, in-the-middle — who wanted to dress era-appropriately added to the air of enthusiasm of the city's largest festival.

Masses of area residents took advantage of the pleasant weekend weather and crowded the exhibits that the Northville Chamber of Commerce arranged during the past few months. Artwork to admire, students barking passers-by to toss a pie in a face, squealing children bouncing inside inflated animals, commingling of a dozen food smells — it was a feast for the senses.

"We are getting so many accolades, the weather, the entertainment, the organization," chamber executive director Laurie Marrs said Tuesday. "It's so nice to have everything run so smoothly."

The Victorian Festival is the chamber's showcase event for the year. Coordinating the parade, the Art Market, the non-profit area, the children play area, the steady procession of entertainment, and other attractions is an enormous undertaking. Events-onto-themselves, such as the home tour, parlor tea, and Mill Race Historic Village activities, also are part of the collaborative effort.

"It truly is an entire year that we plan this," Marrs said. City crews removed the street lamp banners at the start of this week, but lasting memories were created for many attending the 15-year-old, growing community tradition.

Long-time Northville resident Jette Moran, who attended the parade with a group of friends Friday, said she has visited every Victorian Festival since it started. The women considered which aspects of the annual event they most prefer.

"I just like to see all the old-fashioned costumes," Moran said.

Judy Montgomery agreed, displaying her camera. She watched for a particular group in-costume to pass by her Main Street vantage point. Her daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Rick Borthwick, join the procession



Parade participants stroll west along Main Street into the sunset during the beginnings of the Victorian Festival last Friday evening.



Northville High School junior Mike Howell prepares to meet the business end of a pie plate filled with whipped cream during Friday night's Victorian Festival. Howell was part of a group of NHS choir members who were taking a pie-in-the-face to raise money for their activities and trips.

each year with their children. David and Danielle.

Before the parade Friday evening, the staging area in the Cady Street parking lot was dizzy with the color of black-uniformed marching band members, purple-and-red clad ladies, ruffles and puff of period attire, and vintage ball uniforms, all milling about, talking excitedly, preparing to make an entrance. After the parade, a few dozen spectators drifted to the location west of the community center where city, township and school officials formally broke ground on plans to convert the 50-year-old building into a senior center.

The routine traffic travel on Main and Center streets was rerouted for the weekend, starting Friday. The Art Market on East Main, Kids Corner on West Main, non-profit and food booths on Center, and entertainment acts everywhere in between offered opportunity at every turn.

"We had some great new artists and some seasoned veterans," Marrs said of the Art Market. Even the non-profit exhibitors went out of their way to be creative this year, she complimented.

The Northville Mothers Club for the first time went the every-body-loves-them, heartwarming route of offering milk and cookies for sale.

"I just thought it was a cute idea for the community," said Laurie Wooderson. "It kind of goes with our Mothers Club theme."

"It's been a great success."

Wooderson and other moms Suzie Johnson, Amy Zubor and Jan Purcell presided over continuously emptied and filled cookie platters, particularly the chocolate chip variety. In a joint promotional effort with Orin

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Phil Gram, leader of the Phil Gram Krispy Krackers Dixieland Band, performs with his group at the intersection of Main and Center during the 2003 Victorian Festival.



To raise money for his senior Class of 2004, Northville High School student Nick Detrych sells popcorn to Sandra Pogue and her children Connor and Ashley during last Saturday's Victorian Festival.

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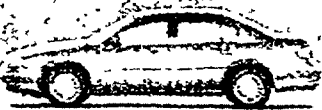
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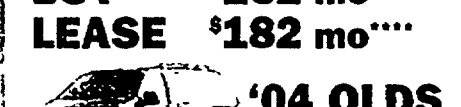
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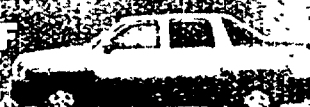
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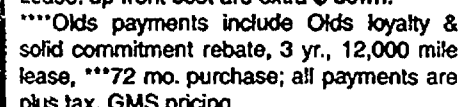
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Happy birthday, Mac

Junior tailback scampers 50 yards to score winning touchdown for Northville's first victory of season

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It's amazing how quickly a dreary day can turn into a sunny one.

The Northville Mustangs went from darkness to brilliance as they took their first two losses and learned enough from them to scrape together a 27-20 victory over the Plymouth Salem Rocks last Friday.

"The difference in the game was Mark Sorensen," Northville coach Clint Alexander said of the senior quarterback. "Every decision he made in the game was 100 percent correct. He was at the top of his game."

The Mustangs took the lead early in the contest as Sorensen scampered from behind the protection of his offensive line and crossed into the endzone with 8:19 remaining in the first quarter of play to take a 6-0 lead after the point-after attempt failed.

"We came out with intensity," Alexander said. "This was the team that I thought I had all year long."

The Mustangs were quick to add another touchdown to their tally, increasing their lead to 13-0 just 15 seconds into the second half as Mac Stilec pounded out a two-yard score before Bill Brown, the senior kicker, notched the point after.

"Stilec ran great for us," Alexander said. "He and (Tim) Downing are a great tandem for us in the backfield. Either one of them could break into big yardage for us."

About eight minutes later, the Rocks managed to notch their first score of the game as quarterback Chris Drabicki found Brian Bradley for a four-yard scoring strike with 4:51 left in the first half. Salem kicker Mike Kerul added the point-after to pull within six for a halftime score of 13-7 in Northville's favor.

Playing on their home field in their home opener, the Rocks were pumped as they came out of the locker room in the second half and quickly took the lead in the third quarter when Drabicki found Kevin Bradley for an 18-yard scoring pass with just two minutes off the clock before the extra-point kick put Salem up 14-13.

"We knew at that point that this was going to be a test of what we were going to be capable of doing," Alexander said.

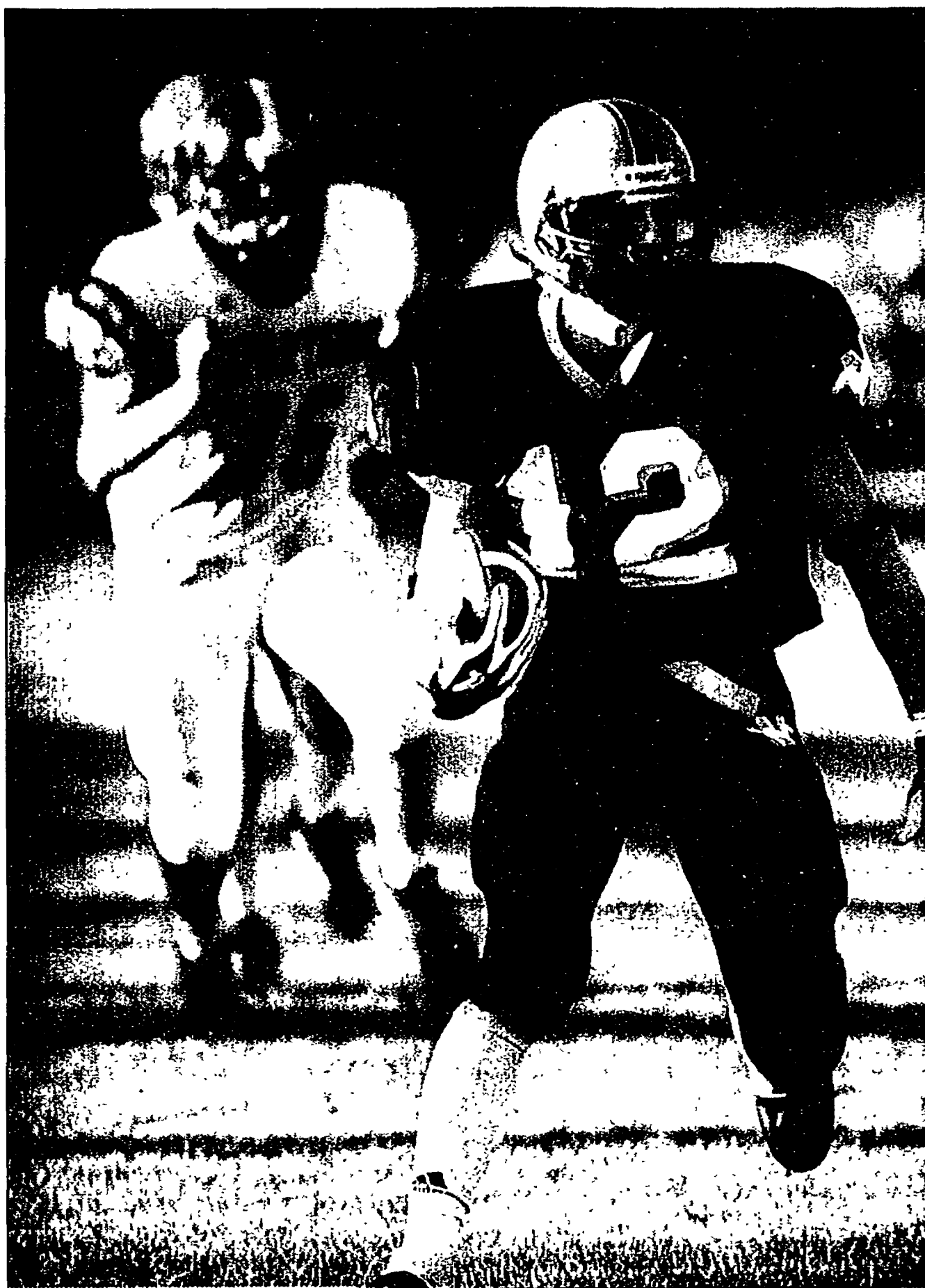


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Continued on B4 Wide receiver Brendan Buckley hauls in a pass and runs downfield during last Friday's game against Livonia Stevenson.

Golfers take tough loss at home to Churchill



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Mustang golfer Ryan Hunt, a senior, putts at Tanglewood golf course during a match against the Novi Wildcats.

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

In the game of golf, earning a victory on your home course is something that just needs to be accomplished.

With such an advantage in the ways of knowing each hole like the back of your hand, to let a win slip away while playing there is a hard pill to swallow. The Northville Mustangs boys' golf team is trying to wash that particular situation down after losing to a tough Churchill Chargers squad 165-170 Monday night.

"It was a very tough loss for us as a team at home," Northville golf coach Tom Shaw said. "I expect much better from our guys when they play at our home course (Tanglewood)."

The Mustangs found themselves shooting higher numbers that they have in past meets — including while on the road. Brandon VanHeyde led the way for his squad, carding a 41 on the day, while Jim Gates and Greg Jones each shot 42. Ryan Hunt notched a 45 to round out the scoring members of the team.

The medalist from the meet was Kyle Hardy of Churchill. His 39 led all scorers while Tommy Lucki, Mike Fierk and Matt Robinson all supported him with 42s.

"A home course is such a big advantage in a golf match and can mean as much as two or three shots per player," Shaw noted. "We have to take advantage of that."

The junior varsity team also took a loss, falling 176-182 as Pat Utes and Chase Dehne shot 44s to lead their squad. Bryce Tomas of Churchill shot a 42 to medal in the meet.

The Mustangs (2-2 overall, 1-1 WLA) are hoping to rectify the situation when they host Salem tomorrow at 3 p.m. before visiting Walled Lake Central September 22 at 3 p.m. Then, the team comes back home for a match against John Glenn at 3 p.m. Sept. 24.

"I am looking to our seniors to step up and show some of that leadership I know they possess," Shaw said.

Northville 160, Plymouth 173

In a meet that showed just how well the Mustangs can play when they want to, Northville visited the young Plymouth Wildcats and escaped with a victory on the road at Hickory Creek Golf Course.

Tim Singleton and Hunt led the charge, shooting 39s along with Plymouth's Mike Gerisch to earn the medalist spot.

"I was more happy with the scores, but we still need to work on avoiding big numbers on the score card," Shaw said. "The boys need to realize that a bogey isn't that bad, instead of trying to force a par out of a bad situation or lie."

Jones recorded a 40 on the day to help his squad to a win, while Gates shot a 42. Scoring for Plymouth was Ryan Hoeman with a 42 and Matt Talbot and Nick Taggie with 46s.

The JV team also won their match, beating the 'Cats 185-202 as Campy Smith earned medalist honors with a 45 on the day.

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Let's try
this one
again

Just how superstitious are you?

Well, for as many non-superstitious readers who have this paper in their hands, there are just as many who want to string me up and slap me silly.

You see, it all comes down to a curse I seem to have given any team I



Sam Eggleston

put in this column. It could be that I featured the tennis team, or the golf team or the soccer squad or even the football team and the odds seem to indicate the squad is going to lose.

Now, I don't like this as much as the next person. I want our boys and girls to be out there winning. Not only does it keep their morale up and keep them interested in playing the sports they have grown to love, but, in all truthfulness, it makes my job that much easier. I don't like writing about losses, and it's tough to talk to a coach that has just taken one.

Well, I want to see this curse lifted, so I'm going to remain vigilant in my quest to name the victors of this game or that. And, to the horror of those who are wearing non-matching socks today so your squad will win, I am picking the Northville Mustangs football team to help me do it.

Tomorrow, the Mustangs will play host to the Walled Lake Central Vikings football team — which was one of two teams Northville beat last season.

With their offense finally finding the rhythm they needed in order to win, the Mustang are looking to get another victory under their belt and get back on track in hopes of securing a few more before the end of the year.

Quarterback Mark Sorensen seems to have settled into his major role with the team, and he is backed up by a slew of very talented receivers that are eager to make this scheme work. In the backfield, the Mustangs will continue to look to Malcolm Stilec and Tim Downing to bring the ball up the field on the ground, while they proceed with their plans of a spread offense that is loaded with a variety of different options out of each set.

Now don't get me wrong. In no way do I think Northville is going to trounce the Vikings in this game. First of all, Walled Lake Central is undefeated so far this season, but that has come from the benefit of playing teams that run out of the wing or jet wing offense that coach Chuck Apap practically invented. He knows that offense in and out, and no doubt his defense does as well.

Northville, however, won't be showing a wing offense. They will be putting four receivers on the line at times and spreading Apap and the Vikings as thin as they can get them and that's what I think is going to be the difference. If Sorensen is on the money with his throws, I am 99.99-percent sure that Northville is going to win this game.

I am going to go ahead and make that call, with my fingers crossed that Sorensen doesn't want to let me down (I know you don't, right Mark?) and is now in the groove that is needed for the Mustangs to win.

Mustangs 28, Vikings 19

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Late-game woes plague Mustangs

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It definitely wasn't the week the Northville Mustangs were hoping to have.

The Mustangs soccer team, coached by Henry Klimes, found themselves on the wrong end of a 1-0 loss to a tough Saline squad before knotting it up with division foe Walled Lake Western 0-0.

Against Saline, the Mustangs found themselves being beat by a team that was looking to rectify their own play from a previous game.

"They had just lost to Ann Arbor Pioneer 6-0 and were looking for a little revenge," Klimes said of the Saline Hornets. "We had a mistake in the back that they capitalized on."

Klimes also noted that his squad did have control of the situation for most of the game.

"I really thought we carried most of the play," Klimes, but added that his squad has had some second-half difficulties. "The last few games, we've had a hard time finishing. We just haven't had the proper offensive execution in the second half."

The 'Stangs found themselves matching up with some opponents who not only outscored them, but out-sized them as well.

"Saline is a big, strong and fast team," Klimes said. "They played well against us."

Northville wasn't helped by the officiating though, as the game's tempo was disrupted with a blowing whistle pretty much every time they turned around.

"I thought the officiating was

not very good," Klimes said. "It wasn't just for our team either, but both of them. There were constant whistles and yellow cards through the game. It's not easy for the kids to get the ball rolling when the officials are trying to be in the limelight instead of the kids."

And Northville also wasn't helped by the fact that their offensive mastermind, James Hannah, was sidelined with an injury.

"He's been out with a slight concussion," Klimes said. "He's been out for the last two or three games and we've been struggling up top with him out."

The Mustangs are planning on making a few adjustments heading into the week until they have Hannah back in action.

"We'll be changing the line-up for (Monday's) game," Klimes said. "Hopefully, we can get someone to come out while they are out there. We need to find the right players in the right positions until James Hannah can play."

But, Klimes said they have to find players that can attempt to fill that void any way. "One day he's going to leave this program through graduation and we're going to need players who can pick up where he left off," he said.

The Mustangs are slated to get back into the thick of things when they host Novi at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in a non-league game.

After that, the 'Stangs are scheduled to visit Franklin at 7 p.m. September 22 before hosting Churchill September 24 at 7 p.m. Both of those contests are division

match-ups.

Northville 0, Walled Lake Western 0

When it comes to division games, the Northville Mustangs have always prided themselves on their play — unfortunately for this year's squad, their play found them earning a tie in the opening game of the division title hunt.

"It just wasn't a very good outing for us," Klimes said. "It was one of those games where they didn't cross midfield for most of it and we had 40 or 45 shots and couldn't score."

Klimes didn't so much take the tie away from his kids, as give it to Walled Lake.

"We basically gave them a point (in the division)," he said.

The Mustangs had a slew of shots on goal, but the stellar play of the Warriors' goalie as well as their strategy paid off.

"They had eight people inside the 18," Klimes said. "That doesn't leave much room to score."

Walled Lake's goalie was pretty much everywhere the Mustangs were and found himself in position to make quite a few stellar saves.

"He played exceptionally well," Klimes said. "He had four or five absolutely outstanding saves. He definitely was star one."

The Northville squad even had some of those oh-so-close moments that often found the crowd cheering out in excitement and then groaning in frustration.

"We hit the goal post four or five times," Klimes said. "It was a case of not taking advantage of our opportunities again."



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Northville senior striker Hiroyuki Tohyama works his way around the South Lyon defense in the game against the Warriors.

Want a conference title? Consistency is needed to get it

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Sometimes it's strange to see how a team can fluctuate from one week to another or from one month to the next. It's even stranger to see how a squad can fluctuate from one meet to another, and in the same week.

The Northville Mustangs' boys' cross country team, coached by Chris Cronin, is one of those teams that shows just how strange they can be.

After competing in the Western Lakes Activities Association Jamboree, the Mustangs walked away with a second-place finish behind Walled Lake Western as they collected 41 points compared to

their conference foe's 33. But, just a handful of days later, the team visited "The Hill" of Walled Lake Western to participate in the WLW Invitational and came away with a head-scratching fifth place in the junior/senior event with 129 points while the freshman/sophomore team took second with 76 points.

Yeah, the squad had its leaders, but Cronin said it needs more than that.

"We are still very inconsistent as a team," he said. "Today, we got something from Tim (Dalton) and Jasen (Turnbull). For us to compete in this league for the title, our top five have to be strong."

Dalton cranked out an impres-

sive 17:16 in the Jamboree to take second place behind the always-strong running of Western's Neil Naughton, who ran to first with an applaud-worthy 16:21.

"Tim Dalton appears to be one of the leagues top four runners," Cronin noted. "At this point, everyone is chasing Neal Naughton of Walled Lake Western and no one is close."

Not far behind Dalton was freshman Turnbull, who recorded a 17:46 which was good for fifth place.

"Jasen had his best race of the season," Cronin said of the freshman runner. "He had good speed in the last kilometer and that was the difference. He's getting better each week."

Senior Rob Steiner turned in a 17:48 for sixth place in the event, while Colin Keiffer, a senior, notched an 18:11 for ninth. Rounding out the varsity scoring was senior Fred Oehmke, who took home 19th place with a time of 18:43.5.

The WLW Invitational was a little bit of a different story compared to that of the Jamboree. Instead of just competing in a complete one-team race, participating schools separate their squads into two groups. One is made of juniors and seniors while the other is freshmen and sophomores.

In the junior/senior event, Dalton turned in a time of 17:29 to lead the Mustangs while Steiner notched an 18:18.

Keiffer ran to a decent 19:09 to help the Mustangs, while Oehmke took home a 19:33 and Andrew Moore, a senior, ran a 19:46.

The freshman/sophomore squad had better luck than their fifth-place upperclassmen counterparts. This squad, headed by the fleet-footed Turnbull, took second-place behind a tough South Lyon squad.

Turnbull led the charge, running an 18:30 while Tommy Sugawara ran a 19:51.

Ian Gunn-Boyer took home a 19:57 for his efforts, while Josh Ermatinger notched a 20-minute-flat mark. Masaru Yokomura ran a 20:03 to help Northville to their second-place finish. Each and every one of the

fresh/sophomore runners that placed for the 'Stangs were freshmen.

"The freshmen were second," Cronin said of the five ninth-grade medal winners. "Tommy, Ian, Josh and Masaru were aggressive and ran with real heart."

The Mustangs return to action when they compete in the second installment of the Western Lakes Activities Association Jamboree at 4:15 p.m. at Cass Benton Park September 25.

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NORTHVILLE-NOVI COLTS FOOTBALL

Livonia Blue Jays 18, Varsity Colts 6

Perfect. A change of seasons, afternoon and, what else, football — Northville-Colts football.

On the heels of a solid win last week, the Colts went to work against the Livonia Blue Jays in their first home game of the year and fell 18-6.

The Blue Jays took a quick 12-6 lead in the first quarter of play. The Colts were the first team to get on the board, faking a punt and passing on fourth down to Alex Thurman, who ran in the score from 56 yards out.

The Blue Jays responded in turn, marching down the field and scoring on a quarterback keeper to tie the game 6-6 before making the best out of the final two minutes of the quarter and scoring to make it a 12-6 game.

The Colts attempted a comeback, but found themselves on the wrong end of some tough luck. After recovering a fumble on a punt, the Colts turned around and gave it right back with a fumble of their own. The Blue Jays made the best of the situation, marching down the field and scoring the final touchdown of the day on a 29-yard pass to seal their victory at 18-6.

Livonia Blue Jays 13, Junior Varsity Colts 8

The Northville-Colts JV Team suffered a heartbreaking loss Sunday at Northville Stadium to Livonia Blue Jays after taking the lead 8-7 with 48 remaining. The Blue Jays ran a reverse on the ensuing kickoff to the Colts 13 yard line. Three plays later Livonia scored to take home the 13-8 victory.

The game was a defensive battle with each team forcing several punts. Late in the first quarter Robert Laney made a touchdown saving tackle for the Colts at the 11 yard line. The Colts defense lead by the defensive line of A.J. Foyt, Daniel Stern, Dakota Budde,

and Laney, stopped Livonia and forced a turnover on downs. The following series, at the start of the second quarter, the defense also stopped the Blue Jays on 4th down at the 18 yard line. The Colts offense started to move the ball with two first downs but the drive was halted and they were forced to punt. Brandon Rydzewski intercepted a Livonia pass and returned it 25 yards to give the ball back to the Colts. The teams went into halftime with a scoreless game.

The third quarter featured strong defensive play from both teams with neither team able to move the ball, but late in the quarter the Blue Jays started a drive from their own 47 yard line. A key play was a reverse that would have gone for more yardage, but Westley Baber made a good tackle to limit the play to 15 yards. The quarter ended with Livonia at the Colts 7 yard line.

The Blue Jays continued the drive and scored on a 6 yard run. The extra point was good for a 7-0 lead. Two series later the Colts started a drive at their own 42 yard line, and gained momentum by securing a first down. They continued to move the ball and on a 4th down and 7, quarterback Ethan Eckhout connected with a pass to Jon Alandt for a first down at the Livonia 27 yard line. On 4th and 10 from the 27, Eckhout again hit Alandt for 22 yards to the Blue Jays 5 yard line. Two plays later Alandt was in for the touchdown and the Colts trailed by 1 with 48 seconds remaining. Victor Bodrie kicked the extra point for 2 points (at this level a kick is worth 2 and a run 1) and the Colts had the lead 8-7.

On the kickoff the Blue Jays ran a reverse to the Colts' 13 yard line where Tim Hasse made the tackle with 35 seconds left. The Blue Jays drove in for the score but were unsuccessful in the point after and had regained the lead 13-8. Livonia squib kicked and the Colts ran two pass plays but timeran out for the heartbreaking loss.

Freshman Colts 35, Livonia Blue Jays 12

The Northville-Colts Colts Freshman football team stampeded to 35-12 win against the Livonia Blue Jays.

The tone of the game was set early by Colts first year running back Ryan Gardner when he returned the opening kickoff 20 yards and followed that with a 17 yard run from scrimmage. Blake Boron scored the Colts first touchdown on an 18 yard sweep.

The Colts second touchdown was set-up by Joe Carroll's 37-yard run on a slot-back reverse. Running back Connor Pollifrone punched it into the end zone from 7 yards out. The Colts running attack charged forward on its next drive led by the powerful offensive line of Bradley Stegmeyer, Garrett Wiska, Jacob Bates, Jim Cowart, Zachary Vidra and Derek Mully. Running back Jeffrey Hewlett was the beneficiary of the great blocking and capped the drive by scoring from 6 yards out.

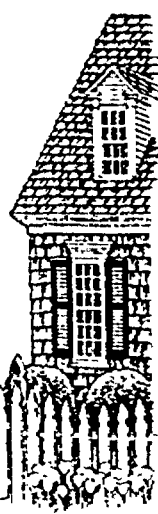
Just prior to halftime quarterback Dawson Laabs broke free on a 25 yard run that set-up running back Cormac Littleton's 2-yard touchdown. Trevor Maresh made a diving catch on a flag pass to keep the drive going. Blake Boron capped the scoring on a 27-yard run in the second half. Quarterback Cameron Thomas made a nifty run for the extra point. Gardner, Laabs, and Littleton (2) also added PATs.

The Colts defense was strong all game and was led by tacklers Derrick Ince (8 tackles), Sean Gomillion, Frankie Mastrangelo, Matt Wright, Brad Currier, Hamilton Cauffiel and Nick Wieland. The young Colts A team played great on both sides of the ball with contributions from Ben Landry, Brad Kozinski, Alex Turner and Marc Masiarczyk. The kicking team was also strong as Michael Walukis blocked a punt and recovered it and Connor Pollifrone and Blake Boron each recovered fumbles on kickoffs.

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Making strides in the WLAA

■ Northville girls' harriers prove they are at least the second best in the Western Lakes right now

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It's always nice to find out just where it is you stand in the conference.

The Northville Mustangs girls' cross country team, under the guidance of Nancy Smith, proved they are the second-best team in the Western Lakes Activities Association as of right now. The squad competed in their first WLAA Jamboree of the year after finishing second behind a strong Livonia Stevenson team.

Even though the meet was non-scoring, the Mustangs would have posted wins against Salem, Canton, Churchill and Walled Lake Western.

Though the squad took second place after the Spartans found themselves with four of the top five finishing positions, Northville still has plenty of moxy.

"Don't doubt Northville though," Smith said. "We still have girls who aren't competing yet and others who are just getting comfortable. Come conference time, the Mustangs will be a different team."

The Mustangs were once again led by the fleet-footed Lix Hrivnak as she finished third overall with a time of 20:32. Andrea Moehle wasn't too far behind, finishing in ninth with a 21:29.

"Liz and Andrea have been pretty consistent lately," Smith said. "They are always providing the one-two punch."

Megan Sheremet was 14th with a 21:45 and Mary Sprader was 15th with a 21:48. Molly Gavin, who is fresh off an injury that kept her sidelined for much of the first weeks of competition, finished right behind them with a 21:50, which was good for 16th place.

"Don't doubt Northville, though. We still have girls who aren't competing yet and others who are just getting comfortable. Come conference time, the Mustangs will be a different team."

Nancy Smith
Girls' Cross Country Coach

"Megan Sheremet has also been a great addition to our program this season," Smith noted. "As a freshman, she was in Divine Child's top seven and as a Mustang she is presently in the top five and doing a great job."

Smith said that it was a great team effort and some impressive individual showings.

"I was pleased with the girls' performances today," she said. "Some were concerned about their times, but I told them that times will improve and we will be ready by the end of the season."

And the temperatures didn't help their times either.

"The weather was hot and humid again today," Smith said. "We are a team that likes it cool. Once the weather breaks, you will see much different racers."

The Northville harriers will be back on the course when they travel to the highly competitive

Michigan State University Invitational tomorrow before racing in the Catholic Central Invitational at Cass Benton Saturday.

Walled Lake Western Invitational

The Northville Mustangs had a good showing in the WLW Invitational meet as they took home second place finishes in both the Junior/Senior race and the Freshman/Sophomore event while cross-town rival Novi was the winner in both races.

Hrivnak was once again at the top of her game, finishing first overall in the upperclassman run with a time of 21:13 on a challenging course known as "The Hill."

Not far off was Moehle, who finished sixth in 22:10, while Gavin took 11th in 23:11. Kelly Hardenbergh was 20th with a time of 23:40, while fellow Mustang Shelly Hilger took 32nd in 26:30.

"We had four girls medal in the top 20," Smith said. "This is one of the hardest courses the girls have run. It has two hills and one is a real monster."

In the frosh/soph race, Sheremet lead the way, finishing sixth in 22:35. Next in was Meaghan Keiffer in ninth in 22:58 while Sprader in 10th in 23:03. Lindsay Williams in 19th in 24:55 and Laura Gabrys in 25:59.

"I am really pleased with the progress that our younger girls are making," Smith said. "They are really working well together and are the future of the program."

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Photo by SAM EGGLESTON
Northville harrier Meaghan Keiffer passes an opponent from Livonia Stevenson at Cass Benton Park earlier this year. The Mustangs finished second in the WLAA Jamboree, but are looking to improve that ranking as the season continues.

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Boys' Soccer

The U11 Hot Spurs managed to escape with a 3-2 victory over Plymouth September 13 as Brad Wagner notched a goal and Al Myers collected two to boost their squad to victory. Working between the posts in the game was Ryan Bonkosky, while Jake Williams, Mitch Roberts and Alan Nguyen showed some stingy play on defense. With such an evenly matched game, only the team that hustled to most was going to pull out the win, and Michael Truong, Matt Ciric and Zach Minarick showed their Plymouth's as they helped their squad to victory.

Three days prior to their win over Plymouth, the Hot Spurs notched an impressive 5-1 victory over Novi. Ryan Benoit, Williams, Wagner, Myers and Cody Welding each notched a

score in the victory while Bonkosky and Soyster shared time between the posts. The Spurs found some nice defensive pressure coming from Minarick and Nguyen, while Jordan Dolittle and Truong had some good hustle throughout the game.

The U10 Stompers found themselves on the wrong end of a loss to the Northville Rockers as they dropped a 2-0 decision September 14. Tom Wagner, Daniel Rogers and Nick Kaiser had some oh-so-close shots on goal that couldn't find the back of the net while Yannis Paupolis and Ryan Skowronek had good, solid games in goal. Anthony Jabbar and Matthew Mroue led their squad on the defensive side of things, while Kaiser, Matthew Brown and Ciaran Egan hustled through the entire game.

The Stompers had better luck September 6 when they took on and tied their foes from Livonia, 1-1. A solo run by Wagner led to the only Stompers goal of the day as the ball found the back of the net in the first 12 minutes of the game. Helping secure the tie was Paupolis and Skowronek between

the posts while Jabbar, Neil Goodbred and Rogers all had good defensive plays. Getting the "hustle" award was Gustavo Finelli, Brown and Kaiser for their hard work through the game.

The Northville Cosmos saved a 3-3 tie after they held off a late surge by Farmington. The Cosmos goals scored by Tim Haimel, who notched two and Daniel Jouppi, who also had an assist in the game. Earning MVP honors for the game were Blair Robinson, with an assist on a goal and tough saves as goal keeper, and Joey Close with quick action, stopping scoring attempts from center defense.

The Northville Stompers had a good, hard played game against CW3 and escaped with a 1-0 win for their efforts. The Stompers' goal was scored by Alex Hartmann with less than five minutes left to play in the game. The game was tight from start to finish and the Stompers held off the opposition thanks to an excellent performance by goalkeeper Mark Pokrandt and some tough defense from Joe Blasius, who were the game MVPs.

Girls' Soccer

The U11 United began their season September 6 with a 2-1 win over Novi #2. The midfield of Arianna Drury, Tori Hilmer, and Emma Roy, along with the forwards consisting of Lauren Baum, Laura Cronin, Gabrielle Seltz, and Rachel Lahiff moved the ball upfield with some great passing and kept up the offensive pressure. Roy scored both goals, with the second coming on a rebound after some great footwork by Seltz to get around two defenders and get a quick shot off on goal. Mackenzie Logan, Sarah Touhy, Nicole Cornelius, and Kristen Wines played the entire game and deserve special commendation for their tough play without any substitutions. Tess Molinari and

Kelsey DeRidder played a strong game in goal, with both making stops that saved the game.

The United played a rough and tumble game September 13 against Farmington, which ended in a 1-1 tie. The United scored first on a beautiful passing combination from Gabrielle Seltz to Arianna Drury to Emma Roy, who buried the ball in the net. The forwards and midfielders consisting of Laura Cronin, Lauren Baum, Tess Molinari, Mackenzie Logan, Tori Hilmer, and Kelsey DeRidder maintained strong offensive pressure, while the defensive corps of Brooke McKay, Sarah Touhy, Nicole Cornelius, and Kristen Wines frustrated the opposing team's offense. The goaltending tandem of Olivia Booth and Rachel Lahiff

played a strong game between the pipes.

The U9 Rockers played their first ever W.S.S.L. game against Plymouth #2, ending up with a 3-0 shut out September 13. Goals were scored by Hanna Ferree, Rebecca Snively, and Grace DeRidder, with more strong offensive pressure coming from Sonya Williams and Emily Boczar. Sarah Nork, Alexandra Rodriguez, and Rachel Lewis provided strong midfield support on both ends of the field, while the defensive corps of Tenley Mustonen, Isabella Sdao, Emily Hoekstra, and Katlyn Hilmer did a standout job of keeping the opposing team away from Rockers' goal. DeRidder and Hilmer shared the shutout in goal.

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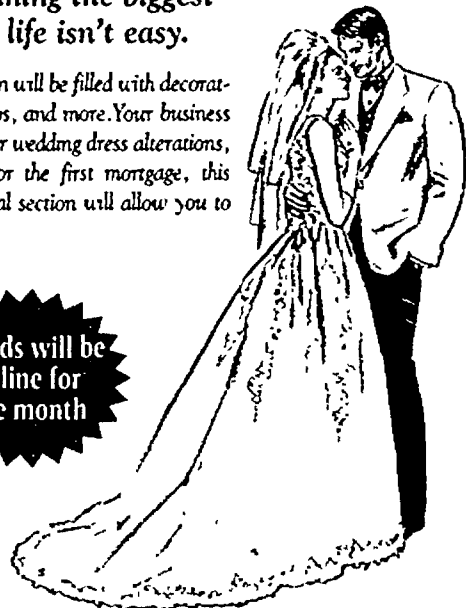
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Wildcats remain undefeated

Victory over Lakeland wasn't pretty, but Novi's record stays unblemished

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Well, even the ugly wins count as wins.

The Novi Wildcats football team started things off on the right foot September 12 when they hosted and beat Kensington Valley Conference foe Lakeland with a 41-26 final tally. Fortunately, Novi had things well in hand before they started to stumble with a run of troubles that began to plague them.

"A win is a win," Novi coach Tab Kellepourey said. "We'll take it."

And take it they have been. This year marked the 20th season Novi has topped Lakeland, with the last Eagles victory coming in 1984.

"We definitely didn't want to lose to them," said Trevor Hoover, a senior wide out. "We had things rolling in the first half, but things got a little ugly after that."

In the first half, it was pretty much all green and white as they came out with a trick up their sleeve and an attempted outside kick, which Lakeland recovered. It didn't matter though, as senior linebacker Josh Buck ate up a fumble on Lakeland's second play of the game that ended in a stalled drive and a 35-yard field goal off the strong right foot of Mark Angelocci — who has been absolutely on target for the "Cats" thus far this season.

On the following drive, the Eagles tied up the game 3-3 after a case of broken coverage found the Lakeland squad completing a 32-yard pass with 15 extra yards tacked on courtesy of a face-mask penalty before their drive came to a halt at the 10-yard line. On third and 8, senior Mark Kaminski chewed through the Lakeland front and sniffed out junior quarterback Kevin Ward for the sack.

"Our defense was strong tonight," Novi defensive back Adam Brandau said. "In the first half, we did everything we had to do to keep them from the end-zone."

And the offense wasn't looking bad either. On the following drive, senior quarterback Mike Hart darted around the left side of the line and scampered 20 yards before J.W. Woods tacked on seven more. With the defense bringing an extra man into the box, the Wildcats went to the air on the 79 slant as Hart found Hoover scoring on a 44-yard

strike for a 9-3 lead.

"We call that play the 79 Promised Land," said Hoover as he and Hart talked on the sidelines towards the end of the contest.

After the Novi defense held strong once again and a bad snap on the punt found the Lakeland squad handing the ball over on the three yard line, Buck took the ball to the middle of the line and found it being stripped loose by an Eagle defender and Lakeland recovering it. Three plays later, Buck returned the favor, jarring the ball out of Lakeland running back Justin Hays' hands with Kevin Cislo recovering it.

Two plays later, Hart snuck through the middle of the line for a quarterback keeper and a one-yard score as he traveled over the top of center Ryan Pritchard, who opened a gaping hole in the Lakeland defensive front. With that score, Novi's lead increased to 17-3.

"Ryan has been playing some impressive football," Kellepourey said. "There's a center that corrected everything that we wanted him to after the problems we had at Howell. He's a valuable asset to this team."

With 10 minutes left in the half, Lakeland took the kick off and marched down the field with a 10-play drive that found Gary Ferguson nailing a 21-yard field goal to pull his squad to a 17-6 deficit before the "Cats" took the ball back and went 10 plays of their own for Angelocci to tack on a 22-yard boot to put Novi up 20-6 with 1:28 left on the clock. Eight seconds later, Hays found the ball bouncing out of his hands once again, and Novi's Kaminski tracking it down for the recovery.

This time, Novi made the best of the opportunity, scoring on a quick pass to Jarrell Woods, who took the ball towards the middle of the field with 39 seconds on the clock before breaking a double-tackle and juking a defensive back to jaunt 34 yards for the score to put Novi up 27-6.

"We had a great first half," Hart said. "Things were just going the way we wanted them to and we were pretty much doing whatever we wanted. Then, we relaxed and thought we could put it in cruise control. We're just lucky we scored often in the first half."

The second half found Novi coming out strong, scoring on a

slant pass from Hart to Hoover for a 15-yard touchdown pass with Angelocci nailing the point after for a 34-6 lead. But, an injury to Kaminski, a senior offensive lineman and defensive tackle, found the Novi squad suddenly unraveling.

With 1:16 left on the clock in the third quarter, Lakeland scored their first touchdown of the game as Ward found Derek Jewell wide open with some broken coverage before he finished the pass off with a 31-yard score. The point-after by Ferguson pulled Lakeland into a tighter contest, 34-13. Two plays later, with Cislo in at back-up quarterback, a bad pitch found Lakeland's Andrew Newman recovering the fumble — which led to a score just two and a half minutes later as the Ward/Jewell combination hooked up again on a 36-yard score to cut the Novi lead to 34-19.

"From there, we just tried to hold on," Hoover said.

A 44-yard touchdown from Hart to Hoover was nullified on a blocking in the back penalty, which led to a missed field goal by Angelocci after Lakeland's James Worden got his finger on the ball as it started towards the uprights.

Six minutes later, Novi found their offense once again and the sidelines erupted as Josh Woods broke two tackles and bolted 52 yards for the final Novi score to put his squad up 41-19 after Angelocci nailed the point after with 4:02 left on the clock.

The Eagles were determined though, and with starters on the field and Novi's second team on defense, they marched 56 yards in seven plays before Hays darted in for an 11-yard score to cap the scoring and end the game 41-26.

Three plays and a punt led to a final Lakeland drive, which found Novi's Brendan Buff tracking down Ward for a sack before injuries to two Lakeland starters found their drive eventually stalling and the time running out.

"We came out and thought we had it won," Brandau said of the second half. "We're going to have to play better than that if we want to beat Brighton."

The "Cats" (3-0, 2-0 KVC) are scheduled to play rivals Brighton (2-1, 2-0 KVC) tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Brighton High School.

"It's going to be a big game

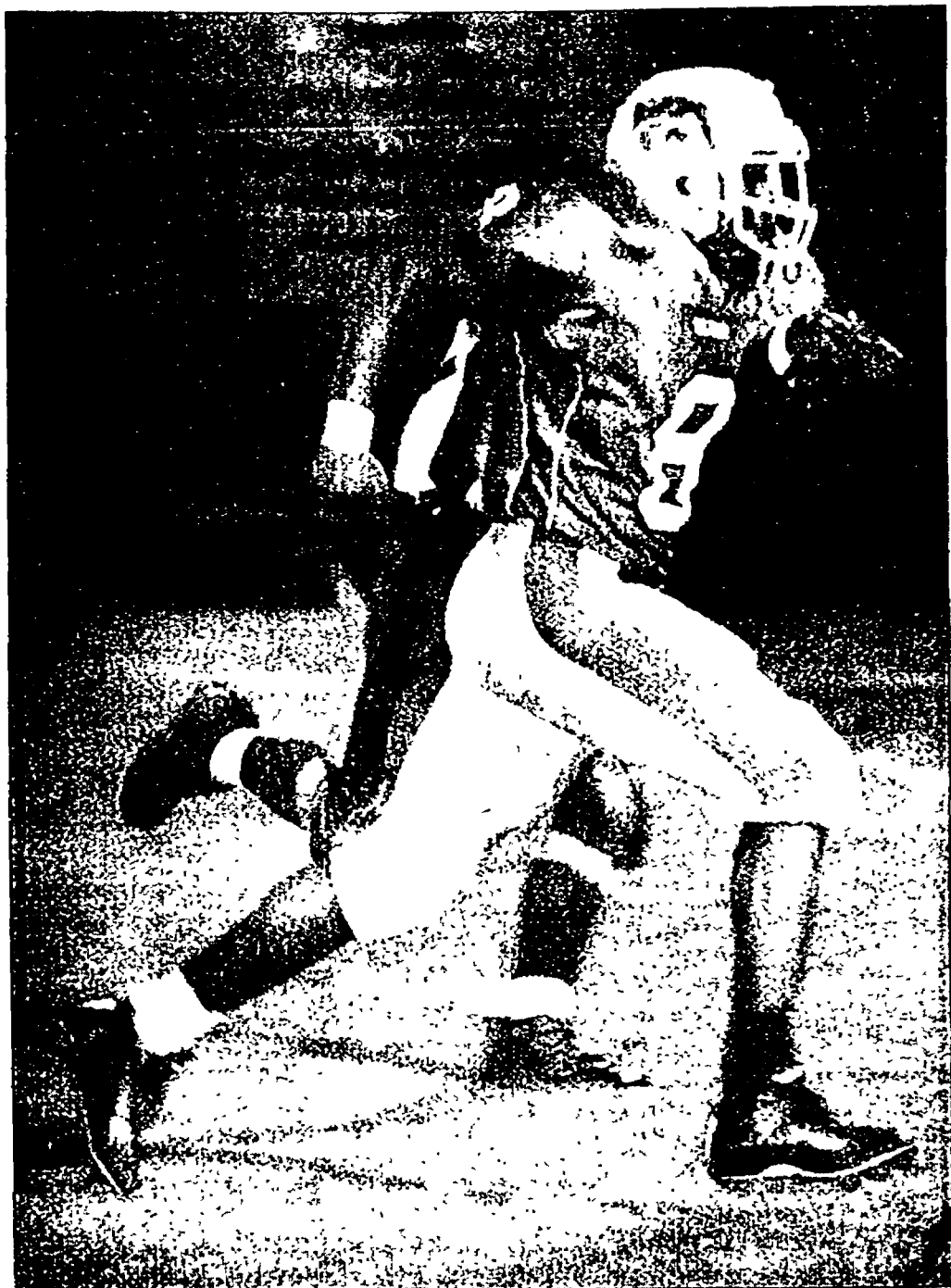


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Late in the game, Novi High's Josh Woods breaks up field enroute to a touchdown run against the Lakeland Eagles.

for us," Kellepourey said. "We have to go in there expecting the toughest football we've seen yet. They have a lot of fans, and it's intimidating at times. We

have to look past that though, and just play our best football of the year."

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When you think of planning for a disaster, one of the first things that come to mind is stocking up on food and water, but that's only one part of planning for a disaster, according to the American Red Cross. Families should regularly communicate with each other about what to do in the event of an emergency. Here are some additional issues to consider when drawing up your plan.

Stock away some emergency cash. Experts suggest stashing away enough cash — \$200 to \$300 — to provide for your family for three days. But don't go overboard. By withdrawing large sums of cash you put yourself at risk for mugging and home invasion.

Get your paperwork in order. Insurance companies recommend making a list of all of your possessions in case you suffer a personal disaster like a fire. Keep a copy of the list at work or give a copy to a family member. In fact, keep two copies of all your important documents and financial papers, but be sure the paperwork you keep at home is in order and is in a secure and accessible place (not loose in a box underneath the stairs). Inform immediate family members where the documents are stored. If you have to evacuate your home, place your will, insurance policies, proof of residence (deed or lease), passports, Social Security cards, birth and marriage certificates, immunization records, bank account numbers and phone numbers and credit card information and family records in a waterproof, portable container. Place the container in the trunk of your car.

Map out a family plan. Meet with your family to discuss what to do in the event of an emergency. Pick two places to meet: outside your home in case of a sudden emergency like a fire, and outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home, for example, a family member or friend's house. Everyone must know the name, phone number and address of the location. Also, consider designating someone out of state to be a contact person for the family, and provide your family members with their phone number. In the event of a disaster, instruct family members to call the out of state contact and tell them where they are.

Plan how to take care of your pets (pets aren't allowed in emergency shelters) and discuss what to do in case you need to evacuate. Schools, daycare providers, workplaces, apartment buildings and neighborhoods should all have site-specific emergency plans.

Ask about them. Because your family members will likely be in different places when a disaster strikes, talk about how you'll deal with various scenarios. For example, what to do if you're in a moving car or in a high-rise building when disaster strikes. For tips on how to deal with these situations, log on to U.S. Department of Homeland Security's www.ready.gov Web site and click the "Make a Plan" icon.

Stock up on provisions. The Red Cross recommends making a disaster supplies kit made up of bottled water (one gallon of per person and pet per day) and non-perishable high energy foods that require no cooking or refrigeration, peanuts and beef jerky, for example. Include clothing and bedding, emergency supplies like a first aid kit, any medications your family takes, and other items such as toilet paper, soap and plastic garbage bags with ties and personal hygiene items. Also include unscented regular household bleach. In an emergency you can purify water by adding 16 drops of bleach per gallon of water. If you have an infant, include diapers, bottles and formula. And pack items such as a flash light, battery-operated radio and extra batteries, and a small fire extinguisher. If you have a pet, don't forget to pack some canned food. Put your supplies in a backpack or duffel bag or plastic bin so you can easily carry them should you have to evacuate. For a complete list of items, log onto ready.gov and click on "supply checklist."

For additional tips for how to prepare for a disaster, visit www.redcross.org. Remember, keeping your cool in an emergency situation is vital. If a parent remains calm, children and pets will likely follow suit.

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The Whittaker family (left to right) — Jamie, little Abbey and Matt Martin; Carrie and Ryan Thomason with baby Alexis; and Sherry and Gary Whittaker — and Molly the Irish setter are waiting to make your visit to Three Cedars Farm a pleasant and fun-filled autumn adventure.

It's a family affair at Three Cedars Farm

By Jim Farkas
SPECIAL WRITER

The Whittaker Family is busy making final preparations for their second year, the official beginning of the autumn season, opening Saturday, September 20 through October 31. They own a 51-acre farm with a big pumpkin patch and a two-story red "fun barn" less than 15 minutes from Northville.

Gary Whittaker, who is a vice president of an industrial packaging company, is the first to admit he is not much of a farmer but thought pumpkins would be an easy crop to grow and one that everyone could benefit from.

"When I was a kid, we would get one pumpkin for carving," Whittaker said. "Today, families

are buying one for each child to carve, a few for porch decorations and mom gets a couple for pumpkin pies."

But it doesn't stop there — every front porch needs some corn stalks and a bale of straw and let's not forget a variety of colorful mums to add a special warmth to the entry way.

"Last year was our first autumn season open for business," Whittaker said. "With little to no advertising, except for a few strategically placed road signs and word-of-mouth, we were overwhelmed from the end of September through October."

"This season the Whittakers have a few new surprises in store for visitors with a second opening from the first Friday following Thanksgiving up to Christmas

Eve with Santa there to listen to children's requests. There will be special holiday decorations and photos with Santa available.

If you take Six Mile Road west, Three Cedars Farm is less than 15 minutes from Beck Road.

At the corner of Napier Road (stop sign) you'll notice an old, long-since-boarded-up structure surrounded by headstones in amongst the trees. If it's getting dark and it's close to Halloween, beware the Headless Horseman!

Continue through the sleepy little town of Salem which appears as though it hasn't changed since it was established in 1873. Then watch for the beautiful colonial farmhouse on the right side of the road, framed by a white picket fence and the sign in front officially stating Three Cedars Farm.

Your eye will follow the white fence and long inviting driveway as it leads back to the impressive, two-story red barn at the rear of the home. There's an authentic old English telephone booth (that really works) and an antique gasoline pump like those that disappeared from gas stations in the mid 1900s. Inside the converted milk barn, look for the replica barbershop in memory of Sherry Whittaker's grandfather who was a barber. There's also a comfortable sofa, chairs, TV and an authentic jukebox loaded with, you guessed it, 1950's oldies but goodies. The first song is "Sherry" by the Four Seasons. Whittaker refers to this building as the "hang-out place."

Wear your jeans or shorts and a sweatshirt because the highlight of the day is a trip to the pumpkin patch by tractor-drawn hay wagon. You'll meet Hillbilly Joe (Joe Hoskins of South Lyon) who will carefully and skillfully guide you on your roundtrip hayride to the pumpkin patch where you can select any size, shape or number of freshly grown pumpkins.

While you're waiting for the hay wagon, you can relax inside the country general store which is the main floor of the big, red barn. You'll be conscious of the low ceiling, the heavy structural posts

and beams and the hardwood plank flooring. You'll see apothecary jars, fruit jars and baskets filled with old fashioned candies and other treats as well as autumn decorations in a wide assortment to select from.

Don't overlook the second floor of the big, red barn. You're in for a surprise when you see what the Whittakers have done with the loft area. As you ascend the staircase, you'll see the high-vaulted, rough-sawn beam ceiling. You step out on to what looks like (and is) a large dance floor. Off to the front is a stage for entertainers, and to the back is ample space for dinner tables as well as an additional loft area for table seating above. There are coach lamps and decorative lights around the rustic room. It has a very warm and festive ambiance conducive to good times and fond memories. The Whittakers have hosted some of the local church groups' square dances as well as other functions in the big, red barn.

"Our oldest daughter, Jamie, had her wedding reception in the newly-renovated house," said Whittaker. "The barn was completed in time for our second daughter, Carrie's, wedding reception, and our son, Travis, plans on having his wedding and reception there, too."

Today, although Gary and Sherry's children are on their own, they live close by and visit on a regular basis. Jamie Martin has her own Jazzercise franchise in South Lyon and is married to Matt Martin. They have a 1-year-old daughter, Abbie.

Carrie Thomason has her own business called Carrie's Cleaning, also in South Lyon. She is married to Ryan Thomason and they have a 4-month-old daughter, Alexis.

Son Travis Whittaker runs Three Cedars Farm Landscaping and is finishing up college. His wedding is planned for spring 2004.

Three Cedars Farm was a dairy producing farm until 1965. Whittaker purchased the farm in 1996 from his best friend, Fred Verran, whose name still appears on the front of the barn and who

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has since passed away. Whittaker initially purchased it as investment property but soon, he, his wife and family fell in love with the charm, character and potential it held. Being a little worn, tattered and rough around the edges, the repairs began. Being careful to maintain the farm's original integrity, a new roof was added to the farmhouse and barn, and this year they received a fresh coat of paint, just to name some of the restoration that has taken place over the past seven years.

For a fun afternoon or all-day event, take the kids and the camera any day before October 31 for a memorable experience in the country, on a farm, exploring the big, red barn, picking your own pumpkin and enjoying autumn in all its splendor.

Plan an evening hayride for family or friends. Suggest a field trip for your children's class at school, and be sure to return during the special Christmas event after Thanksgiving until Christmas eve for a visit with Santa. Look for Gary, Sherry, the family and Hillbilly Joe to welcome you and to make your visit a fun-filled day you'll remember long into the winter months. If you should venture out on Halloween Night, look for Linus with his blanket, sucking his thumb, sitting in the middle of the pumpkin patch still waiting for the Great Pumpkin to arrive. He just may be there!

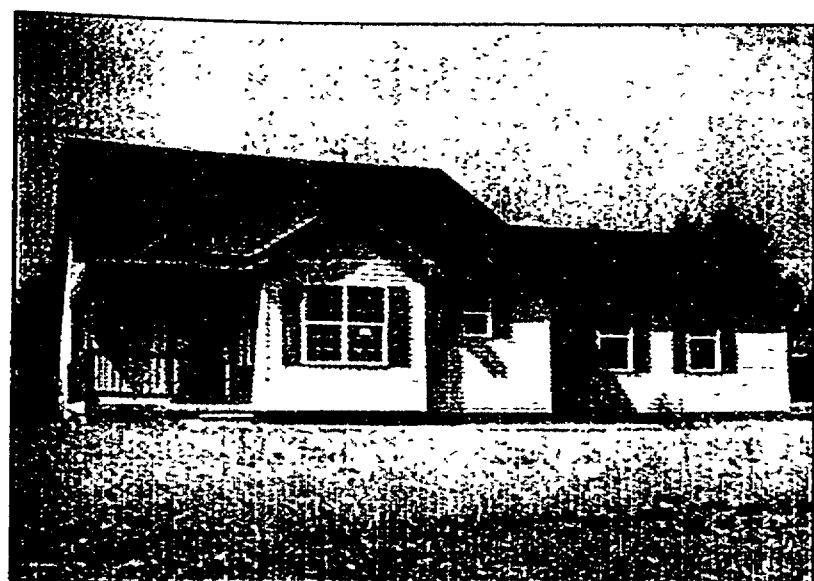


The enchanting 18th century colonial farmhouse that greets you as you enter the drive to Three Cedars Farm leads way to a two-story red barn that holds a number of fun surprises for kids and adults in the back.

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A well-kept secret

Glen-Mary Meadows offers something for almost everyone

By Veronica Straus
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Glen-Mary Meadows is the solution for those looking for their first home, retirees, and the newly married. These entry-level homes are located in the countryside of Fowlerville, North off Fowlerville Road and 1.5 miles east on Lovejoy, the home buyers are in the center of rolling farming communities and enjoy all the perks of country living, nature, wildlife, wetlands, trees and solitude, yet are just minutes from I-96 and all the connecting expressways. The second subdivision on Lovejoy off Fowlerville Road, residents of Glen-Mary Meadows are never far from downtown historic Fowlerville providing shopping, restaurants, and community businesses.

Paved roads, underground utilities and a second garage permitted make this open-space community of 40 acres with 42 home sights of 34 acre each, a prime location. The minimum square footage requirements: a ranch of 1,100 sq. ft.; 1.5 story of 1,400 sq. ft.; and a 2 story of 1,500 sq. ft. all work together and allow Glen-Mary Meadows to become a development of affordable homes and one of desirable standards.

One of the many models at 11681 Glen Mary Drive is a charming ranch of 1,217 sq. ft. and priced at \$169,900. It sits on a rise and welcomes with a wrap around porch and setbacks that make for an interesting curb appeal. Vinyl siding and charming mullioned windows make for low maintenance.

The front entry opens to an open floor plan of well-designed space. A large living room with windows on the side look out on the porch and allow the outside light to flood the area. A half wall with a shelf leads to the basement stairs and provides an architectural break in the wall space.

Adjacent to the living room is the dining room which has double mullioned windows on two sides to add to the light from the living room. The charm of the windows flows into the open kitchen with its laminate floors, oak cupboards and open soffits for displaying plants or treasured collectables. A window between the cabinetry looks down on a double stainless steel sink, with Delta fixtures. An island counter provides additional food preparation or



Shown here are views of the exterior of Glen-Mary Meadows (left) and a view of the kitchen area.

serving area and has storage cupboards underneath. A shelved pantry, laundry room and door to the two-car side entry garage are conveniently located off the kitchen area for convenience and easy maintenance.

Through the living room a large open hall leads to the full bath with a vanity wall mirror and a shower/tub combination. The master suite features a large walk-in closet and a master bathroom with a vanity, laminate counter tops and a shower/tub enclosure.

An added feature of the master suite is a patio door that opens the room and leads to the large natural area beyond.

Two additional bedrooms share the main bathroom and have ample closet space.

Throughout the home, there is an awareness of light from the open floor plan to the large windows placed to allow the greatest amount of light to permeate. A full basement

allows for additional space.

Glen-Mary Meadows is an ideal community for those families who wish to grow or those who want to downsize. Fowlerville High School and middle school are just down the road. The houses are priced from \$162,900 to \$172,900 with the existing builders, Triple Construction, Sanzica Builders, and Oakleaf Construction who specializes in custom trim jobs, or the home buyer can bring their own builder.

"Upgrades are available, such as wood floors, custom kitchens and a great room with gas fireplace," says Bonnie Lane, sales representative from Michigan Group. "This development provides homes for the American Dream." Glen-Mary Meadows is also modular friendly.

For more information contact Bonnie Lane at Michigan Group Realty (248) 505-9122

Protect your tomatoes from herbicide damage

Q: What happened to my tomato plants? The leaves are way narrower than they should be. The leaves have a half-twist to them and are thickened like they are made out of cheap plastic. The veins in the leaves are light-colored and prominent. The stems have places on them that look like lots of tiny warts grouped together. The plants have tomatoes on them. Is this insect or disease related and can I eat the tomatoes?

Home
Grown

Gretchen Voyle



A: This time, the insects and diseases aren't in the usual group of suspects. What you are seeing is herbicide damage. This is herbicide, as in 2,4 D broad-leaf weed killer. Tomatoes are fragile little beasts that have their constitutions thrown into a tizzy by little happenings. Somewhere, the plant has come into contact with 2,4 D. Pick one of these listed: You could have over-sprayed the edge of the lawn and the veggie garden when doing the lawn. Water contaminated with 2,4 D could have run into the garden during a rainstorm. It could be that you dosed the lawn on a warm day and the herbicide volatilized and floated in. You could have dumped grass clippings on the garden with a residue of 2,4 D on the grass. Or your neighbor could have sprayed. Or you used gloves or garden tools with a 2,4 D residue on them. It could have been the fertilizer and the herbicide got stored next to each other and the herbicide contaminated your fertilizer accidentally. But usually, you never do quite figure it out. But the next question is, are the tomatoes safe to eat? Nobody is going to be able to give you a definitive answer. Before you eat one, consider that there was enough herbicide to turn the plant into a major freak show. If deliberately consuming pesticide residue is in your value system, get the salt. If not, there are plenty of farm markets selling piles of beautiful tomatoes right now.

Q: I was mowing the lawn yesterday and ran over bees in the lawn. I got stung. How do I get rid of them and is there a problem with killing bees because they are valuable?

A: You're not killing bees; you are killing wasps. They have little value when you swell up like a beach ball and prevent you from using the area. Otherwise, they are good guys. Yellow Jackets are wasps. Bees don't live in the ground. Some wasps do. Getting rid of them is not a big deal. Your weapon is Sevin Garden Dust. Buy a big can or bag and prepare for tonight's Commando mission. Ground wasps are very sensitive to vibrations, so you need to be very quiet. Wasps also have poor vision if it is semi-dark. They are also sluggish during cold nights. When it is dark enough that you can just barely see where you are going, the wasps can't see anything. Tippy-toe out to where they are. They are all home watching television. With the stealth of a Ninja, sprinkle the Sevin dust over the areas with exit holes. Be generous. Then toss a shovel of moist soil over the holes and get out of there fast. Next day, go back and look for new holes in the soil that you dumped. If it's clean, they are croaked. If there are new holes, hit them again that night. Here is the "never" list: never use a flashlight because they can follow the beam back to you. Never do this in the daytime because somebody is flying around and will sting you. Never stomp around or scream and yell. Run silent; stay healthy.

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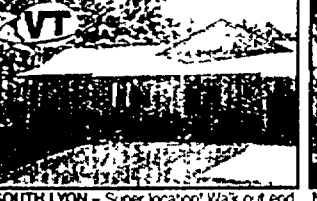
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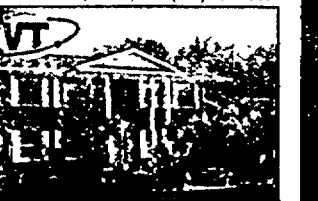
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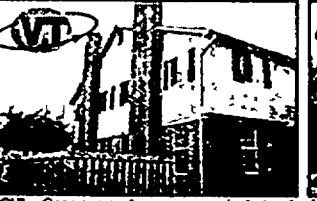
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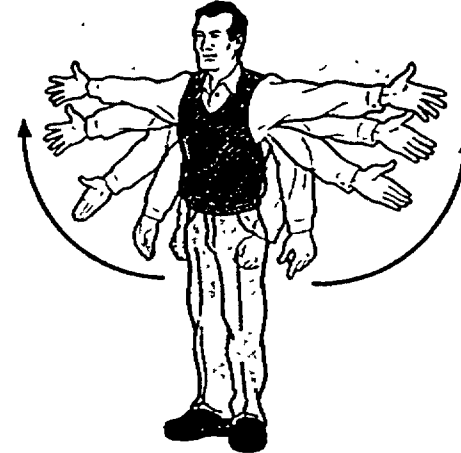
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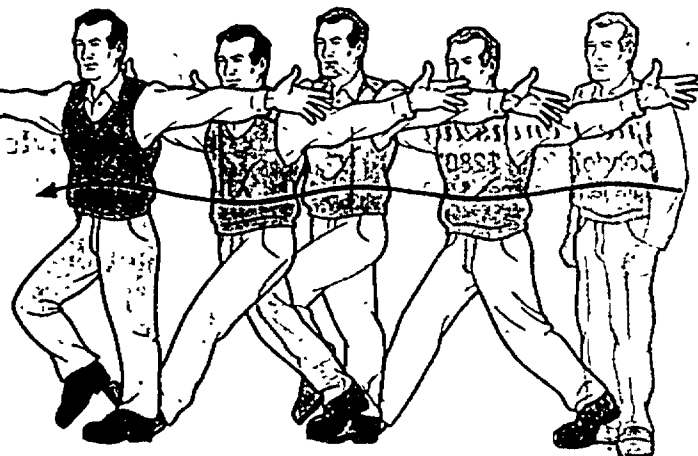
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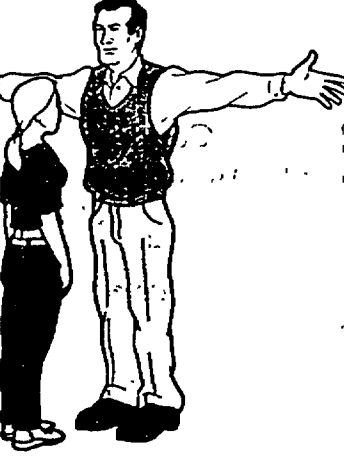
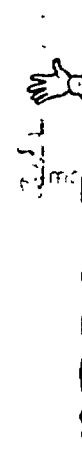
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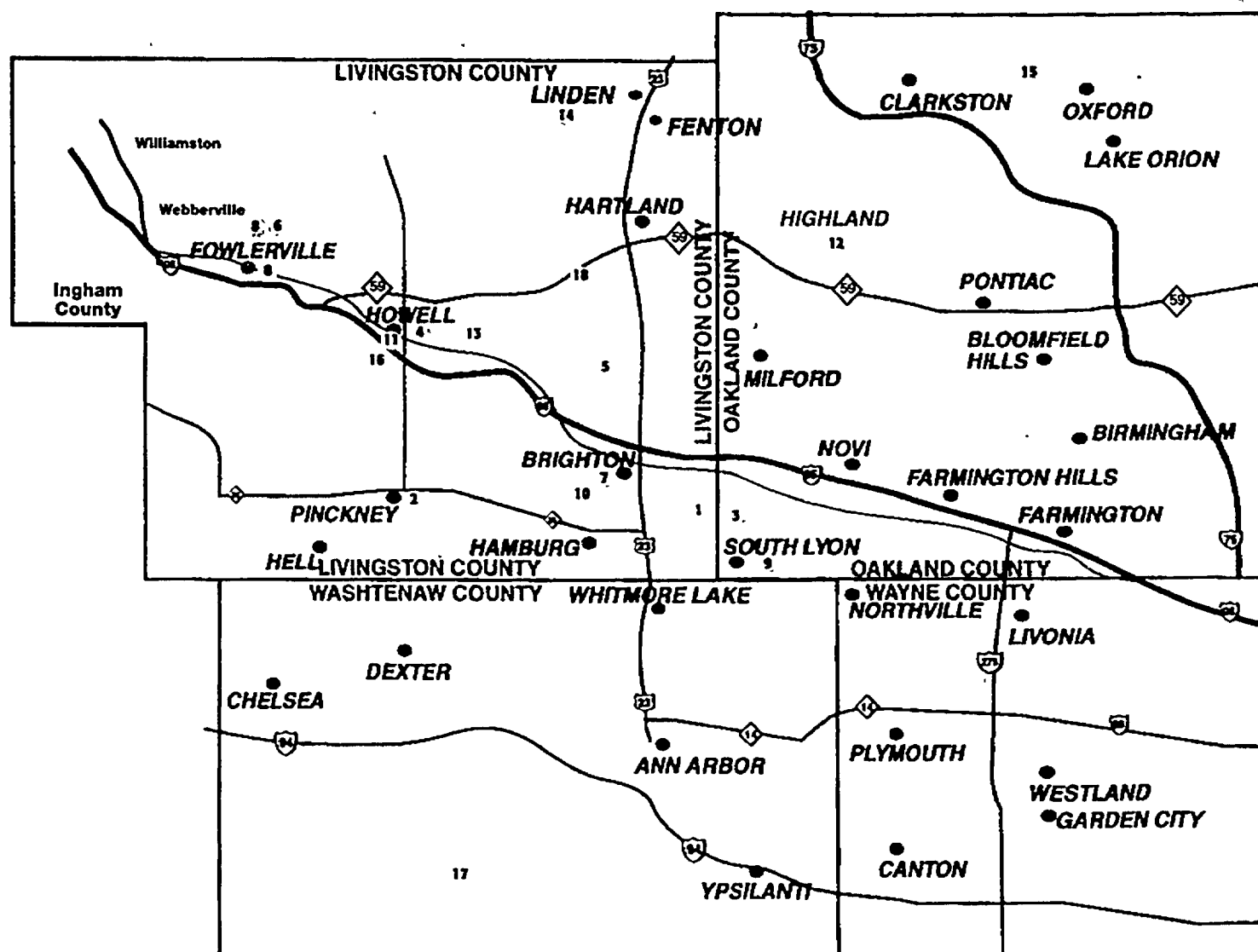
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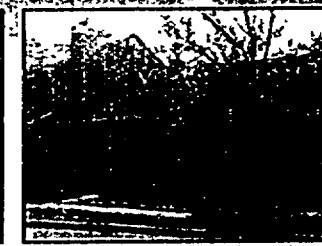
TAYLOR - Not a drive by. 2 bedroom ranch with 2 car garage remodeled kitchen with oak cabinets, & attached all season sun-room with double doorwall to yard. \$109,000 (36WIL) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Castle Garden ranch. Updated 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 2 car attached garage, finished basement, CA & furnace (97), roof tear-off (00), vinyl windows, remodeled kitchen & baths. Hardwood flrs, Berber, Pergo flooring. Maple cabinets, solid pine 6 panel doors T/O, doorwall off FR \$223,958 (76HOU) 734-455-5600



CANTON - Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial with land & pole barn. Country living in the city. Hardwood T/O, air, newer roof to rafters, basement, oak trim, newer windows, kitchen cabinets & furnace. This home is gorgeous. Stove, refig, washer, dryer & micro stay. Home warranty included. \$339,900 (08HAN) 248-349-5600



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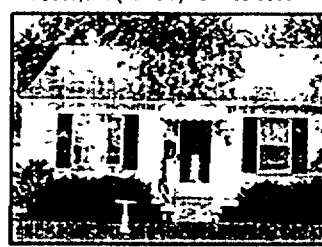
NOVI - Beautiful ranch condo. 2 bedroom, 3 full bath w/2 fireplace. Newer windows, hardwood flooring in foyer, kitchen & 1 bath, formal dining room, CA plus 6 ceiling fans. Garden windows in cozy family room. Large deck. Very private-like being in a tree house. Plantation shutters in dining room \$199,500 (67CAN) 248-349-5600



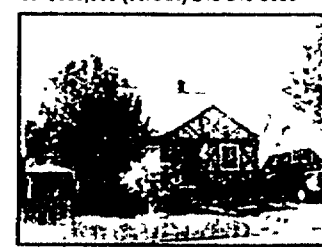
LIVONIA - Large corner lot with view. Updated 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath ranch with finished basement, newer roof, windows, CA & all newer appliances stay. Right across from school. 2 car garage with electric. Florida room, fenced in backyard with BBQ. This one will go fast. \$174,900 (12HAL) 734-455-5600



SOUTH LYON - Exquisite entertaining home. Custom built 3 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath home on 1 acre w/Northern Michigan atmosphere. Cathedral pine ceiling, Italian stone & granite FP, 5 doorwalls to deck, paver patio, 3 car alt garage, fin lower level, grand staircase to MBR suite, formal DR. \$649,000 (25CUR) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Small town atmosphere. Country-like location close to downtown Plymouth. 3 bedroom ranch on tree lined street. Great starter home. \$169,900 (47MOR) 734-455-5600



WILKSTER - Remarkable 3 bedroom, 1 bath home w/tons of updates. Newer high quality porcelain tile in kitchen. Newer furnace, air conditioning and lots of fresh paint. Partially finished basement w/ lots of room, light & dry. Large 2 1/2 car garage \$124,900 (84AVO) 248-349-5600



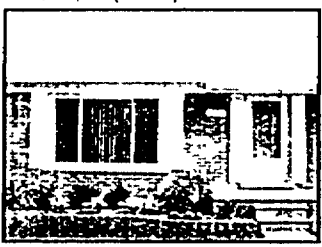
LIVONIA - Fantastic castle gardens. 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch with newer windows, central air, hardwood floors. 3 season Florida room 2 car attached heated garage. Fenced yard. Walk to elementary school. Move in condition. \$199,900 (50RIC) 248-349-5600



NOVI - You'll like this one. Close to I-96, 696 & 275. This well maintained 2 bedroom condo has what you need. MBR w/walk-in closet. Spacious living room, laundry off kitchen, newly painted, carpeted & windows. Enjoy the pool, park & lake all summer long. \$117,900 (27VIL) 248-349-5600



REDFORD - Facing Western Hill Golf Course. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath bungalow completely renovated, with updated kitchen, newer carpet, paint, re-surfaced hardwood floors, & basement with glass block windows, all appliances, 2 car garage with side patio. \$119,900 (50GRA) 734-455-5600



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CANTON - Sprawling ranch condo. Fantastic 2 BR, 2 BA end unit backs to the 11th hole. Sit on your deck & watch the golfers or join in. Spacious unit w/hardwood flooring, gas fireplace in great room w/custom mantel, white kitchen w/all built-ins. Jetted tub & double sinks in master. \$274,900 (32THI) 248-349-5600



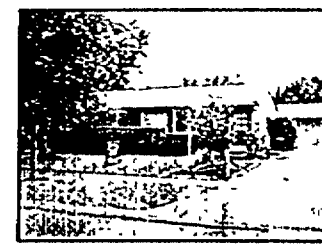
CANTON - Sunflower Village home. Located in Cantons most sought after sub 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, partially fin basement, 2 car attached garage. Brick & vinyl colonial w/welcoming 2 story foyer, natural fireplace, beautiful deck in back, ceramic tile T/O. Prestigious landscaping. Home warranty. \$329,900 (14CAR) 734-455-5600



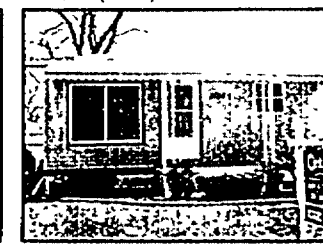
PLYMOUTH - Much sought after Garden level condo. Atrium like all brick entryway offers an abundance of natural lighting for the open living area. Medium oak cabinets in kitchen, in unit laundry, & carport. Short walk to shopping & nightlife in downtown Plymouth. Must see! \$134,900 (12PIN) 734-455-5600

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PLYMOUTH - Beautiful brick 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch with newer furnace, roof & windows. Hardwood floors, large yard & deck. Finished lower level. Oversized 2 car garage. \$209,900 (19RUS) 248-349-5600



REDFORD - Sharp updated ranch. Clean & well maintained 3 BR, 2 BA home. Freshly painted '03, windows, siding '02, newer doors & storms, roof & gutters '98, furn & AC '97. Finished basement & newer blinds - LR. Updated kitchen, ceramic floor & counter top & ceiling fan. All hardwood floors. \$133,500 (24TEC) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Great location. Great home, great price with newer oak kitchen, newer 1st floor bath with granite counter & tile shower, newer roof, windows & siding. All this in this 4 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow. \$102,000 (60DEE) 734-455-5600



CANTON - Beautiful & spacious. 4 bedroom, 2 full & 2 half bath colonial offers family room with gas fireplace, large bay windows in living room & formal dining room, 1st library, laundry room & office, finished basement, most appliances & 2 car attached garage. \$289,900 (11CLA) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - A special place to live. Away from the urban crush. Master suite to match any Foyer, library, denette & kitchen in hardwood floors. Kitchen has a ton of oak cabinets & appliances. Double door entry to library with built-in bookcases. \$639,900 (72KAT) 734-455-5600



NOVI - Classy colonial. 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home on approximately 1/2 acre park-like setting. Newer hardwood floors in foyer, kit & FR. Newer carpet. Formal dining room, doorwalls, A/C, glass blocks, storm door, lighting & outdoor lighting. 2 car gar w/ overhead storage/access from upstairs. \$309,900 (66SHS) 248-349-5600



NOVI - Premium setting 2 Bedroom townhouse backs to park with a gorgeous view. Updates like all flooring, kitchen & baths, HWH & central air. Nice layout with dining room and huge master bedroom. Plenty of storage. Excellent court location. Super \$159,900 (83CRA) 248-349-5600



NOVI - New condo listing Charming Crosswinds condo w/2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath. Features many updates. Home located at back of condo complex for maximum privacy. 1 car garage w/open. Includes all appliances. Great location-close to major x-ways. \$174,500 (76PON) 248-349-5600



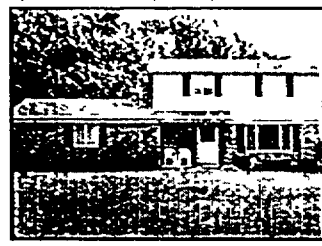
WAYNE - Park like setting. Large 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath brick ranch on approx 1.32 acres offers beautiful swimming pool with deck, newer roof, kitchen counter top, flooring & carpet T/O. Also 2 car attached garage & appliances. \$199,000 (01GLE) 734-455-5600



WESTLAND - Super clean updated condo located in the Livonia school district is ready for immediate occupancy. Freshly painted, oak kitchen cabinets, Pergo flooring in dining room with bay doorwall to deck. Large master suite. Neutral decor T/O. Home warranty \$136,000 (78PRI) 734-455-5600



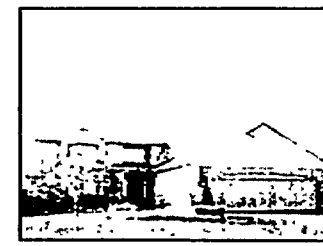
LIVONIA - Unique Livonia home. Gorgeous home inside & out. Updated carpet, windows, patio. Has CA, huge yard, large master bedroom with wood-burning stove. 2nd 1 bedroom home on property can be used as rental-pull in some extra income! \$225,000 (89ORA) 734-455-5600



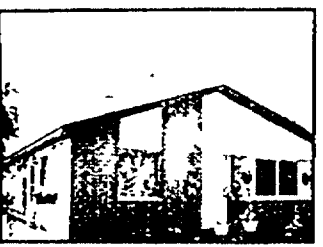
FARMINGTON HILLS - Honey I'm home. Brick 3 BR colonial on approximately 3/4 acres. Updates include: huge kit, w/Conan counters, light oak cabinets, carpet & roof. Freshly painted FR has fireplace, sun-room, patio, attached garage full basement, appliances & home warranty. Great views. \$269,900 (51DOH) 248-349-5600



CANTON - Outstanding 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial with family room, living room & formal dining room. Large master suite. First floor laundry. Medium oak kitchen with center island, Corian counter tops, newer flooring & doors leading to gorgeous 3 season room. Lovely patio. \$229,900 (93WOO) 248-349-5600



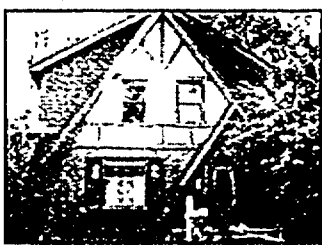
NORTHVILLE - Location! Location! This stunning 1996 built 3 bedroom Cape Cod condo sets new meaning to prime lot. It is located on a gorgeous waterfront lot w/breathtaking view W/O basement and large deck off great room. Sharp, clean & wow. \$428,000 (38LAK) 248-349-5600



TAYLOR - Great home for under \$100,000. 3 bedroom, 1 bath ranch on large lot with fenced backyard. Newer Pergo floors, newer appliances, windows, interior & exterior doors, newer kitchen floor, ceramic tile in updated bath. Newer CA & furnace. Home warranty \$99,900 (78BAJ) 734-455-5600



TAYLOR - Very nice brick ranch. 3 bedroom, 1 bath home with full basement, eat-in-kitchen, 2 car garage, all new paint and carpet, + appliances stay. \$139,900 (40CHE) 734-455-5600



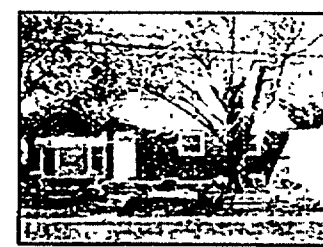
DEARBORN - All brick beauty! 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Tudor style colonial with hardwood floors, covered ceilings, old world charm, family room and finished basement. \$209,900 (40WAR) 734-455-5600



NOVI - Better than new! Why build? This 2 year old 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath colonial has all the upgrades. Cherry cabinets, granite counters, Jack & Jill baths, 2 story foyer & family room, conservatory, princess suite, finished lower level with bedroom, bath & family room. Backs to woods too! \$739,000 (10CHE) 248-349-5600



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PLYMOUTH - A very rear find. Highly desired Beacon Hollow presents this rear 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath townhouse with formal dining room, fireplace in living room, doorwall to deck, 2 car attached garage, full basement, all appliances & home warranty. \$254,900 (13PIN) 734-455-5600



SOUTHFIELD - Secluded condo. 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, 1 car attached garage, CA, doorwall, circuit breakers. Utility room, small cozy complex. All appliances stay. Home protection plan included. Easy commute. \$99,534 (90SAR) 734-455-5600



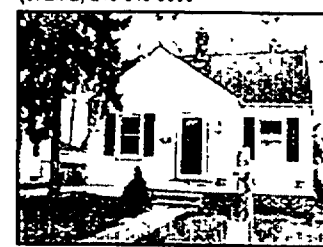
DEARBORN HGTS. - Move in condition. 3 bedroom brick ranch with 1 bathroom, eat-in kitchen, dining L, spacious living room, all vinyl windows, 2 car garage. \$150,000 (63SIL) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Welcome home. Desirable neighborhood offers 3 BR, 1 1/2 BA brick ranch on a tree lined street. Newer windows-doors & AC. Freshly painted. All newer appliances included. Finished LL offers great room-office. Awesome home. A must see. \$178,000 (00HEE) 248-349-5600



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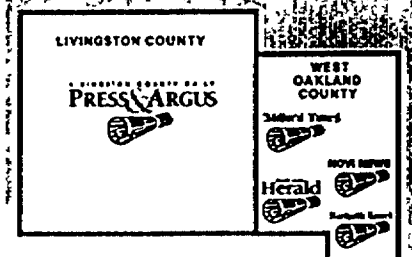


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Job Code: CE

Production Supervisor

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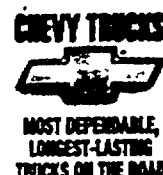
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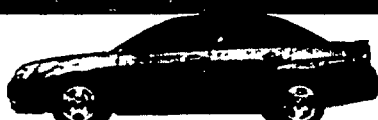


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7 pass, very clean
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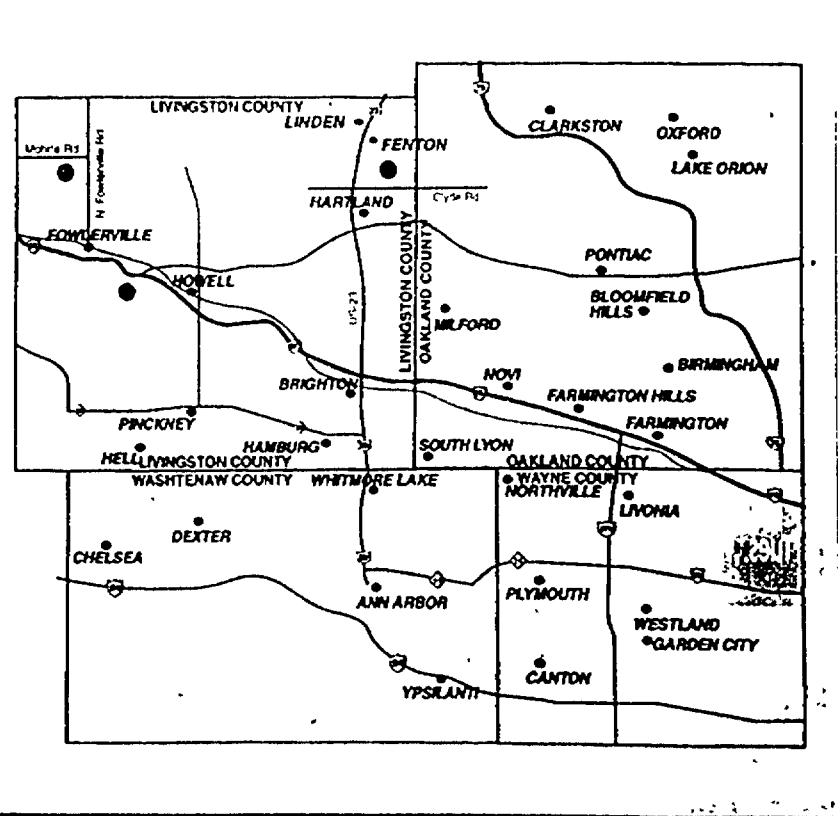
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1640 Roofing
1650 Rubbish Removal

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1710 Screen Repair
1720 Seawall/Beach Construction
1730 Septic Tanks
1740 Sewer Cleaning
1750 Sewing/Alterations
1760 Sewing Machine Repair
1770 Siding
1780 Signs

1790 Site Development
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1870 Stucco
1880 Swimming Pools

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1960 Tree Service
1970 Trenching
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1990 Typing
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2210 Vandalism Repair
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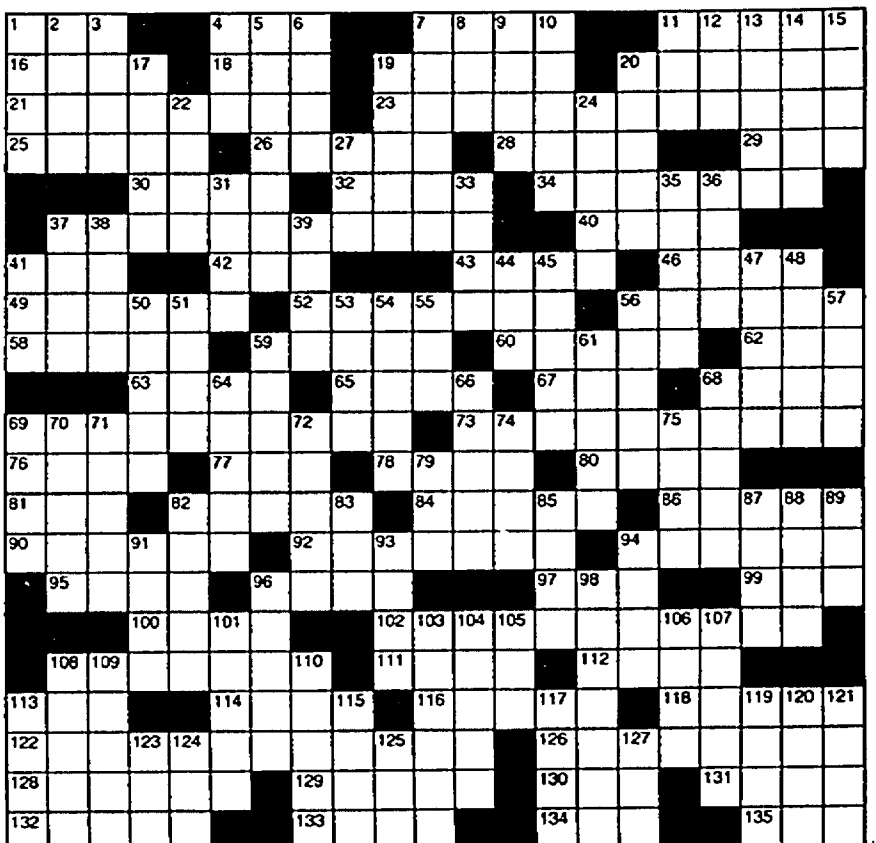
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ACROSS
1 Smash letters
4 de-lance
7 Valhalla villain
11 Ruined yellow
18 Make like
19 Fathered a foal
20 Navy builder
21 Film directed by George Cukor
23 Opera by George Gershwin
25 "Aida" composer
26 Entire range
28 Congal
30 Always
32 Art deco designer
34 "Lee" (59 hit)
37 Engineering feat by George Goethals
40 Scent
41 Pesty or Peston
42 Funnymen
43 Cry of concern
46 Nightingale prop
49 Tune
52 Strait
56 TV's "Family" figure
59 Active types
60 '68 Bee
62 Spanish shout
63 Sheltered, at sea
65 Tiers
67 Prince
68 Fiber source
69 Novel by George Orwell
73 Song by George Harrison
76 Lonely fish?
77 Max
78 Baidwick
80 Hautboy
81 Sapporo sash
82 Goggle gals
84 "The Creation" composer
86 Winter
90 Tongues of fire
92 Sign a check
94 Bronze feature
95 Paradise
96 Role for Liz
97 Wonderment
99 Eat in the evening
100 Rock's David Lee
102 Role played by George Clooney
108 Bayreuth's locale
111 Scandinavian seaport
112 Dranch
113 Wench
114 Swenson of "Benson"
116 Data
118 Kinshasa's country
122 Play by George Bernard Shaw
126 Comic strip by George Herriman
128 Wagner heroine
129 Designer Perry
130 Sundown, to Shelley
131 Splitter group
132 Heavy blows
133 "Sad" (79 hit)
134 Why
135 "I told you so!"
DOWN
1 Eastern European
2 Take a tad
3 Actor Sharif
4 Remote
5 Bit of wit
6 Melodious
7 Day of "GoodFellas"
8 Rink legend
9 Beer barrels
10 Pastoral poems
11 "The Burning" (84 film)
12 Research site
13 Cupulent
14 North Sea feeder
15 Heron's home
17 German port
19 Rebuff
20 "Slammin' Sam"
22 Parvati's spouse
24 Mustangs and Ponies
27 "cupa"
31 Part of EMT
33 Panache
35 Drives and drives?
36 "Spee"
37 Use a sewer
38 Snowballs
39 Designer Chanel
41 Explosive initials
44 Author Waikiki
45 Honolulu hello
47 Native New Zealander
48 Damascus dish
50 Censure
51 Censor or Wilcox
53 Munich mister
54 Luncheon lure
55 Australian st.
56 Wincing
57 Descartes
59 Crusoe's creator
61 Boca, FL
64 Sprites
66 Vow
68 It's heard in a herd
69 Beginning on
70 Clavel's "House"
71 Ancient epic
72 Philosopher
74 Robert of "Airplane"
75 Fountain order
79 Sweater
82 Letter city?
83 Chemical ending
85 Bargain
87 Burdon
89 Short snooze
91 TV hyacinth
93 Extinct bird
94 Cuban currency
96 Audrey Meadows
98 Spendthrift
101 Clan
103 Egyptian deity
104 Arm bones
105 Political abbr.
106 Make fun of
107 Approves
108 Reckless
109 Type of pear
110 Think alike
111 Send out
115 With skill
117 Lulu instruments
119 Turner and Pappas
120 Marathon
121 Kitchen addition?
123 Vintage
124 Sts.
125 Barley beverage
127 which way (careless)



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CRATCHIT SHRIMP WAVE
OMAR ASP NIOBE TIN
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Prayer to the Blessed Virgin (Never known to fail). Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me here you are and show me here you are my Mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity. Now (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this prayer in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you. Grateful thanks. Grateful Thanks, MW

In Memoriam **6320**

Danay LaCroix 12/4/59 - 9/20/80
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BRIGHTON - 4 family Sept. 18-20 9am-2pm. Antiques, collectibles, patio set, misc. Grammy's abc items. 4418 Summer Lane (N off Spencer E. of Kensington)

HAMBURG Thurs/Fri. 9/18-19: 9-5. Antiques, collectibles, household etc. 6100 Oak Valley, E. of Chilson off of M36

HAMBURG old boat, canoe, household goods, glassware, yard tools, misc. Fri 19th, Sat. 20th. 9-5 4427 Cornwell Strawberry Lake Rd. to East Lane, left on Cornwell.

HIGHLAND - Multi-Family Sept. 19-20 9-4pm. 151 Lone Tree Furniture, tools, baby

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HOWELL. GARAGE/MOVING sale. Furniture, baby items, misc. River Downs Sub. between VG's and Tomato Brothers. 2629 Tralwood Ct. 1 day only, Sat., 10 to 4pm.

HOWELL. MULTI-FAMILY. Household items, tools, garage items, toys & stuff, old & new. Fri., Sat., Sun. 9am to 6pm. South of M-59. Oak Crest. Follow signs to 1206 Heather Glens Court.

MILFORD Multi-Family 537 East St. Children's items, antiques, household, furniture. Sept. 18, 19, 20 9-6pm.

MILFORD 405 Hickory at Center. Fri/Sat.; 9/19-20: 9-5 Household and some clothes

MILFORD Nursery furniture, toddler girls clothes, household. Sept. 20-21, 9-5 1944 Wocom Trail & Burns Rd

MILFORD 2 piece Sectional, Br. Furniture, grill, office desk, typewriter, Misc. 733 Knight Sept 20 & 21, 8-5pm

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MILFORD - Pole Barn Sale! Fri. 9/19, 9-7; Sat. 9/20, 9-3. Furniture, toys, etc. 1995 Rowe Rd., W. of Milford Rd., bet. Commerce Rd. & M-59.

MILFORD - ANTIQUES - It's good things! 1-95 to Milford & Maple Rd., E. on Maple 1/4 mi. 4018 Kingswood Ct. Fri. & Sat., 8:30-4pm. All MUST GO!

MILFORD VILLAGE Fri. & Sat. 9-5 pm. 944 Abbey Ln. off Milford Rd. by Jimmy/Hectors

MILFORD Sept. 19 & 20th, 8am-5pm. Home decor, housewares, clothes, collectibles & more. 885 Panorama Dr. N. Milford Rd & Sweetbriar.

MILFORD - Large Sale Fri. & Sat., 9-4 2365 Lerwick Lane, Commerce Rd. between Duck Lake & Burns. N. on Norton to Lerwick.

MILFORD. BARN sale. Antiques, furniture, collectibles. 1903 S. Milford Rd., 4 drives S. of Dawson. Sept. 18, 19, 20. 9am to 4pm

Garage Sales

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NORTHVILLE - Multi Family! Toys, sports equip., furniture, lots more! Thurs, 9-4pm. 454 Morgan Ct., bet. 8 & 9, off Taft.

NORTHVILLE - Multi family garage sale! Sat. 9/20, 9-5pm. Toys, clothing, sports equip., A/C units, VHS tapes, vintage items, books & much more! By appt. Oak Hoosier cabinet. 201 Fairbrook, 1 block N. of 7 Mile & 1 block W. of Sheldon.

NORTHVILLE. FRI. 9/19, 9am to 4pm. Multi-family. Ethan Allen furniture, clothes, household, misc. 46561 North Valley, North Beacon Woods Sub., S. of 8 Mile, W. of Taft.

NOVI Fri & Sat 9-4. 23100 Heatherwood, N. of 9 Mile W. of Haggerty. Furniture, household, childrens.

NOVI - Fri., Sept. 19, 9-4pm. 41168 Hollydale, S. of 10 Mile, E. of Meadowbrook. Jewelry, crafts, household, collectibles

NOVI - Sept. 19 & 20, 9-4pm. Misc. furniture, fridge, desk. 23100 Heatherwood, N. of 9 Mile, W. of Haggerty

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NOVI ESTATE/MOVING SALE & misc. items. Sat., 9/20, 8-5 10 Mile to Taft to 11 Mile to Clark St. to 44050 Stassen. Look for signs!

NOVI UPSCALE SALE Gorgeous collection of estate sale finds. Antiques, collectibles, no junk. Sept. 18-20, 8-4pm, N off 9 Mile, W. of Novi Rd, Plaisance, then right on Midway, 44489 Midway Dr

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PLYMOUTH - Baby, toys, kids clothes, brass bed. 15224 Maxwell, off 5 Mile, W. of Haggerty. Sept. 18-20, 9-4pm.

S. LYON Moving Sale 9694 Sunnywood, Windcrest Sub off 10 Mile Thurs-Fri. 9-4

SALEM TWP Barn Sale! Sept. 18-20 9-4pm. 8680 Brookville N Territorial & Godfredson Tack, tools, household goods

Garage Sales

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SOUTH LYON Fri. 9/19, 9am-8pm. Sat/Sun. 9/20-21, 9am-6pm. Household, dishes, collectibles, clothing, books, holiday items & toys. 1/4 mi. W. of Rushdon-66801 W. 8 Mile

SOUTH LYON Fri-Sat. 9-3pm. 12350 Wild Oak (off Rushdon N. of 10 Mile) Kids items, etc.

SOUTH LYON Tanglewood Sub Sale. Lots of baby & kid clothing, toys, essentials. Adult clothing, furniture, household goods, hot tub. Thurs-Sat. Sept. 18-20, 9-4pm. On 10 Mile Rd bet. Milford & Wocom Rds.

SOUTH LYON - Furniture, lamps, pictures, rugs, pillows, knickknacks, wreaths, other home decor. Sat. 9/20, 8-4 923 Hidden Creek Dr., Hidden Creek sub off 9 Mile Rd.

SOUTH LYON - HUGE Garage/Estate sale! Some furniture Sept. 18-20, 9-5pm. 885 Knollwood, off 11 Mile, E. of Pontiac Tr in Eagle Heights

Garage Sales

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SOUTH LYON - Multi family sale! Sept. 19 & 20, 9-4pm. Household items, Mikasa crystal, kitchen bench, Pioneer speakers, treadmill, baby/kids clothes & toys, books & videos, 70's Barbie items. 22272 Brookfield Dr., Near 9 Mile & Pontiac Trail.

SOUTH LYON - Everything from A-Z! 11802 Fairway Dr. 9 Mile & Rushdon. Sept. 19 & 20, 9-5pm.

SOUTH LYON MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES CLUB SALE Sat., Sept. 20th, 9am-1pm. South Lyon First Presbyterian Church, 205 E. Lake St.

SOUTH LYON - 2 Family Sale Toys, furniture, clothes, etc. Sept. 18th & 19th, 9-4 702 West Hills Dr., Hidden Creek Sub, 9 Mile & Dobbins.

SOUTH LYON Sat., Sept. 20, 9am to 3pm. Doll clothes, fabric, household, home decor, sweatshirts, Star Wars, sports collectibles 10 Mile Rd., west of Duboro, Ponderosa to 13478 Sumac

Moving Sales

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FOWLerville dining, living room furniture, movies, lots of stuff. Everything must go. Sept. 18-20, 9-5. 7200 N. Gregory Rd., N. of Chase Lk.

HIGHLAND Thurs-Sat. 9-5 290 Sherman St. M-59 - Milford Rd., N. 3 mi. All household must go. Duncan File veneer bc. set, doll collection, women's clothes (small), antiques, more. No pre sales.

MILFORD - John Deer tractor, tools & misc. Sat & Sun., 9-3pm. 2994 Delrose St., Commerce & Hickory Ridge.

MILFORD - Sept. 19th, 9-7pm & 20th, 9-3pm. 733 Manordale Court, off Summit & Squire

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\$125 - BRAND NEW FULL size Pillow Top Mattress/Box set in plastic w/warranty. Can deliver. Oakland 248-444-5216

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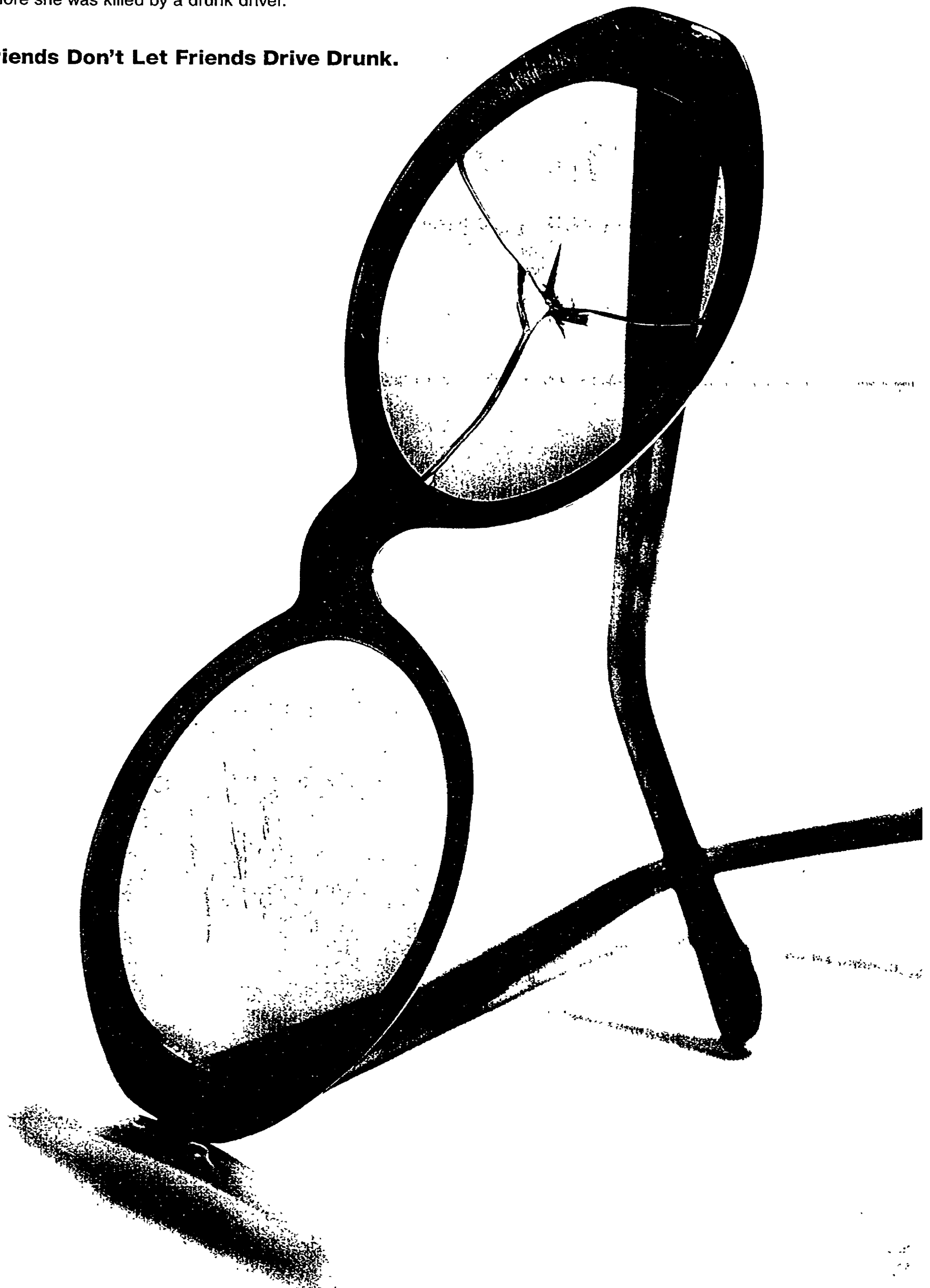
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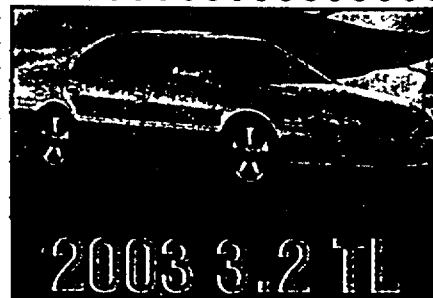
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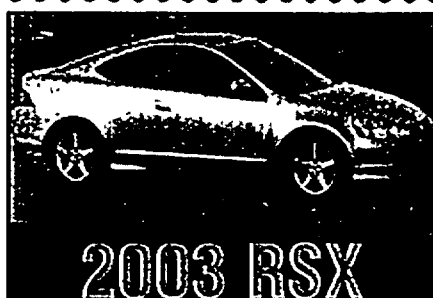
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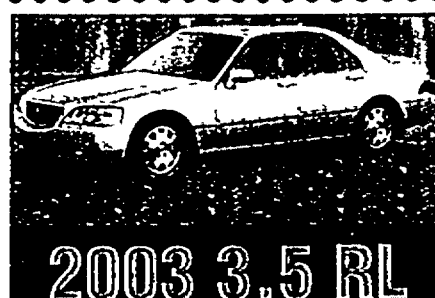
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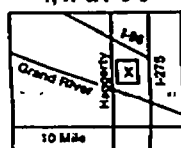
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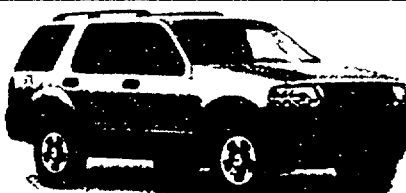
True Blue clearcoat metallic, med dk flint cloth/vinyl buck power mirrors, remote keyless entry, power side windows, 3.0L duratec V6 engine, 4-speed auto O/D trans, step bars, roof rack w/2 crossbars, 15" cast aluminum wheels, convenience group. [Stock #34819] WAS \$21,905

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A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL

\$240⁷⁴**

\$200⁸⁹**

2003 RANGER XLT SC



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\$12,974⁰⁷*

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A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL \$184¹³ \$142¹⁷

2003 WINDSTAR SE WAGON



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\$19,796¹⁸*

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2003 FOCUS ZX3



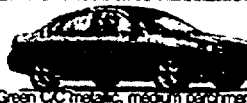
Sangria Red cc, dark charcoal cloth, tilt steering, speed control, 1-disc w/MP3 block, 16" alloy wheels, 16V Zetec eng, automatic transmission. [Stock #33276] WAS \$15,505

\$11,096⁶⁰*

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A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL \$201¹¹ \$150¹¹

2003 TAURUS SE



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\$12,673⁹⁰*

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A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL \$260¹¹ \$228¹¹

2003 F150 XLT S.C.



Black Clearcoat, med. parchment, pref. equip pkg, 507A, XLT Series, overhead console, AM/FM Stereo/CD/AM/FM, 4.2L EFI V6, elec. 4-sp auto O/D P255/70R16 OVL all-season, 3.55 ratio im. slip axle, 6050A GVWR pkg, sliding rear window, power mirrors, cast alum wheels (4), cloth captain's chairs. [Stock #34305] WAS \$27,575

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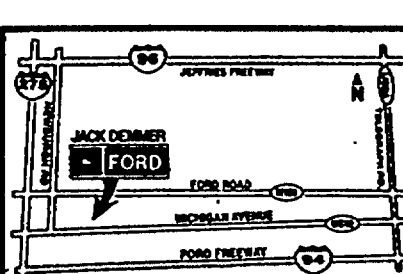
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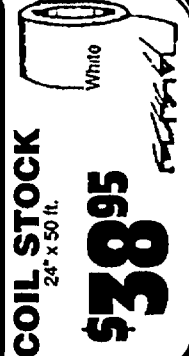
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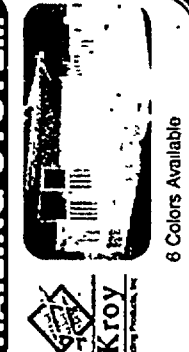
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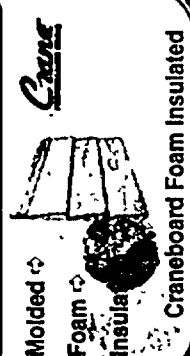
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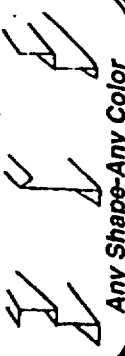


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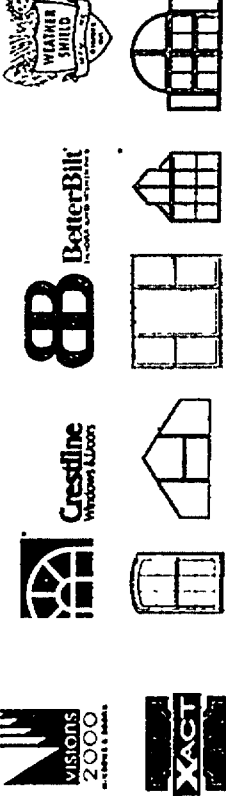
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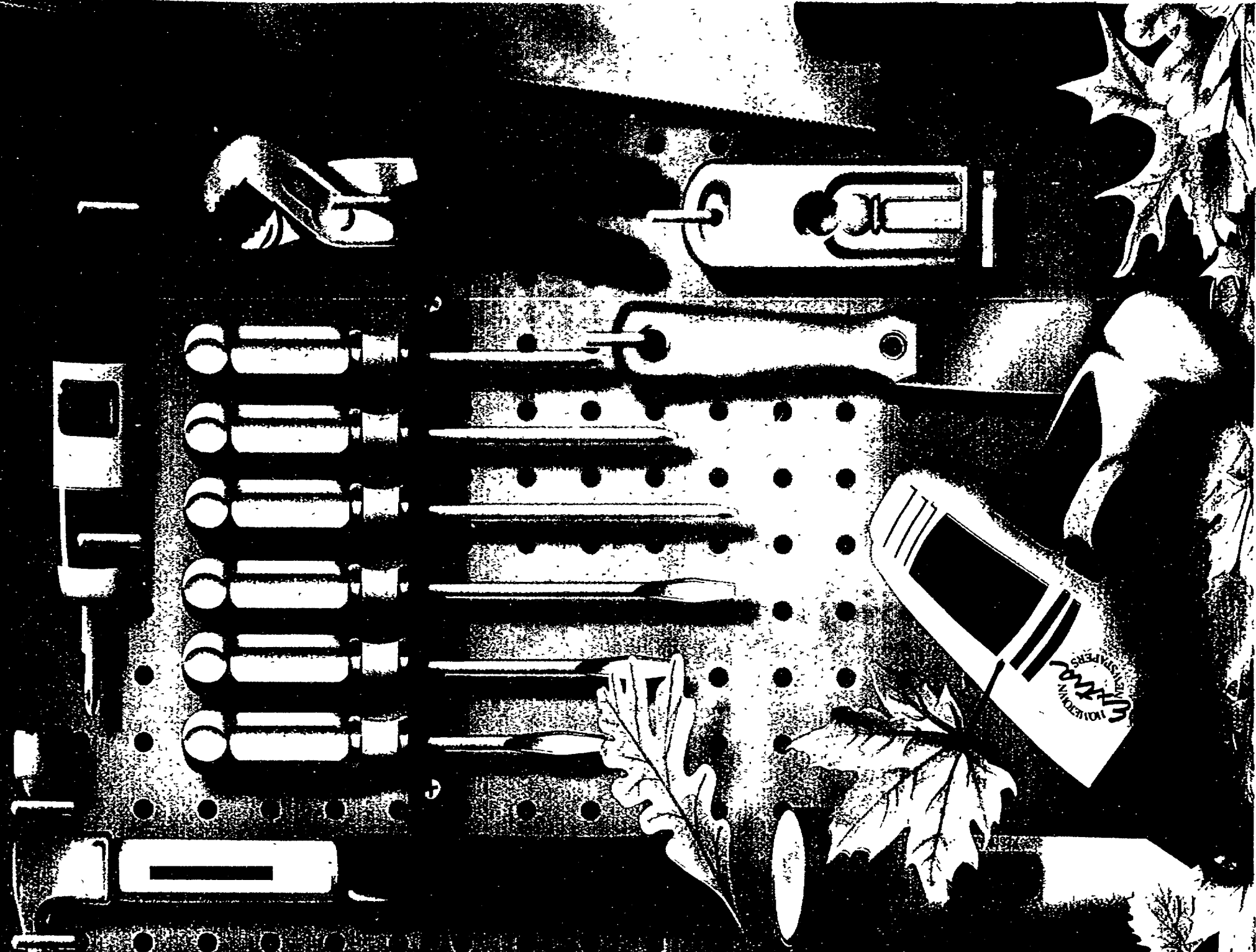
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HOME IMPROVEMENT



THE FUNGUS AMONG US

Help for controlling household mold and mildew

By Pat Stein
Cody News Service

A spate of lawsuits, claiming that mold has caused everything from learning disabilities to infant lung bleeding, and extreme measures, such as burning down houses to get rid of infestations, have transformed the humble fungus into a hot-button issue.

"Mold was written about in the Bible. It has been around for thousands of years and there's not much about mold that has changed over the centuries. Mold spores can be found in almost any static air test — even out on the freeway," said Dick Rennie, chief executive officer of American Leak Detection in Palm Springs, Calif.

What has changed, according to Rennie, are building methods and materials.

"Today, homes are built tighter," Rennie said, adding that mold seems to thrive on modern building materials such as drywall.

Controlling moisture is the key to controlling mold, according to George Bean, a biologist in the Department of Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics at the University of Maryland who has been studying mold for decades.

"Mold spores need relative humidity of 70 percent or more to germinate and mold needs a food source, which can be anything from the paper on drywall to cellulose (wood fiber)," Bean said.

Mold is a fungus similar to the mushroom. There are at least 100,000 different kinds of mold, 1,000 of which are present in the United States. Although most of us only recognize mold when we see it growing, Bean says mold spores — the microorganisms that become mold — are always present.

Some molds are actually beneficial and edible. The mold fungus penicillium roquefort is the source of the antibiotic penicillin and also of the blue streaks in Roquefort cheese. The statin drugs that are used to treat high cholesterol are also the byproduct of mold, according to Bean.

Bean says that although it is known that some people may be highly sensitive to mold and that mold can aggravate allergies, "the whole mold issue has been blown out of proportion."

In Bean's opinion, the controversy has led to scare tactics and some scans when it comes to mold detection and treatment. Since there are no state or federal regulatory agencies overseeing the business of mold testing, it's strictly a case of buyer beware. Mold spores are everywhere, so if you

have a mold detection company come out to your house, they will certainly be able to find evidence of mold," he said.

Stachybotrys, the so-called black mold, is the "bad boy" of molds. Even though scientists have known about stachybotrys for decades, it's still unclear what level of exposure triggers serious health problems in humans, according to Bean. Still, it's an unwanted intruder in your home. The good news is that it requires a high level of moisture to thrive.

"This means you should always be aware when your home has had extensive water damage," Rennie said. "It only takes 24 hours for mold to start growing under your carpet if you spill liquid and don't dry it up."

Rennie suggests treating moldy areas with a solution of 1 1/2 cups of bleach to 1 gallon of water. He says this will kill mold and may remove stains. Bean prefers cleaning away the mold with a solution of soap and water and then spraying the affected area with Sporocidin, an anti-bacterial agent that can be purchased over-the-counter in drug stores — usually in the same section where antiseptics are shelved. Sporocidin not only kills mold but also has a residual effect that will prevent the mold from returning, according to Bean.

When cleaning up mold, it's advisable to wear protective clothing (long pants and long-sleeved shirt), goggles, a respirator and gloves because cleaning up mold releases spores into the air, according to Paul Krantz, executive editor of BHG.com (Better Homes and Gardens online). Small areas of mold measuring no more than 3-by-3 feet can usually be cleaned up safely by homeowners, but larger mold problems need to be addressed by professionals Krantz advised.

Some mold experts advise using paint that contains mildicide to prevent mold, but, Bean says, there's no scientific evidence that these paints are a guarantee against mold over time.

Michael Kuhn, director of field services for HouseMaster, a leading home inspection company, suggests the following measures to prevent or check for mold:

1. Install proper attic ventilation, such as soffit vents, to increase airflow and decrease humidity in the attic (this will also extend the life of your roof).

2. Direct venting (including dryer vents) to the outside and not to an interior area, such as an attic or garage. Install bathroom exhaust fans in rooms with or without exterior windows to decrease humidity. Bathrooms and laundry areas that are not



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Workers in protective gear inspect an area where mold has been found. There are about 1,000 different kinds of mold in the United States and experts say the key to controlling it is to control moisture.

ventilated or poorly ventilated encourage the growth of mold and mildew. 3. Shut off offending appliances at first signs of condensation on windows or other surfaces. Check venting systems to ensure all potentially harmful flue gas exhausts to the exterior. Humidifiers and improperly vented fuel-burning appliances can raise the relative humidity in a room.

4. Use dehumidifiers and air conditioning to draw moisture out of the air, especially in hot, humid areas. To be sure these appliances don't themselves become sources of biological pollutants, clean or change the air conditioner filter to prevent dirt and mold buildup.

5. Inspect and clean major systems, such as furnaces, heat pumps and central air conditioners, before seasonal use.

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WINTER WARNING

Batten down the hatches, cold weather's on the way

By John O'Connell
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Cleaning gutters, caulking windows and checking the furnace are annual rites of fall for many homeowners.

Performing a few maintenance chores can turn a drafty home into a cozy one with the added bonus of saving energy and reducing heating bills. And this is the time to assess your home with a critical eye looking for problems from the roof shingles to the furnace.

One of the best ways to have a comfortable home and to control heating costs is to have the furnace checked each year. But this chore should be left to a qualified person. Autumn is an especially busy time for service technician Russ Long with Starnes Mechanical Inc. in Peoria Heights, Ill. Long will do between eight to 10 furnace checks a day during early fall.

"This really is the best time to have your furnace checked," Long said. "Problems often arise when the furnace is running continuously in really cold weather. You don't want to wait until you have a problem in the middle of the night when temperature is below freezing. Those calls get expensive."

One of the things Long checks for is a crack in the furnace's heat exchanger. This is not only a waste of energy, but unsafe as well. As part of his check, he cleans and adjusts the burner assembly, lubricates the moving parts, checks for gas leaks and examines the flue.

To save on natural gas bills, lowering a furnace's thermostat by 2 degrees results in a savings of 3 percent, according to the Central Illinois Light Co.

Ellen Burton, extension educator with the University of Illinois Extension, recommends installing a programmable setback thermostat, which can automatically lower the furnace thermostat when people aren't home or asleep and raise it at times when they are in the home and awake. She also recommends changing regular furnace filters once a month and high-efficiency filters every three months.

Here are some other winterizing tips from the University of Illinois Extension: -- Roof and gutters: Check roof for loose shingles and valleys and cracks, in and around the chimney.

"Not everyone should be climbing on a roof," Burton cautioned. "But it's something that should be done. Rainwater can get into the house through loose shingles and flashing and cause quite a bit of damage. When my husband was doing our roof check, he installed a screen at the top of the chimney to prevent leaves and small animals from getting in it."

While you're on the roof, take time to clean out your gutters. Rain gutters and

downspouts get clogged by falling leaves, causing gutters to overflow, which leads to wet basements or ice dams that cause leaky roofs. This chore may have to be repeated several times during the fall.

-- Weatherization: Seal cracks around windows and doors. Caulking joints between window frames or around door frames will pay dividends in comfort and energy savings.

"Anywhere you have pipes coming into the house, like a dryer vent, should be checked," Burton said. "Make sure they are sealed properly. If they are not, clean out the old caulk and re-caulk."

If windows are not properly insulated, consider covering them with plastic. Local home centers and hardware stores sell kits to insulate windows. Don't forget basement windows, said Jay Solomon, an engineer with the University of Illinois Extension.

"A lot of air comes through my basement windows," Solomon said. He recommends covering them with plastic.

Another source of drafts is through electrical outlets on outside walls. There are kits especially made to insulate them. Doors, too, should be checked. If you can push a quarter through the bottom of the door and the doorjamb, you need weatherstripping.

In many homes, money is going through the roof with insufficient insulation. This is especially true with older homes, Solomon said. The higher the R-value of the insulation, the less energy it will take to heat or cool.

He also suggested an insulation blanket for the water heater tank to improve its efficiency.

-- Pipes and faucets: Pipes in unheated areas like a basement or crawl space may need to be protected with heat tape. And outdoor faucets are especially prone to freezing and breaking in very cold winters.

"Never leave hoses on outside faucets," Burton said. "You should remove them, drain them and store them away for the winter."

Shutting off outside faucets and draining them is the best way to prevent freezing. Solomon said there are covers that can be purchased to fit over the spigots to help protect the pipes from freezing.

-- Inspect chimneys and fireplaces: Another job that should be done annually is checking and cleaning the fireplace and chimney. As with the furnace, this task should be best left to a qualified person.

"When you burn wood, creosote can build up inside the chimney," Burton said. "This has the potential to catch on fire. A chimney sweep will clean the creosote out and check for cracks."

When not in use, keep the damper closed to prevent heated air from escaping up the chimney. And if the fireplace is

CAN-DO ATTITUDE

DIY advice from the real 'Helpful Hardware Man'

By Paul R. Huard
Copy News Service

You can handle the basics around the home -- some minor landscaping, painting a room, even installing a light fixture.

But what about real home improvements, the projects that go beyond splashing a new color on the walls or buying odd-ball knickknacks that are stock solutions even for TV's do-it-yourself gurus?

If your dream projects involve real tools, real materials and real money you'd better know your limits, start small and be willing to make a few painless mistakes.

says Lou Manfredini, host of an Internet online advice center for home improvement sponsored by Ace Hardware Corp.

"The only difference between the professionals and novices is the pro made more mistakes and paid for them," says Manfredini, who really is the "Helpful Hardware Man" of the Illinois-based company. He also hosts a Chicago-area radio show for do-it-yourselfers (DIYers) and appears on national programs such as "Today."

Manfredini responds to about 60 e-mails a day from people looking for help and advice regarding home projects. His e-mail address is asklou@acehardware.com.

Questions run the gamut. Plumbing-related issues lead the pack, but he also gets questions from consumers seeking a straight answer from a neutral party about products and services.

Manfredini says knowing your limits is the first thing a homeowner should determine when deciding whether to do their own work or seek a contractor.

"If you don't know which end of a hammer is up, you're probably not ready to build a deck," he says.

But taking some risks and making some mistakes are the only way to learn the crafts needed for home improvement work. Manfredini suggests that budding DIYers negotiate with contractors who will

allow them to do some of the simpler work -- what he calls the "50-50" approach.

"You should always be looking to come up with a proposition that will allow you to learn and take away some of the grunt work from the contractor," says Manfredini. For example, he says, most professionals will be happy to let the homeowner do demolition work for a new bathroom, then let him or her watch the construction and pick up tips.

There is one project that he says amateurs should avoid unless they have contractor-level training: any electrical work such as rewiring a home.

"You can do plumbing, make a mistake and live with a leaky pipe," he says. "But with electrical work, the risk for electrocution or fire is too great."

Manfredini has a list of mistakes DIYers would do well to avoid. Failure to do so can waste money, cause frustration or possibly result in injury. Manfredini advises against:

-- Buying cheap tools. Having the proper tools helps DIYers complete home improvement tasks safely and successfully. Cheap tools are not as durable or reliable. Better-quality tools improve a homeowner's chances of gaining quality results. Plus, when tools come with a lifetime guarantee that really means they are guaranteed for life.

-- Choosing the wrong paint finishes for your home. There are two simple rules to abide by when deciding on which paint finishes to use in your home -- flat paint is best for ceilings and satin or eggshell paint should be used for walls. The latter finishes resist stains better than other finishes and have a more lustrous look, making them an excellent choice for playrooms, halls and bathrooms.

DIYers also should use at least two finish coats of paint for every wall or ceiling project. And, most importantly, remember that preparation is 90 percent of a good

Tips and trends for home improvement and design

Stop the drip

Whether it's time to replace that bathroom faucet because it constantly drips, or you simply want to change the look, new faucet installation is a relatively easy project which can be accomplished in one weekend, according to Lou Manfredini, Ace Hardware's "Helpful Hardware Man" and national home improvement expert.

Before tackling the task follow these handy tips:

-- Research the various design options available. Manufacturers introduce new style faucets every year.

-- Make sure you know the correct fit for your particular sink. Some faucets are installed into a single hole, while others fit into two holes. But not all two-hole openings are spaced identically, however.

-- Have the right tools on hand to complete the job.

-- Don't forget to turn off the water supply on both the hot and cold lines under the sink before you begin. If there's no turn off valve, turn off the main water supply.

-- To make the job easier, remove cabinet doors, hook up a work light or use a flashlight, and cushion the floor with a drop cloth or towels. (CNS)

strategy and practice it with everyone in the home.

-- Avoiding regular maintenance issues in the home. Whether it's fixing a leaky faucet or cleaning out the gutters, it helps if homeowners can keep a regular maintenance schedule. It not only will prevent more complex problems, but also allow a homeowner more time and energy to focus on challenging, more time-consuming home-improvement projects.

-- Avoiding maintenance of the furnace and air conditioning units. Replacing the furnace filter with a high-grade pleated filter that removes dust, pollen and pet dander from air circulating in the home will improve energy efficiency and performance. Be sure to regularly clean out the furnace filter, as well as the air ducts in the air-conditioning unit.

-- Improper ladder safety. Improper use of a ladder can lead to serious injuries. Whether it's an exterior painting project or cleaning out those hard-to-reach gutters, follow this simple advice: Keep your body centered on the ladder and climb the ladder face-forward while only moving one step at a time. You'll have a safer, more successful project.

-- Failure to conduct routine safety checks. Smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and carbon monoxide detectors are not only a must, but they should be regularly monitored for accuracy and effectiveness. In addition, develop a fire safety escape plan.

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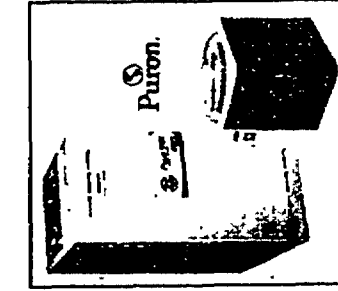
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FOOLING THE EYE

Artist's illusion creates space with faux finish

By Clare Howard
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Anita Tuccillo can make a room feel like a Texas, N.M., sunset with a hint of sage in the air.

Her master bedroom in the home she and her husband are restoring near Bradley University in Peoria, Ill., has walls washed in buff, mocha, velvety plum, ocine and lemony custard. Gaze deep into the surface and space dissolves into the mesmerizing depths of America's Southwest desert.

Challenge her and Tuccillo can evoke the scents and lighting of Tuscany at dawn before olive harvest or a Midwest field of prairie grasses in January after a hard frost.

She achieves this wizardry not with images but with the evocative art of faux finishing. Her palette often comes from cans of paint she buys on sale for \$1 because they were returns, rejects or mismatched.

Tuccillo worked in Texas as a lighting and furniture designer before moving to Peoria two years ago. She now teaches high school art and consults with a growing list of clients.

Her knack for faux finishing dates back to graduate school when she was hired by a real-estate agent to paint a marble finish on the walls of a circular staircase. That job sent her to the bookstore for a primer on faux finishing.

"I was first attracted to faux finishing by the texture. I had always worked with thick paint and enjoyed the technique in faux finishing of layering thin washes of paint," she said. "That physical overlapping creates material space."

By layering paint, Tuccillo creates the effect of walls receding away from the periphery of a room. That gives depth to the space and pushes hard boundaries into soft, infinite space.

Besides layering thin washes of paint on walls with a brush or rag, Tuccillo also uses soft bunches of plastic wrap for subtle shading.

Faux finishing can be used to give the illusion of wood grain, marble, granite, limestone.

YARD WORK

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A good and honest landscape contractor will tell you what he can and cannot do legally.

"For example, a landscape contractor in California can't add a covered room. We can install electrical systems that are directly related to landscape lighting, but nothing else," Jacobs said, adding that all of these issues need to be clarified between client and contractor before going forward with a project.

Maintenance costs are also a consideration. "Maintenance is something that never goes away," Jacobs said. "It's an ongoing expense to be seriously considered when

stone, rust, patina or virtually any other surface.

John Tuccillo, also an artist and art teacher at Illinois Central College, has repaired wood trim in the couple's 1904 Arts and Crafts-style home. Anita then painted wood grain on the repair so it undulates from the existing trim through the patch, making it virtually impossible to detect. Anita Tuccillo has applied the same technique to a repair job on a Queen Anne-style oak dining room table.

She has layered stains on a concrete hearth she and her husband poured in their living room to replace a fireplace hearth destroyed when former owners drilled it full of holes for electrical wiring. Ceramic tiles on the fireplace look like the shimmering underbelly of an Adirondack rainbow trout.

The hearth also blends a warm palette of colors with gradations of light and dark.

The walls of the living room will include shades of French vanilla bean and burnt umber with smudges of charcoal gray and violet. The surface might be washed with the thin hater of a waxed glove.

"It will be soft, with a little shimmer," Tuccillo said. "Walls can be wonderfully evocative. I don't think it's healthy to leave them plain white. White is like a blank canvas with no choices made."

Tuccillo's blind cat, Pizze, padded stealthily through the living room.

"See how luscious and beautiful her coat is, with shades of gray and black. I can make a wall surface look like that," the artist said.

She advocates creating surfaces that evoke memories and inner tranquility. Each client comes to her with different experiences and different color palettes. She recommends that warm and cool colors be used to complement furnishings and lighting in a room.

"There is no limit to faux. You can do floors, walls, woodwork, furniture, lamps, vessels, plates and pots," she said. "Combinations of colors can create a wonderful look. You can create the expression of your history in walls."



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ALL FIRED UP

Tile adds warmth, beauty, durability to the home

By Paul R. Huard
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When you want real beauty inside or outside of your home, all you have to do is lay it on.

Tile, that is. Whether plain white or as colorful as a peacock's tail, one of history's oldest and most important crafts is always a source of new ideas.

Throughout civilization, architects and builders have chosen tile for its beauty, versatility and durability. It's been on the inside of palaces and mansions for centuries -- and not just in the washroom.

"What can set off a room more dramatically than tile?" says Edward Lipinski, author of the New York Times "Home Clinic" and of "Tiling: The Installation Handbook" (Sterling Publishing Co., \$17.95). "Tile goes on floors, of course, but up walls, around windows and doors -- wherever ceramics can go, including some places you haven't thought about."

Tile is fire-resistant and rock hard. Artistic and durable, it has been proven to withstand the normal wear and tear of centuries.

And it's tough enough to withstand foot traffic on "great room" floors and busy

patios, and even the flames of an evening fire as the heat radiates from the hearth.

Looking for some ideas on how to use tile? Consider the following.

The level of complexity involved in tile work varies from laying a simple counter to installing an ornate home entryway.

As with all improvement or construction projects, prices vary.

Professionals say that the factors influencing the cost of every project include labor, availability of materials, the condition of the existing structure and the wishes of the client. Contact the craftsman and ask for an assessment of your plans and an estimate of its cost.

If you plan to do the work yourself, estimate the cost not only of supplies, but your own time and whether you can actually complete the project on your own.

If you are a dedicated do-it-yourselfer, Lipinski recommends the following.

-- Get a good set of tools. They are essential to doing a first-class installation job.

-- Check the surfaces you plane to tile (floors, walls, pillars, etc.) and determine that they are flat, plumb or level (depending on the job).

-- Learn the basic skill of aligning the tiles correctly as you apply them. It's a

fairly easy skill to master and it will create professional-looking results.

He covers other details of performing beautiful tile work in his book.

THE ENTRYWAY

Tile can be used to make a stunning impression with pillars or columns that frame the main door to the home.

Pillars can be made of various materials. But given the right conditions, tile can cover the pillars.

The entryway walls can also be tiled. This is particularly popular in the American Southwest.

Whatever the materials used, the pillars or columns can be constructed so exterior lights are mounted for entryway illumination.

FLOORS AND WALLS

People are spending more and more time and attention to making their homes look beautiful, so why stop at the floor?

Bob Fazio, owner of Bob Fazio Tile Co., Roanoke River, Ore., said porcelain tile is a current favorite with remodelers. It's used as flooring, wall covering and as accents embedded in floor- and wall-bay materials.

Porcelain tile has the characteristics that make fine china so attractive. It comes in high-gloss colors or vibrant patterns, is

light and thin but very strong and helps enhance the sense of spacious luxury many homeowners seek.

The tile can be either the familiar smooth and glossy kind, or more rugged in character with embossing or rough surfaces.

And forget white as the only choice. Fazio said. Earth tones are the new staple, but he just completed a job where he mixed gray, blue and rust tiles of different sizes on walls and the floor.

"People accept the additional expense," Fazio said. "It's very hard, very durable and very popular."

Prices for porcelain tile can cost as much as \$7 a square foot, depending on size, color and texture. The average price for most ordinary kinds of ceramic tile ranges from \$2 to \$3 a square foot.

FIREPLACES

Fireplaces just aren't made of bricks or stone.

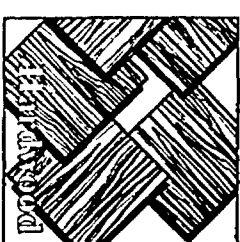
Tile can either improve an existing fireplace or tailor a fireplace in new construction to the homeowner's taste.

Again, the options are endless. Tile can be used to create the mantle, cover the chimney or highlight the alcove where the fireplace rests. The walls around the fireplace can also be covered with tile.

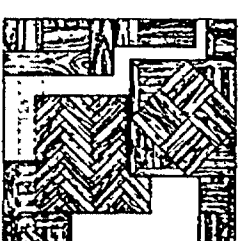
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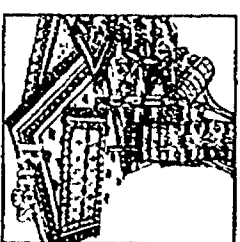
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DOWN THE DRAIN

Fix those leaks -- saving water saves money, too

By Paul R. Huard
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It's just water, so use it wisely. That's the latest message to homeowners from a diverse group of interests ranging from plumbing-product manufacturers to the government.

Years of severe drought in the West and South have taught many people that water is not only a precious commodity, but an expensive resource to waste. There's also been exponential population growth in many areas of the country, putting a strain on water supplies across the nation.

"We need to be consciously aware of the value of this resource and use it as wisely as possible," says Thomas C. Turney, state engineer for New Mexico and chief of the state's water conservation program. "Conserving water means we can extend the water supply for future generations, reduce the risk of water shortages, improve the health of rivers and groundwater, and save tax dollars by avoiding the construction of new water treatment facilities or the development of new water supplies."

You can start saving water -- and saving money -- right at home. It doesn't take a crash course in water management to make a difference, just the willingness to use water wisely.

Your bathrooms account for nearly 75 percent of the water used in your household. Toilets alone represent nearly 40 percent of the total water usage in a home.

Do the math -- the bathroom is the first place to check when you want to stop water from going down the drain. American Standard Inc., a manufacturer of plumbing supplies, offers the following information and tips on water conservation:

-- Plug leaks. A leaky toilet, which may be silent and completely unnoticed,

GARDEN STYLE

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nurturing life from the soil. Creating garden-style rooms allows us to keep the comfort, beauty and joy of the garden with us even when we're indoors."

Garden style calls for floral upholstery and light window treatments, garden furniture, botanical prints on the walls, flower pots, plant stands, garden statuary, bird baths and garden tools such as watering cans. None of the furnishings or accessories needs to be expensive.

"Scour your back yard, the garage, pot-

can waste up to 200 gallons of water per day. Check for toilet tank leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. If the toilet is leaking, color will appear in the toilet bowl within 30 minutes. (Flush as soon as test is done. Since food coloring may stain tank.)

-- Eliminate sticking levers. If the toilet lever frequently sticks in the flush position, it allows water to run constantly. Replace or adjust it.

-- Keep flushing to a minimum. Dispose of facial tissues, insects and other such waste in the trash rather than the toilet.

-- Improve toilet performance. If your home had its toilets installed more than 10 years ago, you may be flushing your money and conservation down the drain. Replacing an old toilet could automatically and permanently cut your home water consumption by 25 percent or more. Newer technology not only saves water, but can actually improve performance and work quietly.

-- Repair or replace dripping faucets. If your faucet is dripping at a rate of one drop per second, you can expect to waste from 75 to hundreds of gallons of water a week.

-- Replace older rubber-washer faucets. The lifetime, drip-free performance of ceramic-disk valves can save you money spent on maintenance and wasted water due to leaks. You also get smooth and easy handle control.

-- Replace faucets without aerated flow restrictors. These restrictors incorporate air into the water stream. The result is a bubbling flow that provides excellent rinsing action while reducing water usage. Removing the flow restrictors from these aerators is not recommended as it may reduce the effectiveness of the aerator and may make temperature control more difficult.

-- Replace old shower heads. New shower heads are restricted to 2.5 gallons per minute and technological advancement in the direction of water streams and the materials used result in a more satisfying rinse while reducing your water usage.

Removing the flow restrictors from shower heads is not recommended as it may make temperature control more difficult and increase the risk of scalding.

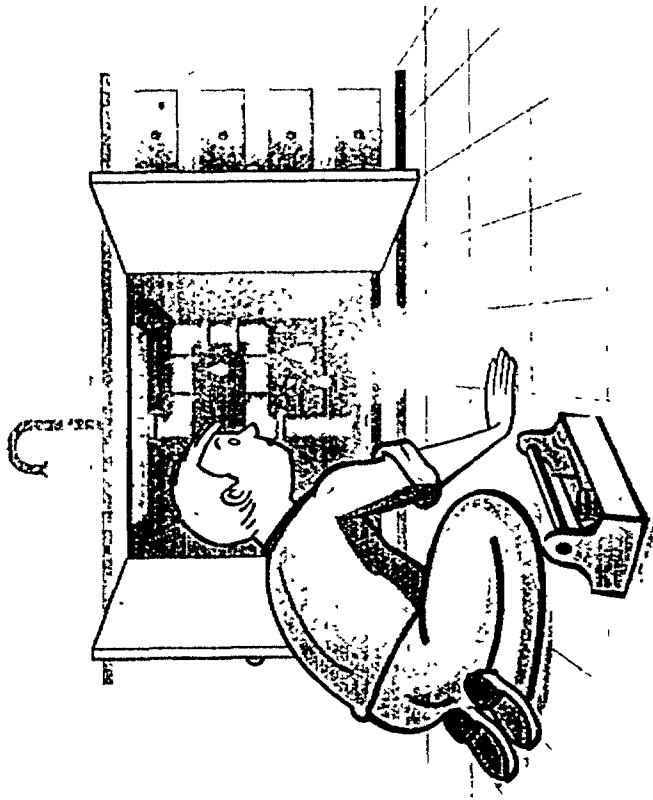
-- Practice "lather-rinse-repeat." In the shower, turn water on to get wet, turn off to lather up; then turn back on to rinse off.

ting shed or flea markets for accessories for a garden-style room. And don't overlook curbside castoffs. Some of the most charming garden rooms are created from castoffs and found objects," Hallam said.

When you're looking for garden-style items, the hunt is half the fun. The key to successful collecting is to use your imagination, Hallam said.

"Look at an item for what it can be, not for what it is now," she advised.

For example, a worn ladder might be used as a plant stand. Plant baskets can be recycled and used to hold towels and washcloths



CNS Illustration by Jacie Landeros
Leaky pipes waste water and cost money. And homeowners should be on the lookout for hidden leaks, as well. A leaky toilet, which may be silent and completely unnoticed, can waste up to 200 gallons of water per day.

A thermostatic shower valve that maintains a consistent water temperature makes this safe and easy.

-- Turn water off while brushing. Don't let water run while shaving or brushing your teeth. A single-control faucet permits easy one-handed operation and control over both water flow and temperature.

Around the rest of your home, check for the following:

-- Seek out hidden leaks. Read your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.

If you have a well at home, check your pump periodically. If the pump kicks on and off while water is not being used, you likely have a leak.

-- Save it, don't drain it. Don't pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it, such as watering a plant or garden, or for cleaning around your home. Place a bucket in the shower to catch excess water and use this to water plants. The same technique can be used when washing dishes or vegetables in the sink.

-- Regulate water temperature. Insulate in the bath. As for color, think green, Hallam said. "Shades of green, sky blue, sunny yellow and floral tones are the colors I associate with the garden and garden rooms," Hallam said.

SUNROOM SHINE
Sunrooms are natural spots for garden style. Here's how two more designers spruced up the sunny spots in the showcase house. They show just how easy it can be to add a little garden style to your own home. Castoff metal furniture set the stage for an upstairs sunroom. Designers Scott Norris

CLEARING THE AIR

Purifying systems help your whole house breathe easy

By Pat Stein
Copy News Service

It may come as a surprise to learn that the Environmental Protection Agency often finds that the air inside the home is up to five times more polluted than the air outside.

And, experts say, no home is immune to air-quality problems -- regardless of how clean it may appear. New homes tend to have higher concentrations of chemicals while older homes can be grounds for mold and mildew and are usually contaminated with dirt and dust.

Household air pollution can be hazardous to health -- especially for people with asthma and allergies.

"Poor indoor air quality is a significant factor in aggravating asthma and allergies," said Dr. Anthony Montanaro, chairman of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America medical advisory committee.

The AAFAP recommends controlling home air quality as an effective method to reduce allergy and asthma symptoms.

Common indoor air pollutants include pet dander, dust, pollen, paint fumes, carpeting, mold and tobacco smoke.

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TOOL TIME

Many homeowners would rather fix it themselves

By Roger M. Showley
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In his 30 years in the banking and mortgage business, Dick Stewart, 57, always enjoyed meeting with contractor clients.

"They're really pretty interesting guys," he recalls.

They were so interesting that Stewart has traded in his amortization tables for a pneumatic drill, pickup truck and a five- or six-day-a-week backbreaking work schedule.

It's a lifestyle he's adopted while remodeling a 50-year-old, 1,800-square-foot house in San Diego for himself and his wife, Karen.

"I just like working with my hands," the son of a military pilot said. "I always envied people who could work with their hands and create things. I'm not an artist but this is my form of artwork."

Millions of Americans are like Dick Stewart.

They savor the aroma of freshly cut lumber, the taste of 10-penny nails between their teeth, the whir of a power saw, the joining of two pipes with a dab of quick-drying PVC glue.

The 21st century American male and a growing number of females are out to prove they can mount a ceiling fan, replace a faucet, hang a door or build a deck.

With the pride of accomplishment comes the knowledge that, if done right, doing it yourself can save a lot of money.

In the bargain, home-improvement stores and lumberyards are raking in \$45 billion annually in sales, according to the National Building Museum in Washington. Of course, some would-be do-it-yourselfers — DIYers — lose their self-confidence when a pipe bursts, an electric circuit shorts or installation instructions just don't make sense.

In a moment of defeat, they open the Yellow Pages and call a plumber, electrician or other professional to finish the job. Back in San Diego, Stewart hasn't been defeated yet. He has spent the last year ripping out walls, replacing plumbing and electrical lines, hanging doors and windows, and reconfiguring every space inside the single-story home.

"Do you want a light here?" he asked Karen as they both recounted the last 12 months.

"Yes, please," she answered. "He worked all by himself until I threw a fit. You've got to get some help or you'll be on it until our dying days."

The couple moved to a nearby apartment to escape the dust, night cold and wind.

However, heeding his wife's advice,

Stewart is subcontracting out the drywall and cabinet installation and getting an electrician to change the meter service.

They hope to move back in next summer after spending about \$75,000 on the job. Stewart figures he is saving \$50,000 by doing it himself.

While some people go to church, many DIYers can be found at Home Depot, Lowe's or other home-improvement centers on Sunday mornings loading up on lumber, paint and plumbing fixtures to complete the day's projects. Inevitably, they return a few hours later for a missing part.

During the week, homegrown handy-men (and women) watch "This Old House" and other TV shows, read home-improvement magazines and surf the Internet in this informal university of fixology.

They'll check out home-improvement guidebooks and videotapes at the local library or go to the mall to buy any one of the endless cavalcade of how-to books. And there's always that needed tool they eye that they know will make their lives just a little bit easier.

A LITTLE TO MAKE THINGS
Americans on the frontier and out on the farm had to be self-reliant. But as the country urbanized, more and more people came to rely on specialist plumbers, electricians, carpenters and all-around handy-men to fix and repair and renovate.

Karl Ann Marling, a cultural historian at the University of Minnesota, said that self-reliance regained popularity after World War II.

"In the 1950s, home improvement was a sort of hobby craft," she said. "A lot of it had to do with bonding between men and boys, the orientation of the family toward that kind of gender bonding."

"I think also a lot had to do with men's feeling of powerlessness in the kinds of corporate jobs they got when they came back from World War II. They didn't actually make anything, whereas their fathers made steel or stamped out cameras. The notion that you can make something for yourself and see the results in a product is really important."

At the turn of the 20th century, Victorian ornamentation, a decorative style beyond most do-it-yourselfers' capabilities, gave way to Craftsman styles with simpler designs and stucco bungalows.

HARDWARE HISTORY
The 1920s saw a huge building boom and the 1930s Depression prompted many families to learn to do things for themselves.

When the nation went to war, men learned to build temporary shelters on the battlefield and women moved into jobs at factories. Naturally, they felt ready to put their new skills to work on suburban tract

homes they bought after the war.

Starting in the 1960s, the environmental movement spawned a new appreciation for historic sites and the desire for restoration rather than "modernization" of old buildings.

In the 1980s, the neighborhood hardware store gave way to the big-box home-improvement centers so popular today.

And the Internet lately has offered instant access to thousands of sources for repairing and installing every element of a home.

DISPOSABLE SOCIETY
For 110 years, San Diego Hardware catered to home-improvement needs. But its role has shifted in recent years away from common household items to more exotic, one-of-a-kind features, such as special cabinet knobs and pulls.

According to Bill Hayne-worth, one of the owners,

"I think a lot of the product out today is not designed to be fixed," he said. "People come in occasionally looking for a replacement for something. The reality is if I could get the part at all, it would cost more than something brand-new."

Still, Roger Campbell, an insurance salesman turned apartment owner, has learned to fix things himself.

"The way I learned was I rented to a retired plumber, and I used to pay him \$6 an hour to go with me and he'd tell me what to do," he said.

Campbell, like all do-it-yourselfers, has learned a few rules of thumb when it comes to tackling a home-improvement project.

For instance, plan on taking twice as much time and spending twice as much money as you planned before you're done.

The finish work takes twice as long as the rough work.

Never start a plumbing job on a Friday afternoon, because rates go up on the weekend if you get stuck and have to call a plumber.

And there's the old adage: Measure twice and cut once.

Besides books, neighbors and home-improvement store salesmen, do-it-yourselfers now can turn to the Internet for guidance.

Microsoft's House and Home site -- www.houseandhome.msn.com -- has teamed up with Home and Garden magazine.

"Homeowners Handbook" author Don Vandervort and other content providers to help DIYers get started.

"Our goal is to give folks a broad overview on quick weekend projects they can tackle," said House and Home editor-in-chief John Flinn.

Eventually, he said, his site and others will provide both free basic information and,



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TOOL TIME — Do-it-yourselfer Dick Stewart works on his San Diego home. He is among millions of Americans who take home improvement into their own hands. By doing the work himself, Stewart estimates he will save \$50,000.

for a fee, in-depth guides, such as the working drawings for a backyard deck.

Home-improvement stores, such as Home Depot, Lowe's and Ace Hardware, offer their own online consumer services, as do other numerous other sites, such as www.comerhardware.com, www.doityourself.com and www.homeimprove.com.

MOVING TO DO-IT-ALL
Eventually, some do-it-yourselfers become experienced enough to tackle nearly any project.

For example, John Panter, the archivist at the San Diego Historical Society, is a weekend all-around fixer and do-it-yourselfer. He has repainted, retiled, repainted and rewired all his homes. Currently, he is adding a deck to his home.

"My wife (Ginger) swears I could probably build my own house," Panter said. "I just hope she doesn't test that."

When the job is done, do-it-yourselfers step back and admire their handiwork. Panter said he turned on a waterfall pump and just sat and gazed into the fountain for a half-hour, recalling the stream and waterfall he has hiked past in the Sierra.

"This is it," he told himself, "is near to creating a corner paradise as I'm ever going to come."

For Dick Stewart, the expected end of the job next summer is not the time for a pat on the back.

"Most contractors get a residual (payment) when they're done," Stewart said. "I decided to take mine up front."

YARD WORK

Hire landscape contractor for professional results

By Pat Stein
Copy News Service

You've just purchased the home of your dreams in a new development, but it's surrounded by dirt. Or, you've just purchased a fixer-upper with plenty of potential, but the yard is overgrown and in need of serious remodeling.

You could do the work yourself, but who has the time, the skills, the brawn and the equipment? Perhaps, it's time to call for professional help in the form of a landscape contractor. Qualified landscape contractors do more than lay sod to create an instant lawn and plant flower beds.

A licensed landscape contractor can install patios, decks, fencing, irrigation, lighting, drainage, hardscape (such as retaining walls and walkways), water features as well as plant materials," said Steve Jacobs, a licensed contractor and immediate past president of the California Landscape Contractors Association.

But, Jacobs cautions, almost anyone can call himself or herself a landscape contractor, so it's important for the consumer to check credentials and references.

"You want to be sure the person you hire is licensed. You need to see proof of workers' compensation and liability insurance and references. And do check the references," Jacobs advised.

Licensing offers consumers protection because in most states that licensing board will mediate disputes between the contractor and the client. Those who earn a license must pass exams that prove they have required skills and that they are financially responsible.

"Consumers should check with the licensing board to see if the contractor they're considering hiring has any prior complaints against him," said Jacobs, who is also a certified landscape technician. "Anyone who is a certified landscape technician has had to pass a very rigorous examination."

Once you are satisfied that the person you are going to interview has the proper credentials and references, be prepared to tell the contractor what you want from your yard. Do you enjoy putting in the garden? Do you have children and want the yard to be a playground? Do you like to entertain outdoors? Do you just want it to look good and require little care?

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Krantz, executive editor of BHG.com (Better Homes & Gardens online).

When interviewing a prospective contractor, Krantz advises discussing "plant philosophy."

"Talk about native versus foreign plant materials. Drought-tolerant plants and disease-resistant plants. There are many good hybrids available now that are extremely disease-resistant. A knowledgeable landscape contractor should be able to advise you on these issues," Krantz said.

adding that it's never a good idea to try to establish a tropical garden in an arid desert area. "It's always best to use native plant materials, when possible."

Licensed general contractor Gary Drake, chief executive officer and founder of Drake Construction in Beverly Hills, suggests doing a credit check of a prospective landscape contractor "to see if they pay their bills."

He also suggests doing a "surprise visit" to a job site to see what condition it's in and how the workers are working.

When interviewing the prospective contractor, Drake advises, "be sure you feel comfortable in communicating."

"See if he's taking notes, while you're talking about your yard. Taking notes is a sign that he's paying attention. If he doesn't listen to you when you're interviewing him, he won't listen to you when he's on the job," Drake said.

Other telltale signs whether a contractor



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Landscapers work on putting a queen palm into place in front of a new home in Southern California. Hiring a certified landscaper to work with you to get the look you want will insure professional results.

is responsible or not?

"Does he show up on time and is he prepared for the initial visit? If he doesn't and isn't, he probably won't perform well on the job," Drake said.

Some contractors, like Jacobs, are design-build guys. Others call on landscape designers to create the design, which adds another layer of cost. And in some instances a landscape architect may be needed.

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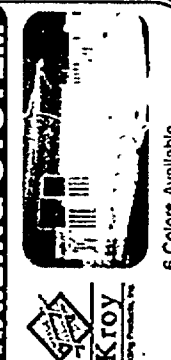
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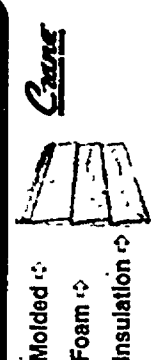
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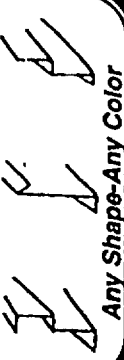
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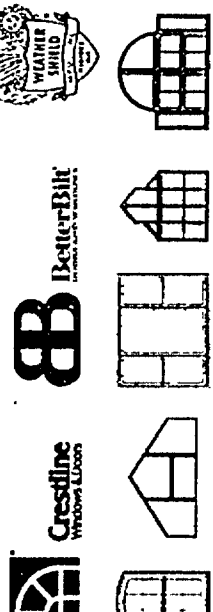
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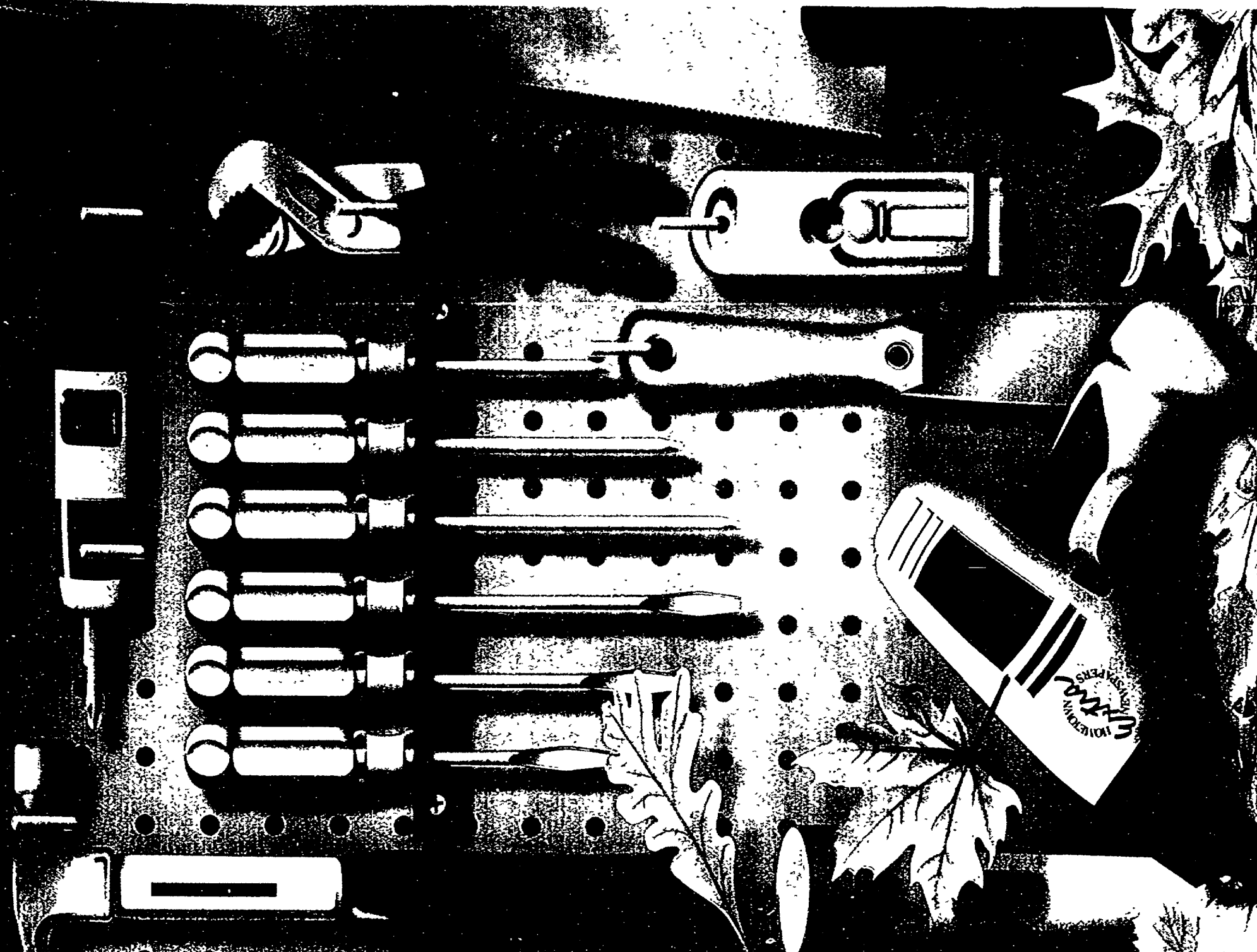
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HOME IMPROVEMENT



THE FUNGUS AMONG US

Help for controlling household mold and mildew

By Pat Stein
Casper News Service

A spate of lawsuits, claiming that mold has caused everything from learning disabilities to infant lung bleeding, and extreme measures, such as burning down houses to get rid of infestations, have transformed the humble fungus into a hot-button issue.

"Mold was written about in the Bible. It has been around for thousands of years and there's not much about mold that has changed over the centuries. Mold spores can be found in almost any static air test -- even out on the freeway," said Dick Rennie, chief executive officer of American Leak Detection in Palm Springs, Calif.

What has changed, according to Rennie, are building methods and materials.

"Today, homes are built tighter," Rennie said, adding that mold seems to thrive on modern building materials such as drywall.

Controlling moisture is the key to controlling mold, according to George Bean, a biologist in the Department of Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics at the University of Maryland who has been studying mold for decades.

"Mold spores need relative humidity of 70 percent or more to germinate and mold needs a food source, which can be anything from the paper on drywall to cellulose (wood fiber)," Bean said.

Mold is a fungus similar to the mushroom. There are at least 100,000 different kinds of mold, 1,000 of which are present in the United States. Although most of us only recognize mold when we see it growing, Bean says mold spores -- the microorganisms that become mold -- are always present.

Some molds are actually beneficial and edible. The mold fungus penicillium roqueforti is the source of the antibiotic penicillin and also of the blue streaks in Roquefort cheese. The statin drugs that are used to treat high cholesterol are also the byproduct of mold, according to Bean.

Bean says that although it is known that some people may be highly sensitive to mold and that mold can aggravate allergies, "the whole mold issue has been blown out of proportion."

In Bean's opinion, the controversy has led to scare tactics and some scams when it comes to mold detection and treatment. Since there are no state or federal regulatory agencies overseeing the business of mold testing, it's strictly a case of buyer beware. "Mold spores are everywhere, so if you

have a mold detection company come out to your house, they will certainly be able to find evidence of mold," he said.

Snachybozys, the so-called black mold, is the "bad boy" of molds. Even though scientists have known about snachybozys for decades, it's still unclear what level of exposure triggers serious health problems in humans, according to Bean. Still, it's an unwanted invader in your home. The good news is that it requires a high level of moisture to thrive.

"This means you should always be aware when your home has had extensive water damage," Rennie said. "It only takes 24 hours for mold to start growing under your carpet if you spill liquid and don't dry it up."

Rennie suggests treating moldy areas with a solution of 1 1/2 cups of bleach to 1 gallon of water. He says this will kill mold and may remove stains. Bean prefers cleaning away the mold with a solution of soap and water and then spraying the affected area with Sporocidin, an anti-bacterial agent that can be purchased over-the-counter in drug stores -- usually in the same section where antiseptics are shelved. Sporocidin not only kills mold but also has a residual effect that will prevent the mold from returning, according to Bean.

When cleaning up mold, it's advisable to wear protective clothing (long pants and long-sleeved shirt), goggles, a respirator and gloves because cleaning up mold releases spores into the air, according to Paul Kranz, executive editor of BHC.com (Better Homes and Gardens online). Small areas of mold measuring no more than 3-by-3 feet can usually be cleaned up safely by homeowners, but larger mold problems need to be addressed by professionals. Kranz advised.

Some mold experts advise using paint that contains mildicide to prevent mold, but Bean says, there's no scientific evidence that these paints are a guarantee against mold over time.

Michael Kuhn, director of field services for HouseVestor, a leading home inspection company, suggests the following measures to prevent or check for mold:

1. Install proper attic ventilation, such as soffit vents, to increase airflow and decrease humidity in the attic (this will also extend the life of your roof).
2. Direct venting (including dryer vents) to the outside and not to an interior area, such as an attic or garage. Install bathroom exhaust fans in rooms with or without exterior windows to decrease humidity. Bathrooms and laundry areas that are not



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Workers in protective gear inspect an area where mold has been found. There are about 1,000 different kinds of mold in the United States and experts say the key to controlling it is to control moisture.

ventilated or poorly ventilated encourage the growth of mold and mildew.

3. Shut off offending appliances at first signs of condensation on windows or other surfaces. Check venting systems to ensure all potentially harmful flue gas exhausts to the exterior. Humidifiers and improperly vented fuel-burning appliances can raise the relative humidity in a room.
4. Use dehumidifiers and air conditioning to draw moisture out of the air, especially in hot, humid areas. To be sure these appliances don't themselves become sources of biological pollutants, clean or change the air conditioner filter to prevent dirt and mold buildup.
5. Inspect and clean major systems, such as furnaces, heat pumps and central air conditioners, before seasonal use.

6. Be aware of hazards of synthetic

succo siding: In the last 10 years, more and more builders have used a synthetic succo or Dryvit product known as EIFS (Exterior Insulation and Finish System). If the material is not applied properly, seepage can get trapped behind the siding and cause severe deterioration. This condition not only detracts the framing of the home, but creates an environment that is extremely conducive to the growth of toxic molds.

7. Pipe downspouts away from your house and make sure irrigation systems are directed away from the foundation. Check rain gutters and flashing annually to make sure moisture isn't seeping into seldom-visited areas such as attics.

8. Use carpeting made of man-made fibers.

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WINTER WARNING

Batten down the hatches, cold weather's on the way

By John O'Connell
Copley News Service

Cleaning gutters, caulking windows and checking the furnace are annual rites of fall for many homeowners.

Performing a few maintenance chores can turn a drafty home into a cozy one with the added bonus of saving energy and reducing heating bills. And this is the time to assess your home with a critical eye looking for problems from the roof shingles to the furnace.

One of the best ways to have a comfortable home and to control heating costs is to have the furnace checked each year. But this chore should be left to a qualified person. Autumn is an especially busy time for service technician Russ Long with Starnes Mechanical Inc. in Peoria Heights, Ill. Long will do between eight to 10 furnace checks a day during early fall.

"This really is the best time to have your furnace checked," Long said. "Problems often arise when the furnace is running continuously in really cold weather. You don't want to wait until you have a problem in the middle of the night when temperature is below freezing. Those calls get expensive."

One of the things Long checks for is a crack in the furnace's heat exchanger. This is not only a waste of energy, but unsafe as well. As part of his check, he cleans and adjusts the burner assembly, lubricates the moving parts, checks for gas leaks and examines the flue.

To save on natural gas bills, lowering a furnace's thermostat by 2 degrees results in a savings of 3 percent, according to the Central Illinois Light Co.

Ellen Burton, extension educator with the University of Illinois Extension, recommends installing a programmable setback thermostat, which can automatically lower the furnace thermostat when people aren't home or asleep and raise it at times when they are in the home and awake. She also recommends changing regular furnace filters once a month and high-efficiency filters every three months.

Here are some other winterizing tips from the University of Illinois Extension: -- Roof and gutters: Check roof for loose shingles and valleys and cracks in and around the chimney.

"Not everyone should be climbing on a roof," Burton cautioned. "But it's something that should be done. Rainwater can get into the house through loose shingles and flashing and cause quite a bit of damage. When my husband was doing our roof check, he installed a screen at the top of the chimney to prevent leaves and small animals from getting in it."

While you're on the roof, take time to clean out your gutters. Rain gutters and

downspouts get clogged by falling leaves, causing gutters to overflow, which leads to wet basements or ice dams that cause leaky roofs. This chore may have to be repeated several times during the fall.

-- Weatherization: Seal cracks around windows and doors. Caulking joints between window frames or around door frames will pay dividends in comfort and energy savings.

"Anywhere you have pipes coming into the house, like a dryer vent, should be checked," Burton said. "Make sure they are sealed properly. If they are not, clean out the old caulk and re-caulk."

If windows are not properly insulated, consider covering them with plastic. Local home centers and hardware stores sell kits to insulate windows. Don't forget basement windows, said Jay Solomon, an engineer with the University of Illinois Extension.

"A lot of air comes through my basement windows," Solomon said. He recommends covering them with plastic.

Another source of drafts is through electrical outlets on outside walls. There are kits especially made to insulate them. Doors, too, should be checked. If you can push a quarter through the bottom of the door and the doorjamb, you need weatherstripping.

In many homes, money is going through the roof with insufficient insulation. This is especially true with older homes, Solomon said. The higher the R-value of the insulation, the less energy it will take to heat or cool.

He also suggested an insulation blanket for the water heater tank to improve its efficiency.

-- Pipes and faucets: Pipes in unheated areas like a basement or crawl space may need to be protected with heat tape. And outdoor faucets are especially prone to freezing and breaking in very cold winters. "Never leave hoses on outside faucets," Burton said. "You should remove them, drain them and store them away for the winter."

Shutting off outside faucets and draining them is the best way to prevent freezing. Solomon said there are covers that can be purchased to fit over the spigots to help protect the pipes from freezing.

-- Inspect chimneys and fireplaces: Another job that should be done annually is checking and cleaning the fireplace and chimney. As with the furnace, this task should be best left to a qualified person.

"When you burn wood, creosote can build up inside the chimney," Burton said. "This has the potential to catch on fire. A chimney sweep will clean the creosote out and check for cracks."

When not in use, keep the damper closed to prevent heated air from escaping up the chimney. And if the fireplace is

never used, consider sealing the chimney flue, the University of Illinois Extension advised.

While winterizing your home, check the batteries in the smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector, Burton said. She also advised keeping an emergency heat-

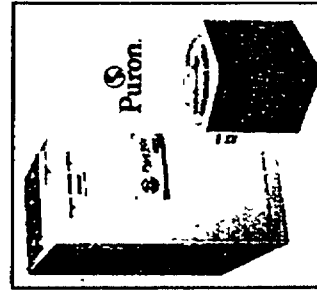
supply source on hand in case the electricity goes out on a cold winter night. "You should have emergency supplies on hand," Burton said. "That would include such things as a battery-operated radio, candles, a lantern, extra canned goods and even a mechanical can opener."

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You can handle the basics around the home -- some minor landscaping, painting a room, even installing a light fixture.

But what about real home improvements, the projects that go beyond splashing a new color on the walls or buying odd-ball knickknacks that are stock solutions even for TV's do-it-yourself gurus?

If your dream projects involve real tools, real materials and real money you'd better know your limits, start small and be willing to make a few painless mistakes, says Lou Manfredini, host of an Internet online advice center for home improvement sponsored by Ace Hardware Corp.

"The only difference between the professionals and novices is the pro made more mistakes and paid for them," says Manfredini, who really is the "Helpful Hardware Man" of the Illinois-based company. He also hosts a Chicago-area radio show for do-it-yourselfers (DIYers) and appears on national programs such as "Today".

Manfredini responds to about 60 e-mails a day from people looking for help and advice regarding home projects. His e-mail address is asklou@acehardware.com.

Questions run the gamut. Plumbing-related issues lead the pack, but he also gets questions from consumers seeking a straight answer from a neutral party about products and services.

Manfredini says knowing your limits is the first thing a homeowner should determine when deciding whether to do their own work or seek a contractor.

"If you don't know which end of a hammer is up, you're probably not ready to build a deck," he says.

But taking some risks, and making some mistakes are the only way to learn the crafts needed for home improvement work. Manfredini suggests that budding DIYers negotiate with contractors who will

allow them to do some of the simpler work -- what he calls the "50-50" approach.

"You should always be looking to come up with a proposition that will allow you to learn and take away some of the grunt work from the contractor," says Manfredini. For example, he says, most professionals will be happy to let the homeowner do demolition work for a new bathroom, then let him or her watch the construction and pick up tips.

There is one project that he says amateurs should avoid unless they have contractor-level training: any electrical work such as rewiring a home.

"You can do plumbing, make a mistake and live with a leaky pipe," he says. "But with electrical work, the risk for electrocution or fire is too great."

Manfredini has a list of mistakes DIYers would do well to avoid. Failure to do so can waste money, cause frustration or possibly result in injury. Manfredini advises against:

-- Buying cheap tools. Having the proper tools helps DIYers complete home improvement tasks safely and successfully. Cheap tools are not as durable or reliable. Better-quality tools improve a homeowner's chances of gaining quality results. Plus, when tools come with a lifetime guarantee that really means they are guaranteed for life.

-- Choosing the wrong paint finishes for your home. There are two simple rules to abide by when deciding on which paint finishes to use in your home -- flat paint is best for ceilings and satin or eggshell paint should be used for walls. The latter finishes resist stains better than other finishes and have a more lustrous look, making them an excellent choice for playrooms, halls and bathrooms.

DIYers also should use at least two finish coats of paint for every wall or ceiling project. And, most importantly, remember that preparation is 90 percent of a good

Tips and trends for home improvement and design

Stop the drip

Whether it's time to replace that bathroom faucet because it constantly drips, or you simply want to change the look, new faucet installation is a relatively easy project which can be accomplished in one weekend, according to Lou Manfredini, Ace Hardware's "Helpful Hardware Man" and national home improvement expert.

-- Research the various design options available: Manufacturers introduce new style faucets every year.

-- Make sure you know the correct fit for your particular sink. Some faucets are installed into a single hole, while others fit into two holes. But not all two-hole openings are spaced identically, however.

-- Have the right tools on hand to complete the job.

-- Don't forget to turn off the water supply on both the hot and cold lines under the sink before you begin. If there's no turn off valve, turn off the main water supply.

-- To make the job easier, remove cabinet doors, hook up a work light or use a flashlight, and cushion the floor with a drop cloth or towels. (CNS)

paint job.

-- Avoiding regular maintenance issues in the home. Whether it's fixing a leaky faucet or cleaning out the gutters, it helps if homeowners can keep a regular maintenance schedule. It not only will prevent more complex problems, but also allow a homeowner more time and energy to focus on challenging, more time-consuming home-improvement projects.

-- Avoiding maintenance of the furnace and air conditioning units. Replacing the furnace filter with a high-grade pleated filter that removes dust, pollen and pet dander from air circulating in the home will improve energy efficiency and performance. Be sure to regularly clean out the furnace filter, as well as the air ducts in the air-conditioning unit.

-- Improper ladder safety. Improper use of a ladder can lead to serious injuries. Whether it's an exterior painting project or cleaning out those hard-to-reach gutters, follow this simple advice: Keep your body centered on the ladder and climb the ladder face-forward while only moving one step at a time. You'll have a safer, more successful project.

-- Failure to conduct routine safety checks. Smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and carbon monoxide detectors are not only a must, but they should be regularly monitored for accuracy and effectiveness. In addition, develop a fire safety escape

plan. Be sure not to confuse a preservative with a sealer. By definition, a sealer is a floor wax that goes on top of wood, but doesn't penetrate it. Sealer can flake off or even patch.

-- Failure to maintain a deck. The most significant aspect to remember when it comes to deck maintenance is to coat the deck with a penetrating preservative, such as a linseed oil-based stain, in early spring or fall. This type of preservative is soaked up by the wood and protects the wood from the sun's powerful ultraviolet rays.

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ALL FIRED UP

Tile adds allure to this living space, creating warmth that makes you want to take off your shoes and walk barefoot on it.

By Paul R. Huard

Cody News Service

When you want real beauty inside or outside of your home, all you have to do is lay it on.

Tile, that is. Whether plain white or as colorful as a peacock's tail, one of history's oldest and most important crafts is always a source of new ideas.

Throughout civilization, architects and builders have chosen tile for its beauty, versatility and durability. It's been on the inside of palaces and mansions for centuries -- and not just in the washroom.

"What can set off a room more dramatically than tile?" says Edward Lipinski, author of the New York Times "Home Clinic" and of "Tiling: The Installation Handbook" (Sterling Publishing Co., \$17.95). "Tile goes on floors, of course, but up walls, around windows and doors -- wherever ceramics can go, including some places you haven't thought about."

Tile is fire-resistant and rock hard. Artistic and durable, it has been proven to withstand the normal wear and tear of centuries.

And it's tough enough to withstand foot traffic on "great room" floors and busy

patios, and even the flames of an evening fire as the heat radiates from the hearth. Looking for some ideas on how to use tile? Consider the following.

The level of complexity involved in tile work varies from laying a simple counter to installing an ornate home entryway.

As with all improvement or construction projects, prices vary.

Professionals say that the factors influencing the cost of every project include labor, availability of materials, the condition of the existing structure and the wishes of the client. Contact the craftsman and ask for an assessment of your plans and an estimate of its cost.

If you plan to do the work yourself, estimate the cost not only of supplies, but your own time and whether you can actually complete the project on your own.

If you are a dedicated do-it-yourselfer, Lipinski recommends the following:

--Get a good set of tools. They are essential to doing a first-class installation job.

--Check the surfaces you plan to tile (floors, walls, pillars, etc.) and determine that they are flat, plumb or level (depending on the job).

--Learn the basic skill of aligning the tiles correctly as you apply them. It's a

fairly easy skill to master and it will create professional-looking results.

He covers other details of performing beautiful tile work in his book.

THE ENTRYWAY

Tile can be used to make a stunning impression with pillars or columns that frame the main door to the home.

Pillars can be made of various materials. But given the right conditions, tile can cover the pillars.

The entryway walls can also be tiled. This is particularly popular in the American Southwest.

Whatever the materials used, the pillars or columns can be constructed so exterior lights are mounted for entryway illumination.

FLOORS AND WALLS

Floors are spending more and more time and attention to making their homes look beautiful, so why stop at the floor?

Bob Fazio, owner of Bob Fazio Tile Co., Rogue River, Ore., said porcelain tile is a current favorite with remodelers. It's used as flooring, wall covering and as accents embedded in floor- and wall-base materials.

Porcelain tile has the characteristics that make fine china so attractive. It comes in high-gloss colors or vibrant patterns, is

light and thin but very strong and helps enhance the sense of spacious, luxury many homeowners seek.

The tile can be either the familiar smooth and glossy kind, or more rugged in character with embossing or rough surfaces.

And forget white as the only choice. Fazio said. Earth tones are the new staple, but he just completed a job where he mixed gray, blue and rust tiles of different sizes on walls and the floor.

"People accept the additional expense," Fazio said. "It's very hard, very durable and very popular."

Prices for porcelain tile can cost as much as \$7 a square foot, depending on size, color and texture. The average price for most ordinary kinds of ceramic tile ranges from \$2 to \$3 a square foot.

FIREPLACES

Fireplaces just aren't made of bricks or stone.

Tile can either improve an existing fireplace or tailor a fireplace in new construction to the homeowner's taste.

Again, the options are endless. Tile can be used to create the mantle, cover the chimney or highlight the alcove where the fireplace rests. The walls around the fireplace can also be covered with tile.

FOOLING THE EYE

Artist's illusion creates space with faux finish

By Clare Howard

Cody News Service

Anita Tucello can make a room feel like a Tao, N.M., sunset with a hint of sage in the air.

Her master bedroom in the home she and her husband are restoring near Bradley University in Peoria, Ill., has walls washed in buff, mocha, velvety plum, ochre and lemony custard. Gaze deep into the surface and space dissolves into the mesmerizing depths of America's Southwest desert.

Challenge her and Tucello can evoke the scenes and lighting of Tuscan at dawn before olive harvest or a Midwest field of prairie grasses in January after a hard frost.

She achieves this wizardry not with images but with the evocative art of faux finishing. Her palette often comes from cans of paint she buys on sale for \$1 because they were returned, rejected or mismatched.

Tucello worked in Tao as a lighting and furniture designer before moving to Peoria two years ago. She now teaches high school art and convails with a growing list of clients. Her knack for faux finishing dates back to graduate school when she was hired by a real-estate agent to paint a marble finish on the walls of a circular staircase. That job sent her to the bookstore for a primer on faux finishing.

"I was first attracted to faux finishing by the texture. I had always worked with thick paint and enjoyed the technique in faux finishing of layering thin washes of paint," she said. "That physical overlapping creates material space."

By layering paint, Tucello creates the effect of walls receding away from the periphery of a room. That gives depth to the space and pushes hard boundaries into soft, infinite space.

Besides layering thin washes of paint on walls with a brush or rag, Tucello also uses soft bunches of plastic wrap for subtle shading.

Faux finishing can be used to give the illusion of wood grain, marble, granite, lime-

stone, rust, patina or virtually any other surface.

John Tucello, also an artist and art teacher at Illinois Central College, has repaired wood trim in the couple's 1904 Arts and Crafts-style home. Anita then painted wood grain on the repair so it undulates from the existing trim through the patch, making it virtually impossible to detect. Anita Tucello has applied the same technique to a repair job on a Queen Anne-style oak dining room table.

She has layered stains on a concrete hearth site and her husband poured in their living room to replace a fireplace hearth destroyed when former owners drilled it full of holes for electrical wiring. Ceramic tiles on the fireplace look like the shimmering underbelly of an Adirondack rainbow trout.

The hearth also blends a warm palette of colors with gradations of light and dark.

The walls of the living room will include shades of French vanilla, bean and burnt umber with smudges of charcoal gray and violet. The hearth might be washed with the thin luster of a waxed gown.

"It will be soft, with a little shimmer," Tucello said. "Walls can be wonderfully evocative. I don't think it's healthy to leave them plain white. White is like a blank canvas with no choices made."

Tucello's blind cat, Pizza, padded stealthily through the living room.

"See how luscious and beautiful her coat is, with shades of gray and black. I can make a wall surface look like that," the artist said.

She advocates creating surfaces that evoke memories and inner tranquility. Each client comes to her with different experiences and different color palettes. She recommends that warm and cool colors be used to complement furnishings and lighting in a room.

"There is no limit to faux. You can do floors, walls, woodwork, furniture, lamps, vessels, plates and pots," she said. "Combinations of colors can create a wonderful look. You can create the expression of your history in walls."

YARD WORK

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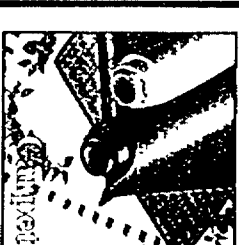
A good and honest landscape contractor will tell you what he can and cannot do legally.

"For example, a landscape contractor in California can't add a covered room. We can install electrical systems that are directly related to landscape lighting, but nothing else," Jacobs said, adding that all of these issues need to be clarified between client and contractor before going forward with a project.

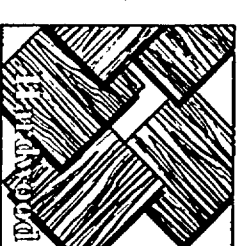
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"Maintenance is something that never goes away," Jacobs said. "It's an ongoing expense to be seriously considered when

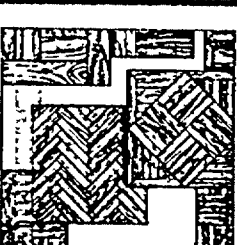
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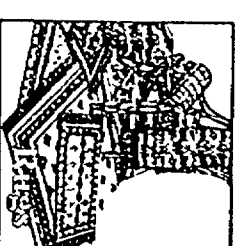
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DOWN THE DRAIN

Fix those leaks -- saving water saves money, too

By Paul R. Huard
Copley News Service

It's just water, so use it wisely. That's the latest message to homeowners from a diverse group of interests ranging from plumbing-product manufacturers to the government.

Years of severe drought in the West and South have taught many people that water is not only a precious commodity, but an expensive resource to waste. There's also been exponential population growth in many areas of the country, putting a strain on water supplies across the nation.

"We need to be consciously aware of the value of this resource and use it as wisely as possible," says Thomas C. Turney, state engineer for New Mexico and chief of the state's water conservation program. "Conserving water means we can extend the water supply for future generations, reduce the risk of water shortages, improve the health of rivers and groundwater, and save tax dollars by avoiding the construction of new water treatment facilities or the development of new water supplies."

You can start saving water -- and saving money -- right at home. It doesn't take a crash course in water management to make a difference, just the willingness to use water wisely.

Your bathrooms account for nearly 75 percent of the water used in your household. Toilets alone represent nearly 40 percent of the total water usage in a home. Do the math -- the bathroom is the first place to check when you want to stop water from going down the drain.

American Standard Inc., a manufacturer of plumbing supplies, offers the following information and tips on water conservation:

-- Plug leaks. A leaky toilet, which may be silent and completely unnoticed,

GARDEN STYLE

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nurturing life from the soil. Creating garden-style rooms allows us to keep the comfort, beauty and joy of the garden with us even when we're indoors.

Garden style calls for floral upholstery and light window treatments; garden furniture, botanical prints on the walls, flower pots, plant stands, garden statuary, bird baths and garden tools such as watering cans. None of the furnishings or accessories needs to be expensive.

"Scour your back yard, the garage, pot-

can waste up to 200 gallons of water per day. Check for toilet tank leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. If the toilet is leaking, color will appear in the toilet bowl within 30 minutes. (Flush as soon as test is done, since food coloring may stain tank.)

-- Eliminate sticking levers. If the toilet lever frequently sticks in the flush position, it allows water to run constantly. Replace or adjust it.

-- Keep flushing to a minimum. Dispose of facial tissues, insects and other such waste in the trash rather than the toilet.

-- Improve toilet performance. If your home has its toilets installed more than 10 years ago, you may be flushing your money and conservation down the drain. Replacing an old toilet could automatically and permanently cut your home water consumption by 25 percent or more. Newer technology not only saves water, but can actually improve performance and work quietly.

-- Repair or replace dripping faucets. If your faucet is dripping at a rate of one drop per second, you can expect to waste from 75 to hundreds of gallons of water a week.

-- Replace older rubber-washer faucets. The lifetime, drip-free performance of ceramic-disk valves can save you money spent on maintenance and wasted water due to leaks. You also get smooth and easy handle control.

-- Replace faucets without aerated flow restrictors. These restrictors incorporate air into the water stream. The result is a bubbling flow that provides excellent rinsing action while reducing water usage. Removing the flow restrictors from these aerators is not recommended as it may reduce the effectiveness of the aerator and may make temperature control more difficult.

-- Replace old shower heads. New shower heads are restricted to 2.5 gallons per minute and technological advancement in the direction of water streams and the materials used result in a more satisfying rinse while reducing your water usage. Removing the flow restrictors from shower heads is not recommended as it may make temperature control more difficult and increase the risk of scalding.

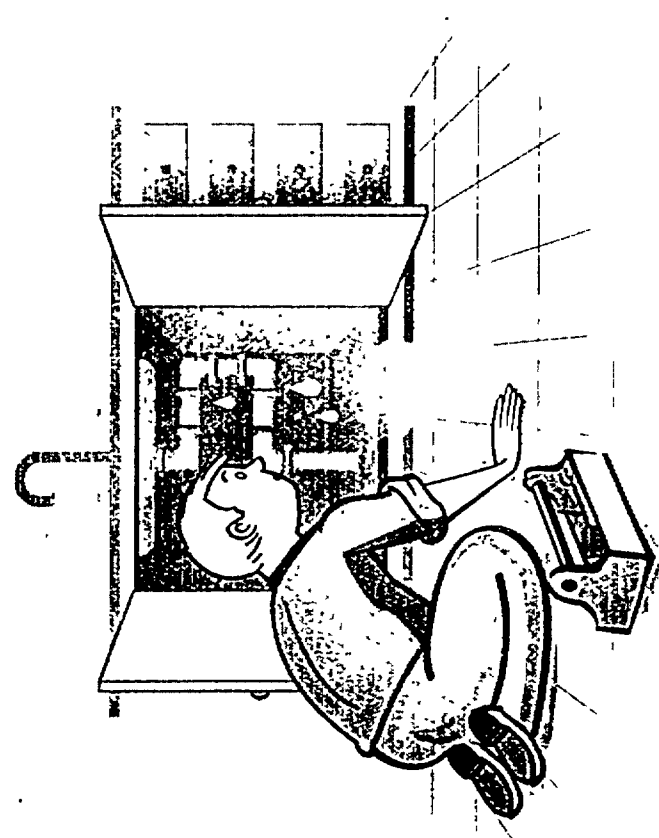
-- Practice "lather-rinse-repeat." In the shower, turn water on to get wet; turn off to lather up; then turn back on to rinse off.

ting shed or flea markets for accessories for a garden-style room. And don't overlook curbside castoffs. Some of the most charming garden rooms are created from castoffs, and found objects," Hallam said.

When you're looking for garden-style items, the hunt is half the fun. The key to successful collecting is to use your imagination. Hallam said.

"Look at an item for what it can be, not for what it is now," she advised.

For example, a worn ladder might be used as a plant stand. Plant baskets can be recycled and used to hold towels and washcloths



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Leaky pipes waste water and cost money. And homeowners should be on the lookout for hidden leaks, as well. A leaky toilet, which may be silent and completely unnoticed, can waste up to 200 gallons of water per day.

A thermostatic shower valve that maintains a consistent water temperature makes this safe and easy.

-- Turn water off while brushing. Don't let water run while shaving or brushing your teeth. A single-control faucet permits easy one-handed operation and control over both water flow and temperature.

Around the rest of your home, check for the following:

-- Seek out hidden leaks. Read your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.

If you have a well at home, check your pump periodically. If the pump kicks on and off while water is not being used, you likely have a leak.

-- Save it, don't drain it. Don't pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it, such as watering a plant or garden, or for cleaning around your home. Place a bucket in the shower to catch excess water and use this to water plants. The same technique can be used when washing dishes or vegetables in the sink.

-- Regulate water temperature. Insulate

in the bath.

As for color, think green, Hallam said. "Shades of green, sky blue, sunny yellow and floral tones are the colors I associate with the garden and garden room," Hallam said.

SUNROOM SHINE

Sunrooms are natural spots for garden style. Here's how two more designers spruced up the sunny spots in the showcase house. They show just how easy it can be to add a little garden style to your own home.

Castoff metal furniture set the stage for an upstairs sunroom. Designers Scott Norris

CLEARING THE AIR

Purifying systems help your whole house breathe easy

By Pat Stein
Copley News Service

It may come as a surprise to learn that the Environmental Protection Agency often finds that the air inside the home is up to five times more polluted than the air outside.

And, experts say, no home is immune to air-quality problems -- regardless of how clean it may appear. New homes tend to have higher concentrations of chemicals while older homes can be grounds for mold and mildew and are usually contaminated with dirt and dust.

Household air pollution can be hazardous to health -- especially for people with asthma and allergies.

"Poor indoor air quality is a significant factor in aggravating asthma and allergies," said Dr. Anthony Montano, chairman of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America medical advisory committee.

The AAFSA recommends controlling home air quality as an effective method to reduce allergy and asthma symptoms.

Common indoor air pollutants include pet dander, dust, pollen, paint fumes, carpeting, mold and tobacco smoke.

GARDEN STYLE

Casual, comfortable trend brings the outside in

By Pat Stein
Copley News Service

Garden style, the decor trend that has swept the country, is all about blurring the lines between indoors and out. It's casual, comfy and -- three cheers -- affordable.

"You can create a garden-style room with old garden tools you find in the back yard or garage, pressed leaves and garden furniture. It's a style that's light, airy and relaxing," said Melissa Williams, an allied member of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID).

Williams was one of several designers to refurbish an historic home for a showcase tour this spring in San Diego. The elements she used to bring the outside in are sure to translate to your own home.

Her design features botanical prints that are echoed in a leafy hand-painted border above the wall molding that circles the room and an Italian ceiling light with a leaf motif.

She transformed an old window screen into botanical wall art by affixing glass tubes filled with water and fresh sprigs of garden

"The first step in improving indoor air quality is to remove the source of the pollutants. Don't allow smoking in the house and put the cat outdoors if someone in the house is allergic to pet dander," advised Paul Krantz, executive editor of BHG.com (Better Homes & Gardens online). "Be sure to have gas appliances checked to make sure they are working properly."

There are a number of ways to improve indoor air quality. One of the most basic is to improve ventilation to help dilute the concentration of contaminants, according to Krantz. He also recommends vacuuming and dusting frequently and using a pleated filter (available at home improvement stores) in your furnace unit.

Beyond these basic tactics, there are a number of systems available to help improve indoor air quality.

True HEPA portable air cleaning units, which range in price from about \$40 to \$200 at home improvement stores, are 99.97 percent effective in capturing airborne particles as small as 0.3 microns.

(HEPA is the acronym for High Efficiency Particulate Air.) A micron is one one-thirtieth of a meter. (A human hair, comparison, is 75 to 100 microns in diameter).

Honeywell air purifiers work by draw-

ing air in through vents on the air purifier unit, then through a prefilter carbon medium and then through the main HEPA filter.

Portable Honeywell units that combine HEPA and carbon, potassium permanganate and zeolite filtration are effective in removing strong odors such as paint fumes and the smell of new carpeting as well as microscopic airborne particulate matter.

What type of unit to choose depends on room size. Units carry Clean Air Delivery Rate (CADR) ratings that are a good guide to selecting the right size unit, according to Dominic Piccinini, a Home Depot air-quality expert. A higher CADR rating indicates a greater ability to return clean air to a room. He points out that there is no difference between an "air purifier" and an "air cleaner" except for terminology.

Portable air purifiers require no installation and can be used in bedrooms, living rooms, family rooms, offices and kitchens. Krantz suggests that they work best in closed rooms.

While portable air purifiers are simple to use and relatively inexpensive, the Mayo Clinic suggests that whole-house systems are more effective in improving indoor air quality than free-standing units.

There are several whole-house air cleaning systems available, among them, the PureAir system by Lennox Industries, which has earned the Good Housekeeping Seal. The Lennox system is installed into a home's return air ductwork. It attacks pollutants throughout the home. Using a com-

ponents fill a green, homemade potting hut tucked next to the fireplace.

SEEDS OF STYLE

Creating garden style is not complicated or expensive. Plus it fits in almost anywhere, which is what makes it so appealing and doable, according to Linda Hallam, editor of the Better Homes and Gardens "Garden Style" (Meridian Books, \$19.95).

"There's something comforting about garden style. It brings us closer to nature and provides a sense of serenity," Hallam said. She defines garden style as a way to "live, entertain and decorate with the warmth, beauty and simplicity of nature."

"Gardening is growing as an avocation because it returns us to the serenity of

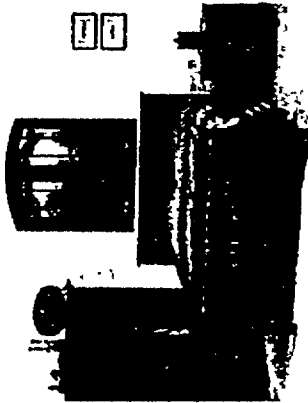
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Household air pollution can be hazardous to health -- especially for people with asthma and allergies.

bition of ultraviolet light and patented photocatalytic oxidation filtration technology it actually captures and destroys contaminants, including particles, bio-aerosols and odors/chemicals.

Field trials of the Lennox PureAir system in existing and new homes indicate that toxin levels dropped by approximately 50 percent in every home tested.

Units that help reduce humidity are helpful in reducing air pollution from mold and mildew, according to Krantz.

He also suggests avoiding the use of bleach or ammonia as household cleaners as they can release chemical pollution into the air.

"It's better to use vinegar and water," he said.

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TOOL TIME

Many homeowners would rather fix it themselves

By Roger M. Showley
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In his 30 years in the banking and mortgage business, Dick Stewart, 57, always enjoyed meeting with contractor clients.

"They're really pretty interesting guys," he recalls.

They were so interesting that Stewart has traded in his amortization tables for a pneumatic drill, pickup truck and a five- or six-day-a-week backbreaking work schedule.

It's a lifestyle he's adopted while remodeling a 50-year-old, 1,800-square-foot house in San Diego for himself and his wife, Karen.

"I just like working with my hands," the son of a military pilot said. "I always envied people who could work with their hands and create things. I'm not an artist but this is my form of artwork."

Millions of Americans are like Dick Stewart.

They savor the aroma of freshly cut lumber, the taste of 10-penny nails between their teeth, the whir of a power saw, the joining of two pipes with a dab of quick-drying PVC glue.

The 21st-century American male and a growing number of females are out to prove they can mount a ceiling fan, replace a faucet, hang a door or build a deck.

With the pride of accomplishment comes the knowledge that, if done right, doing it yourself can save a lot of money.

In the bargain, home-improvement stores and lumberyards are raking in \$45 billion annually in sales, according to the National Building Museum in Washington. Of course, some would-be do-it-yourselfers—DIYers—lose their self-confidence when a pipe bursts, an electric circuit shorts or installation instructions just don't make sense.

In a moment of defeat, they open the Yellow Pages and call a plumber, electrician or other professional to finish the job. Back in San Diego, Stewart hasn't been defeated yet. He has spent the last year ripping out walls, replacing plumbing and electrical lines, hanging doors and windows, and reconfiguring every space inside the single-story home.

"Do you want a light here?" he asked Karen as they both recounted the last 12 months.

"Yes, please," she answered. "He worked all by himself until I threw a fit. You've got to get some help or you'll be on it until you're dying days."

The couple moved to a nearby apartment to escape the dust, night cold and wind. However, heeding his wife's advice,

Stewart is subcontracting out the drywall and cabinet installation and getting an electrician to change the meter service.

They hope to move back in next summer after spending about \$75,000 on the job. Stewart figures he is saving \$50,000 by doing it himself.

While some people go to church, many DIYers can be found at Home Depot.

Lowe's or other home-improvement centers on Sunday mornings loading up on lumber, paint and plumbing fixtures to complete the day's projects. Inevitably, they return a few hours later for a missing part.

During the week, homegrown handy-men (and women) watch "This Old House" and other TV shows, read home-improvement magazines and surf the Internet in this informal university of fixology.

They'll check out home-improvement guidebooks and videotapes at the local library or go to the mall to buy any one of the endless cavalcade of how-to books.

And there's always that needed tool they eye that they know will make their lives just a little bit easier.

A NEED TO MAKE THINGS

Americans on the frontier and out on the farm had to be self-reliant. But as the country urbanized, more and more people came to rely on specialist plumbers, electricians, carpenters and all-around handy-men to fix and repair and renovate.

Karl Ann Manning, a cultural historian at the University of Minnesota, said that self-reliance regained popularity after World War II.

"In the 1950s, home improvement was a sort of hobby craft," she said. "A lot of it had to do with bonding between men and boys, the orientation of the family toward that kind of gender bonding."

"I think also a lot had to do with men's feeling of powerlessness in the kinds of corporate jobs they got when they came back from World War II. They didn't actually make anything, whereas their fathers made steel or stamped out cameras. The notion that you can make something for yourself and see the results in a product is really important."

At the turn of the 20th century, Victorian ornamentation, a decorative style beyond most do-it-yourselfers' capabilities, gave way to Craftsman styles with simpler designs and stucco bungalows.

HARDWARE HISTORY

The 1920s saw a huge building boom and the 1930s Depression prompted many families to learn to do things for themselves.

When the nation went to war, men learned to build temporary shelters on the battlefield and women moved into jobs at factories. Naturally, they felt ready to put their new skills to work on suburban tract

homes they bought after the war.

Starting in the 1960s, the environmental movement spawned a new appreciation for historic sites and the desire for restoration rather than "modernization" of old buildings.

In the 1980s, the neighborhood hardware store gave way to the big-box home-improvement centers so popular today. And the Internet lately has offered instant access to thousands of sources for repairing and installing every element of a home.

DISPOSABLE SOCIETY

For 110 years, San Diego Hardware catered to home-improvement needs. But its role has shifted in recent years away from common household items to more exotic, one-of-a-kind features, such as special cabinet knobs and pulls,

according to Bill Haynesworth, one of the owners. "I think a lot of the product out today is not designed to be fixed," he said. "People come in occasionally looking for a replacement for something. The reality is if I could get the part at all, it would cost more than something brand-new."

Still, Roger Campbell, an insurance salesman turned apartment owner, has learned to fix things himself.

"The way I learned was I rented to a retired plumber, and I used to pay him \$6 an hour to go with me and he'd tell me what to do," he said.

Campbell, like all do-it-yourselfers, has learned a few rules of thumb when it comes to tackling a home-improvement project.

For instance, plan on taking twice as much time and spending twice as much money as you planned before you're done.

The finish work takes twice as long as the rough work.

Never start a plumbing job on a Friday afternoon, because rates go up on the weekend if you get stuck and have to call a plumber.

And there's the old adage: Measure twice and cut once.

Besides books, neighbors and home-improvement store salesmen, do-it-yourselfers now can turn to the Internet for guidance.

Microsoft's House and Home site—www.houseandhome.msn.com—has teamed up with Home and Garden magazine.

"Homeowners Handbook," author Don Vandervort and other content providers to help DIYers get started.

"Our goal is to give folks a broad overview and focus on quick weekend projects they can tackle," said House and Home editor-in-chief John Flinn. Eventually, he said, his site and others will provide both free basic information and



CNS Photo by Chissy Pascual

TOOL TIME — Do-it-yourselfer Dick Stewart works on his San Diego home. He is among millions of Americans who take home improvement into their own hands. By doing the work himself, Stewart estimates he will save \$50,000.

for a fee, in-depth guides, such as the working drawings for a backyard deck.

Home-improvement stores, such as Home Depot, Lowe's and Ace Hardware, offer their own online consumer services, as do other numerous other sites, such as www.comethardware.com, www.diyourself.com and www.homeimprove.com.

MOVING TO DO-IT-ALL Eventually, some do-it-yourselfers become experienced enough to tackle nearly any project.

For example, John Panter, the archivist at the San Diego Historical Society, is a weekend all-around fixer and do-it-yourselfer. He has reroofed, retiled, replumbed and rewired all his homes. Currently, he is adding a deck to his home.

"My wife (Ginger) swears I could probably build my own house," Panter said. "I just hope she doesn't test that."

When the job is done, do-it-yourselfers step back and admire their handiwork. Panter said he turned on a waterfall pump and just sat and gazed into the fountain for a half-hour, recalling the streams and waterfall he has liked past in the Sierras.

"This is it," he told himself, "as near to creating a corner paradise as I'm ever going to come."

For Dick Stewart, the expected end of the job next summer is not the time for a pat on the back.

"Most contractors get a residual (payment) when they're done," Stewart said. "I decided to take mine up front."

YARD WORK

Hire landscape contractor for professional results

By Pat Stein
Copy News Service

You've just purchased the home of your dreams in a new development, but it's surrounded by dirt. Or, you've just purchased a fixer-upper with plenty of potential, but the yard is overgrown and in need of serious remodeling.

You could do the work yourself, but who has the time, the skills, the brawn and the equipment? Perhaps it's time to call for professional help in the form of a landscape contractor. Qualified landscape contractors do more than lay sod to create an instant lawn and plant flower beds.

"A licensed landscape contractor can install patios, decks, fencing, irrigation, lighting, drainage, 'hardscapes' (such as retaining walls and walkways), water features, as well as plant materials," said Steve Jacobs, a licensed contractor and immediate past president of the California Landscape Contractors Association.

But, Jacobs cautions, almost anyone can call himself or herself a landscape contractor, so it's important for the consumer to check credentials and references.

"You want to be sure the person you hire is licensed. You need to see proof of workers' compensation and liability insurance and references. And do check the references," Jacobs advised.

Licensing offers consumers protection because in most states that licensing board will mediate disputes between the contractor and the client. Those who earn a license must pass exams that prove they have required skills, and that they are financially responsible.

"Consumers should check with the licensing board to see if the contractor they're considering hiring has any prior complaints against him," said Jacobs, who is also a certified landscape technician. "Anyone who is a certified landscape technician has had to pass a very rigorous examination."

Once you are satisfied that the person you are going to interview has the proper credentials and references, be prepared to tell the contractor what you want from your yard. Do you enjoy putting in the garden? Do you have children and want the yard to be a playground? Do you just want it to look good and require little care?

"If you're not prepared to tell the contractor what you expect from your yard he can't meet your expectations," said Paul

Krantz, executive editor of BHG.com (Better Homes & Gardens online). When interviewing a prospective contractor, Krantz advises discussing "plant philosophy."

"Talk about native versus foreign plant materials. Drought-tolerant plants and disease-resistant plants. There are many good hybrids available now that are extremely disease-resistant. A knowledgeable landscape contractor should be able to advise you on these issues," Krantz said, adding that it's never a good idea to try to establish a tropical garden in an arid desert area. "It's always best to use native plant materials when possible."

Licensed general contractor Gary Drake, chief executive officer and founder of Drake Construction in Beverly Hills, suggests doing a credit check of a prospective landscape contractor "to see if they pay their bills."

He also suggests doing a "surprise visit" to a job site to see what condition it's in and how the workers are working.

When interviewing the prospective contractor, Drake advises "be sure you feel comfortable in communicating."

"See if he's taking notes while you're talking about your yard. Taking notes is a sign that he's paying attention. If he doesn't listen to you when you're interviewing him, he won't listen to you when he's on the job," Drake said.

Other telltale signs whether a contractor is responsible or not?

"Does he show up on time and is he prepared for the initial visit? If he doesn't and isn't, he probably won't perform well on the job," Drake said.

Some contractors, like Jacobs, are designer/build guys. Others call on landscape designers to create the design, which adds another layer of cost. And in some instances a landscape architect may be needed.



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For more information, visit www.ojibway.ca on the Internet or call 519-966-5852.

In the county, Colasanti's Tropical Gardens in Kingsville is serving up its Thanksgiving Buffet Feast with all the trimmings, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Visit www.colasanti.com on the Internet or call 519-326-3287 for details.

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Holiday Beach Conservation Area is holding several Festival of Hawks weekends this month.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Following is the remaining schedule:

Sept. 20-21 Broad-winged weekend and dragonflies

Sept. 27 Peregrine falcon weekend and fall songbirds



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The event, at Holiday Beach Conservation Area in Amherstburg, is scheduled for Sept. 20, at 8:30 p.m.

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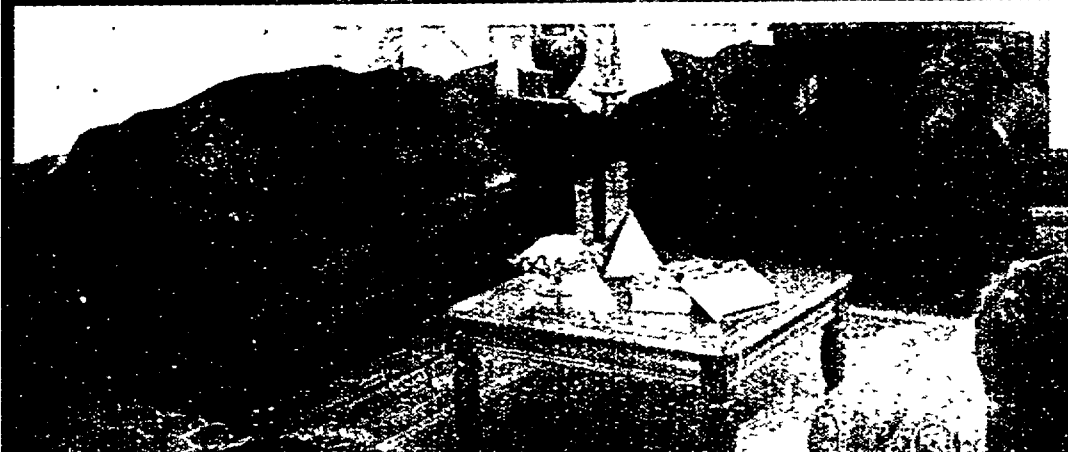
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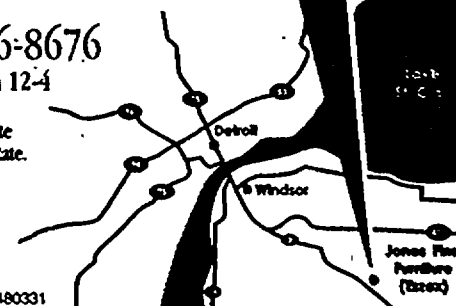
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COVER STORY: DOORS OPEN

TIES THAT BIND

Heritage homes rich in links to Michigan

BY HANK GIGNAC

Links between Detroit, Windsor and Amherstburg are long and strong, and can be traced back through several centuries.

Devonshire House is one of these links that is a part of Walkerville's history that connects Windsor to Detroit back to the 1890s. It's also one of 42 premier heritage properties in Windsor and Amherstburg that will be open to the public Oct. 4-5 as part of Doors Open Ontario.

It was during this time that the Walkerville Land & Building Company acquired land and hired Detroit

architects Mason & Rice and Albert Kahn to design rental properties for the distillery's employees.

Architectural and social conformity were an important part of the plan. Monmouth Road's semis and terraces replaced rows of cottages, and it was here that employees were originally required to rent from the distillery.

Argyle Road had a mix of houses and terraces that were for the higher ranked employees. And Devonshire Road became the main street with

Romanesque Revival semis for management and the clergy.

Gray's house at 546 Devonshire Road is one of the semis designed by Mason & Rice for Hiram Walker management.

In 1993, Gray purchased this house with the dream of preserving its architecture and style to create a bed and breakfast where people could relax and enjoy the home's old world charm.

"It was my dream to retire early and start a business that I could truly have fun doing. I lived in the house for about six and a half years before I was able to open it as a bed and breakfast," says Gray.

Gray made it his pastime, even before owning Devonshire House, to collect antique furniture. His

guests are welcome to relax in the extra large living room that is completely decorated with French provincial furniture, pulpit chairs that he bought at an auction from the Lincoln United Church and had recovered. And, if they so desire, they might want to crank the old Grinnell Brothers victrola (manufactured in Detroit, Michigan) and listen to some music.

"Many of my guests are from Michigan. They come because it's close and it offers them a chance to just get away," says Gray.

The Commissariat in Amherstburg is another interesting site to see during Doors Open. When people arrive at the Commissariat, "They will be transported back in history approximately 190 years where they will learn about the history of The Battle of Lake Erie between the Americans and the British," says Carol Ferguson. During this battle, the Detroit River was very important because each side wanted control in order to get the supplies they wanted.

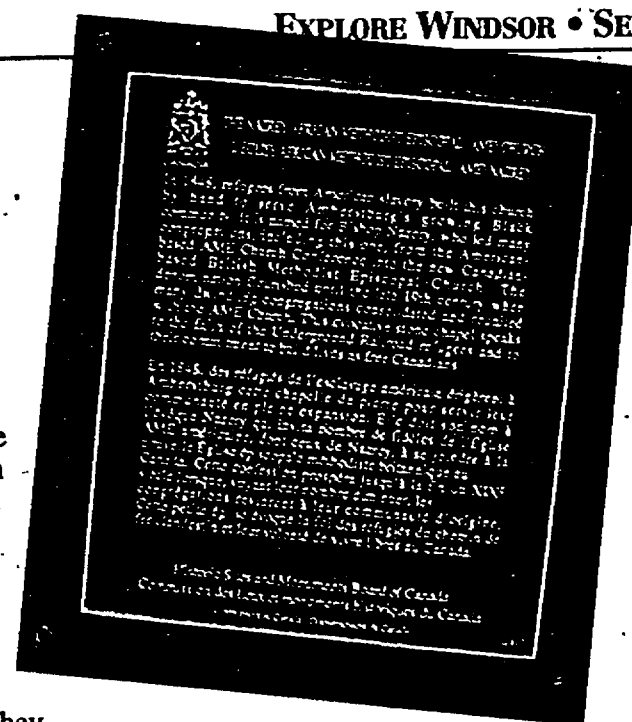
Doors Open Amherstburg also offers people the chance to visit the North American Black Historical Museum. The museum showcases The Nazrey African Methodist Episcopal Church, built in 1848 by refugees, and was once a station on part of the underground railway. It is now a national historic site. George Taylor Cabin is also a part of the museum's exhibits. It was built in 1812 and was lived in by black families and is dedicated to their struggles, their lives and their culture.

Doors Open Amherstburg/Windsor gives everyone an opportunity to take a closer look at these properties and discover the history that has linked Detroit, Windsor and Amherstburg for several years. It's a free two-day tour that is a celebration of this area's architectural and historical resources.

Oct. 4, Doors Open Amherstburg will showcase 18 of the town's most significant properties, including Fort Malden National Historic Site and Nazrey A.M.E. Church at the North American Black Museum Complex.

Oct. 5, Doors Open Windsor will do the same with a mix of 24 historic and/or architecturally significant sites, including the Ford Power Plant, former Hiram Walker & Sons Executive Building, the Art Deco-style Bell Canada Building, Willistead Manor and historic Assumption Church.

"It is really important that Doors Open is including Amherstburg this year. Our ties to the U.S. are really important, and we need to emphasize our importance to the rest of Ontario," says Valerie Buckie of Amherstburg's Park House Museum.



The plaque outside Nazrey Nazrey A.M.E. Church in Amherstburg pays tribute to the 30,000 to 90,000 Black refugees who fled to Canada from the U.S. between 1790 and 1865 as part of the Underground Railroad movement.



Tom Gray displays a victrola at his home on 546 Devonshire Road, built by Detroit architects Mason & Rice in the 1890s. - Hank Gignac photo

Ann McKerrow of Gibson Gallery, also in Amherstburg, adds, "It's really great that we have so many of our local churches involved. There is such a wide range of diversity in our churches. We have The First Baptist church founded in 1836 and built in 1845, and Mount Beulah Church of God and Christ was originally a school for black children, and at one time even served as a cement factory."

Gibson Gallery also offers a great deal of history, McKerrow explains. Housed in a beautiful Romanesque-styled stone building, the gallery is "an architectural and historical gem that looks every bit as wonderful as it did in the day."

Joan Carter, co-ordinator of Doors Open Amherstburg/Windsor, says many of the Amherstburg sites relate to Black heritage and the Underground Railroad movement, the War of 1812 and the Loyalist migration - all of which are interwoven with U.S. history. "Some of Windsor's finest heritage buildings were designed by prominent American architects, and many have connections with American entrepreneurs Hiram Walker and Henry Ford," she adds.

Nancy Morand, a heritage planner with the City of Windsor, says that there are so many heritage properties in both Windsor and Amherstburg that have ties to both sides of the river.

"Many of the owners of the heritage businesses are planning to take people behind the scenes. The doors will be open to things you never get a chance to see," she says.

For more information about Doors Open Amherstburg/Windsor, call (519) 255-6530 or toll-free 1-800-265-3633.



Historic Assumption Church features gorgeous architecture inside and out.

- The Park House Museum was built in Michigan before being moved to Amherstburg in 1798 by its Loyalist owners who floated the log building downriver in sections.

- Hiram Walker set a precedent by putting his product in bottles that bore his name: Walker's Club Whisky. His product was immediately popular and became the first Canadian brand of whisky to be marketed around the world. Success in the U.S. prompted U.S. competitors to lobby Congress and forced Hiram Walker to add the word "Canadian" to the name.

- In 1813, St. John's Church in Sandwich was burned down by Kentucky mounted riflemen

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during the War of 1812. A new brick church opened in 1820 and the bricks were brought on large flat-bottomed boats from Buffalo.

- Between 1780 and 1865, 30,000 to 90,000 Black refugees fled to Canada, "The Promised Land - Freedom."

- France governed settlements on both sides of the water before The Seven Years War, but in 1760 British troops took over Detroit. When Detroit gained its independence from British

rule in 1796, the British moved across the river and Sandwich became the Legislative Seat of Government of the Western District of Upper Canada. Court sessions, once held in Detroit, were moved to l'Assomption where a small house was converted into a jail.

- As the Ford Motor Company grew, Ford City flourished east of Walkerville. Families came to the area from all over the world hoping to reap the benefits of the industrial boomtown. By 1913, 1,400 employees enjoyed a healthy wage of \$4 an hour. By 1915, what began as a settlement of just a few families became the town of Ford City.



St. John's Anglican Church was burned down by Kentucky mounted riflemen during the War of 1812. In 1820, it was re-built with bricks brought in on large flat-bottomed boats from Buffalo.



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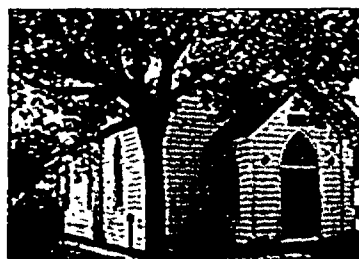
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Heritage buildings open for tours Oct. 4-5

Oct. 4: Doors Open Amherstburg

- Argyle Castle Bed & Breakfast
496 Dalhousie Street
- Bondy House Bed & Breakfast
199 Dalhousie Street
- Caldwell's Grant Restaurant and Tavern
267 Dalhousie Street
- Christ Church and Churchyard - Anglican
317 Ramsay Street
- The Commissariat
King's Navy Yard Park - Dalhousie Street

- The Dalhousie Street Gallery
273 Dalhousie Street
- First Baptist Church
232 George Street
- Fort Malden National Historic Site of Canada
100 Laird Avenue South
- Gibson Gallery
(formerly Michigan Central Railroad Station)



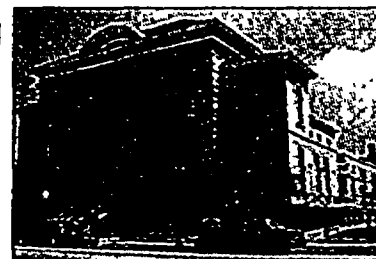
First Baptist Church in Amherstburg, built in 1848, had a congregation almost entirely made up of fugitive slaves.

- 159 Richmond Street
- The Gordon House
268 Dalhousie Street
- Historic Essex County Exhibit
(Located at the Gibson Gallery)
140 Richmond Street
- The King's Navy Yard Park
Dalhousie Street
- Marsh Collection Society
235A Dalhousie Street
- Mount Beulah Church of God in Christ
246 King Street
- North American Black Historical Museum Complex and Nazrey A.M.E., Church National Historic Site
277 King Street
- The Park House Museum
214 Dalhousie Street
- St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
129 Simcoe Street
- St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church
225 Brock Street

Oct. 5: Doors Open Windsor

- The Art Gallery of Windsor
401 Riverside Drive West
- Bell Canada Building
1149 Goyeau Street

- Capitol Theatre
121 University Avenue West
- Devonshire House B&B
546 Devonshire Road, Windsor
- Dr. Henry Crassweller House
2014 Willistead Crescent
- Duff-Baby House
221 Mill Street
- Elmscroft Carriage House
823 Argyle
- Ford City Discovery Centre
1012 Drouillard Road
- Ford Power Plant
3001 Riverside Drive East
- Francois Baby House
254 Pitt Street West
- Hiram Walker & Sons Ltd. Head Office
2072 Riverside Drive East
- James R. Coate House



Alexander Mackenzie, Canada's second prime minister, headed the building firm that erected the state-of-the-art stone Mackenzie Hall in 1855.

- 794 Devonshire Road
- Mackenzie Hall
3277 Sandwich Street
- Masonic Temple
986 Ouellette Avenue
- McGregor-Cowan House
3118 Sandwich Street
- Our Lady of Assumption Church
350 Huron Church Road
- Our Lady of the Rosary
2879 Riverside Drive East
- St. John's Anglican Church
3305 Sandwich Street
- St. Mary's Anglican Church
1983 St. Mary's Gate
- St. Peter's Maronite Church
166 Tecumseh Road West
- Walkerville Brewing Company
525 Argyle
- Water Intake Building
In the Detroit River at the foot of Langlois Avenue
- Willistead Manor
1899 Niagara Street
- Windsor's Municipal Archives
Basement - Main Public Library
850 Ouellette Avenue

FUNDRAISERS: FIGURE SKATERS ON ICE

Very (n)Ice dreams

Some of the world's finest figure skaters will strut their stuff at Windsor Arena for Dreams On Ice: The Grand Finale.

Scheduled for Sept. 27, the event stars skating pairs Jamie Salé and David Pelletier, the 2001 World Figure Skating Champions and 2002 Olympic gold medalists, Isabelle Brasseur and Lloyd Eisler, Shae Lynn Bourne and Victor Kraatz, Megan Wing and Aaron Lowe and Anabelle Langlois & Patrice Archetto. Other confirmed skaters include:



David Pelletier and Jamie Salé.

Jennifer Robinson, Joëe Chouinard, Brian Orser, Steven Cousins, Timothy Goebel, Anabelle

Langlois and Jozef 'Jumpin' Joe' Sabovcik.

Tickets, \$47 for a seat in the stands and \$102 on-ice seat, are on sale at the Chrysler Theatre box office. For more information, visit www.bbeproductions.net, or call 519-252-6579.

Prior to the event, all the skaters will be on hand to meet fans at a black tie gala and silent auction at Other Place Catering at 1395 Walker Rd Sept. 26, 6-10 p.m. Many items will be available for auction as well as balloon sales and 50/50 draws.

Tickets, \$75, includes dinner, wine and entertainment and only 100 will be sold. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Hotel-Dieu Renal Unit. For information, call 519-969-6011.

ORSER AT GALA

Olympic figure skating champion Brian Orser will be on hand to meet and chat with fans at an Appreciation Celebration Gala at Casino Windsor Sept. 19. Proceeds go to the AIDS Committee of Windsor.

The event takes place at Casino Windsor's Promenade ballroom from 6-11 p.m. Tickets are \$100.

For more information, visit www.aidswindsor.com on the Internet or call 519-973-0222 ext. 230.

MUSIC: CAPITOL THEATRE

That's entertainment!

From rock and roll to the songs of the Middle East, Capitol Theatre & Arts Centre is staging a number of musical acts this fall.

Following is the lineup:

Sept. 19: Maza Meze & Alfred Gamil Teasing your palate with a taste of original and traditional songs from the Middle East. Capitol Theatre & Arts Centre. Presented by Tunnel Duty Free & Gerald Duthie & Co. \$18.

Sept. 21: Yale Strom & His Hot Pstromi Klezmer Band Strom's New York-based Klezmer band performs Hasidic melodies and original compositions influenced by jazz and Arabic music. Capitol Theatre & Arts Centre. 2:30 p.m.

Sept. 25: Honeymoon Suite Canada's music sensation of the 80s (right) with hits like New Girl Now Tickets \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door. \$15.



Sept. 26: A Tribute To Liberace Presented by ARB Productions, the concert features Martin Preston performing the hits of the glittering, outgoing pianist. 2 p.m. \$30 (\$20 U.S.).

Sept. 27 - The Jimmy Flynn Show Canada's popular funny man from Newfoundland returns. 8 p.m. \$27.

Sept. 28: The Producer's Jam Party The Producer's Jam Party kicks off the series with a cocktail reception and jazz jam in the Joy Family Theatre with Windsor's Ray Manzerolle, and featuring Toronto's sweetheart of swing, Alex Pangman and the Toronto Hot Four. 3 p.m. \$18.

Oct. 3-5: The Rocky Horror Show Live! The 30th anniversary of the Rocky Horror Show hits the stage. Showtimes 8 p.m. except for Sunday, 2 p.m. \$25. Info: www.kordaproductions.com. Also Oct. 9-11 and 16-18.

For more information, visit the Capitol's website at www.capitol.on.ca or call the box office, 519-253-7729.

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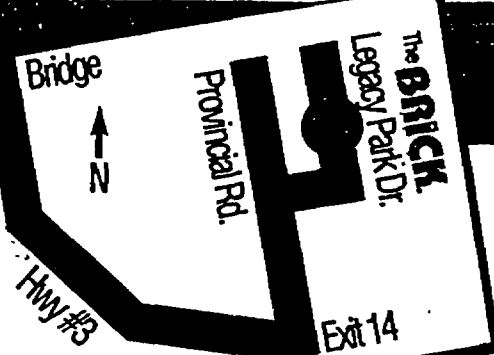
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FOOD & DRINK: SOMETHING DIFFERENT

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BY RUTH SHARON

Surveys have shown that the average homemaker prepares and serves 11 to 12 dishes using the same recipes over and over, year after year. Why not try something different?

Giant Stuffed Burger

- 1 1/2 cups Stove Top Stuffing mix
- 1 can (4 oz.) chopped mushrooms, drained
- 1 bunch green onions, sliced, include tops
- 2 lbs. ground beef
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Garlic powder, optional

Prepare stuffing mix according to package directions. Add mushrooms and green onions. Combine meat and seasonings and divide meat in half. On waxed paper, pat out one piece of meat to make an eight inch circle. Do the same with remaining meat. Spoon stuffing over one circle meat to within one inch of edge. Top with second circle of meat. Peel off waxed paper and seal edges of meat together. Invert patty on a well-greased wire grill basket. Peel off remaining waxed paper. Grill over medium coals 10 to 12 minutes. Turn and grill 10 to 20 minutes longer or to desired doneness. Allow to rest, cut into wedges.

To prepare in oven, place patty on wire rack in shallow pan. Cook at 350 degrees for 1/2 hour to 45 minutes or until desired doneness. (No need to turn over).

VARIATIONS: Be creative, try these different fillings: Pizza sauce, with pepperoni and mozzarella cheese or cooked red beans and rice with cheddar cheese.

Mozzarella Tomato Salad

- 2 tsp. balsamic vinegar
- 1 tbsp. minced fresh basil
- 1 small clove garlic, minced
- 1 good pinch of sugar
- Pepper to taste
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- 4 slices light Mozzarella cheese
- 4 tomatoes, sliced 1/4 inch

Combine vinegar, basil, garlic, sugar and salt; whisk together. Add oil and whisk until very well blended. Arrange tomato and cheese slices in an overlapping row or circle. Drizzle with dressing. Add pepper.

VARIATIONS: You can substitute balsamic vinegar with red wine vinegar and 1/4 tsp. of sugar. Fresh basil may be substituted with 1 tsp. dried basil; if desired add pepper thin slices of red onion between layers. Makes 4 servings; approximately 90 cal. And 6 g. fat per serving

Killer Bread

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup freshly grated parmesan cheese (about 3 ounces)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1 (1-pound) round sourdough bread, halved horizontally
- Butter
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh basil or 2

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Preheat boiler. Mix mayonnaise, parmesan and garlic in large bowl to blend. Arrange bread cut side up on large cookie sheet. Butter bread. Broil until crisp and brown. Spread parmesan mixture over cut sides of bread. Broil until top is puffed and golden brown. Sprinkle with chopped basil. Cut into wedges, serve.

Sparkling Strawberry Mold

- 1 1/2 cups boiling water
- 2 pkgs. (4 serving size each) strawberry Jello
- 3/4 cup ginger ale
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen strawberries

Stir boiling water into gelatin in medium bowl for 2 minutes or until completely dissolved. Stir in ginger ale. Beat cream cheese on medium speed with electric mixer until smooth. Gradually add gelatin mixture in very small amounts, mixing on medium speed until well blended. Stir in strawberries. Pour into 1 1/2 quart mold. Refrigerate until firm. Unmold onto service plate. Garnish with whipped cream or Cool Whip topping. Makes 10 servings.

Ruth Sharon is the author of a series of Good Home Cooking cookbooks, from which these recipes are reprinted. Call (519) 978-0992.

GRAND OPENINGS

Nightclub to open

The cat's MEOW of nightclubs is opening in downtown Windsor Oct. 15.

MEOW bills itself as a "haven for mature partiers seeking intelligent nightlife with a flare for elitism that has defined the clubbing experience in every major city around the world."

Located on the second level of 20 Chatham Street East, one block south of Riverside Drive and a short walk from the Windsor-Detroit Tunnel exit, the venue is small enough to give owners the ability to hand pick the entire ingredients and add all the right characters to achieve that perfect mix. They feel they are at the leading edge of a world-wide trend in clubs that provide intimacy. MEOW includes a VIP room overlooking the club with a personal bar and bartender.

For more information, phone 1-866.59MEOW9 toll free. The website is www.clubmeow.com.

New jeweler in town

An award-winning, family owned and operated fixture among Canadian jewelers is expanding into the Windsor market.

Ben Moss Jewellers' Devonshire Mall location, which opened in August, is the chain's 13th location in Ontario. There are also 46 Ben Moss stores in major malls throughout Canada.

A respected and successful jeweler in Canada since 1910, Ben Moss has received many prestigious awards including:

- Retail Council of Canada's 2003 Excellence in Retailing Award for Retail Store Design and Layout
- Financial Post 50 Best Managed Companies, chosen by Arthur Andersen and CIBC, for six consecutive years (1997-2002)
- Canadian Jeweller Magazine's Best Jewellery Chain Retailer in Canada (1996-97)
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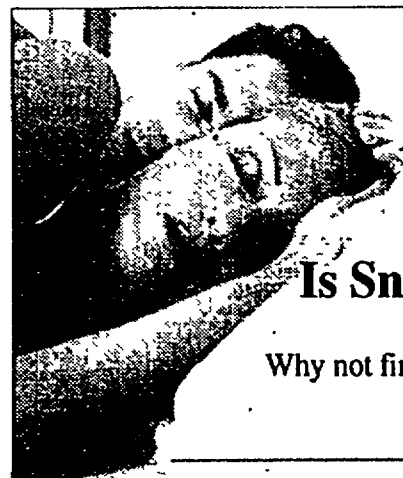


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BRIDAL SHOW: FALL WEDDING EVENT 2003

WEDDING BELLS

Extravaganza features over 85 exhibitors

Windsor's premier bridal show is set to roll out the white runner again.

The Fall Wedding Event features more than 85 exhibitors in two large halls on the main level of the Caboto Club. It is set for September 24-25, 5:30-9:30 p.m. both days.

This year's highlight will once again be the five themed wedding rooms. The rooms will be fully decorated and detailed like a true reception hall.

This year's theme will be Decade Weddings and the rooms will be appropriately named A Walk Into The Future, The Roaring 20s, Victorian Romance, The Swinging 50s and Groovy Baby... The 70s. Each room will be outfitted with appropriate music, decorated head and guest tables, cakes, invitations and even a bride and groom to greet guests at the entrance.

Couples will be able to tour the exhibit floor and plan their wedding from start to finish. Photographers, bridal stores, formal wear stores, videographers, caterers, banquet halls, jewelers, makeup artists, and cake and fruit and pastry table creators will be on hand.

Rental and décor companies, musicians, DJ's, limousine companies, coffee carts, tent companies, gift registry and honeymoon planning will be just a few services that the couple can book at the show.

There will be two wedding fashion show previews each evening featuring fashions for the bride, groom, bridesmaids and attendants and mother of the couple. Fashion shows will take place at 7:15 and 8:30 each evening.

A complimentary copy of Canada's largest wedding magazine - Wedding Bells - will be handed out at the front door to every couple who registers for the grand prize. This year's Grand Prize will be \$500 in American Express Travellers cheques sponsored by Travel Choice/American Express Travel Services.



IF YOU GO...

The Caboto Club is located at 2175 Parent Ave. at Tecumseh Road. From the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel, turn left from Park St. and travel south on Ouellette Ave. past six stoplights to Tecumseh Road. Turn left on Tecumseh to the third stoplight at Parent. The Caboto Club is on the right.

From the Ambassador Bridge, take Huron Line south to Tecumseh Road West. Turn left on Tecumseh and follow the road around the bend and over the railway tracks to Parent Ave.

Parking at the facility is free.

Admission to the Fall Wedding Event is \$7 Cdn. at the door or \$5 with a \$2 off coupon which can be picked up in many participating store locations.

For details, visit www.weddingshows.com on the Internet.

DAYTRIPPING: EVENTS IN WINDSOR, ESSEX

The Who's Tommy returns

Sept. 26-28: Tommy rocks Back by popular demand, Theatre Alive presents The Who's Tommy, the show that received rave reviews in the spring of 2003. Join Tommy on his amazing journey. Chrysler Theatre. 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. \$21 and \$23. Info: www.theatrealive.com, 519-252-6579.

Sept. 27: Festival of the Book The second annual Windsor Festival of the Book features author readings and discussions about books and publishing. Capitol Theatre. \$15. Info: 519-256-7367.

Sept. 27: The Andrea Barnes Trial Decide if Andrea Barnes is guilty of murder in the first degree in this hilarious trial at Mackenzie Hall. 8-10 p.m. \$14. Info: purplepurplepurple@hotmail.com, 519-255-7600.

Sept. 27: Mom2Mom Family Olympics Families will be brought together in teams to participate in games designed for the whole family at Optimist Memorial Park. 12 noon to 3 p.m. \$5. Info: www.mom2mom.ca, 519-256-1584.

Sept. 28: AIDS Walk Windsor Raise funds for AIDS Services in the tri-county area. Civic Terrace Plaza. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: www.aidswindsor.com/walk.htm, 519-973-0222 ext. 225.

Oct. 4: Harvest Hoedown Join Colio Estate Wines and the famous Bluegrass Band 'The Back 40' for an afternoon of music, fun and great food with proceeds going to the Zeta Kappa Sorority for help with their Christmas season. Colio Estate Winery, Harrow. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info: www.coliowines.com, 1-800-265-1322 ext. 23.

Oct. 10-12: Bowling Tourney The 58th annual Serbian National Federation Bowling Tournament includes 300 participants from across North America. Bowlero Lanes. Info: scpayne@sympatico.ca, 519-966-4819.

Oct. 17-19: Annual Horror Hayride Colasanti Farms in co-operation with the U of W Club S.O.D.A. offer a night of fright for the family. Recommended for children 5 years old and up. Info: www.colasanti.com, 519-326-3287.

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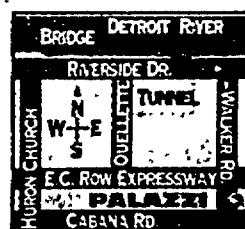
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For inquiries that are of a general nature, the CCRA's 24-hour phone service automatically answers all incoming calls and provides recorded information on many common topics.

For more information about Canadian Customs, visit www.ccra.gc.ca.

PARKS & RECREATION: WINDSOR'S WATERFRONT

Life on the WATER

Riverfront design an award-winner

The Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) confirmed what Windsorites and visitors to the city have known for years: The city's riverfront is an award winner.

The CSLA cited a strong conceptual framework, superior study and the reclamation aspect of Windsor's Central Riverfront Implementation Plan as factors in awarding the city a National Merit Award recently.

Alan Tate, professor of landscape architecture at the University of Manitoba and a CSLA judge, noted that one of the strengths of the plan was the landscape architect's role as leader in the development process as well as the contributions of landscape architects at all levels of the process.

The CSLA announced the 2003 National Awards of Excellence in May.

Windsor was among five national merit winners for its vision, artistry and environmental responsibility in the design of the parks along the Detroit River.

There were 60 submissions from all over Canada competing for one of 11 awards.

"We are very honored to receive this award," said Mike Clement, manager of the city's parks and forestry services.

"We worked with Brook McIlroy Inc and The MBTW Group to design the parkland stretching from the Ambassador Bridge to Hiram Walker so that the plan reflects our goals of linking the past and the future. It honours Windsor's connection to the Detroit River and provides a sanctuary in the heart of a highly urbanized area."

Windsor's central riverfront stretches 38.5 hectares (95 acres) across 5.9 kms (3.7 miles) of riverfront.

\$2.5M MORE TO ENHANCE RIVERFRONT

Windsor's popular riverfront is getting an extra \$2.5 million in government funding for further revitalization.

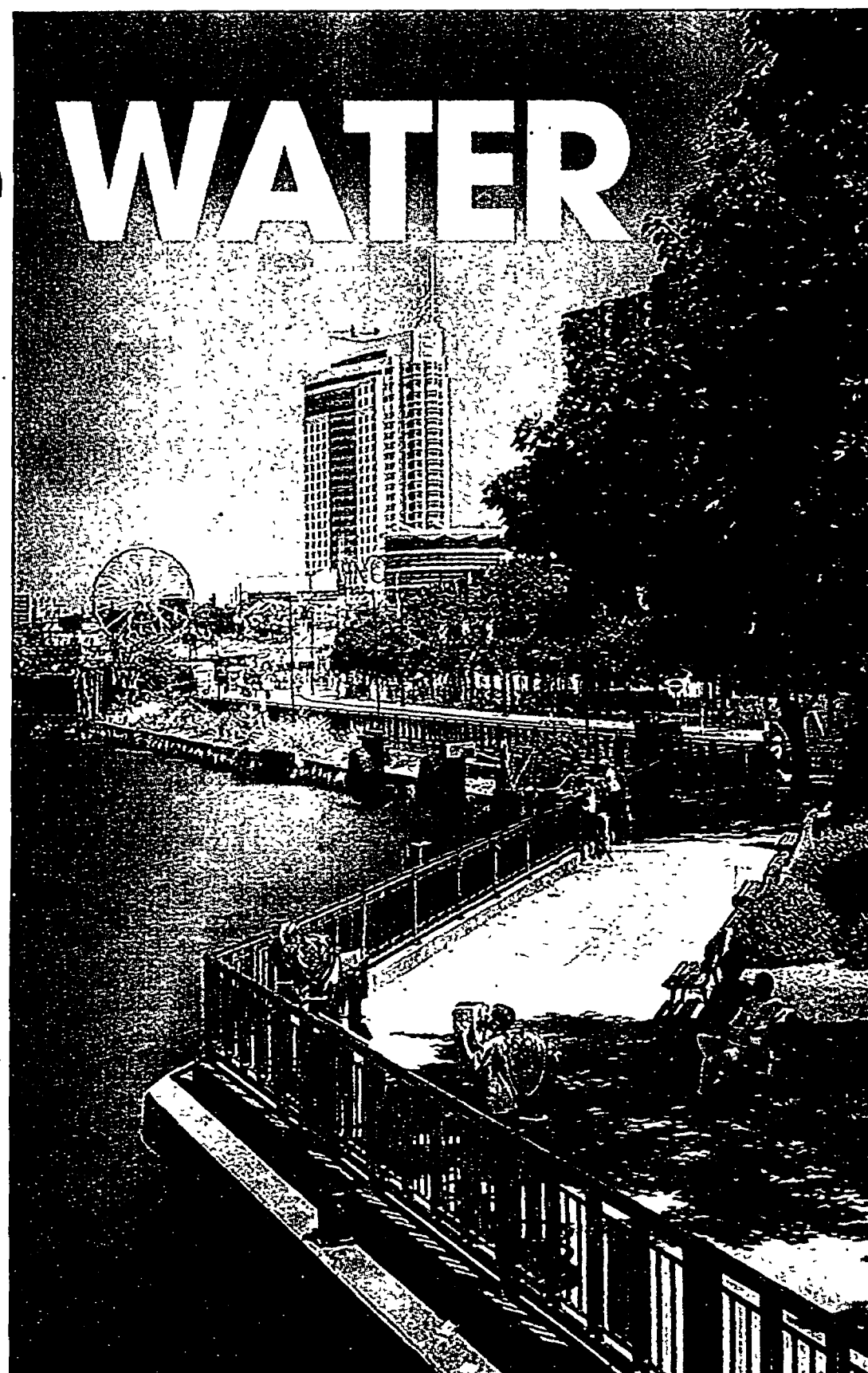
The provincial government, through its SuperBuild program, announced the money July 23. Tourism and Recreation Minister Brian Coburn said the riverfront will bolster the city's tourism sector, as well as let residents enjoy a valuable resource.

"This project is a golden opportunity for the City of Windsor to showcase its own scenic shoreline along the Detroit River," Coburn said.

Through SuperBuild, upgrades will be made to the Detroit River shoreline along the six-kilometre riverfront area. The shoreline will be stabilized and the release of possible contaminants eliminated through the establishment of a safe and secure shoreline protection system.



Concept drawings for the Bert Weeks gardens and fountains give a taste of good things still to come for Windsor's waterfront.



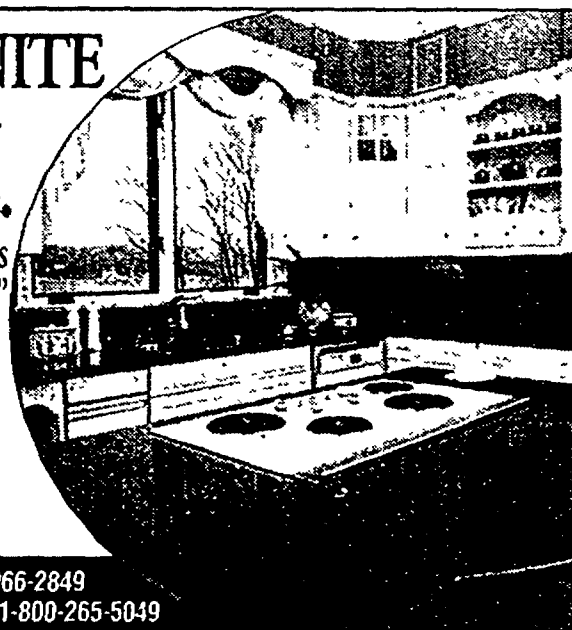
Windsor's waterfront, seen here from the vantage point of Dieppe Gardens looking east towards Casino Windsor during the International Freedom Festival, attracts visitors throughout the year.

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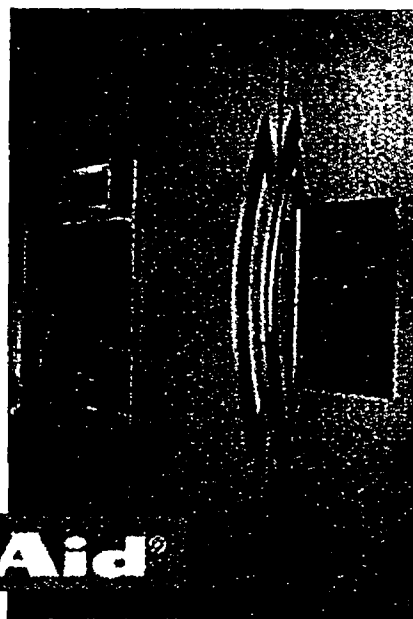
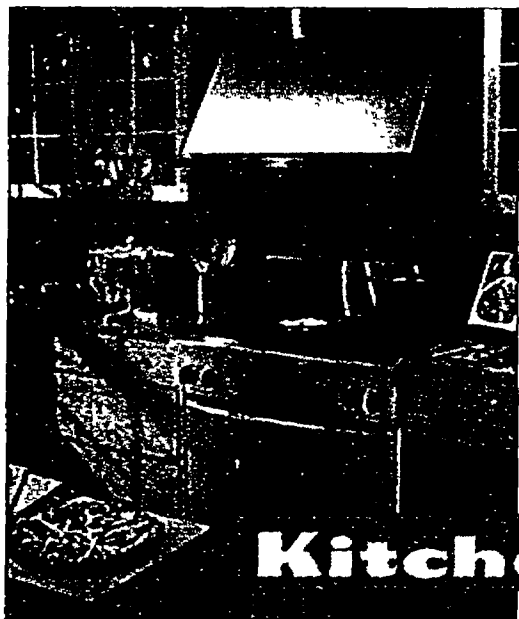
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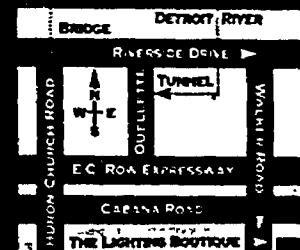
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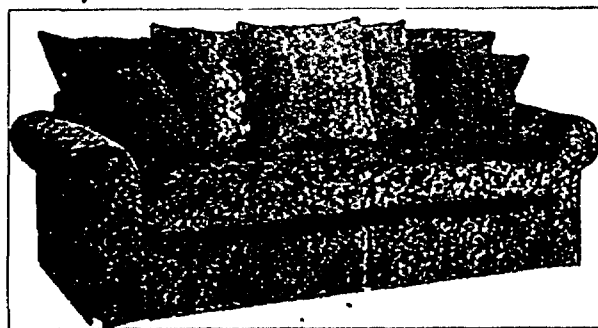
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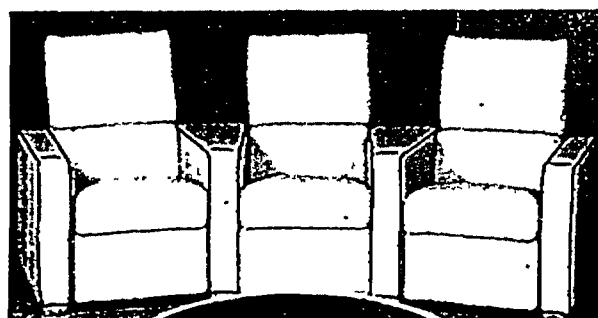


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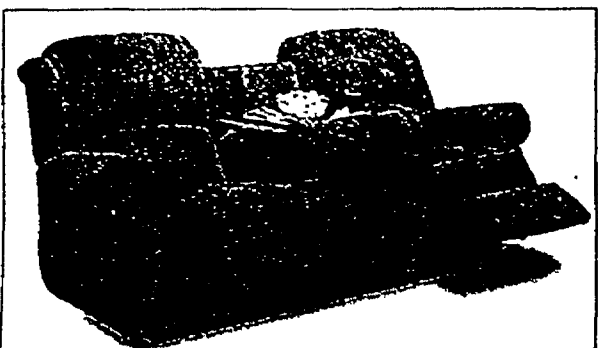


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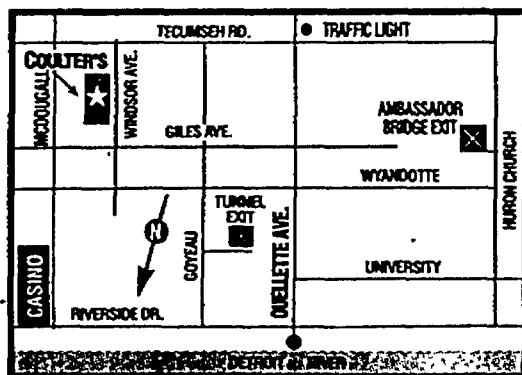
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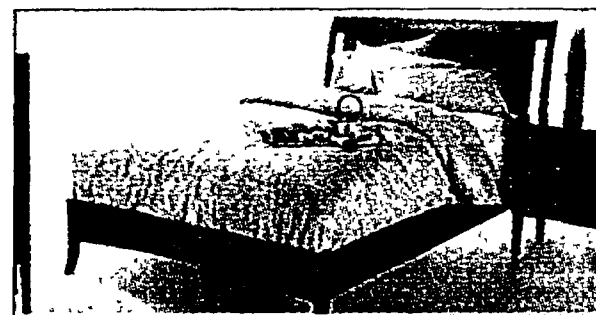
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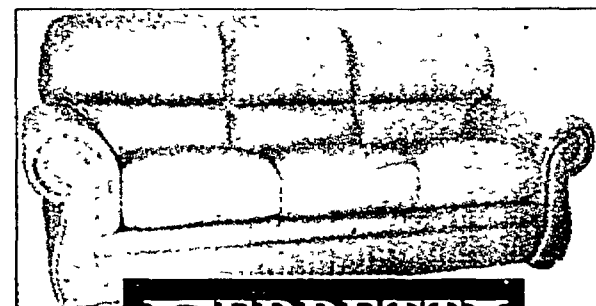


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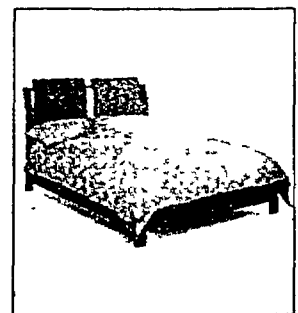
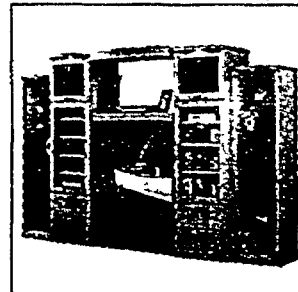
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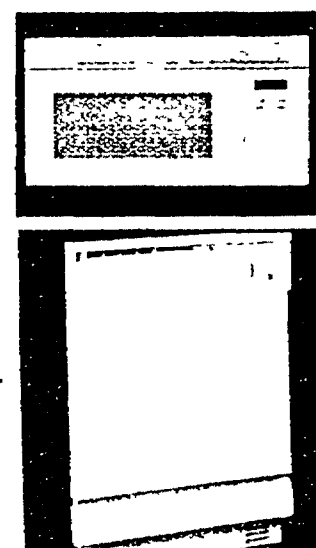
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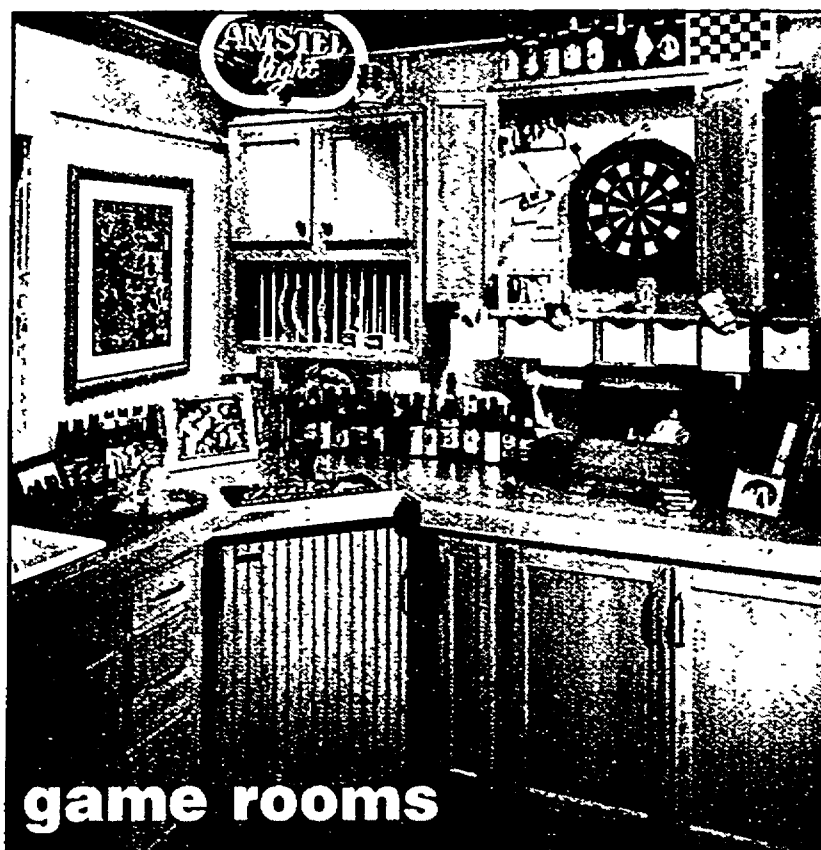
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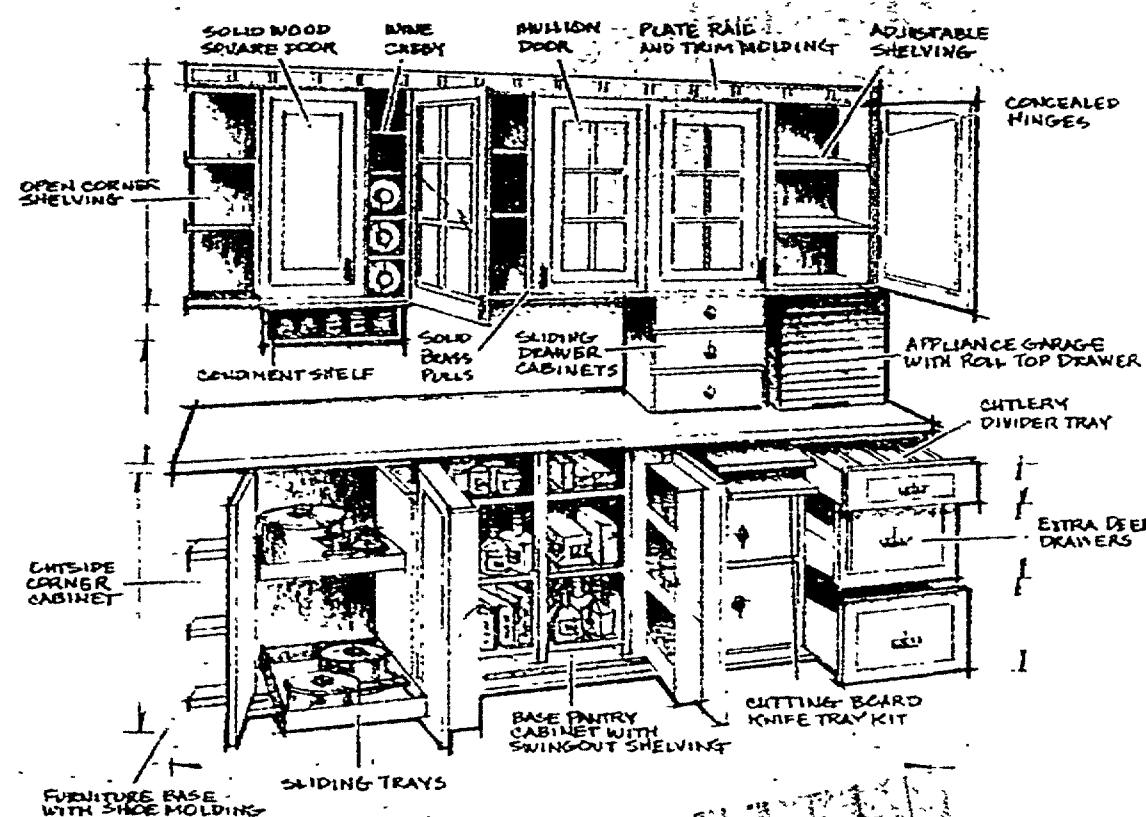
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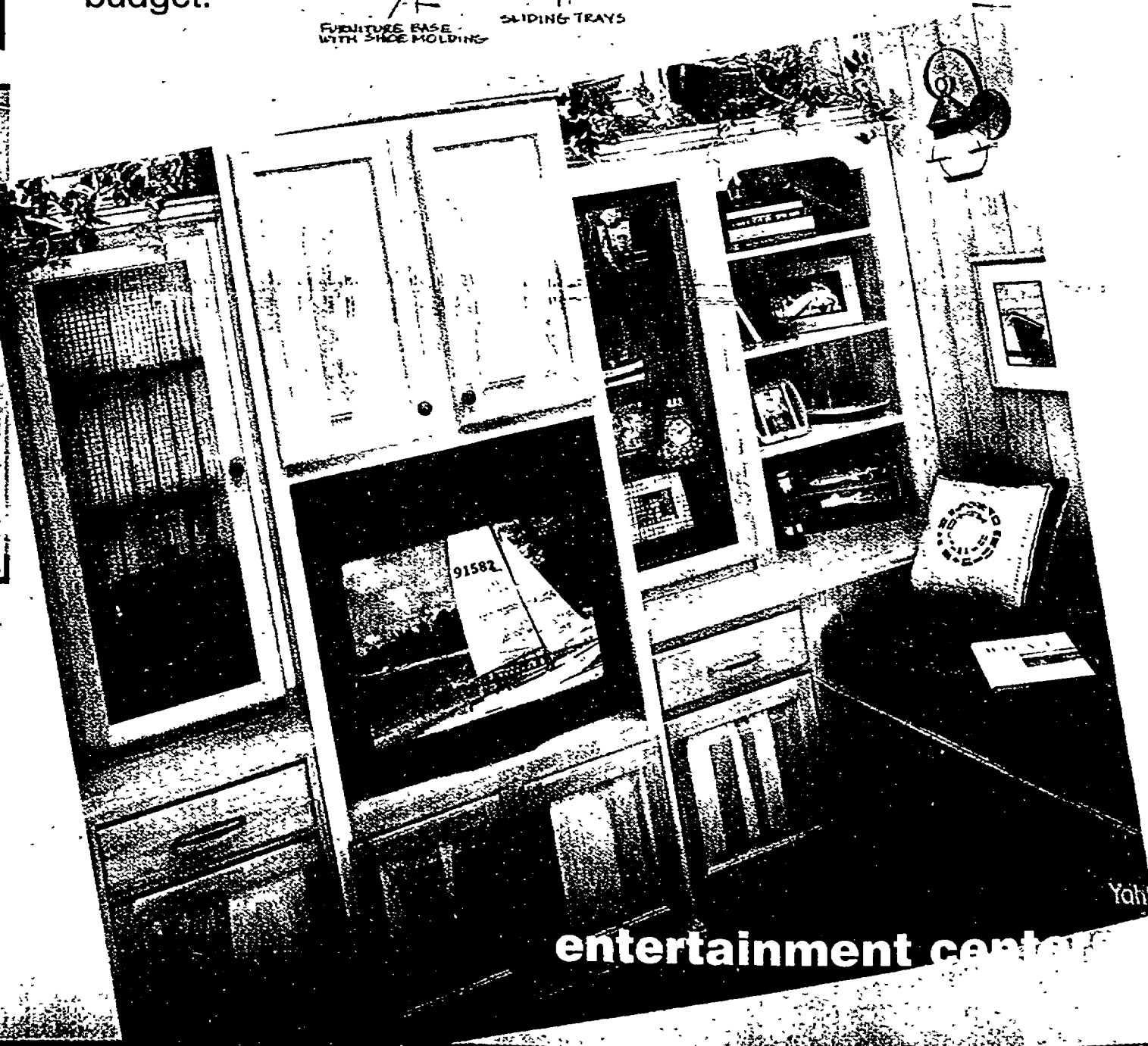
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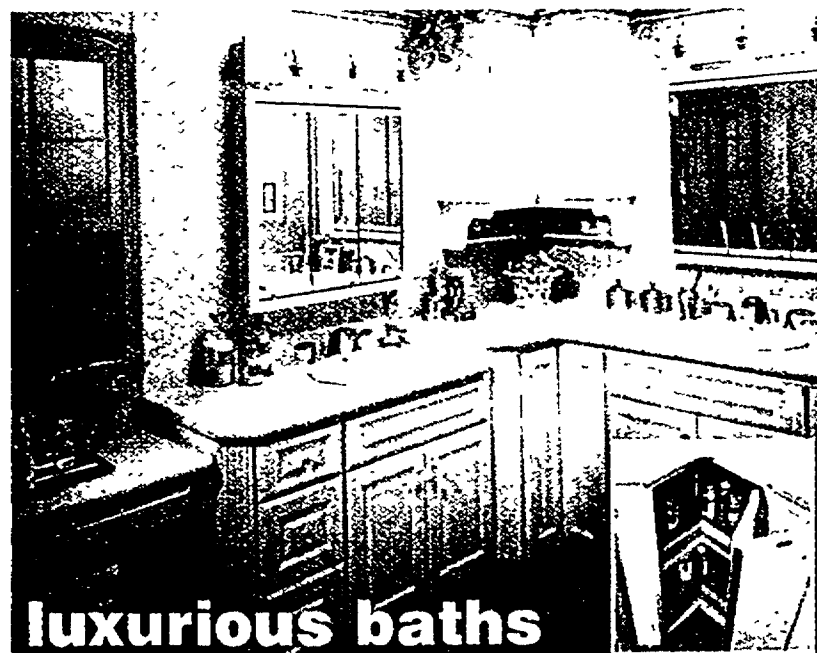
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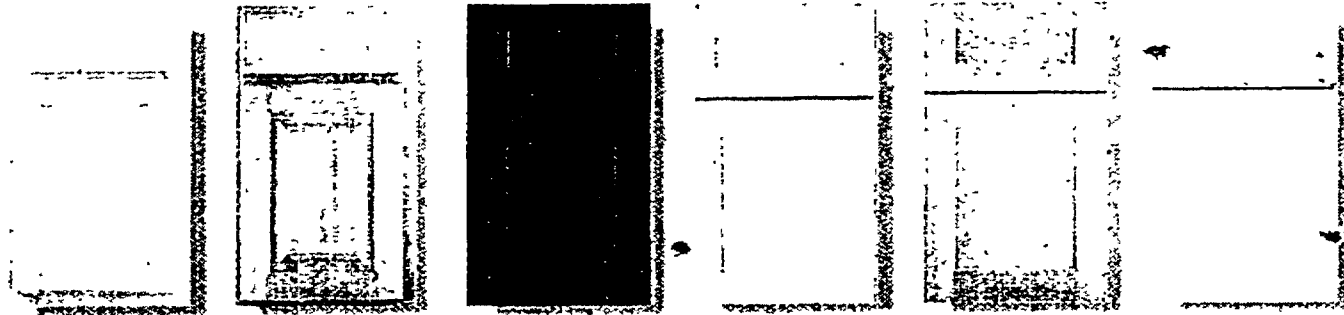


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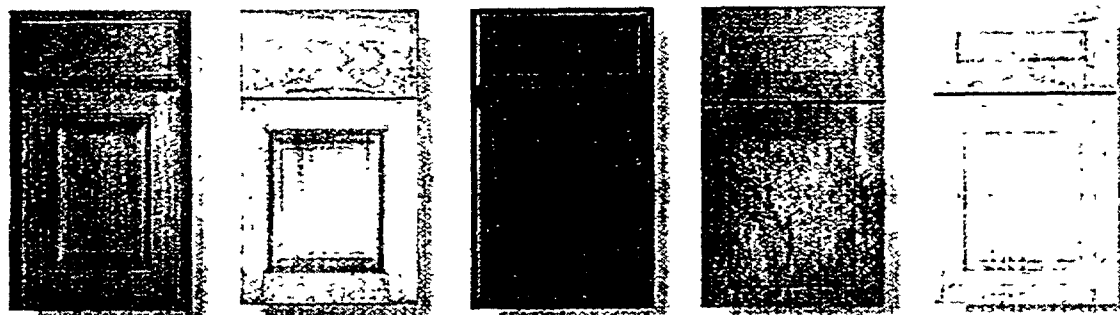
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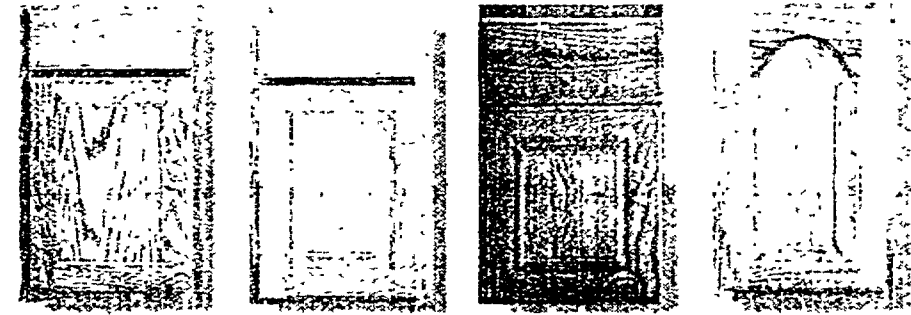
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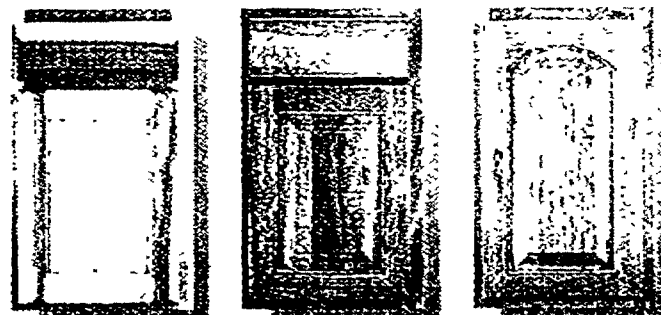
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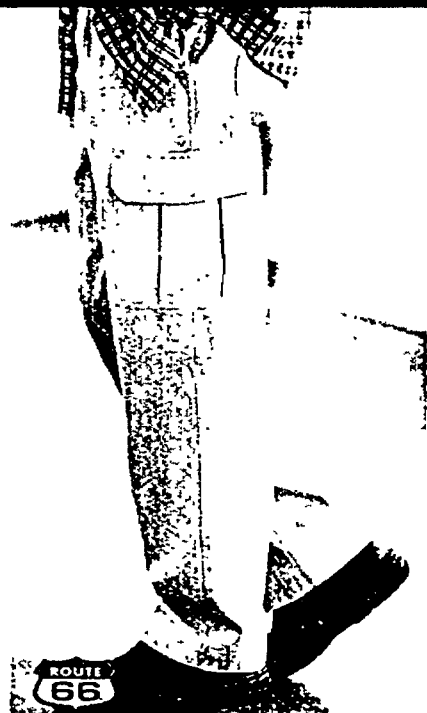
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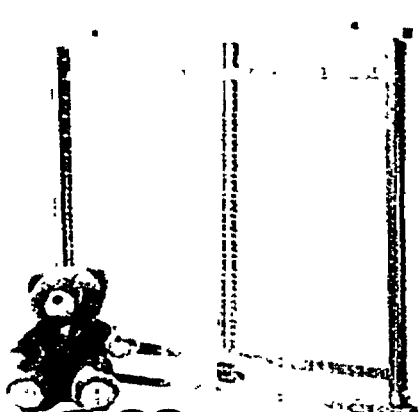
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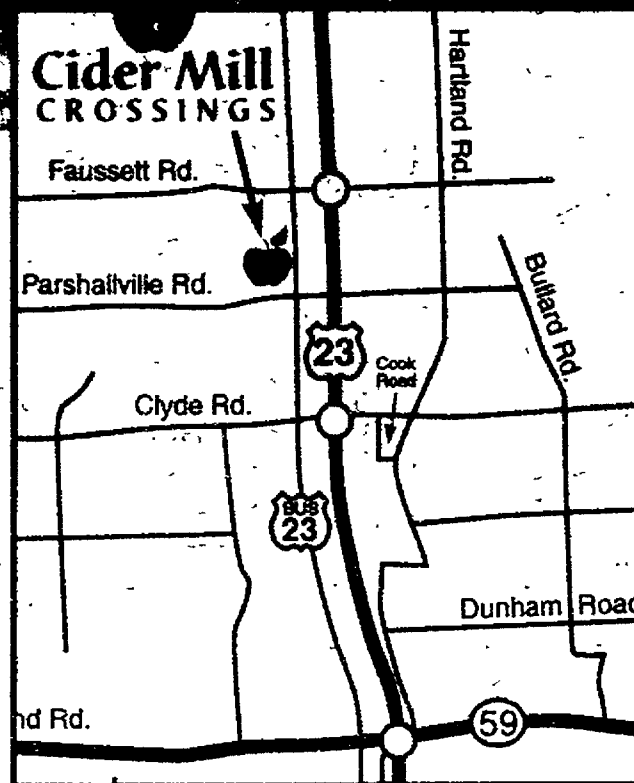
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Q I'd like to know about country music's first superstar—living legend Eddy Arnold.

—Jill B., Alabama

"I don't do much these days," says Eddy Arnold, 85, who retired from performing in 1999. "I come to the office every day and I answer mail every day and obviously I have some investments that I take care of. And that is about it for me." Arnold, as usual, is being modest. After all, this is the man who helped bring country music to the city during his seven-decade career as a songwriter and singer. Arnold's *I'll Hold You in My Heart (Till I Can Hold You in My Arms)* was the No. 1 single of the decade in the 1940s. He received the Country Music Association's first Entertainer of the Year award in 1967. President Clinton awarded the National Media of Arts to Arnold in 2000 for his contributions to American culture. He made another great contribution to American culture in 2003 when he donated a collection of memorabilia related to his life and career to the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Nashville, Tenn. "I had so much stuff and I wanted my memorabilia to be in a good place. You know, you can do so much more with it while you're alive. That made me want to make the move. I just thought the Hall of Fame should have it." Arnold, who grew up in Henderson, Tenn., recently had a very low-key 60th anniversary celebration with his wife, Sally. "We are very quiet people," he says. "We just do simple things, like everybody else." The couple, who has two children, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, live in Brentwood, Tenn., and enjoy boating in their spare time. Does he miss singing? "I guess a little," he says. "I've gotten older and I just stay home. I'm living a very quiet life."

Q I'd like to know more about Jack Del Rio, the new head coach of the Jacksonville Jaguar football team.

—Jack S., Pennsylvania
The 39-year-old Del Rio was a baseball hero in high school and was drafted as a catcher by the



Eddy Arnold retired in 1999.

Toronto Blue Jays when he graduated. He opted for college, attending the University of Southern California, where his baseball teammates included Randy Johnson and Mark McGwire. But Del Rio also excelled as a football player at USC, where his skill as linebacker earned him All-American honors in his senior year. He went on to an 11-year NFL career, first with the New Orleans Saints, then the Kansas City Chiefs (where he finished his college education, earning a degree in political science from the University of Kansas), then the Dallas Cowboys, finishing his playing days with the Minnesota Vikings. As a player, he wasn't afraid to speak out when something upset him, and he gained attention for criticizing Cowboys owner Jerry Jones. He moved into coaching in 1997, returning to work with the Saints as assistant strength coach and moving into linebacker coach

the following year. He went on to work with the Baltimore Ravens as linebacker coach, helping the team win the Super Bowl in 2000, and then to a job as defensive coordinator for the Carolina Panthers. Del Rio won the job as head coach of the Jaguars over many men with more years of experience—he's the second-youngest head coach in the NFL. He's also a real family man who has said he'd love to eliminate training camp because it takes him away from his wife, Linda, and their four children.

Q One of my favorite TV shows is *The Amazing Race*. Can you tell me anything about the man who produced it? I think his name is Jerry, but that's all I know.

—Christina, Indiana

You are thinking about Jerry Bruckheimer, who is amazingly successful in both movies and television. Bruckheimer, a top-grossing movie producer of films such as *Beverly Hills Cop*, *Armageddon*, *Top Gun*, and *Pearl Harbor*, also has three hit television shows on CBS—*CSI*, *CSI: Miami*, and *Without A Trace*. The reality show *The Amazing Race*, in which contestants race around the globe for a cash prize, returned this summer for its fourth series. Bruckheimer, 57, is not resting on his laurels, though. His recent movies include *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Bad Boys II*, and *Veronica Guerin*. Bruckheimer, who grew up in Detroit, is married and has a horse farm in Kentucky. He broke into movies with the surprise 1983 hit *Flashdance*, which he produced with his late partner, Don Simpson. ☆

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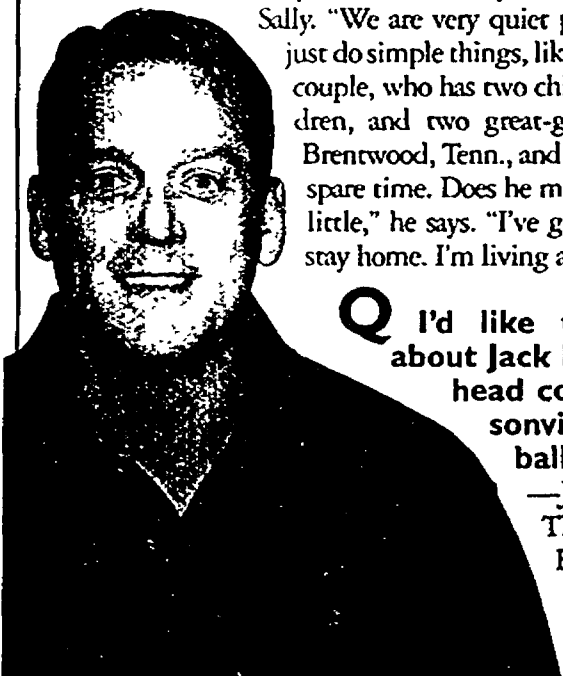
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When Help Is Needed

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They had no way of finding out. The emergency equipment many towns have was lacking in this rural county. In 24 of the 26 towns in Waldo County (pop. 36, 280), there was no 911 emergency system or number to call. The woman had dialed an 800 number, which wasn't linked to a computer.

"That was one of my most frustrating incidents. I couldn't do anything about it," recalls Randy Stevenson, 46, the communications supervisor and an emergency dispatcher for the Waldo County Communications Center, headquartered in the county's largest town, Belfast (pop. 6,381). "We'd get silent calls and have no idea who it was."



Dispatcher Randy Stevenson mans the 911 system he helped upgrade.

That was a dozen years ago. Shortly after the woman's call, Stevenson became determined to bring the county's emergency system into the 21st century. His goal was finally accomplished in August 2001. Today, Waldo County has a fully operating, enhanced 911 system in a brand new building.

For his pioneering efforts and leadership, Stevenson was named a Silent Hero in 2001 by the state unit of the National Emergency Number Association. Asked why he thinks he was given the award, the self-effacing, soft-spoken man says, "I was surprised. The stuff I do and the way I do it, I didn't think it would be recognized. I would like to think I'm serving the public, or at least I try to every day."

His boss, Owen Smith, director of communications, says, "Randy is the kind of guy that does the job right, day in and day out. Of all the people who were planning this (911 system), Randy had the technical expertise. Year after year, he did his job and nobody recognized it."

Jethro Pease, chairman of the board of the Waldo County Commission, echoes Smith. "A lot of us didn't know what we were getting into. We looked to Randy for information. He's been the force that's kept the process moving."

Stevenson has been an emergency dispatcher for 20 years. He's also a volunteer firefighter—"My father did it and so I continue to"—and on his days off, he's on call to drive a school bus.

He and his wife, Sandra, with their 19-year-old daughter, Brandi, live in Knox (pop. 747), in a white saltbox house, which his grandfather built, 16 miles from his office in Belfast. Their son, Andrew, is a firefighter in southern Maine. Stevenson's parents live just down the road. It's a tight-knit family in a tight-knit community.

The new Waldo County Communications Center, a small, nondescript brick building, sits on a rural road. Emergency dispatchers set up shop in their new location July 2001, now fully upgraded with the latest equipment—enhanced 911 computers, a computer-aided dispatch system, and radio. When the phone rings, the caller's name, address, and phone number are displayed.

The system also shows which emergency services are available in the caller's town. Until the move, there were only two dispatchers on at a time. Now a third has been added and Stevenson says a fourth is being considered to field roughly 14,000 calls a month.

Calls come in from police and sheriff departments as well as residents. Dispatchers use their radio computer screens to contact police and ambulance services. They also keep abreast of information through a teletype machine that puts out alerts on stolen cars, hit and run accidents, and bulletins for missing people. Dispatchers never know what will happen or when.

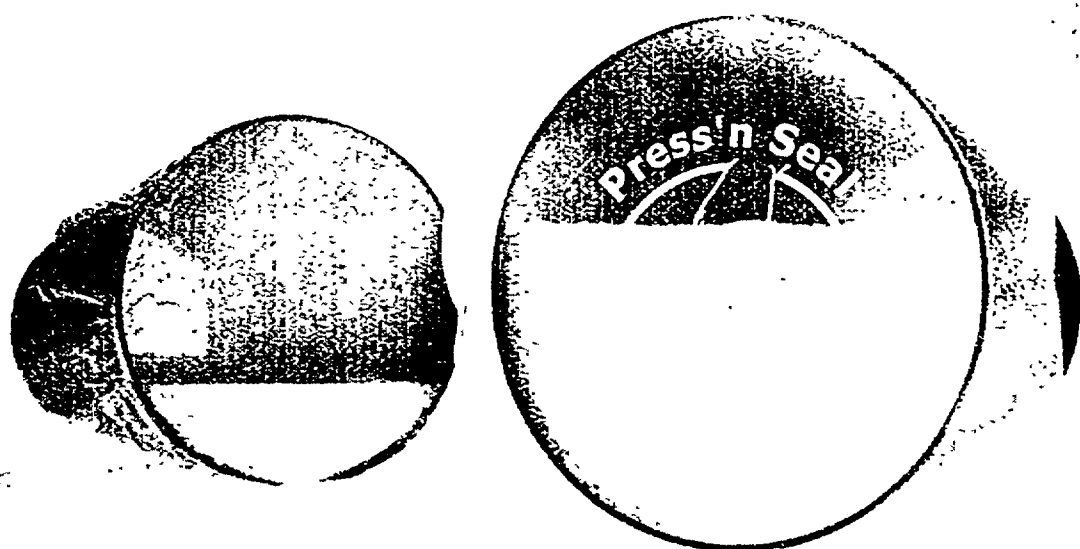
Stevenson recalls the time when a man called in saying he'd taken an overdose of drugs and threatened to kill himself with a gun. At the same time, another man called in threatening suicide. Each call must be taken seriously.

While dispatchers talked to the distraught men on the phone, another alerted police. But even when situations get chaotic, Stevenson says he strives to keep cool. "I try to discuss things in a reasonable manner." Often that's enough to save a life. ★

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Battery-operated devices provide continuous protection, but you must replace the batteries when you hear the low battery warning (usually every 6-8 months).

Place the detector near your home's sleeping area, where it can wake you during the night, the Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends. Additional detectors on every floor level and in every bedroom provide extra protection. If you install detectors at eye level, you'll be more likely to test them frequently—a good habit to develop.

All carbon monoxide detectors should have these features:

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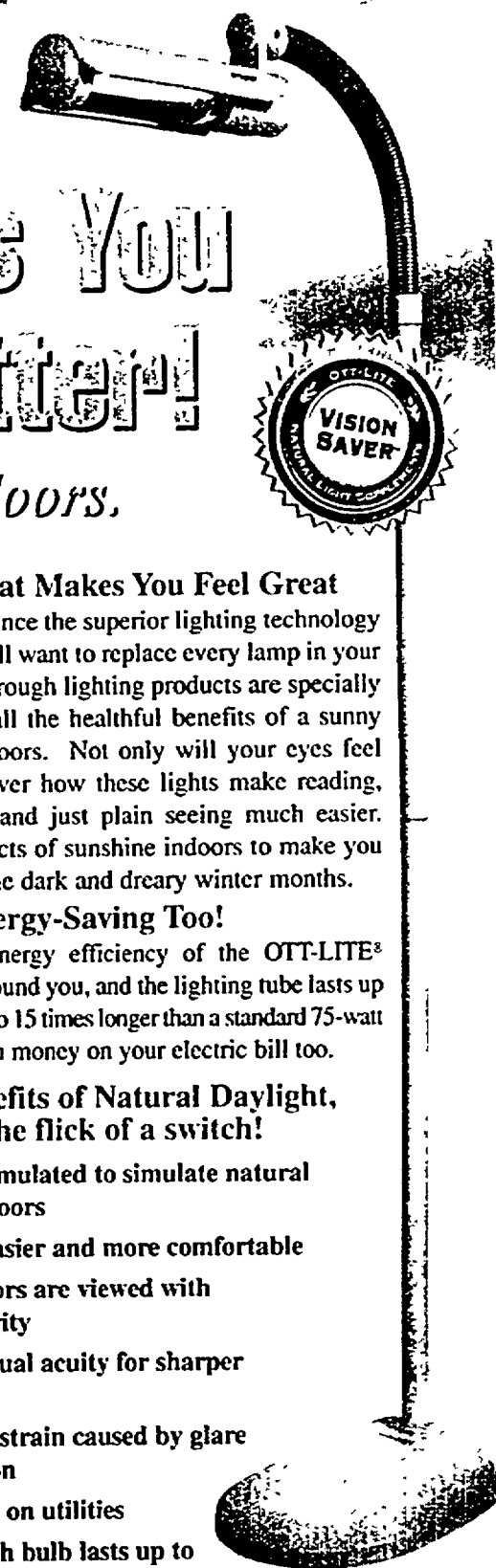
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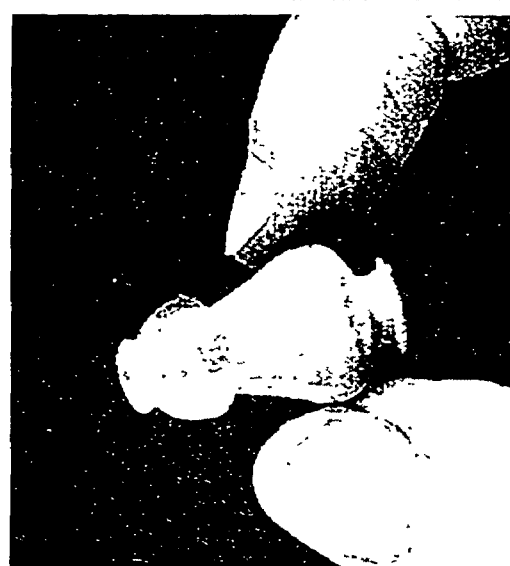
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Snow-capped mountains tower above the marina in

"Fortunately, cell phones don't work here," says Cliff Courtney, 44, a fourth-generation resident of Stehekin, Wash., the most remote community in the lower 48 states.

The only way to get to Stehekin—situated in a lush valley surrounded by snow-capped granite peaks in 2.5 million acres of federally protected wilderness—is to hike several days through the mountains or to take a boat or floatplane up Lake Chelan from the nearest town 55 miles away.

Although Courtney knows technological change is inevitable, he's comforted that, so far, none of the valley's hand-built log homes have a telephone (townspeople share a community satellite phone), and only residents who've barged in a huge satellite dish have a television or a radio. Freedom and self-sufficiency is what's important to him and his family, he says; not being so wired up to the world that you get right back into the rat race you've come to the valley to escape.

Ironically, the name of this isolated paradise is Stehekin, a Northwest Indian word that means "the way through." For American Indians, who discovered the place long before gold, silver, lead, and lumber drew white men to it, the valley served as a relatively easy route through the Cascade Mountains that divide the eastern and western sides of Washington state. For the town's 106 year-round residents and boatloads of seasonal visitors, Stehekin is not so much a way through as a way away from hectic jobs, city traffic, and the other stresses of 21st-century life.

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Ron Scutt has taught grades one through eight in Stehekin's one-room schoolhouse for 25 years. He says the natural surroundings of the valley lend themselves to a kind of learning which incorporates the intellect, the body, and artistic growth. As a result, he uses very few standard textbooks and almost no technology at Stehekin School. Last year, when students decided to make syrup from maple trees near the school, they learned how trees produce energy from light, how to tell the age of a tree, why sap rises when it does, how to use tools to tap the trees and draw the sap, how to boil the syrup safely using a thermometer, and how to make a mesh strainer so the syrup can be strained for impurities. Along the way, they drew beautifully crafted pictures of everything they did.

Like some other Stehekin parents, Courtney and his wife Kerry will home school their children rather than send them out of the valley for high school. "Stehekin is a place that has less fear than other places," Courtney says. "They can go down the road on their bicycles and we can know that they aren't going to get in trouble. Or if they do, anybody who sees them is going to help them out."

"This community is a friend of these children," Scutt says. "It supports them, and they have a sense of safety here. In Stehekin, they have every potential for success." ☆

Laurel Holliday is a Seattle-based freelance writer.

Stehekin, Wash., which is 55 miles by water from the nearest town.

But Stehekin is no Shangri La. Like the homesteaders who arrived in the last quarter of the 19th century, residents have to plan ahead to get their provisions. They mail prepaid orders for supplies to stores in the town of Chelan, the stores box up the goods, and then boats pick up the boxes and deliver them to Stehekin. It can take days for residents get what they ordered. Along with that kind of inconvenience come the realities of life in a town without an auto mechanic, a doctor, a dentist, or a plumber.

With mining and timber cutting out of the picture now, most folks in Stehekin have to find work. About half are hired on at least part time by the National Park Service, some make a few dollars selling arts and crafts in a local cooperative, and others work in the hospitality business that serves the thousands of visitors who come to Stehekin each year, mostly in the summer. And then there's the postmaster's position in one of the country's smallest post offices, and the teaching position in the valley's log schoolhouse.

Teacher Ron Scutt plays soccer with his students during recess.

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Cover Story

by MICHAEL McCALL

Roots On the Common Man

Alan Jackson chuckles when he describes his childhood as resembling the wholesome, close-knit family life depicted on the 1970s TV show *The Waltons*. The lanky, easy-going country music star is used to other people laughing along when he says it, too.

But he's not exaggerating.

An auto mechanic's son, Jackson grew up outside Newnan, Ga., (pop. 16,242) on a nine-acre plot owned by his grandfather, a carpenter who raised chickens and cows. And like TV character John Boy Walton, he was surrounded by family. Young Alan lived with his parents and four sisters in a small house on the property. An aunt and grandmother lived right behind them, while an uncle and his family were neighbors, too. Nearly his whole extended family was within walking distance.

"We weren't way out in the country, but we were rural," Jackson says. "I didn't know how unusual it was to grow up surrounded by that much family until I got older. It was different. I realize now that a big part of who I am comes from growing up the way I did."

The values engrained in him can be found throughout his songs, which draw on the details of tight-knit family life and small-town escapades. Early songs like *Home* and *Livin' On Love* were specifically about his parents. *Chattahoochee* was about hanging out at his hometown river as a teenager, while *I'd Love You All Over Again* was about his wife Denise, his high school sweetheart. And *Chasin' That Neon Rainbow* was about struggling to get discovered while leading bands in honky tonks and bars.

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Young Alan and his father Gene shared a lifelong love of boating.



Many of Alan Jackson's greatest hits were inspired by his experiences growing up in Newnan, Ga.

Everything, he says, can be traced back to how he and his wife, who lived nearby, grew up. "You ever seen that movie *Stand By Me*, about a bunch of boys in a small town in the '60s?" he asks in his unhurried drawl. "That's exactly the way I was. We'd put a quarter on the railroad track just to wait and see the train run over it. If we weren't messing around on the tracks, we were riding our bikes into the little four-square center of town where they had these small shops. There wasn't a lot of crime or a lot of worries. I think all that played into who I am."

Jackson addressed the quiet, steady influence of his late father, who died three years ago, on his recent hit, *Drive (for Daddy Gene)*. In it, he tells of his father's patient way of teaching him responsibility. By the end of the song, he shows how he's trying to pass on similar lessons to his three daughters, 13-year-old Mattie, 10-year-old Ali, and 6-year-old Dani.

"I think I had really good parents who were very caring people, very honest and humble people," Jackson says in a solemn, tender voice. "When you're raised that way, it stays with you most of your life. Of course, you don't realize how

The New Reality TV

Complex characters, well-written scripts

Reality TV shows have become the nation's hottest rage as viewers excitedly tune in every week to see what unexpected things will happen in real life to the shows' colorful casts of characters. Whether it's talent shows, such as *American Idol*, competition shows such as *Survivor*, or marriage-related shows such as *Who Wants To Marry My Dad*, reality shows have meant a ratings bonanza for the networks.

Ironically, TV sitcoms and dramas are now emerging as the new "reality" TV because they may come closer to depicting real life than the reality shows. Whereas reality programming captures "real people" in unreal circumstances (such as a deserted island or French chateau), today's scripted entertainment accurately depicts situations that come closest to the real lives of Americans. Shows such as *CSI: Miami*, *JAG* and *Law & Order* explore complex characters and relationships as they delve into dilemmas of ethics, family relationships, and personal struggles. While the subject matter runs the gamut—from emergency rooms to courtrooms—these shows are all examples of storytelling at its finest.

Since its inception, television has been defined by its remarkable, and usually lovable, characters, including Lucy, Andy Griffith, and the Brady family. But in retrospect, perhaps many of our TV icons were a bit too one-dimensional, too predictable. There was comfort in knowing what you could expect from your favorite show once a week.

But television programming has evolved over the last few decades and prime-time viewing is the better for it. Now we have a plethora of multi-dimensional characters who are far from perfect. Like the rest of us, they sometimes make bad choices for the wrong reasons, or follow their hearts instead of their heads. The same character may at times be affectionate, agitated, threatened or secure. But what always gets them through their seemingly insurmountable travails is the indefatigable spirit of human nature. This basic drive and desire are the common threads that transcend various environments.

Rather than going for the quick laugh, the shows' creators allow the story lines to slowly unfold so that the viewers can become deeply engaged with each character. The characters become like members of the family, for whom you can root to succeed and empathize with when they fail.

As the 2003 fall season gets underway, there are several new shows that epitomize the art of storytelling and celebrate the things we all have in common. Tackling topics such as job loss or the blending of two families, these new prime-time shows capture real characters and real life.

by NANCY HENDERSON



TV shows such as *JAG*, *Law & Order* and *CSI: Miami* feature storytelling at its finest with compelling characters and plots.

More Reasons to Watch



Joan of Arcadia reveals God works in mysterious ways.

Joan of Arcadia (CBS), Fridays, 8 p.m., ET

When a fellow passenger, who happens to be cute, follows 15-year-old Joan off the bus and strikes up a conversation, she's flattered and ready to flirt. Then he explains to her that he's God, speaking to her in a form that she can understand. Why her? He won't say. He just tells her that there's a job opening at a bookstore, and that she needs to fill it. So starts her regular conversations with God, who later appears in a less attractive physical form as the school's cafeteria lady.

Meanwhile, Joan still has to deal with the usual problems of school and boys and family. "I originally wanted to stay close to real Joan of Arc story," says Barbara Hall, the show's creator.

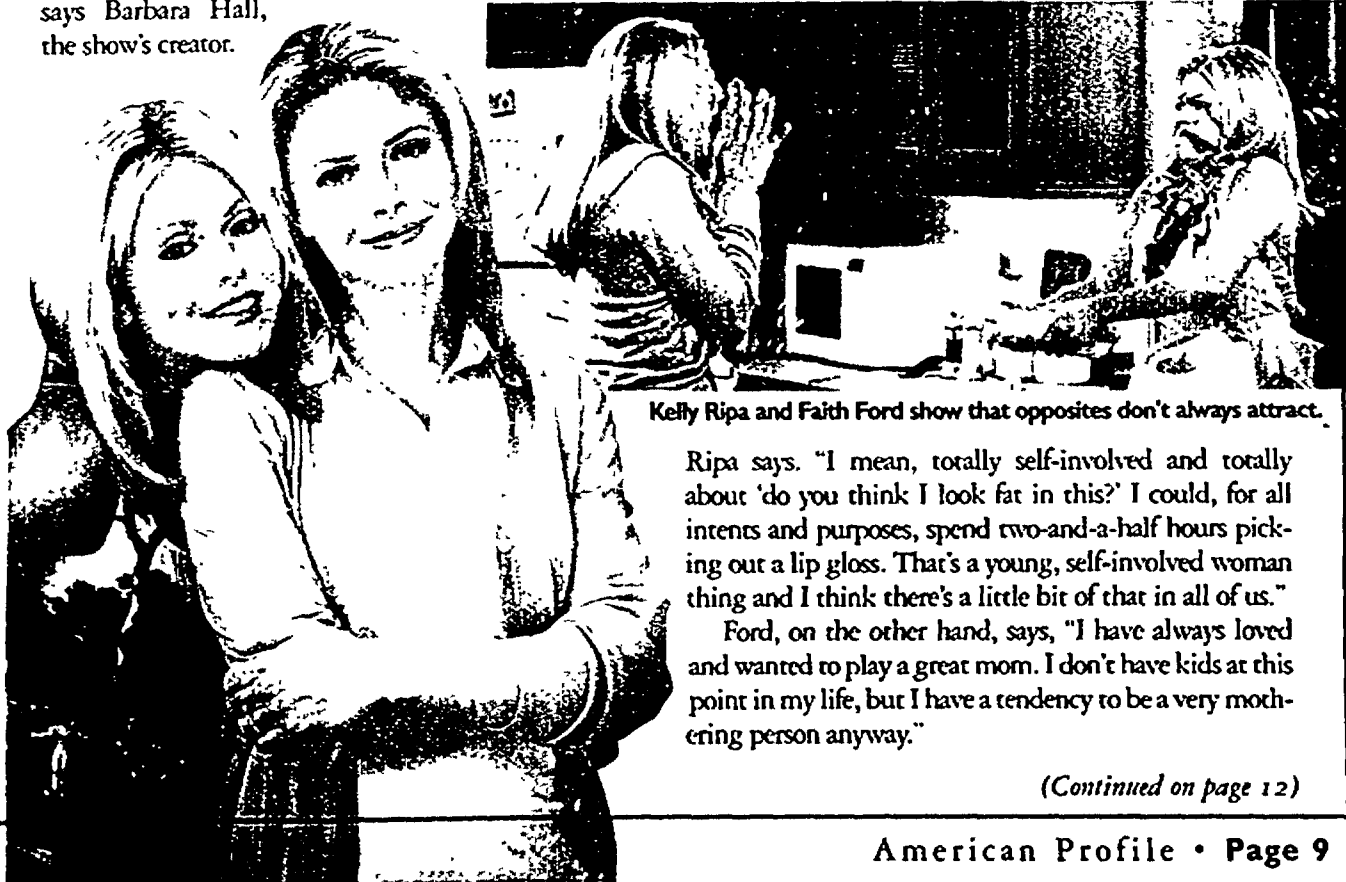
"I read a biography that caused me to frame the show as a father/daughter story. I became interested in seeing what was happening to her in context of her family, because with Joan of Arc there were big repercussions with her family."

Mary Steenburgen, who plays Joan's mother, says, "The thing I admired about this is that Barbara Hall took a great big fat scary chance and wrote about something that actually is worth thinking about. There's nothing formulaic about it; there's nothing safe about it. One of the things that I responded to is that the scripts are filled with humor and a genuine connectedness in terms of family."

Hope & Faith (ABC), Fridays, 9 p.m., ET

Hope, a stay-at-home mom to three kids, enjoys a nice, orderly suburban life. Her sister Faith, a self-involved soap opera actress, finds herself unemployed when her TV character is suddenly killed off. Faith and her inflated ego sweep into Hope's home, and things will never be the same. It's a classic clash of sisters, whose dramatically different lifestyles rub each other the wrong way.

Unlike *Married To The Kellys*, this series is the reverse of real life for its two stars. Faith Ford plays Hope, the mom, but has no children in real life, while Kelly Ripa, who plays Faith, is a mother to three kids. "Before I got married and had kids, I think I was a lot like Faith."



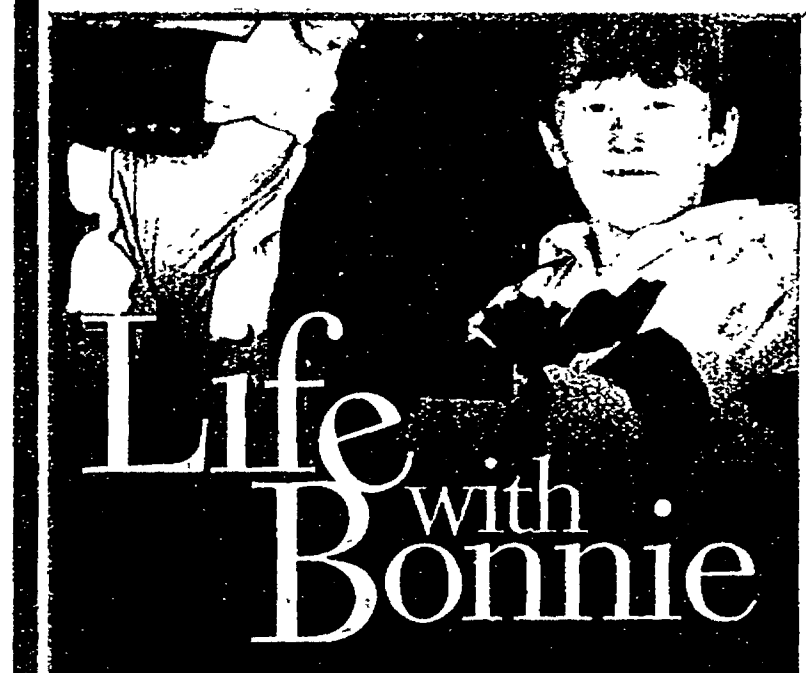
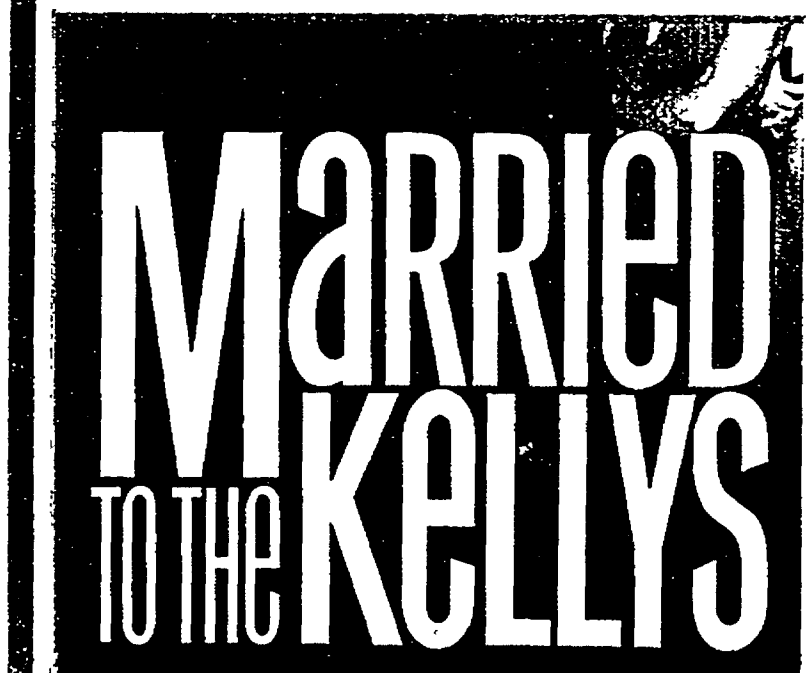
Kelly Ripa and Faith Ford show that opposites don't always attract.

Ripa says, "I mean, totally self-involved and totally about 'do you think I look fat in this?' I could, for all intents and purposes, spend two-and-a-half hours picking out a lip gloss. That's a young, self-involved woman thing and I think there's a little bit of that in all of us."

Ford, on the other hand, says, "I have always loved and wanted to play a great mom. I don't have kids at this point in my life, but I have a tendency to be a very mothering person anyway."

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Tom (Breckin Meyer, left) gets a few pointers on how to fit in with his large family of in-laws.

Married To The Kellys (ABC), Fridays, 8:30 p.m., ET

Tom (played by Breckin Meyer) is a New York writer who leads a solitary sort of life. He marries Susan, a friendly Kansas-born girl from a gregarious and close-knit family. When Tom sells his first book, he promises Susan they can move anywhere. Goodbye Manhattan, hello Kansas! But don't expect cool-city-guy-just-doesn't-get-these-Midwesterners jokes. "It's not about geography at all," says Tom Hertz, the show's creator. "It's about a guy who was an only child and had a quiet, latchkey life taking care of himself, and he doesn't know how to be part of a big family."

The show treats all of its characters with a gentle affection. Susan's mom keeps track of her family's transgressions by making dog magnets with each of their names, placed outside a picture of a small house. One wrong move and she places their magnet "in the doghouse." Susan's sister Mary takes zealous pleasure in challenging Tom on everything. Louis, Susan's younger, somewhat odd, brother, collects bugs. Uncle Dave, the rich one in the family, has people kiss his ring. But all of them consider Tom family. "What I really hope people see that's different about this show is that the in-laws are not annoying, they're not intrusive, they're not wacky," Hertz says. "They're a good family, and Tom just has to figure out how to be a part of it."



Married to the Kellys' Breckin Meyer and Kiele Sanchez.

Run of the House (WB), Thursdays, 9:30 p.m., ET

Every teenager's dream comes true for 15-year-old Brooke when her parents temporarily move to Arizona for her father's health, leaving her at home with her three older siblings. "This is so cool!" they all agree. But then the three oldest realize they have to set rules for their little sister, and Brooke realizes that they'll actually enforce them.

Oldest brother Kurt, played by former teen dreamboat Joey Lawrence (*Blossom*), gets most parental on Brooke, especially when he catches her getting her first



Run of the House is the teen-age version of Home Alone.

kiss—in her bedroom. Sister Sally tends to think about herself more than her little sister, and Chris, who just dropped out of law school, just wants everyone to have fun.

"I have three older siblings in real life, except I have two older sisters and one brother," reveals Margo Harshman, who plays Brooke. "The character Chris is like my older brother, because he's hilarious, and he's always watching out for me. One time when I was having trouble with a friend, my brother came up to me and said, 'Margo, I've got a full tank of gas and nothing but time. Let's go!'"

All of Us (UPN), Tuesdays, 8:30 p.m., ET

Movie stars Will Smith and wife Jada Pinkett-Smith are the executive producers of this show that's based on their own experience as a blended family. *All of Us* centers on Robert (Duane Martin), an entertainment reporter in Los Angeles, who's about to get married. He's been married before, and shares custody of his 5-year-old son with his ex-wife, which leads to assorted complications and clashes. First wife Neesee doesn't want to be replaced as Mommy, while bride-to-be Tia bristles at Neesee's permanent place in her new life. Robert has to be the mediator, and everyone wants to be sure that little Bobby Jr. stays unhurt by all the changes.

"We wanted a sitcom that really reflected a piece of life that you don't see often on television and a piece of life that's very difficult to deal with," says Jada Pinkett Smith. "Audiences are much more sophisticated now, which gives us more room to explore so many different areas. Comedy is a great way to pierce a heart and to pierce the soul. So I'm just thankful that the networks are open to allowing us to have very dramatic elements within this sitcom, and that it works so well." ☆



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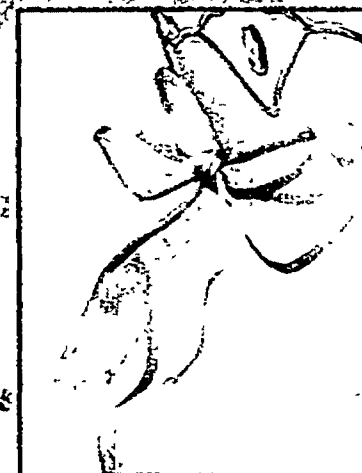
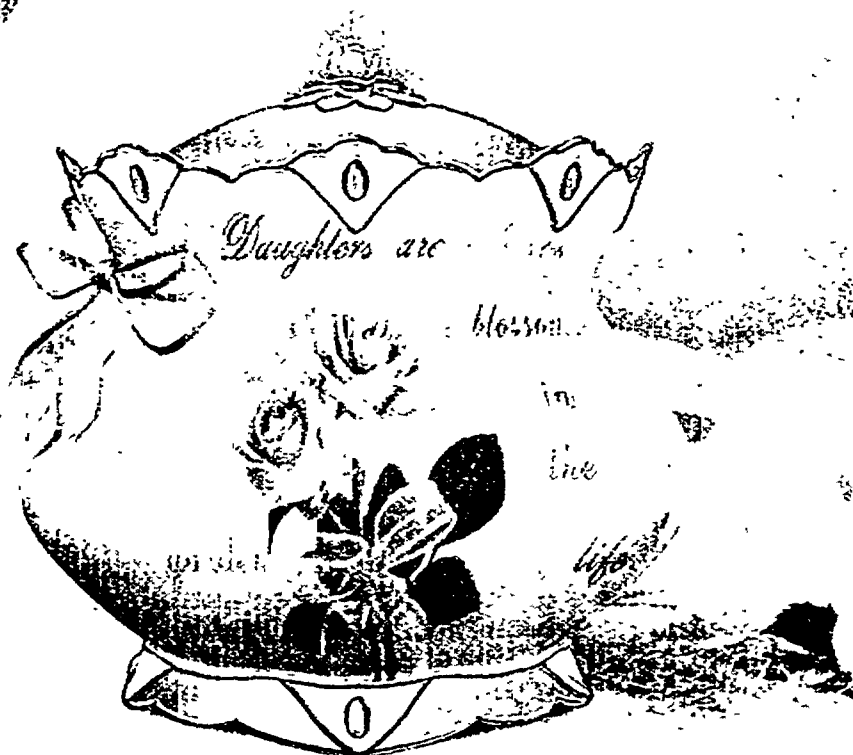
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ILLINOIS—Father of Ecology Henry Chandler Cowles, a botanist at the University of Chicago, studied changes in plants in the late 1800s at what now is Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore near Porter, Ind. (pop. 4,972).

INDIANA—In 1892, the Rev. Nicholas McKay attached coffee sacks to hoops forged by a blacksmith and introduced basketball at the YMCA in Crawfordsville (pop. 15,243), considered the cradle of basketball.

IOWA—At the Living Heritage Tree Museum in Storm Lake (pop. 10,076), the trees have historic roots associated with famous people and events. The Versailles chestnut was grown from a seed from the site in Versailles, France, where the treaty to end World War I was signed. A maple tree came from the birthplace of President Ulysses S. Grant.

KANSAS—The Kansas Aviation Museum is housed in the original Wichita Municipal Airport administration building, designed in 1929 art deco style.

MICHIGAN—Harry Hoenselaar opened his first Honey Baked Ham Co. store in 1957 in Detroit and invented a machine that slices the ham in a single continuous spiral.

MINNESOTA—Pioneering horticulturist Peter Gideon planted 350 apple trees in 1854 in Excelsior (pop. 2,393) and developed the popular Wealthy variety apple.

MISSOURI—Founded in 1839, the University of Missouri at Columbia was the first public university west of the Mississippi River.

NEBRASKA—The temperature soared to a record-sizzling 118 degrees on July 24, 1936, in Minden (pop. 2,964).

NORTH DAKOTA—Novelist and essayist William Gass, born in 1924 in Fargo, won a 2002 National Book Critics Circle award for *Tests of Time*.

OHIO—Irene Silliman of Madison (pop. 2,921) founded Operation Toasty Toes, a group of volunteers nationwide who've knitted thousands of slipper socks to warm the toes and hearts of military men and women.

SOUTH DAKOTA—The state leads the nation in percentage of centenarians with one in 6,056 residents age 100 or older.

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special that is until you're older. We didn't have much money, but we were always happy. I've always had an easy, comfortable life."

However, Jackson has known difficulties as an adult too. He and his wife struggled through their initial years in Nashville, Tenn. For a while, he worked for little pay in the mailroom of The Nashville Network, while the couple lived in a cramped basement apartment. He spent weekends traveling the Southeast playing small bars while trying to attract attention from Nashville music executives.

But once he got his break, it didn't take long for family life to become far better. His debut album, 1989's *Here In the Real World*, sold a million copies in its first year. And by the end of the year, Denise was pregnant with their first child.

"My wife grew up real similar to the way I did," he relates. "So we pretty much like the same things. Even though we've got money, big houses, big cars, and all that stuff, I still go in there and make cornbread from scratch to eat with my black-eyed peas. I haven't gone Hollywood, as they say, just because I've made a little money."

The couple has worked to make sure their children get washed in the same values, despite the more luxurious surroundings. "We have so many people tell us how sweet our children are," he beams. "I think at first people are surprised my children are that way, considering the lifestyle most people think we live. I think they're surprised when they get to know us and see that we're the people we are—which is the same way we were before we had all this."

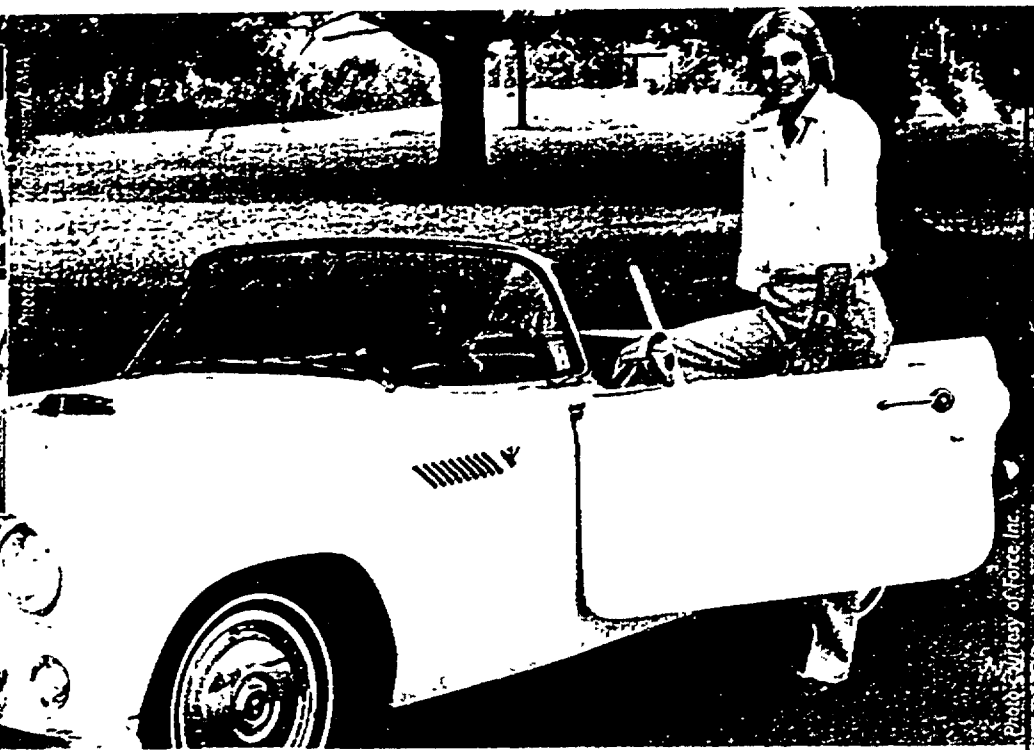
Even their family outings carry on certain traditions they acquired while growing up in Georgia. "We didn't vacation much when I was a kid, but we always went out to



The Jacksons at the 2002 CMAs



High-schoolers Jackson and his now-wife Denise go out on a date in the 1955 Thunderbird he spent a year restoring.



the lake in the summer," Jackson says. "And now boats are still my biggest hobby. Getting out on the water is something I've loved my whole life. Most of the activities we do as a family involve a lake or an ocean. Had my Daddy been able to, he would've done the same thing I'm doing now."

Jackson openly admits he and his wife had to endure a difficult period in the mid-'90s, when the whirlwind of fame led the singer to lose touch with his priorities. "Denise and I have been together for 20-something years now, and we've been through a lot, and things have really reached a great place with us," he says. "For the last 10 years or so now, things have been more comfortable than they've ever been. I think that's just maturing and realizing what you have that is good in your life. I understand more about what it takes to be a man—a good man. And I'm a lot happier that way."

Jackson drew on some of his own life-changing experiences when writing his award-winning song *Where Were You (When the World Stopped Turning)* about the Sept. 11 tragedy. When he talks about dusting off the Bible and realizing the significance of spending time with those you love, he was drawing on his own days of reckoning from when his life went awry.

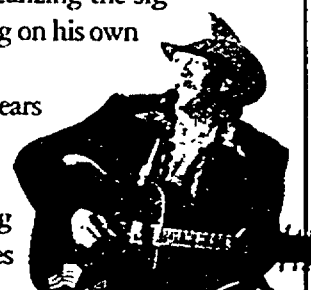
"My life had been heading in that direction for several years anyway," he says. "I think 9-11 made us realize some things about our own lives and our country, and they were things that I'd been thinking about for a while. I had been maturing a little bit, and with the children growing up, my priorities had become different. I think I'm in a good place in my life, and it's not because of the music success as much as it is having a good life at home."

His success is undeniable, however. Fourteen years into his career, he's more popular than ever—a rarity in modern music's here-today, gone-tomorrow world. Jackson has sold more than 40 million albums, and his recent hit, *It's Five O'Clock Somewhere*, a good-time duet with pal Jimmy Buffett from Jackson's just-released *Greatest Hits Volume II*, has become his 30th No. 1 hit.

Jackson says the greatest part of his success is how it affords him time at home. He now flies in a private jet to and from his concerts, usually leaving for home after a show rather than spending a night in a hotel. His manager and booking agent know that his priority rests with being home as much as possible, and they book his schedule with that in mind.

"You know, I probably work less now than I ever have in my whole life," he admits. "I'm home with my family 90 percent of the time, or I'm out somewhere with my family doing something fun. I write my songs, I do my albums and shows. That's it, and it doesn't take that much time. With my career, it seems the less I do, the better everything goes. You can't hardly beat that." ☆

Michael McCall is a Nashville, Tenn.-based freelance music journalist.



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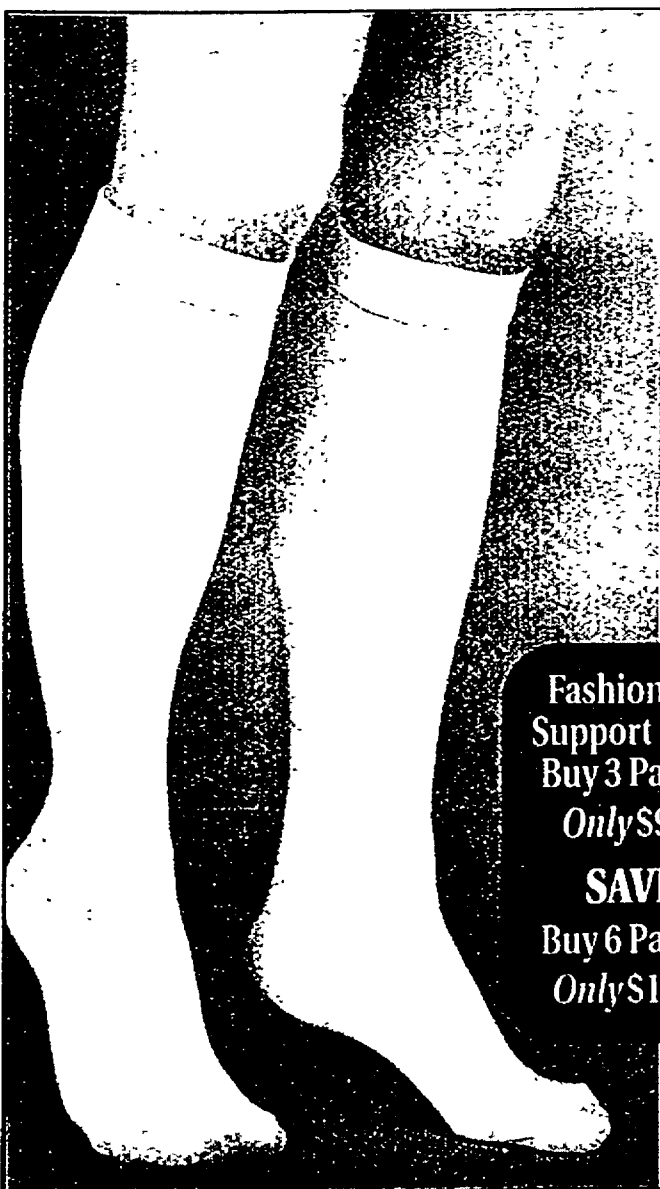
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- 1 15-ounce can well-drained whole kernel corn
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- 1 box Jiffy corn muffin mix
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 1 stick margarine, melted
- 1 cup sour cream

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix together all ingredients in a bowl. Pour into a well-greased 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Bake for 45 to 60 minutes, or until center is firm.

Tips From Our Test Kitchen:

Two large ears of fresh corn are a seasonal substitute for the canned whole kernel corn. This dish is still sweet with 1/4 cup sugar, rather than 1/2 cup. Try serving this casserole as a side dish with fried chicken and fresh tomatoes with basil.

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INDIANA

Native American Days—Evansville, Sept. 26-28. American Indians perform ceremonial dancing, singing, and drumming, and display traditional arts & crafts during this event at Angel Mounds State Historic Site. (812) 853-3956.

IOWA

Alpaca Jamboree—Mason City, Sept. 27-28. This event features an alpaca show, fleece-spinning demonstrations, and soft, alpaca-fiber knitted items at the North Iowa Fairgrounds' All-Seasons Building. (641) 423-3811.

KANSAS

Mini Sappa Antique Thresher & Engine Show—Oberlin, Oct. 4-5. Celebrate farm life during this event featuring antique tractors, engines, and cars, a tractor pull, a parade, and quilt show at Decatur County Fairgrounds. (785) 322-5276.

MICHIGAN

River of Time Living History Encampments—Bay City, Sept. 27-28. Relive Revolutionary War and Civil War days through battle re-enactments, military encampments, storytelling, and music at Veterans Memorial Park (888) 229-8696.

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MISSOURI

National Soybean Festival—Portageville, Sept. 26-Oct. 4. Celebrate the fall soybean harvest with parades, beauty pageants, a street dance, antique tractor and motorcycle shows, 5K and 10K runs, and carnival during this 56th annual event. (573) 379-5390.

NEBRASKA

GermanFest—Syracuse, Sept. 27-28. Celebrate German heritage with traditional dance, music, and food, a beer garden, kids' games, craft and quilt shows, a wine tasting, sing-a-longs, and a parade at Otoe County Fairgrounds. (402) 269-3298.

NORTH DAKOTA

Fall Festival—Valley City, Sept. 26-28. Rejoice the return of autumn during this event featuring a craft fair, flea market, live entertainment, a bake sale, and tours of the historic schoolhouse at Sheyenne River-bend Farm. (701) 845-2547.

OHIO

Grape Jamboree—Geneva, Sept. 27-28. Wine and grape juice tastings, grape stomping, parades, a farmers' market, photo, antique, and quilt shows, and a "grapette" beauty pageant highlight this downtown event. (800) 337-6746.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Buffalo Roundup—Custer, Sept. 29. Watch as park staff on horseback herd 1,450 bison into corrals—to be vaccinated, tested, and branded—in order to be auctioned off or released back into Custer State Park. (605) 255-4515.

WISCONSIN

Cornish Festival—Mineral Point, Sept. 27-28. Celebrate Cornish heritage with Celtic music and dance, a bagpipe procession, and a culinary tasting downtown, and arts & crafts and storytelling at Pendarvis State Historic Site. (888) 764-6894. ☆

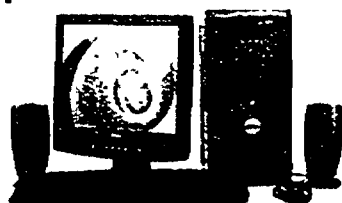
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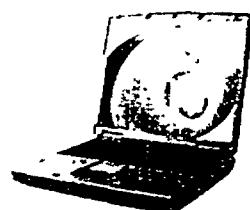
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